#### Bangladesh recuperate

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh now touring Kenya to take part in the ICC Trophy championship begin ning recorded a comfortable six-wicket win against Ber muda in their third warm-up match, revealed a telephonic message conveyed to the BCCB office from Kenya last night

Cricketers out there in the African country a bid to secure a place for Bangladesh in the next world championship of limited over cricket seemed to have recovered well from the stunning four-wicket loss in the second prep match to the second string side of hosts Kenya, one of the favourites for the top three slots of the forthcoming meet. Three top finishers of the meet will according to recent ICC proclamation play in instant cricket's world championship proper.

Bangladesh who won their first warm-up match by a huge margin of 169 runs against Uganda were guided to an impressive win yesterday by effervescent Aminul Islam Bulbul.

He scored an unbeaten 72 from 60 deliveries only as Bangladesh chasing 165 for a win achieved the target losing four wickets with 14 overs to

Skipper Faruque Ahmed made a handsome contribution of 45 while Athar chipped in

Earlier Bermuda made 164 for eight wickets from the stipulated 50 overs.

Among the Bangladeshi bowlers Sharfuddowla Ibne Shahid Saikat, the young leftarm spinner took 2 while Golam Nawsher Prince Enamul Hug Moni, Athar and Minhazul Abedin Nannu took one wicket apiece.

UNB adds: Bangladesh will participate in the international youth (under-19) cricket tournament to be held from July 30 to August 7, 1994 in three Malaysian cities.

Sixteen-member and associate member countries of ICC are expected to take part in the tournament, a BCCB press release said yesterday.

#### Pak-NZ XI tie: First day washed out

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb 4: The first day of Pakistan's four day cricket match against a New Zealand XI was abandoned here Friday, reports

Umpire Steve Dunne and Doug Cowie made the decision at 1.15 pm (0015 GMT) with steady rain falling at McLean

The pitch surrounds were very wet and there was no prospect of a break in the weather.

 The match is now reduced to a three-day fixture.

#### **MUSHTAQ FIGHTING** TO BE FIT

Meanwhile Pakistan's cricket tour management was Friday optimistic legspinner Mushtaq Ahmed will be fit for next week's first Test against New Zealand in Auckland.

The stocky 23-year-old has a small fracture at the bottom of his back.

He won't play in the match against the New Zealand XI here over the weekend and faces a race against time to be fit for the Test. "He is feeling good. He is

getting treatment and rest. tour manager Majid Khan said. "He is not allowed to do any intensive exercise but normal

stretching is all right." The belief is that should Mushtaq not be ready for the first Test, he would target the second international in

Wellington a week later for his return. There are no contingency plans to bring out another spinner as cover should

Mushtaq's injury be worse than anticipated.

"We'll cross that bridge when we come to it. We're not thinking in those terms at the moment," Majid added.

#### Verdy ride out storm

BANGKOK, Thailand, Feb 4: Japan's J-League champions Yomiuri Verdy rode out a sharp shock in the first half of their match against Al Ansar from Lebanon before winning 2-0 to secure a semifinal berth in the Asian Club championships here Thursday, reports AFP.

Yomiuri top Group A in this six team competition and now face the yet-to-be decided second-placed team from Group B which hangs on the result of Thursday night's second match between China's Liaoning and Al Muharraq of Bahrain.

Yomiuri's two goals underlined their increasing confidence when in the 55th minute Tatsuya Murata's long cross was half volleyed by Yuji Hironage. Ten minutes later Yomiuri secured their semifinal position when, inspite of a suspicion of offside, Shigetoshi Hasebe ran onto a piercing through ball from Shingi Ono for his second goal of the competition.

## Three more teams in qtrs

Sports Reporter

Shahabuddin sco red the second hattrick of the meet as three te-

ams advanced to the quarterfinals of the 13th national youth hockey championship yester In one of the three matches

held at the BKSP ground at Jirani, Savar, Rajshahi district blanked Mymensingh 5-0 with Shahabuddin thrice finding the mark in a row

However, Mobarak opened the account in the third minute of the match from a penalty-corner.

Shahabuddin took the cue and sounded the board in 20th, 46th and 55th minutes. His three field goals earned him a hattrick, second in the championship following Shafiul's treble for BKSP Thursday.

Rajshahi had its tally completed when Shafful sounded the board from a field goal to make it 5-0, in the 59th minute.

While Rajshahi romped in style Dhaka boys too made merry at the expense of Pirojpur in another match of

the day Last years runners up trounced Pirojpur 4-0. Abdul

Huq started the scoring spree for the winners by converting a penalty stroke in the 12th Then Tareq chimed in finding the target in the 41st

minute Nineteen minutes later Abdul Huq was once again on target scoring a field goal this time which gave the fancied

Dhaka DSA a vice like grip, on the match. Tareg completed the quar tet four minutes from the final whistle with a field goal.

Rajshahi Primary Sports Institution was the fifth team so far to have made it to the quarterfinals when they edged past Sylhet by the narrowest of the margins, in day's third encounter

Abdul Quddus scored the match winner in the 17th minute from a penalty corner.

Rajshahi will play Dhaka Education Board tomorrow, in one of the quarterfinals. On February 7, Dhaka will

play the winners of the

Raishahi Primary Sports institution will take on reign-

Patuakhali-Gazipur match.

ing champions Faridpur in another quarterfinal tie on the

same day Fifteen teams are taking part in the nine-day meet which got off to a delayed start on Friday. Originally scheduled for a Wednesday start the 13th version of national junior hockey could only witness a formal inauguration as day's only tie on February 2 involving hosts Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP) and Chittagong DSA was called off only after ten minutes due

The actual competition which began Friday with two matches - Thursday's unfinished one and the day's scheduled engagement - held in one day due to time constraint.

to heavy downpour.

BKSP recorded a thumping 6-0 win over Chittagong. Shafful registered the first hattrick of the meet as his side entered the quarterfinals.

Dhaka Education Board (DEB) recorded the biggest win of the championship so far when they beat Jamalpur 8-0 in Friday's original engagement to ensure a rollicking passage to the quarterfinals.

#### . . . 1 East Bengal regain title



CALCUTTA, Feb 4 East Bengal regai ned the Calcutta Super Division title when they overwhelmed

Port Trust 2-0 in their last match at their home ground here today, reports PTI.

Striker Sanjay Majhi and Ajay Singh struck a goal each in the opening session to seal the fate of their opponents in a rather one-sided contest and help the club regain the title.

Another title aspirant, Mohun Bagan had to be content with the runners-up posi tion as they were held to a 1-1 draw by Mohammedan Sporting in their last match at the Salt Lake Stadium. East Bengal, who needed a

win or a draw for establishing their supremacy, did not disappoint their fans as they struck two quick goals in the first half to take a tight control over the match.

East Bengal finished their league engagements with 50 points from 18 outings while

last years champions Mohun Bagan had to be content with 47 points from as many outings. Mohammedan Sporting bagged 37 points. The Mohun Bagan

Mohammedan Sporting match turned out to be a listless affair as none of the teams could find their best form. Sporting's Tausif Jamal

fired the first salvo for his team as early as the seventh minute of the opening session capitalising on a defensive lapse but the lead was neutralised by Chibuzor in the 9th minute of the second half.

Mohun Bagan could have won the match had they not frittered away the few scoring chances that came their way in a rather insipid encounter between the two local giants.

Christopher, who was totally off colour today, missed a penalty much to the dismay of the Mohun Bagan supporters midway through the opening session, hitting it straight to the Sporting custodian Nasser

Mohun Bagan's Nigerian recruit Chibuzor shouldered much of the responsibility and created many openings but none of the other forwards were equal to the task as they invariably failed to provide the finishing touches.s

Chibuzor's tireless efforts paid dividends, early in the second session when his solo effort fetched the equaliser for his team and saved the day for the glamour club.

Both the teams played with ten players for most of the second session as Bernard of Mohun Bagan and Pabid Hussain of Mohammedan Sporting were given marching orders for rough play, but none of the teams could really take any advantage.

Mohun Bagan lacked the motivation and their forwards never really looked menacing whenever they penetrated the rival box, but credit should also go to the Sporting custodian Nasser Ahmed who brought off some spectacular saves.

# Saudis face 'total' test



JEDDAH, Feb 4: Newly appointed coach Leo Beenhakker will use this month's four friendly matches

as a litmus test to see whether the Saudi Arabian national team is ready for the world cup, reports AP.

The Saudi team will be playing two games against fellow World Cup qualifier Colombia and one each against FC Mechelen of the Belgian first division and Vitesse Arnhem of the Dutch first division as part of the preparations for the June-July finals in the United States.

The Saudi team is in Jeddah to gear up for its match against Colombia. Earlier, the team was in Riyadh where they played two friendly matches against the Chinese national team.

"Jeddah will be the important test. And these four matches here will give me an idea of how the Saudi national team has accepted the concept of 'total football' which I'm trying to instill in them," Beenhakker said while ad-

#### Big bonus

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 4: Claude Le Roy, the first Frenchman to coach Malaysia's national football team, has been promised handsome rewards if he steers the team into the next Olympics, officials said Thursday, reports

Le Roy, who is paid 5,000 US dollars monthly, will get a 20,000-dollar bonus -- a princely sum by local soccer standards - if he steers Malaysia to the second qualifying round of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, national team manager Tengku Abullah Ahmad Shah said.

The 45-year-old coach, the force behind Cameroon's 1986 World Cup bid, will get 40,000 dollars if Malaysia qualify for the Games proper, Abdullah

Malaysia has qualified for two previous Olympic Games -Munich 1972 and Moscow 1980. They failed at the firstround qualifying stages at their last three attempts.

"The bonus package packet (for Claude) gets bigger as Malaysia progress in the Olympic tournament proper," Abdullah said, adding "things, look brighter" with the Frenchman's appointment which begins next Wednesday.

dressing the press late Wednesday.

'Total football' generally means the adaptability of the player to switch and play in different positions, especially the midfield, Beenhakker said.

Beenhakker, who coached the Netherlands to its 1988 European Championship title and in its 1990 World Cup campaign, said he chose the Belgian and Dutch clubs because he wants his players to get use to those countries' styles. Saudi Arabia plays those two nations along with Morocco, in the first round of the World Cup.

"Colombia will give us the necessary test in combating the South American style of play, and this would help us in the event we advance to the second phase," he added.

Beenhakker was appointed in November to guide the Saudis in their first-ever World Cup.

He said that because it was the team's first appearance in the quadrennial championship, the Saudis need a longer training period than other qualiflers. "The Saudis are on the threshold of great times, But they should progress steadily toward the world elite, and not make a headlong rush" he said. "For it is difficult to achieve in

coaches.

"(This) is heartening and this should sustain their stride in the world of soccer," he added.

of practice.

sponding to the schedule have mapped," he said.

the years.'

should first concentrate on

Beenhakker said he will be

the players are giving their full

in training, and they are re-Beenhakker said that the training in the kingdom will be

followed by a camp in France. "The national team will play tougher matches against big teams and during that period, I'll know the mettle of the players and that will provide

a short period what the other elite teams have attained over

In his view, the Saudis building up their stamina and resilience along the lines of the Europeans, and also play in the European mode, "for that's the style which is flourishing

He was also encouraged at the trend of the Saudi clubs to turn toward Europe for

shifting training sites, so as to keep the interest of the players and sustain the momentum "What's encouraging is that

the yardstick for me to choose my final squad for the finals," Beenhakker added.

#### Kumble's rank soars

Sport

LONDON, Feb 4 India's Anil Kumble has become the highest-rated legspinner in cricket history after his 17 wickets against Shri Lanka reports AFP.

He now has 903 points just six fewer than Pakistan paceman Waqar Younis, who continues to head the coopers and lybrand bowlers' list. South African fast bowler

Allan Donald jumps one lace to fifth and Australian quickie Craig McDermott leaps six to seventh after their countries drawn series. England opener Graham

Gooch still leads the batting series, which also has a big climber in Indian opener Navjot Sidhu, who soars 18 places to eighth.

#### LEADING RATINGS

Batting: 1. Graham Gooch (England) 819, 2. Des Haynes (W. Indies) 818. 3. Sachin Tendulkar (India) 795, 4 Richie Richardson (W. Indies) 785, 5. David Boon (Australia) 725, 6. Brian Lara (W. Indies) 696, 7. Steve Waugh (Australia) 676, 8. Navjot Sidhu (India) 657, 9. Mark Taylor (Australia) 652. 10. Martin Crowe (NZ) 651

Bowling: 1. Wagar Younis (Pakistan) 909, 2. Anil Kumble (India) 903, 3. Curtly Ambrose (W. Indies) 888, 4. Shane Warne (Australia) 877, 5. Allan Donald (S Africa) 817, 6, Ian Bishop (W. Indies) 802. 7 Craig McDermott (Australia) 701. 8. Winston Benjamin (W. Indies) 697, 9. Mery Hughes (Australia) 683, 10. Angus Fraser (England) and Wasim Akram (Pakistan) 674. SL bowlers toil

#### CHANDIGARH, Feb 4: Pun

jab opener Vikram Rathore hit an unbeaten 143 as Shri Lanka's bowlers were made to toil on the second day of their three-day match against Punjab on Friday, reports Reuter.

After the touring team had carried their overnight score of 280-2 to 341-7 declared Rathore made the most of a placid pitch.

His cavalier century in cluded two sixes and 18 four's. Rathore and Bhupin der Singh (Jr) (52 not out) put on 144 for the fourth wicket after the Ranji Trophy champions had slipped to 90-3, me dium pacer Ravindra Pushpakumara picking up two of the wickets.

ratne added a further 34 runs to his overnight 142 before the touring team's declaration. He faced 322 balls during his marathon innings. Bhupinder Singh (Sr) used the morning wind to his ad

vantage, capturing 4-25 in

Earlier, Hashan Tilleke-

spirited 12-over spell. He fin ished with 4-8.3 from 35 overs. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day match between Shri Lavaka and Punjab on Friday:

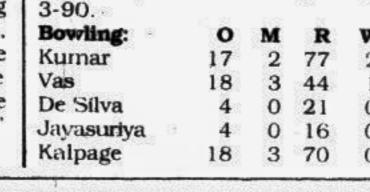
SHRI LANK A: First innings Samaraweera c and b Vii Tillekeratne not gut De Silva c G Sing h b Bhupinder (Sr) Jayasuriya c Amit Si sarma b Bhupinder (Sr) Attapattu e Arun Si jarma b Bhupinder (Sri Kalpage c Arun Shrarma b Bhupinder (Sr) Dassanayake c 13 Singh b Kapoor

Extras: (nb-4, 'w-2, lb-11, b-1) Total: (for sevi in wickets declared) 341 Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-209. 3-284, 4-284, 5-325, 6-330 7-341.

Bowling: .	0	M	R	W
Bhupind.er	(Sr) 35	10	83	4
Kamal	27	8	59	· 1
Kapoor	21	3	79	1
Vij	30	3	105	1
Mehra	3	1	3	0
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Rathore not out 143 Mehra c Gunawardene b Kumar 18 Kalsi libw Kumar Gursharan b Vas Bhupinder Singh (Jr) not out Extras: (lb-2, b-4, nb-1)

Total: (for three wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-48, M R





A Rouf Chowdhury of Rangs Group of Companies (3rd from right) seen with the winners of the Lancer golf tournament - 94 held at the Kurmitola Golf Club course yesterday

## Sajjad wins Lancer golf title

Sports Reporter

Sajjad S Ahmed Naser pocketed the title in won the men's the junior category defeating title in the Lanc er golf tourna-Shahan. ment - '94 bea-Veteran Jalal Ahmed was ting Mohammad the winner of the senior title Noor at the Kurmitola Golf

for men. Among others who excelled on the day were Y Aratsu who Mrs J I Lee won the ladies' hit the longest drive. C W Park

race for the nearest to pin feat. Syed Emdad All was the Back Nine winner. Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Nooruddin Khan was the

Front Nine winner. John Allgood had the best gross followed by J H Chang.

Letter the prizes were distributed at a dinner at the KGC difidem pipping B H Keum to was the pick of them all in the pavilion in the evening.

#### Maradona turns a fugitive bordering on the pathological.



Club, course yesterday.

BUENOS AIRES Feb 4: Soccer star Diego Maradona. at war with the press after firing an air rifle at the reporters, was smuggled out of

his country home under cover of darkness early Thursday and went into hiding, reports "Diego left at dawn, hidden in a pickup truck to avoid the

pressure from journalists," one

of his lawyers. Hugo Wortman. told DYN news agency. "Let's not turn this into a manhunt." Maradona and several of his friends fired air gun pellets at journalists standing guard outside the wrought-iron gates of his country home Wednesday. leading to a police raid in .

which the star was finger

printed. The gun was not

The main Buenos Aires dailies, in harsh commentaries Thursday, stopped just short of describing the world's bestknown soccer player as totally deranged.

"For the sports idol to suddenly ... turn on a press which fanned his fames and attack it rifle in hand, is something that escapes any rational view and reveals an emotional shambles the staid daily La Nacion said in its main editorial of the day. Even the city's two busi-

ness dailies attacked Maradona at length, with Ambito Financiero pondering what it called his 'psychological wounds" and Cronista describing him as stupid and still addicted tod

The 33-year-old soccer wizard, depressed and in physical pain from muscle injuries, lost his temper after being sacked this week by Newell's Old Boys of Rosario for repeatedly failing to show up for practice. The investigating judge said

Maradona, who threatened at one point to switch from the air gun to real bullets, would be summoned to testify, but could remain free even if formal proceedings were opened. The charges carry a maximum two-year prison sentence which is not always enforce-Even after the air gun incident, Maradona continued his

fight with the press standing

guard outside. Television

crews reporting live from the

street outside the star's resi-

dence for the main newscasts

Wednesday night were doused

the eight foot (2.5 metre) A small crowd of Maradona

with water from a house inside

fans nearby jeered and spat at reporters. Maradona's career has been in decline since the 1990 World Cup in Italy. He failed a

routine dope test for cocaine while playing for Napoli in March 1991 and was banned for 15 months by FIFA, world soccer's governing body. He returned to Argentina. declared he had retired and

entered a treatment programme. He came out of retirement in Spain with Sevilla last season but was sacked in June and returned again to

Argentina. After a four-month break followed by an intense slimming and fitness programme. Maradona signed with Newell's Old Boys in October, then inspired Argentina to victory over Australia in a critical

World Cup playoff. Maradona said before his clash with reporters that he planned to continue playing despite having been fired, and looked forward to the World Cup in the United States later this year.

### Germain going for 'double'



PARIS, Feb 4: Leaders Paris Saint Germain can maintain their stran-

glehold on the French Championship by extending their unbeaten run to 20 matches this weekend, reports AFP. They take on relegation

zone club angers at the Parc

Des Princes, where they have

proved virtually impregnable all season, conceding just two goals in 11 starts. Another success will see them close in on the French League record of 26 matches without .defeat - a run

themselves in 1985-6. Their only rivals in the race-for the title are now Olympique Marseille, four points off the pace.

recorded by the Parisians

But while Paris Saint Germain, inspired by Brazilian midfielder Valdo, have been drawing rave reviews, Marseille, wracked by match

rigging and financial scandals all season, now face a league investigation into their last win over fading Monaco.

Wenger hit out after a physical,

Monaco coach Arsene

bruising encounter that saw six players booked and Marseille defender Jocelyn Angloma sent off for the second match in a row. Yet Bernard Tapie's club, forced to sell off top players Marcel Desailly, Alen Boksic and Paulo Futre to meet

mounting debts, continue to

command sympathy after

managing to stay in contention

despite fielding a team packed

with reserves. They have a tricky match against Saint-Etienne, who beat third-placed Bordeaux last week, and will hope that on loan signing Da Silva Anderson can continue his fine scoring

ian, has notched six goals since joining Marseille in December from Swiss club Ervette, a feat which has brought him to the verge of Brazil's World Cup squad. Meanwhile Spanish side Real Madrid must bounce back

quickly from their Cup misery

against league leaders

Deportivo La Coruna this

weekend — with coach Benito

Anderson, another Brazil-

Floro's position increasingly, precarious. The loss-making soccer legends ran out of what credit they had left with fans when beaten 3-1 at home by bogey side Tenerife in the Spanish

Cup quarter-final on Tuesday. Real had three players sent off and seven booked against Tenerife, the same side which cost them the championship on the last day of the previous two seasons Supporters have been call-

ing for Floro's head for weeks.

with a new opinion poll in the

sports Daily Marca showing 62

per cent in favour of a change at the top. Latest press reports claim Floro will be ditched if his side fails against Deportivo and Paris Saint Germain in the Cup Winners Cup.

On top of the psychological impact. Real will have to dig into its reserve players to take

on Deportivo, four points clear at the top of the table. And their Santiago Bernabeu Stadium may be closed to the public after a linesman was felled by an orange thrown from the crowd after the Cup

Chilean forward Ivan Zamorano will be missing after being sent off on Tuesday and Luis Enrique and Alfonso Perez are injured. as is centre forward Emilio Butragueno.

Real's financial situation is so bad that it is now on a list of bad payers issued by the Spanish banking authority over 2.5 million dollars of unhonoured debts. Its problems arise out of the 42 million dollars spent on the stadium. Club president Ramon

players who have speeded the club's decline, more psychological than physical. "When you have had everything you have asked for there

Spain's other top clash sees

Mendoza said after the Cup

exit: "We have had a series of

champions Barcelona take on fifth placed Athletic Bilbao. In Italy, leaders AC Milan face a difficult away test at as Roma on Sunday after their failure in the European Super

Cup final on Wednesday.

can be no excuses."

Milan threw away a 1-0 first leg lead to lose the cup to Italian rivals and badly need a confidence boost as they bid to retain their four-point league

Sampdoria, in second alon-

gside Juventus, host Udinese

while Inter Milan receive

Lazio, deprived of English playmaker Paul Gascoigne, who is suspended. Juventus travel to Reggiana. Jadukar Samad

Sports Reporter Jadukar Samad juvenile

soccer

football tournament will begin at the end of this month, says a Jadukar Samad Juvenile Football press release. Interested teams are requested to enter their names

by February 11 at the library of the Bangladesh Sports Writers Association at the Outer Stadium



the Dhanmondi Women's Complex. - Star photo