# Biman to meet DU in semis

Sports Reporter

Bat reigned supreme as two former champions waltzed down the memory lane with easy wins in the Pepsi Cup 20th national cricket championship at

different city venues yesterday. Last year's semifinalists Bangladesh Biman and Dhaka University made short work of their unequal oppositions to set up a clash in one of the two-day long semifinals, scheduled to play over March 30 an 31 at the Dhaka Stadium.

Shahnawaz Shaheed and Ahmed Faiyaz scored unbeaten half centuries as Biman outclassed Narayangani by nine wickets at the Dhaka Stadium.

Chasing 171 for an outright win and a place in the semifinal, Biman pulled of their secend and last group victory, posting 175 for just one wicket in 40.3 overs.

Tall Ahmed Faiyaz' played 123 balls for his 77 which contained six fours and a sixer National cricketer Sha-

hnawaz Shaheed, who earlier in the day produced a tight spell of off-spin bowling to add to Narayanganj's miseries, used 106 balls and struck five fours and a sixer for his 66.

Biman's only casualty was national opener Jahangir Alam. Apparently out of form, the gutsý player who was one of the few successes in Bangladesh's abortive venture in the recent ICC Trophy cricket championship, was out for 17.

Barring an excellent 92-run opening partnership between Artf and Biddyut, the Narayanganj innings earlier in the day recorded nothing worth

Biddvut was run out immediately after completing his half century, 50 to be precise, made from 106 balls and with the aid of six boundaries while Arii became Shahnawaz's lone

Steve

half sentury on the first day

of the third and deciding Test

against South Africa, reports

fast bowler Allan Donald, who

seized three wickets Friday.

to a hamstring injury 20 min-

utes before stumps. He later

said he would be ready to play

123 for five to finish the day at

241 for six, thanks to a 92-run

stand between Waugh and lan

the backbone of Australia's

match winning total in the

second Test, dropped anchor

on a two-paced wicket that

provided disconcerting

India Friday in the first round

of its bid to recapture the

serve in a fourth set tiebreak

against Leander Paes to give

the Americans a commanding

lead over an inexperienced

Indian team in the World

7-6 (7-1). Earlier, Courier

crushed Zeeshan Ali 6-1, 6-1,

and booming passes, injected

some excitement into a crowd

lulled by a lackluster first

match. But Paes succumbed to

Martin's big serve and double-

In the tiebreak, Martin hit

Martin also threaded some

"It was very tense and quite

four service winners, including

angled volleys that had Paes

rolling on the grass in pursuit

a lot of pressure on the court.

It caused me to lose my focus a

couple of times. But from

there, I was pretty pleased

with the way I played," Martin

comes at you every point,

especially the big points." Paes

said. "Every time you feel like

you are getting on top of him.

he comes up with big serves.

for Martin, ranked ninth in the

world in the ATP ratings. It

also marked a return to Davis

Cup play for Courier, who de-

clined to play last year after

It was the Davis Cup debut

solid returns, good volleys."

Martin is very solid. He

fisted backhand.

three times.

two years.

a second-serve ace.

Martin won 6-3, 4-6, 6-1,

Paes, mixing deft volleys

Martin unleashed his power

Davis Cup. reports AP.

South Africa won the toss

NEW DELHI, Mar

25: Jim Courier

and Todd Martin

powered the

United States to a

2-0 lead against

Australia recovered from

The pair, which provided

again Saturday.

Healy.

bounce.

Group.

And South Africa also lost

DURBAN, Mar 25:

saved a sinking

Australian first

innings Friday

with an unbeaten

Waugh

victim for a 70-ball 41.

Rafiq, who transformed into a slow left armer from left arm medium pace a la India's Karsan Ghavri at will, ate up Narayanganj's middle order with figures of three for 33 from nine overs.

Shahnawaz finished with figures of on for 23 from nine overs while new-ball bowler Mizanur Rahman, a nominal national cricketer underlined Biman's grip early on with a tight spell of six overs giving away eight runs only.

Enamul Huq Moni, the talented southpaw and a key member of the Bangladesh team, was the other successful Biman bowler, bagging two for 32 with his left arm spin.

Javed Omar Belim missed a ton by two runs but Dhaka University had a pacific 118run win over minnows Dinajpur in day's other engagement at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

A former national youth cricketer Javed, who comes from a family of sportsmen, yesterday ran himself out for 98 but Dhaka University, the traditional force in national championship, built on his effort to amass a monumental total of 273 for three wickets from the allotted quota of 50

Runs flowed like cascade as the students feasted on the unfancied outstation bowlers with gay abandon. Out of the four batsmen, who were in with some chance of showing their batting abilities, only opener Soman Biswas failed to make the most of the weak Dinajpur

He was run out for 26 as University lost their first wicket for 69.

Rupam then joined Javed and the two took the score to 178 before Rupam, a regular Premier league cricketer, departed for 53-ball 64, featuring five fours.

and Kepler Wessels sent the

visitors in to bat. Donald. who

took only one wicket in the

second Test, seemed back in

ening stands in taking the

wickets of Mark Taylor, David

the fifth over by forcing Taylor

(1) on the back foot. In the

post-lunch session, he re-

moved both Boon and Mark

Waugh cutting short what

would have been two big in-

his 37 runs in 115 minutes.

One vicious Donald delivery hit

him in the groin and he later

required medical attention.

101 balls, including five well

struck boundaries, that had

eluded him in the previous two

haps playing his final Test in a

record career, hooked Brian

McMillan to Jonty Rhodes at

Americans brook no drama

up the victory in the best-of-

five series on Saturday, when

Patrick McEnroe and Richey

Reneberg play Paes and Gaurav

the world, cruised past the in-

experienced and rattled Ali

He rarely attacked the net,

taking advantage of Ali's mis-

takes and a slicing backhand

that repeatedly failed to make

est Davis Cup win so far. His

offly problem was to keep his

concentration once he began

it's easy to have a letdown

Having the crowd still making

noise the whole time really

kept me in it," he said.

"When you get so far ahead,

Courier said it was his easi

Courier, ranked fourth in

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racing ahead.

The US squad could wrap

Skipper Allan Border, per-

Mark Waugh scored 43 runs off

Boon batted confidently for

Donald drew first blood in

Boon and Mark Waugh.

form by braking three threat-

Skipper Selim Shahed, who has recently won his spurs by carving a niche in the Kenyabound national team, set the tempo with a run-a-ball 53. The stylish right-hander needed to hit just five fours.

Javed was the third and last man out for a patient 98 spanning over 153 balls and containing six hits to the fence and the University grand total stood at 273 with the help of 32 extras at the end of the 50

Although Garry bowled well but Sumi took the only wicket that went to the beleaguered Dinajpur bowlers' account at a cost of 62 runs from ten overs.

Garry turned in a commendable all round show when Dinajpur went out to chase a well-night impossible victory target of 274 runs in 50 overs more for the sake of formality than any combative viewpoint.

Opening bowler of his team. Garry opened the batting to topscore with 54 studded with five fours from 142 balls as Dinajpur batted through their quota of fifty overs for a total of 155 for nine wickets, conceding in the process a very predictable 118 run loss to Dhaka University.

Opening bowler Morshed sent Dinajpur backpedalling with two early wickets to finish with two for 28.

He got excellent support from Sharfuddowla, the young left-arm spinner of the national team and offie Shahed. who had identical analysis of one for 20 each from their quota of ten overs.

However, Rupam and Shamsul enjoyed better statistical success capturing two wickets apiece giving away 18 and 40 runs respectively.

# TODAY'S MATCHES

Chittagong vs Mymensingh (Dhaka Stadium)

Dhaka Sylhet v s (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

square leg to depart for 17

provided the corner stone of

what looks to be a strong total

on a wicket that could help

Australian leg spinner Shane

eight boundaries in his 126

half century off the last ball of

the day, flicking Fanie de

minutes of 104 balls.

Villiers for two runs.

Healy's 55 runs included

Steve Waugh reached his

His unbeaten 50 follow his

brilliant 86 at Newlands in the

Australian victory. He batted

for just under three hours and

hit seven boundaries in 117

first two Tests of Australia's

two-month tour. South Africa

also won three of four one-day

internationals, and the sides

will play four more one-day

matches after the Durban

Courier's big returns and his

playing the satellite circuit and

playing Courier. It was a great

not used to. Whenever we had

a rally. I was with him for a

while, but I'm not used to

playing that many balls," said

Ali, who is ranked 492 in the

of 5.000 got a rush when Ali

opened the match with a win

at love. The first game I was

pretty nervous, but once I got

that behind me ... I played

more aggressively," Courier

down, but when it worked he

did well. Three of the four

games that he won were at

Ali said his serve let him

The capacity Indian crowd

experience for me," he said.

"It's totally different tennis

"The pace is something I'm

consistency.

Each side won one of the

But Steve Waugh and Healy

SA slacken grip on Aussies

Zia, who before yesterday's engagement was the only player to have won all of his four matches, made a couple of tactical blunders very early in the game and had to pay the price in the end as Lodhi tipped a title claimant, forced the Bangladeshi IM to resign on the 35th move with his white pieces in a clear advan-

tageous position. Zia's arch-rival and fellow IM Reefat Bin Sattar, however, couldn't capitalise on the advantage of having the white pieces. Reefat, like Lodhi. opened his match against Indian Subhrajeet Saha with the queen's pawn but Saha forced a number of exchanges to stop the young Bangladeshi national champion from making any inroads into his defence. At a seemingly no-go

Reefat, Zia and Pritan Singh, who prevailed over Khandaker Kayes Hassan in 30 moves in his fifth round match yesterday, now jointly hold the second slot with four points -

Half a point behind this trio, six players crowd the third position with two of them being Shubrajeet and his fellow-Indian Paritosh Bhatta-

# MSC election held

Sports Reporter

Alhaj Abdul Monem and Alhaj Fazlur Rahman were reelected president and general secretary respectively of Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club in the much procastinated election held at the club auditorium yesterday.

In the 75-member commit tee Tanvir Haider was elected while Anwarul Haque Helal will

Salam Morshedi, a veteran

# Ali admitted he was awed by

# Windies 58 for no loss at lunch

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad Mar 25: West Indies captain Richie Richardson and vicecaptain Desmond Haynes battled through a difficult first session to take West Indies to 58 for 0 Friday, the first day of the third Test against England reports AP.

Richardson's decision to bat on winning the toss was surprising in view of the reputation of the Queen's Park Oval pitch. It usually gives bowlers assistance on the opening day and England's fast bowlers. Angus Fraser and Andy Caddick, put both Richardson and Haynes under early pressure

Fraser should have removed Haynes in the seventh over but captain Mike Atherton missed a straightforward catch to his left as the batsman mistimed an off-drive. Haynes was then seven and the total 12.

By lunch, Haynes had moved to 31 and Richardson. batting with necessary care. was 20.

Unable to break through with his fast bowlers, Atherton turned to leg-spinner lan Salisbury for four overs before lunch but he could make no impression.

England, trailing 2-0 in the five-match series, made only one change to the team beaten by an innings and 44 runs in the second Test at Georgetown on Tuesday. Caddick replaced Alan Igglesden. The West Indies team remained intact. A crowd of around 8,000

including hundreds of English tourists, watched play in hot, sunny weather.

# Lodhi steals a march on Zia

Sports Reporter

On completion of the fifth round of the United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament, favourite Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi, the Pakistani IM, found himself atop the points table after quite an impressive win over Thursday's leader IM Ziaur Rahman at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

position, both players greed

for a draw on the 34th move. half a point adrift from Lodhi.

charya

assistant general secretary hold the post of the treasurer.

footballer, was re-elected as sports secretary of the club.



Pakistan team captain Shahbaz Ahmad (R) receives the Champions Trophy from President Farooq Leghari after his side beat Germany 7-6 in penalty shoots-out in Lahore yesterday. - AFP photo

# Pakistan win after an age



LAHORE, Mar 25: Påkistan won the Champions Trophy for the first time in 14 years today when they

beat Germany 7-6 in a penalty shoot-out in the final, reports Reuter.

Germany's Christian Mayerhofer missed the crucial penalty in the sudden death playoff by putting the ball over the crossbar, prompting wild cheers from the 60,000 spectators packing Lahore's hockey stadium.

"Pakistan's hockey has got a new life," captain Shahbaz Ahmad said. "We have not disappointed the 120 million Pakistanis."

The two sides ended the normal 70 minutes play at 2-2. Olympic champions Germany had gone ahead in the 14th minute when Peter Tewes scored from a penalty corner.

Pakistan equalised in the 33rd minute through Shahbaz. Three minutes into the second period Mohammad Shafqat drove home a crisp shot from Shahbaz Ahmad for

The Germans pulled level in the 60th minute through Florian Kunz, who scored from the third short corner with a back sweep and sent the

Pakistan's second goal.

match into the penalty shoot-

The two sides dominated the six-team meet, with the hosts finishing with a record of five wins, no losses and one draw. Germany were 3-1-2. The Netherlands, took the

bronze medal in a penalty shoot-out with Australia following a 2-2 draw in regulation Dutch goalkeeper Roelant

Jansen sealed the victory when he blocked a shot by Australian captain Warren Birmingham in the shot-out. The Netherlands finished the tournament 2-2-2, while

the Australians were 3-3. Great Britain were beaten 4-2 by Spain in the play-off for fifth place.

Britain gave a mediocre display and were outmaneuvered by a faster and more skilful Spanish side.

In the absence of Halls with a groin injury, Phillip McQuire played at full back along with Paul Bolland and mistakes in this area enabled the Spaniards to get the upper Xavier Arnau, who has shot

to the forefront of this tournament with his enterprising play, scored three goals to take his total to nine. He put Spain ahead in the

30th minute slightly against

ing the challenge of Bolland inside the circle. Five minutes into the sec-

the run of play after overcom-

ond half Ramon Jufresa, the Spanish goalkepper, obstructed Robert Thompson at the top of the circle to concede a penalty stroke which Simon Nicklin converted.

Spain then took control and scored three goals between the 48th and 54th minutes. through Arnau from a short corner, Pablo Garcia from open play and Arnau again from another short corner.

Britain staged a mild recovery and with the Spain's defence spread out, Thompson passed back to Williams who scored into an open goal.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

1978: Pakistan 1980: Pakistan. 1981: Netherlands

1982: Netherlands 1983: Australia 1984: Australia

1985: Australia

1986: Germany 1987: Germany

1988: Germany 1989: Australia

1990: Australia 1991: Germany

1992: Germany 1993: Australia

1994: Pakistan

# Morrison notches maiden hat-trick for Kiwis

# India begin on wrong foot

over mid-wicket off Srinath's

little bit of a concern when

got out," Kiwi skipper Ruther-

"The batting was perhaps a

"But the way Fleming and

Thomson batted, they erased

any concern which might have

final ball.



NAPIER New Zealand, Mar 25: Fast bowler Dan ny Morrison be-

came the first New Zealander to take a hat-trick in a one-day international as the Kiwis beat India by 28 runs in the first of a four-match limited overs

series today, report agencies. Morrison claimed the scalps of Kapil Dev, Salil Ankola and Nayan Mongia, all clean bowled, to put the match finally beyond the tourists' reach.

The Indians could only manage 212 for nine in their 50 overs in reply to New Zealand's 240 for five. Batsmen Stephen Fleming

and Shane Thomson were responsible for setting up a winning position for New Zealand with a fourth wicket partnership of 144. Fleming scored a superb 90

in his first one-day international, while Thomson made Fleming, who is only 20 and

made his Test debut last week. had eight boundaries in his innings and recorded the highest score by a New Zealand player making his debut

The Indian bowlers strug gled to make an impact on an ideal batting strip and Javagal Srinath, who took two for 59. was the only one to look dangerous.

Fleming and Thomson came together after New Zealand had slumped to 60 for three with the dismissal of Ken Rutherford for 23. Fleming's 90 came off 107

balls and Thomson, who

shooting title

clouted Sachin Tendulkar for a Jadeja looked settled and six through wide long-on. comfortable in bringing up his made 83 from just 97 balls, infirst limited overs half-century cluding seven boundaries. in 110 minutes off 79 balls New Zealand boosted their with four boundaries. chances of a win by smashing But on 55 - and with the 27 runs off the last two overs.

tourists looking comfortable Chris Harris added the finishhe holed out to Chris Pringle ing touch with a booming six at long-on. Then it all began to go Ctg Rifle win wrong for the tourists. At 152. Vinod Kambli was stumped off Biman Inter-club Thomson for 37 and two runs on, Indian captain Mohammad

> over, a second victim for Harris

Azharuddin fell in the 39th

MORRISON hattrick

come up Full marks to those

two young guys It is great for

the future of New Zealand

cricket to have two guys like

that prepared to take a game

Sidhu and Ajay Jadeja purting

on 65 for the first wicket until

Sidhu departed in the 17th

India began well with Naviot

by the scruff of its neck.

Zealand fast bowler, swooped

in to end India's hopes. Morrison had Kapil Dev (17) and Salil Ankola (0) back in the pavilion off consecutive balls and in the final over he dismissed Nayan Mongia with his first ball to complete a hat-

Rutherford was delighted with the win but said there were areas to improve on.

"Generally it was a good performance but some areas of our fielding and throwing weren't quite right," he said.

Azharuddin was unhappy with his team's performance. "I am totally disappointed," he

The second match of the series will be played in Auckland on Sunday

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard from the first one day international between India and New Zealand at Napier today. **NEW ZEALAND** 

B Hartland c Mongia b Srinath B Young c Mongia b Srinath K Rutherford c Mongia b Ankola 23 S Fleming run out S Thomson c Jadeja b Kumble C Harris not out D Nash not out Extras. (lb-2, nb-1, w-3)

Total (for five wickets in 50 overs) 240 Fall of wickets: 1-17: 2-26: 3-60; 4-204. Bowling:

K Dev 10 36 J Srinath S Ankola 0 24 A Jadeja 41 A Kumble 41 S Tendulkar 37 0 INDIA A Jadeja c Pringle b Harris

N Sidhu e Parore b Larsen V Kambli st Parore b Thomson M Azharuddin b Harris S Tendulkar c Ruth rord b Nash S Manjrekar not out Kapil Dev b Morrison S Ankola b Morrison J Srinath c Hartland b Pringle N Mongia b Morrison A Kumble not out Extras (lb-6, b-2, w-5, nb-1)

Total (for nine wickets in 50 overs) 212 Fall of wickets: 1-65; 2-123; 3-150: 4-152; 5-176; 6-206; 7-206; 8-211; 9-211

Bowling: R M Pringle 10 1 37 35 Morrison Nash 0 34 40 32 26 .0

# Charitable DMFA

**Sports Reporter** The Dhaka Metropolis Football Association (DMFA). organisers of country's league football, came up with twin strokes of charity yesterday.

Meeting with a view to refixing players transfers date at its office in the stadium arena with president Azizul Huq, a seasoned bureaucrat in the chair, DMFA, apart from obliging pleading and powerful club officials, announced a Taka two lakh donation for late Farhad, a Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) official, who was killed on duty during a gunbattle between rival student factions at Jagannath College recently.

While the altruistic, humane decision sprang no surprise since DMFA has the dubious distinction of relying heavily on DMP for the maintenance of law and order on the field, the proclamation of a new schedule for players' transfer was anything but a revelation. With Dhaka Metropolis

Clubs' Association (DMCA) jibbing to accept the earlier announced transfer dates on ground of fund constraint, DMFA had no other way but to push it back and the new transfer deadline is April 9 to 15. The previous schedule for this year's transfers was from April 3 to 9. Today or tomorrow, this

year's transfer, like last year, is destined to be a low-key affair since the three big clubs reigning champions Mohammedans, Abahani and Brothers Union — have already hit it off together by forming a pool of five players each. The pool, comprising top five players, according to the assessment of the respective club bosses, which has indemnified the clubs against any 'hijacking attempt' on the key players, will have ruled out any possibilities of any late transfer drama. Club officials, who from last year embarked on a joint venture of trimming the sails of money minded booters, something of Frankensteins of their own, have unofficially earmarked the maximum fees of a player at Taka four and a half lakhs.

# Independence Day basketball final on Sunday

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Air Force suf-

fered a humiliating 36-93 defeat against favourites Bangladesh Army Reds but still managed a place in the final by virtue of winning two matches in the round robin league of the Independence Day hockey tournament.

## Quickfire win for Acme

Sports Reporter

Star-studded Acme Laboratories turned a 45-overs-aside match into a two-hour affair when they defeated National University by nine wickets in one of the three office league cricket matches held at different city venues yesterday.

The lowly National University, sent in to bat, were bundled out for 36 runs only with none of their batsmen making it to the double figures at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

In reply, Acme Lab. rattled 38 runs in just 4.3 overs, losing the wicket of Badshah. Khairuzzaman Babu and Zakir, only bowlers employed by Acme Lab, tore the National University batting apart. sharing nine wickets.

Zakir captured six wickets. for only nine while Babu finished with three for 22. In day's other matches

Somatec and Techvalley recorded comfortable wins. At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Somatec Pharma-

ceuticals beat Europa Travels

by eight wickets. Batting first, Europa were all out for 87 in 29.3 overs with Mohibul (17) and Mashiur (14) making it to the double figures. Somatec's Bobby was the

destroyer in chief, claiming five for 25. Somatec made 90 for two

wickets in 12.4 overs with openers Liton and Fahim making 48 and 20 respectively before falling preys to Zillu. Techvalley overcame IFIC by

43 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground. Batting first, powerful

Techvalley were all out for 216 in 39.5 overs with national cricketer Aminul Islam making 77. His international peer Saiful threw the bat around for Former national cricketer

Waheedul Ghani and Sanwa captured three wickets apiece as IFIC managed 173 for seven in 45 overs. Masudur Rahman topscored with 44.

## Sadharan Bima begin with a bang **Sports Reporter**

Sonali Bank office hockey league campaign with a massive 6-1 victory over Police Athletic Club at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Sadharan Bima started their

joining the team the previous KUSHTIA. Mar 25: Chitta-Larsen gong Rifle Club bagging 135 With New Zealand's me Harris The United Stats has won dium-pacers bowling tightly. points to clinch the title of Thomson the Davis Cup 30 times, most second Biman Inter-club the Indian batsmen simply Result: New Zealand won by American Jim Courier makes a forehand return during his Davis Cup match against India's recently in 1992, and has been failed to score at a quick shooting competition defeating 28 runs. a finalist 27 more times. India Zeeshan Ali at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association court yesterday. Courier won 6-1, 6-1, 6-2 to Narayanganj Rifle Club here enough rate. Man-of-the-match: Shane has been in the finals three give the US a 1-0 lead. Danny Morrison, the New — AFP photo Thursday, reports UNB. Thomson.