

Nirman cricket final round on

Sports Reporter
 Mashiur turned in an admirable all round show but ploughed in the sands as Barisal Zilla School went down fighting by seven runs in an exciting contest on the inaugural day of 12th Nirman Schools cricket final round at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday.

In a curtailed match with each side allowed to play maximum 25 overs because of a delayed start, Mashiur captured three wickets and then scored 41 as an opener but Barisal could only make 100 for nine falling seven short of Nilphamari's total of 107 for eight wickets.

The match got off to a delayed start as the umpires decided to bide some time to allow the damp spots, owing to the recent wet patch, desiccate.

Nilphamari's innings of 107 was built around two useful knocks from Imtiaz and Nadeem (junior).

Opener Imtiaz made 31 while one of the two Nadeems made 25.

Wicketkeeper Nadeem and Nasim were the other boys to enter the double digits with 12 and 10 respectively.

Mashiur was Barisal's most successful bowler bagging three for 20 from four overs.

There was one wicket apiece for Rubel and Shahkhi.

Mashiur played 66 balls for a patient topscore of 41 but with no one else reaching double figures barring skipper Suman who made 11, Barisal could not have asked for a change in their eventual lot.

Nilphamari's Titu, Nowshad and Imtiaz engineered Barisal's doom taking two wickets apiece.

Day's other match between Satkhira PN High School and Jhalakathi Government School fell through because of the unplayable condition of the Dhamondi Club ground.

Twenty zonal teams and four semifinalists of Dhaka zone are taking part in the final round of the annual school cricket tourney.

A truly friendly affair

Sports Reporter
 The spirit of a friendly atmosphere was truly reflected in the exhibition match between Mohammedan SC and visiting Ulsan University of South Korea as they were locked in a 1-1 draw at the floodlit Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Unlike their professional brothers who have taken South Korea to the 1994 World Cup finals, the defending inter-university runner-up team failed to impress the 20000 fans who gathered at the big bowl braving the an inspiring hang over of disastrous performance of Bangladesh in the Sixth SAF Games.

The defending local league champions Mohammedan SC enjoyed the better of the exchanges with their inspirational skipper Shabbir in full cry.

The diminutive Mohammedan winger who was complete control of the mid-field. The fleet-footed winger lofted a tricky cross seven minutes into the match but Aslam who had the opponent custodian at his mercy shot wide from close.

However, Ulsan University took the lead against the tide of the match when their winger Joo Jong Sool headed home from a goalmouth melee in the eleventh minute 1-0.

Sayed Haasan Kanan, the out of form Mohammedan custodian who was partially responsible for the goal had another disappointing day which might have marked his last appearance under the banner for a big club.

After conceding the goal Mohammedans kept the pressure up and got the equaliser in the 28th minute when an airborne Aslam found the net with a spectacular header from a crisp Shabbir corner 1-1.

Mohammedans could have taken the lead in the very second minute after the breather but striker Nakib spoiled the chance shooting wide from an advantageous position.

Mohammedans survived two close calls in the 22nd and 32nd minute, as powerful shots from Kim Seung Han and substitute Song Ho Suk rebounded off the post.

The visiting university team (Zahid), Shabbir, Naqib and Aslam (Riaz).

ULSAN UNIVERSITY: Dong Myung Seo, Jong Kyung Hong, Soo Jin Jeong, Hyun Seok Jeon (Ho Suk Song), Dae Kyung Jung, Dae Soo Kim, Seung Han Kim, Jong Sool Joo, Ki Nam Kim (Jong Wook Park), Jae Hun Yun and Sang Ho Son. Referee—Monirul Islam.



Ulsan University custodian Hong Jong Kyung, a member of the South Korea Olympic squad, fists the ball away to thwart a Mohammedan attack in the exhibition match held at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The match ended one-all. — Star photo

BAF win in office hockey

Sports Reporter
 Masud scored twice as Bangladesh Air Force came back from behind to pull off their second win in the first ever Sonali Bank office league.

At the Hockey Stadium yesterday, the services team beat hapless Bangladesh Ansars by the odd goal in five.

Mamun scored a field goal in the 24th minute of the match to help Ansars go one up 1-0.

Two minutes later Omar Ali paid home for Air Force with another field goal 1-1.

Masud helped the eventual winners to the lead with another field strike two minutes from the short whistle 2-1.

Bapen of Ansars brought the match alive with the equaliser from a field goal in the 55th minute 2-2.

Masud sealed the fate of the match in favour of the airmen with the fifth field goal of the match a minute from the full time 3-2.

Air Force now have five points from three matches while Ansars' fourth match meant no addition to their previous collection of two points.

left out from the Bangladesh team in the SAF Games which saw Bangladesh finish sixth among six teams, created the only goal for Mohammedans in the match.

Mohammedans took control of the match right from the word go in the eighty-minute showdown with Shabbir in

DMCS slates BFF decision

Sports Reporter
 Dhaka Mahanagari Club Samity, a newly floated association of First Division football clubs, has condemned BFF's decision of putting FIFA coach Oldrich Svab in the saddle again.

In a press release issued yesterday, the caboodle of club officials which met at the club premises on Saturday to announce the date of the annual general meeting and election as well as to conjure recommendations for the development of soccer in this country, said BFF's decision of bringing back Svab after the recent logic-defying failure of the Bangladesh national football team is a mark of utter disdain to antagonistic public sentiment.

Pre-tournament favourites Bangladesh finished sixth in the six-team football competition of the Sixth SAF Games held in Dhaka last December.

BFF has reportedly finalised all necessary arrangements to appoint the Czech-born naturalised Swiss as the chief coach of a long drawn camp for spotting talented young footballers.

DMCS which is going to hold its annual general meeting and election on April 23 put forward a set of suggestions to raise the dwindling standard of the country's football, and the almost incurable malady of fixed matches that has been plaguing the domestic league for some time now.

It pleaded for immediate introduction of the breakers in league football to decide the drawn matches. It might as DMCS contemplated throw wet blankets on the organisers of arranged matches. Among others the association called to pave the way for playing four foreign players in lieu of the extant three-foreigner provision.

Breathing time for England

ST GEORGE'S, Grenada, Apr 3: Mark Ramprakash, one of several England players struggling to save their Test careers, battled his way to 91 in 285 minutes on the opening day of the four-day match against a West Indies Board XI on Saturday, reports Reuter.

He found the Board's attack considerably less intimidating than Curtly Ambrose and his partners in pace who routed England for 46 in the third Test in Trinidad earlier in the week.

Ramprakash, with a top score of 23 in four Test innings, looked set to post his third century of the tour until he top-edged seamer Otis Gibson to square leg shortly before the close.

England finished the opening day of the match on 281 for four.

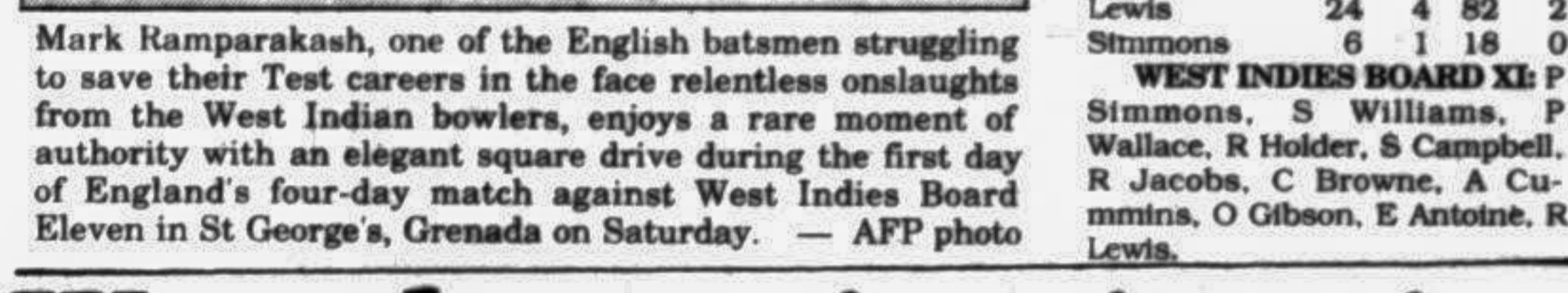
Ramprakash and Alec Stewart gave England the start they needed with an opening stand of 99, the bulk of the runs coming from Stewart.

He made 65 off 80 balls before holing out in the deep off leg-spinner Rawle Lewis.

Graeme Hick, another England batsman with much to prove, and Ramprakash then put on 107 for the second wicket. Hick made 59.

But Robin Smith missed the chance to boost his confidence with a sizeable score when he was undone again by a leg-spinner.

He had made 36 when he top-edged a sweep off Lewis to wicketkeeper Courtney Browne.



Mark Ramprakash, one of the English batsmen struggling to save their Test careers in the face relentless onslaughts from the West Indies bowlers, enjoys a rare moment of authority with an elegant square drive during the first day of England's four-day match against West Indies Board Eleven in St George's, Grenada on Saturday. — AFP photo

SCOREBOARD
 Scoreboard on the first day of the four-day cricket match between a West Indies Board XI and England on Saturday.

ENGLAND: First innings
 Stewart c Gibson b Lewis 65
 Ramprakash c Wallace b Gibson 91
 Hick lbw b Antoine 59
 Smith c Browne b Lewis 36
 Thorpe not out 11
 Watkin not out 3
 Extras: (lb-3, nb-13) 16
 Total (for four wickets) 281
 Fall of wickets: 1-99; 2-206; 3-257; 4-277

To bat: N Hussain, M Maynard, A Igglesden, P Tuftnell, D Malcolm

Bowling: O M R W
 Cummins 13 0 59 0
 Gibson 18 1 65 1
 Antoine 15 1 54 1
 Lewis 24 4 82 2
 Stummons 6 1 18 0

WEST INDIES BOARD XI: P Stummons, S Williams, P Wallace, R Holder, S Campbell, R Jacobs, C Browne, A Cummins, O Gibson, E Antoine, R Lewis.

Spoilsport sots in bird

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, Apr 3: Drunken fans invaded the pitch and police made 39 arrests at the final one-day cricket international between New Zealand and India at Lancaster Park on Saturday, reports AP.

Four spectators ran through the security cordon on the terraces and uprooted wickets, disrupting play at a crucial time of the New Zealand innings.

Sgt. Grant Abrams of Christchurch police said Sunday that most of the arrests in the 17,552 crowd were for disorderly behaviour brought on by drunkenness.

New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford said the spectators running on the field were a distraction, but no more than the usual ones of people walking behind sight screens.

"It's only a very small percentage that affect the game," Rutherford said. "In the end our players responded well to the crowd and the people who came along at the end of the day saw a good game of cricket and a good result."

New Zealand won the game by six wickets to share the series 2-2 with India.

Gatien out of European meet

BIRMINGHAM, England, Apr 3: World titleholder Jean-Philippe Gatien crashed out of the European Championships on Saturday night, beaten in five games by little-known Estonian Igor Solopov, reports Reuter.

Solopov, 32, produced probably the best table tennis of his life to down the Frenchman 2-20, 18-21, 21-19, 17-21, 21-13.

The Estonian thrilled the crowd with an astonishing series of recoveries from several metres behind the table and thoroughly deserved his place in the last 16.

Gatien, frustrated time and again by Solopov's superb defence, made several unforced errors which contributed ultimately to his downfall.

For Gatien, it was a bitter disappointment following his role in helping France to the team title on Wednesday.

Ranked only 28th in Europe, Solopov's previous best listed achievements include reaching the mixed doubles semifinals in the 1982 Italian Open.

There was no luck about Saturday's success. Solopov had given advance warning with a three-game dissection of talented Englishman Matthew Syed earlier in the day and carried on in the same vein against Gatien.

Although the first four games were all closely fought, it was clear that patient Solopov was gaining in resolve while Gatien was too often in a hurry to finish a rally.

The Frenchman swiftly tumbled to 6-1 and then 13-4 down in the deciding game.

Gatien did his best to retrieve the situation but the nerve of the experienced Estonian held steady.

There were no alarms, however, for the other top men with Olympic champion Jan-Ove Waldner, European titleholder Joerg Rosskopf and world number one Jean-Michel Saive all claiming their

Biman Cup U-14 soccer result

Sports Reporter
 Mymensingh made an auspicious start in the Biman Cup under-14 national football championship when they beat Khulna 2-0 at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

The winners led, the first half 1-0.

Striker Mozammel Haider knocked in the first goal four minutes into the match while Humayun Kabir got another in the 59th minute to make sure Khulna got off to a losing start in this juvenile meet.

Waugh's revive Aussies

EAST LONDON, South Africa, Apr 3: Twins Mark and Steve Waugh forged an unbroken partnership of 88 to help Australia to a resounding seven-wicket victory over South Africa in a day-night international on Saturday, reports Reuter.

After bowling out South Africa for just 158 in 49.5 overs on a slow, green wicket the touring side took control of the game, scoring 159 for three in 40 overs.

Mark was forced to play second fiddle to Steve who batted with skill, aggression and improvisation.

He reached a brilliant half-century with seven boundaries from just 48 deliveries. Of the 88 runs the pair added, Mark's share was only 19.

Steve finished unbeaten on 67 with 11 fours from only 60 balls, while Mark's 21 not out came from a sedate 45 deliveries.

A solid opening partnership of 57 between Michael Slater and David Boon laid the foundations for the victory.

But Slater, who was dropped on 27 and 30, drove once too often and was caught at extra cover for 31. Boon followed soon after, run out for 30 by Jonty Rhodes after a nervous call from batting partner Dean Jones.

When Jones departed to a dubious lbw decision for just

Rhodes st Healy b May 16
 Kulper run out 12
 Wesels run out 15
 Simons st Healy b Border 6
 McMillan b S Waugh 17
 Richardson not out 7
 Matthews st Healy b Border 0
 De Villiers b Border 0
 Extras: (w-1, nb-3, lb-4) 8
 Total: (49.5-overs) 158
 Fall of wickets: 1-35; 2-62; 3-87; 4-109; 5-118; 6-129; 7-139; 8-155; 9-158.

Bowling: O M R W
 McGrath 6 1 20 0
 Reiffel 7 1 13 1
 S Waugh 9 1 25 1
 May 10 0 35 2
 Warne 10 0 34 1
 Border 7.5 0 27 3

AUSTRALIA
 Slater c Kirsten b Simons 31
 Boon run out 30
 Jones lbw b Simons 8
 M Waugh not out 21
 S Waugh not out 67
 Extras: (lb-2) 2
 Total: (for three wickets — 40 overs) 159
 Fall of wickets: 1-57; 2-66; 3-71

Did not bat: A Border, I Healy, P Reiffel, S Warner, T May, G McGrath.

Bowling: O M R W
 De Villiers 8 0 31 0
 Matthews 8 0 34 0
 Simons 10 2 32 2
 McMillan 6 0 21 0
 Cronje 7 0 32 0
 Kulper 1 0 7 0

Result: Australia by 7 wickets.
Man-of-the match: Allan Border.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- Captain's journal
- Singer Davis
- Drifting ice sheet
- Wading bird
- "So that's it, eh?"
- Denounce vehemently
- Over 50 percent
- Discord
- Hole-making tools
- Ueberroth or Ustinov
- "— Yes-terday"
- Andy Capp's hangout
- Give way
- Leashes
- Clemens-tine's dad, e.g.
- Regret the run
- Fine, to NASA
- Burn slightly
- Model T starter
- Union workers?
- Pounds

parts

- Melody
- "A Bridge Too Far" author
- Parking attendant
- Judy's kid
- Exemplar of patience
- Gambling game
- Valhalla
- Parisian pal
- MacDonald's partner
- Vatican VIP
- Author Kesey
- Balaam's rebuker
- Hardly firm

2 Wind instrument

3 Heart of the matter

4 Army rank; abbr.

5 Obsessed seaman

6 Ersatz chocolate

7 Famed English seaman

8 Wapner's field

9 Painter's medium

10 Urban transportation

12 "The Red Badge of Courage" author

19 Actress Mc-Clanahan

21 Pirate's potion

23 Bikini half

25 Footballer's trouble spot

26 Archie Bunker's creator

27 Fouls up

28 Mexican munch

29 Beige

30 Compared to

31 Start a farm

35 One of the Maunas

38 Anthemist of note

40 Ms. Ullmann

42 White's cohort

45 Iditarod terminus

47 Clytemnestra's mom

48 Tackles' teammates

49 Santa's sackload

50 Prune

51 Berlin's "What'll —?"

52 Vigor

54 "Ich — ein Berliner"

Solution time: 24 min.

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SORROW OWNERS
CONNIE CLOSET
ODE REBUS TWO
FORD BIS CLIP
FOYER PEAHENS
MOO SKI
ANEMONE ALBUM
LOSE GAL DENY
IRK SURER ABO
ARISTA HOSTEL
SIMMER ATTEND
SOUND ROUND

Saturday's answer 8-9

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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CRYPTOQUIP

J V U J O N K A A W B X T K K
 M W B B K Y W O N Y P T U T A D
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: ROBBER OF BIG AND TALL MEN'S STORE IS STILL AT LARGE, I'M AFRAID.
Today's Cryptoquip clue: N equals P

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Jansher made to sweat

LINZ, Austria, Apr 3: Pakistan's world champion Jansher Khan had to overcome tough opposition from Australia's Rodney Eyles to win the Austrian Open squash championship on Sunday, reports AFP.

"It is the hardest match I have had in a long time," said Jansher, who beat the world number five 15-5, 10-15, 15-10, 15-11 in an hour.

Jansher took the last eight points of the first game, and lasted only ten minutes, and seized five of the first six points of the second.

But Eyles then speeded up and showed good touch at the front of the court.

After 7-all, Eyles remained in front and dominated the rallies to win the second game 15-10. But Eyles took too many chances in the third, and fell 15-10 once more.

Though 4-1 ahead in the fourth, Eyles began to tire and Khan took the last four points in a row, three with winners, to take the set 15-11.

And Jansher said afterwards: "From what I have seen here, I think Rodney Eyles is the strongest of the Australian players at present."

Another jewel in Evans' crown

FEDERAL WAY, Wash, Apr 3: It's full speed ahead to the 1996 Olympics for Janet Evans.

The worlds top female distance star won her 38th national title when she won the 800 freestyle on Wednesday. She is favoured to win a 39th national title on Sunday in the 1,500 freestyle.

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1996 Olympics, she has a chance to end her career with 50 national titles. She has said she hopes to compete in Atlanta.

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3:53.70. Dolan set an American record in winning the 400 individual medley Friday and also won the 800 freestyle.

"I was hurting after yesterday," Dolan said. "I wasn't tired, just sore. My goal tonight was just to win."

World record holder Jeff Rouse was edged by Brad Bridgewater in the 100 backstroke by the slimmest of margins. Bridgewater won in 55.85 by out-reaching Rouse at the finish by less than the length of a finger.

Rouse, 24, a former Standford swimmer, fell behind Bridgewater in the opening 50 metres and couldn't catch up.

Bridgewater, a junior at Texas who missed the NCAA meet last weekend because of academic problems, also won the 200 backstroke.

It was Bridgewater's first victory in the 100 backstroke against Rouse, a silver medalist in the 1992 Olympics in the event, since they started racing in 1990.

Lea Loveless won the women's 100 backstroke in 1:01.80, almost a full second off her American record of 1:00.82. Loveless, 22, a 1992 Olympian from Crestwood, N.Y., said it might have been her final race.

The 100 butterfly winners were Brian Alderman (53.76) and Misty Hyman (1:01.46).

Lewis loses

EL PASO, Texas, Apr 3: Carl Lewis lost his 13-year-old US college long jump record Saturday when Erick Walder leaped 8.74 metres (28 feet, 8 1/4 inches) to beat the track and field superstar's old mark by 12 centimetres (4 3/4 inches), reports AP.

Walder, a two-time NCAA outdoor long jump champion from Arkansas, was competing at an invitational meet in El Paso, located at 1,100 metres (3,600 feet) above sea level.