

# MSC's sweaty return to win

**Sports Reporter**

Wari, who relived sensation in their previous match by holding giants Abahani to a one all draw, created some openings with Maqbul, the crafty forward inevitably in the thick of action but being the less fancied of the two teams it was only natural that they would have their share of misses and the poor scoreboard had no one around to put an end to its overgrown virginity.

Vitaly, one of Mohammedan's two Russian players on the field for Mohammedans had a long shot at the goal but the ball bounced out off the body of a Wari defender.

Mohammedans finally got their desired lead in the 66th minute when Shaiful Qader alias Munna found the net from a goalmouth melee caused by free kick taken by medio Nurul Huq.

The drab proceedings picked up some pace as both teams opened out after the goal. Mohammedans for more goals and Wari for the equaliser to start with their attempt to live up to reputation.

Both teams resorted to some adventurous long distance shooting and Wari's

Reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting Club returned to winning ways when they beat giant-slayers Wari Club 1-0 in their third engagement of the Star Premier Division football league yesterday.

Shaiful Qader scored the all important goal in the 66th minute of the match.

On a ugly, muddy strip, a familiar outcome of the notorious combination of rain and pounding boots, both teams wallowed and struggled for control and the ninety minute assay was an annoying resume of lousy clearances, and missed chances.

Mohammedans, who were brought down to earth in their second match by Fakirerpool Youngmen's Club who held them to a one all draw after the black and whites, made a roaring start in this year's league blanking babes Bangladesh Boys 7-0 did look anything but recovered from the recent set back.

With their main schemer Rumman Bin Wali Shabbir nowhere near his peak form,



Action from yesterday's Star Premier Division football league match between defending champs Mohammedan Sporting Club and Wari Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The 'black and whites' won 1-0. — Star photo

Mohammedans looked void of imagination and the only chance that came their way in the first 45 minutes was spoiled by the little withdrawn winger himself when he hit out a Zahid cross much to the anguish of their worried supporters.

Shanta almost brought up the equaliser for his team when his 25 yearer sudden drive was tipped over by the alert Mohammedan custodian Abdullah Lahul for a corner.

Shortly before this reprieve Mohammedans got an excellent opportunity to put an end

# Lankans even out in style

**COLOMBO, Aug 6:** A one-day career-best of four for 36 from off-spinner Ruwan Kalpage and a record opening stand by Sanath Jayasuriya and Sanjeeva Ranatunga spurred Sri Lanka to a series-leveilling win over Pakistan on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Beaten on faster run-rate by Pakistan in the first of their three limited overs internationals on Wednesday, Sri Lanka bounced back with an emphatic seven-wicket victory.

Sri Lanka restricted World Cup holders Pakistan to 180 for eight in their 50 overs and swept home at 181 for three with 16 balls to spare.

The win kept alive, Sri Lanka's hopes of maintaining their unbeaten one-day series record at home.

Pakistan, put in to bat in overcast conditions, were all-out for 141.

**Caddick designs Somerset's win**

LONDON, Aug 6: New Zealand-born Andrew Caddick revived hopes of an England comeback by taking six wickets for 51 as his county, Somerset, beat Durham within two days on Friday, reports AFP.

The paceman, who has played for England because his parents were born here, was ably supported by Andre van Troost's 4-81 as Durham were bowled out in their second innings for 203 at Taunton.

Somerset were left needing 141 to win and coasted home in just 19.5 overs thanks to Mark Lathwell's 69 and Ian Fletcher's 54 not out.

West Indian all-rounder Carl Hooper hit his fourth English county championship century of the season off only 102 balls for Kent against Hampshire.

Hooper was 119 not out at the close. He hit nine fours and two huge sixes, one smashing a window in a pavilion office, after he had been dropped twice.

Lancashire's 23-year-old Australian-born opener Jason Gallian chalked up 16 boundaries against Essex before falling two short of his third century of the summer.

Worcestershire took a firm grip of the match with leaders Warwickshire thanks to an unbeaten opening century stand between skipper Tim Curtis and Phil Weston.

**S. RANATUNGA ... m-o-m** under a strong sun, Jayasuriya and Sanjeeva Ranatunga produced Sri Lanka's first century opening stand against Pakistan in a limited overs game.

They posted 104 runs off 27.2 overs with each completing contrasting half-centuries.

Jayasuriya went to his second successive fifty of the series off 92 balls with five fours before off-spinner Akram Raza had him stumped by Latif.

Sanjeeva Ranatunga, in only

his second one-day match, batted with calm assurance for 70 off 116 balls with four fours, an effort which won him the man-of-the-match award.

# Bangladesh too good

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Bangladesh recorded a massive 10-wicket win over East and Central Africa in their last round robin league encounter of the international youth cricket tournament at the Kilat ground of Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

According to a faxed message, Bangladesh taking the field first bundled out the lowly African outfit for a paltry 94 and then rattled up 98 off only 13.4 overs.

Opener Shahriar Hossain, who toyed with the East and Central African bowlers, hammered a hurricane 61 off only 44 balls. His unbeaten innings featured five hits to the fence and three huge sixes.

Javed Omar Belim Golla, the consistent opener, scored an unbeaten 33 off 42 balls which included four boundaries.

Earlier, skipper Naimur Rahman had done most of the damage in the East and Central African innings with his accurate spin bowling. His four-wicket haul cost 16 runs from five overs.

Sajal Chawdhury and Morshed Ali Khan, the new ball bowlers of Bangladesh, shared the first five wickets before Naim spun his web.

Sajal claimed two wickets for only nine runs in his seven overs while Sumon took three for 23.

Sajjad Snmor of East and Central Africa with 31 was the only notable scorer for his side while Yasin Kassam with 19 was the other double digit scorer.

Bangladesh play Sri Lanka, their only victors in the meet for the 'plate' title of this meet. On way to final the Bangladesh selection comprising young cricketers registered five wins against one loss to a real teenage Sri Lankan team that has made it to the final with an impressive record of all six wins.

**Another straw on Maradona's back**

**BUENOS AIRES, Aug 6:** Diego Maradona bought 'over-the-counter' medication in the United States during the World Cup, containing Ephedrine derivative, a senior sports doctor said here Friday, reports AFP.

Argentina's World Cup captain was sent home early from the World Cup by FIFA, football's governing body, for taking Ephedrine, a banned drug.

Nestor Lentini, head of Argentina's leading control body on sports medicine, the CENARD, said the institute had carried out an investigation into where the Ephedrine came from.

Lentini told journalists Maradona was taking medication permitted by FIFA, world football's governing body, at the start of the World Cup.

He ran out of the medication after Argentina's first match against Greece on June 21.

He bought a substitute from a Boston pharmacy. The new medication, unknown to the player, contained the banned drug.

Argentina Football Association president Julio Grondona will travel to Zurich on Sunday to defend the player at a FIFA hearing into the drug case. Maradona is also expected to attend.

FIFA will announce its findings on August 26.

# Ctg soccer

**CHITTAGONG, Aug 6:** Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra had a good start in the CJKP Elite Paint First Division football league beating babes Regency Club 3-2 at the Chittagong Stadium here yesterday, reports BSS.

The first half score was 1-1. Regency took the lead in the 2nd minute through Nurul Islam, who received a pass ball from Glas. Jashim scored Abahani's equaliser from an angular shot in the last minute of the first period.

In the 3rd minute of the 2nd half Jashim put his team ahead from a corner by Jalal. Jalal netted Abahani's third goal in the 16th minute. Three minutes before the final whistle Jashim hit Regency's second goal.

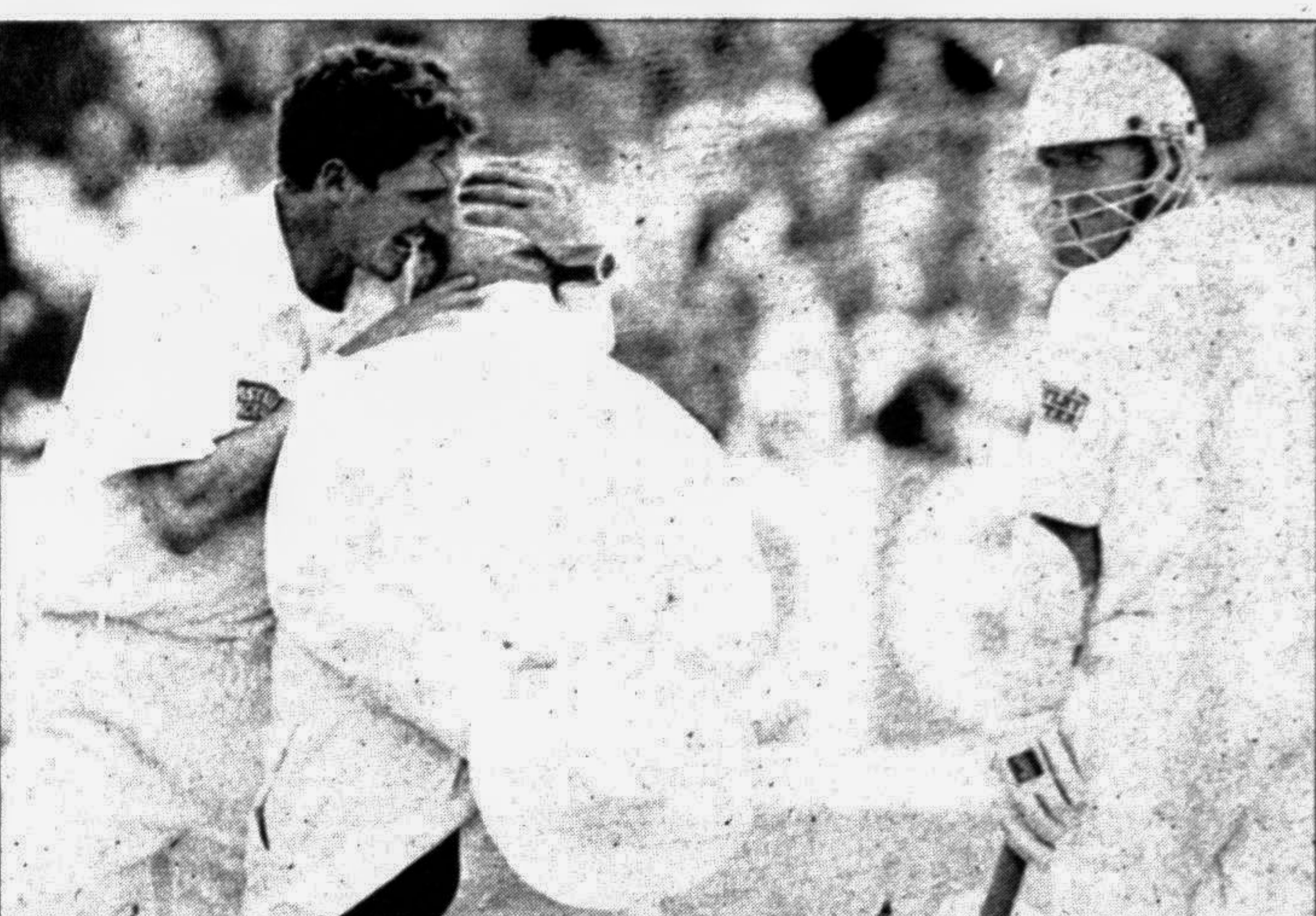
# Sheffield Wednesday sign Petrescu

**LONDON, Aug 6:** English Premier league club Sheffield Wednesday completed the 1.3 million pounds (1.82 million dollar) signing on Saturday of Romanian World Cup defender Dan Petrescu, reports Reuter.

The 26-year-old from Italian club Genoa signed a four-year contract then flew back home to Bucharest.

He will train with his former club Steaua Bucharest and return to Sheffield in a week when his work permit should have arrived.

Wednesday manager Trevor Francis said: 'I'm very pleased that we have taken a player from the Italian league, which is difficult to do.'



Fanie de Villiers, the South African quickie, fans out frustration with fun as he attempts a mock bit at umpire Shepherd's ear after several of his appeals against Steve Rhodes were turned down during the second cricket Test between England and South Africa at Headingley on August 5. — AFP photo

# P Kirsten revives S Africa

**LEEDS, Aug 6:** Peter Kirsten rescued South Africa with his first Test century Saturday as his team recovered from early strikes by Philip DeFreitas to avoid the follow on against England in second Test at Headingley, reports AP.

DeFreitas dismissed two batsmen in successive deliveries in the opening over of the day as South Africa, chasing England's formidable 477 for nine declared, reeled at 31-3.

Dave Richardson (48) and Kepler Wessels (25) steadied the innings but the South Africans were still in trouble at 105 for five.

Then Peter Kirsten (104), Jonty Rhodes (46) and Brian McMillan (57 not out) punished the English bowlers for the remainder of the third day and the South Africans reached 318 for seven by the close, still 159 behind.

DeFreitas dismissed left-handed opener Gary Kirsten and vice-captain Hansie Cronje before the South Africans could add to their overnight score.

Kirsten edged a catch to wicketkeeper Steven Rhodes and Cronje was bowled between bat and pad.

Wessels survived the bowler's bid to joint the small group of players to have taken a Test hat-trick.

When he had made 11, however, he was dropped by England captain Mike Atherton at third slip off DeFreitas' bowling.

Richardson also survived a run out appeal when he had scored 29. Again DeFreitas was involved, throwing the ball to Graeme Hick, who removed the bats with Richardson diving. Umpire David Shepherd could not judge the run out and asked the game's third umpire, Chris Balderstone, for a ruling.

Balderstone, watching the game from the stands and with the aid of TV replays, gave Richardson the benefit of the doubt.

With the English bowlers on top, South Africa, who won the first Test at Lord's by 356 runs, faced an uphill task trying to avoid defeat in this game.

But Richardson and Wessels took advantage of England's attacking field to hit all the bowlers to the boundary and stage a comeback.

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**PETER KIRSTEN... 104**

clearly beat Rhodes for pace and the ball flew through to wicket-keeper Steven Rhodes. The English fielders appealed for a catch and umpire Shepherd gave the batsman out even though the South African, who had hit a six and three fours, indicated the ball did not touch his bat or glove.

English hopes that they had broken through to the tail of the South African batting lineup were dashed by McMillan's solid defense and powerful hitting.

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**Top seeds advance**

**KITZBUHEL, Austria, Aug 6:** Top-seed Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia and Austrian star Thomas Muster, seeded No 2, cruised through quarterfinal matches Friday at the EA Generali Open in Kitzbuehel, reports AP.

In Saturday's semifinals, Ivanisevic faces Spain's Tomas Carbonell, seeded 12th, who upset his compatriot, fourth-seed Javier Sanchez, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.



Monaco striker Michael Madar (R) beats a sliding tackle by Auxerre defender Franck Sylvestre during their French league match in Monaco on August 5. The game ended goalless. — AFP photo

# Branco joins Corinthians

**RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 6:** Brazilian defender Branco, one of the world champions' goal-scoring heroes, has signed for Sao Paulo side Corinthians, a club director said on Friday, reports Reuter.

The 30-year-old Fluminense left-back, who was being targeted by English side Sheffield Wednesday, scored Brazil's winner against the Netherlands in their 3-2 World Cup quarter-final victory with a spectacular free-kick.

"The player was here this morning and he signed a contract to play for us," Corinthians director Francisco Junior told Reuters. "We are

# Rijkaard to retire

**AMSTERDAM, Aug 6:** Frank Rijkaard is quitting the Dutch national team and plans to retire from football at the end of this season, the Dutch news agency ANP reported on Friday, reports Reuter.

The 31-year-old midfielder said there was no point remaining in the national side because he would not be available for the whole of the Netherlands' qualification campaign for the 1996 European Championship.

The last of Rijkaard's 74 international appearances was the 3-2 World Cup quarter-final defeat to Brazil in Dallas.

Rijkaard returned to play for his first club Ajax Amsterdam last season after six successful years at AC Milan and is hoping to help lead them to a successful defence of their Dutch title in his final season.

The rivals on Friday completed contrasting paths to the semifinals.

The other semifinal will be between Wيرانata and compatriot Heryanto Arbi, the world number three.

# Suprianto, Wiranata on collision course

**HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam, Aug 6:** World badminton champion Joko Suprianto and fellow Indonesian Ardy Wiranata, the world number two, are on course for a showdown in the final of the World Cup, reports Reuter.