

Khaled Mahmud of Mohammedan Sporting Club plays defensive to this one during his useful knock of 32 against Dhaka Wanderers in a 15th Damal Summer cricket match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Mohammedans won the match by two wickets. - Star photo

Champs prance, MSC hobble

Sports Reporter



Holders Abahani united cantered dut their archrivals struggled to win in their respective Damal

Yesterday at the Dhanmondi cricket stadium, the thirteentime finalists. Mohammedan Sporting Club stuttered to a two-wicket victory against lowly Dhaka Wanderers Club.

in a low-scoring match, the tormer champions lost eight wickets to overhaul Wanderers 143 with more than six overs to spare. Khaled Mahmud Sujan, who

switched from Abahani to his aid club this year, remained unbeaten on a vital 32 as Mohammedans raised necessary 144 in 38.3 overs.

Expected to race to a comfortable victory by their supporters girting the open oval, Mohammedans found going tough against some accurate bowling backed up by athletic fielding. Pool players — experienced

Nurul Abedin Nobel and young Sajjad Ahmad Shipon spotled all hopes of a sound start as the two openers found themselves cooling their heels in the dressing room with just 23 runs on the board.

Selim Shahed and skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul proved as much rusty as the two national players fell for six each.

Only newcomer Mustadir little who had earlier claimed

tirement Wednesday to face

an old foe, captaining the

Prime Minister's XI against

England 'at Manuka Oval, re-

But the Australian Test run

"It depends on the state of

record-holder is hoping to

make his mark with the bat

only, not with his handy spin

the game, but I'm not inter-

ested in letting Gooch or Hick

or any of these blokes slog me

England team manager

Keith Fletcher has yet to name

his team, with several players

unavailable through injury or

Athertonn said his team could

gain valuable one-day experi-

England captain Mike

around," Border joked.

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bowling.

8: Former Austra-

lian Test cricket

captain Allan Bor-

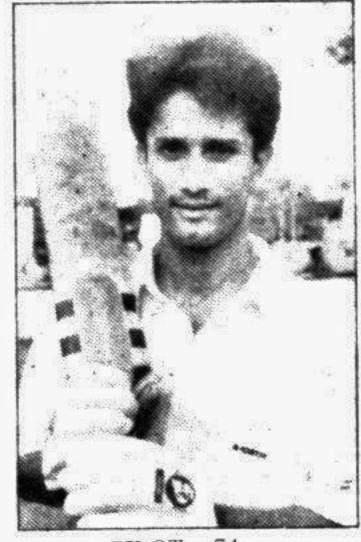
der comes out of

international re-

four Wanderers wickets with his left arm spin, did any justice to his growing reputation * as some sort of an alfrounder with a useful 17.

Although Khaled struck roots at one end, there was no stability at the other with veteran stumper Nasir Ahmed becoming Nuruzzaman's third

Two more wickets went down before Hasib hung aro-



PILOT...74

und sufficiently long enough for Khaled to complete the job while newcomer Rafique and old campaigner Wahid chipped in usefully with 11 and 12 respectively.

Earlier. Wanderers mustered 143 for nine from their

Border back with bat only

Series starts (on Dec. 6 in

Sydney against Australia),"

Atherton said. "We have to try

to get our best form sorted out

ALLAN BORDER

Atherton said Gooch, a

former captain with 113 Tests

under his belt, would be rested

Wednesday to help him re-

in one-day cricket.

stipulated quota of 45 overs. Ismail Islam, who gave an excellent exhibition of off-spin bowling later in the day, topscored with 29

He tied up with fellow bowler Zahirul Rashid, who made an unbeaten 29.

Opener Sajid made a workmanlike 57 and skipper AL Shahriar Rokon an unbeaten 51 as Brothers registered a facile eight-wicket win in their inaugural match, the other billing of the day, played at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

They made 143 for two in 35.5 overs

Earlier, propped by Shawkat Malik's unbeaten 32 and opener Mohammed AL Nazir's 29. Lalmatia were all out for 137 in 44.5 overs.

On Monday, the inaugural day of the traditional curtainraiser, reigning champions Abahani outplayed promotees Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha by seven wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Bima batted first on the national holiday and with Niaz, skipper Anwar and Tareq making 32, 31 and 21 garnered 172 for seven.

Star paceman Saiful was Abahani's big wicket-taker for Abahani.

Wicketkeeper 'Khaled Masud Rilot played a polished innings of 74 as Abahani posted 176 for three in 31.1 India Raman Lamba with 50

was the other notable scorer.

Meanwhile, Border said that

The Australian team re-

poor fielding cost Australia 2-0

series victory against Pakistan,

turned home Tuesday after

losing the series 1-0 after the

home side won the first test by

cricket, 'catches win matches',

but it's so true it's not funny,"

TEAMS

Darren Lehmann, Greg Ble-

wett, Allan Border (captain).

Mark Atkinson, Michael Di-

Venuto, Brad Hodge, Brendon

Julian, Shane, Lee, Martin Lo-

ve. Greg Rowell, Simon Cook,

Atherton, Graeme Hick, Gra-

ham Thorpe, John Crawley,

Mike Gatting, Steve Rhodes,

Philip De Freitas, Darren Go-

ugh. Phil Tufnell, Joey Ben-

ENGLAND (from): Mike

Mark Higgs (12th man).

PRIME MINISTER'S XI:

"It's the oldest saying in

one wicket.

said Border.

President Gold Cup from Jan 20

Sports Reporter

Uzbekistan, who burst into the international scenario by winning the 12th Hiroshima Asian Games football competition this year, are one of the six foreign teams to have confirmed their participation so far in the eights President Gold Cup tournament, scheduled to begin from January 20 next year

Uzbekistan apart, the other teams to have accepted the Bangladesh Football Federation's invitation are South Korea, Iran, Nepal, Malaysia and neighbours India. India and Iran are expected to send their Olympic squad, preparing for the 1996 Atlanta Games and Nepal, the sixth SAF Games winners, the national team while the other will be represented by a club

However, the number of participants have not been fixed yet. Thailand and Myanmar, two other invitees for the tourney which came into being way back in 1981, are likely to prove two determining factors as far as the size of the tournament is concerned. Their participation will also have influence on the number Bangladeshi sides. If both the countries accept or decline BFF invitation, the hosts will have two teams in the fray while in the case of either of them participating, only one team will bear the national flag.

BFF slims

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has cut down the number of booters undergoing training for the SAARC Gold Cup football tournament, to be held in the Sri Lankan capital of Colombo from December 2 to 25.

The BFF initially picked 32 booters for the residential camp at the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protishthan (BKSP) and then called up four more. increasing the number to 36 before six players expressed their inability to join the camp because of injury.

The five are Abahani custodian Dhanu and defender Mansur, Fakirerpool defenders Ibrahim and Hassan al-Mamun and PWD striker Bulbul.

Baggio back

ROME. Nov 8: Coach Arrigo Sacchi on Monday included World Cup star Roberto Baggio in his 18-man Italian squad for a European Championship qualifier against Croatia in Palermo on November 16, reports Reuter.

Baggio, who missed Italy's last two matches through injury, could make his first international appearance since Italy lost to Brazil in the World Cup final in July.

Baggio was sidelined for a month with a thigh injury but has recently returned to form scoring Juventus's winning goal against champions AC Milan last week.

Sacchi is hoping Baggio will breathe some life into a lacklustre side who won their last match 2-0 against Estonia after drawing 1-1 Slovenia in their European opener. There are two changes

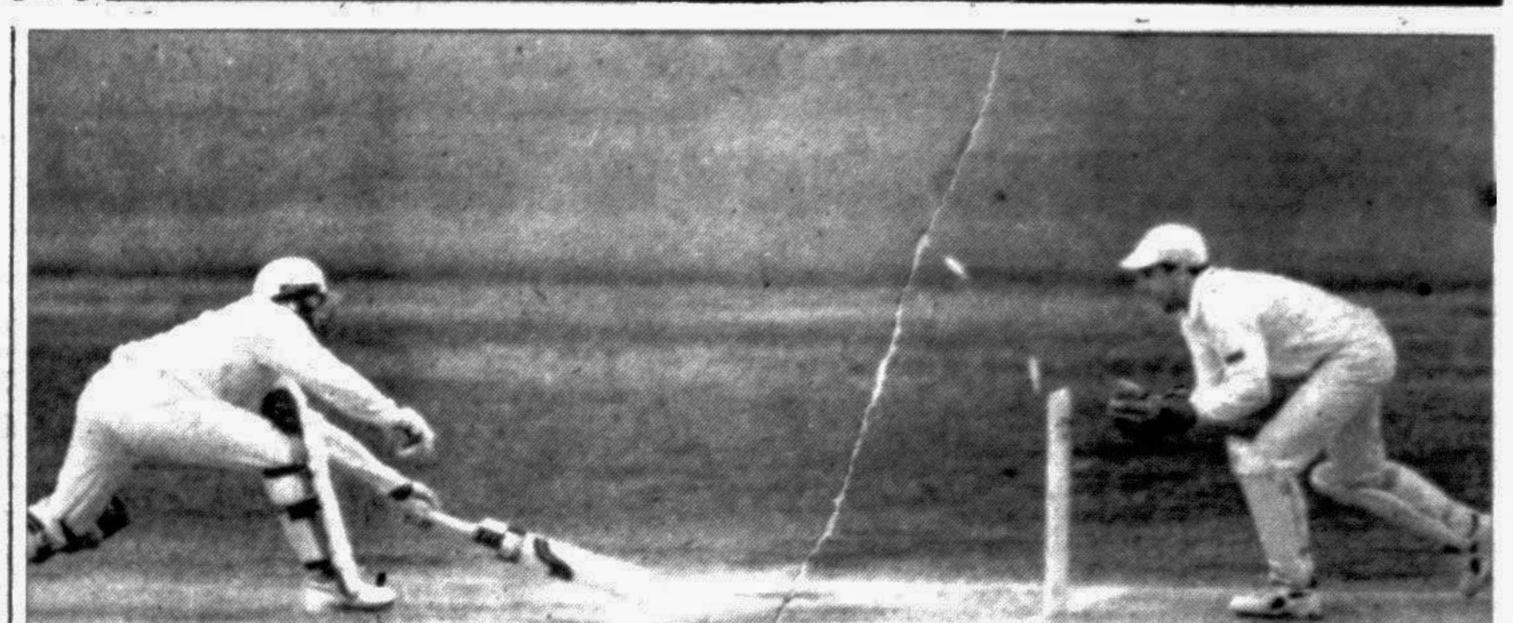
since the Estonia match. Injured Lazio striker Giuseppe Signori is out while uncapped Lazio defender Paolo Negro takes the place of Sampdoria midfielder Alberigo Evani.

Good news for Paul Gascoigne

LONDON, Nov 8: England midfielder Paul Gascoigne should be ready to return to soccer next year after further surgery on his right leg on Monday, his surgeon said, reports Reuter.

We haven't got too many cover from a slight hamstring * jamin, Devon Malcolm, Craig one davers before the World strain. White.

Australian fast bowler Merv Hughes (L) stands face to face with his English counterpart Darren Gough at Parliament House in Canberra yesterday. They are wearing the new strip for the forthcoming Benson & Hedges World Series tournament. - AFP photo



South Australian wicketkeeper Tim Nielson whips the bails off before England tailender Graig White makes his ground in the four-day match at the Adelaide Oval yesterday. England won the match by four wickets. - AFP photo

b Cummins

b Arthurton

b Walsh

overs)

V. Raju.

Cuffy

Browne

Cummins

Simmons

Arthurton 2

WEST INDIES

S. Williams run out

C. Hooper not out

A. Cummins run out

C. Walsh b Kumble

J. Murray not out

R. Holder e Azharuddin

Extras: (b-2, lb-13, w-5)

Total: (seven wickets:

Fall of wickets: 1-86: 2-

Did not bat : C. Cuffy and B.

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145; 3-178; 4-202; 5-215; 6-

P. Simmons b Tendulkar

B. Lara c Raju b Prabhakar

K. Arthurton c Azharuddin

Hooper

b Kumble

b Prabhakar *

220 ;7-230

Browne

Bowling

Srinath

Prasad

nings.

Kumble

Tendulkar

Prabhakar

N. Sidhu not out

M. Azharuddin c Walsh

V. Kambli c Arthurton

M. Prabhakar not out

137: 3-248 : 4-258.

Extras: (1b-2, nb-2, w-4)

Total :(Four wickets

Fall of wickets: 1-64; 2-

Did not bat: N Mongia, A

50

23

Kumble, J. Srinath, V. Prasad,

b Hooper

India edge ahead in Pepsi one-day series

Hooper ploughs in sands



VISAKHAPATNA M. India. Nov 8: Carl Hooper stroked a superb 74 not out from 47 balls but West

Indies lost the third one day international to India by five runs on Monday and were left to rue their slow over rate. reports Reuter. Facing India's 260 for four

from 43 overs, having had one over cut from their quota because they bowled too slowly. The match had already been reduced from 50 overs because

off their 44 overs. West Indies

finished with 255 for seven

the West Indian kit arrived late and the start was delayed. The touring team, who lost to India when facing a big total in Saturday's final of the trian-

gular tournament, launched their chase positively with a stand of 86 between Stuart Williams and Phil Simmons. Williams hit 49 off 55 balls before being run out trying a risky run to the ever-alert

Mohammad Azharuddin whose

throw did the rest. India's captain also took two catches as well as scoring 45 off 44 deliveries. Simmons had scored 51 when he fell to Sachin Tendulkar, who varied his spin effectively, and left-hander Keith Arthurton went to a bril-

at mid-off off leg spinner Anil Kumble. Brian Lara, who scored 40. fell to a well-judged catch by Venkatapathy Raju at mid-off as he skied medium pacer Manoj Prabhakar.

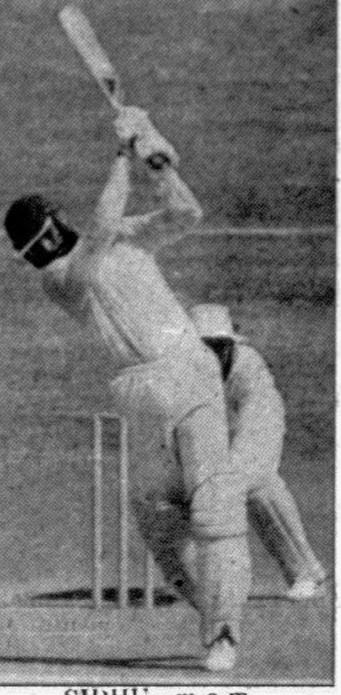
liant low catch by Azharuddin

West Indies' hopes were series 2-1. sustained by Hooper, who hit seven fours and two sixes, one off Prabhakar and another off Kumble, as he struck the ball with ease all over the field.

Holder and, captain Courtney Walsh all went cheaply, making the score 230 for seven. The last over started with West Indies needing 13 more. but despite Hooper's dominant form they managed only seven.

India's total was built on an unbeaten 115 in 99 balls by Naviot Sidhu, who was forced to use a runner for the last 12 overs because he was suffering

from cramp.



SIDHU...m-o-m He added 111 for the third wicket with Azharuddin after Tendulkar and Ajay Jadeja provided a flying start by putting on 64 at nearly five runs an over. India lead the five-match

SCOREBOARD

INDIA:

A Jadeja c Murray

S Australia ADELAIDE, Nov 7: England beat South Australia by four wickets with 12 balls to spare S. Tendulkar c Cummins

at Adelaide Oval here Monday. reports AFP. Set 260 to win in a minimum of 69 overs after South Australia were dismissed in

their second innings for 480.

England reached their target

England beat

scoring 262 for six with two overs to spare. Former captains, Graham Gooch complied 101 and Mike Gatting 56, while first innings nemesis, leg-spinner Peter McIntyre, claimed two for 89 for the home side.

England drew their opening first class match against Western Australia last week and now head to Canberra to play the Prime Minister's XI on Wednesday. Their next four-day outing

will be against Sheffield Shield champions New South Wales in Newcastle, starting on Satur-Scores: England 323 and

262 for six beat South Australia 102 and 480.

Div II cricket from Nov 30

The metropolis Second Division cricket league, organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board, will begin on November 30 at different city playgrounds, reports UNB.

Thirty-two teams, divided into four groups, will compete in the first phase. The teams are:

Group A: Kathalbagan Green CC. Mirpur Nabin KC, Uttara SG. East End Club, Rupali Bank, Basabo Tarun Sangha, Azad SC and Lalbagh Anwar SC. Group B: Dhanmondi

Pragoti Sangha, Shantinagar A, Nirman Eleven, Azad Boys Club, Lalbagh Union, Evergreen Club. Rayer Bazar Club and Young Pegasus B.

Group C: Amarjyoti Club, PWD SC. Young Pegasus A. Shantinagar B, Mill Barracks CC, Western SC, Spread Eagles, Kakrail Boys.

Group D: Orient SC, DOHS Club. Ganderia Cricketers, Rainbow SC. Bangladesh Boys, Khelaghar SKS, Cantonian SC and Nabin Sangha.

Vladoiu forgiven

told Reuters: "Vladoiu is now the leading Romanian scorer with 10 goals in eleven games, so he can score against Slovakia also . " He said Vladoiu's disciplinary record was irrelevant.

team bus.

Australian captain Mark

Krajicek falls by the wayside

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov 8:

won the event in 1992, produced 22 aces but the rest of his game was well below par and included a dramatic number of unforced errors.

"I would rather have only taken one wicket if that was the wicket that would have changed the game and made us win," he said. "I'd swap them all." "The good thing about play-

ing on Australian wickets is

that they do turn and there's a

bit in there for the quicks at the start and there's some bounce." said Warne. "So I'm looking forward to this series coming up against England."

Warne said he believed the five-Test series against England wouldn't be riddled with any bitterness between the teams. "I can't see why it wouldn't

be friendly," he said. "We all get along OK. We'll be both playing to win so I suppose there might be some battles out in the mid-"But so be it. That's what it's.

all about. We're not playing under 12 stuff. Warne said he would proba-

bly miss Victoria's Sheffield Shield clash against Queensland this weekend, to be ready for the first Test.

Taylor and coach Bob Simpson told him he needs to rest after the two-month tour of Pakistan.

Hard-hitting Dutchman Richard Krajicek succumbed 7-6, 7-6 to unseeded Frenchman Olivier Delaitre to put his name on the first-round casualty list at the European Community tennis championship on Monday, reports Reuter. The Dutch fourth seed, who

"I had a few small opportunities (to take control of the match) but I blew them," added the Dutch glant, who has played six weeks in a row.

BUCHAREST. Nov 8: loan Vladoiu, sent home from the World Cup in disgrace, has been forgiven for his misdemeanours in America and named in the Romanian squad for Saturday's European Championship qualifier against Slovakia, reports Reuter. Coach Anghel Iordanescu

"What matters is his ability

to score," added lordanescu. Vladoiu was sent home from the World Cup finals after being involved in fight on the That followed his sending-

off against Switzerland for a reckless challenge which earned him a three-match ban. Iordanescu called up uncapped defender Adrian Matel of Rapid Bucharest, as replacement for out-of-form World Cup defender Gheorghe Mihali.

BCCI under fire NEW DELHI. Nov 8: The

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has sold the count try's health for Rs 40 crores by awarding the World Cup sponsorship to ITC, heart Care Foundation of India said here. today, reports PTI. "It is very unfortunate that

even the present Wills trophy triangular series was not only supported by the Board of Cricket in India but even by the chief minister who gave away the trophies to the winners standing on the Wills booth," ITC said in a press release here today.

Scoreboard in the third of Result: India won by five five one day cricket internationals between India and West ' Note: West Indies penalised Anderson Cummins. Roland Indies on Monday. for slow bowling by having one over deducted from their in-

Another spell in Warne wand SYDNEY. Nov 8:

Beguiling Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne is perfecting a mystery delivery to torment England in the five-Test Ashes series starting this

month, reports agencies. The Australian team returned home from Pakistan on Tuesday.

Warne said he felt the Pakistan tour was successful even though Australia-lost the Test series 1-0 after the home side won the first Test by one

Tough choice for Cronje

DURBAN, Nov 8: Hansie Cronje was disciplined for dissent on Monday - just 48 hours after being appointed South Africa captain, reports Reuter.

He was given the choice of a one-match suspension or a 500-rand fine for disputing his dismissal by umpire Wilf Diedricks while batting for Orange Free State against Natal in a Castle Cup match on Sunday.

Cronje expressed regret at the incident and said it occurred "in the heat of the mo-

DU cricket

Journalism Department beat Library and Information Science Department by six wickets in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket tournament at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday. reports UNB. Having restricted Library

and Information Science to 119 for nine witkets in 27.5 overs, Journalism Department reached the target of 120 runs for four in 13.1 overs.

For the winners. Raj topscored with 36 runs while Tenjam remained unbeaten on

"I think it's hard not to think about England coming up because it's such an important event," he said. "It would be great to thrash them." Warne said he had been

working on a new "mystery ball" delivery in Pakistan, where he met legendary wrist-spinner Abdul Qadir. But he was reluctant to dis-

close any details of the ball prior to the Brisbane Test match starting Nov 25.

"I've been working on one through the winter and over there." Warne said. "But it's not really coming out too well, so we'll have to wait and see what happens. Hopefully it will be

right for the first Test."



Warne tormented England in

the 1993 series in England. taking 34 wickets in six Tests at 25.79 runs apiece. Warne was also successful in

Pakistan, taking 18 Test wick-