

BU still lead

Sports Reporter

With nearest rivals Bangladesh Biman out of action for the day, Brothers Union increased their lead at the top of the table to six and a half points when the reigning champions made light of Genius Chess Club in the 12th round of the First Division chess league at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Grandmaster Niaz Murshid, Pakistani International Master Mahmood Ahmed Khan Lodhi, Indian V. Sharavanan, who awaits FIDE's nod for the IM status after having earned the requisite norms during the recently-concluded 11th Dr Qazi Motahar Hossain IMs' tournament, and Hasibul Hassan, standing in for Abdullah Al-Raqib, deposited one point each to the Brother's account to raise the Gopibagh haul to 38. Biman have 31.5 points.

Bangladesh Ansars held on to the third place after beating Konika Samskrity Sangsad 2.5-1.5. Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), who surrendered the third slot the day before to Ansars, dropped further astern when they drew with Bobby Fischer Chess Club. Brothers' lone conquerors in the league, Ansars' collection stands at 31 while BTMC have 28.

Other winners of this round included the Dhaka University chess team, Narayanganj Mashgul Mehfif, Farashganj Sporting Club, Noor-e-Alam Khan Daba Sangsad and Leoline Chess Club, who beat Mahakhal Prodigy Sangha, Parjya Chess Club, Narayanganj Chess Club, Sonali Bank and Proubha Daba Goshthi respectively.

BHF picks 25

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The Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) has named 25 players for preliminary trials with a view to forming a national squad for the Lal Bahadur Shastri hockey championship, scheduled to begin in New Delhi from January 27 next year.

The selected players — Mohammed Jahangir Alam, Shamim Ahmed, Mamunur Rashid, Mahfuz Alam, Rabibuddin, Zahirul Islam, Mahbub Harun, Haider Alam, Musa Mian, Zahid Hassan, Alangir Alam, Rafiqul Islam, Issa Mian, Abdul Qadir, Syed Ijaz Ahmed, Muzsedul Huq, Tuzlu Kumar Nag, Md. Khokon, M. Javed, Tushar Khan, Jowladar, Biaka Lusai, Etesham Hossain, Ashiquzzaman, Siam-e-Noor and Mobassher Salam — have been asked to report to coach Abdu Razzaque at the Hockey Stadium with their gears.

Kiwis run riot

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Nov 20: A fine 111 from opener Bryan Young and 89 by Martin Crowe took New Zealand to a commanding 409 for five at the close of the first day of their four-day game against Orange Free State on Saturday.

After Blair Hartland (28) and Steven Fleming (10) had fallen during the morning, Young and Crowe flourished against an attack lacking Allan Donald, Franklyn Stephenson, and Bradley Player.

The New Zealand pair plundered 172 in 139 minutes for the third-wicket, the last 72 of which came in only 42 minutes.

Young made a quiet start but settled into hit 19 boundaries in his century which came off 176 balls. He hit two more before edging a catch to wicketkeeper Philip Radley.

Crowe looked set for a century after hitting 14 fours from 139 balls, before being caught by Hansie Cronje at mid-off as he tried to work Nico Pretorius away.

Ken Rutherford (59) and Chris Harris (50 not out) kept up the pace with a partnership of 77 and when Rutherford holed out to mid-wicket Adam Parore chipped in with 50 not out, his half-century coming off just 33 balls and including nine fours.

Pretorius was the most successful of the bowlers with four for 140 off 26 overs.

Incontrad v'ball results

Three teams — Chittagong, Rajshahi and Kushtia DSA — emerged zonal champions to reach the final round of the Incontrad inter-district men's volleyball championship, yesterday, reports UNB.

Earlier, defending champions Dhaka, Comilla, Rajbari and Rangpur earned the right to play in the ten team final round scheduled to begin on November 26 at the volleyball court.

In a Kamaphuli zone match at Chittagong, the host side eliminated Noakhali DSA 15-11, 15-4, 13-15, 15-11 to clinch the title.

Rajshahi DSA defeated host Pabna 17-15, 15-1, 15-9 to win the Banabala zone crown at Pabna. Earlier, Pabna DSA beat Naogaon DSA 15-8, 15-8, 12-15, 15-5.

GMCC crush Kalabagan

Sports Reporter



A spirited Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) ended Kalabagan's fairytale even before it began when they handed the star-studded outfit a humiliating 87-run defeat in the 15th Damal Summer cricket tournament at the City Club ground yesterday.

The creditable victory earned GMCC a berth in the next round as Group D champions while Kalabagan, who provided some sort of a sensation in a somewhat dull inter-club players transfer roping in a number of current and former national players, were left in the wilderness at least until the Navana Premier league.

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Javed, who survived a close call at 36 when Rafiqul Alam dropped an easy catch, went on to score his 50 off 85 balls and reached the highest individual total so far in the tournament with the help of ten boundaries before finally falling a victim to Abdull Khan.

Sanwar and skipper Mabbub Rahman contributed 29 and 21 respectively.

Seamer Abdullah Khan and spinner Efeee evenly shared four GMCC wickets while three were run out.

GULSHAN WIN

In the other match of the day at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Gulshan Youth recorded a massive 108-run win over Combined Nirman School Eleven.

Sent into bat first, Gulshan Youth compiled a huge 222 before being bowled out in 42.3 overs.

The Gulshan total was built on a century partnership between opener Anup and Uzzal who added 105 runs for the second wicket after Liton (20).

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SAIKAT ... treble



Gulshan Youth's Anup and Uzzal who shared a 105-run partnership for the second-wicket to pave the way for a massive 108-run victory over Combined Nirman School Eleven in the 15th Damal Summer tournament at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

first three wickets for only 31 runs in the face of an inspired spell of medium pace bowling from Anisur Raftman and

order throughout his spell, struck in the very first over when Zahid Razzak Masum found one of the balls missing after the former national opener had been beaten by a delivery that cut back sharply on its way to hitting the leg stump.

Athar Ali Khan, who opened the Kalabagan innings with Masum instead of regular

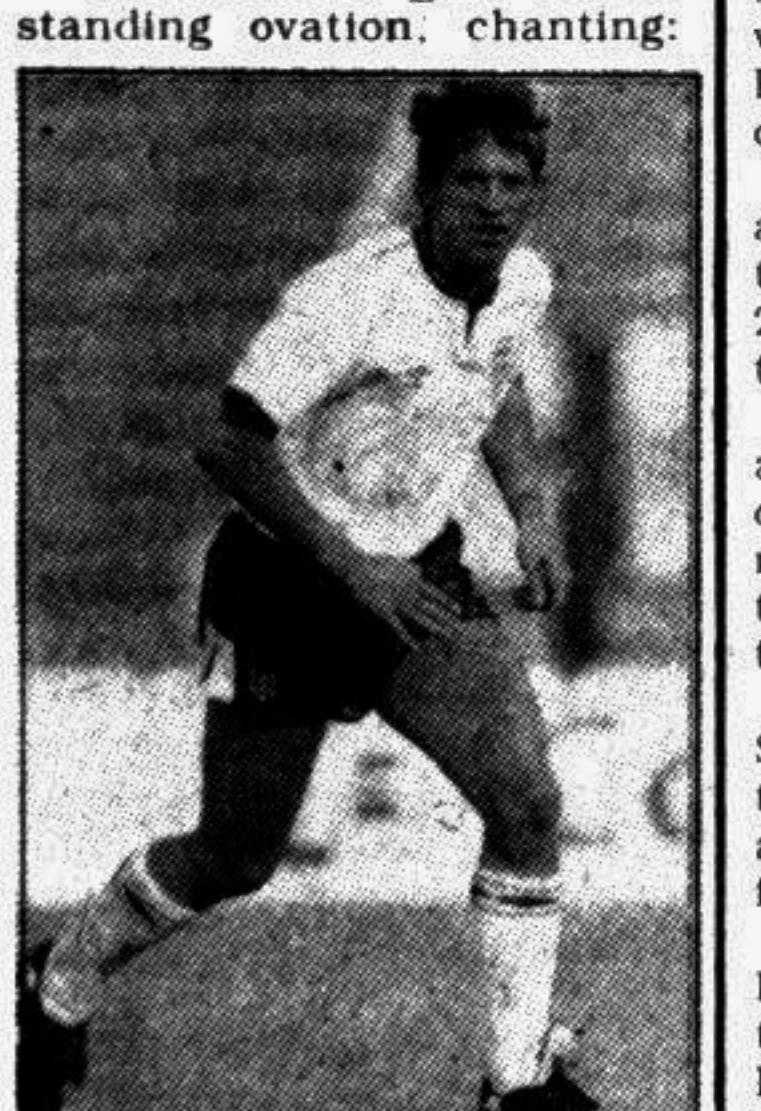
opener Farid Hossain Tomal, proved his skipper Faruque's decision wrong as the tall all-rounder was run out by a brilliant throw from Sanwar for nothing.

Mizanur Rahman, the right-arm seamer, than accounted for Faruque, who was spectacularly caught by Plabon at square-leg after having scored 17.

The national skipper, who survived a confident lbw appeal in the very first ball, hit two boundaries in his chancy 29-ball knock.

When the match ended all the stadium lights were turned off apart from on spotlight directed at Lineker standing on the pitch.

The audience gave him a standing ovation, chanting:



GARY LINEKER
"Lineker, Lineker, Lineker..."
"I feel so glad that I have received such warm support since I came to Japan," he replied. "I wish I could have returned the favour on the field. But I couldn't do it, I am sorry."

Lineker was one of the big-name signings who launched professional soccer in Japan last year, but injuries limited his appearances and he provided Grampus with few goals.

The player who has in turn served Leicester, Everton, Barcelona, Tottenham, Grampus and England in an 18-year spell, will now return to Britain to concentrate on television, radio and newspaper work.

He scored 48 goals, just one short of Bobby Charlton's England record, during an impeccable 80-match international career.

MYMENSINGH, Nov 20: Comilla area retained their title in the Army Volleyball Championship that concluded here at Momenshahi Cantonment on Saturday.

Spurs' skipper Teddy Sheringham (L) and Aston Villa's Paul McGrath engage in an aerial tussle during their English Premier League encounter at White Hart Lane in London on Nov 19. Villa won 4-3. — AFP photo

Sport

Rain may have saved England

HOBART, Nov 20: England added five runs in 15 minutes before rain washed out play for the day Sunday, third day of the tourists' four-day cricket match against an Australian XI at Bellerive Oval. reports AP.

England advanced from 200 for nine to 205 for nine — still short of avoiding the follow-on — when play was abandoned for the day. Steven Rhodes was unbeaten on 46 with Phil Tufnell yet to score.

England, whose performance of Saturday attracted widespread criticism, are replying to the Australian XI's first innings score of 385 for seven declared.

England coach Keith Fletcher was irate, saying his players were "pathetic."

"If we play like that, we will be struggling for this series," Fletcher said. "We were pathetic and it's no good saying any different."

Rain prevented any play before lunch Sunday and the players only were able to emerge from the pavilion briefly during the second session. Only 21 deliveries were bowled.

The match ends on Monday with a draw the most likely result.

The match is England's last warm-up for the first Test of the five-Test Ashes series, which begins Nov. 25 in Brisbane.

The Australian team for that game will be named on Monday with pace bowler Merv Hughes expected to miss out — despite an enthusiastic performance for the Australian XI.

Hughes took 31 wickets in the last series against England, carrying a fast bowling attack that lost the services of Craig McDermott midway through the second Test at Lord's.

The 33-year-old Victorian has spent the past six months recovering from a knee injury and faces a struggle regaining his place ahead of younger pair Jo Angel and Damien Fleming.

Vice-captain Ian Healy (broken thumb) and Steve Waugh (shoulder) both are likely to be named in the team subject to fitness tests.

Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Nov 20: Faisal scored a hattrick to lead Bangladesh Water Development Board to an emphatic 7-2 victory over Rupali Prantik Sangha in the Emma Overseas First Division football league at a local stadium today.

Faisal apart, Apu and Jamal netted twice each for the victors while Badal and Towhid pulled back one apiece for the vanquished.

Shathy sails into qtrs

ISLAMABAD, Nov 20: Bangladesh national number one Shathy Sarkar moved into the quarter-finals in the girls' singles of the Pakistan International junior tennis championships beating local player Saima Anwar in the first round at the Islamabad Club here today, reports BSS.

Shathy took just 40 minutes to eliminate the Pakistan girl, allowing her opponent just one game in a straight sets 6-0, 6-1 victory.

Shathy will play the winner of the match between Haleema Marium of Pakistan and Thai second-seed Tousitichan tomorrow.



FRANKFURT, Nov 20: In an attempt to develop standards for speed of play that can be implemented in 1996, Miles said.

"A too many tournaments the game is too fast and there

Tendulkar, Manjrekar hit half-centuries

India fare well on Day 3



BOMBAY, Nov 20: Sachin Tendulkar and Sanjay Manjrekar rescued India by hitting accomplished half centuries on a difficult pitch in the first Test against West Indies today.

India's problems at the start of the day were compounded by the departure of opener Navjot Sidhu, trapped leg before by Benjamin with the total 43.

Tendulkar played the bowlers on its merits but, when given the chance to attack, he cut and drove fluently and was especially harsh on leg-spinner Rajendra Dhanraj, whom he smashed on both sides of the wicket.

Azharuddin, eager to forget his first-innings duck, failed to capitalise on a sound start. He was caught by Keith Arthuron for 17 from the off-spin of Carl Hooper while attempting to on-drive a turning delivery.

That made it 88 for five and brought Tendulkar and Manjrekar together for the most crucial partnership of the day.

Both batsmen made the pitch look easy and tackled the bowlers with ease before Tendulkar misjudged a Hooper delivery and ballooned it into wicketkeeper Jupitor Murray's hands.

Tendulkar's exit after an

innings containing 10 fours and a six brought in Kumble, who scored his attractive 42 off 66 deliveries.

Kumble had made a significant contribution when he edged paceman Cameron Cuffe to Hooper at second slip.

Manjrekar's dismissal at

265 by fast bowler Courtney Walsh was the last of the day, the batsman having made his second half-century of the match.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the first cricket Test be-

tween India and West Indies today.

INDIA: First innings 272 (N Mongia 80, S Manjrekar 51; C Walsh 6-79)

WEST INDIES: First innings 243 (V Raja 5-60)

INDIA: Second innings 11-3)

MANJREKAR ... 66

M Prabhakar c Hooper b Benjamin 7

N Sidhu lbw b Benjamin 0

N Mongia c Adams b Benjamin 0

V Kamli c Hooper b Benjamin 0

S Tendulkar c Murray b Hooper 85

S Manjrekar c Cuffe b Walsh 66

A Kumble c Hooper b Cuffe 42

J Srinath not out 20

R Chauhan not out 2

Extras (b-12, lb-13, nb-11) 36

Total (for eight wickets) 287

Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-10; 3-11; 4-43; 5-88; 6-162; 7-237; 8-265.

Bowling to date: O M R W

Walsh 22 6 47 1

Benjamin 18 3 54 4

Dhanraj 10 0 46 0

Hooper 24 4 69 2

Cuffe 12 2 46 1

Houghton 37, a star right-hand batsman, broke a bone below the knuckle of his left hand during training at the WACA ground here and is in doubt for the World Series one-day contest against two Australian teams and England.

Zimbabwe's tour was less than 24 hours old when Houghton, also coach of English