

## 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 Genus Chess Club in the 12th round of the First Division Chess League at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Grandmaster Niaz Murshid, Pakistan 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 Mottahar 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 Sunskritik Sangsad 2.5-1.5. Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), who surrendered the third slot the day before to Ansars, dropped further after 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 Mashguli Mehfil Farashganj Sporting Club, Noor-e-Alam Khan Daba Sangsad and Leoline Chess club, who beat Mahakhal Prodig Sangha, Parijat Chess Club, Narayanganj Chess Club, Sonali Bank and Pruthiba 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, Rabuddin, Zahurul Islam, Mahbub Harun, Haider Alam, Musa Mian, Zahid Hassan, Alamgir Alam, Rafiqul Islam, Issa Mian, Abdul Qadir, Syed Jijal Ahmed, Muqsedul Haq, Tuzul Kumar Nag, M. Khokon, M. Javed, Tushar Khan, Jowladar, Biaka Lusal, Ehtesham Hossain, Ashiquezzaman, Siam-e-Noor and Mobassher Salam — have been asked to report to coach Abdul 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, reports Reuters.

After Blair Hartland (28) and Steven Fleming (10) had fallen during the morning, Young and Crowe flourished against an attack lacking Allan Donald, Franklin 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 DSAs — 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 Karnaphuli 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 15-15, 15-1, 15-9 to win the Banalata zone crown at Pabna. Earlier, Pabna DSA beat Noaggon 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.

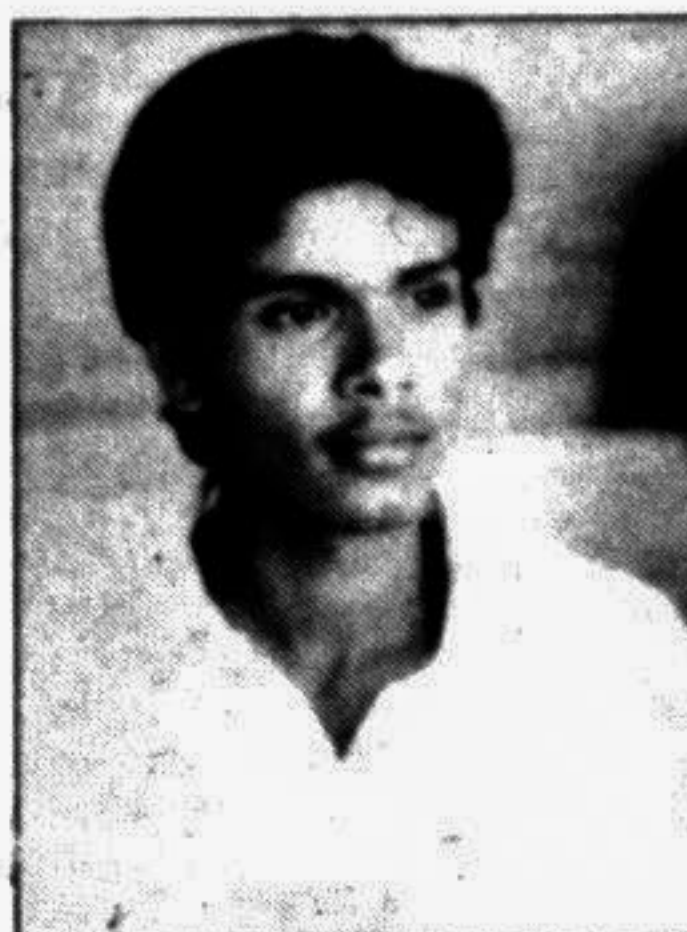
The creditable victory earned GMCC a berth in the next round as Group D champions while Kalabagan, who provided some sort of a sensation in a somewhat dull inter-club players transfer roping in a number of current and former national players, were left in the wilderness at least until the Navana Premier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

Set to score a modest 208 runs for victory in the stipulated 45 overs, star-studded Kalabagan surprisingly collapsed to a paltry 120 with more than 12 overs to spare.

In a placid wicket, Kalabagan started disastrously losing the

Mizanur Rahman Babul, Left-arm spinner Sharfud-dowla Ibn Shaheed, who ripped through the Kalabagan tail, enacted a rather entertaining finish when he picked the last Kalabagan wicket to complete his hat-trick — the second in the season.

Left-arm seamer Anis, who troubled the Kalabagan upper



SAIKAT...treble

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 Abdullah Khan.

Sanwar and skipper Mahbubur Rahman contributed 29 and 21 respectively.

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

### GULSHAN WIN

In the other match of the day at the Dhamondri 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 Ujjal who added 105 runs for the second wicket after Liton (20).



Gulshan Youth's Anup and Ujjal 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 Dhamondri 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 Rahman 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 nought.

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 ten boundaries in his chancy 29-ball knock.

Kalabagan's Pakistani all-rounder Abdullah Khan and Tomal withstood the pressure for a while, sharing 36 runs for the fourth wicket but once they were separated it was all over for Kalabagan.

Khan, who scored a polished 24 off 41 balls, edged a Kaiser Hasif leg-cutter to wicketkeeper Shafiqul Haq Pappu who clung to a low catch.

An obdurate Tomal (33) and a gritty Zakaria Imtiaz (11) took Kalabagan total to 100 in 24 overs before both fell on the same score.

Zakaria was the first to go after failing to keep his drive off Sanwar down and Selim at mid-on did the rest. Tomal top-edged an intended sweep to the wicketkeeper off Saikat.

Veteran Rafiqul Alam was Sanwar's second victim and the third among the five Kalabagan batsmen to have gone for a duck.

Saikat, a member of the Bangladesh team in the ICC trophy, finished with an excellent analysis of four for 13 in his 5.3 overs.

With Kalabagan reeling at 120 for seven in 32 overs, Saikat bowled Rashidul Amin (8) in the first ball of the 33rd over, then removed Efece, who gave the bowler a return catch, and finally had Pappu, who proved a matured soldier behind the wicket, stumped Monirul Islam to complete the Kalabagan rout as well as his hat-trick.

Earlier winning the toss and deciding to bat first, GMCC scored an adequate 207 for nine in the allotted 45 overs, thanks to their opener Javed Omar Belim who scored a sparkling 82.

A member of the national youth team on the successful Malaysia tour early this year,

### Army v'ball

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

## 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 re-playing 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 hat-trick to lead Bangladesh Water Development Board to an emphatic 7-2 victory over Rupital 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 Toursitchan tomorrow.

## 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, reports

day for us as I did not expect a total beyond 225 on a wicket like this. We just have to do our job tomorrow on the field and the match could be ours."

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 bowling on its merits but, when given the chance to attack, he cut and drove fluently and was especially harsh on leg-spinner Rajindra 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 Arthurton 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 Junior 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 Cuffy 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

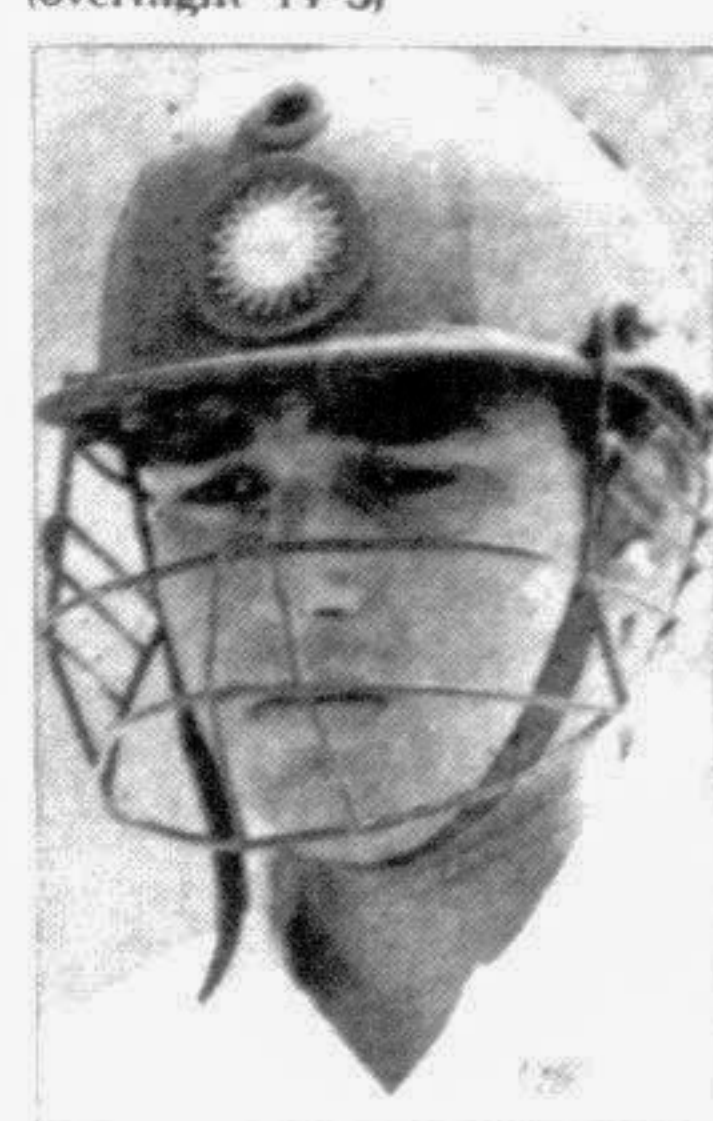
Scoreboard on the third day of the first cricket Test be-

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 (J Raju 5-60)

INDIA: Second innings (overnight 11-3)



MANJREKAR...66

M Prabhakar c Hooper b Benjamin	7
N Sidhu lbw b Benjamin	12
N Mongia c Adams b Benjamin	0
V Kambli c Hooper b Benjamin	0
S Tendulkar c Murray b Hooper	85
M Azharuddin c Arthurton b Hooper	17
S Manjrekar c Cuffy b Walsh	66
A Kumble c Hooper b Cuffy	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
Cuffy	12	2	46	1

# Bad start for Zimbabweans



KALGOORLIE, Australia, Nov 20: A Western Australian state XI scored a 30-run victory over Zimbabwe Sunday as the Zimbabweans made a disappointing start to their seven-week cricket tour of Australia, reports AP.

The state team scored 266 for five in its 50 overs and then dismissed Zimbabwe for 236 in the 47th over.

Zimbabwe paid a high price for some sloppy fielding and dropped four catches as the Western Australian XI piled on the runs.

Mark Lavender led the way with a fluent 74, while leg-spinner Paul Strang took two for 33 for Zimbabwe.

The Zimbabweans staged a dramatic lower-order revival after being 75 for five, but failed by 31 runs.

The tourists were 168 for eight after 35 overs but Strang lifted them to within sight of victory with some lusty hitting that yielded 43 runs.

Former Australian Test paceman Bruce Reid took three for 19 from seven overs for the victors.

Zimbabwe next play the Australian Cricket Academy in Adelaide from Wednesday through Friday.

### HOUGHTON HURT

Meanwhile, an earlier AFP report said: Zimbabwe's preparations for one of their biggest cricket assignments were thrown into confusion here Saturday with a severe hand injury to the team's most experienced player, vice-captain David Houghton.

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

and was rushed to nearby Royal Perth Hospital, where X-rays revealed the break.

His arms was placed in plaster to just below the elbow, raising doubts about whether he will recover in time to play a part in the World Series games, starting here in 13 days.

Zimbabwe physiotherapist Rob Godbolt said early indications were Houghton would be sidelined for two to four weeks.

"This is a big blow, because David is such a vital member of the team," said Zimbabwe coach John Hampshire.

Plans were made for him to see a specialist in Adelaide, where the side will arrive on Monday.

### NICE GESTURE

Houghton was injured shortly after one of the game's greatest fast bowlers, Dennis Lillee, had appeared at the nets to pass on a few tips to Zimbabwe's aspiring pacemen.

Lillee turned up as a favour to Hampshire, a long-time friend.

Lillee, who captured 355 Test wickets, gave the thumbs up to the Zimbabwe speed potential.

He was especially impressed by Streak and Eddo Brandes, a 31-year-old chicken farmer.

"Streak and Brandes could be very good Test bowlers," the former master said.

"As far as World Series goes, this attack will be very competitive, especially if they learn to bowl a good Australian length."

county Worcester, was struck in the nets by a vicious delivery from team-mate Heath Streak, a 20-year-old firebrand from Matabeleland.

Streak dropped a ball just slightly short of length. It climbed steeply, slamming into Houghton's hand as he attempted to fend it away at face level.

"Obviously, I feel bad about hurting one of our key players, but, of course, you do not do these things intentionally," said Streak.

# ATP looks into future



FRANKFURT, Nov 20: In an attempt to enhance interest in the game, tennis officials are planning to

slow the indoor game with the help of advanced technology and to regulate television exposure, reports AP.

Responding to common complaints that the indoor game is too fast, with few rallies between player serving aces at 200 kmh (120 mph), the Association of Tennis Professionals Tour is developing technology to overcome the problem.

The tour is working with the French Tennis Federation and the International Tennis Federation to develop a machine that will measure the speed of specific balls on a specific surface, Mark Miles, chief executive officer of the IBM/ATP Tour, told reporters Sunday.

"The goal is to develop technology to measure court speed, then utilize the technology to set standards for ball and court velocity," Miles said.

Similar tests with balls will be conducted in Wimbledon to determine an appropriate balance for play on grass.

"The objective is 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

Italian spikers on a roll

OSAKA, Nov 20: World champions Italy powered past the Netherlands 3-1 here Saturday in the preliminary round of the world Super Four men's volleyball tournament, reports AP.

Andrea Zorzi chalked up 27 attacking points and 73 winners for side-out as well as two service aces to lead the Italians to a 15-13, 14-16, 15-3, 15-6 victory.

It was a repeat performance of the World Championship final at Athens last month when the Italians defeated the Dutch in four sets.

In the second match at the Osaka-Jo Hall, Japan pulled off an upset to beat the United States, the bronze medalists in Athens, 3-0 (15-6, 15-11, 15-11).

Italy stood with two wins, the Netherlands and Japan with 1-1 and the United States with two losses.

is too much variation in the speed of courts.

"Our goal for indoor tennis must be to consistently provide fans with a ball and court combination that allows for rallies," Miles said.

Too much tennis on television is also hurting the game, Miles said.

"We have collectively allowed the game to be exposed in the most confusing way," he said.

For example, in Germany, one of Europe's prime tennis markets, an average of nine hours of tennis were shown daily on various channels last year.

The tour will establish limits on reruns and tape-delayed broadcasts to cut over-exposure and will also try to gain television licensing rights for about 50 tournaments for Europe, Miles said.

Starting from 1996, the tour will limit the number of events that can be shown live in one country, with no tape-delays after 48 hours and no more than two reruns, he said.

The tour is also considering ways to improve the ranking system, Miles said, but no decision will be taken at least until the end of January.