Champs play Victoria today



Reigning champions Abahani Limited begin second round campaign of the 15th Damal Summer cricket tourney today as they take on Victoria Spor-

The popular Dhanmondi Chib, who had to wait a year to defend the title after winning the violence-marred 14th Damal final against Brothers Union in 1992 since the 15th meet originally scheduled for last year could not be held due to packed international and domestic schedule.

ting Club at the Dhaka Stadium

Abahani, who have undergone little nomenclatural ch ange meanwhile having traded krira chakra' for 'limited', will have to make do with their local collection since their two foreign cricketers - Indian Test discards Raman Lamba and Maninder Singh - missed flight yesterday, according to skipper Gazi Ashraf Hossain

Abahani will also miss the service of the hard-hitting opening batsman Harun ur Rashid Liton, who has not been able to do his white flannels this season owing to a nagging shoulder injury. -

Despite these unavailabili-

were 81 for five in their sec-

and innings at the close on the

third day of the first cricket

Test at the Wanderers today.

Earlier on Saturday, New

Zealand pacemen Dion Nash

bined to force South Africa on

to the back foot on the second

taken their overnight total of

242 for four to 411 all out

Nash and De Groen took two

wickets each as South Africa

furched to 109 for four in re-

Unfortunately for the New

Zealanders, though, their good

work in the field was tinged

with controversy over the

dismissal of Andrew Hudson.

caught behind by wicket-

keeper Adam Parore for 10 off

he dived one-handed in front

Queensland well

on course

land are on target for an out-

right victory after the third day

of their historic day-night She-

ffield Shield match against

Western Australia on Saturday,

in their second innings at the

close of play, needing 192 runs

for victory, after their pace at-

tack had routed the home side.

and Carl Rackemann bowled

out Western Australia for 146

in their second innings with

Rowell doing most damage by

Left-armer Tazelaar and

Tom Moody hit six bound-

aries for Western Australia,

who started the day at 31 for

four, but fell victim to Rowell's

consistency and was caught

Matthew Mott. on 10. will re-

Burma's biggest

than 56,000 people took part

in Burma's biggest marathon

event on Saturday, according

to media reports today, re-

RANGOON, Nov 27: More

Martin Love, on 40, and

behind for 38.

ports Reuter.

sume for Queensland.

Rackemann took three wickets

snaring four wickets for 17

Greg Rowell, Dirk Tazelaar

Queensland were 54 for one

reports Reuter.

PERTH. Nov 27: Queens-

It looked a brilliant catch as

Nash in the seventh over

After New Zealand had

and Richard de Groen com-

reports Reuter.

day of the first Test.

ply at the close.

JOHANNESBURG

Zealand, 132

runs ahead of

South Africa on

innings.

Nov 27: New

Sports Reporter ties. Abahani on paper at least have enough firepower to snuff out a youthful Victoria. who stormed in the six-team sec-

ond round Saturday with a massive ten-wicket victory forcing Surja Tarun to eat the humble pie - registering the tournament's lowest total so far - 58 - in a ridiculously short-lived match Abahani will play their last

group match leading up to the semifinals on December 2 against Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club.

While the passage to the semifinal for Abahani seemed a foregone conclusion from the

N'ganj football

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Nov 27: Mitaiganj Krira Chakra trounced DSS 3-0 in the Hanjin Shipping First Division super league at the Osmani Stadium

Mita, Robi and Mithu scored once each for the win-

Two matches will be played tomorrow. Sonakandi White Club take on DSS Blues while Khanpur Mohsin Club play Shuktara in a tie postponed on November 16

of first slip but television re-

plays appeared to show Parore

had scooped it up on the

tain Ken Rutherford nor

Parore was permitted to com-

ment but coach Geoff Howarth

said: "I talked to our players

and they were all of the opin-

ion that it carried.

Neither New Zealand cap-

moment the draws were declared, two former champions Bangladesh Biman and Mohammedans are anything but assured of their places in the

Huddled in Y group along with in-form Brothers Union. Mohammedans, who have the unique distinction of reaching 13 previous finals, will find it difficult to pave the way for a possible 14th entry into the fi-

Although two Pakistani players have joined their ranks. Mohammedans are yet to strike the sort of form one would expect from a top team like them.

Mohammedans second round safari begin on the last day of the month against Brothers.

Star-studded Biman appear to be the most balanced team of the teams on display so far let alone the group. The cricketers of the national airline are scheduled to go in action tomorrow against Brothers.

Meanwhile, the authorities have announced the rate of tickets for the final round of the tournament.

VIP Gate No 1- Taka 50. VIP Gate No 3 — Taka 30. West and eastern galleries — Taka 10.

De Villiers devastates NZ The last-wicket pair of Simon Doull and Richard de Groen then added 57 for the final wicket, a New Zealand record against South Africa.

by his opening partner Gary Kirsten picked up in the gallery by Crowe for nine and Brian McMillan, elevated to the number three slot, caught by Darrin Murray at short leg after mishooking Nash for five.

Darryl Cullinan then joined Hansie Cronje in a steadying captain was adjudged lbw to De

SCOREBOARD

of the first cricket Test. between South Africa and New Zealand at the Wanderers to-

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 411 (S. Thomson 84, M Crowe 83, K Rutherford 68).

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings (overnight 109-4) A Hudson c Parore b Nash G Kirsten c Crowe be De Groen B McMillan c Murray b Nash H Cronje lbw b De Groen D Cullinan c Parore b Doull J Rhodes Ibw b Doull D Richardson lbw b Nash R Snell c Crowe b Hart C Matthews c Crowe b Hart

Fall of wickets: 1-20: 2-28: 3-38: 4-73: 5-147: 6-148: 7

pire's decision." Earlier Martin Crowe, 81 not out overnight, missed out on the opportunity to become the first batsman to score a century against each of the Test playing nations when he was lbw after adding only two

DE VILLIERS ... 4 for 21

but we're not here to cheat.

Adam definitely thought he

Woolmer said: "It did look as

though it didn't carry but the

television is not always right. It

may give a message to Andrew

(Hudson) to wait for the um-

had caught it."

"We're here to play hard

South African coach Bob

further runs. However, Shane Thomson, in partnership with Nash put on 74 for the eight wicket, and cracked 15 boundaries in his 117-ball innings of 84 before being bowled by Craig Matthews. Nash followed in the

next over for 18.

with Doull hitting left-arm spinner Clive Eksteen for two straight sixes in one over and striking another four boundaries to finish with 31 not out from 30 balls. When South Africa went in to bat, Hudson was the first to

go and he was quickly followed

partnership of 35 before the Groen for 20. Cullinan was the only batsman to look at home, scoring 35 not out by the

Scoreboard on the third day

C Eksteen c Fleming b Hart F de Villiers not out Extras: (b-6, lb-6)

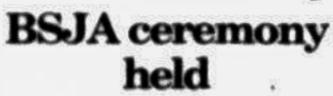
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173; 8-197;	9-254.			
Bowling:	0	M	R	W
Nash	24	6	81	3
Doull	21	6	70	2
De Groen	21	2	59	2
Hart	26	7	57	3
				300th

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings D Murray lbw b De Villiers B Young c Richardson b De Villiers 18 S Fleming c Richardson b Matthews 15 M Crowe b De Villiers K Rutherford c McMillan b De Villiers 0

S Thomson not out A Parore not out Extras: (lb:2) Total: (for five wickets) .

Fall of wicket: 1-0; 2-32; 3-33; 4-33; 5-34 Bowling: De Villiers 21

Matthews Eksteen



Sports Reporter

The biennial prize-giving ceremony of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) was held at Hotel Sonargaon last evening.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain, chief guest at the ceremony, gave away prizes among the 28 sports personalities and four sponsors for their contribution for the year 1992 and 1993 respectively.

We will have to overcome the present stalemate in different federations through collective effort," said the state minister in his brief speech. But he remained tight lipped about elections in sports, a commitment he made way back in 1991.

Chaired by BSJA president Masud Ahmed Rumi, the ceremony was attended among others by Nurunnabi Chowdhury, an ace footballer of the yesteryears, and veteran sports organiser Sachindra Kumar

Vice-president of Biman Sports and Cultural Club. Raisuddin Ahmed, who spoke on behalf of the sponsors, and Sayed Rumman bin Wali Shabbir the footballer for the year 1993, were the other notable speakers on the occasion.

Recipients for 1992: Rumi Rizvi Karim (football), Akram Khan (cricket). Mohammad Sadek (hockey), IM Ziaur Rahman (chess). Golam Ambia and Jyotsna Afroz (athletics, Karar Mizanur Rahman and Monira Rahman Dalia (swimming). Elina Begum (badminton). Julekha Akhter (table tennis), and National Bank Limited, Green Delta Insurance and Beximco (sponsors).

for 1992: Wahidul Gani (cricket), Dewan Nazrul Islam (gymnastics), Jahangir Alam (kabaddi/football/volleyball). Prof Rashiduddin Ahmed (sports medicine). M Nasiruddin (swimming organiser-Pabna) and Aslam Belim (hockey um-

Recipients of special awards

Recipients for 1993: Sved Rumman Bin Wali Sabbir (football), Enamul Haq Moni (cricket). Mahboob Haroon (hockey). Bimal Chandra Tarafder (athletics). Ateegur Rahman and Saiful Alam Rinki (shooting). Mahtabur Rahman Bulbul (basketball coach) and Sifua Khatoon (athletics coach), Sayed Yousuf Hossain (table tennis-organiser). Shamsul Bari (hockey-organiser) and Hassan Rumi (organiser-Khulna), and Biman Bangladesh Airlines (sponsor).

Special award for 1993: Ibrahim Saber (soccer, cricket and hockey).

Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Nov 27: Abahani Krira Chakra exacted a sweet revenge when they beat Fifth Armed Battalion 5-1 in the Emma Overseas Senior Division football league at a local stadium today.

Abahani, who lost to the servicemen by a solitary goal in their previous encounter, were powered by a treble from Shamim and Zahid's double strike.

Skating competition

A skating competition was held yesterday at the Manik Mia Avenue in observance of Tourism Month '94, reports

Organised jointly by the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation and Roller Skating Federation, the competition was participated by five groups of skaters.

Incontrad v'ball result

Holders Dhaka DSA beat Chittagong DSA in straight sets in the men's group of the Incontrad inter-district volleyball tournament at the Outer Stadium court yesterday, reports UNB.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeque Hossain is seen with the recipients of the Bangladesh Sports Journalists'



Aussie batsman Mark Waugh playing one off his pads during the second days play of the first Test against England at the Gabba in Brisbane yesterday. First innings century-maker Waugh, only made 15 in an Australian total of 194 for — AFP photo Aussies extend lead to an imposing 453

England in tight corner



BRISBANE, Nov 27: Aus-tralia took their lead over England to 453 in the first Ashes Test today

chose not to enforce the follow-on, reports Reuter. After routing the tourists for 167, sixty runs shy of the follow-on target. Taylor opted to pile on the runs at the Gabba rather than send the

opposition back in. At the close on the third day. Australia were in an impregnable position at 194 for seven, increasing their first innings lead of 259 to a daunting 453.

Australia are expected to declare on Monday morning. leaving England having to bat for almost two days to have the match.

England, resuming on 133 for six, lost their last four weeks cheaply as spinner Shane Warne and fast bowler Craig McDermott took two wickets apiece.

McDermott sparked the collapse when captain Mike Atherton fell for 54 after edging a bouncer to wicketkeeper lan Healy. McDermott completed his

first five-wicket haul in Test cricket since 1992 when he dismissed wicketkeeper Steven Rhodes. He finished with figures of six for 53. Slater, who scored 176 in

the first innings, hit a rapid 45 in a first-wicket partnership worth 109 before pace bowler Darren Gough trapped him leg before wicket.

Taylor fell for 58 soon after

LONDON, Nov 27:

Alan Shearer

scored a hattrick

and Chris Sutton

added another as

Blackburn beat

Queens Park Rangers 4-0 on

Saturday to go top of the

English Premier League, re-

Blackburn moved a point

ahead of defending champions

Manchester United whose de-

pressing week ended on a dis-

appointing note as they

slipped down to second place

sent off when they were beaten

3-1 by IFK Gothenburg in the

European Champion's League

on Wednesday, ended with 10

men for the second successive.

match with Mark Hughes sent

off after 88 minutes at

Highbury for a second bookable

Blackburn were the only

Third placed Newcastle

Fourth-placed Liverpool

Sixth-placed Chelsea lost 1-

Out-of-luck Leicester went

Kevin Macdonald, in charge

with their third manager in a

week - and went down to a

last-minute goal.

drew 1-1 at home with

United, who had Paul Ince

after drawing 0-0 at Arsenal.

ports Reuter.

when he hit a full toss from spinner Phtl Tufnell straight to Alec Stewart in the covers. It was Tufnell's first success

during a marathon spell of 31 overs which cost 58 runs. England then managed to restrict the batsmen with de fensive field placings and accu-

rate bowling, and wickets fell regularly. England team manager Keith Fletcher said his side were surprised by Taylor's decision, adding: "Both our openers had their pads on and were

"It gives us a chance to get out of the game with a draw, and a day's rain wouldn't go amiss, but we'll have to bat for about five sessions to save the game.

ready to go out again.

"Someone has to get 200 and someone else must hit a century. Our batting will have to improve an awful lot to have a chance of saving the game."

Australian coach Bobby Simpson justified Taylor's decision to bat again, commenting: The only things we considered was what we thought was the best way for Australia to win the game.

"We've checked the forecast for the next couple of days and it's beautiful. "We're in a great position as

the ball is spinning and bouncing and there's a lot of rough out there.'

"England will have to play very well to save the game."

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at the end of

the England third day of the first Test between and Australia at the Gabba today.

Rovers ride on Shearer

alongside fellow youth team

coach Tony McAndrew follow-

ing the departure of Aston

Villa-bound Brian Little and his

assistants John Gregory and

Allan Evans, watched Mark

Draper give their side a 22nd

levelled in the 56th minute

before Daryl Sutch snatched a

a late goal to wrap up a 2-0 win

over Wimbledon, who like

Manchester United had a

player sent off for the second

red card late in the second

half and German Uwe Rosler

added City's second a minute

from time to add to Gary

Flitcroft's seventh-minute

SHEARER ... hattrick

and Coventry was delayed 15

The start of the match at

Alan Reeves was shown the

dramatic, last minute victory.

But defender Jon Newsome

Manchester City also scored

minute lead.

successive match.

opener.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 426 (M Slater 176, M Waugh 140, M Taylor 59; D Gough 4-ENGLAND: First innings lover-

night 133-6): Atherton c Healy b McDermott 54

Stewart c Healy b McDermott Hick c Healy b McDermott Thorpe c and b Warne Gooch c Healy b May Gatting lbw McDermott McCague b McDermott Rhodes lbw McDermott Defreitas c Healy b Warne Gough not out Tufnell c Taylor b Warne Extras: (lb-1, nb-6)

Fall: 1-22; 2-35; 3-82; 4-105: 5-131; 6-133; 7-140; 8-147; 9-151.

Bowling:	О	M	R	
McDermott	19	3	53	
McGrath	10	2	40	
May	17	3	34	
Warne	21.2	7	39	
AUSTRALIA	A: Seco	ond	inni	າຍ
Taylor c Stewa	5			
Slater Ibw Gou	gh			4

Boon b Tufnell M Waugh b Tufnell Bevan c Rhodes b Defreitas S Waugh c sub (White) b Tufnell Healy not out Warne c sub (White) b DeFreitas McDermott not out Extras: (b-2, lb-8, w-2, nb-1) Total: (for seven wickets)

Fall: 1-109: 2-117: 3-139: 4-174; 5-183; 6-190; 7-191. To bat: May, S McGrath.

Bowling:	0	M	R	W
DeFreitas	20	1	61	2
Gough	18	2	59	1
Tufnell	31	9	58	4
Gooch	3	2	5	0
Hick	2	1	1	0
650		200		COSTAIL.

minutes because of traffic con-

gestion. Coventry were the

only side to find a way through

on the pitch winning 1-0 with

a 58th minute goal from de-

second successive clean sheet

since allegations were made

against him for throwing

matches and accepting bribes.

as Southampton followed up

last week's 1-0 win over

Arsenal with a 0-0 draw at

tory over new boss Ray Wilkins'

QPR side was due to the lethal

finishing of Shearer and Suton,

who together cost Blackburn,

8.3 million pounds (13 million

season to 32 goals with a sec-

ond half Shearer hattrick,

Blackburn's emphatic vic-

Bruce Grobbelaar kept his

fender David Busst.

Crystal Palace.

dollars).

CALICUT, India, Nov 27: The West Indies today called off their disrupted three-day

cricket match against Indian "We regret to inform you

to resume the match on Sunday," tour manager David Holford told the local organis-The organisers had previ-

ously called off play on the second-day of the match on Saturday because of a statewide strike led by communist students in the southern state of Kerala in which at least nine people have been reported killed.

Friday, when the West Indies were bowled out for 176 and Bombay had scored 53 for two. was marred by the strike. "The West Indies team re-

main apprehensive, particularly after being forced to remain in the stadium for about two hours at the end of play on Friday because of the disturbance in the neighbourhood of the team's hotel," Holford

which included a penalty. Sutton opened the scoring early on with his 16th of the season.

They took their total for the

It was Blackburn's sixth successive win as they eye their first championship title

since 1914. Manchester United went to Highbury looking for some consolation after the midweek mauling in Gothenburg.

But in a breathless game of seven bookings they largely had to play second fiddle to Arsenal who, familiarly, lacked a cutting edge up front.

England striker lan Wright finally ran out of scoring luck after hitting the target in all his previous 12 appearances.

In another Lancashire versus London battle at Anfield, Liverpool dominated play against Tottenham for long periods but only broke through with a debatable 39th minute penalty which Robbie Fowler converted for his 17th goal of

But Tottenham railied and came away with a pint when their former player Niel Upton Park between West Ham Ruddock put through his own goal after 77 minutes.

the season.

Sports Reporter Faisal scored a sparkling

DU cricket

unbeaten half century as the Department of Geography cruised home with a 38-run win over the Department of Mathematics in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket championship at Jagannath Hall ground yesterday. Sent into bat first,

162 for four in the allotted 30 overs with Faisal notching a quickfire 72 while Nadir Ali. the other notable scorer. chipped in with 33. Tomal with three for 34

Geography compiled a huge

was the most successful bowler for Mathematics. Chasing over five runs an

over for victory. Mathematics could muster 124 for seven when the stipulated overs were exhausted. Meanwhile, in the inter-department football championship the Department of App-

lied Physics posted a thumping 6-0 victory over Computer Science at the university ground adjacent to the central gymnasium.

The winners led the breather 2-0.

WI-Bombay tie cancelled

champions Bombay, saying a sometimes violent strike surrounding the venue made play unwise, reports Reuter. that we are in no mental state

ers in_a letter.

The first day of play on

"The further cancellation of the second day's play and

events witnessed by the players standing outside the hotel have done nothing to reassure us that the situation is normal. "As a professional team of sportsmen who take pride in their performance, the play-

ers, in their understandable state of anxiety, feel unable to give their best in these circumstances." Team sources said the West Indian decision appeared to have been made after Carl

wandered out of the hotel, encountered a violent mob and had to run back. Bombay manager Suru Nayak criticised the West Indian decision. "I must say we are greatly disappointed that

the match had to be aban-

Hooper and Jimmy Adams

doned on account of their refusal to play," he said. With the West Indies defeated 4-1 in the one-day series and one down with two Test matches to play, this has not been a happy tour for Holford.

He had said before leaving the West Indies that it would be a tough tour, with India's slow wickets far from suiting the West Indian pace attack. But the team has also had to

cope with a very tight travel schedule, baggage going astray. come poor hotels, a couple of worse pitches and now political violence.



Association (BSJA) award for 1992-93 at a local hotel yesterday. - Star photo