

## Nat'l chess squad wins one, loses one

Bangladeshi men's team registered a facile 4-0 victory over Bahrain in their first round match of the Chess Olympiad now being held in Moscow, reports UNB.

According to a message received here last night, Bangladesh team comprising Grandmaster Niaz Morshed, IM Ziaur Rahman, IM Reesat bin Sattar and Syed Tahmidur Rahman outplayed their middle-eastern opponents on Friday.

In the women's section, Bangladesh team lost 1-2 to Azerbaijan in the first round match. IWM Rani Hamid of Bangladesh earned the lone point beating Grandmaster Sofia Bagmire.

In the second round match yesterday, Bangladesh team suffered 0.5-3.5 points defeat against Yugoslavia.

## Lithuania leads chess Olympiad

MOSCOW, Dec 3: Lithuania has emerged as the surprise leader after crushing Chile 4-0 in the Chess Olympiad and scoring a maximum 8 out of 8 in the men's section, reports AP.

A late-night win Friday pushed Lithuania ahead of Croatia and Bosnia, who are playing under the banner of Yugoslavia. Croatia and Bosnia scored 7.5 out of a possible 8 after beating Bangladesh 3.5-0.5.

Russia, the event's favourite, again omitted Garry Kasparov from its team and only managed to score 3-1 against Cuba, conceding two draws.

Kasparov has promised to play Saturday and the Russians are still expected to win the event held at the Cosmos Hotel.

The biggest upset Friday was Kazakhstan's victory over England, which fielded Nigel Short and Michael Adams, both previous candidates for the World Chess Champion crown.

Both Adams and Short drew their respective games, but a surprise defeat on board 3 ended Kazakhstan to score.

The US team, which was expected to beat Australia, was held back when the Australians drew the match 2-2.

In the women's section, the Georgian side, with former Women's World Champion Maia Chiburdanidze on board 1, is leading along with Poland and Hungary, which is fielding of two of the three Polgar sisters.

Georgia defeated Bosnia 3-0, Poland bested India 3-0, and Hungary beat Cuba 3-0.

## N'ganj soccer

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 3: BSTC (Dockyard) blanked Shuktara Junior Krira Chakra 3-0 in the Hanjin Shipping Senior Division football league at the Osmani here today.

Ripon put the winners into the lead in the 30th minute while Titu and Nadim added two more goals after the breather to seal the fate of the match.

Mohsin Club will take on Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) tomorrow (Sunday).

## Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Dec 3: Touch Video Club clinched the title of the Emma Overseas First Division football league when they earned a 3-2 win over Abahani Krira Chakra in the last match of the super league at the local stadium here today.

Touch Video Club, the only unbeaten outfit in the four-team super league, needing one point from the match, struck twice in the span of 16 minutes after the breather to clinch the victory.

Harun, Milon and Tarique scored one each for the winners while Tuhin and Zakir made it for the losers.

Ten teams, split into two groups, took part in the league, which began on November 2.

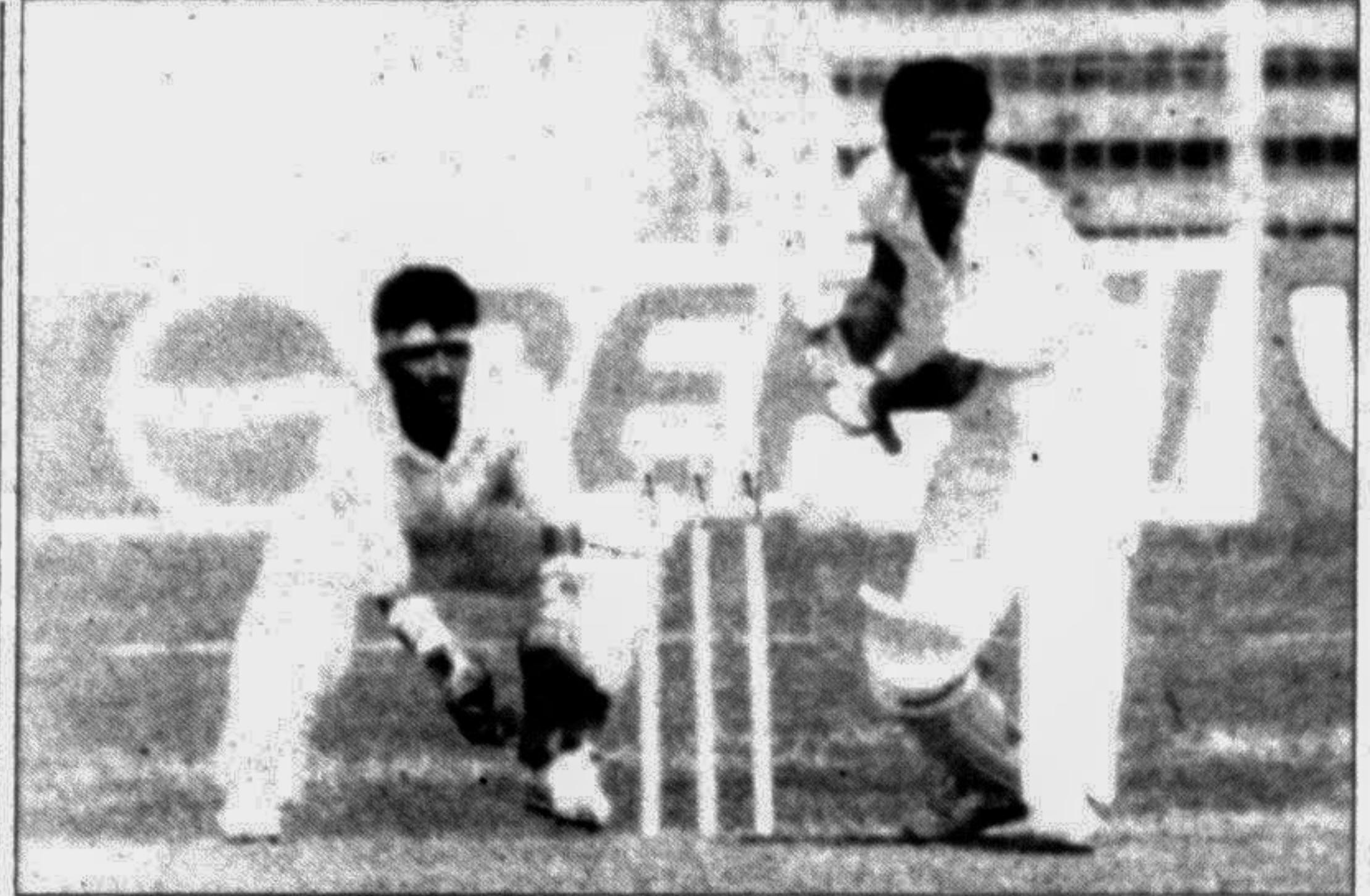
## DU football, cricket results

Physics edged past Applied Physics 2-1 in the Dhaka University inter-department football tournament at the university ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Manjor and Babar scored for the winners while Mizan netted for the losers.

In the DU inter-department cricket tournament, International Relations won by 74 runs against Statistics Department at the Jagannath hall ground.

Batting first, International Relations rattled up a massive 196 for six in allotted 30 overs. In reply, Statistics managed to collect 122 for five in 30 overs.



Indian teenage prodigy Amal Majumder is all eyes to play a ball from Biman left-arm spinner Enamul Huq. The talented Bombayite picked up a half century on his debut in Dhaka and Mohammedans posted a vital win at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

## Another Abahani-Mohammedans Damal semifinal

## Biman lose way in clear sky

### Sports Reporter

by Hasibul Hossain:

December is a month of nostalgia. Guess how? Twenty-four hours after Holland and Pakistan crossed the semifinal barriers of the Cathay Pacific World Cup men's hockey championship for a repeat final of four years ago, former champions Mohammedans won a semifinal place in the fifteenth Damal Summer cricket tournament to set up a premature derby for the first three Biman batsmen at hardly any cost.

Opener Ziaur Rashid started the rot by inside edging an intended push to a ball that was more short than up to him and caught him between wind and water.

Jahangir Alam, Biman's most in-form batsman with three half centuries, played all over an in-swinger and Habibul Bashar after playing a sweetly-timed flick off his pads attempted something of that ilk to hear the wooden rattle spoil New Zealand's preparations.

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Enamul Huq lived up to his reputation of being always-up-to-arms against Mohammedans with a haul of five wickets for 38. Had he stayed at the wicket wee bit longer his effort with the ball would have won the day for the airliners, perhaps.

CHETAN SHARMA FOR VICTORIA

While Amal Majumdar was to part with Mohammedans after a brief and fruitful honeymoon, Victoria prepared to receive India international Chetan Sharma, the only bowler to achieve a hattrick in the World Cup.

Majumdar was to leave Dhaka last night and Mohammedan officials are reportedly keeping their fingers crossed to have hard-hitting Atul Bedale, another Bombayite, to fill his void in the semifinal.

Meanwhile, Mohammedans yesterday completed the registration formalities of Nadin Yunus, one of the two Pakistanis, now nursing a wrist injury. They had earlier registered Naveed Bhatti for the Navana Premier league.

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The teen age Bombay right-hander, who entered the record books before winning an international cap with a double century on debut, arrived late Friday night as the frantic Mohammedan officials, panicked by Praveen Amre's departure, successfully latched on to the cue left by the Indian Test discard.

Their efforts paid off as tired and unmotivated he might have been, the future Indian Test cricketer was still good enough to milk a 71-ball 50 that turned out Mohammedan's winning capital.

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Two national basketball coaches — Mahtabur Rahman Bulbul and A K Sarkar — left Dhaka for Malaysia on Friday to participate in the IOC advanced basketball coaching course in Kuala Lumpur, reports UNB.

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## Injury creeps into Kiwi camp

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 3: New Zealand's preparations for their opening match in the Mandela Trophy quadrangular limited-overs tournament next week have been complicated by injuries, reports Reuter.

Their opening game is against South Africa in Cape Town on Tuesday but they continue their warm-up by taking on Transvaal in a 50-over contest at the Wanderers today.

The non-starters are fast bowler Dion Nash, who has a side strain, and their most accomplished batsman, Martin Crowe, who, according to coach Geoff Howarth, is due for a rest.

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Left-arm spinner Matthew Hart dislocated a finger during a one-day match in Soweto on Thursday and is likely to sit out the Transvaal.

What does seem certain is that the battle for the number six spot in the Test between Shane Thomson and Chris Harris is unlikely to be an issue as both are important members of the one-day side and will play.

In a throwback to the days of Dipak Patel in the last World Cup in 1992, Thomson opened the bowling in Soweto with his off-spin, an indication that New Zealand were, in the words of Howarth, "still considering the options."

Transvaal will be without two key bowlers, seamer Richard Snell and left-arm spinner Clive Eksteen who are both in South Africa's squad for the Mandela Trophy, but the provincial team's Lancashire and England batsman Neil Fairbrother could easily spoil New Zealand's preparations.

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Their top order looks strong. Their middle order looks to be their Achilles heel based on yesterday's performance, but you can't really make a judgement on just one game."

After viewing the bouncy pitch Saturday morning, Chappell was surprised it yielded such low scores and said he expects bigger totals on Sunday.

"Whoever bats first would be looking at about 220 or 230," Chappell said. "When you look at the start Zimbabwe got yesterday, they probably should have ended up with 220."

"But what happens in these one-day games is the team batting second cut their cloth accordingly."

"With Merv Hughes certain to spearhead the bowling attack, pacemen Jo Angel, Paul Reiffel and Greg Rowell will fight for the remaining two."

## World champs on the roll



DURBAN, Dec 3: Pakistan struck first in the four-nation one-day tournament for the Mandela Trophy when, inspired by a masterly 100 from opener Asim Sohail, they beat Sri Lanka by six wickets in the opening fixture on Friday, reports Reuter.

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