

Azad carves Lalbagh win

Sports Reporter
Azad scored an unbeaten half-century as Lalbagh United Sporting Club cruised to a facile six-wicket win over Rayer Bazar Athletic Club in one of the two Acme Second Division cricket league matches played at different city venues yesterday.

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Azad scored a sparkling 68 with the help of six hits to the fence as Lalbagh, needing 156 runs for an outright victory, reached the target for the loss of four wickets with more than five overs to spare in the 40-overs-a-side engagement.

Earlier, winning the toss Rayer Bazar decided to bat first and scored a fighting 155 before being all out in 38.1 overs. Munna, who scored a quickfire 32 off 40 balls, was the top-scorer for the eventual losers followed by opener Junaid who made a patient 19 off 37 balls.

Lalbagh's new-ball bowler Sunny Shoope with the cherry claiming three wickets for 37 runs in his quota of eight overs. He was well supported by Babu who took two for 25.

In the other match of the day at the Dhanmondi Club Ground, Spreadeagles recorded a sensational five-wicket win over Millbarrack Cricketers' Club.

Chasing Millbarrack's 164-9 in the allotted 40 overs, Spreadeagles had to wait till the last ball of the innings before scraping home with Islam Khan and Rafique remaining unbeaten on 29 and 20 respectively.

BEXIMCO soccer

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Pabna moved into the Chudanga zonal final of the BEXIMCO national schools football championship with a thumping 4-0 win over Kushtia at the Chudanga Stadium yesterday.

Afzal struck twice after Zahurul shot the winners into the lead while Rashed added another to complete a Kushtia rout.

Pabna will take on the winners of today's match between Barguna and Jheridaha in the final on January 3.

Meanwhile, the Dhaka zonal final between Narayanganj and hosts Dhaka will be held at the Mirpur Stadium today to decide who join Comilla, Rajshahi, Tangail and Jessore in the final round of the meet, which is scheduled to be held in Cox's Bazar from the second week of January.

Hayden designs Zimbabwe's doom

MARYBOROUGH, Australia, Dec 31: A brilliant innings by Matthew Hayden steered Queensland to a comfortable four-wicket win over Zimbabwe in their three-day cricket match on Saturday, reports Reuter. Hayden, standing in as captain due to the absence of both Ian Healy and Stuart Law, smashed an unbeaten 90 as Queensland reached the required total of 201 with six wickets down.

The powerful left hander relinquished his customary opening position to bat down the order but the change did not trouble him. He also scored 64 in the first innings.

Hayden, a member of the Australia 'A' side competing against England, Australia and Zimbabwe in the World Series competition, was well supported by Martin Love who scored 55.

Zimbabwe led by 71 on the first innings thanks to a sporting declaration by Hayden. But the tourists, who resumed their second innings on 73 for six, were dismissed for just 129.

Queensland pacesman Michael Kaspravic, who claimed three for no runs in his first over on Friday, snared the prize scalp of Zimbabwe skipper Andy Flower for 31 in Saturday's eighth over.

Spinner Stephen Peall, who took 52 for four off 19 overs, was the pick of the tourists' bowlers.

More worrying than the loss for Zimbabwe was a thigh injury to promising strike bowler Heath Streak. He had to bat with a runner in the second innings and did not take the ball when Queensland batted for a second time.

Becker doesn't need a contract

HAMBURG, Dec 31: Boris Becker will not sign a contract with the German Tennis Federation to compete in the Davis Cup, the triple Wimbledon champion lawyer Axel Meyer-Wolden said on Friday, reports AFP.

Meyer-Wolden said, "If Becker's physical condition allows it, he will be available to play in the Davis Cup, if the federation so wishes. A contract is not necessary for that."

The German press is currently speculating on Becker's participation next year in this event — effectively the men's team World Championship.

Third Ashes Test begins in Sydney today

Atherton knows the score



SYDNEY, Dec 31: England captain Michael Atherton has set his batsmen the task of making a competitive first innings score in the third Test against Australia starting on Sunday, reports Reuter.

So far in the series, England's first innings totals of 167 in Brisbane and 212 in Melbourne have not been big enough to put Australia under pressure.

But with his side now two-nil down in the five-match series, Atherton knows that his batsmen have to collectively find their form if England are to retain any hope of regaining the Ashes.

"We need to score at least 350 or 400 runs in our first innings and if we can get that, it will change the complexion of the game," said Atherton.

"It will allow our bowlers to run in with a new confidence and aggression and it should reverse the pressure we've been feeling onto the Australian batsmen."

In order to get a big score however, England's players will need to come to terms with leg-spinner Shane Warne, who with twenty wickets in two Tests, has established a powerful hold on them.

"Shane Warne's fine bowler and everything that's said about him is true, but our batsmen need to find a way of coping with him," said Atherton.

"We've sat down and discussed how to play him but each batsman is out there on their own and they are all good players with Test centuries so they should know what to do."

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ENGLAND (likely): Mike Atherton (captain), Graeme Gooch, Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe, Mike Gatting, John Crawley, Steve Rhodes, Phil DeFreitas, Darren Gough, Devon Malcolm, Phil Tufnell, Shaun Udal (12th man).

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Bachelors' first

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Bachelors' Sporting Club recorded their maiden victory in the Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league with a convincing 3-1 win over Bangladesh Railway at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half Sa-bahuddin, Latif and Shahmawaz scored one goal apiece for bachelors while Matin pulled one back for the losers at the dying moments of the play.

Bachelors, who had earlier held the defending champions Abahani to a goalless draw, raised their collection to four points from five engagements.

In the other match of the day, Sadharan Bima earned their second successive win beating lowly Bangladesh Sporting Club by a 43rd minute goal from Ripon.

Sher-e-Bangla nat'l soccer in Feb

The first phase of the 19th Sher-e-Bangla national football championship will begin in the second week of February, said a press release of the Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday, reports UNB.

Interested district sports associations, sports control boards and universities have been requested to send their entries to the tournament committee secretary by January 20.

Hudson axed

DURBAN, Dec 31: South African opening batsman Andrew Hudson has been dropped for the third and final Test against New Zealand which starts in Cape Town on Monday, reports Reuter.

The selectors announced on Friday that Hudson, who has made just 26 runs in four innings in the current series, would be replaced by Rudolf Steyn of Orange Free State.

The only other change to the 13-man squad sees all-rounder Eric Simons come in for his Western Province teammate Craig Matthews who tore stomach muscles during the Durban Test.

Josephites in Fed Cup b'ball final

Josephites reached the final of the Purabi General Insurance 7th Federation Cup basketball tournament edging out the Greys Club 57-56 in an exciting semifinal at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

They will take on Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club in the final, the date of which is yet to be finalised.

Josephites led the first half 32-30. Sejad caged highest 22 points and Farhan 14 for the Josephites while Eric scored 14 and Anup 12 for the Greys.



Action from the Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league encounter between Bangladesh Railway and Bachelors Sporting Club at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. Bachelors won 3-1. — Star photo

More trouble for Ma Junren

BEIJING, Dec 31: China said today it was looking for a temporary replacement for supercoach Ma Junren, who is at odds with some of his athletes over division of money and prizes they won, reports Reuter.

Due to poor management, division of prizes and other problems, it is a fact that there are some differences between Ma Junren and some (team) members," Cui Dalin, deputy director of the Liaoning Provincial Sports Commission is endeavouring to look for a temporary replacement for coach Ma Junren.

Ma is in hospital after he was hurt in a car crash in Liaoning on Thursday when his

local newspaper said they had packed their bags and gone home.

Cui denied the "Ma family army" had been disbanded.

"It is not as serious as some small newspapers report it to be. The Liaoning women's middle — and long-distance has not been disbanded... the Ma family army is still persistently training," Cui said.

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10 million yuan (1.18 million dollar), the Liberation Daily said recently.

The cars were prizes given to three of his superwomen for their performances at a world athletics meet last year in Stuttgart, Germany, the newspaper said.

The newspaper quoted Wang Junxia, one of the three, as saying she has received 170,000 yuan (US 20,000 dollar), US 60,300 dollar and HK 1,000 dollar (US 128 dollar) from Ma and that QU Yunxia, another member of Ma's team, has received about 65,000 yuan (7,650 dollar).

Wang said that the money she has received is only a part of the total she has won, the newspaper said.

Dumitrescu leaves Spurs for Seville

LONDON, Dec 31: Romanian World Cup midfielder Ilie Dumitrescu has left English Premier league Tottenham to join Spanish club Sevilla on loan for the rest of the season, the London club said on Friday, reports Reuter.

Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar, who originally wanted a straightforward cash deal to recoup most of the 2.6 million pounds sterling (3.98 million dollars) former manager Ossie Ardiles paid for Dumitrescu less than six months ago, did an about-turn to sanction the deal.

Sugar at first turned down the Spanish First Division club's offer to take him on loan but retracted and gave Sevilla the option to make the move permanent at the end of the campaign, subject to medical requirements.

Dumitrescu scored five goals in 11 games in Ardiles' flamboyant all-out attacking regime but was the first victim after the arrival of new manager Gerry Francis and asked to go on the transfer list.

He has figured only twice, as a substitute, during Francis' eight games in charge. But without him Spurs have put together a seven-match unbeaten run and risen to eighth place in the league.

British press tooth & claw

LONDON, Dec 31: England's cricketers must be glad they are on the other side of the world — it means they do not have to read about their latest shameful display in Friday's British newspapers, reports Reuter.

The tourists are lashed following their humiliating second Test defeat in Melbourne.

Captain Mike Atherton comes in for plenty of criticism which sparks descriptions of his side as "pathetic" and "a disgrace."

Under Daily Mail headlines "No pride, no guts, no contest," former batting legend Dennis Compton expresses his disgust at the lack of backbone shown as they collapsed to 92 all out and an embarrassing 295-run defeat.

"I have never known anything like it," he says. "They are a disgrace to the nation, it was the worst cricket humiliation I can remember."

Former England captain Bob Willis whose 325 wickets put him second in his country's all time list behind Ian Botham is equally damning.

England don't seem to have the stomach to get stuck in. They were absolutely pathetic and English cricket is really on the rack now," he says.

Alan Lee of The Times writes: "The Ashes may not exert quite their old dominance over the expanding global game but to an Englishman they remain the essential

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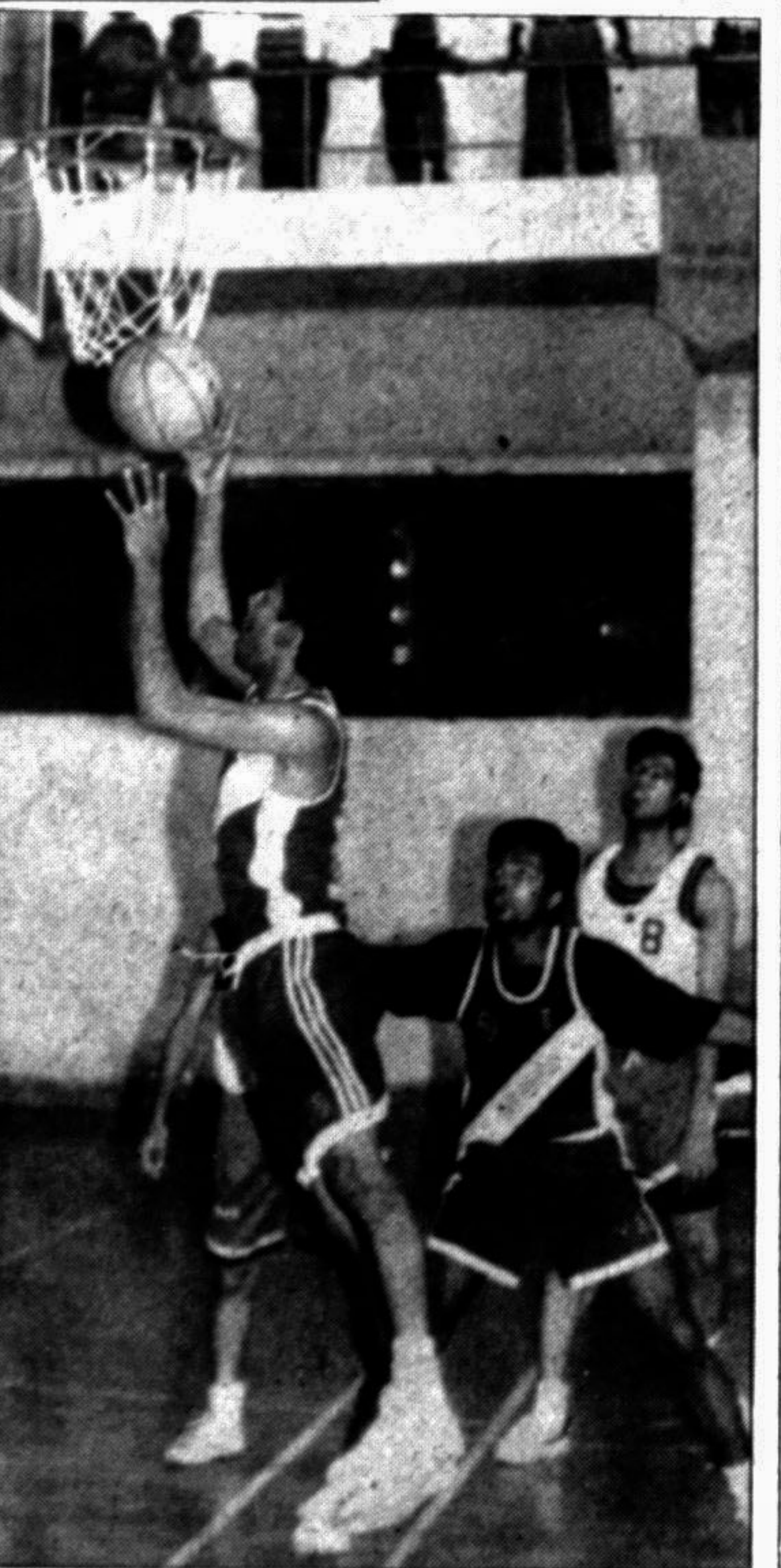
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সিডিউল নং: বাহার নাম ও প্রকল্পের নাম ও অবস্থান সিডিউলের মূল্য কাজ সমাপিত মেয়াদ টিকাদারের শ্রেণী
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১৭০১০৪ অফিস বাহার, অফিস-পলিসার রাস্তায় ৬০৬৫ ৫০০/- ১২০ (একশত) এলজিইডি'র সকল শ্রেণী ও মিঃ ডেইসেজে ৩.৫০ মিঃ স্প্যান বস প্রকল্পের পূর্বযোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন। কলকাতা নির্দিষ্ট কাজ।
নির্ধারিত প্রকৌশলী
স্থানীয় সরকার প্রকৌশল অধিদপ্তর
জেলা- নগরী।