N'ganj earn full points in Mayor Cup

CHITTAGONG, Jan 2 Narayangani got full points in the robin league of Mayor Gold Cup football tournament beating Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club by a solitary goal in a Group C match at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

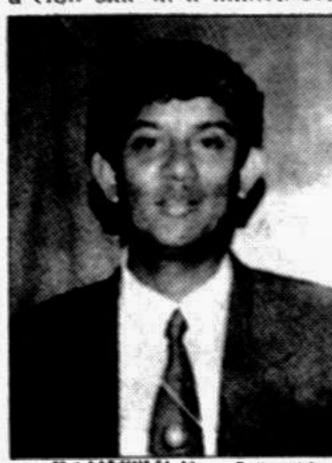
The first half of the match was scoreless.

Hira scored the all-important goal in the 44th minute

from a free kick Narayangani collected three points from their two matches in the group. The other two teams in the group are Chittagong Mohammedan and Chittagong Brothers. Brothers Union have bagged one point.

Bahutule sparkles

BOMBAY, Jan 2: England A began their first ever cricket tour of India with a narrow one-run defeat at the hands of a club side in a limited-overs



BAHUTULE ... 5 for 41 practice match at the Bra-

bourne Stadium here Monday. reports AFP.

Chasing the Cricket Club of India's score of 209 for six in 50 overs, the second-string Englishmen fell one run short ending their reply at 208 for eight.

Sussex captain Allan Wells. who is leading the visitors on their 50-day day tour, top scored with 44. Glamorgan's David Hemp contributed 43.

Bombay's young leg-spinner Sairai Bahutule, expected to lead India A's attack in three unofficial Test matches and three one-day internationals against the Englishmen. grabbed five for 41.

For the home team, skipper Sameer Dighe scored 50 while Test prospect Amol Mazumdar made 49.

Both Dighe and Mazumdar will also figure in the tourists first four-day match against an Indian youth team, starting at the Wankhede Stadium here on Tuesday.

The first of three Test matches starts in the southern city of Bangalore on January

Brief scores:

Cricket Club of India 209 for six in 50 overs (Sameer Dighe 50, Amol Mazumdar 49 Sairaj Bahutule 5-41):

-England A 208 for eight (Allan Wells 44. David Hemp

Nat'l booters take on Gazipur XI Jan 5

Sports Reporter

The national football team will take on Gazipur Eleven in a rather purposeless exhibition match at the Gazipur Stadium on January 5.

This will be the second warm-up match for the national selection, currently un dergoing a prolonged training session at the BKSP, after their dismal performance against a Comilla Eleven in a face-saving one-all draw last month.

Div III football Sports Reporter

Gandaria Famous and Rah matganj Sporting Club started their Progoti Insurance Third Division football league cam paign on a winning note at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

in the first match of the day. Famous prevailed over Purbachal Parishad by a lone goal with Rahman scoring the match decider for the old

towners. Rahmatgani Sporting Club edged past Fire Service and Civil Defence Sporting Club by the odd goal in three in the

other match of the day. Aslam and Sohel struck one apiece for Rahmatganj while Amzad pulled one back for the

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Draw was the order of the day in the Second Division football league as both the matches at the Mirpur Stadium failed to produce any win-

in the first match. Chalantica shared points with Rayerbazaar in a 2-2 draw while the other lacklustre engagement between Mirpur Eleven and

BRTC ended goalless. Kakon scored both the goals for Rayerbazaar while Manju and Igbal made it for Chalan-

Rain halts Australian progress on Day 2

Gough England's toast



play in the third Ashes Test today, reports Reuter. After heavy defeats in the first two Tests and a mediocre performance on Sunday England's rally on the second day at the Sydney Cricket

before heavy rain washed out

Ground was as unexpected as it was enthralling. Resuming on 198 for seven England shocked the Aus tralians with their stout resistance, adding 111 runs be fore being dismissed for 309

nine minutes before lunch. But the rain which began falling during the interval halted England's momentum. allowing only 21 more balls tobe bowled before umpires Steve Bucknor and Darrell Hair abandoned play 30 minutes be-

fore the scheduled close Australia openers Michael Slater and captain Mark Taylor took the total to four during their brief stay at the crease. with all the runs against Slater's name.

Australia lead the five-Test series two-nil and need only a draw in Sydney to retain the Ashes.

Gough hit one huge six and four fours on his way to a belligerent 51 as England's tailenders punished the Australian bowlers.

Spinner Shane Warne and fast bowler Craig McDermott. who tormented the English batsmen in Brisbane and Melbourne, bore the burnt of the assault.

Gough, who began the day on nought, took the attack to Australia from the outset, saving his most savage blows for McDermott the hero for Australia on the first day.

Gough's approach became cicii when he hooked McDermott for six as the Yorkshire bowler posted his second 50 in Test cricket from 56 balls. The crowd recognised his effort with a standing ovation as he left the

I hope our efforts mean things are turning found for us." Gough said. "It was a good day but we need a few more

We were disappointed about the rain because Devon and I were on a high after our innings," he added, "If we can get a few early wickets tomor row it will be interesting especially as they have to bat last for the first time in the series.

McDermott, who took four wickets on Sunday, bowled 10 expensive overs at a cost of 59 runs and was clearly frustrated by Gough's aggressive innings.

He eventually gained some revenge by dismissing Gough when he attempted another hook shot only to be caught on the fine leg boundary by Damien Fleming. McDermott finished with five for 101.

England fast bowler Devon Malcolm' responded to Gough's example, making a rapid 29.

JAKARTA, Jan 2:

Cameroon's foot-

ball star Roger

private Indone

sian football club.

the Pelita Jaya, managing

director of the International

Sport Association, Anghel

"We received his transfer

certificate today." lonita — wife

is also Milla's agent - told AFP,

accompanied by the Cameroon

star, adding that he will be

joined within the week by an-

team in a match against an-

other team from central Java

on Sunday.

at home.

cost of the transfers.

Milla will debut for the

lonita declined to reveal the

Asked why he had joined

the Indonesian club, Milla

cited The need to prove that

you can still perform well.

especially at my age," and also

that he felt he had to get away

there," Milla said, adding that

he believed his worth as a

professional football players

was not sufficiently recognised

The 42-year-old midfielder

- Cameroon's 1990 World Cup

hero will sign up for an ex-

tendable one-year contract

with Pelita Jaya, the club that

won the 1993-94 Galatama

competition of the semi-pro-

had to go to Singapore to get

his working visa, which under

regulations had to be obtained

at an Indonesian mission

abroad, but he would be avail-

The other two joining Pelita

Java from Cameroon are

Maboang Kessack, 26, and

Emile Mbouh, Mbouh. 28.

able for the Sunday match.

Ionita said that Milla still

fessional Indonesian league.

"I began to get bored

from Cameroon for a while.

other two former teammates.

lonita, said here today, reports

Milla is joining a

his highest score in Test cricket, including two sixes off Warne's leg-spin.

Seamer Angus Frasser, who came to the wicket as night watchman 30 minutes before the close on Sunday, was the last man out for 27.

He added 58 runs for the eighth wicket with Gough in 107 balls and eventually fell when he skied a catch to wicketkeeper ian Healy off seamer Fleming

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3-20: 4-194: 5-194: 6-196; 7



England's Darren Gough hooks in the air during the second day of third Ashes Test at the SCG yesterday. The English paceman enjoyed his stint with the willow hitting a carefree 51 as the visitors collected 309 in the first innings. AFP photo

Warne, who accounted for Malcolm by vorking the fast bowler, took his haul for the series to 21

But the leg-spinner had to endure some punishment and finished with the unfamiliar figures of one for 88 off 36 largely innocuous overs

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps Monday, rain-interrupted sec ond day of the third Ashes cricket Test between Australia and England at the Sydney Cricket Ground ENGLAND: First innings

Milla goes to Indonesia

lonita added that the three

were used to playing together.

a factor that would improve

both their spirit and perfor-

Milla said that he had al-

ready practiced once with the

ROGER MILLA

Pelita Jaya players since his

arrival on Thursday and he said

they appeared to make a good

he would have no problem ex-

tending his contract by an-

other year "if they deem that

they would still have a need for

my services for a second year."

to take on Italian Romare Mate

as coach. Mate was the coach

for the national under-19s.

Suharto lifted a ban on foreign

players in December 1993 in

an effort promote the devel-

opment of sports in Indonesia.

Primavera Passi.

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Pelita Jaya is also planning

president

The Cameroon ace said that

mance here

(overnight 198 for seven) G Gooch c Healy b Fleming

197: 8-255: 9-295 Bowling: 30 7101 McDermott 26.2 12 52 Fleming 88 36 10 Warne 35 M Wangh Bevan

AUSTRALIA: First innings M Slater not out M Taylor not out

Extras Total: (for no wicket) To bat: D Boon. M Waugh. M

Bevan, S Waugh, I Healy, S Warne, C McDermott, T May, D Fleming.

Bowling: 0 Malcolm 1.3 0 Gough

Muralidharan mauls Border

EAST-LONDON! South Africa. Jan 2: A devastating spell of off-spin bowling by Mutiah Muralidharan reduced South Africa's Border cricket team to 218 for nine on the opening day of a four-day match against Sri Lanka here Sunday, reports

Muralidharan took six wickets for 57 runs after Border, who won the toss and elected to bat, went to lunch on 69 without loss

After Michael Stonier 160 runs off 178 balls) and Andrew Lawson (25) put on 78 runs for the first-wicket, the Border batsmen came and went as Muralidharan extracted alarming turn from the pitch.

Aithough the openers were the first men out, the slide started in the 68th over when Peter Kirsten, who had made a solid 24, gave himself room to cut and was clean bowled by a ball which pitched 30 cm (12 inches) outside his off-stump and hit leg.

Pieter Strydom departed in similar fashion off the next delivery and Border had gone form 138-2 to 138-4.

The procession continued until No 3 Frans Cronje, who had survived by playing forward to Muralidharan, and Eeter Emslie mounted a ninth wicket stand of 39 runs.

Cronje was eventually beaten for pace and trapped in front by Promodya Wickramasinghe for a deserved 51

The last wicket pair of Emalie and Justin Ehrke were not out on 18 and 14 respec tively at stumps.

For dear English pride

· SYDNEY, Jan 2: Flery Darren Gough scored a flamboyant half-century Monday that restored England's flagging pride on the second day of the third cricket Test against Australia at the Sydney cricket Ground, reports AP I went out there wanting to

smash the ball all around the park - and that's what I did,' said the 24-year-old Yorkshire atirounder: Gough crashed 51 runs off

47 balls Monday morning to lead England's recovery from 198-7 to 309 all out. "I was determined to play

my natural game and I really enjoyed it," said Gough. So did Gough's teammates - and the English fans among

a crowd of 29.000 - as the voungster hooked Australian paceman Craigh McDermott for six and collected four other boundaries. 'Our supporters have come

a long ways to watch us and they've cheered even when we've been losing," he said. "I made a point of saluting them when I reached 50. "I've got a lot of respect for

McDermott, but I just wanted to hit him for fours. Twe been brought up to be-

heve in my own ability. It's just the way I play. Sometimes it comes off. Gough was delighted with

his won aggression. I reckon it's my best bat-

ting performance in first-class

Gough launched his Test career with an innings of 65 against New Zealand at Old Trafford during the northern hemisphere summer and confirmed his run-making potential during and explosive. match-turning partnership with Phillip DeFreitas against South Africa in August.

But Gough was not England's only batting star.

mast of her yacht Ecureuil broke in stormy weather.

World Cup begins today



HONG KONG, Jan 2: China's drugtainted swimming squad are noticeable absente-

es but their country will lead the fight against banned substances at the start of the World Cup season here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

All samples taken on winners and other competitors at the two-day meeting in Hong Kong will be carried out by officials from the International Olympic Committee-accredited laboratory in Beijing.

The second irony is that as a result of the failed tests by seven Chinese swimmers, including two world champions. at last year's Asian Games, the Chinese officials may be responsible for the start of a wider drug clampdown in the Countries have been warned

to expect greater testing in and out of competition, ac cording to International Swimming Federation (FfNA) sources The tests from Hong Kong

will be flown to the Chinese capital, which has one of only three IOC accredited labs in Asia. The others are in Seoul where sprint cheat Ben John son was caught at the 1988 Olympics, and Tokyo, which caught out the seven swimmers and four other Chinese at last October's Asian Games.

Hong Kong does have a lab oratory with the facilities to do sports drug tests. But that is kept for the territory's thriving horse racing industry.

China, which was severely embarrassed by the Asian Games drug scandal after winning 12 of the 16 women's titles at last year's World Championships, gave visa problems and the need for rest to ex-

plain its World Cup absence. Organisers of the first of the seven legs of the short course World Cup series have cast doubt on the excuse though. while not explicitly blaming the drug failures, who included world champions Lu Bin and Yang Alhau.

Organising committee chairman Ronnie Wong said he suspected financial problems But he commented: 'I think it may be embarrassing for them to send their swimmers.

The Chinese have been defended by Franziska van Alin-



FEANZISKA VAN ALMSICK

freestyle world champion and world record holder, who is now the top World Cup attrac-

"Drug taking is not only a problem for the Chinese. We also had two or three 'positive'

swimmers in 1994 so it is a problem all over the world." said the 16-year-old. Van Almsick said she had undergone a record 12 drug tests in one month last year. "But it would be stupid to boy-

cott the Chinese," she told the Hong Kong press. "I'm disappointed they are not here, especially Le Jingyi

- because we are good friends." Achim Jedansky, head coach of the German women's team, agreed that drug taking was not limited to China but hinted that it was a bigger

problem in Asia's sporting superpower. "I understand that those who got caught were all from the same camp so in some way it is an organised problem. he commented. But he still considered China's absence a major blow to the competition standard at the event.

Jedansky said a world record was unlikely at the first meeting as the German swimmers, the most powerful after China, had only been training for a month.

Hong Kong is the only Asian leg of the World Cup, which goes on later to Finland, France. Italy, Britain, Sweden and

for the Russians

Canada edge past Finns til the final 25 seconds of the Vit.di Yachemnev also scored



berta, Jan 2: Marty Murray had one goal and three assists to lead Canada to a 6-4 win over Finland on

Sunday and first place in the world junfor ice hockey championship, reports AP. Canada, with a 5-0 record lead Sweden and Russia, tied

for second at 4-1, after the Russians defeated the Swedes 6-4 in Calgary Sunday. Murray's goal at 2:36 of the third period allowed Canada to

goals in the final seconds of the second period. Alexandre Daigle put the game out of reach with his

hold on after giving up two late

third goal of the tournament at 4.58 of the third period. Canada held a 4-1 lead, un-

"Champion of Champions" for 1994 after he led Brazil to the World Cup title in the United States. He scored five goals in the final round and had 36 for the season counting his FC Barcelona club, which he led to the finals in the Champions Cup before losing to AC Milan.

Romario scored 235 points with cyclist Tony Rominger of Switzerland second with 144 points and Russian swimmer Alexander Popov third with

Last year's top athlete, track star Noureddine Morceli of Algeria, finished 11th although he set a world record in the 3,000 meters and was unbeaten for the season in the 1.500 metres and mile.

second period. On a four-ontwo break. Janne Nitnimaa broke in across the Canadian blue-line and ripped a hard shot past Canadian goaltender Dan Cloutier at 19:35. Just 12 seconds later, Jussi Tarvatnen, an Edmonton Otler

draft pick, let a wrist shot go from inside the blue-line that missed, but deflected back on to his stick. With Cloutier out of position. Tarvainen pushed the shot in.

Canada went up 3 0 on scores by Larry Courville, Bryan McCabe and Todd Harvey.

Finnish fires at 5:32 in the

Petri Kokko relit the

second when his low point shot beat Canadian goaltender Dan Cloutier, with Canada playing a man short. Eric Daze restored Canada's three-goal lead when he took a pass from Murray and rifled a

wrist shot past goaltender

Jussi Markkenen at 13:50 on the power play. Finland's fourth goal came on a penalty shot after Veli-Pakka Nutikka was hauled down on a breakaway by

McCabe. In the second game, the United States beat winless Germany 5-3 to improve to 2-3. Deron Quint had two goals and Adam Deadmarsh, Shawn Bates and Sean Haggerty also scored for the United States.

Earlier in Calgary, Alexander Kharlamov scored a shorthanded goal early in the third period to spark Russia to their win over Sweden. With the score 4-4 and

Russia saddled with an interference penalty. Kharlamov blocked a shot at the blue line. took the puck and outraced two Swedish defencemen before firing it home.

Sergei Vychedkevitch

added a power-play goal. Rouslan Batychine, with a goal and two assists. Vadim Charifianov, Ilja Vorobiev and

his fifth goal of the tournament, and Niklas Sundstrom also scored Trailing 5.4 carly in the

Dick Tarnstrom led Sweden

by scoring his first two goals or

the tournament while Anders

Eriksson collected three us-

sists. Anders Soderberg, with

third period Sweden's Peter Strom had a chance to tie the score. Strom led a three-onnone breakaway but hit the post with his shot.

In Sunday's other game, the Czech Republic beat Ukraine 10-1 at Red Deer

SOS from Down Under to **Fairbrother** SYDNEY, Jan 2: Lancashire

batsman Neil Fairbrother is to be the fourth addition to England's beleaguered touring team in Australia, it was confirmed on Sunday, reports Reuter. Left-hander Fairbrother is

due to arrive here on Thursday and could be considered for next Saturday's World Series Cup match against Zimbabwe in Brisbane. Fairbrother is an accomplished batsman in limited

overs internationals but has been unable to establish his Test place, winning the last of his 10 caps in a one-off Test against Sri Lanka in Colombo in March, 1993. Fairbrother's arrival seems certain to coincide with Craig

White's departure. The all-rounder has made

no significant improvement since tearing an abdominal muscle on December 13 and is set to return home. "It's going to take a month for Craig to recover." said team manager Keith Fletcher. England have already lost

fast bowler Martin McCague

because of a shin stress frac-

ture. His replacement, Angus Fraser, was the first of the four additions to the tour party. Left-arm paceman Mark llott arrived before Christmas as cover when England's prob-

lems with injury and illness were mounting. llott will be released to joint the England A side in

India this week but new arrival Jack Russell is staying for the rest of the tour as wicketkeep ing back-up.

Rangers reign

GLASCOW, Jan 2: Danish in ternational Brian Laudrup helped Rangers to a 3-1 win at Motherwell on Saturday that gave the defending champions a 10-point lead in the Scottish Premier Division going into 1995, reports Reuter.

Stuart McCall opened the scoring in the 34th minute and Laudrup hit Rangers' sec ond in the 66th - his shot going in after hitting a post and then the goalkeeper - two minutes after an equaliser for Motherwell by substitute Paul McGrillen Former Tottenham striker

Gordon Durie added a third on the stroke of time for Rangers. who are on 42 points after 19 matches with Motherwell on Rangers arch rivals Celuc

ended the worst run in their

history | | | games without a win - by beating Falkirk 2 0 at A smiling Isabelle Autissier of France faces the press yesterday upon her arrival in Adelaide home with goals from Peter after she was rescued early on Jan 1 by an Australian Navy Seahawk helicopter. Autissier, Grant and Andy Walker to leap who was competing in the BOC round the world challenge, had to call off her bid after the over their visitors into fourth - AFP photo I place on 25 points

players here. **Bad hosts**

CAPE TOWN, Jan 2: Western Province Cricket Club (WPCC) were reprimanded on Monday for failing to provide facilities for net practice before the third Test between South Africa and New Zealand,

cause overnight rain had made the nets unusable.

the rain. UCBSA managing director Ali Bacher said: The WPCC agreed that it was unacceptable that the nets were not covered and have now given the assurance

on the tour by the New Zealanders.

rand (2,800 US dollars) for providing a pitch unsuitable for first-class cricket when they played New Zealand at Paarl two weeks ago.

pulled up

In a statement on Monday, that there will be covers for

Boland were fined 10.000

ment lodged a complaint with the UCBSA when the scheduled three-day match was abandoned on the second day because the pitch was danger-

lonita said that he has

placed 21 foreign players into

Indonesian teams so far and

added that he has challenged

Japan's national team to play

against a team formed of his

reports Reuter.

Both teams were unable to practise on Sunday on the eve of the Test at Newlands be-

The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) said the WPCC should have covered the nets to protect them from

the nets in the future. It was the second complaint

The New Zealand manage-

