Mariner Youngs

in super league

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from the group.

the old towners.

to be a pre-arranged affair.

cider in the 38th minute for

collected four points from five

matches while Bachelors, who

played six matches, remained

at their previous collection of

Bank canter in

Yamaha cricket

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Agrani Bank recorded

facile six wicket win over

Udity Club in the only Yamaha

First Division cricket league

match billed for the City Club

135 runs for an outright vic-

tory, the bankers, led by vet

eran Dipu Roy Chowdhury

posted 138 for four with more

than seven overs to spare in

the 45 overs aside engage

who opted to field first after

winning the toss in the morn-

ing, was duly rewarded by his

respectable total of 134 in

43 3 overs, thanks to a plucky

The eventual losers made a

The former national player

Chasing a modest target of

ground yesterday

With this win Farashgani

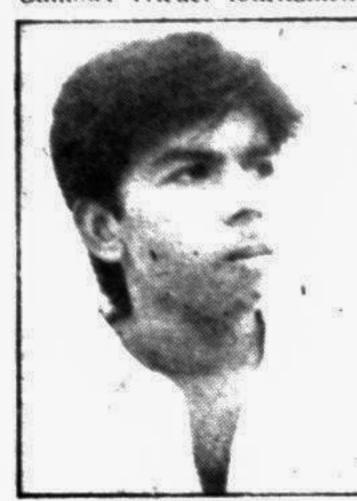
Easy win for Mohammedans

Pakistani Nadeem

Younus returned to action in style and Selim Sha hed gave the national selectors

a perfect reminder as Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded their second succes sive win in the Navana Premier Division cricket league, beating lowly Gulshan Youth by eight wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Aggressive opening batsman Younus, who broke his finger on his debut for Moham medius in the 15th Damal Summer cricket tournament



SELIM SHAHED

match against Wari Club and was sidelined for nearly two months and stylish righthander Shahed, currently out of selectors' favour, flashed with the willow as Mohammedans, chasing Gulshan Youth's total of 118, posted 119 in 25.3 overs for the loss of two wickets.

Younus, who has a superb record in the Pakistani do mestic circuit, was in a ma rauding mood, taking ten runs. including two cracking fours. off Joydev Basak's very first over. Although Joydev had the last laugh, bowling the young right-hander out in the 11th over. Younus simply slaugh tered the seamers in his 32 ball 31, punctuated by six siz

BRISBANE, Jan 8

Australia played

top quality cri-

cket under pre-

ssure to earn a

comfortable 34-

run win over Aus-tralia A na

MARK WAUGH ... 93

their World Series match at

the Gabba today, reports Reu-

for victory, seemed well-pla-

ced at 166 for two in the 38th

over after openers Matthew

Hayden (51) and Greg Blewett

[63] had added 104 in 25

But in the face of impres-

sive pace bowling by Craig

McDermott and good ground-

fielding which brought two

run-outs, the A team faltered.

collapsing to be all out for 218.

252 for five in their 50 overs

after captain Mark Taylor had

won the toss, with Mark Wa-

ugh making an attractive 93 off

102 balls and David Boon

two of their five matches in

the competition, must now

beat England in Sydney on

Thursday if they are to join

Australia's win was their

fifth in as many matches, and

was achieved without leg-spin-

ner Shane Warne, who was

The only worry for the se-

nior side was a leg injury to

off-spinner Tim May, who

limped off the field towards

SCOREBOARD

Series limited-overs match be-

tween Australia and Australia A

Scoreboard in the World

Australia A, who have won

finishing unbeaten on 86.

Australia in the finals.

the end of the match.

M Slater c Bevan b Reiffel

M Taylor c Reiffel b Blewett

M Waugh c Blewett b Hughes

S Waugh c Hughes b George

S Law c Hayden b Reiffel

C McDermott not out

rested.

today:

AUSTRALIA

D Boon not out

Eaflier. Australia reached

The A team, chasing 253

Sports Reporter

gling fours. At the other end. Sajjad Ahmed played a perfect opener's innings and extended superb support, first to Younus and then Shahed The young stylish batsman saw through the Mohammedan unnings and remained unbeaten on a sedate

67-ball 32. Shahed, coming in after the tall of the first wicket, took up trom where Younus left off and was equally aggressive in his run-a-ball 43 made of three

With Sajjad. Shahed added 62 runs for the second wicket before falling to Faisal Pappa to the last ball of the 22nd over when Mohammedans were only ten runs off the victory Larget

Earlier in the morning. Guishan Youth, electing to bat first in overcast conditions, got into trouble very early in the innings, losing both the openers for only 23. They never really recovered from the sliaky start and folded the innings on 118 in 43.5 overs. with Atiar Rahman providing some sort or resistance.

Atiar scored a painfully slow 35 off 80 balls to top-score for the eventual losers.

Left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique, veteran leggie Waheedul Gani and Khaled Mahmud Sujon evenly shared six wickets among themselves.

In the other match of the day. Sumon Biswash scored a patient half century but still wound up at the wrong end of the table as Surjo Tarun lost to Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Set to score 169 in 45

overs for an outright win. Surjo Tarun batting simply fell apart in the face of some effective bowling from Rais Ahmed and Sanwar Hossain and were restricted to 147 in 43.1 overs.

Sumon collected 56 runs off 115 balls and Asif Mohammed made a 48-ball 32 but a victory for GMCC was always on the

Extras. (Ill-4; w-3)

Bowling

lughes

Reiffel

George

Blewett

Robertson

AUSTRALIA A

M Hayden b Law

R Ponting run out

M Bevan run out

G Biewett-c M Waugh b Law

D Martyn c M Waugh b McGrath 12

Fall of wickets: 1-104; 2

Result: Australia beat Aus-

supper. Bishen Singh Bedi.

for suggesting that Sachin

Tendulkar be made captain of

the Indian cricket team.

I don't know why we

should talk about finding a

successor to Mohammed

Azharuddin when the present

he said informally after a me-

said. Azharuddin has given us

KAPH. DEV

25 wins out of 30 matches and

if after such a glorious perfor-

The former Indian skipper

captain is doing so very well."

dia conference in the city.

reports Pf1.

35

62

20

8 World's highes:

wicket taker. Ka-

pil Dev today se-

verely criticised

the former Indian

131: 3-166 4 172: 5-176 6

180: 7-190: 8-196: 9-213.

Reulel c S Waugh b Fleming

Lander b McDermott

M Hughes b Fleming

G Robertson not out

S George b McDermott

M Atkinson b Law

Extras: (lb-9, w-1)

Total: (47 5 overs)

Bowling

Fleming

McGrath

McDermott

Total. (for five wickets.)

3-163:4213: 5-241.

Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-65

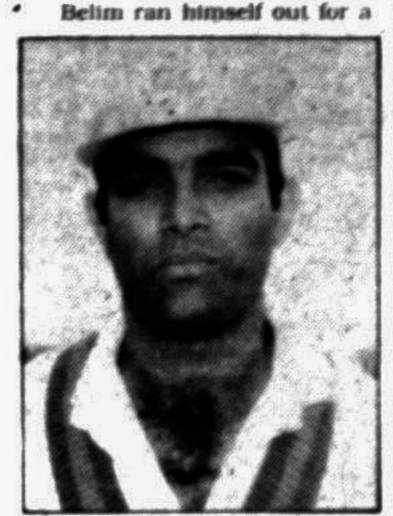
Did not bat: P Emery. 7

May, D Fleming, G McGrath

Rafs conceded 29 in his eight overs for his three scalps while Sanwar was a little expensive giving away 29 in six

overs for his three victims. Left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman was also among the wickets us the national bowler took two wickets for 15.

in the morning. GMCC overcame a rather tentative start to post a fighting total. Having lost two early wickets. **GMCC** consolidated with Javed Omar Belim, who opened the innings with Sri Lankan Tushara Koddikara, playing some sort of an anchore role.



NADEEM YOUNUS

patient 81-ball 35 with the scoreboard reading 89 for-four and Rais followed him two runs later but Sanwar and Mizanur Rahman put on 72 runs for the sixth wicket to guide GMCC past the 160mark Sanwar top-scored with a

swash-buckling unbeaten 43 off 37 balls inclusive of five fours while Mizan hit two fours and a six in his 33-ball 32.

When the stipulated 45 overs were exhausted GMCC were 168 for six

TODAY'S MATCHES Brothers Union vs Wart Club

Eskaton SS vs S Bima (BCS)

STANDINGS

Series limited overs cricket.

tournament after Sunday's

motch (tabulate under matches

DAVID BOON Sten of

mance the team loses just one

march, should we ask for his

removal as captain? Is it fair?"

sonal against Azhar?" Kapil

Indian skipper. Kapil said that

he did not want to discuss the

issue right now, especially

when Azhar is doing so well in

leading the team. If Azhar fails

to deliver the goods only then

we should discuss about the

the betterment of Indian sport

as there was too much politics

involved in it, the ace all-

rounder said that he did not

dropping from the Calcutta

Test had anything to do with

politics. "Why do you look at

the issue like that? I played a

bad shot and I was dropped.

And there is nothing more to

shortage of fast bowlers in the

country, he said that nobody

could produce a fast bowler. A

genuine fast bowler comes up

automatically. On whether he

was interested in grooming a

fast bowler, he said that he.

along with others, had

changed the attitude of the

country's youngsters and now a

lot of prospective bowlers are

end of the current century.

coming up.

Speaking about the current

He refused to admit that his

subscribe to the idea.

Asked to do something for

Does he have anything per-

Asked to rate Sachin as the

played won lost points

England

Aust alia A

Zimbabwe

wondered

next skipper.

Standings in the World

tralia A by 34 runs.

M Waugh, Boon flash with the willow

34 from opener Ruboyet Ripon, who claimed the Aussies keep winning wickets of Rubayet. Zakaria

(17) and Enayet (20), finished with three for 31 in his nine Skipper Dipu Roy and Ani-

suzzaman, who evenly shared four wickets in between themselves, also had wonderful time with the cherry. Dipu Rov. allowed only 14

runs for his two scalps while new-ball bowler Anisuzzaman finished with an enviable analvsis of 9-3-16-2 Only Khurshid Alam, who gave away 40 runs for his two wickets. proved expensive. In reply Agrani reached the

target with five of their batsmen contributing 20-plus

Qamrul Huda remained unbeaten on 25 followed by Tawfig (24), Ismail (24), Rashid (23) and Sohel (20).

Shahidul powers Khelaghar

Sports Reporter

Shahidul Islam led Khelaghar Shishu Kishore Sangha to a massive 167-run win over Nabin Sangha with a breezy unbeaten 91 in one of the three Acme Second Division cricket league matches played at different city venues yesterday.

With Khelaghar reeling at 45 for five. Shahidul shared 1.37 runs for the sixth wicket with Shamsul Alam to guide Kapil blasts Bedi his side to an imposing total of 212 for six in the allotted 40

On the western strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha recorded a facile six-wicket win over Azad Boys Club.



Barrional. Medardo L. tries to check Real Madrid's Ivan Zamorano's surging run through the box during their Spanish First Division clash in Madrid on Jan 7. Chilean Zamorano completed a superb hattrick in Real's 5-0 rout.

- AFP photo

Madrid maul Barcelona



Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano grabbed a first half hattrick as

league leaders Real Madrid crushed cham pions Barcelona 5-0 in Spain's clash of the giants in the Bernabeu Stadium on Saturday reports Reuter.

Barcelona played the sec ond half with 10 men after Bulgarian striker Hristo Stoi chkov, last year's European tootballer-of-the-year, was sent off on the stroke of halftime for stamping on the knee of Madrid fullback Quique San ches Flores.

Stoichkov's gesture of flustration, after 45 minutes isolated in an unsupported centre-forward position, summed up Barcelona's feelings in a match in which the champions barely managed a shot on goal.

Madrid's fourth and fifth goals came within a minute of each other in the 69th and 70th minutes with Luis Enri que Martinez and Jose Ama visca supplying the final touches.

The victory consolidated Madrid's position at the top of the table with 25 points from 16 games. Barcelona are now fine points adrift.

The win was perfect revenge for an equally humiliat ing 5-0 defeat inflicted by Barcelona on Madrid in Camp Nou Stadium almost exactly a A sell-out 107,000 crowd

delighted in the opportunism of the razor-sharp Zamorano, who now leads the league's scorers with 17 goals, and the midfield mastery of Danish in ternational Michael Laudrup, who repeatedly left the Barce long defence in confusion with

cision passing. Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff omitted Brazilian striker Romano, who is reportedly set to leave the club next week to return to Brazil with Flamengo of Rio de Janeiro, from the starting line-up in favour of Romanian Gheorghe Hagt.

his elegant dribbling and pre-

But the new formation never came to terms with an uncompromising Madrid de fence and were repeatedly stretched to breaking point by the speed and thrust of the home side's attacks.

Romario came on in the second half after Stoichkov's expulsion but barely got into the game. Madrid made the perfect

start, going ahead after just five minutes when Zamorano crashed home a left foot shot after a Laudrup pass was deflected to him by 17-year-old striker Raul Gonzalez.

After 21 minutes it was 2-0 when Zamorano was left free in the middle of the field just outside the penalty area and

to hold off a defender and slide the ball unerringly past advancing goalkeeper Carlo Busquets. The Chilean's hattrick came on 39 minutes when Laudrup

latched on to a lob from Raul

astonishingly robbed Barcelona captain Jose Bakero wide out on the Barcelona goal line and crossed perfectly for Zamorano to whip the ball home from three metres with Busquets helpless. Barcelona began the second

half with more purpose and the game regained some pace it had lost through Madrid's first half dominance. But, if there was still a con-

test, it was comprehensively ended 24 minutes into the half when Rafael Martin Vazquez crossed perfectly from the right for Zamorano to turn the ball against the post and Luis Enrique to flick the rebound into the net for goal number The next minute brought

the fifth and final goal with Zamorano yet again involved. The ebullient Chilean put the ball across the goal when he might have shot himself and Amavisca had the simple fin-

Zamorano, taken off exhausted 10 minutes from the end to a standing ovation and replaced by Alfonso Perez, said after the game: "This great for my country and for all Madrid fans."

unbeaten in 24 games this sea-

son, gave Liverpool, third in

the Premier league and a four-

time finalist in the last nine

years, a fright at St Andrews

Division One Millwall out last

season, this time could only

gain a 0-0 tie at the New Den

while Coventry were held 1-1

at home by a lowly First

Division team. West Bromwich

Wegerle fired his first goal

since October to give Coventry

the lead at Highfield Road

from the spot but Lee Ashcroft

converted another penalty to-

tie the game for the Baggies

and earn a lucrative replay at

Cup holder, are not in action

until Monday when they visit

Division One Sheffield United

while the only game featuring

two Premier League teams is

castle and league leader

Among other Premier Lea-

gue teams to advance Saturday

were struggling Aston Villa.

who won 2-0 at Barnsley.

Chelsea, who downed Charlton

30. Everton, a 1-0 winners

over Derby and Sheffield

Wednesday, who won 2-1 at

Gillingham despite having go-

alkeeper Kevin Pressman sent

sby. Nottingham Forest dow

ned Plymouth 2-0 at home.

Southampton overcame Sou-

thend 2-0. Wimbledon edged

Colchester 1-0 and West Ham

survived a tricky visit to

defending tillists Glasgow

Rangers were held 1-1 by last

place Partick but stretched

Kilmarnock 2-1, moved above

Motherwell on goal difference

but the Fir Park team can re-

gain that spot by gaining at

Scottish league leaders and

Hibernian, who edged

Wycombe by winning 2-0.

their lead to 12 points.

Sunday.

Norwich won 1-0 at Grim

Sunday's game between New-

Blackburn Rovers.

Manchester United, the FA

American striker Roy

Albion.

home.

Arsenal, who knocked

but wound up with a 0-0 tie.

few questions to answer

ROME. Jan 8: Parma's Colombia striker Faustino Asprilia may after all have to return home for questioning over the alleged illegal possession of weapons, reports Reuter.

Prosecutors In Colombia are investigating an incident on New Year's Eve when Asprilla was reported to have been found drunk in bar, brandishing two guns and provoking other customers. Parma had originally said

that Asprilla would be able to report to a Colombian consulate in Italy.

Until yesterday it looked like it was possible for Tino's questioning to take place in the consulate or the embassy. newspapers on Saturday quoted Parma president Giorgio Pedraneschi as saying.

"Now it seems that there is a Colembian law that forbids it. in this kind of case. Everything still needs to be confirmed."

Asprilla laughed off the accusation of his return to Italy. His club said the episode was only "high spirits" and that two guns found in the player's car.

Nantes win, thanks to Loko

PARIS, Jan 8: A first half hattrick from striker Patrice Loko sent French leaders Nantes seven points clear at the top of the table on Saturday and gave them a big boost four days before their make-orbreak game of the season. reports Reuter.

Loko struck in the 16th. 33rd and 40th minutes as Nantes carried their unbeaten league run to 22 matches in a 3-0 drubbing of Lille.

Defending champions Paris St Germain, the leaders' only rivals for the title, were not in action as their game at Sochaux was postponed because of heavy snow in eastern France.

The Parisians meet Nantes next Wednesday at the Parc Des Princes in the crunch game of the season and badly need to end the young western side's remarkable run if they are to retain their title.

Bayern sign Kostadinov on loan

MUNICH. Jan 8: Bavern Munich, seeking a new striker for the Champions Cup, signed Bulgarian forward Emil Kostadinov on loan from the Spanish Club Deportivo \ la Coruna, reports AP.

Bayern will pay 550,000 marks for the services of the 27 year-old striker until the end of the season, club officials said Saturday. The German champion's can then exercise an option to sign a longer contract with Kostadinov, whose transfer rights are held by FC Porto of Portugal.

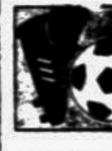
Kostadinov was not used by the Spanish club in the UEFA Cup this season and the Bulgarian is eligible for the Champions Cup quarterfinals. where Bayern face IFK Goteborg of Sweden.

Bayern's top striker. Jean-Pierre Papin of France, is suspended for the first-leg match. The German club has been

shopping around for another top international to help the often-injured Papin

Bayern have also talked to Anthony Yeboah, the Ghanaian striker in dispute with the Bundesliga rival Eintracht Frankfurt, and to Creatian forward Davor Suker, who plays least a point against Hearts for Sevilla in Spain.

Wrexham knock Ipswich out



Division Two Wr exhain, who knocked mighty Arsenal out three vears ago, produ-

ced the one big upset of the English F.\ cup Saturday by eliminating another Premier league team. Ipswich. 2-1. reports AP.

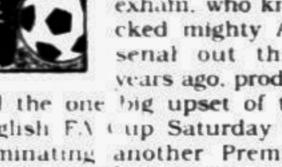
flight club.

In the dying minutes. Uruguayan midfielder Adrian Paz but the Wrexham crossbar Phil Whelan struck the post as Ipswich went close to forcing a

Premier league, needed an the post or bar five times.

pro teams to make it to the third round all went out.

Birmingham City., in-form leaders of Division Two and



Gary Bennett, leading scorer in English pro soccer with 27 goals, hammered home an 86th minute penalty after the Welsh team had conceded an equaliser to the struggling top

from two yards (metres) and

Leeds, a high flyer in the

87th minute equaliser from detender Dave Wetherall to avoid an upset loss at Division Three Walsall. The game ended 1-1 although Leeds hit The four non-league, semi-

Altrincham were beaten 3-0

at eight-time titlists Tottenham. Aylesbury went down 4-0 to Queens Park Rangers. Enfield tumbled 2-0 at Leicester and Marlow were a 2-0 loser at Division One Swindon.



Arsenal's Lee Dixon (L) and Millwall's Mark Kennedy go for the ball during their English FA Cup third round match in Millwall on Jan 7. The game ended goalless.

About his world record, he said that the record was going to stay intact at least until the - AFP Photo