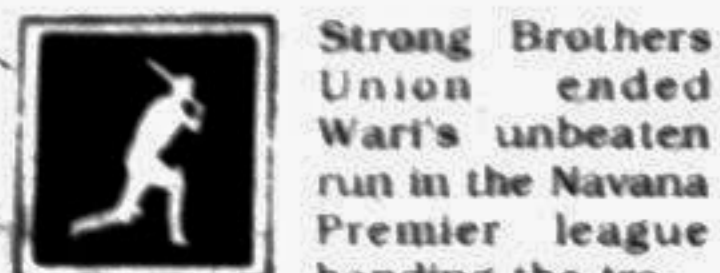


# Brothers end Wari's run

Sports Reporter



Strong Brothers Union ended Wari's unbeaten run in the Navana Premier league handing the traditional club a 35-run defeat at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Skipper Al Shahriar Rokon, fresh from his maiden exposure as a member of the full national squad, reeled off a highly satisfactory all-round performance to design the Gopibagh side's third consecutive victory as the Navana league resumed after a two-day unscheduled stoppage due to inclement weather.

Together with the effervescent Pakistani Aamir Hanif, Al Shahriar produced 139 runs in 28.5 overs to justify his decision to bat first and Brothers had the half of their job done when the scoreboard read 213 for eight at the end of their quota of 45 overs.

The lanky, dark right-hander, who completed his fifty off 61 balls, was dismissed for 79 off 80 balls with six boundaries and a sixer.

Aamir Hanif gave his captain fine support with a well-made 50 off 91 balls with three hits to the fence.

Sajal Chowdhury, the young

paceman, who, too, like Shahriar, made it to the national team for the first time recently, took sixteen runs from the last over bowled by Wari skipper Halim Shah to guide Brothers past 200-mark.

Chasing a formidable victory



AL-SHAHRIAR ..... 79

target of 214 in 45 overs. Wari, who had registered creditable victories in their first two matches, found the going tough against the Brothers attack, spearheaded by Khal-uzzaman, the right-arm new ball bowler who bowled through his nine-over quota for 14

runs only. Skipper Halim Shah tried his best to make amends for his bowling lapses with a 56-ball 36.

Opener Shahriar Hossain made 35 but Wari could limp to only 178 in eight when overs ran out.

Al Shahriar, who could not use Aamir Hanif, sidelined by a leg injury that forced him to bet with a runner earlier in the match, as a bowler, picked up three wickets in two overs with his undemanding leg-breaks.

Sohel captured two for 35 in his nine overs.

Eskaton Sabuj Sangha posted their first win in the day's other Navana engagement played between two successful struggling sides at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

They beat Sadharan Bima by 19 runs in a rather low-scoring match.

Calcuttan Arup Bhattacharya bagged three for 20 through eight overs with his left-arm spin to skittle Bima out for 130 in 37.1 overs after Eskaton set them a victory target of 150 in 45 overs.

Opener Niaz Hossain ranged a lone battle for the insurance men with a 75-ball 40.

Earlier thirty extras formed the backbone of Eskaton's total of 149 in 39.5 overs.

Wicketkeeper Shahidul Alam made 26 followed by Zaman, who contributed 22.

**TODAY'S MATCH**  
Abahani vs Kalabagan (Dhaka Stadium)

# Yamaha Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

City Club beat Gopibagh Friends Association by six wickets in yesterday's lone Yamaha First Division cricket league fixture at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

In a match dominated by the bowlers, Gopibagh Friends, sent in to bat first, found going extremely tough from the very onset in the face of superb new-ball bowling from Al-Amin Ibne Abdullah and Narayan Chandra and were skittled out for 125 in 41.5 overs.

Although, Narayan Chandra was more successful in claiming scalps — four for 19 in 9 overs, Al-Amin was an example of economy with an enviable analysis of 9-4-8-1.

Gopibagh's Mohammed Hassan claimed four wickets in his turn but the total was always reachable and City Club posted the required runs in 35.4 overs, making 127 for four wickets.

# Acme Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

M Islam sparked with the bat in an otherwise bowlers' day in the Acme Second Division cricket league to pave the path for Millbarracks' huge 99-run victory over Amariyoti at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

On the western strip of the DCS, M Islam played anchor to two vital stands, first with opening partner M Zaman and then with A Khan for the second wicket, to ensure Millbarracks a huge total.

After having put on 57 for the first wicket with Zaman (16), Islam shared 95 runs with Khan for the second wicket. Khan made 35.

Islam eventually ran himself out ten runs short of a century although not before adding 20 more runs for the third wicket with MMI Tapu.

When the 40-over quota exhausted, Millbarracks were imposing 224 for six, with Raju offering some sort of an apology for the bowlers with a three-wicket haul.

The chase for an improbable victory was never in Amariyoti's mind, and F Bari and A Khan made things even worse for them, sharing nine wickets among themselves.

Bari took four and A Khan three giving way 32 runs each as Amariyoti folded their innings on 125.

A few blocks away at the Dhanmondi Club ground, Golam Arif's five-wicket return and a 57-ball 65 from Santosh laid the bulwark for Lalbagh United's facile seven-wicket victory over Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha.

Golam Arif claimed five for 30 in 7.4 overs as the Dhanmondi outfit, electing to bat first, were bundled out for 141 in 38.4 overs. In reply, Lalbagh United built their innings around Santosh on the way to posting 146 for three in 25.4 overs.

In the other match of the day a low scoring one at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Rayer bazaar beat Azas Boys Club by four wickets.

# Div II football

Sports Reporter

Lalbagh Sporting Club and Lalmitia Club won their respective Sonali Bank Second Division football league matches at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Sarwar struck twice one in each half, to give Lalbagh a 2-0 victory over Mohakhali Eleven. It was Lalbagh's first win following three successive defeats after one draw and two wins.

In the other match of the day, Lalmitia edged past City Club by a lone goal with Asad notching the match-decider seven minutes away from the final whistle.

# Div III soccer

Sports Reporter

Azad Sporting Club picked up their first win in the Pragati Insurance Third Division football league with a 2-0 victory over Matuul Juba Sangha at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Amir Ahmed and Zahid Al Mamun scored one goal apiece for the winners. In the other match of the day, Sunrise Sporting Club recorded their second win when they prevailed over Aminbazar by a solitary goal with Kashem scoring the match decider in the 58th minute of the proceedings.

# Mayor Gold Cup football

Sports Reporter

CHITTAGONG, Jan 11: Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club split points with Chittagong Brothers Union in a Robin League match of the Mayor Gold Cup football tournament at the Chittagong Stadium today, reports BSS.

The match ended in a goalless draw. Both teams collected one point each from two matches in Group C.



South African batsman Daryll Cullinan falls short of his ground as Pakistani stumper Rashid Latif smartly whips the bails off during the best of three finals opener in Cape Town on January 10. One-day world champions Pakistan lost by 37 runs. — AFP photo

# SA turn tables on Pakistan

CAPE TOWN, Jan 11: Inspired fielding by South Africa turned the tables on Pakistan on Tuesday, bringing the home side a victory by 37 runs in the first leg of the Mandela Trophy final, reports Reuter.

The tourists seemed destined to make light work of their hosts total of 215 when they reached 101 for the loss of just two wickets. But three brilliant run-outs and several breathtaking catches turned the match on its head.

The irrepressible Jonty Rhodes accounted for Aamir Sohail (71) and Rashid Latif (17) with his speed in the field while Gary Kirsten splayed Sajim Malik's stumps with a direct hit from a prone position at mid-wicket.

Tumbling catches in the deep from Dave Callaghan, Fanie de Villiers and Steven Jack also came at vital moments as the world champions saw every half-chance snapped up in the field.

South Africa's total had been a disappointment to them after reaching 193 for four wickets with six overs remaining. They too collapsed with three run-outs in the space of 11 deliveries.

But Daryll Cullinan's 64 provided the backbone of the total while Gary Kirsten's 43 at the top of the innings had laid solid foundations.

Waqaar Younis ripped out the last three wickets to finish with three for 32 from 9.3 overs. With competition fierce between the sides, several moments of controversy threatened to spoil the contest.

South African wicketkeeper Dave Richardson hit the stumps with his bat after being run out and Pakistan batsman Inzamamul Haq showed dissent after being given out lbw for four.

Later Ijaz Ahmed hooked a short ball from paceman Jack to fine leg and appeared to protest that it should have been called a bouncer — and therefore a no-ball — by umpire Dave Orchard after he was caught.

While Ijaz stood his ground, Jack signalled in the strongest possible terms for the batsman to leave the field by pointing repeatedly at the pavilion.

Match referee Peter Burge has gained a reputation as the toughest of all International Cricket Council (ICC) referees. Having fined Ken Rutherford 75 pct of his match fee for showing dissent during the recent New Zealand-South Africa Test series, Tuesday's dissenters can expect little mercy.

# SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the first match of the best-of-three finals in the Mandela Trophy one-day cricket tournament between South Africa and Pakistan on Tuesday:

SOUTH AFRICA			
F Kirsten lbw			
D Callaghan c Ijaz Ahmed	43		
M Rindel run out			
D Richardson run out			
E Simons c Inzamamul Haq b Waqaar Younis	6		
P Symcox c sub (Asif Mujtaba) b Waqaar Younis	3		
S Jack b Waqaar Younis	6		
F De Villiers not out	0		
Extras: (lb-4, nb-5, w-3)	12		
Total: (49.3 overs)	215		
Fall of wickets: 1-6: 2-54; 3-89; 4-121; 5-193; 6-198; 7-200; 8-207; 9-215.			
Bowling			
	O	M	R
Wasim Akram	10	0	43
Aaqib Javed	10	1	51
Waqaar Younis	9.3	0	32
Akram Raza	10	0	38
Sajim Malik	4	0	22
Aamir Sohail	6	0	25
PAKISTAN			
Aamir Sohail run out			71
Saeed Anwar b Simons			5
Inzamamul Haq lbw b Simons			4
Sajim Malik run out			19
Ijaz Ahmed c Callaghan b Jack			5
Basil Ali c Simons b Cronje			6
Rashid Latif run out			17
Wasim Akram c Jack b Simons			12
Akram Raza c Jack b Simons			12
Waqaar Younis c De Villiers b Cronje			14
Aaqib Javed not out			6
Extras: (lb-2, b-5)			7
Total: (42.5 overs)	178		
Fall of wickets: 1-48; 2-58; 3-101; 4-105; 5-111; 6-122; 7-133; 8-149; 9-159.			
Bowling			
	O	M	R
De Villiers	8	0	23
Jack	8	0	45
Simons	8	0	42
Cronje	8.5	0	31
Symcox	10	0	30

Result: South Africa, won by 37 runs.

Second match: Johannesburg, January 12.

Third match (if necessary): Pretoria, January 14.

# Lewis to stand in for Gough

MELBOURNE, Jan 11:

England suffered a setback today when fast bowler Darren Gough was ruled out for the remainder of the Ashes tour in Australia because of injury, reports Reuter.

The Yorkshire bowler suffered a stress fracture of his left foot during England's victory against Australia in a limited overs World Series match on Tuesday in Melbourne.

Gough, 24, broke down as he attempted to bowl his first ball at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

He will miss the last two Ashes Tests in Adelaide and Perth. Australia lead the five-Test series 2-0.

Gough's robust performances have galvanised the tourists following heavy defeats against Australia in the first two Tests.

Gough, who took 20 wickets in the Test series, could be sidelined for up to 10 weeks.

Meanwhile, AP adds from Sydney: All-rounder Chris Lewis will remain with the England cricket team for the rest of the World Series one-day competition and possibly the last two Ashes Tests.

# Green Delta hockey

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Ansars recorded their first win in the Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league to mitigate, to some extent, their relegation fears.

In the first of the two league fixtures at the Hockey Stadium yesterday, Ansars edged past fellow-bottomers Bachelors Sporting Club through a 11th-minute field goal from Shah Swi Marma.

Yesterday's outcome made the situation at the foot of the Group A rather tricky with Ansars, Bachelors and Bangladesh Railway each facing the possibility of qualifying for the relegation play-off with the last finishers of the other group.

Bachelors, who finished their league engagements with one win and a draw, are now one point clear from the other two, who each have one match in hand.

In the other match of the day, Ajax Sports Club beat Wari Club by the odd goal in three, thanks to a double strike from former national players Khwaja Wais.

Dina scored the lone Wari goal in the dying moments of the match.

# Indira Gandhi men's hockey from Feb 4

NEW DELHI, Jan 11:

Australia, England and Asian Games champions South Korea are the star attractions in the eight-nation Indira Gandhi hockey tournament here next month, reports AFP.

South Africa, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Poland and hosts India are the other teams taking part in the country's Premier hockey tournament at the National Stadium here from February 4-12.

The eight teams will be divided into two groups for the preliminary league. England, Kazakhstan, Malaysia and hosts India are drawn in Group A. Group B comprises Australia, Poland, South Korea and South Africa.

# Richardson gets away with it

CAPE TOWN, Jan 11: South African wicketkeeper Dave Richardson escaped with a light sentence from match referee Peter Burge after showing frustration following his dismissal in the first leg of the Mandela Trophy final against Pakistan at Newards on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Richardson received a suspended 20 per cent match fee fine, amounting to 440 rand (120 dollars), for hitting the remaining stumps with his bat after being run out for four during South Africa's first innings total of 215.

The fine was suspended as long as Richardson is not found guilty of misconduct for the remainder of the finals, the second leg is in Johannesburg on Thursday with a third leg, if necessary, at Verwoerdburg outside Pretoria on Saturday.

"I mistimed my swipe at the stumps, Richardson told Burge after the incident. 'I meant to swing my bat over the stumps but I accidentally hit them.'"

Richardson, who has an unblemished disciplinary record for South Africa in three years since their return to international cricket apologised to umpire Cyril Mitchley for the incident.

# Higueta cleared

BOGOTA, Colombia, Jan 11:

Colombian goalkeeper Rene Higueta has been cleared of charges he cooperated with a band of kidnappers and will rejoin the Colombian team, reports AP.

# Narrow squeak for England A

MADRAS, India, Jan 11:

England A's last-wicket pair of Minal Patel and Mark Iltot saved the tourists from an embarrassing defeat in the four-day match against the Indian Board President's XI here today, reports AFP.

The unlikely batting heroes faced the final 22 deliveries in fading light at the Chepauk to salvage a draw in their final warm-up game before the first five-day international against India A at Bangalore from Saturday.

Patek, the Bombay-born Kent spinner, remained unbeaten on a resolute 25 as the tourists, chasing a victory target of 291 on a slow turner, finished at 168 for nine after an absorbing final day's play.

England A's vulnerability against spin was strongly apparent after the home team added 53 runs to their overnight score of 151 for two, before declaring their second innings at 204 for four an hour after the start.

The Indian team for the Bangalore international will be led by Test star Praveen Amre and includes seasoned off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan,

# Windies arrive in New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan 11:

The West Indies cricket team arrived in Auckland today minus a key player but confident of improving on their recent mixed series against India, reports Reuter.

The team manager David Holford told a news conference all-rounder Carl Hooper is recovering from a mystery illness picked up in India and would join the party in a few days' time.

"We discovered it only when we got to England. He is having blood tests and the last time we spoke with him he was very positive Holford said.

Fast bowler Courtney Walsh, who will lead the 14-member team in the two-Test series and three one-day internationals, expected the return of Curtly Ambrose to make a big difference to the side after the drawn Test series in India.

If we had had him in India we would have won the series," Walsh said.

Ambrose, arguably the world's premier strike bowler, missed the series because of a shoulder injury.

Master batsman Brian Lara, who set new Test and first-class records in 1994 with scores of 375 and 501 not out, said earlier in the week he is optimistic of a better performance after a flat series against India.

Holford was diplomatic about New Zealand's recent poor showing in South Africa where they lost the Test series 2-1 and failed to win a one-day match.

We expect New Zealand to give us a good run for our money, he said.

New Zealand was the last side to beat the West Indies in a Test series in 1979-80 and the West Indies have not won a series here since 1955, but commentators rate as slim the chances of New Zealand defending that record.

The tour opener, a one-dayer against a Festival XI, is in Hamilton on Sunday.

# Intercontinental Cup

# Argentina, Denmark in final

RIYADH, Jan 11:

Argentina survived an early onslaught to force a goalless draw with Nigeria on Tuesday and qualify for the final of the Intercontinental Cup, report agencies.

The defending champions edged the Nigerians on goal difference in Group B and will now play Denmark in Friday's final.

The much-awaited clash between Argentina and Nigeria, the team they beat in the World Cup finals last year, came nowhere close to living up to pre-match expectations except for the early African dominance that kept the South Americans' goal under siege for the opening 30 minutes.

Argentina's 21-year-old goalkeeper Carlos Bossio made two good saves from Emmanuel Amonike and Daniel Amokachi while Mutiu Adepoku went close with a snap shot.

But the Nigerians quickly ran out of steam allowing Argentina's youthful side to create more of the chances in the second half.

Ariel Ortega forced a full-stretch save from Nigerian keeper Peter Rufai on the hour and Hugo Perez blasted a long-range free-kick against the crossbar soon after.

Italian-based striker Gabriel Batistuta also went close with a half chance in the 68th minute that went just wide.

Argentina, who had a superior goal difference after beating Japan 5-1 in their opening group match on Sunday, kept their unbeaten record under new coach Daniel Passarella, who took over after their early exit at the World Cup finals.

They have now gone five matches without defeat under Passarella, scoring 10 times and conceding just one.

Garcia put Mexico in front in the 70th minute when he took full advantage of a botched clearance by Krogh, attempting to head clear on the edge of his penalty area. The ball fell perfectly for the Mexican to score his third goal of the tournament.

But Peter Rasmussen equalised for Denmark in the 88th minute to send the match to a penalty shootout.

In the penalty shootout, Mexico's Marcelino Bernal Perez missed and Denmark's substitute goalkeeper Mogens Krogh taking the place of injured keeper Lars Hogn.

blocked a shot by Garcia to give the Danes the edge.

The match started with both sides playing carefully. Denmark's Brian Laudrup missed a scoring opportunity in the 19th minute when he failed to tap in a pass from Jesper Kristensen. Laudrup, named the best player in the Scottish league for the second consecutive month in December, had only Jorge Campos to beat.

Denmark suffered a blow when goalkeeper Hogn was carried off the field unconscious after a nasty collision with Garcia.



Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta dives after being tackled by Nigerian player Efan Ekoku during their intercontinental Cup encounter in Riyadh on Jan 10. Final score was 0-0 and the South American champions moved in to Friday's final against Denmark. — AFP photo



Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson introduces new signing Andy Cole at United's Old Trafford ground on Tuesday. Cole joins the English Premier league champions from Newcastle United for a record British transfer fee of six million pounds thus making the 23-year-old striker the most expensive player in the country. — AFP photo

# Cole signs for M United

LONDON, Jan 11:

Andy Cole became British soccer's most expensive player on Tuesday, joining Manchester United from Newcastle and declaring: "I wouldn't have gone anywhere else."

The 23-year-old striker signed for the champions in a six million pound (9.39 million dollars) deal with Northern Ireland international winger Keith Gillespie valued at one million pounds (1.56 million dollars), heading in the other direction, reports Reuter.

Cole, who has signed a five and a half year contract which will keep him at United until the year 2000, became the 27th player bought by Alex Ferguson in his eighty years in charge.

The United manager, who has now spent around 32 million pounds (50 million dollars) since taking over at Old Trafford, said: "We were surprised when we did not get a rebuff from Kevin Keegan when I spoke to him on Friday."

"We started negotiations because Kevin was interested in Keith Gillespie and very keen to have him. At that point we had to reconsider because he's a good young player, but sometimes you have to give something to get something."

United's chief executive Martin Edwards described himself as "absolutely delighted" to welcome Cole, who has scored 66 goals in his 22 months at St James Park.

Although Cole has not hit the target in his last nine games, he is widely recognised as a quality striker.

Cole said: "It's a brilliant move. I'm excited about the things that will hopefully come from it over the next five years."

Keegan said the deal was too good to turn down. He believes Gillespie could become the best of his generation.