

Agrani Bank end Ajax's run

Sports Reporter
Ajax suffered their first defeat in the Yamaha First Division cricket league when they lost to Agrani Bank by 14 runs in the lone league engagement Monday.

Premier Div resumes today



Defending champions Abahani Krishna Chakra would surely like to shrug off the bitter memories of a shocking 37-run defeat at the hands of Kalabagan Krishna Chakra when they take on lowly Gulshan Youth today at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium as the Navana Premier Division cricket league resumes today after an unscheduled two-day break.

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Brothers, who earlier had a real nightmare during the inter-club players' transfers at the very onset of this season losing several key cricketers mainly due to cash constraints, have so far had the going under total control with young all-rounder Al-Shariar at the helm.

Although players must be itching to go into action after a brief, welcome lay-off, weather might just play the villain and put the resumption off for only heaven knows how long.

POINTS TABLE

Table with 5 columns: TEAMS, M, W, L, Pts. Lists teams like Brothers Union, Abahani KC, Mohammedan SC, Kalabagan KC, Victoria SC, Wari Club, Bangladesh Biman, GMCC, Eskaton 55, Sadharan Bina, Surja Tanu, Gulshan Youth with their respective match, win, loss, and points.

A quiet, homely end to WSC

Old Guards hold the order



MELBOURNE. Jan 17. Australia's cricket civil war was won by the nation's senior side on Tuesday when Mark Taylor's Australian side defeated Australia A by six wickets to clinch the World Series Cup, reports Reuter.

after they made a break-neck start to their innings. Blewett and Martyn took full toll of the senior side's bowlers, producing some blazing hitting and audacious running between the wickets.

116 for three in the 29th over, the match was on a knife-edge. Steve Waugh and David Boon (27) stabilised matters with a stand of 56 in 12 overs but when Boon fell, a further 55 were needed to 56 balls.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table for Australia A vs Australia A today. Lists players like G Blewett, M Hayden, D Martyn, M Bevan, J Langer, R Ponting, P Emery, G Robertson, J Angel, G Rowell, S George, Extras, Total, Fall of wickets, Bowling, and Extras.



STEVE WAUGH... m-o-m

Wales seamer also removing Michael Bevan (19) and Justin Langer (14) to catches by wicketkeeper Ian Healy. Fleming claimed the last recognised batsman, Ricky Ponting (13), before mopping up the tail.

Rahmatganj win big in King's Cup

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Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society made a rollicking start in the King's Birthday Cup invitational football tournament when they romped past an U-19 selection of the hosts Nepal with a massive 11-1 victory at Kathmandu yesterday.

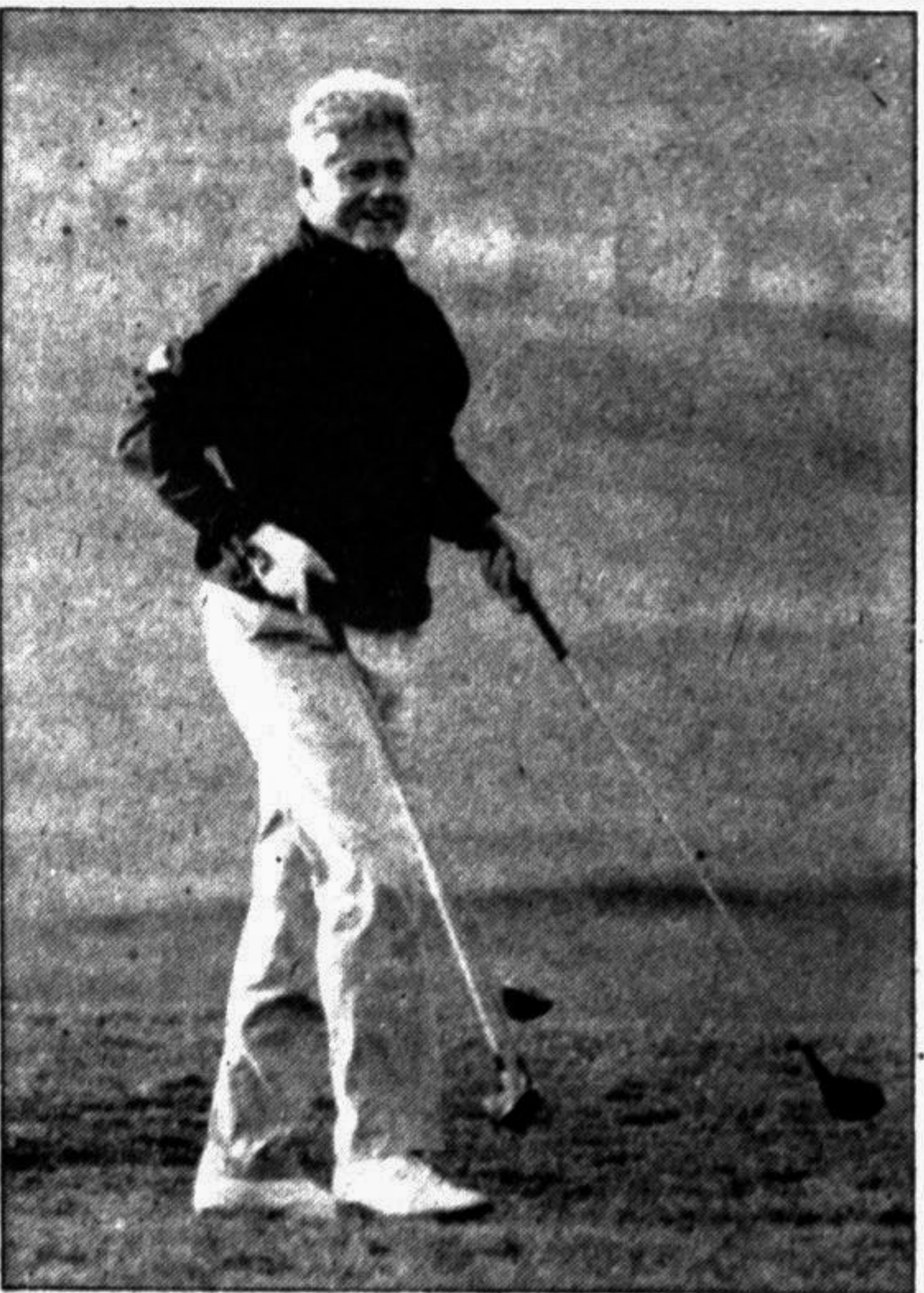
Howarth steps down

WELLINGTON Jan 17. New Zealand cricket coach Geoff Howarth resigned today just five days before the national side was due to face the West Indies at the start of its 100th anniversary season, reports Reuter.

Howarth, who was New Zealand's most successful Test captain, announced his decision after days of intense media speculation that he was about to be sacked.

Donald goes the pace

DURBAN, Jan 17: Strike bowler Allan Donald took a step closer to his Test return when he was included in South Africa's squad of 13 for the one-off Test against Pakistan in Johannesburg starting on Thursday, reports Reuter.



US President Bill Clinton juggles golf clubs he gets ready to tee off at the Black Rock Golf Club in Hagerstown, Washington on Jan 14.

Mohammedans drop first point

Sports Reporter
Title-aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club lost their first point in the Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league when lowly Azad Sporting Club held them to a one-all draw at the Heckey Stadium yesterday.



French woman Mary Pierce serves to Slovenian Tina Krizan during her first round match at the Australian Open in Melbourne on Jan 16. Pierce is considered a genuine contender for the women's title in the absence of Steffi Graf.

'A' team does it for England



BANGALORE. India, Jan 17: England's second string cricket team restored some of their country's battered pride with a four-wicket victory over India A in the first five-day international here Tuesday, reports AFP.

beaten on 36 while Nixon made nine not out. A group of English tourists, who came to watch the final day's play, sang 'sweet chariot' popular with English rugby fans - as Ramprakash and Nixon completed the final rites after tea.

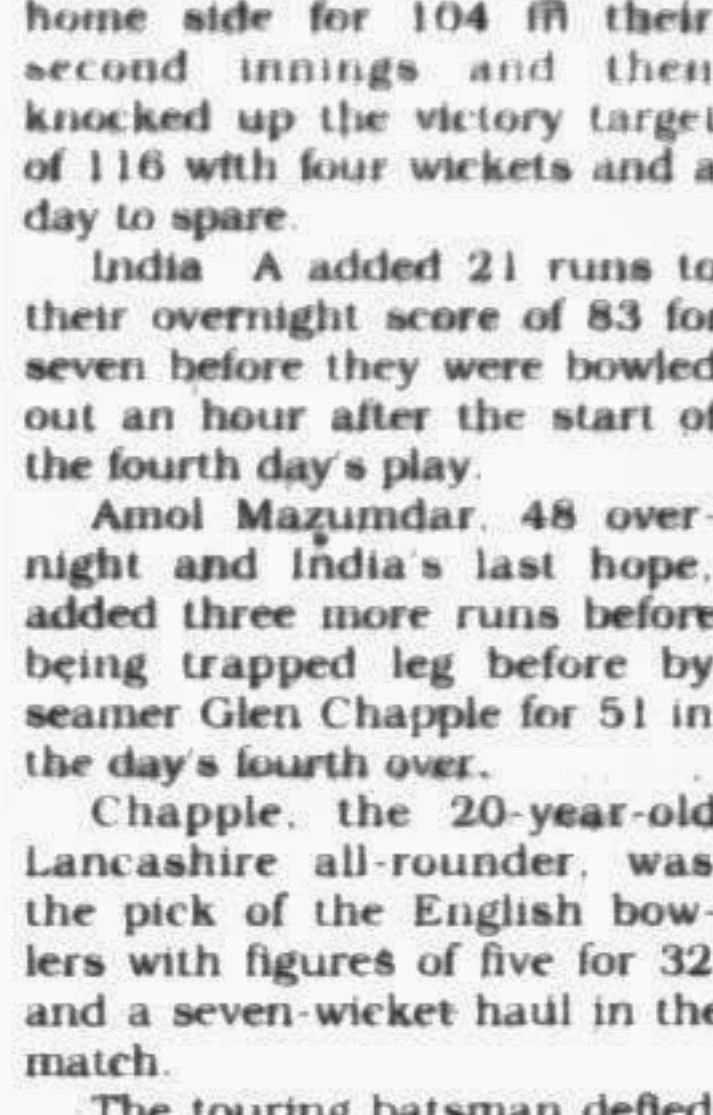
January 27. The third match is at Chandigarh from February 4. The tourists will also play three one-day internationals after the unofficial Test series.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table for England A vs India A. Lists players like N Knight, V Yadav, M Vaughan, J Gaillard, M Ramprakash, A Wells, P Weekes, D Cork, P Nixon, Extras, Total, Bowling, and Extras.

Acme cricket

Sports Reporter
Two half-centuries by Shaukat and Raju powered Amarjyoti to a huge seven-wicket victory over Public Works Department (PWD) in one of the three Acme Second Division cricket league matches held Monday.



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Preachers of new century



WASHINGTON. Jan 17: The coaches set to guide reigning champions Brazil and the improving US squad at the 1998 World Cup spent the weekend advising those who will teach football's stars of the 21st century, reports Reuter.

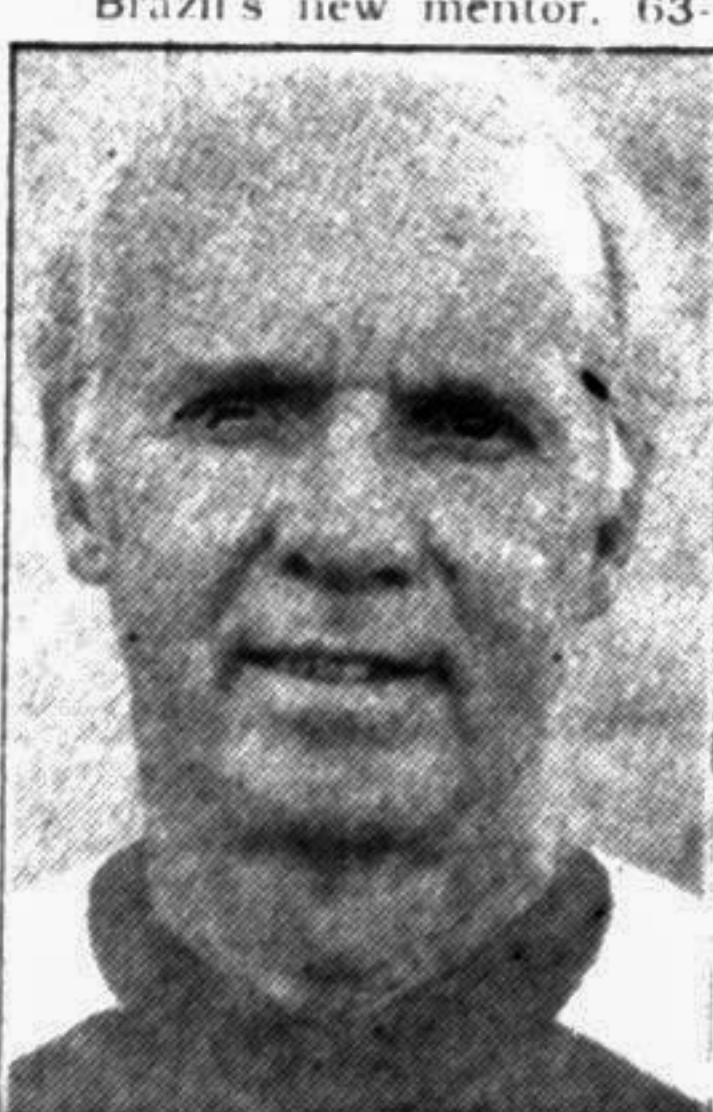
world and saw the latest wares from makers of equipment, shoes and uniforms. Zagallo, a member of all four Brazilian World Cup championship teams, takes over the programme from Carlos Alberto Parreira. Zagallo, an assistant coach to last year's winners, coached Brazil to the 1970 title and was a winger on the 1958 and 1962 championship squads.

First Division circuit. Major League Soccer, has promises of almost 50 million dollars with more money expected soon from Japanese groups.

The planned 10-team league will need more than promises to open in 1996. One year later and two teams smaller than original expectations, home cities for two of the clubs have yet to be chosen.

Div II football

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Police edged past City Club 3-2 in a violence-marred Second Division football league engagement at the Mirpur Stadium Monday.



MARIO ZAGALLO

year-old Mario Zagallo and US World Cup coach Bora Milutinovic spoke here at the 48th annual convention of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.



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MLS teams will hire general managers in the next few months. Rothenberg said, with coaches to be hired by the end of 1995 in anticipation of a start in April of 1996.



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4 more behind bars
KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 17. Four Malaysian footballers, including the national striker, were arrested Tuesday, bringing to 66 the number of players picked up in a nationwide probe into match-fixing, reports AFP.

13-man Kiwi one-squad named

WELLINGTON, Jan 17: New Zealand Cricket selectors Monday announced their 13-member squad for the first one-day international against the West Indies on Sunday January 22, reports AFP.

SQUAD

- Ken Rutherford (captain), Danny Morrison (vice-captain), Nathan Aslie, Mark Douglas, Simon Doull, Stephen Fleming, Matthew Hart, Andrew Jones, Gavin Larsen, Dion-Nash, Adam Parore, Shane Thomson and Bryan Young.