

THE DELIGHTED DUO: Skipper Gazi Ashrat Hossain (L) and Pakistani leg-spinner Iqbal Sikander, who engineered defending champions Abahani's huge 83-run win over Gulshan Youth in the Navana Premier Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Gazi Ashraf scored a superb 81 and Iqbal Sikander finished with a fantastic fivewicket haul. - Star photo

GMCC end Brothers' run

Brothers Union failed in their fi-

rst real trial of strength when Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) ended their fourmatch unbeaten streak with a 22-run victory in the Navana

league at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday. Yesterday's outcome brought in some sort of an equilibrium in the top flight of

Premier Division cricket

domestic circuit. leaving none of elite 12 unbeaten. injudicious batting proved Brothers' bane in the end as

the Gopibagh outfit, coasting at one stage on 138 for two in its chase for the GMCC total of 205 for seven in the stipulated 45 overs, finished at 183 for eight when overs ran out. However. Brothers got off to

a shaky start in their chase of a fighting score, losing opener Sajid Hassan for five with the scoreboard reading '11. Young skipper Al-Shahriar, the most in-form Brothers batsman. once again flashed with the willow and together with Pakistani Aabid Hanif put on 64 runs for the second wicket before the younger of the Hantfs left for a circumspect 71-ball 28 to the second ball of the 21st over

Aabid's departure didn't quite stem the flow of runs as Aamer, the stylish right-hander who was once seriously considered for a Test call. joined his captain to keep the scoreboard ticking on.

Al-Shahriar and Aamer added 53 runs for the third wicket before both went in the same over, going after deliver ies that were better left alone.

Al-Shahriar was the first to go when he mistimed an at. tempted pull off Shariful Huq and his GMCC counterpart. Mahbubur Rahman had very lis tle to do, on his part of the deal, taking a simple catch at mid-off.

The stylish all-rounder, who got his first call for the national side during the SAARC cricket tournament, made 59 creditable runs in his 83-ball tenure at the crease with four

Sports Reporter

If Al-Shahriar's dismissal Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. was indiscreet then Aamer's was totally irresponsible. The Pakistanf right-hander, on whom Brothers banked a lot after Al-Shahriar's departure. came up with a wild swipe at Shariful without even getting to the line of the ball and ended up clean bowled. Aamer Made a characteristic 29 off 44

From then on. Brothers innings began going downhill with batsmen trudging back to the dressing room at regular interval. In the end. 183 seemed a quite respectable

Earlier in the morning. Javed Omar Belim and skipper Mahbub formed the backbone of a fighting GMCC total.

Opener Javed Omar, who survived some close calls at the onset of his knock, hit a sparkling 75 while his captain made a responsible 55 as GMCC amassed 205 for eight in 45 overs.

The two apart. Rais Ahmed. the Pakistani all-rounder. scored a quickfire 23-ball 24 while national new-ball bowler Anisur Rahman, who lofted Sajal Chowdhury for a huge six in the slog overs, made 12 off 10 deliveries.

Sajal, who opened the attack with Khairuzzaman and restricted GMCC to 15 in nine overs, finished with three for

GMCC must have thanked Al-Shahriar for unnecessarily venturing to experiment with Aabid when things were quite under Brothers' control and 14 runs off the 10th over were more than what the Mymen singh campaigners expected.

Aabid's expensive first and final over of the match not only eased off the pressure but also let GMCC batsmen open up and from 15 in nine overs they raced to 51 in 13 overs. ABAHANI WIN BIG

While. Brothers Union skipper Al-Shahriar was left to rue his handling of the bowlers. Gazi Ashraf Hossain had every reason to feel content as the Abahani skipper led his side to a huge 83-run victory over Gulshan Youth in the

other match of the day at the

Ashraf, the former national captain surfing on success at the twilight of his career. raged storm with the willow as Abahani, making the first use of the western strip of the stadium, piled up an imposing 256 for five in the revised quota of 45 overs.

Having lost his opening partner Harun-ur-Rashid at 20. Ashraf played anchor role in two vital partnership, first with Naimur Rahman and then with another former national captain Minhazul Abedin.

With Naim. Ashraf added 106 runs for the second wicket before the young onedrop bat fell for a 51-ball 41. Naim hit four fours.

The Abahani skipper then shared an aggressive thirdwicket partnership with Minhaz to put on 41 runs off 32 balls before finally getting out in the 32nd over

Ashraf made 81 off 96 balls. punctuated by four sixes and five fours. Minhaz was more aggressive in his 40-ball 46 made of five fours.

Pakistani recruit Naveed Anjum, who was dropped down the order vesterday, was in a marauding mood and simply went after anything and everything for a hurricane 26-

Anjum, who later had a wonderful time with the ball as well clubbed five fours and a couple of sixes to ensure Abahani made it past 250-

Chasing a daunting task of scoring more than six runs an over. Gulshan Youth didn't quite give in meekly and with Indian Test-veterans Arun Lal and Ashok Malhotra back in the squad they offered some resistance before Pakistani legspinner lqbal Sikander cast his

World Cupper Sikander took five wickets for only 18 runs as the Gulshan innings folded on 175 in 36.5 overs.

Arun Lai made a superb comeback with a polished 63 made of 76 balls . Atlar Rahman, the promising mid dle-order bat, hit 43.

England to miss Fairbrother BENDIGO. Aus



tralta. Jan 19: Middle-order batsman Neil Fairbrother has been ruled out of England's four-day match against Victoria starting on Friday by a

shoulder injury which also jeopardises his chances of a Test return, reports Reuter. Fairbrother sustained a partial tear to a tendon in his

right shoulder while fielding in a World Series Cup game against Australia in Melbourne on January 10, just five days after he arrived to reinforce the injury-hit squad. The Lancashire left-hander

faced only a few gentle deliveries during England's net session in Melbourne on Wednesday, and struggle to get any power behind his attacking

When the squad arrived in Bendigo today team manager Keith Fletcher conceded Fairbrother was not fit enough to face Victoria.

Team physiotherapist Dave Roberts said. "Neil is making slow progress and although he has got a range of movement in his arm, there is not much strength there.

It is not yet clear whether Fairbrother will be fit for the fourth Test against Australia in Adelaide starting on January 26. but Pletcher said: "Neil's injury is a concern simply because it does not seem to have responded to treatment."

Fairbrother's absence from the Bendigo game is a bitter blow to his hopes of a Test comeback. He won the last of his 10 caps in a one-off Test against Sri Lanka in March

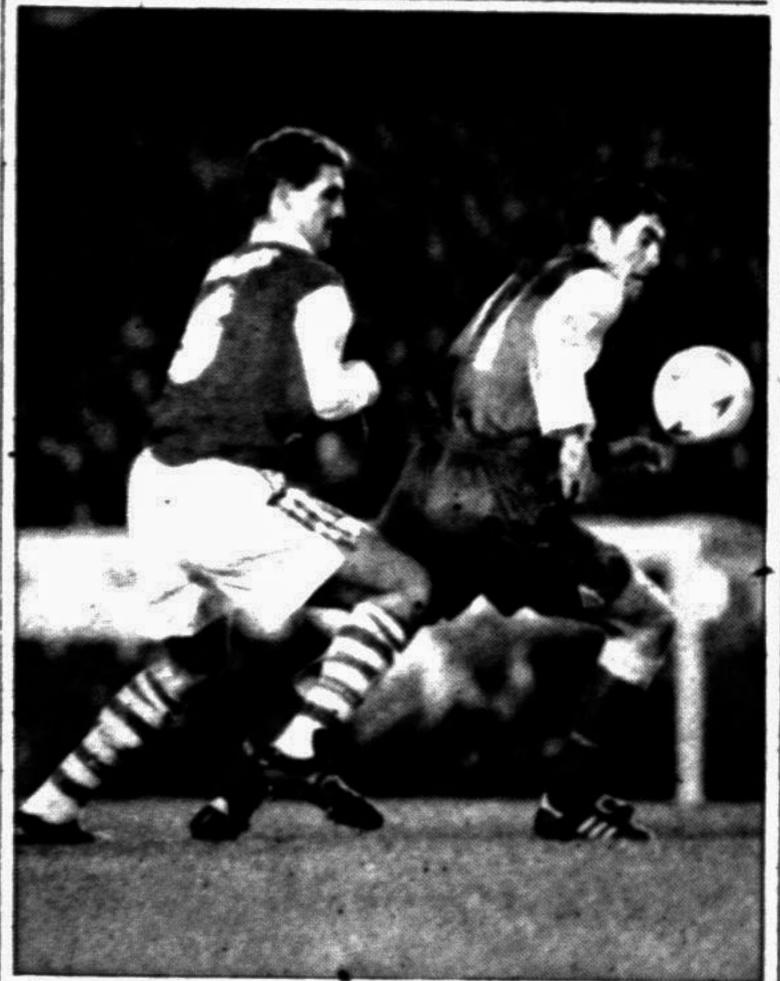
England's beleaguered squad was reduced to 15 today when off-spinner Shaun Udal flew home with a side strain the fourth player to be in-

valided out of the tour. With Fairbrother ruled out the tour selectors were left with a straightforward job in picking the side for the Victoria match

Vice captain Alec Stewart

returns for his first outing since tracturing his right index finger for the second time on the tour, on December 26.

Worries over seamer Angus Fraser's ability to last through back-to-back tests in Adelaide and Perth should mean he will be rested, with Joey Benjamin set for a rare outing.



Arsenal's Tony Adam's (L) is in hot pursuit of Millwall's Mark Kennedy during their FA Cup third round replay in London on Jan 18. Millwall won 2-0. - AFP photo

S Africa 354 for seven at close

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 19: South Africa were 354-7 at the close on the first day of the one-off Test against Pakistan at the Wanderers today, reports

Rahmatganj in Kings Cup final

Sports Reporter

Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society moved into the final of the Kings Birthday Cup football tournament when they prevailed over the Nepal Police team 4-1 in the tie-breaker in Kathmandu yesterday.

The Dhaka First Division football league champions who recorded a massive 11-1 win over another local outfit on Tuesday, were locked 1-1 during the regulation period of a keenly contested match.

They will meet NTR Nepal in the final on Saturday.

Acme cricket Sports Reporter

Asiuzzaman scored a run-a ball half-century to pave the path for East End Club's huge 73-run win over Bashabo Tarun Sangha in one of the two Acme Second Division cricket league matches played at different city venues yesterday. At the Mirpur Outer Sta-

dium. Asiuzzaman scored just 50 as East End Club compiled a fighting 174 for eight in the allotted 40 overs. The middle-order bat, a

student of BUET, clubbed five fours and one huge sixer during his 64 minute stay at the crease. Faiyaz with 26 and Habibur Rahman, who scored a sedate

29 off 64 balls, were the other notable rungetters for the eventual winners. Rahman. Humayun Kabir and Abu Sufian took two wickets each for the Bashabo side. In reply. Bashabo could

muster only 101 for nine against some accurate bowling. Asiuzzaman, who earlier dazzled with the willow, also shone with the cherry, returning an amazing analysis of 6-1-6-1. New Ball bowler Faisal claimed two wickets for only 10 runs in his eight economic overs which included four

In the other match of the day at the Dhanmondi Club ground. Dhanmondi Pragati Sangha earned a 43-run victory over Shantinagar B.

maidens

Electing to bat first Dhanmondi Pragati Sangha rattled up 185 for nine and then restricted Shantinagar to 142 in 36.4 overs.

The Pragati innings was built around the sparkling 67 from opener Rubel and an aggressive 35 from Sohel while extras featured a flattering 39.

In the Shantinagar innings only Ripon (20). Anwar (23) and Mahmud (26) could make 20-plus scores.

Golam Arif, who mopped the Shantinagar tail, finished with four for 21.

Yamaha cricket Sports Reporter

Shakil Raihan ripped through the Evergreen batting order as Gopibagh Friends Association recorded a comfortable eight-wicket win in the Yamaha First Division cricket league at the Mirpur Pallabi ground yesterday

Shakil finished with a haul of four wickets for only 15 rims in his quota of nine overs as Evergreen, sent in to bat first were all out for 94 in 39.4 overs He was well as sisted by Sayed Babu and Azimul Haque who claymed wo wickets apiece.

Abu Raihan was the only Evergreen batsman to have of fered some resistance with a plucky unbeaten 35 off 73

Chasing a modest target Gopibagh lost only two wickets on their way to posting the required 95 in 29.5 overs with opener Baki Billah scoring an unbeaten 35.

Jabbar memorial tennis today

The M A Jabbar memorial ennis tournament begins at the Engineers' Club here today, reports BSS.

Deputy Leader in the Parliament Professor AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury will inaugurate the tournament at 4 pm as the chief guest. One hundred and fifty five

players will take part in the eight events of the meet organised by Engineers' Club. The events are: Boys' singles under -14, boys' singles under-16. women's singles, men's singles, men's above-40 singles, engineers' singles, engineers' doubles and engineers' singles above-50.

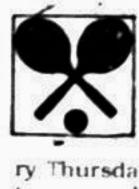
Cricket friendly today

The Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) will play an exhibition cricket match against Bangladesh Tobacco Company today at the BTC ground at Mohakhali, reports UNB.



State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan hands over the team championship trophy to Director, Customer Services on the concluding day of the Biman annual athletics championship '95 at the Rajarbagh Police Line yesterday. - Star photo

Happy birthday to Edberg



Jan 19: Stefan Edberg celebra- Pete Sampras in last year's fi ted his 29th bir thday with a st raight-sets victory Thursday that propelled his

to somewhere he feels very much at home - the third round of the Australian Open reports AP Edberg, a two-time Australian Open champion, dow-

Voinea 6-3, 7-6(7-3), 6-4, Andre Agassi, who hasn't had much time to get used to the venue, looked just as comfortable as he roared to a 6-2. 6-3. 6-1. win over French qualifier Jerome Golmard in

ned Romanian qualifier Adrian

Agassi, who is making his first appearance at the Open. took just 93 minutes to book his passage to the round of 32. cleverly moving Golmard around the court with his fierce groundstrokes. .

the evening session.

The American showman demonstrated he was at ease by flexing his right arm muscles after a 202 kilometre per hour (125.5 mph) serve that just missed, then laughing and joking with the crowd. What a great reception.

I'm having the best time." Agassi said, while also underlining his serious intent "I'm here to win every

Grand Slam I can, and it would mean a lot for me to win here. he said Seeded trio Todd Martin.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Thomas Muster also won second-round matches as the air temperatures rose above 33C 192 degrees Fahrenheit) during the day and players sweltered on court.

I had to work very hard because he's a young and upcoming guy." Edberg said after his win. "He's another one who could be a very good player They're young and hungry I m old and hungry "

Edberg, the No 6 seed, is aiming to maintain his record of having made at least the quarterfinals at every Australian Open since 1984. He won on the grass courts of Kooyong in 1985 and 1987. but has not triumphed since the event moved to the Na tional Tennis Centre seven VERIEB ARD

Winning another Grand Slam, is the goal for me" Edberg said. 'It's still great to be out there

Edberg was cheered on by a large group of Swedish fans with painted faces who changed songs in his praise and sang birthday greetings. He bowed appreciatively to them

American Martin, beaten by

nal and seeded No 8 this year was treated for a bloody nose in the second set but had no difficulty in defeating French man Jean-Philippe Fleurian 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 Kafelnikov, the 10th seed from Russia and one of the newest stars of the sport.

moved on with a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 win over Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark - who had a band of supporters every bit as enthusiastic as Edberg's." Muster, the No 14 seed.

defeated qualifier Thierry Guardiola of France 6-3, 7-6(7



STEFAN EDBERG

3). 6-2. "I was the better pla yer, but I probably could have been more aggressive," said the Austrian

Two other seeded players were eliminated.

American Aaron Krickstein won a three-hour marathon 6-3. 6-7 (8-10), 7-6(7-4), 6-3 against No 11 seed Wayne Ferreira of South Africa - a semifinalist here in 1992 and No 16 Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands was surprised 7 6(7 5), 6-4, 6-3 by South African Marcos Ondruska

Ferreira made an incredible 100 unforced errors to 29 by Krickstein and lost despite hitting 71 winners to just 23 by the American baseliner.

Patrick McEnroe first round conqueror of Boris Becker, advanced to the round of 32 with a 6-3, 7-5, 6-3 win over Britain's Jeremy Bates on an overflowing Court 6.

has a full programme, includ-

ing a quadrangular tournament

with India. Australia and South

Africa and Tests against South

New Zealand's 'woeful results'

three suspended players) is

endemic of a wider malaise

He released the statement

after New Zealand Cricket had

taken legal advice. In answer

to a question, he said he

doubted police would press

The report of New Zealand

Cricket's independent nomi-

criminal charges.

that appears to have infected

the game." McDermott said.

lately on Lack of discipline

McDermott blamed some of

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Africa and Sri Lanka.

Other winners included ris-

Trouble in Kiwi camp AUCKLAND, Jan New Zealand this year is celebrating its centenary and



ports Reuter

19 Three members of the New Zealand cricket which recently toured South Africa have been suspended for alleged use of Marijuana. New Zealand

New Zealand Cricket chairman Peter McDermott named the players as Stephen Fleming. Dion Nash, and Matthew Hart, all members of the squad due to play West Indies in a one-day match on Surklay.

Cricket officials said today, re-

· He said the three would be suspended for all three oneday internationals against the tourists. "Yesterday, an independent

nominee of the New Zealand Cricket Board suspended from international duty three of the players that took part in the South African todr as a result of their use of cannabis," he told a news conference. They are Stephen Fleming.

Matthew Hart and Dion Nash." McDermott added: "To my mind, this has been one of the darkest weeks in the history of our sport." The announcement came

just two days after coach Geoff

Howarth resigned under pres-

sure over the team's poor per-

formance in South Africa.

nee. Tim Gresson, said the incident took place at a team barbeque in Paarl on December 22 and was brought to the attention of team manager Mike Sandlent by captain Ken Rutherford. The report said that Fleming and Hart admitted smoking the cannabis but Nash

said he had 'merely simulated

its use. Sandlant fined the players 500 rand (160 US dollar) each after they had admitted the offence.

None of the players could be contacted for comment

Biman athletics concludes

The two-day 14th annual athletics championships '95 of Biman Bangladesh' Airlines ended at Rajarbagh Police Line

ground yesterday, reports Customer Services Directorate emerged as team champions with 107 points while Directorate of Marketing and

Sales finished runners-up with 66 points, said a press release. A total of 708 athletics drawn from 16 units, under Biman took part in 42 everts

of the two -day meet. In the men's individual group, Nawsher Ali Mollah of Marketing and Sales earned the championships with 21 points. Md Enamul Huq of Engineering Directorate finished as runners-up with 15 points.

Shahnaz Begum of Customer Services clinched the championship in the women's group with 15 points while Kanij and Sayeda Nasima Akhter became joint runners-up securing 14 points each.

Inter-varsity cricket today

Sports Reporter

championship begins today with the hosts Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) facing Jahangirnagar University at

the two playing on the opening day of the 114day meet. The top two finishers from

January 31 All the matches will be a

tes and now will play American onship will provide Taka one Zina Garrison Jackson Kimiko Date of Japan. the-No 7 seed who still is troubled by a stomach muscle injury. beat American veteran Patty

Mary Joe Fernandez, a twotime finalist and the No 11 seed, won a backcourt battle with fellow American Linda Harvey-Wild 7-6(7-5), 7-5 and now plays South African Amanda Coetzer, a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 winner over Romania's Ruxandra Dragomir in over two

Fendick 6-4, 6-3.

ing German star Hendrik

Dreekmann - who defeated

Frenchman Fabrice Santoro 6

3, 6-4, 6-2 and now faces

Edberg - and experienced

Czech left-hander Petr Korda.

who beat German Lars

Australian No 1 Pat Rafter.

Burgsmuller 2-6, 5-7, 6-4, 7

the idol of the Melbourne fans.

served 12 aces as he downed

American Steve Campbell 6-4.

7-6(7-1), 6-2 and now plays

Ondruska. Members of the

crowd threw flowers to him

meanwhile, danced a fig of de-

light after beating Frenchman

Guy Forget 6-4, 1-6, 2-6, 6-4,

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

the women's top seed, breezed

through to the last 32 with a

6-2. 6-1 win over Tami Whit-

linger Jones of the United Sta-

Swede Jonas Bjorkman

6(7-2), 7-5.

after his win.

Lori McNeil, the No 15 seed from the United States advanced with a 7-6(7-4), 6-1 win over Germany's Stike . The inter-university cricket

BUET cricket ground. The six-team meet split into two groups also includes Dhaka University. Rajshahi University and Agricultural -University in Group A while Islamic University have been placed in Group B along with

each group will make it to the semifinals to be held on January 26 and 27 respectively while the final will be held on

40-over-a-side contest Meanwhile, Coca Cola, the official sponsor of the champi-

lakh of the total budget which has been earmarked at Taka 1.50.000 Windies tour match abandoned

WHANGAREI. New Zealand. Jan 19: The West Indies tour match against Northern Districts was washed out Thursday, but the game will be played Friday if the weather improves, reports AP.

The West Indies were keen to play a rescheduled match because they have limited opportunities to prepare for the first one-day international against New Zealand in Auckland on Sunday.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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