Easy win for Mohammedans

Sports Reporter

Hasibul Hassan was the lone local cricketer to star on a day dominated by the Pakistani batsmen as Mohammedan Sporting Club raced to an impressive seven-wicket win over Sadharan Bima at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday for their fourth victory in the Navana Premier Division cricket league.

Mohammedans cantered to 169 for three in 39.2 overs after Hasib's superb spell of medium pace restricted Sadharan Bima to 168 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs.

Pakistani Nadeem Younus and Aamir Malik both scored 51 while their compatriot Shawkat Mirza formed the backbone of Bima's reasonable total with the day's highest individual score of 58

Apart from Mirza, the righthanded middle-order bat who hit his third half-century in the league yesterday, only Hasanuzzaman, who came in at number seven, offered some sort of resistance with a creditable 33.

Mirza. who scored a sparkling 77 against Abahani. cracked three boundaries and a huge six of fellow-Pakistani Nadeem Younus during his 86ball stay at the crease.

Hasanuzzaman also had a six along with two fours in his 57ball knock. The other Bima batsman to loft the ball over the fence was Tarigul Islam. who contributed a seven-ball In their turn. Moham-

medans were given a flying start by the opening pair of Younus and Sajjad Mansur, who put on 73 runs for the first wicket.

Younus was the first to go after yet another aggressive innings that saw the ball race to the rope on seven occasions. Sajjad, the young right-hander followed him two runs later for

Malik and Selim Shahed. the technically sound bat who was named for national side after being out of selectors favour for the SAARC cricket competition, added 61 runs for the third wicket before Shahed went for 27. Malik stayed at the crease

until the end of a successful chase on a fluent 51. The Pakistani hit two fours and as many sixes in his 69-ball tenure at the wicket. Meanwhile, the Navana

Premier cricket league matches will be suspended till February 5 due to a series of international matches.

Yamaha cricket Sports Reporter

Three fine knocks from opener Jamaluddin. Mashiur Rahman and Raju Parvez laid the foundation for Lalmatia Club's resounding 85-run victory over Evergreen Sporting Club in yesterday's lone Yamaha First Division league fixture at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Lalmatia, put in to bat first. rattled a mammoth total of 236 for seven in the regulation 45 overs and then had Evergreen bowled out in 43 overs for 151, thanks to a superb spell from skipper Halim

Having lost his opening partner Mohammad al-Nazir very early in the innings. Jamaluddin teamed up with Mashiur for a century stand for the second-wicket. The two took the total from 12 to 123 before the opener ran himself out two runs short of a half-century, inclusive of four hits to the fence.

At the other end, Mashiur, however, kept up his good work and featured in another century partnership with Raju before being sent back for a sparkling 79 with Lalmatia placed comfortably on 237 in 43.1 overs. He hit five fours in his 122-ball innings.

Mashiur's departure sparked off a dramatic collapse which saw five Lalmatia wickets fall for only nine runs.

Raju was clean bowled for an aggressive 58-ball 55 inclusive of six fours.

Over five runs an over was always a difficult proposition for the Evergreen batsmen and Halim Babu made sure they didn't get even close to the winning target.

Although opening batsman Serajul Islam contributed a fighting 59, the rest of the lot simply came and went as Evergreen folded their innings on 151.

Halim Babu finished with four for 28.

Eves' handball Sports Reporter

Eden Girls' College, Fajilatunnisa Hall of Jahangirnagar University and Viquarunnisa Noon College won their respective matches of the Delta Life inter-college and hall women's handball championship at the National

Women's Complex. Eden College beat Anwara Begum Muslim College 5-1. Fajilatunnisa Hall humiliated Arambagh Girls' College 13-1 while Viquarunnisa Noon Coflege sailed to a 11-1 win over Sher-e-Bangla Girls' College.



The Kenyan cricket squad, which arrived in the morning, gave the photographer a moment during their net practice at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Kenya play local U-19 today

Sports Reporter

ountry's cricket lovers ready for more excitement as Kenvan natioual team takes on the Bangladesh

team for the big occasion. under-19 squad at the Dhaka Stadium today. The limited overs match starts at 9:00 am. Skipper Maurice Odumbe.

who aroused some sort of mixed feelings among the local lans with a ternado innings that eventually led to the bane of Bangladesh in the ICC Trophy last year, will lead the visitors, who arrived in the capital vesterday morning. To be precise, the right

handed middle-order batsman shattered Bangladeshi hopes of a World Cup berth with a hurricane ton during a round robin league match of the ICC Trophy in Kenya last February

However, the team, which earned a berth in the next World Cup, to be held in the sub continent next year, along with champions United Arab Emirates and third finishers Holland, has gone through some changes with six new faces squeezing into the present lot. A number of ICC cam. paigners including former skipper Tom Tikolo have been excluded from the national team for this tour

This tour is a part of the preparatory package for the World Cup." said Harifal Saha. the Kenvan team manager.

"We never played in front of a tuli house crowd and I believe matches here before botsterous supporters will help us a lot for the World Cup," added Harilal Saha, who feels this tour will help his hoys a lot

When asked why Kenya reused to play a tournament

BENDIGO Aus

tralia Jan 22

England's injury

riddled tour of

Australia suffered

vet another blow

today when vice-captain Alec-

Stewart was ruled out of the

fourth Test - and probably the

rest of the trip as well, reports

his right index finger twice on

the tour was struck on it once

more in his comeback innings

during the tourists' match with

hurt as England moved on

from their overnight score of

288 for five to finish on 329.

giving them a first innings lead

reached 228 for five in their

second innings, a lead of 145

with one day's play remaining

and the pitch showing some

Stewart said that the previ-

ous fracture, suffered during

the second Test in Melbourne

on December 26, had not been

But he admitted his finger.

made worse by the latest blow.

By the close. Victoria had

Stewart was forced to retire

Victoria in Bendigo.

signs of wear

Stewart, who has fractured

Reuter

here he said, 'If we play tournaments then we will have to rely on the experienced players. Then it won't be possible to experiment with the young ones. We are here to prepare a

But we are not taking the tour lightly. In fact, we are here to win all the matches. said a confident Harifal, who termed the outfield of the Dhaka Stadium marvelous

"There are a lot of allrounders in the team," said the soft-spoken manager who further added that the team includes three seamers -Martin Suji Edward Tito and Rajab Ali - and two specialist spinners in Asil Karim, the vice-captain and skipper Maurice Odumbe.

The manager also revealed that Deepak Chudasama will open the Kenyan innings while Odumbe Steve Tikolo, Hitesh Modi and Asif Karım will form the upper order. Two of the three seamers will be fielded in today's match. Saha added. I don't know the strength

walk into the field to win," said skipper Odumbe, a familiar name before even coming to Bangladesh. "I don't think Bangladesh was over-rated in the ICC Trophy," said Odumbe. "I be-

lieve it was one of the most

of our opponents but I will just

balanced sides in the meet." Asif Karim, a member of successful Kenyan national team in the ICC Trophy, complemented his skipper's remarks saying. "I think the Bangladeshi squad was burnt out even before the meet went

The left-arm spinner further added that the whole

Alec Stewart may miss rest of the tour

Another blow for England

which was badly bruised, was

also very sore, and he added:

and it has not completely

the finger in practice on

ist when the squad gets to

been ruled out of the fourth

to appear in the final Test in

Perth. starting on February 3.

he added: I have got to be

again. I would have to come

off, and if that happened, I,

Stewart, who is a tour se

lector, said the subject of

sending for another replace-

ment — four have already been

hopeful of being fit for the Test

after a shoulder injury and

Mike Gatting also in the squad.

it appears unlikely at this

But with Neil Fairbrother

used - would be discussed.

would be letting the other ten

The Surrey captain has

Although he remains keen

If I get hit on the finger

October 24 will see a special-

Adelaide on Tuesday.

sensible.

players down

The old fracture is still there

Stewart who also fractured

team seemed rather 'lethargie' on the field due to rigorous practice sessions before every

"I have talked to some of the Bangladeshi players and the impression | got was pretty puzzling. Besides. ! sensed some internal conflict in the team," said Karim.

The 18-member Kenyan national team, which will play eight matches, had a practice session at the Dhaka Stadium last afternoon.

The visitors will play five matches at the Dhaka Stadium and one each at Comilla, Sylhet and Mymensingh. Meanwhile, the local boys,

ground, expressed optimism regarding today's match. Radio Bangladesh will cover the 50-over a side engage-

who also had nets at the same

SQUADS

KENYA: Maurice Odumbe (captain). Asif Karim (vice-captaint. Steve Tixole, Kennedy Otieno, Deepak Chudasama, Martin Suji, Edward Tito. Thomas Odoyo, Lamck On yango. Rajab Ali. Tariq lqbal Tony Sjul, Abbas Akram, Mohsin Ali Alpesh Vadher and Hitesh Modi

Officials: Hartlal Shah (Tour Manager) and Zahoor Sheikh (Team Manager).

BANGLADESH: Natmur Rahman (captain). Satiad Mansur Shipon Satid Hasan, Mihrab Hossain. Zakaria Imtiaz. Mustadir, Sohel Islam, Raimur Rashid. Aftabul Islam. Sajal Chowdhury, Hasibul Hossain, Atiar Rahman, Morshed Ali Khan, Shahriar Hossain.

Osman Khan (Manager)

Stewart's departure con-

tributed to a lower-order col-

lapse which saw England lose

their last four wickets for only

Reiffel claimed four for 63

Victoria's batsmen then

while Cook took three for 64.

produced some determined

resistance in the face of

England's bowlers with opener

Matthew Ellfott top-scoring

16. added 73 for the first-

wicket with fellow opener

Rohan Larkin (27) and 54 with

his captain Dean Jones, who

back either side of tea with

spinner Phillip Tufnell and

pace bowler Devon Malcolm.

who each claimed two wickets.

reducing the home side to 172

But Brad Hodge (63) and

Dave Emergson (12) added an

unbroken 56 for the sixth-

final day on Monday.

wicket to set up an intriguing

Star photo

England's bowlers fought

Elliott, dropped on six and

with 73 in 199 minutes.

new ball.

made 31.

for five.

Acme cricket

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Boys carved a comfortable seven-wicket win over Nabin Sangha in the Acme Second Division cricket league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday

Yesterday's lone league encounter, played on the eastern strip of the stadium, saw Boys race to 103 for three in reply to Nabin Sangha's 26.3 over collection 97 with Ahsan hitting a huge six for the winning DIES.

Batting first. Nabin Sangha got into trouble from the very onset of their innings in the face of some useful bowling from new-ball bowler Swadhin and Sohail and managed 97 with only two batsmen making double-digit scores.

Sohail and Swadhin claimed three wickets apiece for 25 and 12 respectively.

Aussies to play five one-dayers in Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Jan 22: Australia have confirmed they will play five one-day matches in Bermuda following their tour of West Indies which ends in May, Bermuda's cricket board of control announced on Friday, reports

Mark Taylor's side have agreed to play five games on the Caribbean island with the first on May 7, just four days after the fourth Test in Kingston, Jamaica, Other matches are scheduled for May 9. 11, 13 and 14,

The Australians, who will be making their second visit to Bermuda in four years, depart on May 15,

Opponents have not been finalised but Bermuda, a President's XI. a youth team and club sides St George's and Somerset are expected to line up against the tourists.

Injury forces Waqar to skip Zimbabwe tour

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 22: Pakistan fast bowler Wagar Younis has a stress fracture of the lower back and will miss the forthcoming tour of Zimbabwe, manager intikhab Alam said on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Waqar was ruled out of the inaugural Test against South Africa currently being played at the Wanderers but initially this was said to be because of a hamstring injury.

Intikhab said Wagar would fly home next Friday and had been advised by a physiotherapist to rest for four weeks, but it was not know when he would be able to resume play-

Pace bowler Aamir Nazir was flown in as a replacement for Wagar ahead of the current Test and Pakistan would not be sending for another player. Intikhab said.

Hooper may miss NZ tour

14 runs, with pace bowlers AUCKLAND, Jan 22: All-Paul Reiffel and Simon Cook rounder Carl Hooper will not impressing with the second be able to join the West Indies team on their New Zealand cricket tour, captain Courtney Walsh said Sunday, reports AP.

Walsh said Hooper, who fell ill on a tour of India, has been advised not to fly after being hospitalised in England. He was on antibiotics over the past week but has not recovered in time to join the team. Walsh said the team has not

decided whether to call for a replacement. Opening batsman Sherwin

Campbell strained a hamstring muscle Sunday after a collision with New Zealand wicket keeper Adam Parore while running a quick single in the one-day international at Eden Park.

He had to bat with a runner for the rest of his innings.

We're waiting 24 hours to see what's going to happen. Campbell's not moving very freely at the moment." Walsh said. "If there is a problem with Campbell we might have to give that (a replacement) some consideration."

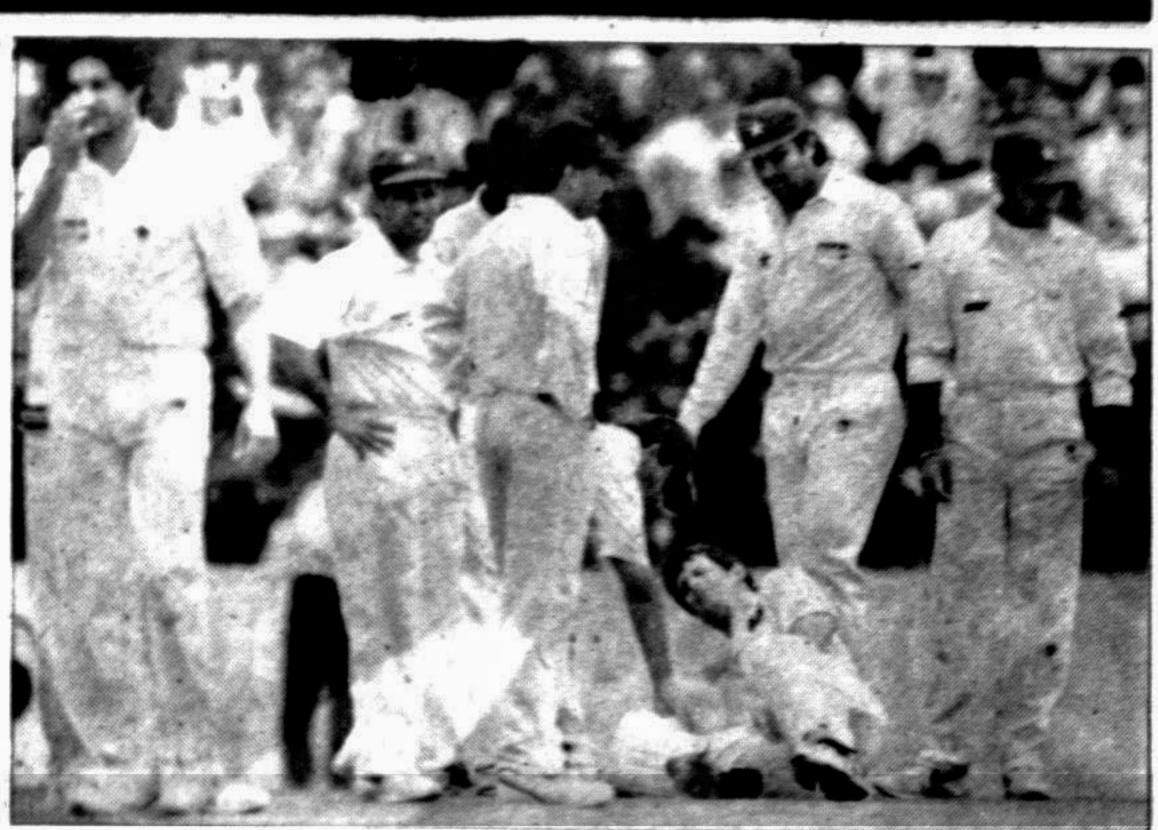
Fast bowler Winston Benjamin was still suffering from a chest infection which ruled him out of the Sunday's match. won by the West Indies by nine wickets.

Gascoigne makes a pledge

LONDON, Jan 22: Paul Gascoigne, stung by allegations that he has a weight problem. pledged on Saturday to return to action for Lazio and England leaner and fitter than ever, reports Reuter.

The 27-year-old midfielder. speaking on the British television Channel Four programme "Gazzetta Football İtalia" also firmly denied reports that he had "begged" Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan to take him back to his former club.

"That's absolute rubbish." he said. Twe never asked any one for a job in my life."



South African batsman John Commins holds his groin after being run out during the one-off Test against Pakistan at the Wanders yesterday. Pakistan chasing 490 for victory were precariously placed at 149 for seven at stumps on the penultimate day.

Pakistan need a miracle



victory here today as Pakistan chasing a massive 490 struggled to 149 for seven by the close, reports AFP The only resistance on the

fourth day of the one off Test came from Inzamamul Haq who batted for one minute short of four hours to end unbeaten on 86 after his side s early collapse.

De Villiers, the hero of the first innings with six wickets and 66 runs, was the chief ar chitect again as Pakistan slumped to five for three wickets.

First he had Aamtr Sohatl caught off the fourth ball of his second over with the score on three Then, after Donald snapped

up Sweed Anwar without fur ther score he dismissed Salim Malik for a single Inzamamul Haq and Mujtaba

put on 93 but when the later gave Brian McMillan his 50th Test wicket by edging an attempted pull off wicketkeeper Dave Richardson, the tourists were lacing deleat with a day

liaz Ahmed fell in identical fashion, a magnificent catch by Janty Rhodes removed Moin Khan off Clive Eksteen who then removed Wasim Akram to

make it 124-7. De Villiers, whose first innings six wickets cost him 81. this time returned figures of 16-11-16-2

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the fourth

day of the one-off Test between South Africa and Pakistan at the Wanderers on Sunday: SOUTH AFRICA: First in-

ninga 460 (B McMillan 113, F

de Villiers 66 not out, G

Kirsten 62). PAKISTAN: First innings 230 (Salim Malik 99: F de Villiers 6-8)

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings (overnight 161-3) G Kirsten h Wastm Akram R Stevn c Moto Khan b Aamti Nazir

H Cronte c Aamtr Sohati b Aaqtb D Culfinan not out J Rhodes c Moin Khan b Wasim Akram

J Cummins run out B McMillan c Salim Malik b Kabir C Eksteen not out Extras: (b-6, fb-5, w-15, nb-6) 32 Total: (for seven wickets, declared)

Fall of wickets: 1-69; 2-96; 3-155; 4-185; 5-185; 6-251; 7-255 Wasim Akram 23

Aagib Javed 26 2 82 Aamir Nazir 1 55 Kabir Khan 0

PAKISTAN: Second innings Assmir Sohail c McMillan b De Saced Anwar e De Villiers b Donald Asif Mujtaba c , Richardson b Salim Malik Ibw b De Villiers Inzamámul Hag not out liaz Ahmed e Richardson b McMillan

Moto Khan c Rhodes b Eksteen Wastin Akram c Kirsten b Eksteen i l Kabir Khan not out Extras: (lb-7, w-1, nb-3, b-8) Total: (for seven wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-3: 2-3; 3-

5: 4-98; 5-100; 6-101; 7-124. Bowling: MRW Donald 2 48 16 11 16 De Villiers McMillan 33 7 34 Eksteen 19 5 2 3 Cronje

Lara, Williams steer WI



ALCKLAND, Jan 22: Stuart Williams and Brian Lara steered the West Indies to comfortable win

in a rain affected one-day international against New Zealand today, reports Reuter. Williams was unbeaten on 73 and Lara made 55 not out

from just 32 balls as West Indies coasted to 149 for one from 27.4 overs before rain prevented any further play. The tourists, responding to New Zealand's 167 for six in a

shortened innings of 37 overs. won easily by virtue of their faster scoring rate. Lara lived up to his billing as the world's finest batsman

HURRICANE KNOCK West Indian batting maestro Brian

Lara lofts one over mid-wicket during his whirlwind

innings of 55 not out from 32 balls against New Zealand in

the first one-dayer at Eden Park in Auckland yesterday. The

— AFP photo

West Indies won the rain reduced match to go one-up

with an entertaining display that included eight fours and a huge six over long on from offspinner Shane Thomson. For brilliant strokeplay he

eclipsed even the fluent Williams, whose 73 came from 80- balls. West Indies only wicket to fall was Sherwin Campbell, who totled for 17 runs from 55 balls before Gavin Larsen removed his middle It was a disappointing but

hardly surprising result for New Zealand in the first big match of a showpiece centenary season which has got off to a nightmare start. The home side has been

rocked by the resignation of coach Geoff Howarth and by the suspension of three players - Mathew Hart, Stephen Fleming and Dion Nash - over a marijuana smoking incident on the recent tour of South Africa.

A fourth player. Chris Pringle, has also been suspended for the three one-day matches against West Indies for what officials called his failure to prepare himself properly for an important match on tour.

New Zealand, batting first after winning the toss, made a solid start but were always struggling to make a big score after two rain delays cut short the innings.

Bryan Young crafted a patient 42 before being bowled by spinner Keith Arthurton. while newcomer Nathan Astle struck a brisk 25. Shane Thomson was run out after hitting 37 from the same number of balls, including three fours and a fine straight six off leg spinner Rajindra Dhanraj

Some sloppy West Indies fielding helped the New Zealand cause. Captain Courthey Walsh was the best of the bowlers, with two for 26 from his eight overs. while Arthurton chimed in with two for 25 from four overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the first oneday international today between New Zealand and the West Indies, reduced to 37 overs each side by rain:

NEW ZEALAND: A Jones c Lara b Walsh B Young b Arthurton A Parore c Adams b Walsh K Rutherford c Adams b Arthurton S Thomson run out N Astle c Cummins b Dhanrai J Vaughan not out S Doull not out Extras: (lb-4, nb-3, w-1) Total: (for six wickets, 37 overs)167 Fall of wickets: 1-31; 2-35; 3-67: 4-80: 5-123: 6-146 Did not bat: D Patel, G

Larsen, D Morrison. Bowling Ambrose Walsh Cummins Benjamin 32 Arthurton 25 2 Dhanrai 0 21 1 WEST INDIES: S Williams not out

S Campbell b Larsen It Lara not out Extras (nb-1, lb-3) Total: (for one, 27.4 overs) Fall of wicket: 1-61. Did not bat: K Arthurton, J Adams, R Holder, A Cummins.

Ambrose, C Walsh, K

Benjamin, R Dhanra Bowling Morrison Desill Vaughan Larsen Patel Astle Thomson 0 11 0

Action from yesterday's Delta Life inter-college and hall women's handball championship match between Viquarunnisa Noon College and Sher-e-Bangla Girls' College at the National

Women's Complex. Viquarunnisa won the match 11-1.