Kenya win cliffhanger

Edward Tito pi cked up two wickets in the last over as the Ken

van national team recorded a thri lling one run win over the second string side of Bangladesh at the Comilla Sta-

The beleaguered Kenvans. who had lost their first three matches at the Dhaka Stadium counter, were heading for yet another defeat before Tito, the elder brother of skipper Maurice Odumbe, turned the table on the local selection in a

Bangladesh needed four runs from the last six balls for a victory with two wickets in hand when Tito started his

The first delivery accounted for Saiful Islam but the next winning target.

the simple task of scoring just two runs off the last four balls after Joydev Basak took one. gave a simple catch to Tito. triggering off mixed reactions all over the jampacked sta-

their first win on the four while the ever-expectant crowd awaiting a sensational victory simply froze in utter disbelief.

departure of Sharfuddowla Ibne Shaheed.

played some beautiful shots on a somewhat slow wicket, then steadied the rocking Bangladeshi innings playing anchor to two vital partnerships after pavilion for naught.

chasing for a third run which was never there in such a small ground.

then played a captain's knock after Mahbubur Rahman followed Habibul Bashar in the Sports Reporter

same manner with the score board reading 70 for four

The former national skip per, rehabilitated in some way shared 56 runs for the fifth wicket with Ziauddin Ahmed until he fell victim to Asif Karim, the most successful Kenyan bowler who finished with three for 27 in his quota of ten overs

Faruque, who remained stuck on unlucky 13 for quite a long time, struck two sweetlytimed boundaries in his sedate 92-ball 36.

But the rot started when lqbal Hossain, who enjoys the reputation of a beefy basher in , the domestic circuit, became one of the three run-out vic tims in the Bangladesh innings after scoring 12 off 16 balls.

Earlier, the Kenyan innings revolved round a superb knock from debutant Mohsin Ali. who were among the five new faces in the team. The right-hander scored a fluent 45 to guide to tourists to a respectable 174.

The bespectacled Mohsin who opened the Kenyan in nings with Kennedy Otieno clubbed four fours in his 65ball knock.

Alpash Bhander (17). Steve Tikolo (18) and Tony Suji (14) were the other double-digit scorers for the eventual win ners with extras featuring a staggering 31 in the total

However, Thomas Odoyo, who ran himself out after scoring a quickfire eight, hit the only sixer in the match when he pulled spinner Saidul Islam over mid-wicket.

Saidul with two for 19 in his ten-over spell was the most successful among the Bangladeshi bowlers.

The otherwise entertaining match was however little marred by a few controversial rulings. Sirajul Haq, in particular, succeeded in taking the mickey out of the spectators as well as the visitors with some bizarre decisions.

Odumbe who was extremely vexed by some of the decisions lelt the tourists were subject to the majority of the controversial decisions.

His counterpart Faruque only blamed his luck as a skipper, saying "Luck is an important factor in cricket and no doubt I am the unluckiest of the captains. "The match was never out

of our grip but luck perhaps ran out on me."

If luck left the Bangladeshi captain, it surely smiled on Harilal, who finally saw his boys justify their status of being the ICC Trophy runnersup. "I am terribly disappointed by the batsmen but a win is a win. I hope my boys will fare sylnet).

better in the coming

matches." The organisers will definitely relish the idea of hosting some more matches after finding vesterday's one a resounding organisational success Apart from Bangladesh's loss. the organisers, entertaining a foreign side for the first time ever, had very little to rue.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the limited overs exhibition cricket match between Kenya and Bangladesh A held at the Comilla Stadium yesterday:

KENYA

Kennedy Otieno b Igbal Hossain Mohsin Ali c Khaled b Saidul Islam Maurice Odumbe 1bw Khaled Steve Tikolo b Saidul Islam Alpesh Bhander Ibw Ziaur Rashid Tony Suit run out Edward Tito run out Asil Karim b Sharfuddowla Rajab Ali not out Thomas Odoyo run out Tarig lgbal not out Extras. (b-4, 1b-25, nb-2) Total: (for nine wickets in 50 oversi Fall of wickets: 1-29: 2-52:

3-87: 4-95: 5-135: 6-141: 7-156: 8-159: 9-168 6 - 4 14 Joydev Basak Sharfuddowla 2 33 22 Ziaur Rashid 0 Igbal Hossain Khaled Mahmood 3 0 21

19 Saidul Islam 0 19 Habibul Bashar BANGLADESH Ziaur*Rashid 1bw Asif Karim Khaled Masud c Tarig b Rajab Ali Habibul Bashar run out Farugue Ahmed-st Tarig b Asif Karim Mahbubur Rahman run out Ziauddin Ahmed c and

b Odumbe Igbal Hossain run out Khaled Mahmood c Asif Karim Sharfuddowla c Kennedy b Astf Kartm Saidul Islam b Tito Joydev Basak not out Extras 9b-5, 1b-13, w-6, nb-2) Total (all out in 49.3 overs)

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-30; 3-66; 4-70; 5-126; 6-144; 7-161: 8-171: 9-173. Bowling: 1 24 Rajab Ali 0 27 Asti Karim Maurice Odumbe 9 Edward Tito

Steve Tilkolo

Thomas Odoyo

Result: Kenya won by one Man-of-the-match: Mohsin Ali (Kenya)

Next match: Hong Kong vs Banghadesh U-19 (Today at

1 24

Shahrin four for the winners while Zakia scored three goals for the losers.

The final match and the place deciding match

Orion bridge

Air Com (retd) Quddus and his team won the Orion national team bridge championship 1995 beating the Bridge Blues by a huge margin of 183.33 International Match Points (IMPs) on Friday, reports BSS.

The points include a carry over of 9.33 IMPs.



Hong Kong play U-19 today

Hong Kong begin their week-long Bangladesh tour today when they take on the local under-19 selection in a limited overs match at the Sylhet Stadium.

which arrived yesterday. The Bangladesh U-19 team. which narrowly beat the Ken-

yans in their first match of the exhibition package on January 27, will be skippered by Naimur Rahman

tional squad comprises For dham, S Brew (vice-captain), Y Vaccha, A Ashman, D Mallinson, J Iqbal, J Storey, H Zubair, J Starchan, D Hall, R Foster

the visitors as a sports correspondent.

RU march into final

· Sports Reporter

Rajshahi University ma ched into the final of the inter university cricket championship with a resounding 88-run win over hosts Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in the first semifinal at the BUET ground yesterday.

Rajshahi University, who pulled off a stunning 37-run win over favourites Dhaka University in a preliminary group match on Friday, made 196 for nine in the stipulated overs after electing to bat first. In reply, the hosts were re-

stricted to 108 for nine when the regulation 40 overs ran

Delta Life women's h'ball

Viquarunnisa Noon College and Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University reached the final of the Delta Life Inter-College-Hall women's handball tournament yesterday, reports

In the first semifinal, Yiquarunnisa Noon College trounced Eden Girls' College by 13-1 goals after dominating the first half & Draine bhanmondi Wamen's Sports Compley

Ayesha scored five goals while Munmun, Sitara and Kaniz netted two each' for the winners. Sylvi netted the lone goal for the losers. Shamsunnahar Hall elimi-

nated Fazilatunessa Hall of Jahangirnagar University by 13-6 goals after leading the first session 7-4 in the other semifinal played at the same

Rashida netted six and

will be held on Tuesday.





New Zealand altrounder Shane Thomson makes an abortive attempt to sweep as the ball finds its way to West Indian stumper Junior Murray's gloves during the third and final one-day international at the Lancaster Park yesterday. Windles won by nine wickets to complete a - AFP photo clean sweep.

West Indies win 'em all CIII ali



Indies made a clean sweep of their one-day in-

day, won the vital toss and put New Zealand in to bat on a greenish wicket. The West Indies bowled out the home side for 146 in the 49th over.

Lara was unbeaten on 34 and Stuart Williams not out 69 as the West indies cruised to victory, reaching 149-1 in the 38th over.

West Indies tour captain Courtney Walsh was unable to play because of a lower back strain and was replaced by wicketkeeper Junior Murray. New Zealand brought in fast bowler Roydon Hayes for his international debut.

got off to a rollicking start, scoring .27 runs off the first four overs. But most of the runs came from edges with Danny Morrison and Haves pitching the ball full as they sought wickets.

Campbell put on 98 for the first wicket before Campbell went for 36, his highest oneday international score, bowled by Gavin Larsen. Williams, who was dropped

by Bryan Young at second slip off Hayes' second ball of the day, and Campbell took up the challenge, edging boundaries through and over the slip cor-

that and scored steadily with Williams playing impressively

season on Friday and fined him

an estimated 20,000 pounds

sterling (30,000 US dollars)

following his attack on a fan at

a match on Wednesday.

hours after the English Foot-

ball Association (FA) charged

Cantona with bringing the

game into disrepute for the in-

cident at Selhurst Park when

he kicked and punched a fan

after being sent off against

Matthew Simmons, was him-

self banned for the rest of the

season by Palace for using foul

and abusive language inside the

reacted to United's fine and

suspension by stripping Can-

tona of the national team cap-

taincy and dropping him until

Annual sports

for mentally

retarded held

tion of the students of Dhaka

Metropolitan branch of the

Society for Care and Education

of Mentally Retarded Children

was held yesterday at the

Dhanmondi Women's Sports

tarded boys and girls from 21

classes participated in various,

events including 50 and 100

among the winners and partic-

dhury, president, Rotary Club

of Motifheel attended the func-

tion as a special guest.

ipants. Mashih Malik Chow-

About 400 mentally re-

Complex, reports BSS.

like.

The annual sports competi-

French soccer authorities

The fan, 20-year-old

The suspension came 24

reports Reuter.

Crystal Palace.

ground.

LONDON, Jan 28:

Manchester Uni-

ted suspended

their French stri-

ker Eric, Cantona

for the rest of the

He reached his 50 with a six over long-off from Shane Thomson. It came off 75 balls and included six fours.

Campbell went during a spell where Larsen bowled three straight maiden overs as New Zealand briefly showed some strength. Lara and Williams, both not

out in the first one-dayer, finished with series averages and aggregates of 161 and 150 respectively. New Zealand never threat

ened to get a big score. **Curtly Ambrose and Winston** Benjamin had openers Andrew Jones and Bryan Young probing outside the off stump for the best part of nine overs before

Keith Arthurton became the unlikely destroyer. With the score at 17, Jones was caught behind off Arthurton in his first over and Young followed two overs later. caught in the deep with the

score at 24. Captain Ken Rutherford and wicketkeeper Adam, Parore restored some pride before Parore holed out on a straight hit in leg-spinner Rajindra Dhanraj's first over

Benjamin got rid of Rutherford (bowled). Shane Thomson (qaught behind) and Mark Douglas (caught at mid-on) in a four-over spell which returned three for six and left New Zealand at 85 for six in the 31st over.

Rutherford top-scored with 30, which included four boundaries.

between Morrison and Hayes and Jimmy Adams after the

United's disciplinary mea-

sures are independent of any

continuing police investiga-

A police spokesman said on

ninth wicket 'fell in the 42nd

The teams meet in Christchurch again in the first of two Tests on Feb. 3.

SCOREBOARD

Zealand and the West Indies at

Scoreboard in Saturday's third limited-overs cricket international between New

Lancaster Park: NEW ZEALAND:

Young c Adams b Arthurton 💩 Jones c Murray b Arthurton Parore c Holder b Dhanraj Rutherford b Benjamin Douglas c Ambrose b Benjamin Thomson c Murray b Benjamin Astle c Holder b Cummins Vaughan run out Larsen b Adams Morrison not out Liayes e Holder b Arthurton Extras: (6w, 3lb, 3nb, 1b) Total: Fall of wickets: 17: 24: 53: 64; 73; 85; 99; 109; 123; 146.

M R W Bowling: 15 Ambrose Benjamin 10 31 0 Arthurton Cummins 37 0 Dhanrai 0 24 Adams Batting time: 195 minutes Overs: 49.

WEST INDIES: " A Table Showler Williams not out Campbell b Larsen Lara not out. Extras: (8nb, 1lb, 1w) Total: (for one wicket) 149 Fall of wicket: 98

RW Bowling: 29 Morrison 31 Haves Thomson Batting time: 157 minutes. Overs: 37.4

the team for the rest of the

keep Eric in the national team

when he won't be playing

competitive football for several

on Simmons for the remainder

of the season, Palace chairman

Ron Noades said he had bro-

ken the club's ground regula-

Announcing the ground ban

months," he said.

"I don't see how I could

Result: West Indies won by nine wickets and won series 3-

will play in Tottenham's FA Cup fourth round tie at Sunderland on Sunday, reports It was feared the German World Cup striker had suffered

goalkeeper Mark Bosnich at Villa Park But after a hospital scan on Friday he has been cleared to play. "He has a bruised nose

to play on Sunday," said Tottenham manager Gerry Fran-

"For a start, he was up out of his seat and running down the aisle which can't be allowed," said Noades.

"He is a season-ticket holder... but we can't have people breaking our rules and that is clearly what happened." Palace have large signs

around their ground warning fans that anybody using foul and abusive language is liable to be ejected and banned.

Flamengo draw with Uruguay GOIANIA, Brazil, Jan 28:

Flamengo, the new team of World Cup star Romario, and the Uruguayan national team tied 1-1 in an exhibition match on Friday, reports AP. Tight defence by the

Uruguayans prevented Romario from showing the full extent of his talent in his return to Brazil, after playing for more than six years in Europe. Ten minutes after receiving

a blow to his stomach, Romario left the game in the 75th minute. Both teams played a fast and aggressive. Flamengo's game,

however, was marred by poor teamwork and ball control and slack defense. Flamengo scored when defenceman Fabinho crossed the ball to midfielder Nelio for a

header in the 15th minute of After a corner kick in the 87th minute. Uruguayan mid-

BCCI accepts Manjrekar's apology NEW DELHI, Jan 28: Middle-order batsman Sanjay

Manirekar was recalled by India on Friday for a limited overs tournament in New Zealand after he apologised for using foul language to an umpire in a domestic match, reports Reuter Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary

Jagmohan Dalmiya said Manirekar had been included in the squad after offering an unqualified apology for his conduct in a Ranji Trophy game last month. "The BCCI has severely

warned Manirekar and was satisfied by his apology since the umpire had already taken action against him," Dalmiya said.

Manjrekar, who was leading Bombay in the Ranji Trophy match in the western Indian eity of Sholapur, was ordered off the field for one session by an umpire who accused him of using foul language and ignoring a previous warning.

Manirekar is among a party of 14 named for the four-team New Zealand centenary quadrangular tournament which, apart from the host country. includes Australia and South Africa. It starts on February 15.

Aashish Kapoor, who made his Test debut against West Indies late last year, replaces fellow off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan.

The squad also includes allrounder Manoi Prabhakar, who had his nose fractured by a delivery from Indies fast bowler and captain Courtney Walsh in the third and final Test last

India's squad: Mohammad Azharuddin (captain). Saghin Tendulkar, Ajay Jadeja, Navjot Sidhu, Vinod Kambli, Sanjay Manjrekar. Nayan Mongia. Manoj Prabhakar, Javagal Srinath. Venkatesh Prasad. Prashant Vaidya, Anil Kumble, Aashish Kapoor, Venkatapathy

Syed Mahbub leaves for Bangkok today Sports Reporter

Asian Billiards and Snooker

Federation (ABSF) secretary Syed Mahbub leaves Dhaka for the Thai capital of Bangkok today to attend the first Pro-Am snooker championship, scheduled to be held at Kosa Hotel. Khon Kaen from February 1

Mahbub, who is also the general secretary of the Bangladesh Billiards and Snooker Federation (BBSF), is expected to return on February 6.

Courageous Klinsmann

LONDON, Jan XS: Juergen Klinsmann, who was knocked unconscious during a Premier League match on Wednesday,

serious injury after a collision with Aston Villa's Australian

with a blood clot but he wants That shows how brave he is. He is not frightened to put

player with so many goals. Bosnich said he was very relieved that Klinsmann had escaped serious injury.

his head in where it hurts and

that is why he is such a great

"It was an unfortunate incident, but the ball was swirling in the air as I came out of my penalty area and went to head it. I crashed into Juergen and I don't like things like that to happen."

'Desert Pele' most capped footballer

ZURICH, Jan 28: World soccer's governing body confirmed on Friday that Saudi Arabia Striker Majed Abdullah had overtaken former England goalkeeper Peter Shilton as the international game's most capped player, reports Reuter.

The International Football Féderation (FIFA) said in its latest newsletter that Abdullah. 35, also known as Majed Ahmed Mohammed and nicknamed the "Desert Pele" for his speed and supremacy in the air, had made 147 appearances for his country.

credited as the game's most capped player with 125 appearances, made between 1971 and 1990. FIFA said the main obstacle had been the variety of names

Shilton had previously been

used by Abdullah as the information stored in its data bank suggested different players. After studying the list sent in by Saudi Soccer Association.

FIFA confirmed that it concerned one and the same player

dium yesterday. leading up to yesterday's en sensational finish.

seventh over.

was called a no ball, leaving Bangladesh three short of the But Ziauddin Ahmed, a well-set batsman' who faced

On the field, the Kenyans hugged each other to celebrate

But the Kenvans, who scored 176 for nine in their quota of 50 overs, were never in real contention until skipper Odumbe rekindled a glimmer of hope with a magnificent catch at mid-wicket in the 49th over that marked the

The eventful match was always in the hosts' favour once the batsmen shook off a rather shaky start after losing the first wicket for only one run. But Habibul Bashar, who

Khaled Masud returned to the The right-handed middleorder bat struck five fours in his sparkling knock of 36 before running himself out while

Skipper Faruque Ahmed

Blewett, Healy lead Aussie charge



ADELAIDE, Jan 28: Newcomer Greg Blewett and lan Healy hit braifcenturies to reywe a sagging bafought back Saturday on the

lead - in reply to England's Mike Gatting century-inspired 353 runs at the Adelaide Oval. Blewett and Healy provided stubborn resistance, including 25 overs against the second

new ball as their 171-minute

partnership reaped an invalu-

thing day of the fourth Ashes

Australia were 394 for five

at stumps — enjoying a 41-run

Ericket Test, reports AP.

able 162 runs. The 23-year old Blewett couldn't have found a better time to stamp his class as a Test batsman — after replacing an out-of-form Michael Bevan. He was nine runs shy of a

debut century on his home

ground after hitting 12 fours in

211 minutes. The sixth-wicket pair came together with the cream of the batting back in the pavilion for 232 runs and frustrated the England bowlers with cameo batting, especially from Healy (72 not out). He has hit six boundaries.

Blewett straight drove medium paceman Philip De-Freitas for three runs to complete his maiden half-century to the standing ovation of 18,828 crowd. It also brought

up the century stand in just 124 minutes. England gave themselves an opportunity to gain an upper hand in the Test when fast

Barisal cricket

Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Jan 28: Sher-e-Bangla Medical College re-

win over Brown Compound Club in the Barisal First Division cricket league at the local stadium today. Sher-e-Bangla Medical batted first and made 180 in the

corded a thrilling three-run

allotted overs. In reply, Brown Compound managed 176. In the other match of the day. Four Ace Club (194-8) thrashed Padma Jubo Sangha (126) by 68 runs.

bowlers Chris Lewis and Angus Fraser made an inroad to the batting with three wickets in the post-lunch session.

disappeared when he tried to hit across the line and was trapped leg before wicket by Lewis for 90. Seven deliveries later Fraser was rewarded for his

Mark Waugh (39) edging a catch behind — following an outswinger. Taylor's innings lasted 267 minutes and included seven

boundaries.

persistent line and length -

Lewis, called up after Graeme Hick was forced out of the side with a back injury, inspired the side with the useful wicket of Steve Waugh (19) -'five overs before the tea break. Steve Waugh was brilliantly

second slip after a brief 25-run partnership with Blewett. Taylor and Michael Slater (67) earlier continued with their successful alliance for the home side posting the thirdcentury stand of the series -128 runs before the latter

brought about his own down-

caught by Michael Atherton at

Slater was the more adventurous of the two and having felt a vicious Devon Malcolm bouncer on the side of the helmet guided DeFreitas to skipper Atherton at second

DeFreitas soon put his act together and in his next over picked up the prized scalp of David Boon when the stocky right-hander was out for a

DeFreitas and Lewis fin-

ished with two wickets apiece.

costing them 70 and 81 runs

respectively. SCOREBOARD.

Scoreboard at stumps Saturday, third day of the fourth cricket Test between England and Australia at the Adelaide ENGLAND: First innings

AUSTRALIA: First innings Slater c Atherton b Defreitas Taylor lbw Lewis Boon c Rhodes b DeFreitas

Mark Waugh c Rhodes b Fraser 39 Steve Waugh c Atherton b Lewis 19 Blewett not out Healy not out Mark Taylor's vision of his Extras: (2b, 71b, 7nb) second century of the series Total: (for five wickets) Fall of wickets: 128, 130, 202,

> 207, 232. Bowling: Malcolm Fraser 64 Tufnell DeFreitas 22 Gooch Batting time: 485 minutes. Overs: 112

West Indian opening batsman Sherwin Campbell grimaces after a lifter struck him in the face during yesterday's limited overs match against New Zealand. - AFP photo

Sports Reporter

Peter Fordham leads the 20-member Hong Kong side,

The visiting Hong Kong na

Bannister, T Smart, R Mac-Leay, R Sharma, M Eames, S B Gohel is the manager of the tourists while the two other officials are S Yeung (physiotherapist) and D Trist (coach). N Waters accompany

> 11 626 mucs through the cover point re-CHRISTCHURCH Jan 28: The West

ternational cket series against New Zealand with a nine-wicket win at Lancaster Park on Sunday, reports AP, Brian Lara, captain for the

The West Indies openers

Williams and Sherwin

They settled down after

A last-wicket stand of 23 came as the West Indies chose to bowl out Dhanraj, Arthurton

Cantona fined, suspended

other penalties the FA will eventually impose against the player. It is also independent of

tions into the attack.

the end of the season.

Friday it was unlikely that either Cantona or his teammate Paul Ince, who was also involved in the incident; would be interviewed for some days. Manchester United's ban was imposed with immediate effect and Cantona will miss 16 Premier League matches. The

Saturday's fourth round FA Cup tie against West Ham at Old Trafford. United's statement said Cantona had been "suspended from all first team matches for

the remainder of the 1994-95

"In addition, the player has

first game he will sit out is

been fined the maximum sum permissible under his con-"In reaching this decision, which the player fully accepts, Manchester United have had regard to its responsibilities

both to the club itself and to

regret the circumstances

"The club and the player

He will still have to appear

before the FA disciplinary

commission, though he has 14

days to respond to the charge

the game as a whole.

dollars).

which have led to this punishment." Cantona's fine is expected to amount to about two weeks' wages, or an estimated 20,000 pounds sterling (30,000 US

and the hearing may be demetre races, biscuit race, ballayed pending police action. ance races and dress as you Cantona, capped 45 times, Aminur Rasul, president of would never captain France again, French league president Dhaka Metropolitan branch of SCEMRB distributed the prizes Noel le Graet said

National team trainer Aime Jacquet, who has supported and defended Cantona through thick and thin, said the player would not be considered for match

fielder Dorta also headed the ball into the net to tie the