Sports Reporter

Sajjad Ahmed Monsur Shipon and Habibul Bashar Sumon are the two new faces in the national team announced by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) late last night to take part in the forthcoming fifth Asia Cup championship beginning in Sharjah on April 4.

Shipon, who plays for Mohammedan Sporting Club. will replace an out-of-form Jahangir Alam of Bangladesh Biman while Sumon pipped to the post the burly Zakaria Imtiaz for the four-nation meet where Bangladesh is the only member sans Test status. India Pakistan and Sri Lanka are the other participants.

Akram Khan retained the captaincy. Aminul Islam Bulbul has been appointed his deputy.

THE SQUAD

Following is the full squad: Akram Khan (captain); Aminul Islam Bulbul (vice-captain); Minhazul Abedin Nannu, Athar Ali Khan, Enamul Hug Moni. Saiful Islam, Mohammed Rafique, Anisur Rahman, Khaled Masud Pilot, Hasibul Hossain Shanto, Naimur Rahman Durjoy, Habibul Bashar Sumon, Sajjad Ahmed Monsur Shipon and Mohammed Javed Omar Belim Golla.

The three stand-by players are: Zakaria Imtiaz, Debasish Baruah and Ziaur Rashid Rupom.

The team will leave for the Emirates later this week.

Aussie batsmen run riot

CASTRIES, St Lucia, Mar 27: Australia, confronted by 'a hard, true pitch and mostly innocuous bowling from the West Indies Cricket Board of Control President's XI, set about preparing for Friday's first Test with a lively batting session here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Michael Slater, 90, and the Manigh twins Steve and Mark, the contributed 73 each. pushed the tourists to 322 for five when bad light stopped play with seven overs of the daily quota of 90 left to be bowled.

Skipper Mark Taylor and David Boon, the two most experienced batsmen, fell cheaply to leave Australia, 58 for two.

However, a century thirdwicket stand between Slater and Mark Waugh and an unfinished sixth-wicket partnership of 96 between Steve Waugh and Ian Healy reconfirmed the strength of the batting. Slater's 90 in 210 minutes

off 136 balls contained nine fours and two sixes before he became the first of two wickets for leg-spinner Rajindra Dhanraj, the most impressive of the President's men.

Slater was stumped as he charged down the pitch to drive and missed the ball. The other wicket

Dhanrai, in the West Indies squad for the first Test in Barbados on Friday, was that of Greg Blewett, Ibw on the backfoot offering no stroke. In between, the flamboyant

Mark Waugh hit nine fours and three sixes before being run out on 73 by a brilliant piece of fielding by Shivnarine Chanderpaul.

Steve Waugh and Healy indulged themselves towards the end with an array of strokes to send the crowd and Roland Holder, the board captain, into a frenzy

All but 37 of Waugh's unbeaten 73 came in boundaries and Healy's 42 not out has been spiced with five fours.

Rimarohdi, Rybkina French Open champs

PARIS, Mar 27: Unseeded George Rimarohdi and Elena Rybkina won the men's and women's singles titles at the French Open badminton championships here on Sunday despite little recent form on the international scene, reports AFP.

Unseeded Indonesian Rimarohdi beat European silver medalist and second seed Tomas Johansson of Sweden 10-15, 15-9, 15-11 in an hour and 10 minutes in his first senior international in Europe.

And Elena Rybkina, who had to compete in the qualifying event for her first round place, beat compatriot and second seed Marina Yakusheva 11-4, 11-1 in the women's final in only her second tournament after giving birth.

Rimarohdi, a former Indonesian junior runner up. surged back from a first set deficit as he varied his game to outwit the 25-year-old from Gothenburg club Frolunda.

Rimarohdi said afterwards: "It was a tough match, but I knew if I kept going I had a chance. When I got the netcord to go 13-11 ahead in the final game. I thought it was my

But Johansson was philosophical about the piece of luck which put him within two points of defeat.

Bangladesh live to fight Imran may play MSC rise like a phoenix

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh bounced back into contention with a 2-0 victory over Nepal in their last group, league match of the Bristol SAARC Gold Cup foot ball tournament at the Sugathadasa Stadium in Colombo yesterday.

After a disappointing dis-

Lanka, placed in the other group, having made it to the last four without even playing a single match following the late withdrawal of the Maldives. the other semifinalist will be decided after the match between Pakistan and Nepal. That encounter will be held on

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play in their opening fixture against Pakistan, which Bangladesh lost by a solitary goal, the win now virtually assured them of a semifinal berth in the five-feam meet. With India and hosts Sri

Wednesday.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT In a one-sided affair. Bangladesh took the lead after only four minutes through

striker Mizan, who tapped the

ball home from close after a

Rakib floater from the right

came his way via a back header from Mamun Joarder.

Rakib then gave Bangladesh an unassailable 2-0 lead at the breather with a spectacular header from a Mamun Joarder

According to Star TV highlights monitored in Dhaka last night, the national booters were very positive from the outset, dominating the entire proceedings against their Sixth SAF Games conquerors and eventual champions. The Bangladeshis could have won by a more flattering margin had Mizan. Manik and Rakib not spoiled some easy chances.

The win brought double delight for Bangladesh who, with this crucial win not only confirmed a semifinal slot, but also took sweet revenge against Nepal, who had handed them a shock 1-0 defeat in the last SAF Games, held in Dhaka in

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NZ win first one-dayer against SL

Rutherford rescues Kiwis



CHRISTCHURCH. New Zealand. Mar 27: New Zealand, buoyed by their best batting performance of

the season, beat Sri Lanka by 33 runs in a one-day international at Lancaster Park today, reports Reuter.

Sent in to bat after Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga won the toss, New Zealand's middle-order helped compile a more than solid score of 271 for six. They then bowled out Sri

Lanka for 238 with two overs and a ball to spare in their most confident and relaxed performance of the season. New Zealand were in early

trouble at 28 for two when both opening batsmen were dismissed cheaply, but captain Ken Rutherford settled down to lead his side out of trouble with a fine innings of 65. He and Stephen Fleming

put on 94 for the third-wicket before Rutherford was dismissed with the score on 122. Rutherford's 18th one-day fifty took 90 minutes, came off 67 balls and included six bound-Chris Cairns joined Fleming

to maintain the momentum until Fleming was out for 46. by then Cairns, dropped in the gully by Aravinda de Silva when on one, had his eye in and proceeded to hit the Sri Lankan bowling attack around

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of Sunday's one-day international between Sri Lanka and New Zealand at Lancaster Park: **NEW ZEALAND**

Bryan Young run out Ken Rutherford c Gurusinha b Muralidaran Stephen Fleming run out Chris Cairns c S Ranatunga b Pushpakumara Adam Parore b Vaas Dipak Patel not out



K RUTHERFORD Extras: (lb -2, nb-1, b-5, w-5) 13 Total: 271 for six wickets. Fall of wickets: 5, 28, 122 177. 235, 265. Bowling:

Gurusinha Kalpage

Muralidharan Jayantha Silva

Asanka Gurusinha c Greatbatch b Mark Greatbatch b Pushpakumara 17 Vaughan Sanath Jayasuriya c Greatbatch b Vaughan Santeeva Ranatunga run out

De Silva c and b Vaughan Arjuna Ranatunga run out Hashan Tillekaratne c Young b Pringle Ruwan Kalpage c Fleming b Vaughan Chaminda Vaas run out Muthiah Muralidharan c Parore b Cairns Ravindra Pushpakumara (Patel b Cairns

Overs: 50

SRI LANKA

Jayantha Silva not out **\ 1** Extras: (lb-3, w-4, nb-1) Fall of wickets: 83, 96, 98, 105, 132, 193, 208, 228, 236,

238	200 85		56	-17
Bowling:	0	M	R	W
Chris Pringle	9	1	47	1
Murphy Su'a	3	0	35	0
Chris Cairns	7.5	0	49	2
Justin Vaughan	10	1	33	4
Gavin Larsen	10	1	38	0
Dipak Patel	8	0	33	0
Overs: 47.5		1		

Result: New Zealand won by 33 runs. New Zealand leads three-

match series 1-0. Man-of-the-match: Ken Rutherford.

Italy rout Estonia but

Saachi comes under fire



head for a key European Championship qualifier with Ukraine in

Kiev on Wednesday in an uneasy frame of mind after a 4-1 win over Estonia failed to silence their critics, reports Reuter.

"Italy- wake up after the jeers," was the verdict of Daily La Repubblica, summing up the lukewarm media reaction to Saturday's win over the Group Four whipping boys.

The Italians struggled until Gianfranco Zola put them ahead in the 45th minute with his first international goal. Milan midfielder Demetrio Albertini. Zola and debutant striker Fabrizio Ravanelli netted again for Italy in the second half.

Estonia scored their first goal of the qualifiers through substitute Martin Rein in the 72nd minute.

Croatia's 4-0 hammering of Ukraine in Zagreb on Saturday reinforced their position at the

head of the group. Croatia have a maximum 12 points followed by Italy with

seven points while Lithuania are third on six but with a game in hand. Ukraine have four points from four games.

Second place in the group should be enough to take Italy. who did not qualify for the 1992 tournament, to the finals in England next year.

The six second-placed teams with the best records qualify directly while the remaining two group runners-up meet in a play-off for the last

spot. But the latest patchy performance from the World Cup runners-up rekindled tensions between coach Arrigo Saochi

and the Italian media. "Clearly some journalists are used to seeing such great league matches that the national team pales by comparison," Sacchi said on Sunday as his strategy and selection again

came under scrutiny. "I don't think I would have read the same things if an Italian club had won 4-1 in a European match."

Diminutive Parma attacker Zola, winning his 11th cap. was the undoubted star, his individual skill injecting some

life into Italy's sometimes ponderous approach play.

Zola owed his place to the absence from the squad of Roberto Baggio, still short of peak fitness and form after a long injury lay-off.

Sacchi promised changes to his line-up for Wednesday's game but would not be drawn on details.

"There will be a turnover of players. We'll have to check on those who have knocks," he

On the bright side. Sacchi's spies will probably have told him that Ukraine should hold no terrors for the three times world champions.

Sevilla striker Davor Suker scored twice as Croatia mauled Urkaine on Saturday, Zvonimir Boban and Robert Prosinecki, with a penalty, also finding the target. Croatia, who beat Italy 2-1

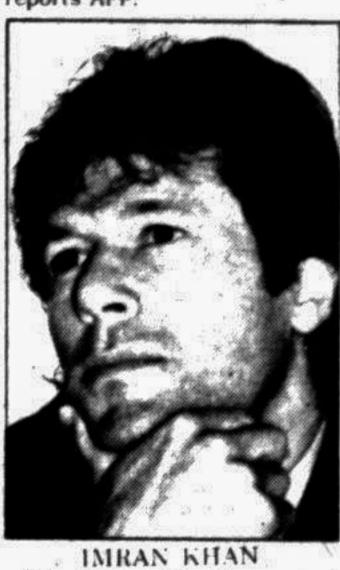
in Palermo last November, will clearly be one of the teams to match next year in England. "They're the European

team who have made the biggest leap in the FIFA rankings and they've got a lot of very good players," said Sacchi.



Jubilant Mohammedan players and officials celebrate an improbable victory over their archrivals Abahani Krira Chakra along with Morshed Ali Khan (C) who cracked the winning shot in the last over. - Star photo

ISLAMABAD, Mar 27 Cricket hero Imran Khan is considering coming out of retirement from the game for the 1996 World Cup, the official Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported Sunday. reports AFP.



I think with the sort of crisis facing our cricket. should seriously consider returning to the game," API quoted him saying.

Khan, 42, told the agency he was considering playing in the World Cup which will be jointly held by Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka.

He retired from the game after leading Pakistan to victory in the 1992 World Cup in Australia to devote his time to raising money for a cancer hospital he has had built in Lahore.

His public statements and articles in recent months on politics and national affairs sparked speculation that the former cricketer was contem plating launehing himself into the national political arena. But, he denied any political

ambitions, while vowing to form a pressure group to serve as a check against political and administrative ills.

Cantona not for sale

MANCHESTER, Mar 27 Machester United is not considering selling controversial French striker Eric Cantona to Inter Milan, a club official said Monday, reports AP. The Italian club is report

edly prepared to pay up to 5.5 million pounds (dlrs 8.8 mil lion) for Cantona, who has been banned from the sport until next October for attacking a Crystal Palace fan at Selhurts Park on Jan 25. Cantona was also sentenced

to two weeks in jail for the incident, but is free on bail pending an appeal on Friday. United chairman and chief executive Martin Edwards is

apparently determined that Cantona will be staying at Old Trafford. "We have received a fax from Inter Milan - just one of many from them," assistant secretary Ken Ramsden saids "But our chairman's position i-

quite clear. He is not giving

them any encouragement at The club's comment followed a report in the Daily Mirror that United was prepared to enter into talks with Inter, backed by multi-mil-

lionaire Massimo Moratti. "We want Cantona," Moratti was quoted as saying. "We have invited their chairman Martin Edwards to discuss the situa-

tion." Reports said Moratti also was interested in signing United midfield Paul Ince, who pleaded innocent to charges of assaulting another fan in the confusion that followed Cantona's kung-fu-style attack on Matthew Simmons.

The Mirror said Edwards had ruled out selling Ince.

SA ready to stage '96 African Nations' Cup final

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 27: South Africa is ready to host next year's African Nations' Cup finals, the continent's top soccer official said, reports Reuter.

Confederation of African Football president Issa Hayatou completed a week-long inspection tour of the venues for next January's event which will involve 16 teams.

South Africa stepped in as hosts tournament after Kenya withdrew last November. The facilities are all in

place and the stadiums are su-

Mohammedan cause. perb. It is as good as France Bulbul put on a vital 52-run has planned for the 1998 with Selim Shahed for the world Cup," Hayatou said after fifth-wicket before the stylish his visit to stadia in Bloemright-handed batsman refontein, Durban, Johannesburg turned to the pavilion for a and Port Elizabeth. well-made 41 off 60-balls. Johannesburg's soccer city Bulbul, who threw his bat in will host the final on February

batting.

the Boet Erasmus Stadium in Port Elizabeth. All three have been refurbished and upgraded as venues for the Rugby Union World Cup to be played in May and June.

The other venues are the

Free State Rugby Stadium in

Bloemfontein, King's Park

Rugby Stadium in Durban and

3. Hayatou said.

Sports Reporter

Skipper Aminul slam Bulbul with an unbeaten halfnoen heroics. century helped Mohammedan

sporting Club turn agony into cestasy by beating their archrivals Abahani Krira Chakra by just one wicket in a spills and thrills Navana Premier Division cricket super league match at the Dhaka Stadium on Independence Day.

In a high-scoring match involving the two most popular outfits of the country. Bulbul remained unbeaten on a rapidfire 75 off only 58-balls at the kill as Mohammedans, chasing an awe-inspiring Abahani total of 260 in the stipulated 45 overs, posted 264 for eight with three balls to spare. The dark right-handed mi-

ddle-order bat, who was dropped at 20 by Iqbal Sikander at long-leg, accepted his second chance with an otherwise flawless innings to guide Mohammedans to an improbable

of margins... one wicket.

for only 16 runs in 6.4 overs.

ries of his lourth over.

.. But to prove that cricket is

a game of glorious uncertainty.

Mohammedans' young right-

handed batsmen Sajjad Ahmed

Monsur Shipon and Selim

Shahed settled the innings

into a groove, producing a

priceless 70 runs for the

fourth-wicket. They displayed

highly enterprising batsman-

player for his age, scored a

polished 46 off 57 balls, stud-

ded with four sweetly timed

hits to the fence and an effort-

less sixer off paceman Rakib

Hassan Bappi that landed on

the sight-screen at the Paltan

ended in the 20th over when

the 'little master' was caught at

long-off by Iqbal Sikander off

Jewel Hossain Mona, reducing

Then came Aminul Islam

Mohammedans to 86 for four.

Bulbul: the unofficial man-of-

the match of the day, to enact

a remarkable act of rescue and

resilience with his resourceful

He was wonderfully backed

up by the lower-order bats-

man, who made small but very

significant contributions to the

sheer disgust after an intended

sweep sailed straight to lqbal

Sikander at long-leg, however,

found lady-luck smiling upon

him as the Pakistani World

Cupper dropped a dolly catch

that could have reduced

Mohammedans to 125 for four.

per, not believing his good for-

tune, picked the willow from

The Mohammedans' skip-

Shipon's brilliant innings

Shipon, a most talented

ship on a placid wicket.

the middle of the crease and kissed it with great glee before preparing for the late after-

After the fall of Selim Shahed, Khaled Mahmud Sujon joined his skipper to produce 69 runs for the sixth-wicket, Mohammedans as crossed the 200-mark in 36 overs. The ever-agile Sujon chipped in with a 31-ball 30.

An unorthodox Mohammed Rafique than wielded his willow for a swift 14 off only nine balls before being trapped leg before off Mona, leaving the Mohammedans total at 224 for eight in 38.4 overs.

The high voltage drama then appeared to take a decisive turn when Mona removed Mohammedans' wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu with the addition of only eight runs.

But Bulbul, who kept his cool at the crucial moment, found a willing partner in Hasibul Hossain Shanto with whom he shared 22 runs off only 16 balls before the young

batsmen contributed useful SCOTES.

Opener Harunur Rashid Liton, who shared 55 runs for the second-wicket with lqbal Sikander, scored a patient 43 off 70-balls while the tall Pakistani was the top scorer in

the Abahani innings with 48. The burly Akram Khan and a reliable Minhazul Abedin Nannu made 29 and 36 respectively before the lower order set the field afire in the slog overs.

Naimur Rahman Durjey. who was dropped by Praveen Amre at mid-wicket when on six, remained unbeaten on a hurricane 43 off only 19 balls as Abahani reached an imposing total.

Durjoy, along with Saiful Islam, plundered 45 runs off only 17-balls for the undefeated seventh-wicket. He hammered seven sparkling boundaries and executed one big six in his pyrotechnic innings while paceman Saiful, who has lately earned quite a reputation with the bat. hit the biggest sixer of the season when he pulled Nadeem Younus over mid-wicket that landed in the western gallery.

Left-arm spinner Rafique with two for 50 in his nine

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of Sunday's Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra Navana Premier super league match at the Dhaka Stadium. ABAHANI

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	Shipon b Aminut Islam Bulbuf		4
	Shaled Masud Pilot c Nasir Ahmed	8	
	Nasu b Morshed Ali Khan Sumon		3
	lubal Sikander run out	•	4
	Akram Khan st Nasir Ahmed Nasii		
	tr Mrl Rafique	6	2
	Minhazul Abedin Nannu st Nastr		
	Ahmed Nasu b Md. Rafique		3
	Naveed Anjum lbw b Hastbul		3
	Urissain Shanto		1
	Viimur Rahman Durjoy not out		4
	sulful Islam not out		2
	Extras: (b-2, fb-7, nb-2, wb-3)		1
d	total: (for six wickets in 45 overs)	. 3	26
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Ĩ.	Rakib Hassan, Jewel Hoss	2.050	
	Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-8	5:	3
y,	118; 4-156; 5-185; 6-215		
¥.	Bowling ' O M	R	W
N.	Hasibul Hussain , 7 1	41	1

Morshed Ali 6 0 27 5 0 6 0

far - not only dropped the Igbal Sikander 8.3 crucial catch of the day, but Minhazul Abedin 2 0 17 also conceded 66 runs in his expensive 8.3 overs. Mona, who claimed three one wicket. for 35 in his seven overs, was the most successful Abahani

runs for his three wickets. Earlier, sent into bat, Abahani made the most of a friendly wicket by compiling a huge but in the end not safe enough total of 260 for six in their 45 overs.

bowler followed by Pakistani

Naveed Anjum, who gave 37

most reliable bowler lqbal

Sikander — the highest

wicket-taker in the league so

Although not a single halfcentury featured in the Abahani innings, yet all the 224; 8-232; 9-254. Bowling: 37 Naveed Anjum Rakib Hassan Bappi Sailul Islam 7 0 40 7 0 35 Jewel Hossain Naimur Rashid 0 28

Marinos' third

যমুনা বন্তমুখী সেতু কর্তৃপক্ষ এলেনবাড়ী, তেজগাঁও

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

যমুনা বহুমুখী সেতু কর্তপক্ষের অধীনে বাস্তবায়নাধীন যমুনা বহুমুখী সেতু প্রকল্পের একটি "ত্রৈমাসিক নিউজলেটার" প্রকাশের জন্য প্রকৃত প্রিন্টিং প্রেস ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। উক্ত পত্রিকাটি ১১"x৮ 🖁 সাইজের অফসেট কাগজে আনুমানিক ২৫ পৃষ্ঠা ব্যাপী মুদ্রিত হতে পারে। এই দরপত্রে প্রতি পৃষ্ঠা মুদ্রণের দর উদ্ধৃত করতে হবে। শর্তাবলীসহ দরপত্রের সিডিউল অত্র কর্তৃপক্ষের হিসাব শাখা থেকে ১০০/- (একশত) টাকা নগদ মূল্যে (অফেরতযোগ্য) আগামী ৩-৪-৯৫ইং তারিখ বেলা ১২-০০ টা পর্যন্ত পাওয়া যাবে। দরপত্র আগামী ৫-৪-৯৫ইং তারিখে বেলা ১২-০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত নিম্নস্থাক্ষরকারীর অফিস কর্ষে রক্ষিত টেভার বাক্সে গৃহীত হবে এবং ঐ দিনই বেলা ১২-৩০ ঘটিকার সময় দরপত্রদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে খোলা

এ, কে, এম শামসুজ্জোহা

অতিরিক্ত পরিচালক (প্রোওম) জেএমবিএ।

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Selim Shahed 27 Khaled Mahmud 36 0 9 0 50 2 Md Rafique 8 0 51 0 Nadeem Younus Antinul Islam 4 0 19 Mohammedans skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul sweeps MOHAMMEDAN Abaham's offic Jewel Hossain Mona during their crucial Nadeem Younus e Khaled Masud Saveed Anjum Navana Premier Division cricket super league match at the Nurul Abedin Nobel run out Dhaka Stadium on Sunday. Bulbul cracked a sentilating Sajjad Ahmed Shipon c Iqbal unbeaten 75 as Mohammedans won the thriller by the barest Sikander b Jewel Hossain Mona 46 - Star photo Praveen Amre b Naveed Anjum Sclim Shahed run out paceman departed for a run-a-In front of the biggest ever Aminul Islam Bulbul not out crowd seen in domestic ball 13, leaving Mohammedans Khaled Mahmud Sujon c Harunur cricket Mohammedans, facing seven runs short of the target Rashid b Naveed Anjum an uphill task of scoring six with one wicket remaining. Md Rafigue Ibw b Jewel Hossain runs per over for an outright In a gripping finish, Bulbul win, made a disastrous start, ensured Mohammedans tied Nasir Ahmed Nasu c Gazi Ashraf the match by taking two runs losing their first three wickets Lipu b Jewel Hossain from the last ball of the penul-Hasibul Hussain Shanto Ibw b The former Bangladesh timate over of the innings be-Jobal Sikander fore Morshed Ali Khan Sumon, opener Nurul Abedin Nobel Morshed Ali Khan Sumon not (4), who opened the Mohathe 11th hatsman, pulled legspinner Iqbal Sikander for four mmedan innings with Nadeem Extras: (b-5, lb-12, wb-6) Younus, was the first to go in over the bowler's head for Total: (for nine wickets in the very second over before Mohammedans second suc-44.3 overs) Abahani's new-ball bowler cessive win against their arch-Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-16; 3-Naveed Anjum dashed Moharivals following their nail-bit-16: 4-86: 5-138: 6-207: 7mmedans' hopes by removing ing two-wicket win earlier this an in-form Nadeem Younus and month. For Abahani it was a great Indian Test-discard Prayeen disappointment when their Amre with successive delive-

Result: Mohammedan won by

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in a row

TOKYO, Mar 25: Argentine striker Bisconti scored the game's only goal early in the first half as the Yokohama Marinos beat the Yokohama Flugels 1-0 Saturday in the Japanese League match, reports AP.