

Column One

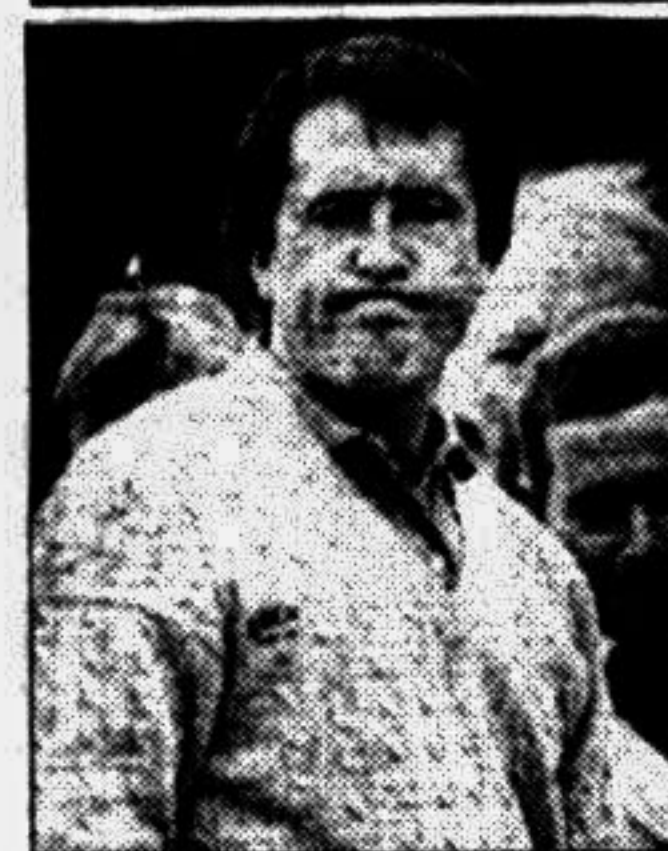
DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT animals have made entertaining appearances throughout the history of sport. There was this dog which managed to get into Court No: 3 at Wimbledon in 1962. A seagull in the 1981 England-Australia Adelaide Test fielded a leg-glance from Keith Stackpole and saved England two runs. And, of course, an unfortunate yellow sparrow was killed by a ball bowled by Jehangir Khan of Cambridge University to T N Pearce of the MCC. Yet, another 'birdicide' took place when a golf ball struck on the second tee of Newton Green golf course at Sudbury by J G Powell in 1949 struck a yellowhammer. Little remained but a puff of yellow feathers.

Actually, we have so many spectators in our sports grounds that the animals dare not come anywhere near. Lucky for both sides. The man and the animal, I mean.

SPORTS TALK



Severiano Ballesteros
(Spanish ace golfer)
"When things go wrong they keep going wrong. When they go well, they keep going well. That's life."
On realities of life.

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

(The rules are published every Saturday)

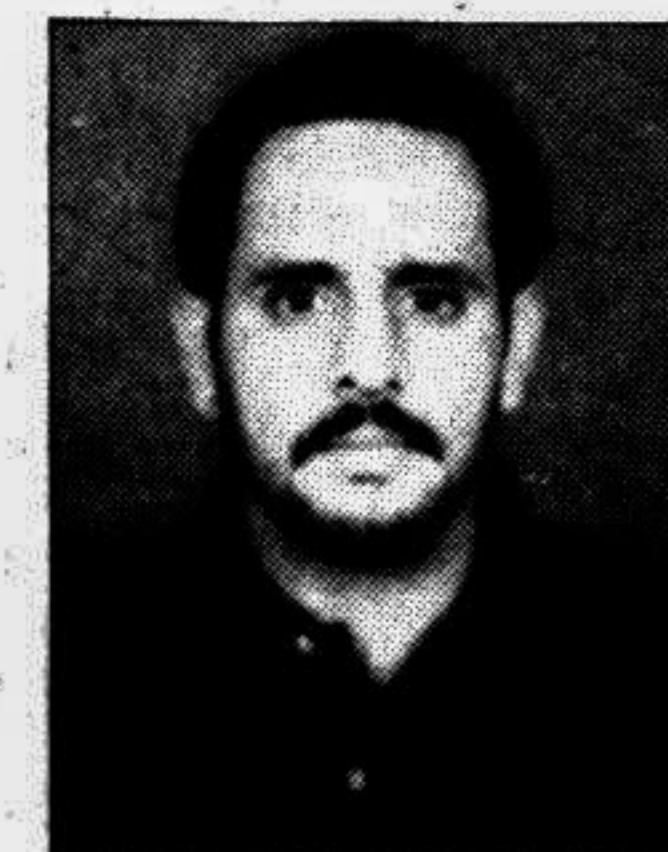
Sports WHIZZ KID competition-8

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Oct 13, 1995)

1. How many Grand Slam tennis tournaments are there?	4	5	6	7
2. Sri Lankan cricketers recently beat	Bangladesh	India	Pakistan	
3. The decathlon champion competes in	5 events	10 events	15 events	
4. The current World Cup hockey champions are	Holland	Pakistan	Australia	
5. What is Diego Maradona's middle name	Santiago	Armando	Gerardo	

Name:
Class: Roll No:
School Address:
Phone: (if any)



IMRAN MAMUN Mamun Eskaton's cricket chief

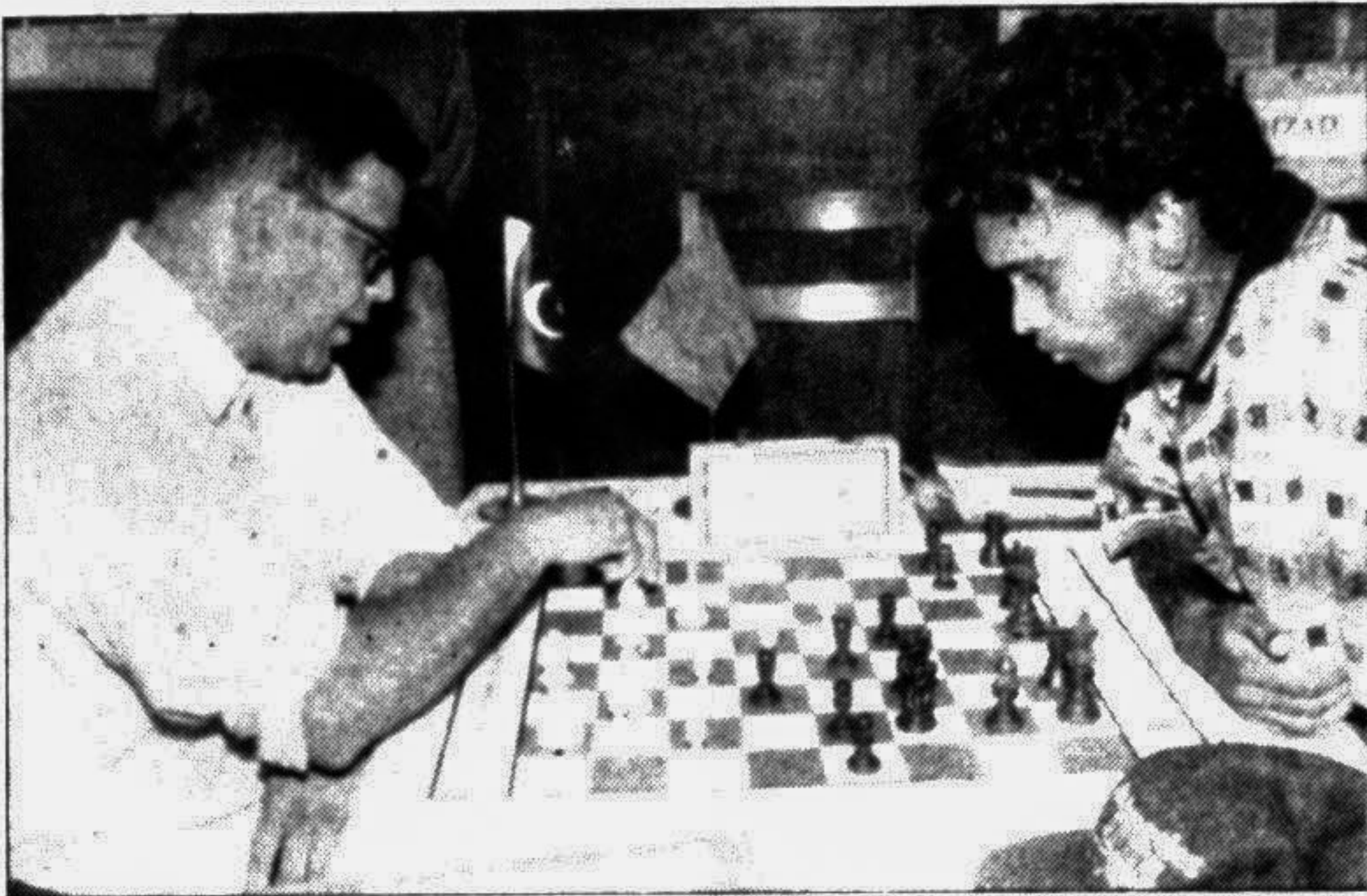
Sports Reporter
Eskaton Sabuj Sangha, a First Division outfit in the Dhaka Cricket League, has formed a 17-member sub-committee with Imran Mamun as chairman.

Belal Mamun was named vice-chairman while the remaining fifteen will be members for one year.

All the members and the players have been asked to be present at the club tent by 6 pm today.

King in the dock

NEW YORK, Oct 11: Boxing promoter Don King's insurance fraud trial started Tuesday with prosecutors calling him an insurance thief and his lawyer saying he was a benevolent banker who loaned hundreds of thousands of dollars to his fighters, reports AP.



The fourth round encounter of 12th Beximco QM Hussain International Masters chess tournament, between Pakistan IM Shahzad Mirza and local Ali Amjad Mintu, is in progress on Wednesday at the NSC auditorium. Mirza won the match after 33 moves. — Star photo

Shetty takes solo lead

Sports Reporter

Rahul Shetty took the solo lead in the Beximco 12th QM Hussain International Masters chess tournament at the end of the fourth of the 13-round meet at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Rahul, one of the four Indians in the fray, beat Saifuddin Lablu of Bangladesh in this round to collect the highest score of three and a half points.

It was Rahul's third win after a quick draw against his compatriot IM Sudhakar Babu during their third round engagement on Tuesday.

However, in this round Sudhakar, playing with white pieces and capitalising on a couple of errors by Lablu, broke through the latter's Sicilian defence to win the match in only 26 moves.

On the other hand a bespectacled Ziaul Qader Tuhin, who enjoyed a brief stay on the top spot along with Shetty at the end of the third round, suffered his first defeat at the hands of

promising youngster Enamul Hossain Rajib. The win enables Rajib to jointly share the second slot with Indian RB Ramesh, both having collected three points each.

Incidentally, it was Rajib who ended Tuhin's unbeaten run of a draw and two consecutive wins. The youngest player in the meet Rajib, who after a disappointing start bounced back into hot contention defeating a more illustrious Tuhin in 33 moves. Rajib had earlier beaten Pakistani IM Shahzad Mirza for his first win.

But, apart from Rajib's brilliant performance, the other locals were painfully sustaining their lack-lustre show, this is particularly true for IM Ziaur Rahman, a pre-tournament favourite and the highest rated player in the meet, who cut yet another sorry figure on Wednesday when he lost to Ramesh for his second defeat.

In a marathon match Ramesh, playing with black pieces, subdued the local IM in 78 moves. With this defeat the local IM dropped further behind in the race.

Meanwhile, last year's runner-up IM Mahmood Lodhi of Pakistan drew with his Indian counterpart IM Mithrakanth to crowd the third slot. The draw left both Lodhi and Mithrakanth at third position along IM Sudhakar Babu. Tuhin and IM Shazad Mirza all of whom have two and a half points. Mirza in this round beat Ali Amjad Mintu.

Sudhakar, the second Indian IM in the meet, was forced to a draw by an unheralded Khandaker Kayes Hassan of Bangladesh after 25 moves. In the another match of the day, in an all-local affair Khorsheed Alam beat Abdullah al Rakib for his first win in the meet.

TODAY'S MATCHES

IM Lodhi vs IM Shazad Mirza
IM Mithrakanth vs Rakib IM Sudhakar vs Khorsheed Saifuddin Lavlu vs Kayes Hassan
Ramesh vs Rahul Shetty
Ziaur Rahman vs Razib Ali Amjad Mintu vs Tuhin

Stunning victory for SL

SHARJAH, Oct 11: Roshan Mahanama's fourth century in limited overs internationals helped Sri Lanka to a rare victory over West Indies today, reports Reuter.

Mahanama, batting with a runner during the second part of his innings after pulling a leg muscle, made 101 of Sri Lanka's 234 for seven in the opening match of the Champion Trophy tournament.

West Indies appeared to be on target for their 17th win in 20 one-day matches

Dalmia shrugs off militant threat

NEW DELHI, Oct 11: Hindu militants do not pose any danger to next year's World Cup cricket tournament, an Indian organising committee official said in remarks published today, reports AFP.

Jagmohan Dalmia said in Calcutta on Tuesday that the World Cup beginning next February would take place without a hitch, despite threats from right-wing Hindu leader Bal Thackeray to sabotage matches involving Pakistan.

"We don't perceive any danger to the World Cup from any political party because we enjoy the blessings of the governments in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, where the tournament would be played," Dalmia said.

against Sri Lanka when they reached 192 for three from 44 overs, opener Sherwin Campbell having led the way with 86 — his highest one-day score.

But left-arm spinner Sanath Jayasuriya claimed the wickets of Richie Richardson and Roger Harper in the 45th over to tilt the match in Sri Lanka's favour.

They finished on 228 for nine from their 50 overs.

West Indies skipper Richardson, who hit three fours and two sixes in his 67, admitted afterwards that his side had been outplayed in every department.

"The better team won on the day," he said. It is as simple as that.

The run-out of Brian Lara for 19 at the bowler's end was a crucial factor in Sri Lanka's success.

He was given out by third umpire Nigel Plews after he had taken some time to study television replays.

West Indies manager Andy Roberts felt Jayasuriya had dropped the ball before removing the balls but Plews stuck by his decision.

Sri Lanka's innings was built around a fourth-wicket stand of 126 in 116 balls between Mahanama and skipper Arjuna Ranatunga, who made 58.

Mahanama's 101 from 152 balls was his first one-day century against West Indies.

Scoreboard

Scoreboard in the Champions' trophy one-day international between the West

Indies and Sri Lanka here today:

Sri Lanka

Mahanama c Simmons b Bishop 101
Jayasuriya c Simmons b Bishop 18
Gurusinha c Harper b Simmons 1
De Silva c Simmons b Chandrapaul 9
Ranatunga c Browne b Gibson 58
Kaluwitharna run out 11
Tillekaratne c Simmons b Bishop 7
Kampage not out 7
Dharmasena not out 27
Extras (lb-7, w-20) 21
Total (for seven wickets, 50 overs) 234

Did not bat: M. Muralidharan, G. P. Wickramasinghe
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-59, 3-84, 4-210, 5-222, 6-228, 7-232

Bowling:

Bishop 10 1 42 3
Gibson 10 1 40 1
Anthony 8 0 49 2
Simmons 8 1 29 1
Harper 10 0 49 2
Chandrapaul 4 0 18 1

West Indies

Simmons c De Silva b Wickramasinghe 50
Campbell c Dharmasena b Muralidharan 19
Lara run out 19
Richardson c Kaluwitharna b Jayasuriya 1
Holder not out 1
Harper c and b Jayasuriya 1
Chandrapaul c De Silva b Dharmasena 1
Gibson lbw b Dharmasena 1
Anthony c Muralidharan b De Silva 1
Browne st Kaluwitharna b Dharmasena 1
Bishop not out 1
Extras (lb-6, w-1, nb-1) 7
Total (for nine wickets, 50 overs) 192

Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-69; 3-165; 4-192; 5-194; 6-211; 7-211; 8-218; 9-226

Bowling:

Wickramasinghe 7 0 27 1
De Silva 10 0 38 1
Dharmasena 9 0 49 3
Muralidharan 10 1 35 1
Jayasuriya 10 0 48 2
Kampage 4 0 25 0

Result: Sri Lanka won by six runs.



Faezah Hashemi, the vice president of the Iran Olympic Association, receives a crest from State Minister of Youth and Sports, Sadeque Hossain during her visit to the National Sports Council on Wednesday. Faezah is the daughter of the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. — Star photo

SAF football camp from today

Sports Reporter

The 39 booters, called to the national camp for the South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, have joined on Wednesday the residential camp at the Mirpur Sports Village.

This was disclosed by Abdus Sadeque, deputy to German football coach of the Bangladesh national team Otto Pfister, at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office last night.

Sadeque further added that the week-long training session will however begin today from where 18 will be selected for the four-nation meet in Myanmar from October 26.

Apart from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Singapore Armed Force and hosts Myanmar are expected to feature in the round robin first phase, from where the top two finishers will play in the final on November 4.

Participation in the Myanmar tourney is part of Bangladesh's preparation for the Seventh SAF Games, to be held in the Indian city of Madras in December.

The national team is expected to leave for Myanmar on September 23.

FIXTURE OF THE MYANMAR TOURNAMENT

Oct 26 Bangladesh vs Myanmar
Oct 27 Sri Lanka vs Singapore
Oct 29 Myanmar vs Sri Lanka
Oct 30 Bangladesh vs Singapore
Nov 01 Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka
Nov 02 Singapore vs Myanmar
Nov 04 Final

Bangladesh spikers' beaten

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh volleyball team, who are now on a tour of Pakistan, lost the first two exhibition matches against Pakistan.

According to a telephone message received from Islamabad at the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation office yesterday, Bangladesh, who are in Pakistan as part of their preparation for the forthcoming SAF Games in December, were handed a 12-15, 03-15, 09-15 defeat by the strong local team in their first match at the Islamabad Liakat Gymnasium on October 9.

The touring team lost their second match 5-15, 7-15, 10-15 which was held at nearby Wah Cantonment on Tuesday. Bangladesh volleyballers will play their next match today in Peshawar.

National King Fan b'ball

Sports Reporter

Saint Joseph's High School won their opening group B match in the third National King Fan Metropolitan School Basketball tournament yesterday beating BAF Shaheen School convincingly 42-32 at the Dhanmondi wooden floor gymnasium.

The winners had a 19-10 advantage in the first half.

Sina (16) and Shahid were the leading Josephite scorers while Shiplu caged in 8 points for the Kurmitola Shaheens.

In the day's other encounter, Bangladesh Navy School recorded narrow 23-22 win over BDR School and College.

Mazharul scored 9 points while Faisal added 4 points to the Navy School account who led the first half 14-12.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Oct 11:

Abahani KC recorded their second successive win beating Kallol Sangha 1-0 in the CJKP Elite Paints First Division football league at the Niaz Stadium today, reports UNB.

Earlier, in their first match, Abahani KC beat Ispat Eleven, also by a solitary goal. In the day's match, Pro-santa scored the match-winning for the defending champions in the 15th minute from a free kick.

In another match of the day, Shatadul Club defeated Brothers Union 2-0.

It was the second consecutive loss for Brothers after the 0-2 defeat against Mohammedan Blues.

Score score

GANGTOK, Oct 11: Hosts Sikkim Football Association edged past Rising Star Club of Orissa 5-4 in the tie-breaker in the ongoing 17th All-India Governor's Gold Cup here yesterday, reports PTI.

FEDERATION feedback Bangladesh Hockey Federation

By Hasan Masood



Bangladesh national hockey team will participate in Surajit Singh memorial Hockey tournament to be held in the Indian city of Jaalandhar at the end of this month (October).

The tour has been planned in order to give match practices to our team for the forthcoming 7th SAF Games in Madras in December where hockey has been included for the first time in the biggest sporting event of South Asia.

Now the question is what Bangladesh has achieved so far in hockey since independence? The answer is known to each and every sports loving citizen of this country. We have not reached any respectable heights in the Asian hockey arena not to talk of spheres beyond.

In the last decade, the standard of the country's hockey has improved a bit though it is yet to fulfil the expectations of the people.

Bangladesh, who lost matches by big margins at the Asian level in the seventies, have now earned a respectable position among the Asian nations. But success never crossed over path and uncertainty looms in the future.

Our hockey officials have a non-palatable excuse in this regard. Pakistan, India and South Korea are the biggest hockey nations of Asia against whom we can not compete. And that has deprived us from any mentionable achievements in the hockey. In 1993, Bangladesh earned 6th position in the 4th Asia Cup hockey in Hiroshima. Earlier in the same year, our boys secured third place in the Asian youth hockey in Delhi. And, finally Bangladesh were seventh among nine countries in the Hiroshima Asian Games last October.

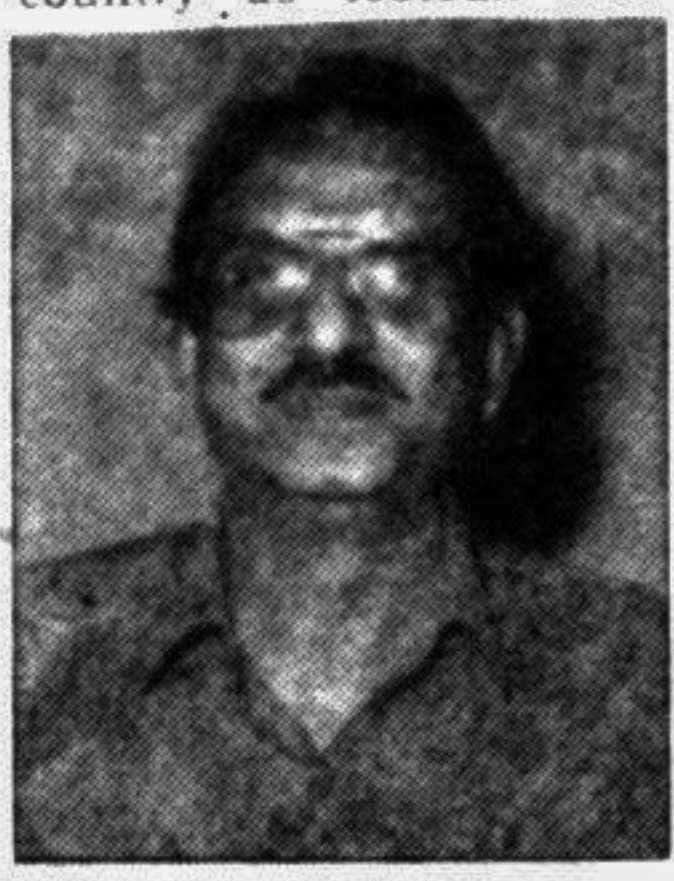
The Bangladesh Hockey Federation in now hoping to earn better results in future in international hockey. The federation has planned to form two youth teams, under-18 and under-21, from which the national team for the next Asian Games will be selected. Both teams will be sent to neighbouring India and Pakistan in the near future to expose them to powerful oppositions.

The Bangladesh Hockey Federation is responsible for improving the standard of hockey nation wide. But the hard fact is that hockey has not spread in the country as it should have. Out of 17 national hockey championships so far eleven have been arranged in Dhaka while the remaining six championships were held in Faridpur, Jessore, Rajshahi, Patuakhali, Sylhet and Comilla. This only reflects how much capital bound our hockey is.

The primary cause of our hockey being stuck in the mud is the lack of synthetic hockey fields in the country. Till now we have the only synthetic ground at BKSP.

Savar. Now by the end of the year, the second will be put up at the National Hockey Stadium. Until we have sufficient synthetic grounds our boys will always fare poorly at the international level.

Another possible reason for our failures lies in hockey not being as popular in the country as football and



SHAMSUL BARI

cricket. The game is still restricted to the capital, a few districts, the services teams and the BKSP.

Until hockey is promoted in a planned way in Bangladesh, there is no reason to build castles in the air. Finally we should remove all the preconceived notions about hockey. We have always had a lame excuse or two about our poor performances in the Asian level that is against Pakistan, India and South Korea. Shamsul Bari, the general Secretary of Bangladesh Hockey Federation, agrees that because of the three super powers we have very little scope to put up a good show in the Asian competitions.

The hockey lovers are, however not ready to buy it. This can not be an excuse. Proper training, promotion, planning and discipline can always reap fortune in any discipline of sports. If we take inspiration from the Sri Lankans who have beaten world champions Pakistan in Pakistan in both Test and one-day cricket series, the idea needs no further explanation. What our hockey requires is proper administration.

Nobody really knows when things will improve? But, the future has to improve. In this regard, Bangladesh Hockey Federation General Secretary Mr Shamsul Bari talks freely to The Daily Star (D.S.).

D.S.: Do you have any scouting system to locate talented young hockey players from the districts?

Bari: Yes, at present we are working on that. We are lucky that we have BKSP now which provides us a huge number of young talented players. Besides every year we are arranging hockey camps for different age groups. We had a 8-week camp for Under-18 two months back and a camp for under-16 in going on at present in Comilla.

D.S.: From the next 7th SAF Games, hockey has been included. What results do you expect next December in Madras?

Bari: We can not beat India and Pakistan for sure I think we have a good chance of winning the bronze. I leave it on our boys who are preparing themselves for the SAF games at present in BKSP.

D.S.: What is your achievement in the last five years?

Bari: Well, it's a good question. We have not achieved anything so far. It's very difficult in Asia to achieve something in the presence of super powers like World Champions Pakistan, India and South Korea. Our Aim is now to reduce the goal differences. It you look back to the last ten years you will see we didn't lose a single match by as big a margin as when we were humiliated in the seventies.

D.S.: What is your plan for the future?

Bari: We have taken up a 4-year plan. The aim of our plan is to reach the semifinals in the next Asiad in 1998. We have formed two teams of Under-18 and Under -21. For their training and practice they will be sent abroad at least twice every year.

D.S.: What is the source of income of the federation?

Bari: We are now in a better shape. Earlier we had only one source that is the National Sports Council's grant. But now sponsorship is a big source for us; specially Transcom Limited and Green Delta Insurance Company, with whom we have long term contract for the promotion of hockey.

D.S.: You are running the Federation on adhoc basis like other Federations of the country. Don't you want democracy in the sports arena?

Bari: Well it's a popular demand in our country and we all dream for that. But until and unless the government, or in particular the NSC, does not want elections in the sports Federations, what we can do? We are the only Federation which had an elected Executive Committee in 1973. Despite the constraints and the presence of hockey super powers in the region, Shamsul Bari appears positive about the future. It seemed that he was very close to his dreams.

McDonald to Meadow Park

By Mohaimin Ahmed

Habits die hard and cricket is a life-long passion. This has been amply proved by Bangladesh ex-national cricketers of the status of Yousuf Rahman Babu and Nazmun Nur, who along with Mohan,

Dalim, Chamhal, Atiq and others formed a Bangladesh Eleven in New York.

The Bangladesh team participated in the Red Stripe Cricket league organised by the USA Cricket Association in New York and played against teams of Guyana, Barbados and the Leeward Islands.

Although unable to make a mark in the league, the Bangladeshi side gained valuable experience by playing against strong opposition in the likes of former West Indian star, Kalicharan.

The history of Bangladesh cricket in the USA goes back to the early 90s, when interested players organised net practice sessions following enthusiasm expressed in meetings at the local McDonald restaurant.

The initiative then was taken by cricketers Khan, Mamun, Sunny, Liton, Subrotto and Baten who had cricket experience in Bangladesh. They were joined by Bangladeshis interested in the game such as Ehsan Emdad, Tarif, Apu and Zia among others.

In the summer of 1991, Bangladeshi cricketers got together in school play grounds and parks. By 1993 it was possible to form senior and junior groups and have tournaments in a limited scale. A year later, the joining of Yousuf Rehman Babu, Nazmun Nur and company further bolstered the increasing pace of Bangladesh cricket in USA and the team undertook

serious practice in the school ground behind McDonald. It was also the year when local players formed five teams and participated in the first cricket league at Flushing Meadow Park.

Bangladesh cricket in the USA is going momentum by the season and today it is an organised body under the banner of Bangladesh Cricket Association.

Kiwis rest Crowe for first Test

BOMBAY, Oct 11: New Zealand are to rest Martin Crowe for the three-day match against Bombay which begins at the Wankhede Stadium here Thursday, reports AFP.

"Crowe had a good match at Rajkot and we wanted everybody to get a chance," Kiwi manager Glen Turner said after the team's morning session at the nets today.

Crowe scored a century in Rajkot against a Board President's XI in a three-day match which ended in a tame draw.

The match against Bombay will be the New Zealanders, last warm-up before the first Test in Bangalore on October 18.

Turner also said that left-arm spinner Mathew Hart has recovered from an injury and will play against Bombay.