

Column One SPORTS TALK

Sumit baffles Bankers

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

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But the way Sumit, a 17-year-old cricketer from Mymensingh, reached the magical three-figure mark was simply fabulous. The upcoming right-handed middle-order batsman, who scored his 50 off only 68 balls, played all around the ground with extreme confidence on his way to complete the century facing 113 deliveries.

Sumit, a matured head on a young shoulder, who played selective shots from the cricket manual to the delight of the sparse crowd, was hardly carried away by his success.

Sumit was at the crease for 132 minutes for his undefeated 151-ball knock, clubbing five fours and an effortless six over long-on boundary.

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In reply, Agrani Bank, who along with Dhaka Wanderers moved into the Premier Division this year, surrendered rather meekly, scoring a paltry 125 before being skittled out in 39.1 overs.

This was mainly due to some devastating spell from Sumit who offered some sort of resistance, avoided a more humiliating defeat, sharing 51 runs for the eighth wicket after the Bankers were reduced to 59/7 in 20.2 overs.

The outcome of yesterday's match enabled Bangladesh Boys to finish their Group D campaign on a winning note. They had earlier lost to title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club by 144 runs.

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Boys' two new-ball bowlers, Shahidur Rahman and Golam Sarwar Mamun, who ripped through the Agrani top order with consummate ease.

The two evenly shared six wickets among them with Shahidur finishing with 23 for three while Mamun returned with a telling analysis of 10-1-22-3.

Among the Agrani Bank willow-wielders lower-order Zakir (31) and Dipu Roy (23), a former national cricketer,

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Terry Fox Run tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

A cheque for Tk 15,33,480 was presented to the Bangladesh Cancer Society yesterday for the second Terry Fox Run for cancer research in Bangladesh.

The funds were raised by volunteers, jointly coordinated by the Canadian community in Bangladesh and the Rotary Clubs of Bangladesh.

This was told at a press conference held at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday in connection with the run commemorating the sacrifice of Terry Fox, a Canadian national who died fighting valiantly against cancer.

While addressing the newsmen, Jon J Scott, Canadian High Commissioner in Bangladesh, said the principal objective of the run, second time in Bangladesh, is to generate awareness among the people, particularly the young community, about cancer.

Last year, he said a single run was organized and that was in Dhaka, while this time runs would be arranged at 12 places around the country, including one in the capital.

The organisers hoped that over 5,000 people would take part in the second Terry Fox Run tomorrow. In Dhaka, the four-km-run would start from Canadian Club at Gulshan at 7:45 am.

Peter Nesbitt, Chairman, Terry Fox Run Organising Committee, Professor S F Haq, president, Bangladesh Cancer Society, and Emdad Ul Haq, Governor, Rotary International, District 3280 also spoke at the conference.

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Soccer's superstar Diego Maradona with his family poses for the photographers during his 35th birthday party in Buenos Aires on Oct 30.

BD fate rests on Myanmar

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh, who are desperately seeking their maiden title in any international football tournament, were poised for yet another big occasion when they beat SAARC Gold Cup champions Sri Lanka by a solitary goal in their last league engagement of the quadrangular invitational tournament at the Aung Sun Memorial Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

In an highly enterprising encounter Bangladesh, who after a dismal performance in their opening match against hosts Myanmar, saw their little striker Mizanur Rahman notch the all-important goal to propel the success-lorn country to their second successive win.

The victory brightens Bangladesh's hopes of a final clash against Myanmar provided the latter do not lose their last league engagement with Singapore Armed Forces today.

Myanmar, who had earlier handed Bangladesh a crushing 4-0 defeat and beat Sri Lanka 2-0 to almost ensure a berth in the final with one match to spare, can afford a narrow-margin defeat, but with their fast attacking football stood favourites against the Singapore outfit, who must win to pip Bangladesh to the post.

A handful of Bangladeshi supporters in Myanmar and fed midfielder Arman with a square pass. The latter provided a defense splitting through to Rakib who with a sudden burst of speed galloped down the left flank before releasing a neat cross. Mizan was at the end of it and made no mistake to send the ball home with a powerful low drive past a diving Sri Lankan custodian I-O.

In an organised display Bangladesh's only blunder in the first half was committed by an over-confident Munna, whose fully tackle almost allowed Sri Lanka to pull off the equalizer in the 35th minute.

But thanks to an ever-alert custodian Ponir whose timely intervention saved Bangladesh from a possible debacle. After the breather, Bangladesh continued their pressure for more but to no avail. It would have been a dream debut for Farhad, who after substituting Mizan during the last quarter of the match, squandered an easy header despite an open net off a neat Mamun Joarder cross from the right at the 'tag end' of the match.

Earlier, in the 77th minute, Ranjan's fierce edge-of-the-box left-footer missed the mark narrowly. The nimble forward, who was a victim of random flashing of yellow cards by the local referee, will miss the final for his second bookable offence. Ranjan was earlier booked in Bangladesh's previous match against Singapore.

But Bangladesh's helplessly watched their speedy winger Shahidul Ahmed Rangan spoil an easy sitter from close shortly after the start, had to wait till the 23rd minute for the much-needed goal.

The winner originated from a counter attack. Skipper Monem Munna after successfully thwarting an attack moved down the middle and

West Indies are going to Australia for the three-team World Series limited overs tournament starting in December, which is followed by

LONDON, Nov 1: Brian Lara has ruled out a return to Warwickshire as the English county champions' overseas player next season, reports Reuter.

The West Indian record-breaking batsman, who spurred Warwickshire to a unique trophy treble in his 1994 debut season, has been released from his contract because he felt unable to give the county the "necessary commitment."

Warwickshire "reluctantly agreed" to his request and will discuss the remaining two years of Lara's three-year deal at their next general committee meeting on November 13.

Chief executive Dennis Amis said on Tuesday: "I was optimistic that he would return but I spoke to him last night and he feels that he needs time off because of his international commitments."

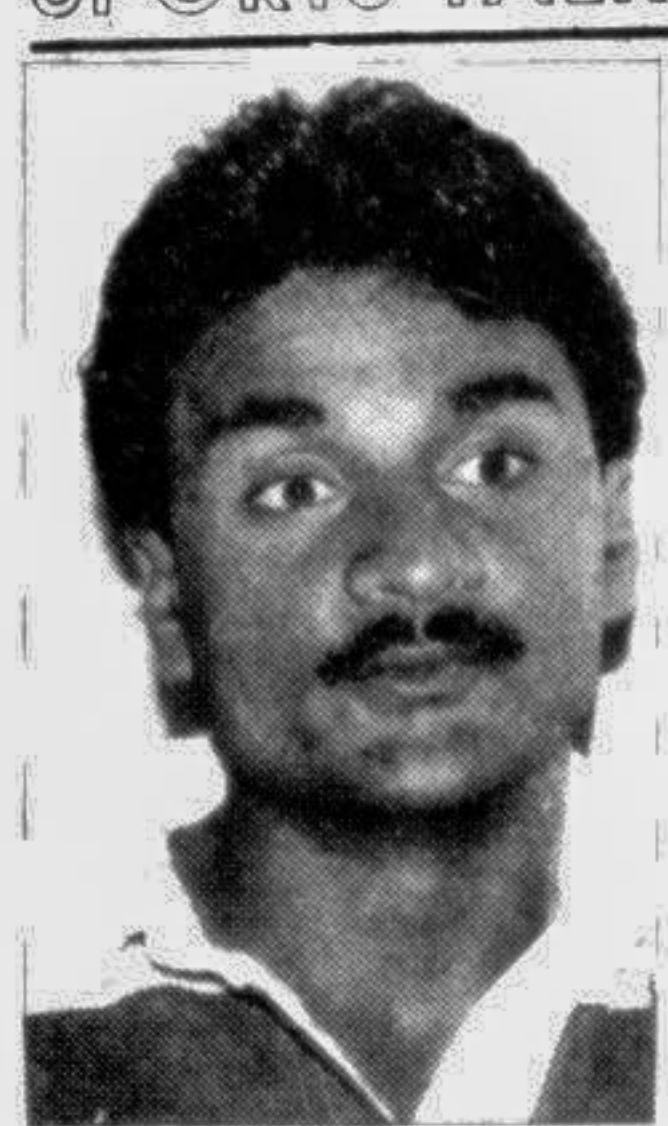
BRIAN LARA the World Cup in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka from February 14 to March 17, then Tests and one-day matches against New Zealand

Lara was originally signed by Warwickshire for the 1994 season to replace Indian all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar, who withdrew through injury after agreeing to fill in for Allan Donald while the fast bowler was touring England with South Africa.

Lara's signing proved inspirational as Warwickshire became the first side ever to win the County Championship, Benson and Hedges Cup and Sunday League in the same season.

The Trinidadian left-hander hit a world record first-class score of 501 against Durham — five months after breaking the World Test record by scoring 375 against England in Antigua — and ended the season with 2,066 runs in first-class cricket.

Lara was unavailable for the county this year because he was touring England with West Indies.



Javagal Srinath (Indian ace fast bowler)

"I have come on a lot. But there's a lot more to do. I want to fulfil the expectations of the people. I can assure you that I will strive to give off my best. I learnt this from the county. If you are consistent and persistent success will definitely come.

On the ever-growing expectations.

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the auspicious way to start a competition is to do it with a bang. And, the Irish hammer thrower Bernie Hartigen competing in 1977 Europa Cup in Copenhagen, could not have done any better.

On the first throw of his warm-up, his 16-pound hammer smashed a newly installed photo timing system, hit an official on the hand and narrowly missed the judges' table.

If one did not know any better, it might have been misconstrued as war between Ireland and Denmark; and Hartigen the national hero of the land by the river Shannon.

SPORTS WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

(The rules are published every Saturday).

Sports Whizz Kid competition-11.

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Nov 3, 1995)

- 1. The building containing a cycle-racing track is a Cyclorama Velodrome Bikedrom
2. The maximum that winners can score in a volleyball game is 15 points 17 points 21 points
3. 'Fresh' is a term used in Table Tennis Swimming Hockey
4. The 1995 SAF games will begin in Madras from December 22 December 28 December 31
5. In night cricket the ball is usually Red Black White

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450-strong Indian squad for SAF Games

MADRAS, Nov 1: A full-strength Indian contingent of about 450 will participate in the seventh South Asian Federation Games to be held here from December 18 to 27, chairman of the Games preparatory committee, V K Malhotra, said today, reports PTI.

Briefing the press after the SAF Games preparatory committee meeting here, Malhotra, also the IOA vice-president, said all the national federations had been asked to field their best sides though competition might not be very stiff in many disciplines.

The meeting held under the aegis of the IOA president Sivanthi Advitayan, reviewed the arrangements in progress for the Games, including the completion of various stadiums.

The unseasonal rain had hampered progress, but completion of only the indoor stadium — to stage volleyball — was in some doubt.

Malhotra said the national federations would be asked to move their teams to Madras by Dec 1 for acclimatisation so that they give their optimum performance in the Games as the other nations, Sri Lanka and Pakistan in particular, were training hard for the Games.

First Division begins from today

MSC start as favourites

Sports Reporter

Favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Farashganj Sporting Club in the opening round of the First Division Chess League which gets under way this afternoon at 2 pm at the chess room of Bangladesh Chess Federation.

Mohammedans, the former two times champions including the inaugural league in 1977, are hoping to make a sensational comeback today after a nine-year hibernation with the most powerful league team ever.

Led by local Grand Master Niaz Morshed, the first Grand Master of the sub-continent who played for the defending champions Brothers Union last season, Mohammedans has organised an almost invincible squad for the championship with two foreign players — Armenian G M Ashot Anasthian (2520) and G M Rozellio Junior Antpno (2525) of Philippine — and three prominent local chessnuts Abdullah Al Rakib, Enamul Hossain Rajib and Amir Hossain.

However, Mohammedans see their biggest threat in the form of former champions Bangladesh Biman who are dominating local chess for last one decade. With national champion IM Rifat bin Sattar and former champion IM Ziaur Rahman, Biman also have their longtime server women IM Rani Hamid in their line-up along with Tahmidur Rahman, Rezaul Hasan and Khandkar Kayes Hasan. They will face Bangladesh Ansars in today's opening round.

Leonine Chess Club will be third force in the title contention with two Indian international Masters Pona

World snooker from Nov 10

Sports Reporter

The IBSF World Snooker Championship 1995 will be held in Bristol, England from November 10, according to a press release yesterday.

Edmundo's rebuttal

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov 1: Flamengo striker Edmundo denied on Tuesday that he had made an obscene gesture at fans of his former club Vasco da Gama during Sunday's Rio de Janeiro derby match, reports Reuter.

"My conscience is clear. I always put my hand on my groin when I'm warming up. I'm sure I didn't do anything to offend anyone. I was just stretching," he said.

Newspapers published photographs on Monday in which they claimed the fiery forward nicknamed "the animal" was