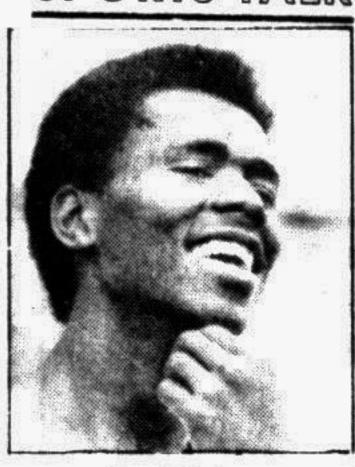
#### (The Professor does)

T HAT the grand old man cricket journalism. Neville Cardus's writings were often more interesting than the game itself. Here follows an example of an exquisitely - toned cardusian write-up.

"The columns in the newspapers are becoming airy with cricket scores. which, in these days, seem like new grass growing out of scarred, blasted places. Long may they wave in the fresh air of summer!

I do not know whether boys nowadays turn to the papers for cricket scores as nervously as I did in the old days. I used to approach the stop press column gradually and by degrees, holding the paper a long way off from me. I was afraid to see any of my heroes having failed to make a decent pile."

# SPORTS TALK



### Ian Bishop

(West Indian fast bowler) "God has always been an

important part of my life and I believe that once I stay within His will, He won't lead me where He cannot provide for me."



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Sports WHiZZ KID

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	3.	Who is the current French Open singles (men's) champion?		
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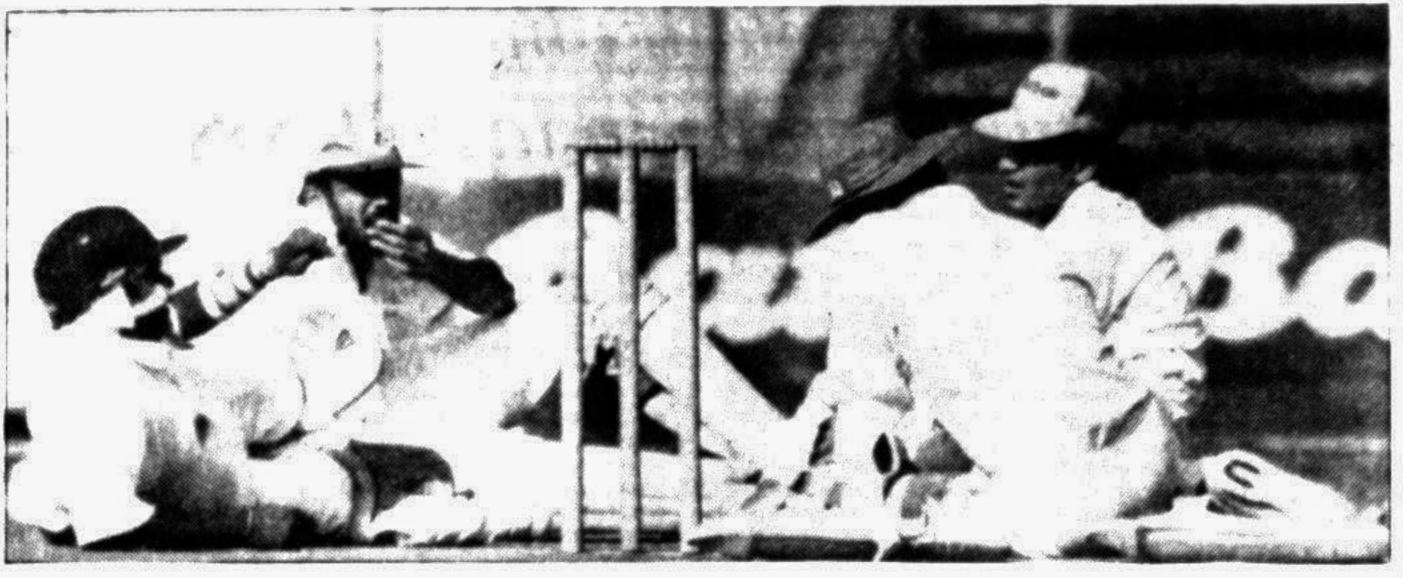
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Woodies divorced

SYDNEY, Dec 8: The world's leading doubles pair of Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde has been split for the first time in three years of Davis Cup competition. with Woodforde overlooked for Australia's February match against Taiwan, Australian Tennis officials said, reports Reuter.



Bangladesh Biman batsmen Shahnawaz Shaheed Shanu (L) and Ahmed Faiz Shaheen (2nd form L) chatting with Abahani wicketkeeper Khaled Masud Pilot (2nd from R) and Zahoor Elahi of Pakistan (R) when their second day's play of the two-day Bijoy Dibash cricket tournament semifinal was stopped following a controversial umpiring decision at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon. - Star photo

# An apology to the sport

Sports Reporter

chair being thrown around in If sportsmanship is the the stands. essence of all

sports, then

sports is not

what prevailed

at the Dhaka Stadium yester-

n unwanted incident.

walked out of the field on the

second day of their Bijoy

Dibash cricket tournament

semifinal against Bangladesh

Biman in protest of a contro-

versial umpiring decision

yesterday leaving the future

of both the match and tour-

when former national crick-

eter and the umpire on the

day Dipu Roy Chowdhury

hurriedly adjudged well-set

Biman batsman Shahnawaz

Shahid Shanu out caught at

cover by Raqib Hassan Bappi

off the bowling of Pakistani

left-arm spinner Arif Mah-

mood, although from the

stands it seemed that Bappi

had collected the ball off the

leg umpire Akhteruddin

Shahin following Sahun's re-

fusal to leave the wicket,

Dipu revoked his decision

and proclaimed Shanu not

out. Biman at that moment

was cruising at 130 for 4

from 43.1 overs in reply of

Abahani's overnight total of

227 for 9 from the allotted

justified change in the um-

pire's decision provoked an-

gry reactions from Abahani

officials and supporters in

the galleries, with some of

the club officials storming

into the ground and many a

This sudden but visibly

But after consulting with

The sorry saga started

nament in a lurch.

ground.

80 overs

Abahani Krira Chakra, in

The match came to a standstill as the Abahani players refused to take to the field and, after waiting at the wicket for about 45 minutes. the umpires came off and declared the game over.

But, to add to the impatience of the angry mob that had been disappointed to see the match being postponed, surprisingly no highranking BCCB officials were present to resolve the matter, proving both their irresponsibility and unprofessionalism, and the umpires were forced to take it up on themselves to try in vain to convince Abahani skipper Akram Khan to come back to the field.

Umpire Dipu, speaking to this correspondent, said,"I admit to making a mistake when I raised my finger at first, but I immediately decided to rectify it. When Shanu, who is always honest in these situations, did not head for the pavilion and after consulting with Shahin (leg umpire), I decided to revoke my earlier decision. It was definitely within my rights to do so. The bye-laws are clear - an umpire can call back a batsman if he changes his mind about a dismissal. I do not find any reason for this fuss.'

Asked about his reaction to Abahani complaints claiming the umpire's bias against the Dhanmondi side, Dipu said, "I have played for Abahani for a long ten years. It hurts me to hear of such comments."

Abahani officials were visibly upset by the whole situa-

tion Some claimed that the umpires had intentionally conspired against them. But a high ranking Abahani official preferring anonymity took a different stand. He said, "The umpires had shown Akram (skipper) the bye-laws and they (the umpires) seem to be on the right. But Akram refused to take to the field in fear of being lynched by the

fans of his own team." Biman manager Ali Ahsan Babu refused to comment on the incident only stating it as "unfair." He was more disturbed by the entry of a few opposing officials into the field. Babu said, " A few days back the BCCB had served a circular stating that only the twelfth man can enter the field while a game is in progress. The intrusion of some Abahani officials into the ground was a clear viola-

tion of that order. "

Earlier in the day, Biman were progressing at a commanding pace spearheaded by Shanu, who was unbeaten on 50, and skipper Ziaur Rashid Rupom, who was out on 49. The two put on 68 for the third wicket after both openers. Athar Ali Khan and Pakistani Nasir Khan, had fallen in similar fashion (caught at forward short leg by Harunur Rashid Liton) to pacer Jahangir Talkukder Dulu with the score on 43.

Shanu looked particularly comfortable playing in his usual aggressive style. He hit six beautifully executed boundaries, two off successive balls of a Golam Nowsher Prince over, and an effortless straight sixer off leftarm spinner Enamul Hug Moni.

# **Niaz finishes** second in Manila

Sports Reporter

Grand Master Niaz Murshed became runnerup in the Far East Bank Open International chess tournament which concluded in the Filipino capital city of Manila yesterday.

According to a message received last night. Niaz, the first Grand Master of the subcontinent, secured nine points in the 11-round meet beating home player IM Guzman in the last round.

Filipino GM Ugene Tore emerged champion of the tourney after beating Bangladeshi IM Ziaur Rah man, in the last round. Tore earned 9.5 points while Zia earned 8 points.

IM Reefat-bin-Sattar, the remaining Bangladeshi par ticipant, also earned 8 points.

Russian GM Alexander Krasenkov, who played for Mohammedan Sporting Club along with Niaz in the first Division league last month in Dhaka, secured 8.5 points 27-player meet which included seven Grand Masters and 20 International Masters.

### Seles in Tokyo

TOKYO, Dec 8; Monica Seles will make her appearance in Tokyo for the first time in 28 months, spearheading nine of the world's top 10 players at the Toray Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament starting January 30, reports

Mary Pierce of France and Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States are the two absentees among the top 10, the organisers said.



A group of angry Abahani supporters brought out a procession yesterday at the Dhaka Stadium in protest of a controversial umpiring decision which compelled their team to abandon their Bijoy Dibash cricket tournament semifinal clash against Bangladesh Biman. - Star photo

# WHiZZ KID-15 winners

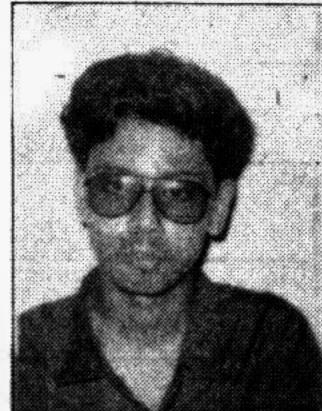


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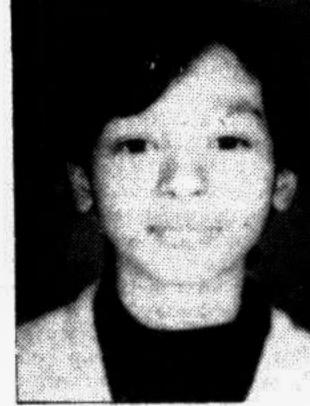
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5. Samita Kaiser Green Gems Int'l Dhanmondi



University Laboratory School Dhaka



Zayed Khan Green Gems Int'l Dhanmondi



# Diego's plea upheld

BUENOS AIRES, Dec 8: Diego Maradona's request for probation for shooting at journalists with an air rifle was upheld by the appeal court here on Thursday, reports AFP.

With a first appeal still being considered by the Supreme Court of Argentina. an appeal court, after 20 days of deliberations, decided to grant the 35-year-old World Cup star's second request to consider probation.

It was on February 1 and 2 last year when Maradona fired at journalists outside his home in Buenos Aires, blaming harassment by the media.

#### WHiZZ KID-16 correct answers

Shahbaz is to Ans: Hockey 2. Andre Agassi is sponsored

Maradona is to football as

Ans : Nike 3. Who was the man-of-the-

match of the 16th Damal

Summer cricket final? Ans: Mirza 4. The 7th SAF Games will be held in Ans: Madras

5. The mascot of New Zealand cricket is Ans: Kiwi

# Pak bats fail to blitz

H. New Zealand

Dec 8. Honours were even after a valiant fightback by New Zeland on the first day's play in he one off Test against Pakistan here on Friday, report

Thirteen wickets fell and 106 runs were scored in a scinating day's play.

New Zealand ended the lay on 98 for three after lismissing Pakistan for 208. stephen Fleming, 16, and Roger Twose, 11, were at the

New Zealand's openers cautiously made their way to 48 before Bryan Young edged Ataur Rehman to wicket keeper Rashid Latif for 16. Fellow opener Craig

century on his debut when Mushtaq Ahmed got revenge for being straight driven for six in his first over by the batsman. He slipped a leg-break be-

Spearman was denied a half-

tween bat and pad to hit offstump and ended Spearman's measured innings of 40.

The celebrated pace duo of Wasim Akram and Wagar Younis largely wasted the new ball, aiming more at the batsmen's heads than their stumps. Several half volleys were driven to the fence.

New Zealand earlier looked to have blown the ad vantage of winning the toss when they bowled badly on a good wicket and openers Aamir Sohail and Rameez Raja put on 135.

Sohail was on course to hit a century before lunch — the only other Pakistani to achieve that on the opening day of a Test was Majid Khan. against New Zealand at Karachi in 1976 - before treading on his wicket at 88.

Sohail was almost out in the same fashion on 29 when his left heel dislodged the off-bail while pulling a Morrison lifter. None of the New

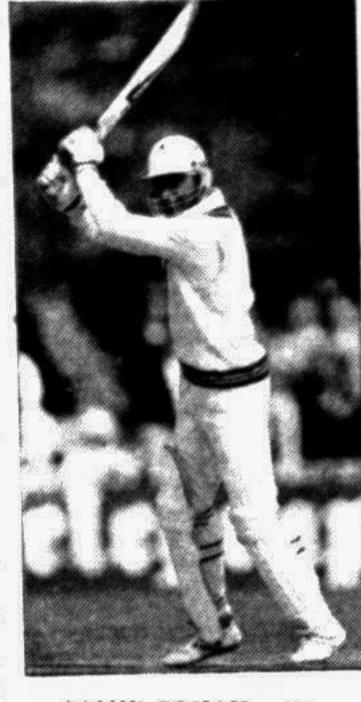
Zeal unders noticed and the bail was replaced.

Rija scored 54 his 20th Tes half-century before playing across the line at Caigns

and being struck on the pad. Much of the credit for the recovery went to seamer Chris Cairns who finished with four for 51. Three of his wickets came in a 21-ball spell for a cost of only three

He started the rot by removing Sohail and Raja before lunch, then sent Inzamamul Haq packing shortly after the break

Salim Malik was out edging Dion Nash without scoring and a sadly out-of-form Basit Ali fell to a smart catch by wicketkeeper and captain



AAMIR SOHAIL... 88

Lee Germon just before the drinks break.

ljaz Ahmed provided the only substance, reaching 30 with some bold strokes before hooking once too often and holing out at fine leg.

The lower-order followed in quick succession and Cairns wrapped up the innings having Ataur Rehman

caught and bowled for five. The entire 10 wickets fell in the space of just 28.5

overs for 73 runs. Cairns finished with the best figures, four for 51,

while Danny Morrison, Dion

Nash and Gavin Larsen took

#### SCOREBOARD

two apiece.

Scoreboard on the first day of the one-off Test between New Zealand and Pakistan at Christchurch on Fri-

PAKISTAN: First innings Sohail hit wicket b Cairns Raja Ibw b Cairns liaz e Morrison b Larsen Inzamam Ibw b Cairns Malik c Germon b Nash Basit c Germon b Larsen Rashid c Searman b Morrison Wastm c Young b Morrison Mushtag Ibw b Nash Wagar not out Rehman c and b Cairns Extras: (w-1. nb-3, lb-1) Total: Fall of wickets: 1-135; 2-

148: 3-148: 4-149: 5-177: 6 184: 7-184: 8-187: 9-203 Bowling Morrison Nash

Patel 12 **NEW ZEALAND:** First in-Young c Rashid Rehman

Spearman b Mushtag Parore c Rashid Rehman Fleming not out Twose not out xtras (nb-6) otal: (for 3 wkts)

65: 3-73 To bat: D Patel, C Cairns, L Germon, G Larsen D Nash, D Morrison.

Fall of wickets: 1-48: 2-

Bowling: (to date) Akram 37 Younis 8.1 3 12 Rehman 6 0 22 Mushtaq

# Wari waltz into semis Sports Reporter

WARI CLUB: 257 for 9 in 50 overs (Mapatuna 85

Shaheed Jewel-

Mukul 39: Talha 2/23) **GULSHAN YOUTH: 132** in 42.4 overs

(Zia 28, Sohel 27; Arif 3/35 Wari Club crui sed into the semifinals of the

Mustaq Victory Day cricket toumament with a massive 125run win over Gulshan Youth Club at the Dhanmondi Cri-

cket Stadium vesterday. Put into bat in the morning. Wari Club piled up a huge 257 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs and booked their

# Pak visa deadline

ISLAMABAD, Dec 8: The government today announced a January 15 deadline for visa requests from Indians wishing to watch the next cricket World Cup matches in Pakistan, reports AFP.

No request will be received by the Pakistani High Commission (Embassy) in New Delhi after that date, the announcement said, adding that visas for groups of not less than 20 people would be entertained.

Pakistan, where matches are to be held in February and March, is co-host of the 1996 World Cup, along with India and Sri Lanka.

Amid traditionally strained relations between Pakistan and India, some political parties in India have warned they would not allow the Pakistan team to play in the country.

ACROSS

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4 Festive

counterparts for a lowly 132 in 42.4 overs. It was Sri Lankan all-

rounder C Mapatuna who played the leading role in designing Gulshan's downfall After hammering a blistering 85 off 86 balls, the highest individual knock of his team's innings. Mapatuna

showed magic with the

cherry too removing the last two Gulshan batsmen — Talha (5) and Sajal(2). Wari, one of the oldest clubs of the capital, were in trouble early in the morning when they lost there three top order batsman with the

joined M Rahman Mukul at the crease. The pair put on 74 runs

scoreboard on 41 in nine

overs. But the situation im-

proved when Mapatuna

before Mukul was out for 39. Mapatuna who figured in two brief stands of 56 and 35 with Hassan Zaman (29) and Obayedullah (9) was eventually out for 85 with Wari comfortably placed at 206 for six in 43.4 overs

His brilliant knock contained five boundaries and a

huge sixer. Another 51 runs came off the last 32 balls before Wari completed their quota of

Munna (24 off 14 balls)

and Nafiz Newaz (16 off 9 balls) were the other notable scorers. Gulshan bowler Mohammad Talha and Rubbu cap-

tured two wickets each conceding 23 and 45 runs respectively. Chasing 258 to win. Gulshan began at a brisk pace

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Redwan Hasan collecting 41

runs in 8.3 overs. But after Rubbu (19) was dismissed things began to go wrong as they lost three wickets cheaply in the next 7.3 overs for the addition of only 30

Sohel (27) and Zia (28) tried to put on an end to the Wari onslaught with their 41run sixth wicket stand but that did not last long due to the Wari new-ball Ariful Islam, who in his second spell removed both of them in two successive overs.

After the departure of Sohel and Zia, which left Gulshan tottering on 126 for eight in 37 overs, the remaining tailenders could score only six runs before they were eventually skittled out for 132 with 7.2 overs to

The winners will take on Victoria Sporting Club in the first semifinal of the eightteam tourney on December

### Gazza let off lightly

GLASGOW. Dec 8: England international Paul Gascoigne will not be prosecuted over an incident during a stormy game between his club Glasgow Rangers and Aberdeen, a legal official said on Wednes-

day, reports Reuter. Midfielder Gascoigne and his teammate John Brown were suspended for one match by the Scottish Foothall Association (SFA) for bringing soccer into disrepute after an inquiry into clashes at the November 11 match at Ibrox Park, which

ended in a 1-1 draw.

CRYPTOQUIP XYNAF

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BASS-DRUM PLAYER REPLYING TO DOUBTER: "MY BUSINESS IS BOOM-

Today's Cryptoquip clue: S equals F The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XRL FWOR AYAIVF IDZ WNVUYZF, ZISSWZYAF SWNXRL-OR-DWLRF.