

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT six persons died in Lahore last weekend during the annual kite-flying competition. Imagine the frenzy that the sport creates.

Kite flying has always been taken in earnest by Asians. It spread from Thailand and China to India. Kites are equipped with broken glass, razor blades and even knives.

In Bangladesh, considerable attention is given to making the thread sharp so as to make it strong enough to stand up to that of rival contestants.

In Japan kite-flying often bears religious significance, and it is not unknown for entire villages to launch kites of a thousand square feet, in celebration of some religious rite.

The largest recorded kite ever flown measured about 46 feet by 63 feet and was launched by 500 people in Nagai in 1980. It weighed 660 lbs and it flew for three minutes at an altitude of 400 feet.

Imagine your plot in Uttara up in the air. Gosh!

SPORTS TALK



Christopher Martin-Jenkins

(Noted English cricket columnist)

"If he threw the ball seven times, why did he not throw it every time he bowled?"

Questioning Australian umpire Darrell Hair's controversial no-balling of Sri Lanka's ace off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan.

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-23

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m. Jan 26, 1996)

- Shaquille O'Neal is famous for playing

Football	Cricket	Basketball
- Chetan Sharma plays local cricket for

MSC	AKC	Victoria
- Sprinter Mahbubul Alam won SAF gold in

100m	200m	400m
- The first century in cricket this season was by

Sumit	Ope	Duney
- City Club ground for cricket is located in

Mirpur	Dhanmondi	Badda

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May gets the nod

SYDNEY, Jan 21: Australia off-spinner Tim May was recalled for the third and final Test against Sri Lanka today, setting up the resumption of his Test career after a 12-month absence, reports Reuter.

May replaced fast bowler Michael Kasprowicz as the only change to the 12-man squad to face Sri Lanka, at Adelaide Oval, starting on Thursday.

Australia crushed the tourists in Perth and Melbourne to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series.

May, who will turn 34 on Friday, has revitalised his career by taking 21 wickets for South Australia in his last three Sheffield Shield matches.

While recalling May, a member of Australia's preliminary 18-man squad for next month's limited overs World Cup, Test selectors have kept faith with opener Michael Slater and number three David Boon.

Both Slater and Boon have lost their places in Australia's limited overs side this season because of indifferent form. May, a veteran of 24 Tests, last played for his country in a Test against England in Sydney in January, 1995.

Since making his debut against New Zealand in 1987-88, May has taken 75 Test wickets at an average of 34, including his best haul of five for nine runs against the West Indies in Adelaide in 1992.



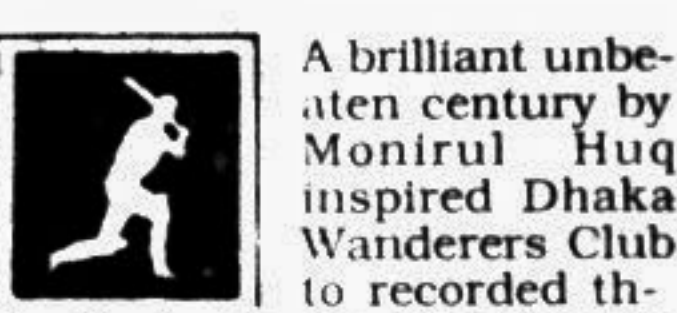
Syed Monirul Huq (L) and S Kabir Shuvro after Wanderers' victory yesterday. — Star photo

Wanderers worry Wari

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

WARI CLUB: 199 all out in 50 overs (Biplob 46, Sohel 29, Mr. Sundries 45; Shuvro 3/31)
DHAKA WANDERERS: 200/7 in 49.1 overs (Monirul 106 n.o., Tutul 34, Shuvro 20 n.o.)



A brilliant unbeaten century by Monirul Huq inspired Dhaka Wanderers Club to record their first win in the Premier cricket league with a stinging three-wicket defeat on Wari Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Monirul who came into bat at number four with Wanderers tottering at 14 for three in reply to a modest

BM School win Nirman cricket

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Jan 21: Barisal BM School recorded a sensational tie-break win over Zilla School to clinch the 14th Nirman Schools tournament at the local stadium today.

Batting first, BM School scored 113 for eight with Jewel notching highest 35 runs for the eventual winners.

In reply, Zilla School also scored 113 to tie the cliff-hanger but lost the final because they conceded more wickets than BM School.

Wari total of 199, hammered a swashbuckling 106 to guide the promotees to 200 for seven with five balls to spare in the 50 over-a-side match.

The middle-aged Pakistani right-handed bat, better known as Quareshi, shared 90 vital runs for the fourth wicket with skipper Tutul to settle his side into a groove.

And, after the fall of Tutul (34), Wanderers suffered a mini-collapse in the lower order when they were reduced to a precarious 134/7 in 40.2 overs before the robust Pakistani found an agile partner in new-ball bowler Shuvro to propel his side to an improbable victory.

Together they put on a priceless 64 runs for the undefeated eighth wicket as Wanderers, who league engagements, emerged from yet another nightmare to celebrate a sensational win against Wari.

In his polished under-ferated 120-ball knock, Monirul clubbed nine fours for the league's 12th ton. While an obdurate Shuvro clouted a massive sixer in his quickfire 23-ball 20.

Earlier, sent into bat on a moist morning, Wari, who were badly in need of a win to confirm a berth in the six-team Super League, failed to pile up a big score; their last man dismissed in the last delivery of the innings.

The Wari innings was built around by a gritty 46 from middle-order bat Mofizul Islam Biplob followed by lower-order Saleh Ahmed and Mofizur Rahman Munna, who chipped in with 29 and 24

respectively.

Besides, a staggering 45 extras including 31 wides by the Wanderers bowlers made a handsome contribution to the health of the Wari total.

Shuvro, who later did one better with the willow, was the most successful Wanderers bowler with figures of three for 31 in his nine overs.

However, with this defeat, Wari's hopes of a Super League berth were greatly reduced. They are now stuck to their previous collection of eight points from as many outings.

For Wanderers, the win will not change their fate of featuring in the relegation league along with five other teams of the 12-team Premier league.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Jan 21:

Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club beat Friends Club by a solitary goal in the CJKP First Division football super league at the Chittagong Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Liton scored the all-important goal in the 55th minute.

Mohammedans collected 11 points from six matches while Friends got two points from as many outings.

Meanwhile, Oxygen Bazar Krira Chakra clinched the Isphani Metropolitan Pioneer football competition title thrashing Patharghata Ararat Memorial Club 4-0 at the Dampara Police Line ground here today.

Odumbe obtrudes odium



NAIROBI, Jan 21: Kenya's World Cup cricket captain Maurice Odumbe on Friday accused the selectors of picking a poor team for next month's tournament because of religious and racial motives, reports Reuter.

Odumbe, one of Kenya's leading all-rounders, said in an interview, "For our selectors to pander to religious whims... is perhaps the most unfortunate thing to have happened in our preparation."

"Such chances as the World Cup rarely come, when one brushes shoulders with the world's best cricketers, and it only makes sense that we prove a point that all qualifiers deserve to be there."

Odumbe said Kenya would be a laughing stock at the Cup in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka with overweight players. "Yet we are in the toughest group." Their opponents are India, West Indies, Australia, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka.

"One would have expected the selectors to consider players' run rates and general performances on the local scene and tours abroad," added Odumbe, leaving his future as captain in doubt less



MAURICE ODUMBE

than four weeks before the tournament starts.

Odumbe did not single out specific players for criticism.

The team comprises mainly blacks and Kenyans of Asian origin, and there are also Christians, Hindus and Muslims.

Kenya's captain said the selectors appeared inclined to seek racial and religious harmony in the national team, consequently, some very good utility players were left out.

Former England paceman Peter Lever, who coached Kenya's World Cup squad last December, complained about the physical condition of some of the players.

"How for instance, will I justify having been coaching you guys here and let some of you have this sort of weight?" Odumbe recalled Lever as asking him.

Kenyan cricket authorities, who were not immediately available to comment, have previously frowned on players talking to the media about team problems.

Odumbe, who first represented Kenya in 1986, hit 118 against Bangladesh and a glorious 156 not out against Bermuda during the World Cup qualifying competition in 1994.

Yamaha Div 1 cricket

Sports Reporter

Ajax Club romped past Sadharan Bima Krira Sangatha with a crushing 134-run victory in their Yamaha First Division cricket league encounter at the City Club ground in Mirpur yesterday.

Batting first, Ajax made a resounding 226 for eight in the stipulated 45 overs with one-down Morshed Alam hitting a 83 ball 58 including three boundaries.

Opener Rafiqul Islam and Rajanul Islam Dola chipped in with 37 and 30 respectively. Abdul Hadi Ratan and Jahangir Alam took three and two wickets respectively for the insurance men.

In reply, the Bima batsmen were dispensed off by the Ajax bowlers for only 92 runs in 32.2 overs — three of them being run out.

Ahmed Kamal Cornel was the wrecker-in-chief taking four wickets for only 17 runs in his nine overs while Ripon, Emdu and Dola took a wicket apiece.

No 10 Nakib Haider was the only Bima batsman to reach double figures with 22 to his name.

Junior chess championships

Sports Reporter

Twenty players were jointly atop the standings with full two points at the end of the second round's play of the national junior chess championships at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

The twenty are — recently crowned national sub-junior champion and top seed Enamul Hossain Rajib, second seed Abdullah Al Rakib, third seed Shawkat Hossain Pallab, defending champion and fourth seed Adnan Faisal, fifth seed Tanima Parveen, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Imen, Piror Ahmed Ashrafur Rahman Murad, Aminur Rahman Ruhul Islam Bobby, Sabir Ahmed Sentu, Saiful Kabir, Kollol Bihari Mondal, Giasuddin Mithu, Arifuzzaman, Nasif Ahmed, Najmul Hassan, Zainul Abedin Sarkar, Mahtab Ahmed and Mahmud Hossain.

Eight players trail the leading bunch with 1.5 points. They are: Tipu Sultan, Saidul Huq Rubel, Syed Rowan Hossain Sajib, Waliullah, Ataur Rahman, Khaled Hassan Chowdhury, Rashedul Hassan and Mahe Alam. Of the leading players, Rajib defeated Romance, Rakib beat Naim, Pallab beat Ejaz, Adnan beat Shafique and Tanima overcame Sharif in their respective second round games.

NSU cricket

The President's Eleven of the North South University (NSU) recorded a marginal victory over the Governors' Eleven of the university, says a press release.

The two NSU teams met at a friendly cricket match at the Old DOHS playground yesterday.

Batting first the President's Eleven piled up a huge total of 203 runs in 39 overs. Chanchal smacked an impressive 61 to win the best batsman's award.

In reply the Governors' Eleven was bundled out for 197. Wasim captured three wickets for 27 runs and was adjudged the best bowler of the tournament.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Premier Division cricket

Abahani KC vs Brother Union (DS)

Ashur MC vs Eskaton SS (DCS)

Yamaha First Division cricket league:

City Club vs Bangladesh Railway (CCG)

Acme Second Division cricket league:

Azad Boys Club vs Nawabganj Club (MOS)

Labagh USC vs Udayachal Club (DCG)

Mirpur NKC vs DOHS (DCS)

Sonali Bank Second Division football league:

(Venue: Mirpur stadium) Jurain Janata Club vs BG Press (2:00 pm)

Lalmatia Club vs Little Friends Club (3:30 pm)

Mirpur Chalanika vs Fandaria Famous (5:00 pm)

Progoti Insurance Third Division football league:

(Venue: Rajuk ground) Maghbazar KC vs Purbachal Parishad (3:00 pm)

Aminur's breezy hat-trick

Sports Reporter

A brilliant hat-trick by striker Aminur Rahman steered Prantik Krira Chakra to a big win in the Progoti Insurance Third Division football league when they defeated Amin Bazar Krira Sangha 4-0 at the Rajuk ground yesterday.

After scoring his first goal in the very first minute, Aminur scored his second goal three minutes later and completed his hat-trick in the 10th minute.

Mustafizur Rahman sealed the match in the 26th minute.

In the day's second match, Matuul Juba Sangha outplayed Mirpur Eleven 3-0.

Akhter Hossain netted twice while Tofazzal added the other goal to the Matuul account.

Kiwis stage fight-back

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan 21:

Veteran Zimbabwe batsman David Houghton scored his fourth Test century as Zimbabwe reached 231 for seven on the second day of the second cricket Test against New Zealand today, reports Reuter.

Houghton, who battled with a runner after being hit on the foot when he was on 55, patiently accumulated his runs over five hours, spending 19 minutes on 99 before reaching his century shortly before stumps.

He finished the day on 104 not out with Paul Strang on five.

Zimbabwe quickly claimed the last two New Zealand wickets for the addition of only five runs this morning, dismissing the hosts for 251.

Zimbabwe made a poor start when they lost three for 50 with Grant Flower (five), Stuart Carlisle (12) and Guy Whittall (27) all gone before lunch.

Captain Andy Flower and Houghton added 88 for the fourth wicket, with Flower reaching 1,000 runs in Test cricket before departing for 35 with the score at 138.

Alistair Campbell gave left arm seamer Geoff Allott his third leg before wicket dismissal of the innings when he went for 17 with the score at 196.

Medium pacer Gavin Larsen then bowled Craig Wishart for seven and fast-medium bowler Chris Cairns castled Heath Streak with the second new ball.

For New Zealand, Allott took three 45. Cairns had

eight)

Spearman c G Flower b B Strang 42

Twose c A Flower b Brandes 18

Flaming c Carlisle b Whittall 84

Parore c A Flower b B Strang 0

Astle c and b Brandes 14

Cairns c and b B Strang 57

Germon c A Flower b Streak 25

Patel not out 7

Larsen lbw Streak 0

Keenady c Campbell b Streak 0

Allott c and b B Strang 0

Extras: (lb-3, nb-1) 4

Total: (all out) 251

Fall of wickets: 1-50; 2-

78; 3-86; 4-117; 5-216; 6-

232; 7-244; 8-246; 9-246;

10-251.

Bowling: O M R W

Streak 22 9 50 3

Brandes 18 3 69 2

B Strang 31.3 8 64 3

P Strang 12 2 29 1

Whittall 12 4 36 1

ZIMBABWE: First innings

Flower lbw Allott 5

Carlisle c Astle b Kennedy 12

Whittall c Germon b Cairns 27

Houghton not out 104

A Flower lbw Allott 35

Campbell lbw Allott 7

Wishart b Larsen 17

H Streak b Cairns 2

Strang not out 5

Extras (lb-1, lb-8, nb-6, w-2) 17

Total (for seven wickets) 231

Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-38;

3-50; 4-138; 5-196; 6-217;

7-222.

Bowling: O M R W

Cairns 22 8 60 2

Allott 18 5 45 3

Kennedy 16 3 53 1

Larsen 17 7 22 1

Patel 8 0 39 0

Astle 3 1 3 0

NEW ZEALAND: First in-

nings (overnight 246 for

two for 60. Larsen was tight

in taking on for 22 off 17

overs while Robert Kennedy

finished with one for 53.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of

play on the second day of

the second cricket Test between

New Zealand and Zimbabwe

at Auckland Monday.

NEW ZEALAND: First in-

nings (overnight 246 for



Second seed Abdullah Al Rakib (L, foreground) advances his pawn against a younger opponent in the 2nd round of the national junior championships at the NSC chess room yesterday. — Star photo

Aussies above weather

SYDNEY, Jan 21:

Australia captain Mark Taylor on Saturday raised the possibility of his team withdrawing from next month's cricket World Cup because of security fears, report agencies.

Taylor said the decision would rest with the players, who will meet to discuss their position at a team meeting in Adelaide on Tuesday.

"If there is a feeling amongst the side that we are all a bit worried, then we might not go," Taylor told reporters Saturday. "That's a long way off at this stage and it's far too early for me to comment on it, but it won't be one out all out."

Warne, who on Saturday said that he feared for his life in Pakistan, said he had received several letters threatening him harm if he plays in the tournament, which will be jointly hosted by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"My worry is there will be a few hot-heads who might do something really nasty," Warne said in a column he writes for the Sydney Sun-Herald newspaper.

Warne was one of three Australian players to accuse former Pakistan captain Salim Malik of trying to bribe them during a tour in October, 1994.

Malik was cleared by an internal judicial inquiry after Australian officials refused to allow the three players to fly to Pakistan to testify.

"Even on a normal tour to Pakistan, visiting players have rocks and firecrackers thrown at them," Warne said. "Once I'm out on the field I'm open to a crazy act and there's not much anyone can do. Believe me, it scares me."

Warne said he faces the most difficult decision of his career, but added: "If I decide to go I'll be 100 per cent committed."

Sri Lankan team members have said there is strong anti-Australian feeling at home regarding Muralitharan issue.

Fast bowler Craig McDer-

mott said he had recently received a death threat from someone in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

Australia's 14-man World Cup squad will be named on Tuesday and the players then will hold a meeting to discuss all aspects of the World Cup.

"I want to go. We all want to go because it's the World Cup and it only comes around every four years," Taylor said Sunday.

"Not to go would be a major incident and that's the last thing any of us would want, including me, because it's a chance for us to win a World Cup and that's something we'd like."

"Not to participate would be a huge blow for everyone, especially after the last 12 months we've had."

Australian Cricket Board chief executive Graham Halbish and ACA chairman Denis Rogers arrived back from a fact-finding mission to India and Sri Lanka last week.

They have told the players they'll have 24-hour bodyguards and increased protection during the six-week tournament.

"At this stage there's no problem, but we'd just like to get everyone together to get everyone's views out and see if there is a problem," Taylor said.

"Warne's come out and said he's a bit worried, so it'd be nice to air our views and see what the full story is."

"If there's a majority of people who want to go we'll be going. It's like the Olympics: participation is what it's all about."

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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