

Column One

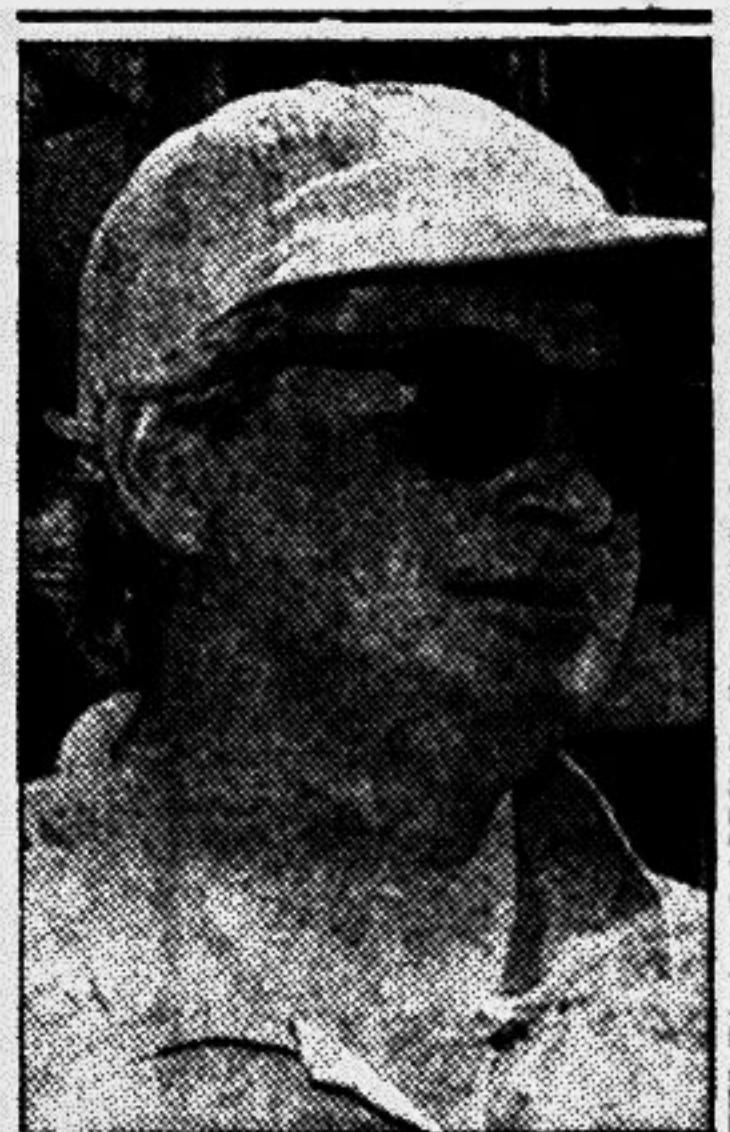
DID U' KNOW?
(The Professor does)

THAT it is every golfer's dream to hit the ball further than anyone ever has before. To do that you need a good high tee. And, what better tee than the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

Arnold Palmer did just that. In the October of 1976, he climbed the 377 feet to the second stage of the Eiffel Tower only to find a stiff breeze blowing into his face. He had earlier got the police to close the Champ de Mars to traffic but the wind was against his tee-off direction. Nevertheless, he teed up his ball and drove off, achieving 276 yards with his best shot.

Hoping to do better next year, he tried again in October. Palmer climbed to the second stage of the tower and was ready to tee off at 8.30 am. On a perfect golfing morning, Palmer hit three balls -- 223 yards, 363 yards and a magnificent 402 yards. The last would count as one of the longest golf drives in history. But, the ball curved off sideways, described a perfect arc and landed with an audible ping on the roof of a passing bus.

SPORTS TALK



Ian Smith

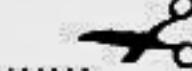
(Former New Zealand wicket-keeper)

"It is a bit of a thankless job. It is a job where you have to self-analyse. You're the odd man out on the field, doing a different job. You have to wait for the opportunity to come along. If they don't come along you got to be patient."

Sports

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN



Sports WHIZZ KID competition-24

Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes: 8 p.m.
Feb 2, 1996)

1.	The fielder opposite to mid-wicket across the pitch is	Leg slip	Cover	Long-off
2.	Boris —	Becker	Brown	Boca
3.	Australian Open Tennis Championship 1996 is hosted by the city of	Sydney	Canberra	Melbourne
4.	The World Cup Cricket 1996 opening ceremony will be held in	Lahore	Calcutta	Colombo
5.	Mohammedan SC are currently taking part in the	FAA Shield	Merdeka	Khush-Jahar

Name: _____

Class: _____

School Address: _____

Phone: (if any) _____

WHIZZ KID-22 winners

1. Hossain Al Mahmud
Dhanmondi Govt Boys' High School, Dhaka2. Mousen
Sunbeam School Dhaka3. Faisal Ahmed
Barisal Govt High School4. Anisur Ehsan Khan
BIT, Dhaka5. Farhana
Maple Leaf, Dhaka

(No. 2, 3, 4, 5 pictures are not available.)

Gazza indicted in Italy

LONDON, Jan 26: Maverick England star Paul Gascoigne will contest charges of injuring a photographer after being indicted by an Italian judge, the player's lawyer said on Thursday, reports AFP.

Mohammedans on top rung

Sports Reporter

VICTORIA SC: 223 for eight in 50 overs (Al Shahri Rokon 64, Sajid 57; Shahid Mahmood 5/30).

MOHAMMEDANS SC: 227 for two in 38 overs (Nadeem Younus 117 n.o., Jahangir 56, Sujon 43 n.o.).

A prolific unbeaten century by Pakistani batsman Nadeem Younus gave title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club their eighth victory in the ongoing Premier Division cricket league when they handed Victoria Sporting Club a humiliating eight-wicket defeat at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a reachable target of 227 in 50 overs, Mohammedans prevailed in 38 overs. This was possible due to a marauding Nadeem who scored his second century in the league yesterday.

Nadeem, who scored his first century against Agrani Bank in their first league encounter on December 20, played a fluent inning with his willow and scored 117 runs off only 90 deliveries inclusive of 15 boundaries and a huge six.

The hard-hitting right-hand bat from Karachi added 149 runs to the MSC account along with his opening partner Jahangir Alam (56) before the latter was caught behind off Indian all-rounder Chetan Sharma's first ball of the 28th over.

After losing one-down batsman Selim Shahed (0) in the next delivery with the scoreboard unchanged, Nadeem and all-rounder Khalid Mahmud Sujon collected the remaining 78 runs without any further Victoria interference.

Both Nadeem and Sujon (43) remained not out when Mohammedans reached home in the final delivery of the 38th over.

Victorian pacer Raisul Amin Bobby will try to forget his yesterday's bowling performance as he had to concede 81 runs in a wicket-less 10-over spell.

Earlier, put in to bat, Victorians, who created sensa-

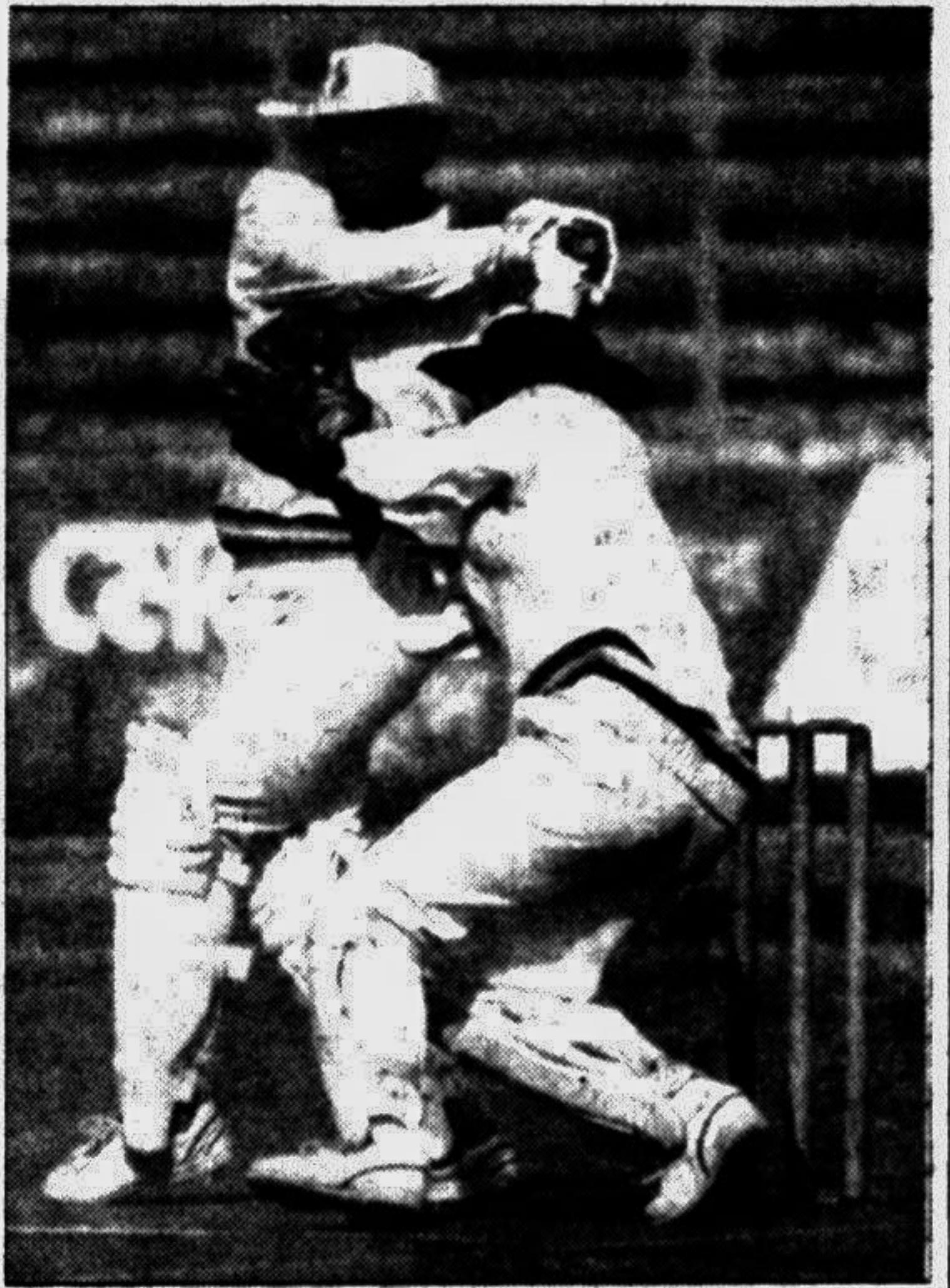
tion in the league ten days ago beating Abahani Krira Chakra by three wickets, collected 223 for eight in their stipulated 50 overs.

National cricketer Al Shahri Rokon scored highest 64 of 81 balls with an over boundary and five fours, and opener Sajid Hasan hit 57 off 107 deliveries inclusive of three fours.

them to close their account on 223 for eight.

Mohammedans' Pakistani leg spinner Shahid Mahmood grabbed five wickets conceding 30 runs in 10 overs.

With yesterday's win, Mohammedans raised their tally to 16 points from nine matches and posted a solo



MERCY PLEASE ... Victoria wicket-keeper Ahmed Diyar prays for his life as Mohammedans' Nadeem Younus unleashes a savage pull yesterday. — Star photo

The pair added 95 runs to the Victoria account in a valuable second-wicket partnership which raised their hopes for a big total. But their middle-order batsmen failed to keep up the trend. After losing the second wicket on 149 in 36.2 overs, the could collect only 74 runs from the remaining overs enabling

lead in the 12-team league with a two-point lead over second placed Bangladesh Biman and Brothers Union, both of whom have 14 points each.

On the other hand, it was the sixth league defeat for Victoria in ten matches which almost buried their hopes of a super league berth.

Meanwhile, Chittagong Abahani Krira Chakra got the runners-up slot in the league earning 15 points from seven encounters.

BTV to telecast 21 World Cup matches

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Television will telecast 21 matches of the sixth cricket World Cup including quarterfinals, semifinals and the final to be held in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka from February 14. The opening ceremony will take place in Calcutta on February 11.

World Tel. who have exclusive rights on tele coverage of the world extravaganza signed a deal with Asian Marketing Company on January 24 in this regard.

Regency CJKP soccer champs

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With this win, Mohammedans completed the league securing third position with 14 points from seven outings.

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Team	Matches	Points
Regency	7	16
Alkhani	7	15
Mohammedans	7	14
HCIC	7	12
City Corporation	7	7
Customs	7	6
Shatadal	7	4
Friends Club	7	3

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Yamaha Div I cricket

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SURJO TARUN CLUB: 173 for nine in 45 overs (Shaon 35, Dear 34, Dipon 22 n.o.).

AJAX SC: 170 in 42.3 overs (Suman Biswas 59, Rafique 29, Sanjeev Sharma 3/23, Nadir Shah 3/26).

Surjo Tarun Club registered their fifth win the Yamaha First Division cricket league with a narrow three-run victory over Ajax Sporting Club at the City Club ground yesterday.

Batting first after winning the toss, Surjo Tarun scored 173 for nine in 45 overs.

Mahibul Hasan Shaon (35) and Dear (34) were the leading Surjo Tarun batsmen.

In reply, Ajax were booked on 170 in 42.3 overs with opener Suman Biswas scoring 59 and Rafique collecting 29 runs.

Surjo Tarun's Indian all-rounder Sanjeev Sharma and local veteran Nadir Shah earned three wickets each conceding 23 and 26 runs respectively.

Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Government BG Press footballers earned full points in the ongoing Sonali Bank Second Division football league when they handed Jurain Janata Club a 0-3 defeat at the Mirpur Stadium.

Mohammed Ali opened BG Press account 28 minutes into the first half while Abul Kashed doubled the margin in the 17th minute of the second half.

Alfaz sealed the match three minutes before the final whistle.

In the day's second match, Little Friends beat Lalmatia Boys Club 3-1.

Little Friends' Uttam netted twice in the 21st and 45th minute which Tutul added the other goal in the 37th minute.

On the other hand, Khokon reduced the margin for Lalmatia in the 43rd minute.

The day's last encounter between Mirpur Chalantika and Gandaria Famous ended in a goalless draw.

Not only is he one of

SL face uphill battle



ADELAIDE, Jan 26: Sri Lanka faced a daunting task to avoid defeat in the third and final Test after all-rounder Steve Waugh lifted Australia to a formidable first innings total with a fine century today.

reports Reuter

Waugh plundered a mediocre Sri Lankan attack for 170 in a marathon seven-hour innings before Australia captain Mark Taylor declared one hour before the scheduled close with the total on 502 for nine after 157.3 overs.

At close of play on the second day at Adelaide Oval, the tourists were 80 for no wicket, still needing 223 runs to avoid the follow-on and the likelihood of a third successive heavy Test defeat.

Waugh, who played a near-flawless innings before deflecting the first ball after tea onto his stumps, needed just nine more runs to push his Test average above 50.

Sri Lanka opener Sanath Jayasuriya responded positively late in the day with a succession of attacking shots, including one cover drive that cleared the boundary for six, to remain unbeaten on 47 alongside Chandika Hathurusinghe on 24 not out.

Resuming on 70, Waugh hit 13 fours and one five on his way to a second successive century against Sri Lanka, eclipsing his 131 not out in Melbourne in the second Test last month.

Australia have already wrapped up the series 2-0 with crushing victories in the first two Tests after posting successive first innings totals of 500 for six and 617 for five declared.

In Adelaide, the Sri Lankan bowlers once again struggled for penetration and accuracy as Australia added to their overnight score of 239 for five with winning ease.

Wicketkeeper Ian Healy hammered an untroubled 70 and pace bowler Paul Reiffel contributed 56, his highest score in Test cricket, to highlight the impotency of the Sri Lankan attack.

But it was Waugh who, above all, capitalised on the opportunity provided by Sri Lanka's lacklustre display

after starting the day on 70. A late developer in Test cricket, Waugh played 27 Tests before hitting a maiden Test. His total now stands at 11 in 81 Test.

But it was an agonising dismissal for the New South Wales batsman, who watched helplessly as the ball brushed against the stumps with only enough force to dislodge a

ball.

Waugh paid a heavy price for a poor fielding display after spilling a succession of catching chances during the innings, most significantly when Waugh was dropped on 37 by wicket-keeper Romesh Kaluwitharana on the first day.

Waugh's dismissal left him tantalisingly close to joining West Indies left-hander Brian Lara, Pakistan's Javed Miandad and Sachin Tendulkar of India as the only current Test batsmen to boast a Test average above 50.