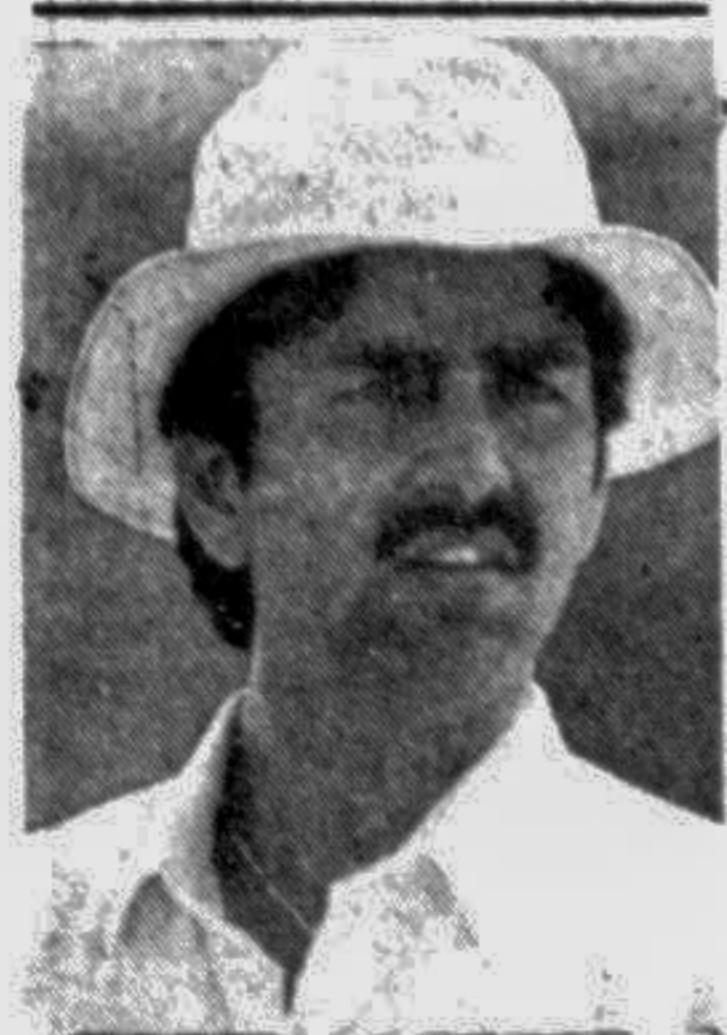


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Manoj Prabhakar
(Former Indian Test cricketer)

"I need some platform to raise my voice against the injustice done to me. They (the cricket officials) are been upon finishing and I will fight it."

After he decided to contest in the forthcoming Indian general election last week.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Kalabagan beat Wari

BRIEF SCORES

KALABAGAN KC: 214 in 49.3 overs (Faruque 56, Nobel 29, Masum 27)

WARI CLUB: 185 in 46 overs (Biplab 34, Mukul 38, Munna 30; Zahir 3/35)

Kalabagan Krira Chakra recorded a facile 39-run win over lowly Wari Club in a Premier cricket super league encounter at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In an otherwise insignificant affair as far as the championship is concerned Kalabagan, who along with their neighbour Abahani KC and the day's vanquished who are already out of the race, scored a fighting total with their skipper Faruque Ahmed hammering a polished half century.

Faruque, the former national skipper who enjoyed a wonderful season with the willow, cracked a swashbuckling 56 off 75 deliveries to propel his side to 195 in 45.3 overs before the middle-order batsmen ran themselves out.

Earlier, openers Zahid Razak Masum and Nurul Abedin Nobel — the two former na-

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tional players — gave Kalabagan a solid start mustering 49 runs in 11.3 overs before Masum, the tall right-hander, chipped in with an aggressive 27 off 32 balls punctuated with four hits across the rope.

A balding Nobel scored a gritty 29 off 57 deliveries while Wahidul Islam, who was dropped down the order, slogged the last four overs with a rapid-fire 22 off only 15 balls embellished with two sixes and a four.

In reply, Wari Club, who are yet to win a match in the six-team super league, collapsed to their consecutive defeat when they were skittled

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL: Apr 6: Four-H Club defeated Sangskriti Majlish by ten wickets in the local First Division cricket league today.

In a low-scoring affair,

Sangskriti Majlish scored only 81 runs in the morning session. In reply, Four-H cruised home without losing any wicket with both openers Siddique and Manju remaining unbeaten on 39 and 38 respectively.

out in 46 overs and with 40 runs short of the target.

On a hot and humid day, Wari were never appeared to off the required run rate in their chase at the nearly barren big bowl. Instead with the wickets tumbling at regular intervals the Motijheel outfit, who at one stage tottering at 55 for four, could attain some respectability with their skipper Mukul scoring an obdurate 38 off 61 balls.

But once Kalabagan new-ball bowler Zahir, returning in his second spell, removed Mukul it was foregone conclusion. Mukul apart opener Biplab (34), tail-enders Ehsan (27) and Munna (30) were the other notable run-getters for the losers.

Among the Kalabagan bowlers Zahir finished with three for 35 in his nine overs. He was well supported by national right-arm seamer Saiful Islam and Wahidul, who took two wickets apiece.

With this win Kalabagan raised their tally to 16 points on completion of the 14 league engagements and remained stuck to the fifth position ahead of Wari Club, who glued to the first leg collection of 12 points after completing same number matches.

An ailing Atlanta affair



ATLANTA: Apr 6: The designers of the main stadium for this summer's Olympics, accused by Atlanta organisers of a design error, raised persistent questions about the safety of the 83,500-seat stadium, that will host the opening and closing ceremonies and track and field events of the Olympics.

A subsequent engineering review of the entire stadium found numerous design modifications had not been made. It might not have been.

The issue is ... as much the process as the actual results. The process has been costly. The process has caused everyone a lot of grief."

In its suit, the designers said that ACOG and the Atlanta Braves, who will occupy the stadium after the Olympics, imposed multiple changes under "chaotic conditions" that resulted in 47,600 hours of overtime.

Calhoun said that changes continue to be forced on the designers, including some as recently as this week. She said an amendment will be made to the suit asking for about dollars 1.4 million more.

She also said she fears ACOG may not have enough money to pay the overtime, and will delay the litigation until the organising committee goes out of business and another 2.5 billion.

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