

Boys ride on Pavel's brilliance

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH BOYS CLUB: 272 for 9 in 50 overs (Pavel 85, Sumon 68, Fyaz 61, Kamrul 4/59, Tasneem 3/51).
GULSHAN YOUTH CLUB: 101 in 29 overs (Shudra 21, Sujel 11, Zaid 11, Extras 24; Pavel 3/18, Sumon 2/8).
RESULT: Bangladesh Boys won by 171 runs.

A brilliant all-round performance by Pavel steered Bangladesh Boys Club to a massive 171-run victory over Gulshan Youth Club in a first round group league engagement of the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament at the tiny City Club ground yesterday.

Pavel scored 85 runs to guide his side to a huge 272 for nine in 50 overs, and then went on to capture three wickets for 18 runs to bundle out Gulshan Youth for only 101 in 29 overs.

McRae receives MBE award

Colin McRae, 1995 World



Rally champion and recent winner of the final round of the 1996 World Rally Championship in Catalunya, Spain yesterday received his MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) award at Buckingham Palace, London. The MBE was awarded to him in June of this year in recognition of his services to British motor sport/motor rallying, says a press release.

In a short ceremony yesterday the MBE was presented to McRae by Her Majesty The Queen.

The day was very much a proud family affair with both McRae's mother Margaret and father Jimmy in attendance — Jimmy McRae a rallying legend in his own right as five times British Rally Champion — '81, '82, '84, '87 & '88.

American Cup golf tomorrow

The American Cup 96 Golf Tournament will begin at 6.30 in the morning of Friday, November 15, 1996 at the Kurmitola Golf Club. Organised by the US merchants representing American companies in Dhaka, the tournament will be participated by about 200 golfers including men, women and youngsters from all over the country, says a press release.

Maj General Mohammad Anwar Hossain BP SC Chief of General Staff and Vice President of Kurmitola Golf Club has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest at the prize giving ceremony at the Golf Club premises at 7.30 pm on that day.

Noah, Fitzgerald advance

JEDDAH, Nov 13: Yannick Noah and John Fitzgerald won their first-round matches Tuesday in the 150,000 dollars Ford Champions' men's over-35 tennis tournament, reports AP.

Noah defeated Mansour Bahrami 6-3, 6-3 in the opening match of the four-day, eight-man senior tournament. He will meet Fitzgerald, who upset second-seeded John Lloyd 6-2, 7-5, in a quarterfinal on Wednesday.

Agrani bankrupt Brothers

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One prodigal over from Mofizur Rahman Munna and a single rash shot by skipper Faruque Ahmed saw title aspirants Brothers Union make a premature exit from the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament, much to the delight of Agrani Bank who handed the Gopibagh outfit a stinging 37-run defeat at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The upset win for Agrani Bank not only dashed Brothers' hopes of a berth in the six-team final round of the season's current-raiser, but also confirmed the Bankers as Group D champions with three wins from as many matches.

The decisive defeat after two successive wins put the otherwise star-studded Brothers lineup under the microscope as both their new-ball bowlers Golam Nowsheer Prince and Munna as well as the fragile middle-order miserably failed to rise up to the occasion when it was needed most.

Munna, who opened the Brothers' bowling with an aging former national left-arm seamer Prince in the absence of Sajal Chowdhury, conceded 21 runs in the penultimate over as Agrani Bank raced on to amass a commanding 226/6 in their share of 50 overs.

Ishtiaq, the tormentor in the nightmarish over for Brothers Union, clobbered a huge six and three savage hits across the rope to remain unbeaten on gusty a 9-ball 23, the eventual match-winning contribution in the Bank total. And Munna, the most expensive Brothers bowler, finished with 2/62 in his 10 overs.

But it was not an inspiring start for Agrani Bank after their skipper Mukul elected to use the wicket first. At one stage they were limping on 183/5 in 40.3 overs before Shihri Iqbal, the useful Pakistani recruit for Bankers, pulled them out of the ditch with a cracking 68 off 77 balls.

The tall Pakistani all-rounder clubbed five fours in his polished inning before being eventually out in the 47th over leaving his side comfortably poised at 192/6.

However, the departure of Iqbal set the stage for a late onslaught by Shuvro and Ishtiaq, who added a priceless 34 runs off only 19 deliveries for the undefeated seventh wicket to help Agrani Bank cross the 200-mark.

Shuvro, who later did one better with the cherry, scored a blazing 30 off 29 balls punctuated with a couple of hits across the fence.

In reply, Brothers, facing a challenging target of 4.5 runs per over, made a jumpy start

losing their opener Wahidul Islam (2) for only 10 runs on the board.

After the early setback national opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut and Jahangir Alam steadied their boat putting on 41 runs for the second wicket before both were dismissed in successive overs.

Jahangir, the national opener-cum-keeper who is going through a lean patch, was the first to go after scoring a painstaking 47 off 23 deliveries while Bidyut scored a chancy 27 before Mukul had the dangerous caught by Ishtiaq reducing Brothers to a precarious 54/3 in 15.5 overs.

But the real rot started when

Faruque charged down the wicket for a big hit, but ended up offering a simple catch at long-off.

Brothers' hopes of any fight-back turned effectively into despair when their last recognised batsman all-rounder Enamul Haq Moni after scoring 23 lost his middle stump to a gem of an in-cutter from Shahid Iqbal.

Hossain Shah, the only Brothers batsman to play sensibly, ploughed a lone battle without any support from the other end. But the right-hand middle-order who failed to negotiate with the soaring run-rate was eventually out in the 48th over after scoring a patient 68 to mark the fall of last Brothers wicket.



Enamul Haque Moni of Brothers Union Club looks back to see his middle stump uprooted by Agrani Bank's Pakistani seamer Shahid Iqbal during their Damal Smriti cricket tournament clash at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Skipper Faruque Ahmed after scoring only eight runs returned to the dressing room leaving his side in deeper trouble at 77/4. When everyone in the Brothers tent were expecting a responsible inning from the former national skipper,

With this win Agrani Bank joined Abahani Krira Chakr in one of the two groups of the final round. And, if everything goes by the script, Ajax is likely to fill the remaining slot of the group.

Azad abase Eskaton

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AZAD SC: 242 for 8 in 50 overs (Biplab 74, Shimul 28, Shipon 24; Asad 4/48, Khokon 2/38).

ESKATON SC: 186 for 9 in 50 overs (Shamsul 53, Babu 35; Papul 3/30).
RESULT: Azad SC won by 56 runs.

Azad Sporting Club kept their hopes alive of a final round berth in the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament with a convincing 56-run win over Eskaton Sabuj Sangha on the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Although the victory put Azad at par with Eskaton — both having two wins from their three Group E engagements — they will have to await the outcome of the Lalmatia-GMCC match to know their fate. A win for Lalmatia, who have brought in two Pakistani to face GMCC on Saturday, will enable them to qualify for the next round ahead of both Azad and Eskaton on better run-rate.

However, in the day's match Azad aided by a dazzling half-century from skipper Biplab made a huge 242/8 in their share of 50 overs.

In reply, Eskaton, who went into the match for a win to qualify for the final round, only could muster 186/9 before being exhausted their quota of 50 overs.

Biplab, who came into bat at number four with Azad reeling on 58/3, played gutsy 74 off 86 to guide his side to safe water.

He shared 83-run for the fourth wicket with Sajal before being departed in 36th over, leaving his side at 174/4. Sajal scored a patient 41-ball 25 while Shipon and Rana contributed 24 and 16 respectively.

For Eskaton, Asad took four wickets for 48 runs in his share of ten overs.

On the other hand, Eskaton in their chase of an uphill task, to score a little less than five runs per over, got off to a disastrous start, losing their first six wickets for only 49 runs.

Shamsul Alam and Babu, however, tried to mend the early damage putting on 45 runs for the seventh wicket. But that was not enough to avoid the defeat.

Shamsul scored 53 off 104 balls while Babu hammered 35.

Div I football G'keepers spend rest day

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The capital experienced a goal-drought yesterday when both the Danish First Division football league matches, that between Victoria Sporting Club and Badda Jagarani at the Mirpur Stadium, and between Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society and Mirpur Chalanitka Sporting Club at the Army Stadium ended in goalless draws.

This was the eleventh league encounter for all the teams from which Victoria earned 22 points to remain atop the table followed by Rahmatganj who have 17 points. On the other hand, Mirpur Chalanitka and Badda Jagarani earned 15 and 13 points respectively.

Australian HC calls on Quader

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The Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Charles Stuart, called on State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader at his secretariat office yesterday, reports UNB.

They held an elaborate discussion on mutual cooperation between the two friendly countries for the development of sports.

The discussion also covered seminar on "Scientific Development and Modern Trends in Sports" held on Nov 11, jointly organised by Bangladesh and Australia.

The State Minister, referring to the seminar, expressed his gratitude to the Australian government for extending cooperation in developing the sports of Bangladesh.

Don Jones, consultant of Bangladesh sports linkage programme of Australia was also present during the meeting.

Basuki, Majoli sail

PHILADELPHIA, Nov 13: Indonesian Yayuk Basuki, a late entry in the 450,000 dollar Advanta championships, used her experience to beat young Russian Anna Kournikova 6-4, 7-6 (7-1) in a first-round match on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Basuki, 25 years old and ranked 33rd in the world, was inserted into the draw only after Jennifer Capriati withdrew two days before the tournament started.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Danish Premier Division football league:
 (Venue: Mirpur Stadium)
 Mohammedan SC vs Brothers Union (6 pm)
 Muktiyoddha Sangsad KC vs Farshganj SC (4 pm)
Danish First Division football league:
 (Venue: Army Stadium)
 Sadharan Bima KS vs Police AC (3 pm)
17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament:
 Kalabagan KC vs Surjo Tarun Club (DS)
 City Club vs Dhaka Wanderers Club (CCG)



Mohammedans' (R to L) GM Dibendu Barua, GM Niaz Murshed and Enamul Hossain Rajib pondering their next moves during yesterday's Metropolis First Division chess league engagement against Dhaka University at the NSC chess room. — Star photo

Leonine hover above MSC

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Leonine Chess Club maintained their solo lead in the Metropolis First Division chess league with a convincing 4-0 victory over Avijatrik chess club in their seventh round clash at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In yesterday's round, Leonine's IM Parameswaran of India and three locals — Rafiqul Islam, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed and Imon won their boards against Avijatrik's Fahim, Khasru Noman Chapal, MA Islam and Abdur Rab Khan respectively to remain 1.5 points clear atop the 16-team league table.

With yesterday's win, Leonine earned 25 points out of a possible 28 from seven matches.

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club remained second in the title race after taming Dhaka University 4-0 yesterday.

Mohammedans' three Grand Masters — Russian Mikhail Krassenkov, Indian Dibendu Barua and local Niaz Murshed — won their respective boards against Krishnapada Biswas, Arun Chandra and Sujon while their teammate, Enamul Hossain Rajib, the national

sub-junior champion, outplayed Sheikh Anwar. The win raised Mohammedans' tally to 23.5 points from seven outings.

Last year's runners up Bangladesh Biman blanked Anushilun Daba Krira chakra by 3.5 points to 5.

Biman's two International Masters — national champion Ziaur Rahman and runner-up Rezaul-bin-Sattar, defeated SR Hai and Rumu respectively while Khandkar Kayes Hasan beat Masudur Rahman. The other encounter between Biman's FIDE Master Syed Tahmidur Rahman and Anushilun's T Sultan ended in a draw.

With yesterday's win, Biman earned 21 points and remained third in the table.

Bangladesh Textiles Mills Corporation and Mahakhali Prodeep Sangha were in the fourth and fifth positions with 20 and 17 points respectively. In Wednesday's rounds, BTMC outmastered Fire Service 4-0 while Prodeep Sangha registered a 3.5-5 victory over Narayanganj chess Club.

In the day's other matches, Ansars beat Farshganj Sporting Club 2.5-1.5. Sheikh Russel Chess Club defeated Kousha Sangskritik Sangsad 2.5-1.5 while Narayanganj Daba Khelwar Kalyan Samiti

and Touch Stone Chess Club shared points with a 2-2 draw.

STANDINGS

(After round seven)

Leonine CC —	25 points
Mohammedan SC —	23.5
Biman —	21
BTMC —	20
Mahakhali PS —	17
Ansars —	16.5
Konica SS —	15
Narayanganj DKS —	13.5
Farshganj SC —	13
Narayanganj CC —	11
Sheikh Russel CC —	9.5
Touch Stone CC —	9
Anushilun DKC —	8
Dhaka University —	7.5
Fire Service —	7.5
Avijatrik CC —	6.5

Quader visits BSJWC office

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State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader visited the Bangladesh Sports Journalists and Writers Community office at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday evening. Monwar Haque and Saifur Rahman Chowdhury, the president and general secretary of the community, welcomed the minister at their office.

During the visit, the minister had a cordial discussion with the local sports journalists about the development of sports in the country. The minister also appreciated different programmes organised by the community related to local sports.

The BSJWC officials presented the minister a crest.

Army v'ball

TANGAIL, Nov 13: The area teams of Savar, Chittagong, Rangpur and Comilla moved into semifinals in the annual Army volleyball championship at Ghatal Cantonment today, reports UNB.

Meanwhile, Log area, Rangpur area, Bogra area and Savar area won their respective matches on Tuesday.



Officials of Bangladesh Sports Journalists and Writers Community presenting a crest to State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader at the BSJWC office at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Jones: A profile of a world champ

The first thing that Jon Jones does after finishing a Formula One Powerboat Grand Prix is to ring his eldest daughter to let her know how he fared. This may surprise many F1 powerboat observers, as Jones lives and breathes powerboat racing and is regarded to be one

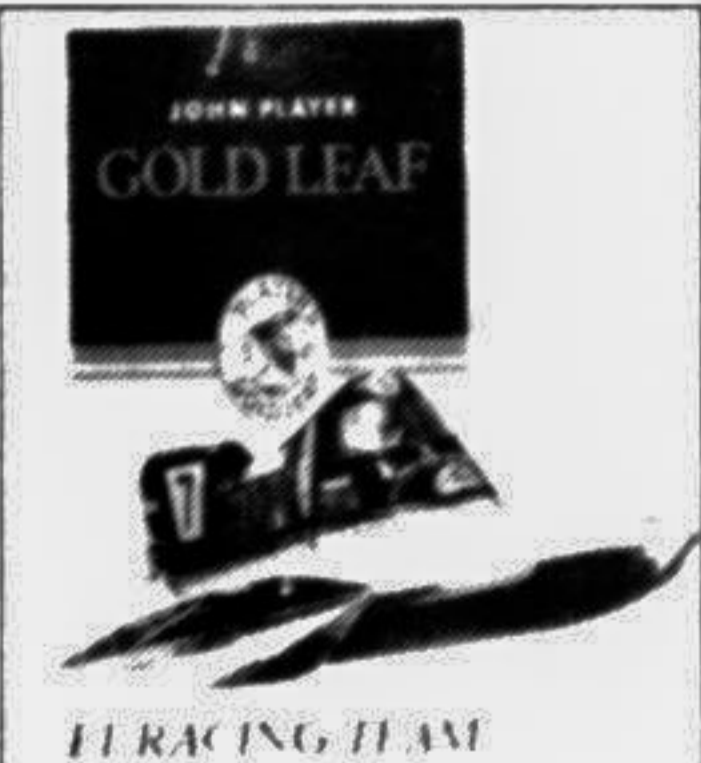
for sixteen years he has three daughters and still lives in his birth place, Cardigan, a small town in West Wales. His house is a shrine to powerboat racing. Every wall and shelf is adorned by trophies collected over his twelve years of racing. In fact, he has so many that he loans some to his loyal team of mechanics and engineers.

The garden is dominated by the workshop that houses his boats, engines and other racing paraphernalia. Most days the driveway will be taken up by race trucks, trailers and other support vehicles.

At the foot of the garden is the local river that, for years, has acted as test track for his 220hp boat.

Jones eats, sleeps and talks powerboat racing, and boy, does he talk! Where an ordinary person will use one word he will use ten delivered at a pace that would leave most people breathless.

Behind it all is his unquenchable enthusiasm for the sport and his desire to win back the World Championship, which he last won in 1991 narrowly defeating German Michael Werner.



John Jones, a powerboat racing champion, holding a trophy.

of the more intense characters on the World Championship circuit.

But despite achieving three world titles in his chosen sport, Jon Jones is very much a family man. Married to Gwyneth

After years of struggling from Grand Prix, often with the boat pulled behind his car, life has taken a dramatic new turn with the signing of a new sponsor, John Player Gold Leaf. This has enabled him to build the team he has always dreamt of and to concentrate more than ever on formulating a strategy to win his next world title.

Jones' lifelong friend and now team manager, Malcolm Williams — himself a former driver — has shared most of the ups and downs in Jon's racing career.

ROK spikers on a roll

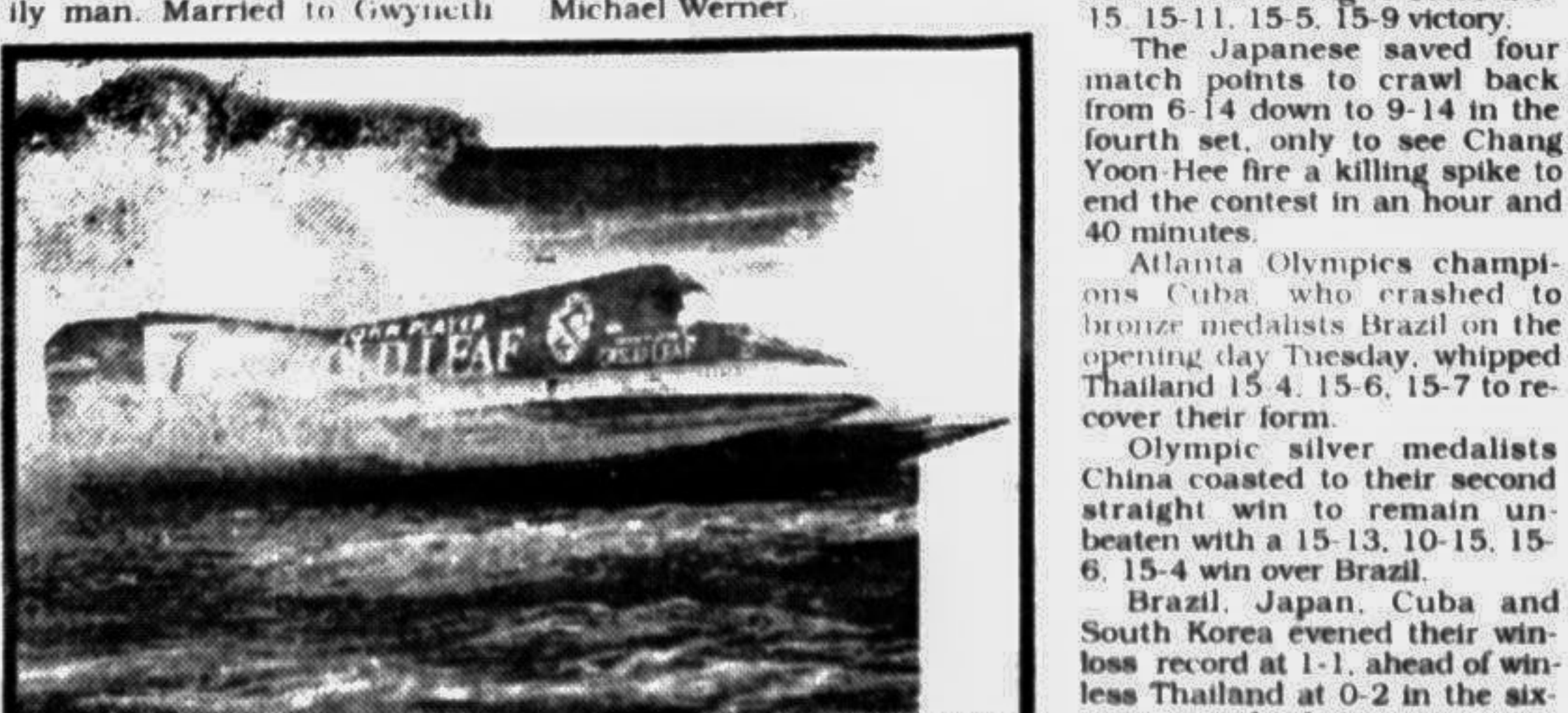
TOKYO, Nov 13: South Korea stretched their streak against Japan to second straight victory when they scored a four-set win at the World Super Challenge women's volleyball tournament today, reports AFP.

The Korean spikers, who have never lost to the Japanese in the past three years, got off to a slow start, but regained their form in the second set with fine reflex in receiving to score a 9-15, 15-11, 15-5, 15-9 victory.

The Japanese saved four match points to crawl back from 6-14 down to 9-14 in the fourth set, only to see Chang Yoon-Hee fire a killing spike to end the contest in an hour and 40 minutes.

Atlanta Olympics champions Cuba, who crashed to bronze medalists Brazil on the opening day Tuesday, whipped Thailand 15-4, 15-6, 15-7 to recover their form.

Olympic silver medalists China coasted to their second straight win to remain unbeaten with a 15-13, 10-15, 15-6, 15-4 win over Brazil.



Comedy of errors in Sharjah

Waqar wrecks Kiwi will



SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Nov 13: New Zealand entered the Champions' Trophy final amidst drama and confusion over the interpretation of one-day rules here today, reports AFP.

The Kiwis who lost their last league match to Pakistan today by four wickets, ended the preliminary round tied with world champions Sri Lanka on three points.

Tournament referee Mike Smith first announced that Sri Lanka had advanced to Friday's final against Pakistan because of a better net run-rate than the Kiwis.

However, soon after the match Smith overruled his earlier decision and put New Zealand into the final following hectic consultations with International Cricket Council executive David Richards.

The confusion arose over Rule 11.1 governing one-day internationals which stipulates that if two teams have equal points, the side which won more matches in the league goes through.

By the reckoning New Zealand should have automatically qualified for the final, having defeated Sri Lanka in the first round and forcing a tie in the return match.

But the wording "winner of all of the preliminary matches" played between them will be placed in the "higher position" left the organisers, Smith and the players confused.

Smith, a former Test captain, who consulted the London-based Richards over the phone during the lunch break, ruled that net run-rates should be considered since the Kiwis had not won all their matches.

The New Zealand management sought a clarification from the ICC, who then turned to the United Cricket Board of South Africa, the drafters of the rules, for help.

playing conditions states: "In the event of teams finishing on equal points, the right to play in the final will be decided by: A) The most wins in the preliminary matches.

B) Or when teams have both equal wins and equal points, the team which was the winner of all of the preliminary matches played between them will be placed in the higher position.

C) Or if still equal, the higher net run rate in the preliminary matches."

"Don't be surprised if Sri Lanka play the final, you can never be sure," joked former Indian star Sunil Gavaskar, referring to the confusion through the day.

The drama left the ICC in poor light and the Sri Lankans on the verge of tears at last-minute setback.

Pakistan fast bowler Waqar Younis grabbed six for 44 to skittle out New Zealand for a paltry 192, which was overtaken with nine balls to spare.

Pakistan reduced New Zealand for 60 for six even without the services of their

captain and ace all-rounder Wasim Akram, who preferred to rest a sore shoulder before the final.

Waqar ripped through the Kiwis top half with four wickets in his first seven overs, including Chris Cairns and Mark Greatbatch off successive balls.

With this win Agrani Bank joined Abahani Krira Chakr in one of the two groups of the final round. And, if everything goes by the script, Ajax is likely to fill the remaining slot of the group.

Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Singer Champions' Trophy tournament between Pakistan and New Zealand on Wednesday:

NEW ZEALAND
 Young Ibw b Nazir 2
 Spearman c Moin b Nazir 2
 Parore c Afridi b Waqar 78
 Astle c Moin b Waqar 6
 Cairns b Waqar 18
 Greatbatch Ibw Waqar 0
 Harris Ibw Waqar 1
 Gernon run out 32
 Patel b Waqar 2
 Doull not out 2
 Morrison c Malik b Saqlain 0
 Extras: (lb-5, w-20, nb-3) 28
 Total: (all out in 50 overs) 192
 Fall of wickets: 1-2: 2-7: 3-28: 4-57: 5-57: 6-60: 7-175: 8-187: 9-191.

Bowling: O M R W
 Waqar 10 1 44 6
 Nazir 7 1 35 2
 Mushtaq 10 0 30 0
 Saqlain 10 1 30 1
 Afridi 7 1 25 0
 Malik 6 0 26 0

PAKISTAN
 Anwar c Greatbatch b Harris 54
 Sohail c Parore b Cairns 25
 Ijaz c Gernon b Astle 41
 Malik c Gernon b Morrison 46
 Raza Ibw b Cairns 1
 Moin not out 37
 Afridi b Cairns 3
 Saqlain not out 5
 Extras: (lb-3, w-9, nb-2) 14
 Total: (6 wts in 48.3 overs) 196
 Fall of wickets: 1-66: 2-101: 3-109: 4-113: 5-181: 6-189.

Did not bat: Shahid Nazir, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed.

Bowling: O M R W
 Morrison 6 0 46 1
 Doull 0.2 0 7 0
 Astle 9.4 0 29 1
 Patel 10 2 60 0
 Harris 10 1 27 1
 Cairns 10 2 18 3
 Young 0.3 0 6 0

Result: Pakistan won by four wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Waqar Younis.
Friday's final: Pakistan v New Zealand.