

Column One

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

WHAT the four main types of competition in roller skating are artistic skating, speed skating, roller hockey, and the roller derby.

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports WHIZZ KID competition-58

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm December 6, 1996. 1 Who won the Sharjah Champions Trophy? 2 Who currently holds the WBA heavyweight title?

Name Class Roll No. School Address

SPORTS TALK



Steve Waugh (Australian All-rounder)

"I guess if you told me three or four years ago that I'd get to a 50 average, I would have been pretty happy. I was averaging something in the mid-thirties then. It's not something that I play for, but it would be nice to keep it going and try to get the average a bit higher."

English ego at stake

HARARE, Dec 4: England suffered an embarrassing day against Mashonaland on Tuesday, with two runs outs to dismiss Nick Knight and John Crawley being described by coach David Lloyd as "gormless," reports Reuters.

DU cricket

Economics beat Management by a convincing 7 wickets in the inter-department cricket tournament at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday, reports UNB.

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Premier Division cricket league: Kalabagan KC vs Agrani Bank (Dhaka Stadium, 9 am) GMCC vs Wari Club (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, 9 am)

Big wins for Abahani, Biman

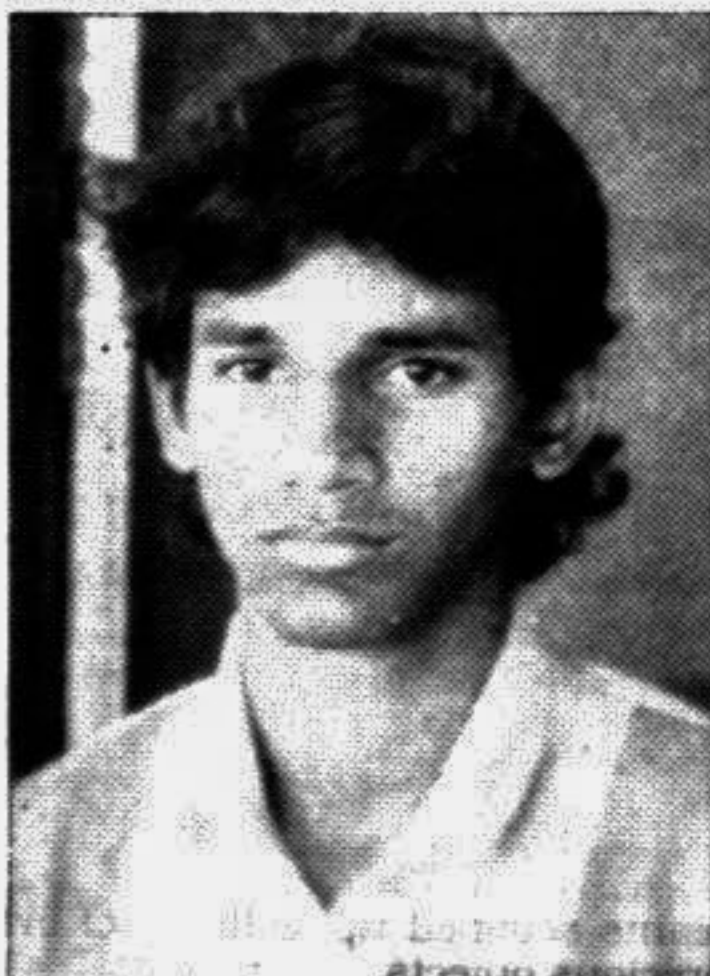
Reports Reporter Abahani trounced their Damal Smriti and Reporters Cup triumphs, began their campaign of adding a third championship on a promising note when they drubbed Victoria Sporting Club by five wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday to win convincingly their first

BRIEF SCORES

VICTORIA SC: 206 for 5 in 50 overs (Ripon 50*, Sajid 47, Aslam 46, Shaheel 30; Rokon 2/44) ABAHANI KC: 207 for 5 in 48.3 overs (Golla 58, Akram 51*, Masum 24, Rokon 20; Babu 1/17, Pappu 1/17) Results: Abahani won by 5 wickets.

BIMAN: 309 for 7 in 50 overs (Sumon 110, Shami 59, Nasir Khan 40; Qamrul 3/53, Shihab 2/52) GULSHAN YOUTH CLUB: 97 in 34.3 overs (Moniru-zaman 46, Extras 21; Rupom 5/9, Rafique 2/5, Manna 2/20) Results: Biman won by 212 runs.

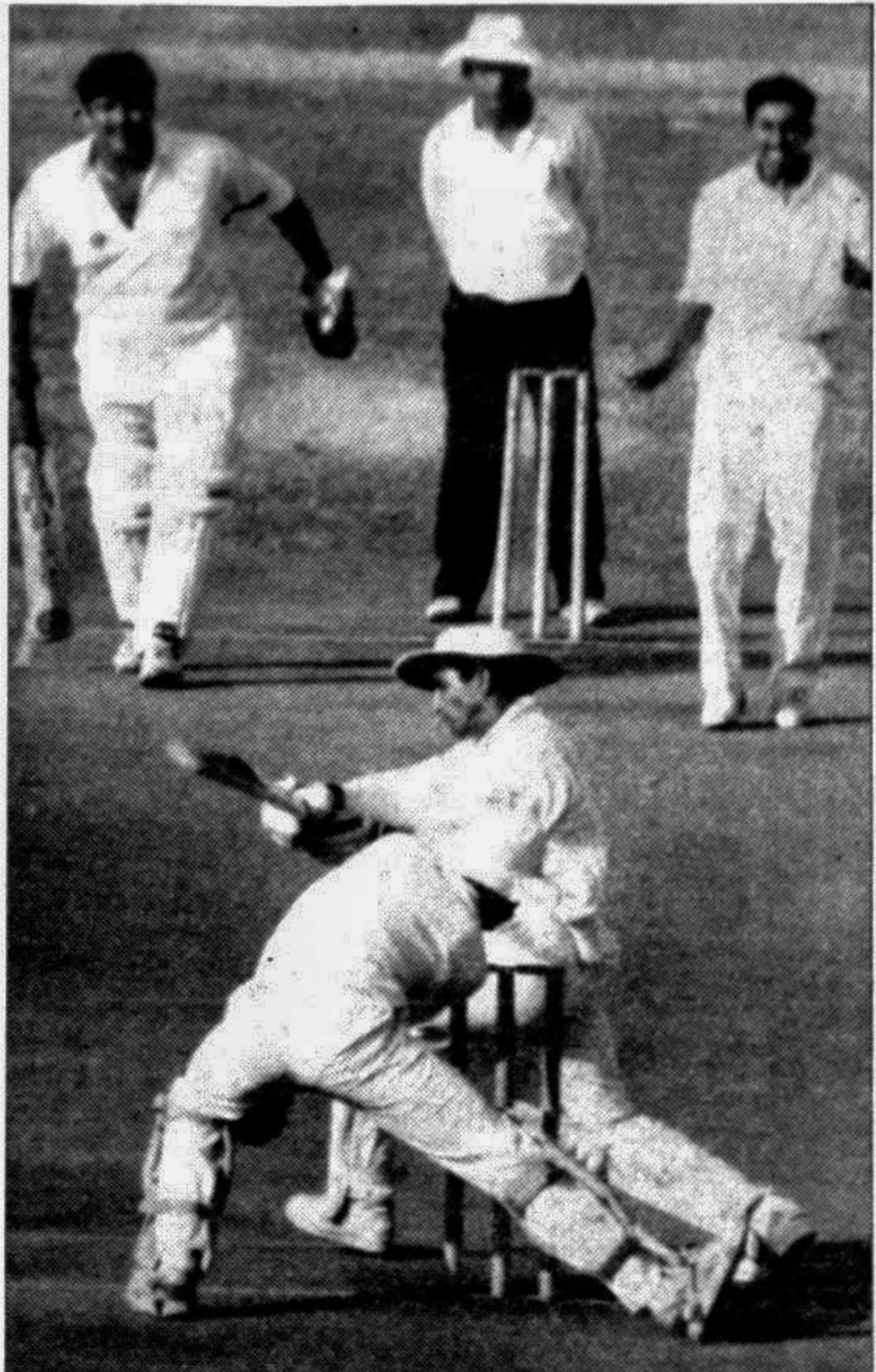
match of the Premier Division cricket league. Chasing 207 runs to win in 50 overs, opener Javed Omar Belim Golla and his skipper Akram Khan hammered two brilliant half centuries to help Abahani cruise past the winning mark in 48.3 overs with five wickets in hand.



SUMON... league's first ton

After Partho's quick departure, Golla added 51 runs for the second wicket with Zahid Razak Masum (24) before the latter, a former national opener, was trapped leg before by medium-paceer Khairuzzaman Babu in the 19th over with the score-board on 68. Golla next partnered right-hand bat Naimur Rahman Durjoy (24) and added another 35 runs which saw Abahani crossing the 100 mark in 26.1 overs. After putting up a short 30-run partnership with captain Akram, Golla's superb innings came to an end in the 35th over when Sajid caught him magnificently at point off a Pappu delivery with Abahani on 113.

Needng a further 74 runs, the Dhanmondi outfit lost another wicket, that of Al-Shahriar Rokon (20), before reaching home in the third delivery of the 49th over with Akram unbeaten on 51 off 58 balls inclusive of four bound-



Abahani's doughty opener Javed Omar Belim Golla swings one from Victoria's off-spinner Sohel during yesterday's Premier Division match at the Dhaka Stadium.

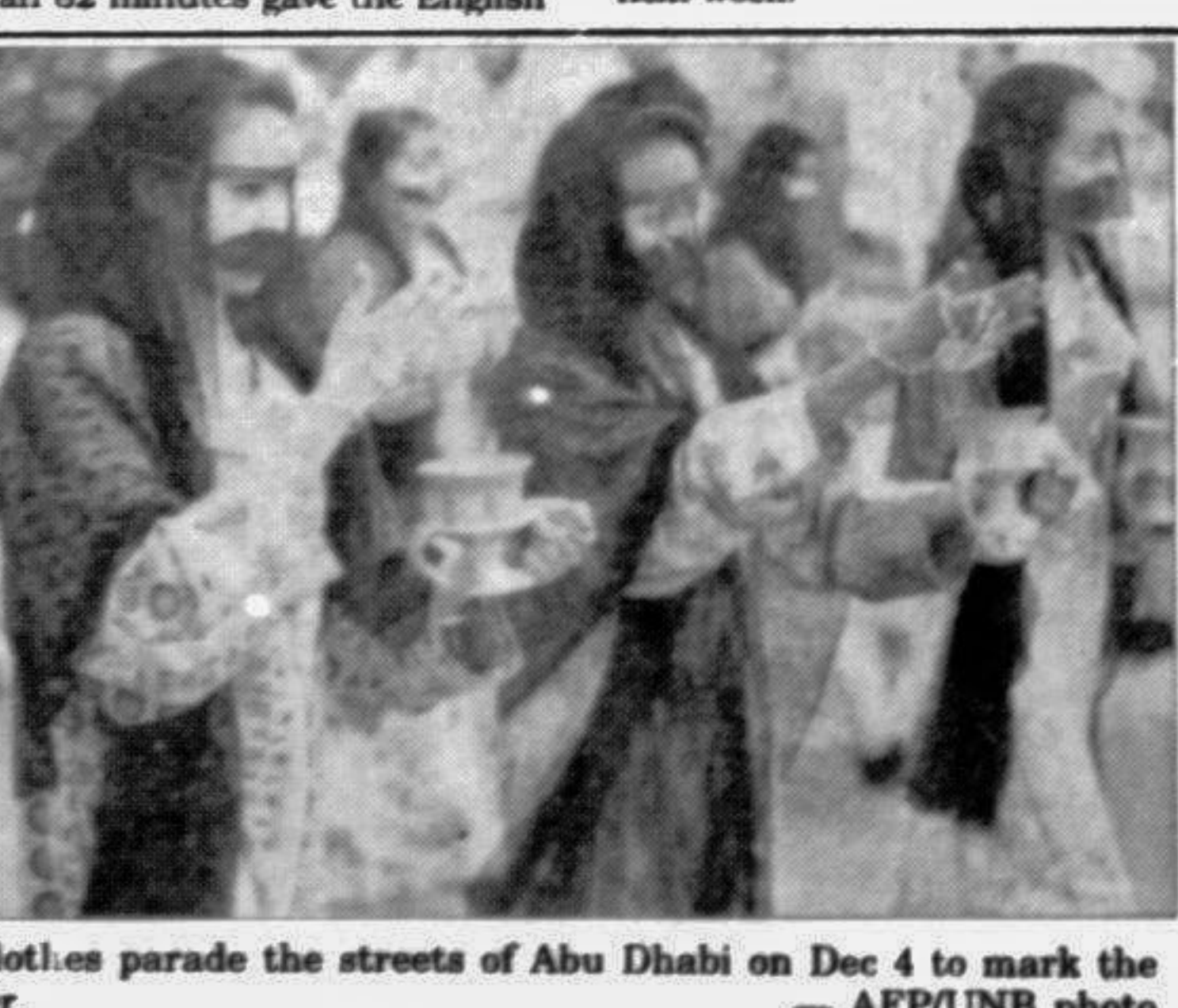
Earlier, electing to bat first, for the Victorians middle-order Rafiqul Hasan Ripon scored 50 off only 46 balls including five sweetly-timed fours while Sajid Hasan, the former national opener, and Pakistani middle-order Mohammad Aslam added 47 and 46 runs respectively.

Among others, Pakistani Shaheel Sajid hammered 30 off 35 balls including two huge sixes. For Abahani, left-arm medium-paceer Jahangir Alam Talukdar Dulu gave his side the usual breakthrough when he bowled opener Saiful Islam Kiron (1) in the 4th over with Victoria on 10. In his ten-over spell, the veteran seamer who earned a recall in the 46th-man primary national squad for the ICC mission, earned six maidens but conceded 33 runs in the ten-over spell.

RUPOM'S FIVE FOR NINE

In the day's other engagement at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, a brilliant century by Habibul Bashar Sumon guided Bangladesh Biman to a massive 212-run victory over Gulshan Youth Club. In an one-sided affair, Biman won the toss and piled up a huge 309 for seven in their allotted 50 overs with one-over Sumon scoring the first century of the league. Sumon, a member of the Bangladesh team which lifted the ACC trophy last September, scored 110 runs off 135 deliveries including eleven glorious fours.

Coming in to rescue his side after opener Athar Ali Khan (2) left on 8 in the second over being bowled by Gulshan's new ball bowler Asdak Samad, Sumon remained on the crease for another 45 overs and took the score to 277 with the help of side a 3-1 aggregate victory. His first was a close-ranger header, his second followed a rare show of individualism and Newcastle rode their luck after Metz dominated most of the play and wasted a string of scoring chances.



Emirati women in traditional clothes parade the streets of Abu Dhabi on Dec 4 to mark the opening of the Asian Cup soccer.

Farashganj come from behind

A second-half rally enabled Farashganj Sporting Club to come from behind and register a 3-1 victory over relegation-threatened Bangladesh Boys Club in a Danish Premier Division football league match at the Mirpur Stadium last night. Trailing the first-half 0-1 after Boys striker Tipu put his side ahead in the 28th minute, Farashganj bounced back in the second-half that produced three goals in 17 minutes with Chanchal levelling in the 58th minute and Munna adding two in the 68th and 75th minutes.

It was the fifth win for the old Dhaka outfit in 16 matches which raised their tally to 20 points while the defeat, their twelfth in 16 matches, kept Boys at the bottom of the table with 6 points.

Asian fiesta kicked off fittingly

ABU DHABI, Dec 4: The 11th Asian Cup soccer tournament raised its curtain on Tuesday with a magnificent opening ceremony in Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates, reports Xinhua. The UAE Deputy Prime Minister Sultan bin Zayed, chairman of the organising committee Abdullah bin Zayed and team leaders of the 12 soccer teams were present at the opening ceremony which lasted for one hour.

This is the first time for the oil-rich Gulf Emirates to hold Asian Cup soccer tourney. Staged along the capital city's breakwater area, the colourful ceremony featured parades, musical bands, dancing and singing and fireworks display. Security was tightened as large numbers of armed forces came to the street and roads. The opening game is to kick off on Wednesday between the host team and South Korea in Zayed Sports City. The final will be slated for December 21.

Kambli turns up heat

NAGPUR, India, Dec 4: A cavalier innings by Indian Test discard Vinod Kambli, who cracked 96 off 101 balls, provided the highlight of the second day's play in the three-day game between an Indian A selection and South Africa today, reports Reuters. At the close, the tourists had scored 33 runs without losing a wicket in their second innings after bowling out the Indian side for 340 runs in their first innings to take a 44-run lead. Kambli hammered the South African bowling with seven sixes and 11 fours. Four of his sixes came off successive balls, three off left-arm spinner Paul Adams and one off Derek Crookes.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of a three-day game between an Indian A selection and South Africa today. SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 385-5 declared (H Gibbs 200 not out)

RU athletics

From RU Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Dec 4: The two-day inter-hall athletics championship of Rajshahi University began here today with much enthusiasm and festivity. With all the 14 dormitories featuring in the meet, 20 events were decided on the inaugural day where Shaiful Islam of Amir Ali Hall set a new record in the 800m run. Shaiful took two minutes and 1.9 seconds to win the gold eclipsing the previous mark of two minutes and 3.3 seconds.

Saqlain scuttles Kiwis

GUJRANWALA, Pakistan, Dec 4: Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq claimed five for 44 today to spin Pakistan to an 11-run victory over New Zealand in the opening one-day international, reports Reuter. The 20-year-old returned his best figures in limited-overs cricket as the New Zealanders, chasing Pakistan's 228 for eight in 46 overs, were dismissed for 217 in 45.4 overs. Saqlain, whose previous best was four for 28 against Zimbabwe, dismantled the brittle New Zealand batting to put his side 1-0 up in the three-match series. Opener Bryan Young was top



MALIK... m-o-m

scorer for the tourists with a fluent 56 off 93 balls containing three fours while Stephen Fleming and Chris Cairns contributed 36 each and Adam Parore scored 35. Young shared a second-wicket stand of 78 in 18.4 overs with Parore after Craig Spearman had gone cheaply for six. The two took the score to 104 when Parore was adjudged leg before to leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed. Young soon followed, losing his stump to a fiery Waqar Younis delivery at 117.

New Zealand sensed victory when Fleming and Cairns, joined to add 60 runs for the fourth wicket in just 9.4 overs. Cairns was the more aggressive, slamming Waqar and Shahid Afridi for a six each in a 28-ball innings that contained two fours. But he edged a catch to Moin Khan behind the stumps off Waqar at 177 and eight runs later Fleming fell to Saqlain being stumped after 63 minutes at the wicket.

The visitors then succumbed to Saqlain's wiles and though Chris Harris made a quick 20 off 11 balls, it was not enough. Pakistan, batting first after winning the toss, were helped to a respectable total by half-centuries from Salim Malik and captain Wasim Akram. Man-of-the-match Malik made an unbeaten 73. Wasim, playing his first match against the touring side, hit a lusty 52 to take his tally in one-day games past 2,000 runs in his 215th game.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between Pakistan and New Zealand today. PAKISTAN: Anwar run out 27, Elahi c Fleming b Kennedy 5, Ijaz c Harris b Doull 3, Inzamam c Gernon b Astle 14, Malik not out 73, Moin c Fleming b Cairns 3, Akram c Patel b Harris 52, Afridi c Patel b Harris 16, Saqlain c Young b Astle 10, Mushtaq not out 3, Extras: (B-1, lb-3, nb-1, w-17) 22

Border berates Windies

SYDNEY, Dec 4: Former Australia captain Allan Border today said he doubted West Indies would win a Test this southern summer, describing the former undisputed world champions of cricket as "downtrodden" after a second Test loss, reports Reuter. In a column in Sydney's Daily Telegraph newspaper, Border wrote that West Indies would not be competitive unless key players such as star batsman Brian Lara and pace bowler Curtly Ambrose return to form. The tourists appear doomed unless Brian Lara and Curtly Ambrose start to emerge from their respective form slumps and recapture their touch with bat and ball, Border wrote. "Unless Ambrose is carrying an injury that is being shielded from public knowledge he needs a rocket."

Australia on Tuesday beat West Indies by 124 runs in the second Test for a commanding 2-0 lead in the five-Test series. Lara and Ambrose are yet to make significant contributions on the Australian tour. Border said he hoped the West Indies improved before the start of the third Test in Melbourne on December 26. Australia need only a draw in Melbourne to retain the Frank Worrell Trophy they won last year.

Wimbleton

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Becker broke his opponent four times to breeze through in barely an hour against 31st-ranked Stoltenberg to the delight of his home crowd. The German triple-Wimbledon champion will next face Cedric Pioline, who helped France take the Davis Cup at the weekend, or Jakob Hasek of Switzerland. Becker, looking to show he had shrugged off his Masters defeat against Pete Sampras in Hannover a fortnight ago, said afterwards he was very pleased to have had the chance to make quick amends for that loss. In the first set, Becker first broke Stoltenberg with a backhand passing shot down the line to move 4-3 ahead. And the Australian again conceded his service. Becker, who has never won the competition, secured a 3-2 lead with another superb passing shot to gain his first break of the second set, before swiftly moving to 5-2 with a precise cross shot to finish his opponent off. His fifth straight win over the Australian netted Becker a further 262,500 dollars to add to the 250,000 guaranteed for participating in the event. Earlier Tuesday, Britain's Tim Henman, the world 29 and only playing because of the withdrawal of three higher-ranked US stars, scored a shock 6-3, 6-3 triumph over Germany's Michael Stich, the world number 16. Wimbledon champion Richard Krajicek, who is due for knee surgery next week, provided little opposition to American Malival Washington in a first round match in which he was beaten 6-1, 6-2 in just 46 minutes. It was a re-match of this year's Wimbledon final but provided little entertainment for the Munich crowd who whistled their disapproval at the finish. As a winner of one of the Grand Slams, Krajicek was

guaranteed 250,000 dollars for just turning up in Munich, plus 100,000 dollars for being a first-round loser. Asked if there was something wrong with his knee, Krajicek said: "No. If there was something the matter, it was more in my brain. I just wasn't sharp at all. Unfortunately I just didn't play the tennis I wanted to play."

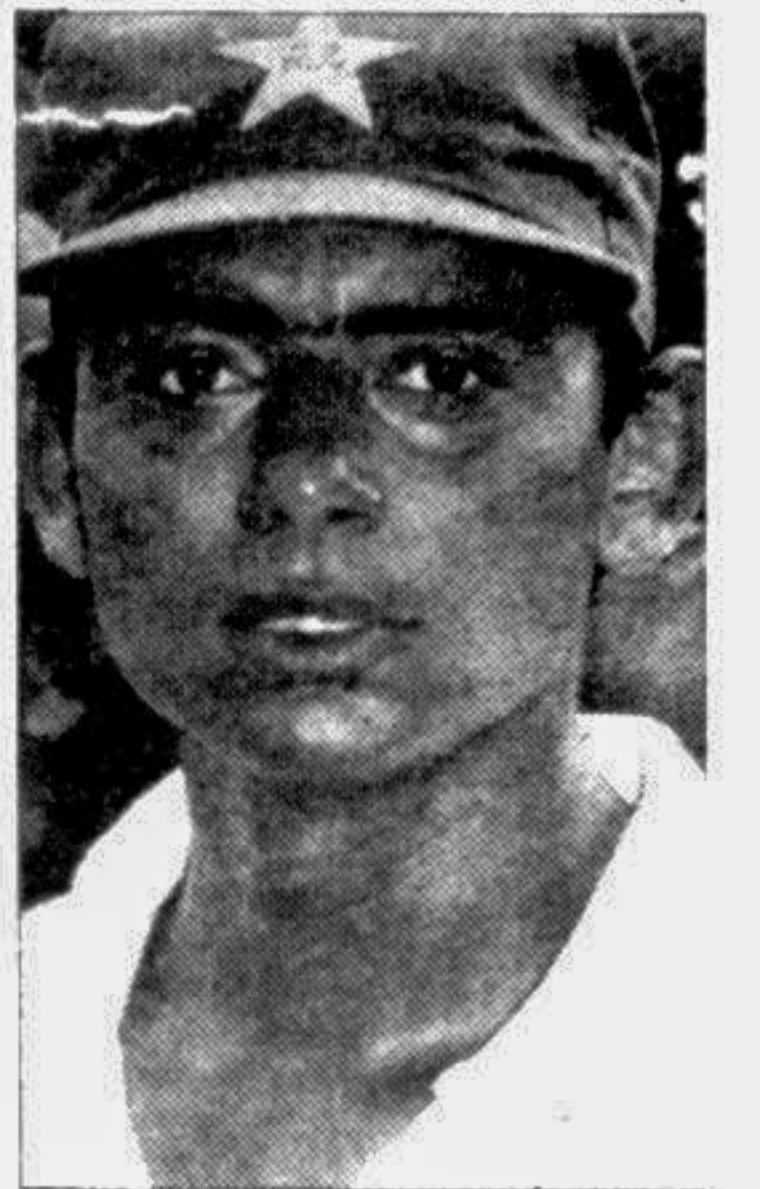
Amateur golf tourney on

Army Chief Lieutenant General Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman inaugurated the 12th Bangladesh amateur golf championship in the city yesterday, reports UNB. A total of 150 golfers from India, Pakistan, Nepal and host Bangladesh are taking part in the four-day meet. The function was also attended by the tournament committee chairman, Major General (ret'd) Mustafizur Rahman and Kurmitola Golf Club vice president Major General Muhammad Anwar Hossain.

Biman inter-club shooting starts

The 4th Biman inter-club shooting competition began at the local outer stadium yesterday, reports UNB. A total of 196 shooters from 49 shooting and rifles clubs are taking part in the competition organised by the Jamalpur Rifles Club. Two events — 177 air rifles shooting (10 metres range) and 22 bore rifle shooting (50 metres range) — will be held tomorrow (Thursday). President of the National Shooting Federation Maj Gen (ret'd) Abdus Salam MP inaugurated the three-day meet as chief guest at a simple ceremony.

Bowling: O M R W. Doull 9 0 33 1, Kennedy 9 0 47 1, Cairns 10 0 49 1, Astle 9 1 30 2, Harris 6 0 40 2, Patel 3 0 25 0. NEW ZEALAND: Young b Waqar 58, Spearman run out 6, Parore lbw b Mushtaq 35, Fleming st Moin b Saqlain 36, Cairns c Moin b Waqar 36, Astle c Malik b Saqlain 11, Patel st Moin b Saqlain 0, Doull run out 0, Harris c Afridi b Saqlain 20, Gernon c (subs) Zahid b Saqlain 2, Kennedy not out 0, Extras: (lb-2, nb-3, w-8) 13. Total: (all out in 45.4 overs) 217. Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-104; 3-117; 4-177; 5-185; 6-185; 7-185.



SAQLAIN... 5 for 44

8-200; 9-213. Bowling: O M R W. Akram 9 0 44 0, Waqar 9 0 48 2, Mushtaq 9 0 35 1, Saqlain 9.4 0 44 5, Afridi 9 0 44 0. Result: Pakistan won by 11 runs. Man-of-the-match: Salim Malik. Second one-day match: Dec 6, in Sialkot. Third one-day match: Dec 8, in Karachi.

Boris sails, Richard fails

MUNICH, Germany, Dec 4: World number six Boris Becker on Tuesday reached the last eight of the 6 million dollar Grand Slam tournament, beating Australia's Jason Stoltenberg 6-3, 6-2, reports AFP.

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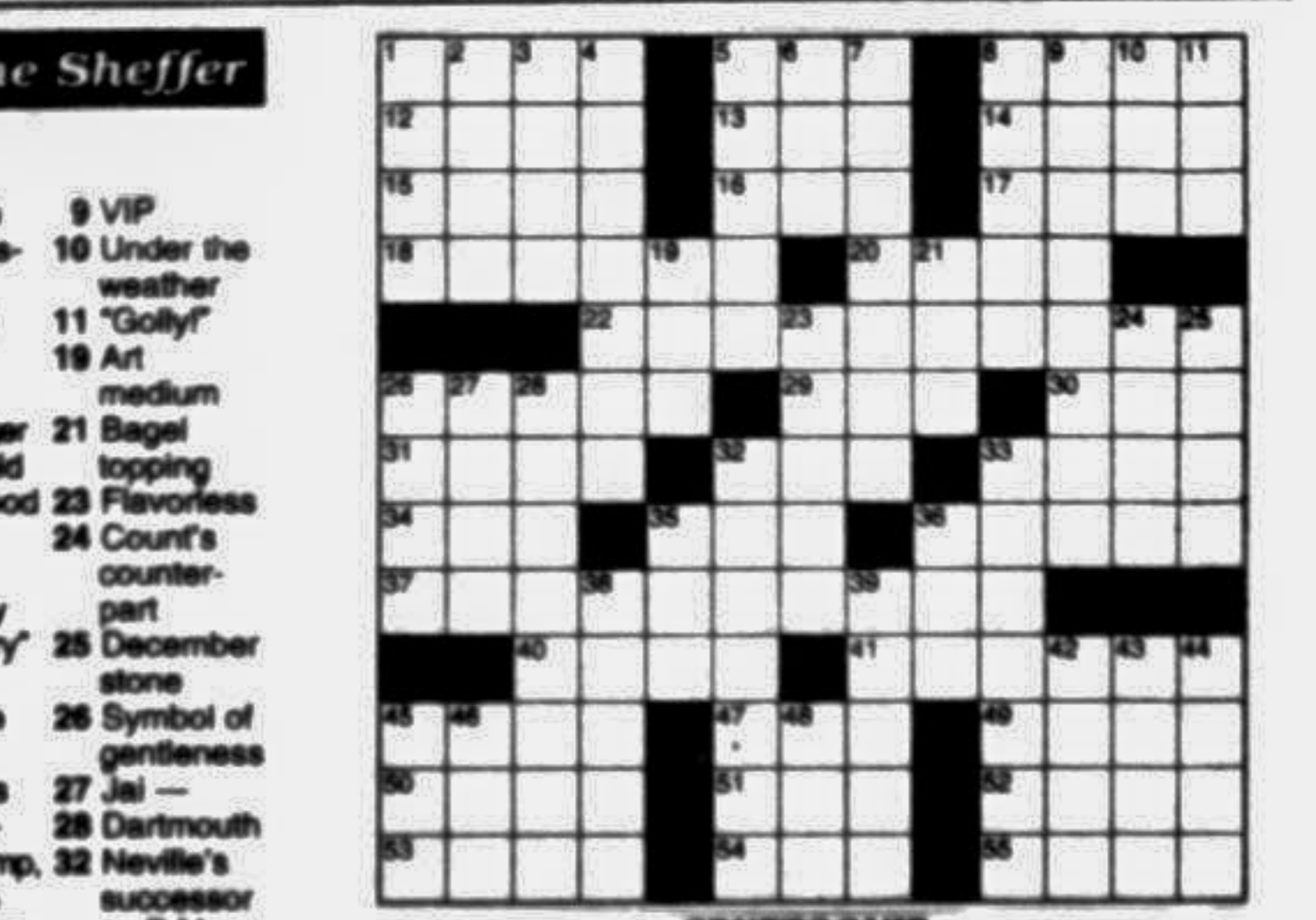
Tyros tread on titans' toes

LONDON, Dec 4: Tenerife scored one of the major upsets of the season when they knocked former European champions Feyenoord out of the UEFA Cup on Tuesday with a 4-2 second leg away win in Rotterdam after the sides drew 0-0 in the Canary islands two weeks ago, reports Reuter. Their victory stole the lime-light away from Brondby's remarkable 5-0 away win over Karlsruhe in Germany which was equally unexpected following Karlsruhe's 3-1 win in Copenhagen in the first leg. Brondby, the only Danish side ever to reach the last four of a European club competition — they were in the semifinals of this competition in 1991 — took another step towards reaching at least the same stage again. They crushed Karlsruhe 5-0

after losing the home leg 3-1 having trailed 0-3 before a last-minute goal in Copenhagen gave them an outside chance in the second leg. It was a night to forget for the Germans as Hamburg crashed 2-0 at home to lose 5-0 on aggregate to Monaco. Hamburg's miserable night was completed when their Bosnian striker Hasan Salihamicic was sent off in the last minute. Schalke restored some pride for the Bundesliga when they beat Club Brugge 2-1 to win 3-2 on aggregate and reach the last eight of a European competition for the first time in 23 years. Newcastle United also reached the last eight of the UEFA Cup for the first time in almost 30 years when they beat Metz 2-0 at home. Two late goals from Colombian Faustino Asprilla after 80 and 82 minutes gave the English

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP S QOSIE QOU GBJUA GNIUJ, CUJZ JUTJUQQNPZ, ONA PBLQ SIQUJULQ Yesterday's Cryptogram: MANY OF YOUR TEENAGED KIDS THINK THAT FREE SPEECH PURELY MEANS CALLING COLLECT. Today's Cryptogram clue: I equals N The Cryptogram 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.