Pakistan ride

on Ijaz

ting 123 by Ijaz Ahmed lifted

Pakistan to a last-over win

against Australia A in their

limited-over match Saturday at

the Sydney Cricket Ground, re-

two sixes from 129 balls, Ijaz

set up the three-wicket triumph.

volved in chasing the remain-

der of the 293-run target, with

three further wickets falling as

Pakistan scored a run a ball.

Slamming nine fours and

Five other batsmen were in-

With two overs remaining,

seven runs were required. Three

were needed off the last over

bowled by Victorian state all-

rounder Ian Harvey, who kept

Pakistan scoreless off the first

Wasim hit one over the top of

midwicket for two and with one run needed off two balls, Mush-

taq Ahmed caused a contro-

versy by appearing to kick the ball on his way through.

Stuart Law and Darren

Lehmann were the stars for the

Australians, each scoring half-

Earlier Michael Di Venuto,

PAKISTAN: 293-7 (ljaz

AUSTRALIA A: 292-7 (Stuart

Pakistan won by three wick-

Ahmed 123, Inzamam 59: Geoff

Law 76, Darren Lehmann 69,

Michael Di Venuto 63: Shahid

Afridi 3-39, Waqar Younis 2-64

Badminton camp

Sports Reporter

se, organised by the Bangladesh

Olympic Association in co-

operation with IOC solidarity

commission, will begin in the

capital today. State Minister

for Youth and Sports Obaidul

Quader will inaugurate the

course this afternoon at the

Total 30 coaches selected by

the Bangladesh Badminton

Federation, will participate in

the course scheduled to con-

Russian booter

beaten up

Russian soccer player was badly

beaten by burglars who raided

the home of Belgian goalkeep-

ing legend Jean Marie Pfaff.

Belgian newspapers reported

in the face with brass knuckles

by intruders who broke into

Pfaff's house in the early hours

hanging in the balance." Pfaff

Limburg newspaper. The Rus-

sian player, also a goalkeeper, suffered a broken nose and

Varaksin was staying as

Pfaff's guest while preparing his

transfer from CSKA Moscow to

Belgian First Division side

the five masked raiders broke

into his house in northern town

of Brasschaat. His daughter

Debbie. 21, and her boyfriend

were tied up by the burglars and

threatened with a knife, but not

TODAY'S MATCHES

Abahani vs Lalmatia Club

Premier Division cricket

Agrani Bank SC vs Gulshan

(Dhanmondi Cricket Sta-

Pfaff was not at home when

told the Daily Het Belang van

Kyril Varaksin, 22, was hit

"Kyril's soccer career is

BRUSSELS, Dec 28: A young

NSC conference room.

clude on January 11.

Saturday, says AP.

of Friday morning.

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Youth Club

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A badminton coaching cour-

Youngster Mohammed

ports AP.

three balls.

centuries.

Scores:

Foley 2-56).

SYDNEY, Dec 28: A hard-hit-

HARARE, Zimbabwe, Dec 28: Zimbabwe were only one run short of England's first innings total of 156 at tea on the third day of the second Test against England here Saturday, reports

But they lost six wickets in the excruciatingly slow process with England regaining some of the initiative, mainly through fast bowler Darren Gough who took three wickets at a cost of only 17 runs in the session and 30 overall.

Grant Flower, who began a rain shortened day on 33, ground out another 36 in twoand-a-half hours to reach 69 at the interval

Gough claimed his victims with both outswingers and inswingers and in the process jolted England out of their dol-

He had David Houghton (29) caught behind by Alec Stewart off the full face of the bat, then he trapped Andy Flower (6) leg before and rounded of his act by taking out Guy Whittall's (1) off stump.

The other England victim was Andy Waller, who looked uneasy from the start and was judged by Sri Lankan umpire Krishna Francis to be right in front to Phil Tufnell. He made only four.

The day's play began two hours' late with Zimbabwe on 93 for three because overnight rain had run off the covers, causing a boggy area at a corner of the square. But the umpires were trying to make up time by adding half an hour to each of the afternoon sessions.

## Jabbar tennis

Sports Reporter

Shathi Sarkar, Baishakhi and Daisy moved into the semifinals of the women's singles in the MA Jabbar memorial tennis tournament after winning their respective matches at the Engineers Institute tennis complex vesterday.

Shathi, the winner of women's singles gold in the Bangladesh Games last week had an easy sail over Dyuti (6-2, 6-1) while in a see-saw engagement, Baishakhi edged past Mithun 2-6, 6-3, 7-6, 9-7

In the other women's singles Daisy beat Lucky 6-2, 6-3. Besides, 16 men's singles matches were also held at the

## Munich run after Elber

same venue on Saturday.

BONN, Dec 28: Bayern Munich have made an offer for Stuttgart's disenchanted Braziltian striker Giovane Elber, a German newspaper reported on Friday, reports Reuter size dille

Club president Franz Beckenbauer was aware that Elber whose contract expires at the end of June , had received offers from abroad. Sportbild said. We will nevertheless make a

renewed offer to (Stuttgart pres ident Gerhar') Mayer-Vor felder." Beckenbauer was quoted as saving. Bayern offered Stuttgart

more than 10 million marks (6.4 million dollars) for Elber a year ago but the bid was re-

jected. Beckenbauer said he was confident Elber would move to Munich next season.

Elber wants a big wage in crease and said earlier this week he was fed up with the slow progress of negotiations with Stuttgart. He threatened to leave Germany.

## Purabi basketball

Sports Reporter Rangers Club and Angels

Club won their respective Purabi Insurance First Division basketball league matches at the Dhanmondi gymnasium yesterday. Rangers beat the Shaons

Club by 74-59 points while Angels recorded a marginal 73-70 win over Josephites Club.

per our schedules:



Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim (2nd from left) speaking at a press conference yesterday in connection with the forthcoming Bangabandhu Cup-Silver Jubilee of Independence football tournament scheduled to begin of December 31. - Star photo

# Four teams arrive today

**Sports Reporter** 

Muktijoddha Sangsad, who

The Bangabandhu Cup-Silver Jubilee of Independence tootball tournament, an invitational international meet organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to celebrate the 25th year of independence, will begin in the capital from December 31.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the 11day competition scheduled to conclude on January 10, the day of Bangabandhu's return to independent Bangladesh from shackles of Pakistani jail in

The BFF held a press conference at Hotel Sheraton on Saturday evening to brief local journalists about preparations for the Cup.

Post and Tele-Communications Minister Mohammad Nasim, who is also the chairman of the Organising Committee of the tournament, said at the orientation meeting that the Bangabandhu Cup-Silver Jubilee of Independence football tournament has been arranged to honour the Father of the Nation during the silver jubilee of our independence and to develop football in

Bangladesh. The Minister said that due to paucity of time they had to plan and organise the tournament in only two months, and that too, at the club level. But, as the authority has decided to organise the tournament annualy, it will be a national level tour-

nament from next year. Thirteen teams including three local giants Mohammedan SC. Abahani KC and Muktijoddha Sangsad KC will participate in the tourney divided into four Groups for the first round with the winners of each round qualifying for the semi-finals

All the ten foreign teams including three from Calcutta -East Bengal, Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting - and two from Malaysia , will stay in Sheraton Hotel during the meet while the three local teams will arrange their own camps. Each player and official of all the foerign teams will be provided with US dollar five and ten re spectively as daily allowance. The local teams will receive taka 50,000 per match.

The first round groupings have been finalised. Premier Division league champions Mohammedan Sporting Club have been placed in Group B along with powerful side East Bengal of Calcutta and un

known factor Malaysia B. League runners-up Abahani the other local favourites, have been lodged in Group A along with Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting Club and Friendis

Club from Nepal

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#### were third in the premier league will play their first round matches in Group D against Cosmos Club of Moscow, Ujang Pandang Football Club of Indonesia and Malaysia A. Mohun Bagan are placed in Group C along with Bargh Siraj Football Club of Iran and

Eastern All-Star Football Club of Thailand Initially, all the matches

were scheduled at the Dhaka Stadium but as the number of participants increased, three matches will now be played at the Mirpur Stadium The winners of the tournament will be awarded taka two

lakh as prize money while the runners-up side will be richer by half the amount. The estimated budget of the tournament is 2,41,94,000

which includes the journey and

accommodation expenses of the

ten foreign teams. Teams from Iran, Indonesia, Nepal and Thailand are expected to arrive in the capital today while four teams - East Bengal . Cosmos Club and the two Malaysian outfits will disembark tomorrow. The remaining two teams — Mohammedan Sporting Club and Mohun Bagan of Calcutta will arrive on December 31 and January 2 respectively, presumably because of their involvement in domes-

Pinally, the chairman of the

tic tournaments.



he personally tried to bring football legend Pele in Bangladesh during the tournament. But Pele who is also the Sports Minister of Brazil could not manage time because of the Christmas and New year holidays. However, they were still hopeful to bring German football legend Franz Beckenbauer during the meet as special guest BFF president Mohammad

Hanif, State Minister for Information Professor Abu Sayeed, State Minister for law Abdul Matin Khoshru, Tournament Committee chairman AHM Mofazzal Hossain, BFF vice president Monirul Haque Chowdhury, MP. BFF secretary Harun-ur-Rashid, MP, Information Secretary Kazi Rakibuddin and other BFF officials were also present on the occasion.

The BFF president said that for the sake of the silver jubilee of our independence, they were organising the tournament during December. But he assured that from next year, the meet will be arranged during the lootball season.

Professor Abu Saveed informed the press that Bangladesh Television will telecast at least one match live everyday while Bangladesh Betar will broadcast all the matches live.

BFF secretary Harun-ur-Rashid said that due to the uncertainty of the arrival times of the guest teams, they could not prepare the fixture as yet. But he assured that the fixture will be provided today. Besides, he informed that there will be two matches everyday except the

opening day He also said that, Army Stadium, Navy ground, BDR ground. Residential Model School ground and Mirpur Stadium (For morning only) will be used as the practice venues for the participants.

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# Tarun toil under Kalabagan heat

## Wari dent Brothers' ego Sports Reporter

ket league, suspended for more then a week as a mark of protest against the arbitr ary decision of the National Sports Council (NSC) who in a surprise move drove our cricketers out of the Dhaka Stadium, resumed yesterday

The Primer cric

with an upset when table leaders Brothers Union suffered their first defeat at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. The Gopibagh outfit, who were jointly sharing the top slot

## BRIEF SCORES

WARI CLUB: 204 all out in 48.1 overs (Mehrab Hossain Opi 64, Aamir Wasim 43 Mona 26; Baker Rizvi 4/51, Saifullah Gem 4/33, Moni 2/35 BROTHERS UNION: 203 for

nine in 50 over (Baker Rizvi 41. Halim Shah 39. Mofizur Rahman Munna 33 n.o; Babu 3/20. Montu 2/43)

**SURJO TARUN CLUB: 65** all out in 23.3 overs (Talha 15: Anisur Rahman 5/14, Saiful 2/7. Zakir 2/32)

KALABAGAN KC: 68 for three in 17.2 overs (Moniruzzaman 28, Selim Shahed 16 n.o. Rehman Faruque 2/43)

with defending champions Mohammedans and Abahani - all having five wins from as many matches before the recess of league on December 21, became the latest cropper in the topsyturvy first phase when Wari Club handed the runners-up a sensational one-run defeat.

Their praiseworthy win of Wari Club marked the second giant-slaying act of the mediocre Motijheel outfit after their triumph over Kalabagan Krira Chakra, another forerunner in the elite group of 12. In the exciting encounter.

Brothers, in reply to Wari's fighting 204, at one stage were in need of nine runs from the last six deliveries with one wicket in hand But the two tail-enders

Mofizul Islam Munna and Saidul Islam Effee could only muster seven runs from off spinner Montrul Islam Montu. for whom the unenviable job of bowling the last would have been more authoritative had not Pakistani Tariq Mehboob dropped a simple catch.

The defeat for Brothers not only ended their unbeaten status but also served a severe blow in their chase for a maiden league title. For skipper Faruque Ahmed it was a day of disappointment as the former national captain and his starstudded batting line-up tumbled in the face of some accurate bowling.

Opener Shahriar Hosain Bidyut, who has been going through a lean patch, departed for one while Pakistani Abid Hanif scored 24. Faruque, who came into bat at number four with Brothers limping at 46/2. perished quickly after scoring only five, leaving his side in deep trouble with 62 on the

But the real rot started when Jahangir, the national openercum wicketkeeper, followed his captain shortly after contributing 23 off 35 balls.

A doughty Haltm Shah and Pakistani Baker Rizvi, however, tried to steadied the rocking boat putting on 92 runs for the fifth wicket before both dismissed in a span of three deliveries. Halim Shah scored 39. On the other hand, Baker, who had earlier claimed four wickets, was run out for 41 which included a huge sixer.

The two quick dismissal inflicted a mini collapse as Brothers lost their last four wickets with the addition of only 16 runs to the total. Seamer Mofizur Rahman

Munna with an unbeaten 33 off only 29 balls wagged a long tail for Brothers. But that was not enough to save the day for the Gopibagh outfit.

Earlier, the Wart total was built around a brilliant halfcentury from Mehrab Hossain Opi and a polished 43 by Pakistani Tariq Mehboob.

Opi, a talented youngster who a couple of season's back earned plaudits for his sheer brilliance before being lost his way, staged a come back with a dazzling 64 of 79 balls which included a quartet of fours and

a sixer For Brothers, Baker Rizvi and Saifullah Gem, who continued his impressive showing with the balf, evenly shared eight wickets among them. The young left-arm spinner finished with four for 33 in his nine overs.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day national left arm seamer Anisur Rahman with a five-wicket haul led the three-pronged Kalabagan attack to bowl his side to a resounding seven-wicket win over lowly Surjo Tarun

Anis, who along with a nagging Zakir and a nippy Saiful formed a formidable trio, simply ran over the depleted opponent batting line-up as Surjo Tarun, sent into bat by Saiful Islam, were shot out for a meager 65 in 23.3 overs. Bowling with venom Anis

finished with a fantastic figure of 10-2-14-5 while Zakir, who provided his more illustrious partner able support from the other end, claimed two for 32. And the skipper Saiful chipped in with two for seven in his three economic overs. in reply, Kalabagan, smart-

ing under their stinging defeat at the hand of Wart, reached the victory target in only 17.2 overs with Selim Shahed remaining unbeaten on 16. Opener Moniruzzaman scored 28.



South African Allan Donald (L) gets Indian Venkatesh Prasad (not in the picture) caught by Andre Hudson to wrap up the first Test on the third day in Durban yesterday. Hudson was named man-of-the-match. -Star TV photo

Prasad ploughs the sands

## Donald stuff stuns India partnership was vital to us."

DURBAN, South Africa. Dec 28: crushed india by 328 runs in the first Test at Kingsmead on Saturday to scoop up all the cash, the kudos and

anything else that goes along with an emphatic victory reports AP. For India, apart from a few individual morsels, there was

little Christmas cheer. While the defeat certainly wasn't the worst in their history, a second innings total of 66 was their fifth lowest ever and they haven't been beaten inside of three days for over two decades — 22 years in fact

Captain Sachin Tendulkar was obviously disappointed that his batsmen had only managed to see out 73.2 overs in

all, but he had no excuses to of-"We just batted very badly," he said

The wicket, he said, had behaved very much as had been expected. "It was possibly a bit livelier than when we were last here, but South Africa pitches are always going to be harder and have more bounce than those back home," he added.

What he labelled as "unfair" however was the fact that his men had only been granted one warm-up game prior to the Test. "We didn't have much chance to One suspects, however, that

no matter how much time they spend in South Africa - at practice or otherwise - they are always going to be on the backfoot against Allan Donald and com-

A handful on any wicket, Donald was absolutely devastating on the hard, bouncy Kingsmead track. His match haul of nine for

54, allied to a stubborn 10th wicket partnership of 57 with Brian McMillan, must have made him a leading contender for the man-of-the-match award But in the end, because the

wicket was more bowling than batting friendly, the (2,173 dollars) cheque was pocketed by Andrew Hudson who followed up his first innings 80 with a second knock of 52.

"I think Andrew's partner ship with Adam Bacher on the opening morning was possibly the most crucial factor of all. said captain Hansie Cronje.

We went to lunch on 70 for 2 when it could quite easily have been 70 for 4." he added. "That

Even so, any attack which can restrict an internationally renowned batting lineup to innings of 100 and 66 has to be world class.

While relative rookie Shaun Pollock might still be learning the trade. Donald is definitely up there with the best

"I think Allan only emerged as a great talent against England last year," said former South African paceman Neil Adcock. "He started hitting batsmen. I'm not saying a fast bowler has to be a headhunter. but he has to be nasty."



"Allan has become nasty and he also has a lot more control these days. I haven't seen many better in my time. With India looking to sur-

vive for two-plus days rather than chase an impossible target of 395. Donald had them on the run from the word go when he dismissed Rathore and Ganguly with successive deliveries in his opening over. And when he uprooted Ra-

man's stumps 10 balls later at 3 for 7 it was virtually game, set

Prasad 5-60)

Azharuddin brilliance might have helped stave off the inevitable but a brilliant catch at backward point by Gary Kirsten saw off Tendulkar and a simple one to Klusener snuffed out the Azhar threat Pollock was the bowler on

A touch of Tendulkar or

both occasions and he also picked up Johnson's wicket to finish with a very satisfying 3 for 25 from his 12 overs.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scorecard at the conclusion of the first Test between South Africa and India on the third day at Kingsmead on Saturday: SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 235 (A Hudson 80; V

INDIA: First innings 100 (A Donald 5-40; S Pollock 2-18) SOUTH AFRICA: Second

Hudson c Tendulkar b Kumble Kirsten c Dravid b Prasad Bacher c Tendulkar b Kumble Cullinan c Mongia b Prasad Cronje c Mongia b Prasad Gibbs lbw b Srinath McMillan not out Pollock c Rathore b Prasad Richardson b Srinath Klusener c Mongia b Srinath Donald c Rathore B Prasad Extras: (b-7, lb-6, nb-5)

Total: (all out in 70 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-4: 2-115: 3 120; 4-120; 5-164; 6-164; 7-171;

8-161; 9-165. Srinath Prasad 39 Johnson Kumble Ganguly INDIA: Second innings Rathore c Richardson b Donald

Raman b Donald Ganguly b Donald Tendulkar c Kirsten b Pollock Azharuddin c Klusener b Pollock Dravid not out Mongia c Cronje b Klusener Kumble c Hudson b Klusener Srinath run out (Bacher) Johnson c Klusener b Pollock Prasad c Hudson b Donald Extras: (lb-2, nb-3)

Total (all out in 34.1 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-2: 2-2: 3-7: 4-15; 5-20; 6-25; 7-40; 8-51; 9 Bowling:

Donald Pollock Klusener McMillan Result: South Africa won by 328 runs and head the series

Man-of-match: Andrew



BACK TO CRICKET: Brothers Union's Pakistani batsman Baker Rizvi tries to sweep Bappi of Wari Club during yesterday's Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Cricketers returned to the wickets yesterday after several days of agitation protesting the handing over of Dhaka Stadium to football. - Star photo

# Gullit bucks up England

"But whatever the reason

there's a great deal more atten-

LONDON, Dec 28: Chelsea's Dutch player-manager Ruud Gullit has given stamp of approval to English football, insisting: "It is improving fast," reports Reuter.

Gullit, who has done as much as anyone to change the face of the Premier league by importing foreign stars and continental tactical thinking, said: "It is becoming better with more teams challenging for the title. It's very open.

'Perhaps it's because there are more foreigners now, maybe because of the way England tion on the Premier league from abroad now. The standard is certainly better, clubs are spending money to try to get results, and that's got to be good." Gullit looks to have made

played in Euro '96.

one of the best investments with the 4.5 million pounds (7.425 million dollars) spent on Gianfranco Zola, who faces Sheffield Wednesday at Stamford Bridge today with four goals to his name from his last

After being beaten twice by the little Italian magician on

keeper Mark Bosnich declared: "He's so sharp, an object lesson to English players with his movement and skill." Gullit adds: "It wasn't easy for Franco at the start, because he was living in a hotel rather

Thursday, Aston Villa goal-

n't get his own rhythm. "Now he is at home, feels appreciated and that the team appreciates him, and that's what ne needs."

than his own home, and could-

Gullit has Frenchman Frank Leboeuf and Dennis Wise available again and Gianluca Vialli is close to fitness after his hamstring problem.

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any reason whatsoever.