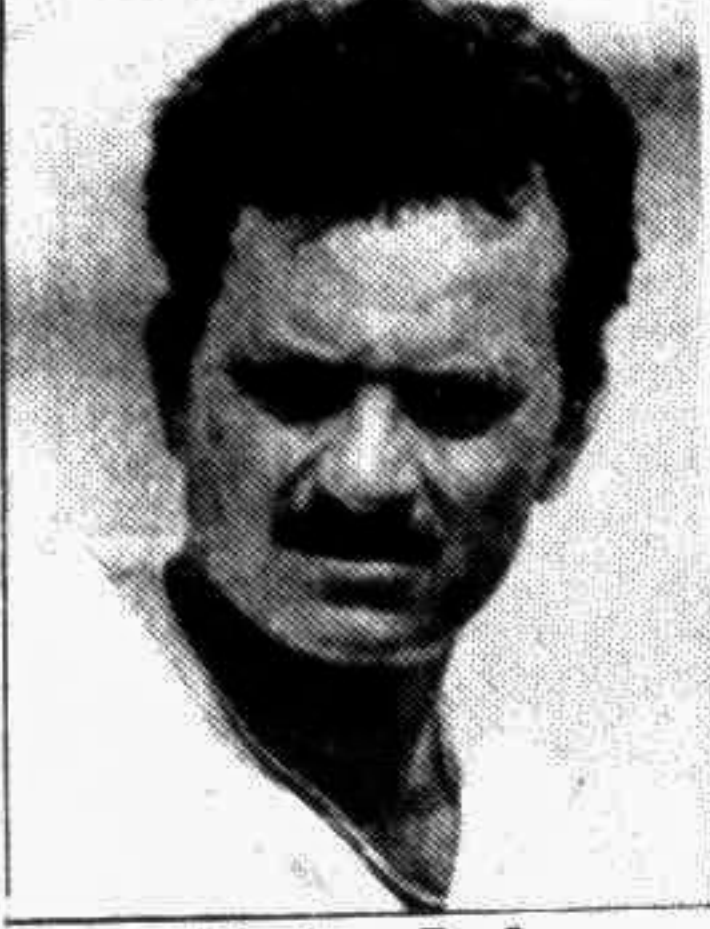


Column One SPORTS TALK



Madan Lal (India cricket coach) My role is to keep the team together and encourage them all the time...

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COMPETITION CLOSES : 8 pm JAN 17, '97

1. How many teams are taking part in the Bangladesh Cup football tournament? 2. How many new national records were set up in the Sixth Bangladesh Games? ...

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Tied score but wickets mattered Biman flies low over BU



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Scalp of Brothers' middle-order batsman Amir Hanif. The Pakistani international, who scored a century in his side's previous match, fell for only seven.

Besides Athar's plucky 45, Habibul Bashar Sumon scored a patient 29. Pakistani Nasir Shawkat weighed in with 20 and Hasanuzzaman contributed 27.

For Brothers, Amir Hanif, though failed with the bat, returned most successful with the cherry claiming 3.23 in his ten economic overs. Salahuddin took two for only 17 runs in his six overs.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day at the BKSP ground in Savar, a brilliant all-round performance by Shuvo propelled Agra Bank to a hard-fought two-wicket win over Lalmitia.

The Agra Bank new-ball bowler claimed five wickets for 46 runs as Lalmitia, sent into bat in the morning, were skittled out for a paltry 134 in 48.3 overs.

ing last over conceding five runs to pull off sensational finish. His two quick blows decisively swung the pendulum on Biman's way from the firm grip of Brothers, who were at one stage comfortably poised with 189/6.

But needing only seven runs from as many balls Brothers, suddenly lost their way in the blues when Halim Shah, who hammered a potential match-winning knock of 38 off 34 balls embellished with five fours and a huge sixer, fell to a low catch at point in the last ball of the penultimate over.

Athar, with his gentle medium pace then removed a menacingly poised Mofizur Rahman Munna when the Brothers' tall order was caught at mid-wicket after scoring 23. Following the path of crucial burst, an inspired Athar then clean bowled a shaky Salahuddin for a first ball duck, reducing Brothers to 191 for nine in 49.3 overs.

Sajal Chowdhury, however, made an abortive attempt to dispatch Athar out of the ground, but could only manage a couple and a single from the last two deliveries. It was Brothers' second defeat on completion of their eight league engagements. With this two priceless wickets Athar, who had



ATHAR ... allround show earlier scored highest 45 runs to guide his team tallying a modest total, chalked up a success saga of an enviable all-round performance by scalping yet another wicket. Athar apart, national left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique also finished with three for 44. His three wickets included the prized



BAS! THAT WAS THE END... Halim Shah of Brothers Union kneels as if in prayer after being out with his team needing six runs in six balls for a win, they managed five - a tie of sorts - but Biman won for losing lesser wickets.

Int'l hockey Pillai may play for Abahani

Sports Reporter With the international hockey tournament drawing nearer, Mohammedans and Abahani the two popular local outfits in the fray, are involved in hectic parleys to bolster their strengths.

It was learnt that Abahani Krira Chakra are trying to rope in three Indian players to feature in the five-team invitational tournament. They are Dhanraj Pillai, Mohammed Riaz and Gavin Pereira.

On the other hand, their arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club are concentrating more on local players. It was learnt that the black and whites have already ensured the services of Mohammed Sadeq and Kamal of Usha Krira Chakra and Isa Miah, Musa Miah and Rubel of Mariners.

Meanwhile, the other three teams from India, Pakistan and Nepal, are scheduled to arrive in the capital from today.

The tourney will kick-off tomorrow on the newly-laid artificial turf at the Hockey Stadium. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the meet. The five participants are: Indian Airlines, Pakistan Airlines, Sri Lankan Defence Service, Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club.

GMCC beat Victoria

Sports Reporter BLOEMFONTEIN, Jan 12: David Johnson gave a timely reminder to the Indian Test selectors by taking five wickets on the opening day of a three-day match with Free State on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Little medium-pacer Johnson took five for 78 in Free State's 320 for seven declared. India were 56 for one at the close.

Nat'l jr chess from today

The 8th national junior chess championship begins at the NSC chess room today, reports UNB.

Seventy players from across the country are to take part in the nine-round Swiss league basis competition, organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation.

Meanwhile, Ruhul Islam Bobby clinched the 17th national sub-junior chess title with eight points beating Newton in the last round at the same venue on Saturday.

Mehdi Hasan Parag became runner-up with seven and a half points while Mohammad Javed was placed third having seven points on completion of the nine-round Swiss league basis meet. It was participated by 66 players.

Bulbul may not sing today

Sports Reporter Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club is likely to miss the services of their skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul in the today's crucial Premier league tie with Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Dhaka Stadium.

The inspirational Mohammedan captain who bruised his left thumb during a practice session a couple of days back said that it is not possible for him to appear against Kalabagan with four stitches.

Kenneth, Jonas in final

AUCKLAND, New Zealand, Jan 12: Kenneth Carlsen and Jonas Bjorkman will meet Monday in an all-Scandinavian final at the rain-pugged New Zealand Open tennis tournament, reports AP.

Denmark's Carlsen beat defending champion Jiri Novak of the Czech Republic 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 Sunday in one semifinal while Sweden's Bjorkman disposed of South African Marcos Ondruska 6-1, 6-1.

It will be the first time that two unseeded players have made the final of the Auckland tournament, which was forced to extend into Monday after the last three days of play were heavily curtailed by rain.

The final will also see at least one play break new ground, as neither has ever won a top-level tournament. It will be Bjorkman's second final and Carlsen's third.

Badminton camp

A month-long badminton training course for girls (9-16 years), organised by the Bangladesh Women Sports Federation (BWSF) begins here on Tuesday at 3 pm, reports UNB.

BWSF president Begum Rafia Akhter Dolly will inaugurate the programme, to be conducted by badminton coach Morsheduzzaman Khan.

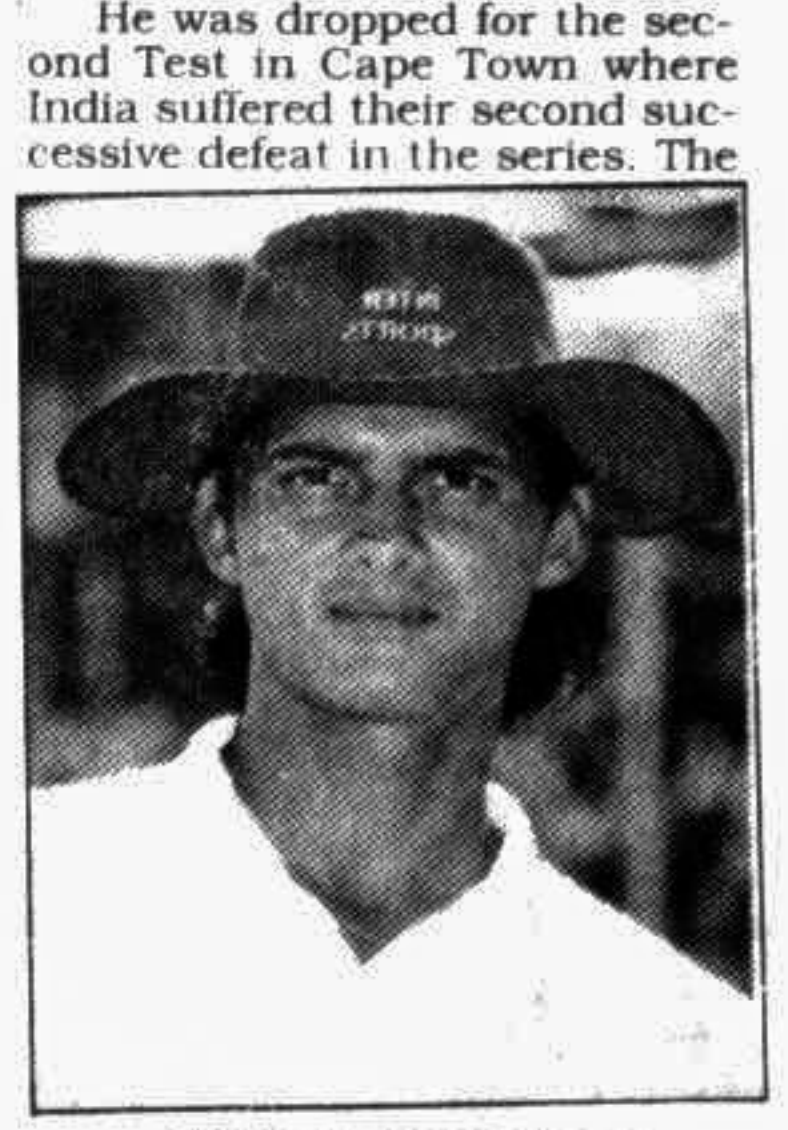
Interested coaches of the Dhaka metropolitan area will be eligible to attend the course.



Mohammedan players practising at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday on the eve of the International Club tournament which begins in the capital tomorrow.

Johnson's timely reminder

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He was dropped for the second Test in Cape Town where India suffered their second successive defeat in the series. The

third Test starts in Johannesburg on Thursday.

It was another disappointing day for South African captain Hansie Cronje.

Cronje has been struggling for runs and showed no signs of a return to form before steering Johnson to second slip when he had made just four.

Cronje's dismissal plunged Free State into a crisis at 34 for three but 19-year-old Boeta Dippenaar masterminded a fine recovery.

Dippenaar dominated a fourth-wicket stand of 178 with Chris Craven before falling for 60.



Liverpool's Robbie Fowler (L) and Robbie Diels of West Ham in quest of the ball during their English Premiership match at Anfield on Jan 11. The tie ended in a goalless draw.

CROSSWORD BY Eugene Sheffer. Includes crossword grid and clues like: 1 Advantage, 5 It may be noble, 8 Temporary fashions, 12 Hired hoodlum, 13 Chicken-king link, 14 Acknowledgement, 15 Benevolence, 17 Judy's daughter, 18 Tiaric of tennis, 19 Rich fabric, 21 Absorb, 24 Sub-missive, 25 Foreman's arena, 26 Party, 30 Performance, 31 Slip-up, 32 Maune, 33 Rubber man?, 35 'Sed to relate...', 36 History chapters, 37 Cheer up, 38 Shocked, 41 Former, 42 Curved molding, 43 Slander, 48 Eye part, 49 California fort, 50 friendly, 51 With 1 Down, savings, 52 Delights, 53 Lacking edge, 1 See 51 Across, 2 'Cock-a-doodle-' I, 3 Stickum wardrobe, 4 Conclusion, 22 Puerto - Solution time: 24 mins. ...

Southern striker sprints down fast track to new nationality

The brawn and brain drains have long siphoned off millions of talented, hard-working people, developing countries. Now, reports Gemini News Service, a South African footballer has become an international sports star to migrate north.

By John Perlman from London

A South African soccer star has become the latest to take advantage of a German law that permits fast-track citizenship for 10 exceptional sportsmen and women each year. The normal qualification period is 10 years.

Born and raised in Durban, 24-year-old Sean Dundee insists he is "still South African inside."

Yet he has pursued his ambition of becoming German, because I'm happy in Germany. Evening I have in Germany.

He is top striker for the German club, Karlsruhe, and will now be able to play for the national team.

Dundee had powerful allies to help him fulfill his dream - national team coach Bert Vogts and the German Football Federation. They wanted him to become a citizen in time for Germany's remaining qualifying matches for the 1998 World Cup.

He follows Romanian high-jumper Alina Astafai, who represented her native land in international competition until she was given German citizenship in time for last year's Atlanta Olympics.

Soccer's ruling body, FIFA (Federation of International Football Associations), has tougher controls that say players who represent one country may go on to play for another. The rule helps to protect and enhance the potential of smaller nations.

"There was talk that Bert Vogts had made an overture to him after hearing he was picked and that the chairman and coach of Karlsruhe flew out to speak to Dundee."

If Dundee had played, he would have become ineligible for any other country. "I hope the injury was genuine," Barker says. "My physio and my doctor both thought it was, but everybody else in South Africa thought it wasn't."

Dundee then asked not to be considered for South Africa's Cup of Nations squad the following month or for a World Cup qualifier against Zaire last November.

The player's real feelings were made plain in a recent interview with African Soccer magazine. Dundee - who joined a German Second Division club, Stuttgarter Kickers, when he was 19-said he had not enjoyed his brief spell with the South Africa squad.

"When I went back some of the other players didn't take to me so well," he said. "I mean, I was new and I wasn't training, and I noticed that in practice games they didn't seem to be interested in playing with me. May be they were jealous, I don't know, but I didn't feel welcome at all."

Significantly, he pointed out in the interview that playing in Africa - where internationals are always at weekends - would hamper his club career. "FIFA rules would allow us to travel, but I would miss games here and it's more important for me to play in Germany. Also, I'm not interested in spending half my life on aeroplanes."

Wolfgang Niesbach, of the German Football Federation, rejects suggestions that Dundee was poached away from playing for his country. Barker missed the opportunity to give him the chance to play. He should build up his South African team. Also, Dundee is now playing in

Germany for his fifth year. He points out that other people have been living in the country for up to 20 years without being allowed to become German, adding: "It is not an act of equality to prefer some people only because they are very successful in getting goals. And our young sportsmen and women must also have a chance to take part in a national team."

That concern, Beucher says, also prompted the German Sports Federation to oppose special exemptions for citizenship. It failed to stop Dundee's case, however, and his debut in the colours of his new country should not be long in coming. Karlsruhe coach Winfried Schafer has long rate Dundee, who scored 16 league goals in his debut season - as one of the

best: "Sean is just a natural goal-scorer. His composure and reactions in the box are exceptional."

Dundee's fellow professionals agree. Last year, players in the Bundesliga, Germany's top football division, voted him player of the year.

Dundee now has seven World Cup qualifiers to look forward to in 1997. And with Ukraine (twice) Northern Ireland away and Portugal among the fixtures, Vogts is bound to give him a chance. - Gemini News

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Sean Dundee: Citizenship was his goal