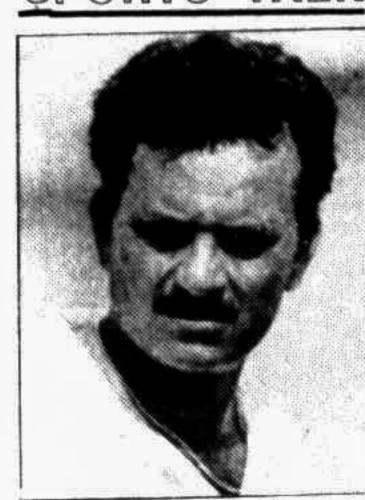
Biman flies low over BU



Madan Lal

(India cricket coach) My role is to keep the team together and encourage them all the time. If I can hold the team as one unit, I think I would have achieved a lot.

After his assumption to the current office.



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Bangla Cup football competition? DU Narayangang Bangladesh Army 4 The skipper of Bangladesh under 16 cricket team

visiting Calcutta is Tushar The century South African opener Gary Kirsten scored against India in the second Test in Cape Town is his

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BRIEF SCORES

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BANGLADESH BIMAN: 195 for eight in 50 overs (Athar Ali 45, Summon 29, Khan 20, Hasanuzzaman 27; Aamir Hanif 3/23. Salahuddin 2/17, Sajal Chowdhury

Bangladesh Bim-

an celebrated the-

ir seventh win in

the Premier cric-

ket league by the skin of their teeth

when the national airline outfit

prevailed over Brothers Union

by virtue of conceding less

wickets at the Dhaka Stadium

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their chase of a fighting total of 195 for eight, finished at part

with Biman after exhausting

their share of 50 overs, but

ended up on the receiving end by

losing one more wicket than

Ali, responsible for the exciting

victory for Biman, took two

wickets from the nerve-wreck-

National all-rounder Athar

The breath-taking drama

BROTHERS UNION: 195 for nine in 50 overs (Halim Shah 39, Faruque 31, Abid Hanif 23, Mofizur Rahman Munna 23; Athar Ali 3.41 Mohammad Rafique 3/44. Nasir Shawkat 2/33).

LALMATIA CLUB: 134 all out in 48.3 overs (Noble 32: Shuvro 5/46. Suja Irfan

AGRANI BANK: 135 for eight in 38.4 overs (Shahid Mehboob 38, Shuvro 26 n.o. Soaib 21; Khorshed Alam 3/29, Nahid 2/40, Nomanullah 2/17)

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

But needing only seven runs from as many balls Brothers. suddenly lost their way in the blues when Halim Shah, who hammered a potential matchwinning 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 tailender 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



Tied score but wickets mattered

Sports Reporter

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

scalp of Brothers' middle-order bat Aamir Hanif. The Pakistani international, who scored a century in his side's pervious

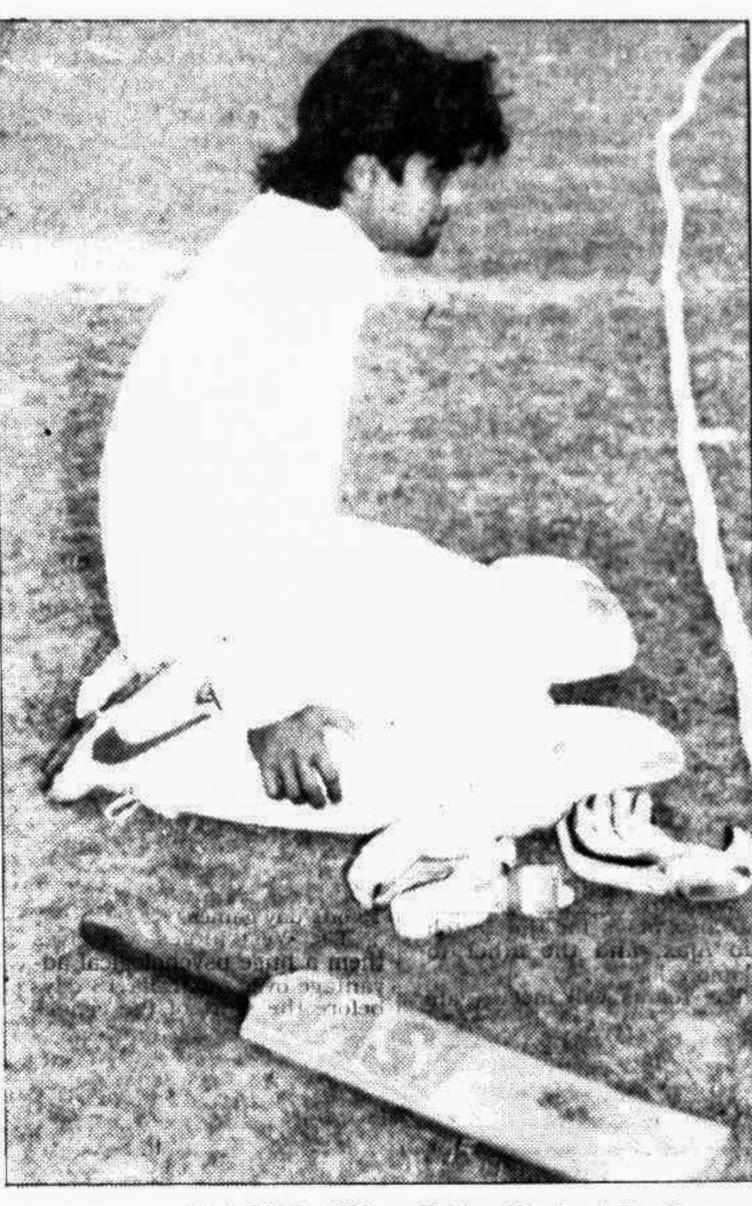
match, fell for only seven.

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

For Brothers, Aamir 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 allround performance by Shuvro propelled Agrani Bank to a hard-fought two-wicket win

over Lalmatia. The Agrani Bank new-ball bowler claimed five wickets for 46 runs as Lalmatia, sent into bat in the morning, were skittled out for a paltry 134 in 48.3 overs. In reply, Agrani Bank, were at one stage reeling on 111/8 before an unbeaten 26 by Shuvro helped them overcome the Lalmatia total in 38.4 overs without further damage.



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. - Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Southern striker sprints down fast track to new nationality

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

By John Perlman from London

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 Yet he has pursued his ambi-

tion of becoming German: " because I'm happy in Germany. Evening I have is in Germany." He is top striker for the Ger-

man club, Karlsruhe, and will now be able to play for the national team. Dundee had powerful allies

to help him fulfil his dream national team coach Berti 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

He follows Romanian highjumper 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.

However, Dundee has never played for South Africa-an omission surrounded by controversy.

In December 1995, he was picked to make his debut for South Africa in a friendly match against Germany in Johannesburg. "He came out and trained the entire week and then the day before the match he pulled up with a calf injury." recalls South African coach Clive Barker.

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."

would have become ineligible for any other country. "I hope (the injury) was genuine. "Barker says. "My physio and

lowing month or for a World Cup qualifier against Zaire last November.

"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

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

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

the colours of his new country

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

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

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

About the Author: John Perlman is a South African journalist who worked as a reporter on The Weekly Mail, Johannesburg, and as chief reporter of the Sunday Star. before freelancing in Britain for a



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 tourney. They are -Dhanraj Pillai. Mohammed Riaz and Calvin 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

BRIEF SCORES

GMCC: 147 all out in 48.4 overs (Mahmood 29, Nayan 3/29. Rahul Khairuzzaman Babu 2/30. Sohel Islam 2/18. Sumit

VICTORIA SC: 84 all out in 30.2 overs (Ripon 23, Sajid Hassan 23; Monjurul Islam 3/6, Nayan 4/19, Al-Amin 3/41).

The Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) recorded an impressive 63-run win over Victoria SC in a Premier cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

In a low-scoring affair, GMCC, after electing to use the wicket first after winning the toss, scored a not-so-impressive total of 147 before being all out in 48.4 overs. Opener Mahmood with 29 top-scored for the winners while Nayan, who later ran havoc in the Victoria batting with a four-wicket haul, contributed an useful 19 with

In reply. Victoria were shot out for a meagre 84 in the face of some accurate bowling from Monjurul Islam and Nayan: Monjurul, who opened the GMCC attack with Al-Amin, finished with a fabulous figure of 8-4-6-3 while Nayan gave away only 19 runs for his four scalps. On the other hand, Al-Amin claimed three wickets for 41 runs in his expensive nine

For Victoria, opener Ripon and skipper Sajid Hassan with 23 each were only two batsmen who could reach the double

TODAY'S MATCHES Premier Cricket League (9:00

Mohammedan SC vs Kalabagan (Dhaka Stadium) Wari Club vs Surjo Tarun

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 Kalaba-

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

gan Krira Chakra at the Dhaka

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-plagued New Zealand Open tennis tournament, reports AP. Denmark's Carlsen beat de-

fending 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

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

two unseeded players have

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 shuttlers 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. - Star photo

Johnson's timely reminder



BLOEMFONTEIN. He was dropped for the sec- runs short of a well deserved Johnson gave a timely reminder to the Indian Test selectors by tak ing five wickets on the opening

day of a three-day match with Free State on Saturday, reports Reuter. Little medium-pacer John-

son took five for 78 in Free State's 320 for seven declared India were 56 for one at the

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 Federa-

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 point while Mohammad Javed was placed third having seven points on completion of the nine-round Swiss league basis meet. If was participated by 66

Liverpool's Robbie Fowler (L) and Robbie Dicks of West

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Premiership match at Anfield on Jan 11. The tie ended

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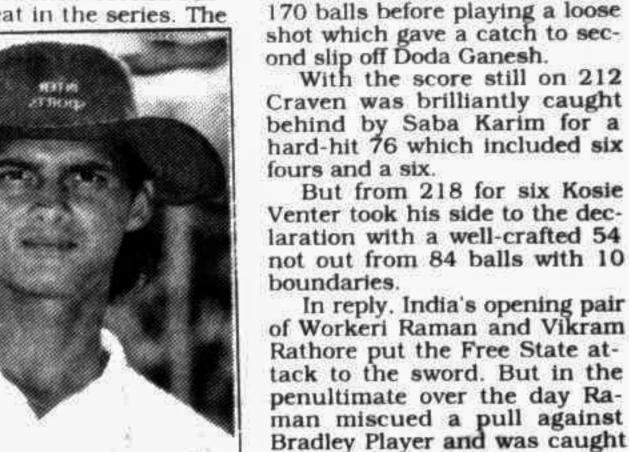
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- AFP/UNB photo

Jan 12: David ond Test in Cape Town where century. India suffered their second successive defeat in the series. The



DAVID JOHNSON

third Test starts in Johannesburg on Thursday. It was another disappointing

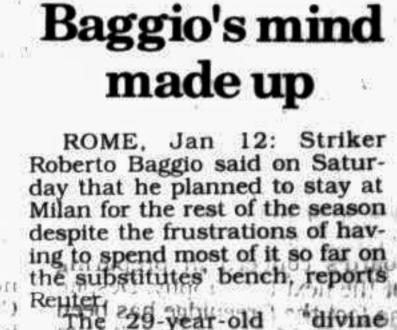
Hansie Cronje. Cronje has been struggling for runs and showed no signs of a return to form before steering Johnson to second slip when he

Free State into a crisis at 34 for three but 19-year-old Boeta Dippenaar masterminded a fine recovery

Raman contributed 18 to an opening stand of 52. At the close Rathore was on 33 with nightwatchman Venkatapathy Raju on naught. day for South African captain

had made just four. Cronje's dismissal plunged

Dippenaar dominated a fourth-wicket stand of 178 with Chris Craven before falling four



He hit 15 boundaries from

With the score still on 212

But from 218 for six Kosie

In reply. India's opening pair

rector Ottavio Bianchi to move there but had no plans for the moment to leave the struggling Italian champions. "Obviously I'm very pleased to hear that somebody still believes in me given that I've gone

ponytail told Corriere Dellow

Sport newspaper that he had

been flattered by an open invi-

tation from Napoli general di-

out of fashion for a lot of people," Baggio said. "The offer from Napoli, if it comes, is something I can think about calmly a bit down the road. But apart from the enormous pleasure it gives me, what I'm thinking about now is Mi-

lan and nothing else."

Baggio who is reported to have a frosty relationship with new coach Arrigo Sacchi, has played just 632 minutes of Serie A soccer this season and is expected to be on the bench again when Milan play Vicenza today.

He said he believed the team out of European and domestic cup competition after a dismal start to the season, could still win the league and made clear his sights were also set on a return to Italian side. Baggio missed in a penalty

shoot-out Italy lost to Brazil in the World Cup final in Los Angeles in 1994, when Sacchi was coach and has not played for his country since he came on as a substitute in a 1-0 win against Slovenia in September 1995. "My aim is to play for Italy

again and take part in the World Cup finals," Baggio said. "But to get back in the national side I have to play. That is my biggest problem at the moment," he said.

CRYPTOQUIP

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RYFNWFYSZ MEWFRL? Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A BUS DRIVER'S FAVOR-

ITE MUSICAL COULD TRULY BE "MY FARE LADY." Today's Cryptoquip clue: J equals Q The Cryptoquip 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.

"There was talk that Berti If Dundee had played, he

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 fol-

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.

life on aeroplanes."

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

should not be long in coming. Karlsruhe coach Winfried Schafer has long rate Dundee who scored 16 league goals in

player of the year.

a chance. — Gemini News



Sean Dundee: Citizenship was his goal