

Sport

Zafar powers Tarun

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WARI CLUB: 191 all out in 49.5 overs (Amir Wasim 60, Sajjad Kadir 45, Sohel 35, Shamsul Huda 3/19, Rafiqul 2/36). SURJO TARUN CLUB: 194 for 5 in 48.1 overs (Zafar Ali 91, Ashique 22, Tareque Mehmood 1/27). Result: Surjo Tarun won by 5 wickets.

An unbeaten 91 by Pakistani middle order batsman Zafar Ali guided lowly Surjo Tarun Club to their second victory in the Premier Division cricket league with a comfortable five-wicket victory over Wari Club at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Chasing a moderate Wari total of 191 in 50 overs, Zafar, who came to the crease in the eleventh over with Surjo Tarun 34 for 2, played a passionate innings and steered his side to victory in the penultimate over losing three partners on his way.

He added 90 runs to the Surjo Tarun account along with one down Ashique (22) for the third wicket and figured in a 43-run partnership with his skipper Ehsan (19) for the fourth wicket before seeing his team home with the match winning 66-run unbeaten partnership with countryman Rehan Farooq.

In his two-hour stay at the crease, Zafar faced 131 balls for his undefeated 91 which included nine sweetly timed boundaries while Rehan remained unbeaten on 19.

Earlier, put into bat, Wari Club were all out for 191 in 49.5 overs with Pakistani opener Amir Wasim hammering highest 60 off 81 balls.

One down Sajjad Kadir (45) and skipper Sohel Ahmed (25 not out) were the other leading run getters for Wari.

Shamsul Huda, the man behind Wari's debacle, was the most successful Surjo Tarun bowler capturing three wickets for 19 runs in his ten nippy overs.

With yesterday's win, Surjo Tarun earned four points from ten matches while Wari remained stuck to their previous collections of ten points from as many matches.

Wanderers win

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DHAKA WANDERERS: 163 all out in 44.3 overs (Sanchoy 91, Tareque 16, Saad 6/28, Bipul 2/49). DHANMONDI CLUB: 126 all out in 41.3 overs (Tushar 22, Hira 16; Bablu 2/17, Tareque 2/22, Sagor 1/13). Result: Dhaka Wanderers won by 37 runs.

Dhaka Wanderers Club defeated Dhanmondi Club by 37 runs in a First Division cricket league match at the City Club ground yesterday.

In a low-scoring affair, Wanderers batted first and were all out for a paltry 163 in 44.3 overs with middle order Sanchoy scoring a magnificent 91 off 106 balls which included four sixes and eight fours.

Ranak (11), Tareque (16) and Tapu were the other leading Wanderers batsmen who reached the double figures.

It was mainly due to some superb bowling by Dhanmondi's new-ball bowler Saad who captured five wickets for 28 runs from his 8.3 overs spell.

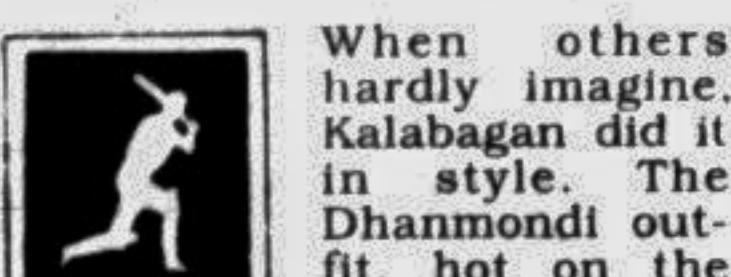
In reply, Dhanmondi were bundled out in 41.3 overs scoring only 126 runs.

One down Tushar scored highest 22 while Hira and Lipu added 16 and 15 runs respectively to Dhanmondi account.

Bablu and Tareque were the leading wicket takers for Wanderers sharing four wickets while Sagor Abbas and Tuheen took one wicket each.

Bagan magic topples MSC

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When others hardly imagine, Kalabagan did it in style. The Dhanmondi outfit, hot on the heels of their resounding victory over Abahani Krira Chakra Saturday, went onto beat the other titan, Mohammedan Sporting Club, by four wickets in a Premier cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The crucial win for Kalabagan against the defending champions, not only enabled them to saddle on the driving seat with slight wins from nine matches, but also ended Mohammedans' unbeaten status after seven wins on trot.

In a high scoring affair, Kalabagan, chasing a fighting Mohammedan total of 234 in the

stipulated 50 overs, rattled up the required 235 runs with more than seven balls to spare and four wickets in hands.

Former Pakistan international Monzoor Elahi, one of the two foreign recruits of Kalabagan, made the light work an otherwise daunting task of scoring a run-a-ball 30 from the remaining five overs, providing a rapid-fire unbeaten 32.

The veteran of more than forty one-day internationals for Pakistan, who was often dubbed by his skipper Imran Khan as the hardest hitter of the ball, revealed some of his brutal flare of his heydays with two sixes which included a massive overboundary off Mohammedans' right-arm seamer Sujon that almost hit the altar of the Olympic torch, placed at the northern end of the big bowl.

His enterprising 22-ball knock came at a point when Mohammedans were very much in the match after Kalabagan lost three quick wickets for the addition of six runs to the total.

Although Monzoor with his late thunder stole the limelight, it was a century partnership for the first wicket between Harun-ur Rashid Liton and Atiar Rahman which played as vital factor for Kalabagan's easy passage against an understrength Mohammedans, who missed the service of their skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul, sidelined due to injury.

With Bulbul, who is nursing a thumb bruise, out of action Mohammedans looked distinctly lethargic. The bowlers were running out of depth while the fielding was painstakingly substandard much to dismay of its supporters.

One the other hand, for Kalabagan, right from the toss, everything went as they could have dreamed of. Skipper Saiful Islam, after calling the coin correctly in the morning, sent Mohammedans in on a batsmen's paradise.

And Mohammedans, aided by some useful knocks from their top orders, piled up 234 for six. Opener Raja Arshad scored a polished 52 off 83 balls while his partner Parvez fell seven runs short of what would have been a well-deserved half-century.

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kept up his consistency with 34 while Minhazul Abedin Nannu, who took the charge in absence of Bulbul, remained unbeaten on 46. In reply, Harun-ur Rashid Liton and Atiar gave Kalabagan a flying start putting on 115 runs for the first wicket. Liton hammered a polished 56 off 89 balls laced with half a dozen fours.

Atiar, the young Kalabagan wicketkeeper who was out to prove that his omission from the national squad had hardly justified, made the most of a drop catch on his way to a dazzling 80. Dropped by Pakistani Raja Arshad at deep mid-wicket while on only four, the right-hander clouted nine sweetly-timed hits across the rope and a gem of six off Mohammedans' Pakistani leg-spinner Shahed Mehmood over mid-wicket in

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Pak-Windies tie today

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Fancied West Indies will take on injury-hit Pakistan in a dress rehearsal match of the triangular limited-over World Series tournament in Sydney today as both the sides have already ensured their places in best-of-three finals.

Australia have lost their past five matches — and 11 of their past 13 — including Sunday night's to the West Indies. The result left Australia out of the World Series finals for the first time since 1979-80.

Mike's misery continues

PALMERSTON NORTH, New Zealand, Jan 13: England seized the initiative in their four-day tour match against a New Zealand selection today but captain Mike Atherton failed to improve his nightmare form with the bat, reports Reuter.

England dismissed the Selection XI for 138, with only opener Craig Spearman coming close to mastering the bowling attack in his innings of 41. All-rounder Craig White captured four for 15 from 9.4 overs of hostile fast-medium bowling, while Dominic Cork and Chris Silverwood chipped in with two wickets apiece.

England also fielded smartly, with Atherton taking a fine one-handed reflex catch in the gully to dismiss New Zealand Test batsman Adam Parore for a duck.

But the England skipper's run drought on tour in Zimbabwe and New Zealand continued when he fell lbw to fast-medium bowler Robert Kennedy for seven.

England were 106 for three at stumps, with veteran Test bowler Danny Morrison dismissing opener Nick Knight for 46 and nightwatchman Andrew Caddick for seven. Alec Stewart was unbeaten on 40 at the close.

England, demoralised by a 3-0 one-day whitewash at the hands of Zimbabwe, have only two first-class matches in which to find their form before facing New Zealand in the first Test in Auckland on January 24.

Queensland stumble

ADELAIDE, Jan 13: South Australia claimed their first outright win of the Sheffield Shield cricket season with a nine-wicket victory over leaders Queensland here today, reports AFP.

Needing to score just 51 runs in their second innings to win, S Australia reached the target in 10 overs, with Ben Johnson not out 23 and Jeff Vaughan unbeaten on 10.

Queensland added 130 runs to their overnight 220 for seven before being bowled out for 350 in their second innings to force S Australia to bat a second time.

Geoff Foley made 72 and S Australia leg-spinner Peter McIntyre took four wickets to finish with 10 wickets for the match with rookie Brad Young also taking four wickets.

Queensland were forced to follow-on after making 227 in their first innings in reply to South Australia's 527 for six declared.

Western Australia joined Queensland at the top of the standings with a nine-wicket win over New South Wales in Sydney Sunday.

Chasing 220 to win, they reached their target with the loss of just one wicket, with opener Michael Hussey remaining unbeaten on 81 and Justin Langer on 70.

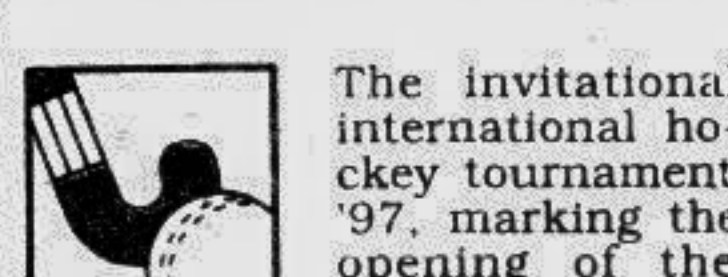
Meanwhile, in Melbourne, Victoria moved off the bottom of the table after a thrilling one-wicket victory over Tasmania, with wicketkeeper Darren Berry hitting the winning run with just three balls to spare.

Victoria were set a target of 340 off a minimum of 80 overs and achieved the target primarily due to opener Graeme Vimpani's knock of 113, while Rohan Larkin made 70.



Bangladesh Hockey Federation president Air Vice Marshal Jamauluddin Ahmed (C) yesterday briefing the local press about the invitational international hockey tournament which begins today. — Star photo

MSC take on SL Defence today



The invitational international hockey tournament, a club level international meet, will be held in the grass surface of the Dhaka National Stadium in 1985 and 1989 respectively.

Spectators will be able to enjoy the inaugural ceremony and the first match without tickets. Following is the fixture of the meet:

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Acme Div II cricket begins today

The Acme Second Division cricket league, organised by CCDM and sponsored by Acme Laboratories Limited, begins today in different venues of the city.

A total of 32 teams, split into four groups for the first round, will participate in the league. There are three matches scheduled for the opening day.

Chang also used his speed late in the third set when the ball girl collapsed, rushing to help her with a wet towel. "I actually had a wet towel I was planning to use in the match, but I never got around to it," Chang said. "I think she maybe had a little bit too much heat and the sun was beating down on her so she needed something to cool her off a little bit."

Despite winning three tournaments last year, Chang has become the also-ran of tennis since his triumph in the French Open in 1989 at the age of 17. He was runner-up in both the Australian and US Open last year and losing finalist in the 1995 French Open.

Trinidad, Norris set to fight

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Jan 13: If there's one thing both Terry Norris and Felix Trinidad agree on, it's that boxing fans want to see them in the ring together, reports AP.

That could happen as early as May in a fight that could earn both boxers several million dollars each. "The whole world is looking forward to seeing it," Trinidad said. "It will be tremendous, I'm looking forward to it."

"Everyone wants to see that fight," Norris said. "It's going to be a great fight."

Norris and Trinidad both did their part Saturday night to set up the fight, with an assist from Frankie Randall. Randall fought himself out of a 1 million dollars payday against Trinidad by getting stopped in the 11th round of his WBA junior welterweight title defence against France's Khalid

match as well as the closing ceremony on January 21. The tournament features five teams, including two local power houses Mohammedan SC and Abahani Limited. The three foreign teams are Sri Lanka Defence Service, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) and Indian Airlines.

The competing teams will take part in the league basis first round and the two top finishers will meet in the final. Sri Lanka Defence Service take on Mohammedan SC in the opening match of the meet at 2.45 pm.

Pakistan Airlines is expected to reach here today while the Indian Airlines on Wednesday.

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Chang, one of the most popular players in the growing tennis market of Asia, said he applauded the decision of Australian Open officials to award wild cards to Asian players.

This year, Olympic bronze medalist Leander Paes of India and Chen Li of China were awarded wild cards into the main draw.

Norris will put his IBF and WBC 154-pound (69 kilograms) titles on the line when he meets Trinidad, who will move up from 147 pounds (66 kilograms) to challenge him. The fight will most likely take place in May or June.

Trinidad had to come off the canvas to stop Leushing in the third round of his IBF welterweight title defence, one of four title fights on the card at the new downtown Nashville arena.

Trinidad, making his 11th title defence, remained undefeated in 31 fights, having won 27 of them by knockout.

Once again, though, he was knocked down, for the sixth time as a pro before getting up to floor Leushing three times a round later.

"Like I always do, I got up and took care of business," Trinidad said. "I was confident I was going to win when I got up."

The 35-year-old Randall, meanwhile, not only took a beating in his homecoming bout but also lost his WBA 140-pound (63.5 kilograms) title and a lucrative fight with Trinidad. Randall, from Morristown, Tennessee, was outboxed early and outslugged late before the referee moved in to stop the fight at 58 seconds of the 11th round.

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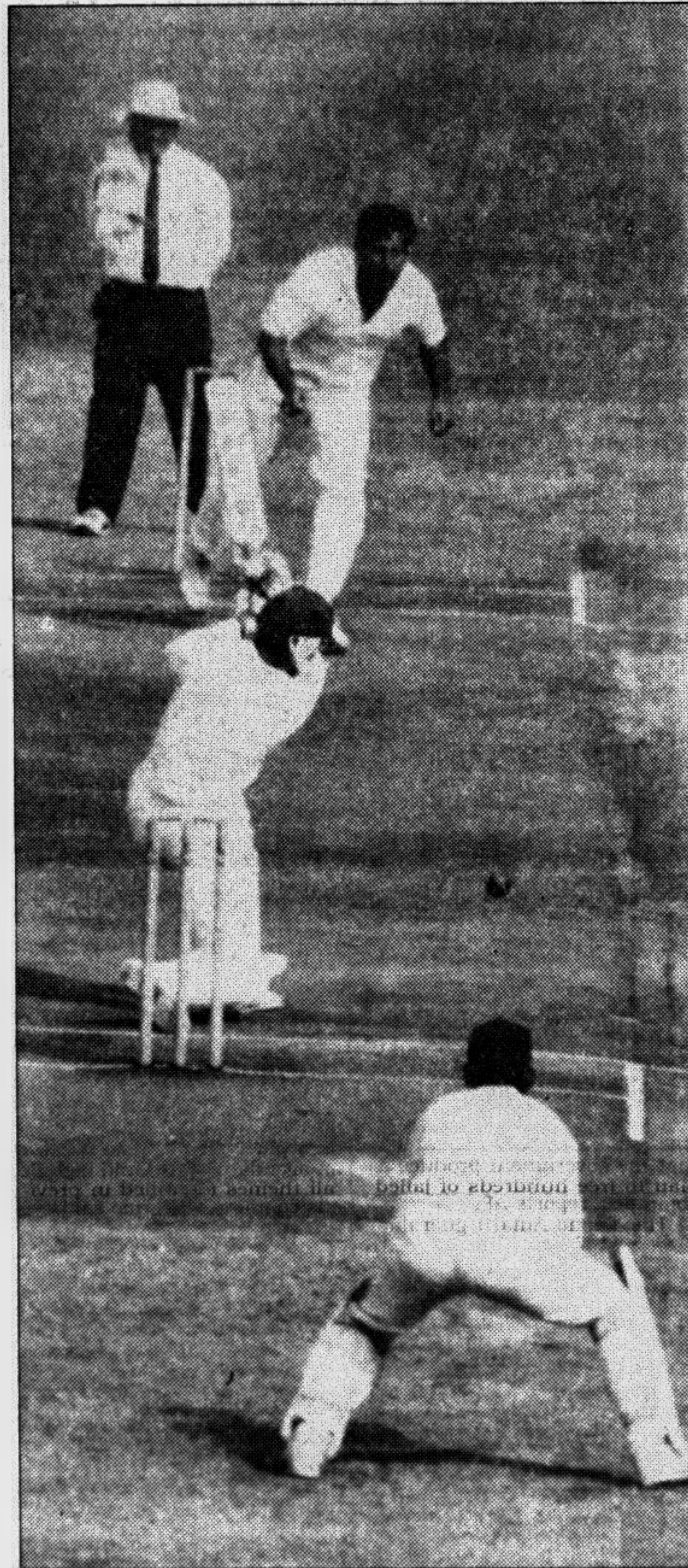
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Mohammedans' Parvez Ahmed plays a delicate square cut off Kalabagan's Pakistan all-rounder Manzoor Elahi during their Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

He was eventually out in the 36th over as Raja Arshad made amendment to his previous

chancy 108-ball knock. Monzoor Elahi playing a little gem of an innings. Monzoor had earlier captured two wickets for his side.

Drug testing goes high-tech

By Daniel Chan from London

Doping in sport has become a sophisticated business as the race for cash and glory has combined with scientific advances in synthetic drugs. For the authorities, reports Gemini New Service, it means a never-ending battle to try to keep up.

The fight to keep sport clean of doping is an uphill battle as advances in biotechnology produce an increasing variety of synthetic drugs, say experts in the field.

Help from the pharmaceutical industry and improvements in international links between dopetesters are needed to improve the sporting authorities' weaponry against the cheats, says Michael Verroken, a British official.

"Doping is a moving target and we always have to be vigilant," says Verroken, head of the Doping Control Unit at the United Kingdom Sports Council (UKSC).

"Clarity is required on testing methods for all banned substances, but there are new synthetically-developed drugs all the time."

At this year's Olympic Games, for instance, no tests were carried out for the biotech drugs HGH (human growth hormone) and EPO (erythropoietin) both banned in competitive sport — because there is no agreed standard method of detecting abuse of these substances.

Under medically-prescribed usage, HGH combats growth deficiency in young people, and EPO has therapeutic effects on kidney problems. But some athletes use HGH to strengthen muscles and bones, and EPO to increase the blood's oxygen-carrying capacity.

"Definitive tests will be ready in time for the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000," she says confidently.

Currently, about 400 drugs are banned by the IOC, and the lists are getting longer. The main types are categorised as anabolic steroids, narcotic analgesics, stimulants, beta-blockers and diuretics.

Production and black marketing of these substances are fuelled by the increasing amounts of money being poured into sport, enticing many athletes to cheat in the pursuit of growing prize money and perks.

"Pharmaceutical companies should take note of the abuse of their products and consider ways to reduce abuse and black market availability," says Verroken.

There are two dozen IOC-accredited doping control laboratories in the world. In Britain, tests are carried out at the Drug Control Centre at King's College, London, under the aegis of the UKSC.

In Britain, serious doping offenders are penalised with bans from sport from two to four years — a punishing period considering an athlete's relatively short competitive career.

Cowan says stringent procedures are followed to ensure that urine samples are stored in scientific conditions. Earlier this year, British runner Diane Modahl successfully appealed against a four-year ban on the grounds that her urine sample tested at an IOC-accredited laboratory in Portugal had been kept in conditions that promoted bacterial growth, affecting hormone content.

Set up in 1978, London's Drug Control Centre has the capacity to conduct 10,000 tests a year. By contract, it has to complete the analysis of each test within two weeks, but in practice, results are