

Ian Botham

(Former England Test allrounder)

"It's wrong for journalist to criticise before the players have had time to settle down in a new environment.

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Jan 31, '97) The name of Imran Khan's son is

Bilawa Sulaiman The current South African cricket coach is Woolmer Wessels Marshall The captain of PIA hockey

team participating in the ongoing invitational international tournament is Khalid Qamar 4 The number of hattricks recorded in ODI cricket till

now are Which team won the Bangabandhu Cup football trophy early this month? Malaysia Red Ujung Pandang East Bengal

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Acme Div II cricket results

Sports Reporter

PWD SC: 112 all out in 34.1 overs (Russel 29, n. o. Rana 16 Azad 3/17, Bivash 2/13, Raihan 1/14). DHANMONDI PS: 113 for

three in 27.3 overs (Sohel 56. Dipu 30; Sumon 1/14). Result: Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha won by seven wickets.

KHELAGHAR SKS: 181 all out in 39.1 overs (Saiful 40, Asad 39 n.o. Ranak 32; Kabir INDIRA ROAD KC: 134 all out in 38.4 overs (Titu 34

Ashique 25: Raju 3/25, Rumi 3/26, Ranak 2/29). Result: Khelaghar SKS won by 47 runs.

Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha and Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan Sangstha won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches yesterday.

"Clubs that don't become corporations will certainly On the western strip of the have difficulties finding lead-Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, ers, because nobody will want to Dhanmondi Progoti Sangha accept that responsibility," Perecorded a seven-wicket victory dro Santana Lopes, a politician over PWD Sporting Club while and former chairman of Khelaghar beat Indira Road Sporting Lisbon told the weekly Krira Chakra by 47 runs at the Visao. Dhanmondi Club ground. The law comes after a year of

US Cup soccer Hosts lose the opener

SAN DIEGO, Jan 18: Defending champions Mexico defeated Denmark 3-1, while Peru spoiled opening night for the hosts with a 1-0 victory over the United States in the kick off matches for the US Cup soccer tournament Friday, reports Reuter.

German Carty's goal in the eighth minute provided the only scoring in the opening match at Jack Murphy Stadium as Peru thwarted several US threats in the second half to hang on to victory.

In the second game, Mexico dominated possession by passing the ball wide to the flanks. But Denmark clogged the middle to prevent any scoring chances.

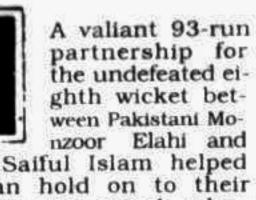
Not until the Danes began to man-mark more tightly in the 30th minute did the middle of the field open for the Mexicans. who scored the first goal in the

40th minute. Benjamin Galindo, dribbling in the middle of the field. sent the ball to Enrique Alfaro. whose 30-metre shot passed over the left shoulder of goal-

keeper Mogens Krogh. Luis Hernandez gave Mexico a 2-0 lead in the 55th minute when he found the net from an awkward angle near the end

line 15 metres out. Denmark narrowed the deficit to 2-1 in the 64th minute on Brian Steen Nielsen's 27-metre drive, but Mexico's Carlos Hermosillo converted in the 73rd minute to finish the scor-

Column One Kalabagan down Biman



ween Pakistani Monzoor Elahi and skipper Saiful Islam helped Kalabagan hold on to their recent winning streak when they humbled Bangladesh Biman by three wickets in a Premier cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

This was Kalabagan's third giant-killing act in a row following their triumphs over defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and Abahani Krira Chakra. With this win, their ninth from ten outings. Kalabagan virtually ensured their position atop the table with one match still in hands. The Dhanmondi outfit will take on runners-up Brothers Union in the their league tie of the 12-team first phase at the same venue tomorrow.

However, in the day's match. Kalabagan, chasing a not-soimpressive Biman total of 188, were at one stage reeling with 96 for 7 before skipper Saiful Is-lam joined with former Pakistani international Monzoor Elahi to guide the rocking boat home without further damage. Monzoor Elahi, who is yet to be dismissed in the league since his first appearance for Kalabagan against Abahani a week back, celebrated his second suc-

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH BIMAN: 188 all out in 49.3 overs (Mon-soor Akhter 44, Nasir Shawkat 47, Manna 21 n.o.; Anisur Rah-man 4/38, Saiful Islam 2/31, Monzoor Elahi 2/35)

KALABAGAN KC: 198 for seven in 45.3 overs (Monzor Elahi 57 n.o., Liton 53, Saiful Islam 34 n.o.; Nazimuddin Manna 3/34)

cessive half-century with breezy 57 off only 43 deliveries while Saiful scored a rapid-fire 34 off 39 balls.

In an object lesson for the shaky local batsmen, who perished in shabby fashions, struggling with the deliveries better should be left alone, Monzoor played a little gem of innings much to the relief of Dhanmondi crowd at the stands. It was pleasing to watch the way he picked up gaps and punish odd deliveries sending across the rope immaculately. His polished knock included seven fours and a sweetly-timed sixer off Biman left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique. Meanwhile, Saiful, who played perfect foil at the other end, Portugal's purification act

LISBON, Portugal,

Jan 18: Mired in

debt and allega-

tions of bribery

and match-fixing.

Portuguese soccer

already is under investigation

by UEFA and under new

scrutiny by the federal

of top-level corruption among

club officials and referees, and

a new law aims to make top soc-

cer brass pay if they don't adopt

better finance control of their

by the Socialist government

this month, all professional

soccer clubs, starting Aug 1

must file annual accounting re-

ports through approved audi-

not to incorporate under the

new system, will be held per-

sonally responsible for their

team's debts, meaning they

could forfeit houses, cars and

scandal. Of the 18 first division

clubs, only northern Guimaraes

is in the black. The rest have

run up tax debts of approxi-

mately 15 billion escudos (100

Chelsea served

a stunner

Premier league side Chelsea

tried to bring Italy defender

Paolo Maldini to London but

were put off by AC Milan's

"ridiculous" asking price,

player-manager Ruud Gullit

Milan were ready to sell a whole

lot of players and I wouldn't be

doing my job well if I don't ask

terested ... and as a coach you'd

be crazy not to be interested in

him. But? don't think I'm going

to get him because they are ask-

ing for something ridiculous. I

can't imagine Milan will sell

good price, I would snap him up

but they were asking an ex-

tremely high figure," said Gul-

lit, who has already plundered

Serie A to bring Gianfuca Vialli,

Roberto di Mattero and Gian-

franco Zola to Stamford Bridge.

Tuesday to have made enquiries

about the Italian captain only

to rebuffed by Milan's 17 mil-

lion pound (28 million dollars)

Gullit also said Chelsea

would play a prestigious

friendly against his former club

Chelsea were rumoured on

"If I could get Maldini for a

"They asked me if I was in-

for Maldini," Gullit said.

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asking price.

on February 19.

"I heard the rumours that

said on Friday, reports Reuter.

LONDON, Jan 18: English

personal fortunes.

million dollars).

Club chairmen, who decide

tors like any other company.

According to the law passed

UEFA is probing allegations

government, reports AP.

clouted three fours in his chanceless 39-ball stay at the crease. Together the two played in a way as if they were chasing a huge target and ultimately led Kalabagan to reach the summit with more than four overs to

Apart from the late blitzkrieg by Monzoor and Saiful, the other notable contribution in Kalabagan innings was

a fine 53 by opener Harun-ur Rashid Liton. The stockilybuilt right-hander, who had helplessly watched wickets tumbling like nine pins at the other end, smote three fours and two huge sixes in his defiant 89-ball vigil at the crease.

Biman's new-ball bowler Nazimuddin Manna, responsible for the early Kalabagan debacle, ripped through the toporder to eventually finish with three for 34 in his nine economic overs. His victims included the prized scalp of Pak-istani Shahid Saeed, who fell for only two offering a lowcatch behind the stumps.

Earlier, the modest Biman total was built around some useful knocks from their two Pakistani recruits Monsoor Akhter and Nasir Shawkat.

Monsoor, a member of the Pakistan World Cup squad in 1987, scored a plucky 44 off 72 be'ls while Nasir Shawkat hammered a quick-fire 56-ball

47 embellished with three sixes and a couple of boundaries. Besides. Manna with 21 was the other 20-plus scorer for the national airline outfit.

For Kalabagan, national left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman led the four-pronged bowling attack with a four-wicket haul. Anis, who opened the star-studded Kalabagan attack, gave away only 38 runs for his four scalps while his new-ball partner Zakir returned most economic with 1/26 in his ten

nagging overs. On the other hand, skipper Saiful Islam and Monzoor Elahi evenly shared four wickets among them.

It was Biman's second defeat on completion of their nine first phase engagements to join in the crowded second position with Mohammedan. Abahani and Brothers Union - all having been collected 14 points.

STANDINGS

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a Romanian referee in Porto's

1984 European Cup Winners'

Cup semifinal match against

Scotland's Aberdeen. Pinto da

Porto was also accused of fi-

Under the new law, some

clubs might choose to offer

stock on the Lisbon stock ex-

change, following a trend in

other European countries such

as England.

nancing a 1995 Brazil vacation

Costa denies any wrongdoing.



Saiful (L), Manzoor Elahi ... 93-run unbeaten partnership. Star photo

To help pay the bill, top

Champs FC Porto sold Por-

clubs have transferred lots of

tuguese national team goal-

keeper Vitor Baia to Barcelona

and defender Carlos Secretario

home-grown talent.

and referees.

FC Porto chairman Jorge

Nuno Pinto da Costa is the sub-

ject of a UEFA investigation

over an alleged attempt to bribe

horns today Sports Reporter

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and their arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra will be desperately looking for a win when the two giants in the domestic circuit lock horns in a crucial Premier cricket league match at the Dhaka Stadium today.

commence at 9 am.

threat for both Mohammedans and Abahani following their successive defeats, the penultimate league engagement between the two perennial foes is going to be a do-or-die battle. Because, a defeat for either side will effectively throw them out of the race even before the start

dans, who after seven wins on a trot suddenly lost their touch conceding successive defeats against Kalabagan and Bangla-desh Biman, in a bid to keep their hopes alive have retained the service of Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga, who flew in the capital last night to play against Abahani.

On the other hand, Abahani, who followed the pedestrian way of the traditional foes with two successive defeats at the hands of Kalabagan and Brothers Union, will heavily bank on the services of their two Pakistani recruits - Gulam Ali and

SAARC cricket from Feb 19

tournament will commence in the capital from February 19. The international cricket carnival, an annual event in the calendar of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), will feature second string sides from three sub-continental giants — India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and hosts Bangladesh.

The decision to hold the tourney in the second week of February came after a board meeting at the BCB office last evening. Besides, the BCB has also decided to send a team to take part in the Wills Cup as both the meets are to proceed on almost same time.

Pakistan domestic cricket will begin from February 20. Meanwhile, the BCB has formed different sub-committees for the smooth holding of the 10-day SAARC tourney. They have also finalised the fixture of 10-day

FIXTURE

Feb 21: Rest day

Feb 24: Rest day

Feb 26: India A vs Bangladesh Feb 27: Rest day Feb 28: Final

Imon takes solo lead

Former champion Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Imon earned a solo lead in the 18th national junior chess championship after winning his sixth match on the trot at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the sixth round of the nine-round Swiss league format, Imon defeated Tofazzal Hossain Rumu and moved to the top of the table with a point lead over Abdullah Al Rakib, Enamul Hossain Rajib, Showkat Hossain Pallab, Tofazzal Hossain Rumu, Abu Sufian Shakeel, Ruhul Islam Bobby, Tipu Sultan and Matiur Rahman who all had five points each at the end of yesterday's round.

Rakib beat Zaved, Rajib defeated Ibrahim, Shakeel over-Parag, Pallab outmastered De-Kamrul.

Olympic Solidarity course

Sports Reporter ity sports leadership course began at the conference room of the NSC yesterday.

ers are taking part in the cour-MP, a senior vice-president of the Bangladesh Olympic Assocourse director Dr W K Low.

TODAY'S MATCHES Invitational International Hockey tournament: (Venue: Hockey Stadium)

Abahani vs PIA (2:30 pm) League: First Division Cricket

Gopibagh FA vs City Club (CCG) Acme Second Division

(DCG) East End Club vs Western CC (DCS, West) Orient SC vs Amarjyoti Club

Ranatunga in city Titans lock

The 50-over-a-side affair between the crowd-pullers will With the title hopes under

of the six-team Super league.

A demoralised Mohamme

Monirul Hag.

ment final ended when Indian Airlines handed them a solitary goal defeat in one of

hockev

suffer their second defeat in

crowd, Mohammedans, who

have enjoyed a mixed fortunes

in the five-team tourney so far

starting with a 7-1 victory over

Sri Lankan Army followed by a

4-5 loss to favourites PIA, failed

to live upto expectations.

Strangely Sadeq and Musa, two

of their five guest players who

starred on Mohammedans

previous two outings, were non-

existent throughout the pro-

The Indians on the other

hand, who earned only one

point from their previous two

matches, displayed an attack-

ing style from the outset and

remained in control through-

out. Although, Mukesh Kumar

one of five Indian national

team players in the side who

controls the game with his mag

total stick work, was noticeably

out of sorts, but teammates

performed well enough without

result of forward Altafur Rah-

man's penetrating run from the

left flank into the Mo-

hammedan defence and sending

a neat cross to Ravinder who

flicked the ball home past the

custodian Ahmedul Haque (1-0)

Mohammedans tried their best

to level the scores with a series

maining 50 minutes. But due to

lack of cohesion most of their

sorties were snuffed out by their

tunity came in the 62nd minute.

Mohammedans' best oppor-

of counter attacks in the re-

After conceding the goal

The match winner was the

ceedings.

In front of a large partisan

the Hockey Stadium.

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The third SAARC cricket

The prestigious tourney in

Feb 19: Bangladesh vs Pakistan Feb 20: India A vs Sri Lanka A

Feb 22: Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka A Feb 23: India A vs Pakistan A

Feb 25: Pakistan A vs Sri Lanka

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came Sumon, Bobby outplayed braj. Tipu beat Kohen while Matiur won his board against The seventh round will start

at the same venue today at 10

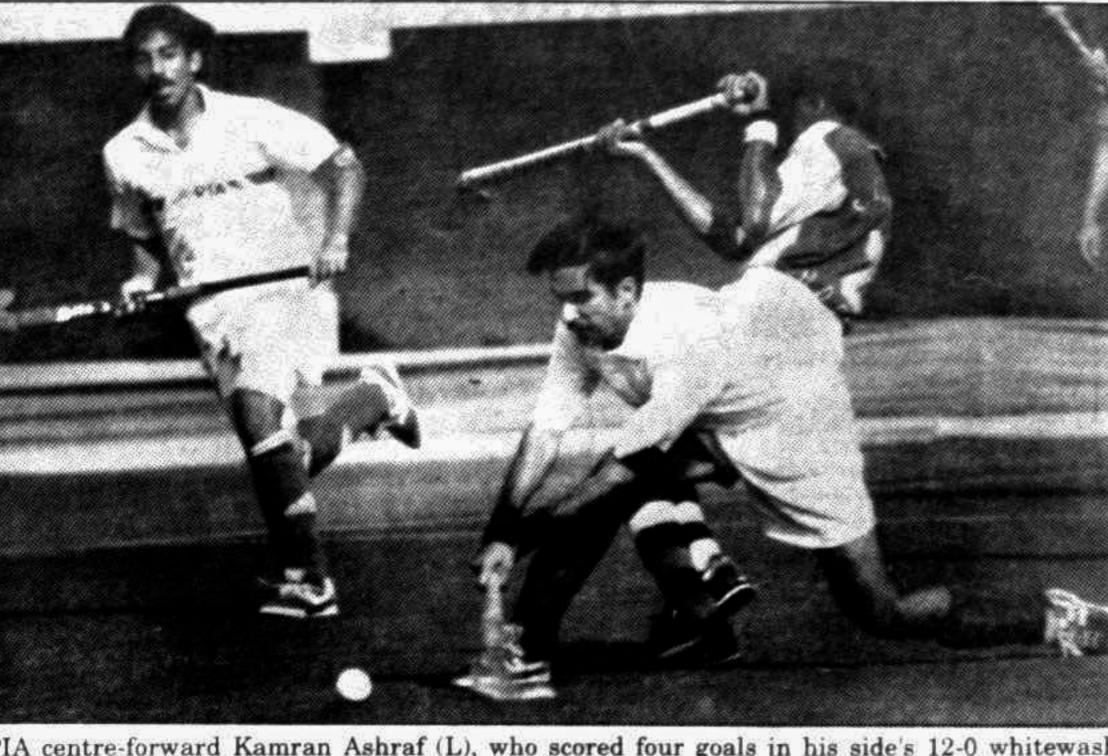
A five-day Olympic Solidar-

Thirty-five sports organisse. Mohammed Faruq Khan ciation (BOA), inaugurated the workshop. Also present on the occasion was international

Premier Division Cricket Mohammedan SC vs Abahani (DS)

Cricket League: Kathalbagan GCC vs Rupali Bank (Uttara) DOHS vs Lancashire CC

(T & T Ground)



PIA centre-forward Kamran Ashraf (L), who scored four goals in his side's 12-0 whitewash of Sri Lankan Army, looks on as his teammate Zeshan makes his way past an opponent defender during an international hockey tournament match at the Dhaka Stadium - Star photo yesterday.

PIA book final berth

MSC hopes laid to rest

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan sitter when he failed to capitalise on a Ripon cross from the Sporting Club's hopes for a berth right side. Three minutes later, in the invitatio-Sadeq saw his reverse from a nal international penalty corner rebounder miss tournathe near post. With yesterday's defeat, Mo-

hammedans are now placed fourth in the standings with vesterday's two matches held at three points from as many matches while the Indians, who Ravinder Singh scored the registered their first win raised decisive goal for the Indian outtheir tally to four points also fit 20 minutes into the first half from three outings. that condemned the locals to Earlier in the day's first en-

gagement, favourités Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) ensured their final berth after twelve goal blitzkrieg without reply against the Sri Lankan Armymen. In the one-side affair, Pakistan's national forward Kam-

ran Ashraf and defender Imran Yousuf struck four and three goals respectively while Ali Raza and Atif Bashir added two each. Substitute Salman Wahab scored the other goal for the winners who led the first half 6-In their third appearance in

the tournament, PIA struck the fastest goal of the meet so far converting a penalty corner after only 35 seconds of the start. Defender Imran Yousuf did the job with a powerpacked hit (1-Ali Raza one of the three

inational team players in the side who played in the champions trophy last month. brilliantly converted two penalty corners in the 16th and 34 minutes while Kamran sounded the board twice in the 19th and 24th minutes with two magnificent field goals. Centre half Atif added the other goal of the first session in the 17th minute from

a field goal. After the lemon break, the Pakistanis continued the rout netting six more times.

Atif added number seven with a field goal in the 45th minute while Imran slammed the next two in the 49th and 56th minutes with sweetly timed hits from penalty cor-

PIA kept their opponents almost cornered in their own half and conjured up three goals with Kamran scoring twice in the 60th and 66th minutes while Salman adding the other inbetween in the 61st minute.

With vesterday's four, Kamran's individual tally stood up seven goals from three matches which placed him atop the individual goalscorers' list ahead of three players — Imran (PIA). Sadeq (Mohammedan SC) and Dhanraj Pillai (Abahani) who scored four goals each.

It was the third successive victory for PIA which took them to the final of the eightday meet with nine points from three matches. On the other hand. Sri Lankans suffered their third defeat in as many matches so far. With yesterday's 12 goals, they have conceded 25 goals in three matches and scored only one.

PIA will meet Abahani in their last first round clash at the same venue this afternoon at 2:30 pm.

TEAMS

PIA: Ahmed Alam, Ali Raza, Saleem Amir. Irfan. Imran. Abu Bakar, Atif Bashir, Kamran Ashraf, Khalid, Jilani, Zeshan, Salman, Zakir and Aquil. SRI LANKA ARMY: Perera,

Mahinda Kumar, Jeewandana, Mulaffar, Ajith Manjula and Hetiaracnch.

Dharmashiri, Ekanayake, Ban-

dara, Mahameth, Edirineera,

Umpires: Mir Monwar Ali and Maksudur Rahman. INDIAN AIRLINES: Ballal, D Tirkey, Mishra, Shakeel Ahmed, Ravindar Singh, Mukesh Kumar, Rawat, Altaf ur Rahman, Atif Idris, Sanjay Ba-

Singh and Saini. MOHAMMEDAN SC: Javed. Nixon, Khokon, Musa, Mithul, Ashiquzzaman, Rubel, Rafiqul Islam, Sadek, Issa, Sharafat

tia, Sameer, Arif, Harindar

Hossain and Mirazul Hasan. Umpire: Kamal Khan (Pakistan) and Aslam Belim (Bangladesh).

Fernando Redondo, who last

played for his country in the

1994 World Cup finals in the

plinarian, had refused to call

Redondo, saying his long hair was not suitable. The two also

Passarella, a strict disci-

Redondo probably will re-

place Matias Almeyda or

In the remaining 14 minutes, But forward Kamal muffed the Passarella snubs Gabriel



opponents.

BUENOS AIRES. Jan 18: He was the captain but Gabriel Batistuta won't be part of Argentina's World Cup qualifier against Colombia,

reports AP. Argentine national team coach Daniel Passarella left the Fiorentina striker and the squad's all-time leading scorer off the 20-man roster announced late Thursday for the Feb. 12 clash between the South American powers in Barran-

quilla. Passarella has never been considered a major supporter of Batistuta.

Passarella was the coach at River Plate when Batistuta started his First Division professional career there and promptly transferred the would-be star to Boca Juniors.

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can qualifying with 17 points and the only unbeaten record (5-2-0). Argentina are third with a 2-4-1 record, but have drawn their last two (against Uruguay and Chile) and scored only one goal.

Batistuta has scored three

goals in seven games in the

qualifiers, but turned in a

lacklustre performance in Sunday's 0-0 draw with Uruguay and in general has failed to match his club form at the international level. President Carlos Menem, a keen soccer fan, backed Passarella's decision, but said he

hoped Batistuta would be back "Perhaps a rest will do him

good so he can return with the strength and talent we all know he has," he said. While Batistuta was not

called, Passarella surprisingly

recalled Real Madrid midfielder

Christian Bassedas, who are both serving a one-match suspension. Passarella has failed settle on a regular starting lineup

clashed over tactics.

United States.

since taking over as coach after the 1994 finals. In 53 games, he has fielded 81 different players. He has used five different goalkeepers in the seven qualifiers to date and his roster for the Colombia match includes eight players who were not

called for the Uruguay match.

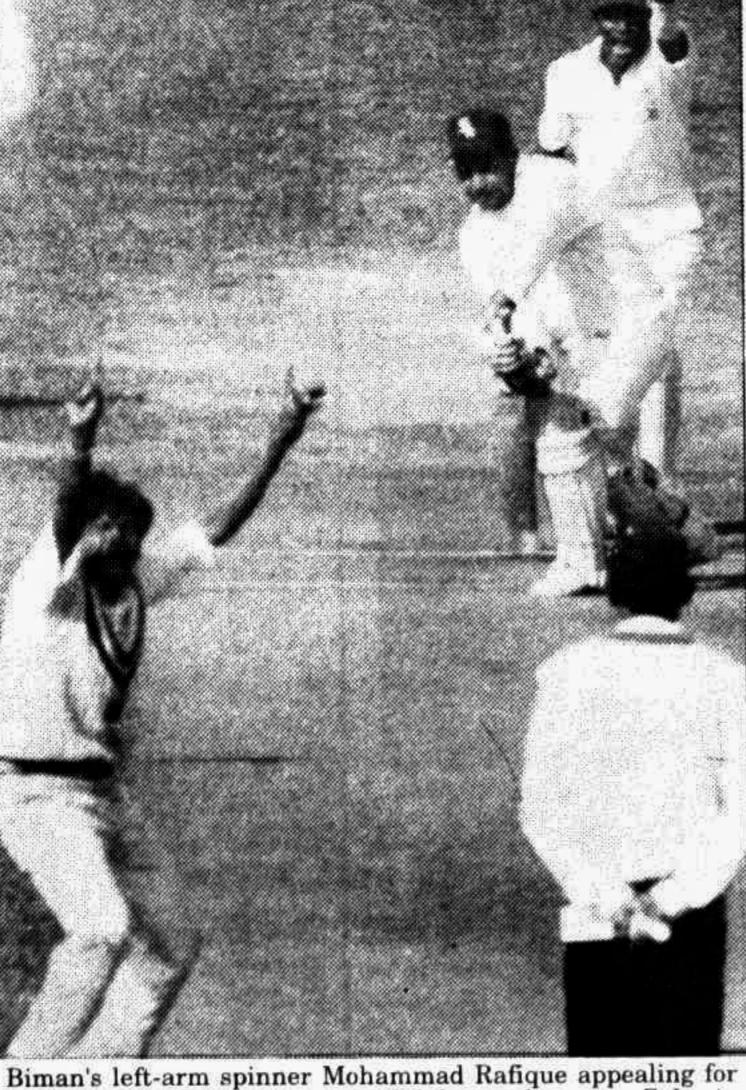
CRYPTOQUIP

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VGMCPUMM Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THIS DOCTOR GOT WORRIED BECAUSE HE WASN'T CUT OUT TO BE A SURGEON. Today's Cryptoquip clue V equals B

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

League:



a leg before decision against Kalabagan batsman Zakaria during yesterday's Premier Division cricket league match — Star photo at the Dhaka Stadium.



