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### BRIEF SCORES

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in 42.4 overs (Majid Zafri 62) Imran 39, Santosh 22, Reza 22; Shahbaj 3/19) Result: City Club won by

three wickets.

City Club recorded a threewicket victory over Eskaton Sabuj Sangha in their First Division relegation league opener at their home ground yesterday.

Put into bat first, Eskaton were restricted to 196 for eight in the allotted 45 overs with openers Babu and Mashuk, who shared a solid 81-run stand in 20.5 overs, scoring 43 and 36 runs respectively.

In reply, Pakistani middleorder batsman Majid Zafri hammered highest 62 off 74 balls as City Club reached home (193) in the 43rd over with three wickets in hand. Skipper Imran stood next to Zafri contributing

For Eskaton, Pakistani bowler Shahbaj Ahmed took three wickets for 19 runs while Mamun captured two wickets

conceding 35 runs. With yesterday's win, City Club kept the lead in the fourteam relegation league, having collected 10 points from as many matches. For Eskaton, whose relegation to the Second Division is almost certain, complexion remained the same as they could muster only two points to be last in the race.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division Cricket

League: (Super league) Abahani vs Biman (DS) (Relegation league) GMCC vs Victoria SC (BKSP)

First Division Cricket Dhaka Wanderers vs Azad SC (DCS)

Dhanmondi Club vs Sadharan Bima (CCG) Acme Second Division

Cricket League: Jatrabari KC vs Rayerbazar Club (T&T)

Amorjyoti Club vs Lancashire CC (DCS, West) Western SC vs Lalbagh USC

Millbarrack CC vs Indira Road KC (MOS) Uditi Club vs Rupali Bank (Uttara).

# Column One MSC in endless abyss

Wari Club.

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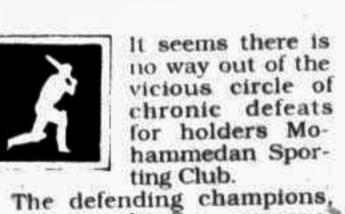
Manzoor's pyrotechnics,

however, overshadowed an-

other brilliant performance

from Kalabagan skipper Saiful Islam, who with a five-wicket

haul played havoc in Wari in-



smarting under five consecutive defeats, extended their spell of unprecedented misfortune to six as title-contenders Brothers Union handed them a fourwicket thrashing in a Premier Super league match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Skipper Faruque Ahmed played a captain's innings of 74 as Brothers overhauled a fighting Mohammedan total of 223 for seven with six balls to spare and four wickets in hand to celebrate their second successive win in the six-team Super

The match-winning knock of Faruque, the second consecutive half century by the former national skipper. also enabled the Gopibagh outfit to steal a march on others in the points table with a haul of 22 points from 13 outings.

Faruque, who came in to bat at his customary position of four, played the sheet anchor role to throttle Brothers close to victory with a brilliant 74 off 95 balls. After a jumpy start with Brothers reduced to 65 for two in 11.4 overs, the stockilybuilt right-hander shared 60 runs for the third wicket with Shahriar Hossain Bidyut before the national opener departed for a gritty 38 off 84 balls.

After the fall of Bidyut, who was beaten in the air by a flighted delivery from Shahed Mehmood, Brothers suffered a mini-collapse. The Pakistani leg-spinner of Mohammedans. responsible for the sudden slide, than went on to disturb the furniture of his compatriots Aamir Hanif and Zahid Ahmed in successive overs, leaving Brothers precariously placed at 148 for five in 33.4 overs.

But once Shahed Mehmood exhausted his quota of 10 overs with 33 for three. Faruque and Halim, who added priceless 48 runs for the sixth wicket, were hardly troubled by the other Mohammedan bowlers

Faruque hammered seven brutal hits across the rope in his 95-ball vigil before being eventually out in the 45th over when Mohammedan's tall right-arm seamer Shanto had him trapped in front of the

While Halim Shah and Molizur Rahman Munna, the two heroes of Brothers' many a sensational victories this season, collected the required 28 runs without further damage. Halim Shah, in his chancy

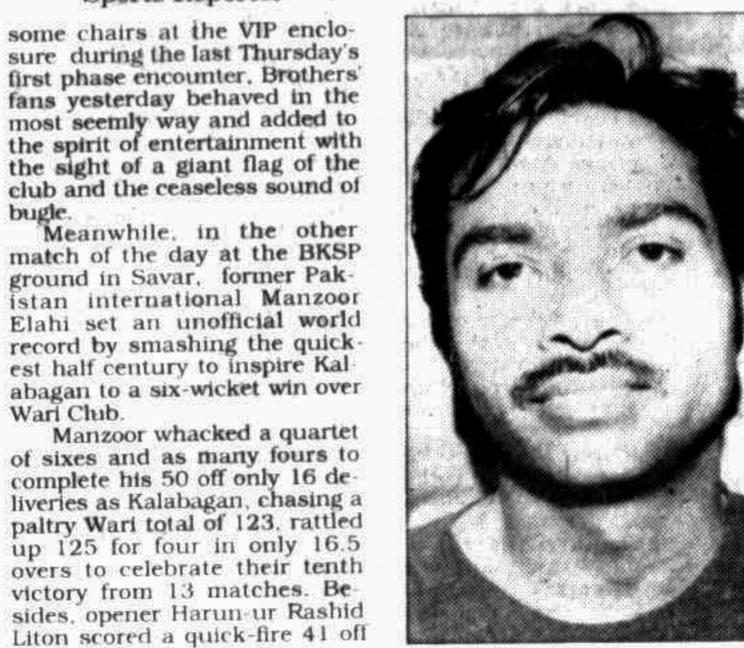
unbeaten 31 off 44 balls, hammered two sweetly-timed fours in successive deliveries off Hasibul Hossain Shanto. The right-handed was earlier dropped by Parvez at deep midwicket while on 17. A shaky Parvez had also dropped Faruque at the same position while the Brothers skipper was

Earlier, the Mohammedan total was built around some useful contribution by their top

and middle-order batsmen. Opener Parvez scored 30 off 46 balls while Pakistani Shahed Mehmood, who replaced his compatriot and opener Raja Arshad in a changed batting order, hammered 23.

Skipper Aminul Islam top scored for his side with a gritty 49 and Raja Arshad contributed 45. For Brothers, their three tweakers — national left-arm spinner Enamul Haq Moni Pakistani Zahid Ahmed and Saifullah Gem — evenly shared

six wickets Brothers' second victory against Mohammedans this season was marked by healthy fanfare by their supporters some of whom cut a sorry figure in the previous match of the two teams. Unlike their ugly outburst of anger which took its toll on the sight screen and



FARUQUE.... 74

Extras: (b-1, lb-5, n-1, w-9) Total . (seven wickets in 50 overs) 223 Fall of wickets: 1-36; 2-75; 3-93; 4-169; 5 178; 6-179, 7-208



to let go a delivery of Brothers Union's Pakistani bowler Aamir Hanif during their Premier Division super league - Star photo match at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The national right-arm seamer gave only 25 runs for his five wickets to wrap up the Wari innings in only 34.2 overs. Zakir with two for 30 was the other notable wicket-taker for Kalabagan.

With this win, Kalabagan joined Bangladesh Biman in the second position with 20 points. But Biman played one match less. The national airline outfit will take on Abahani Krira Chakra at the Dhaka Stadium today.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the premier cricket super league match between Mohammedan SC and Brothers Union at the Dhaka Stadium on Monday:

MOHAMMEDAN SC

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Munna Hanif Moni Zahid

BROTHERS UNION Jahangir e Raja b Al Amin Wahidul c Parves b Nannu Bidyut lbw b S Mahmood Farugue lbw b Shanto Hanif b S Mahmood Zahid b S Mahmood Halim Shah not out Munna not out Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-3, w-13) Total: (Six wickets in 49 overs) 224

Fall of wickets: 1-10: 2-65: 3-115; 4-139; 5-148; 6-196 OM R Bowling 0 49 Shanto 0 16 Al Amin

0 18 Sujon 33 0 S Mahmood Nannu 37 Sumon 39 10 Bulbul Sanwar Result: Brothers Union won

by 4 wickets.

### Nasu not out Chelsea baffle Liverpool



agencies. Chelsea, down 2-0 on goals by Robbie Fowler and Stan Collymore, scored four times in 25 minutes in the second half. Mark Hughes, coming off the bench at half time, scored in the 50th, with another by Italian Gianfranco Zola in the 57th and the clincher in the 62nd by fellow Italian Gianluca Vialli. Vialli, benched for the past few games, got another in the 75th

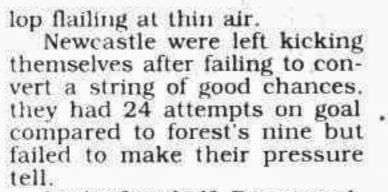
on a header. Two late goals by lan Woan the second a stunning volley fired Forest into the next round. Kenny Dalglish's side

seemed set for a victory after Les Ferndinand 60th minute goal before Forest stunned them with a 76th-minute equaliser against the run of play.

Woan, who had been on the verge of leaving the club before Stuart Pearce took over from Frank Clark in December, let fly from the edge of the area with a ferocious shot which deflected off Warren Barton and flashed past Shaka Hislop into the bottom left corner.

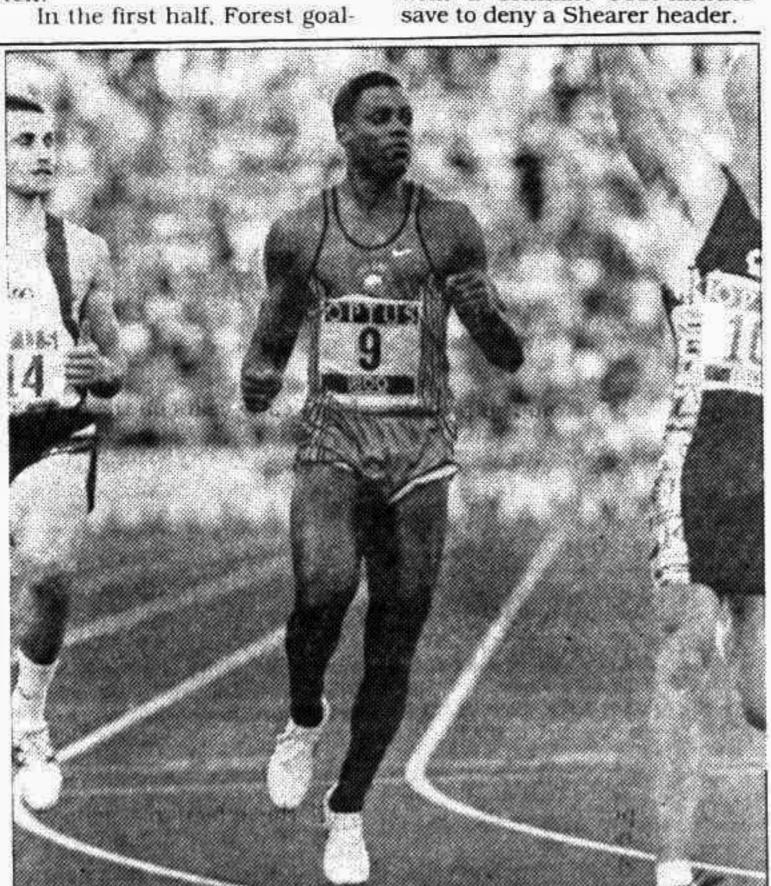
Forest, enjoying a mini-recovery under caretaker manager/captain Pearce, sealed a dramatic win four minutes later, their sixth victory in eight games, when Woan hit the target with a magnificent vol-

Woan looked up and unleashed a dipping left-foot shot into the far corner leaving His-



keeper Mark Crossley twice tipped over shots from England captain Alan Shearer before getting down to beat out a powerful header from Ferdinand. After the break, Crossley

again came to Forest's rescue with a brilliant 51st-minute



Olympic legend Carl Lewis (C) of the United States finishes equal seventh in a 100 metres sprint at the site of the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney yesterday.

AFP/UNB photo

### Bankers beat Surjo Tarun

Sports Reporter

### BRIEF SCORES

**SURJO TARUN CLUB: 152** all out in 49.4 overs | extras 55. Zafar Ali 24. Dufin 20; Dipu Roy 3/16, Irfan 2/16, Shahid Iqbal 2/23) AGRANI BANK: 153 for

four in 42.4 overs (Shahid Iqbal 80 n o. Nahid 44 n o: Rehan 2/30)

Result: Agrani Bank won by six wicket.

Aided by a brilliant allround performance by Pakistani cricketer Shahid Iqbal Agrani Bank thumped down a six-wicket defeat on Surjo Tarun Club in the relegation league of the Premier Division cricket at the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium vesterday.

Cashing a paltry Surjo Tarun total of 152 for victory. Shahid Iqbal, the tall right-hander who earlier in the first session captured two wickets for 23 runs with his medium pace bowling to help his side restrict Tarun to a paltry total, hammered an unbeaten 80 off 90 balls, enabling bankers reach the summit in the 43rd over with six wickets in hand. Coming in to bat at number

five with the bankers shabbily placed on three for eight in the tenth over. Shahid hung on to crease rest of the time and played a blazing innings to steer side to the winning mark. Shahid's breezy knock included nine sweetly hits across the rope and a big sixer.

After a 40-run partnership with opener Anwar (12) for the fourth wicket. Shahid along with Nahid built an impressive 105-run partnership which eventually took the bankers to the coast without further loss. Nahid, who provided the inform Pakistani ably support, remained not out on 44 off 80 balls inclusive of two fours.

Earlier, electing to bat first, Surjo Tarun were all out for 152 in 49.4 overs thanks to the highest contribution of 55 runs from Mr Sundries. The hefty amount of extras featured 27 wides and 23 leg-byes.

Veteran left-arm pacer Dipu Roy Chowdhury was the most successful among the Bank bowlers with three wickets for 16 runs. Irfan and Shahid Iqbal claimed two wickets each. With their second successive

win yesterday, Agrani Bank tallied 14 points from 13 matches to maintain their solo lead in the six-team Relegation league. On the other hand, Surjo Tarun remained glued to their previous collection of 4 points on completion of their 13 matches.

### India 104/4

Sports Reporter

India were 104 for four after 28 overs chasing a target of 237 to win against Zimbabwe in a triangular cricket tournament match at Paarl, South Africa yesterday, according to Star TV monitored here late last night.

Saurav Ganguly and Ajay Jadeia were at the crease with 36 and 11 respectively. Earlier, the Zimbabweans

piled up a fighting totals of 236 losing eight wickets in their stipulated 50 overs. Skipper Alistair Campbell hit 61 and Craig Evans scored 40, while Venkatesh Prasad claimed three of the Zimbabwe wickets giving away 49 runs.

### Dutch clinch three-nation hockey title

DURBAN, South Africa, Jan 27: OLympic champions Holland treated a huge crowd to a thrilling display of hockey skills when they beat South Africa 1-0 to win the tri-nations men's tournament at Queensmead stadium here on Sunday, reports AFP. With neither side having

scored by halftime in a tense tussle, it eventually took a soft goal to split the sides. This fortune fell to Holland

in the 50th minute, when a ball rebounded off the pads of goalkeeper Brian Myburgh tot he unmarked Remco van Wijk, who required no more than a tap-in putt to make it 1-0.

Holland ended the series with 10 points from their four games with South Africa on six and Argentina on one.

### Lewis at a low ebb

SYDNEY, Jan 27: Carl Lewis finished tied for seventh in the 100 metres at the Sydney Grand Prix athletics meet Monday, his second disappointing performance in 72 hours, reports AP. Lewis, 35, finished seventh

at a meet in Auckland on Friday night in a time of 10.76 seconds. He improved on that time Monday, finishing tied with Australian sprinter Dean Capobianco in 10.56 seconds. But Lewis left a record crowd

of 11,928 at the Sydney Interna-

tional Athletics Center at the

Homebush 2000 Olympics site cheering for more as he completed a lap of the track after the race. Lewis, racing for the first time in Australia, was slow out of the blocks and his customary powerful finish was non-exis-

tent as Australian Steve Brima-

combe scored an easy victory in

Australian Ryan Withnish was second and New Zealander Chris Donaldson third, both the times of 10.43 seconds. At a press conference on Sunday. Lewis promised an improved performance on the sec-

ond stop of his 1997 farewell

10.37 seconds.



A demoralised Mohammedan cricket team led by Bulbul (2nd from left), leave the ground after suffering their sixth successive defeat in the Premier Division super league to - Star photo Brothers Union at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

### Lara fighting a losing battle

#### Windies in spin scare bat and pad to clip the top of off-ADELAIDE, Jan



27: West Indies master batsman Brian Lara ended his longest slump in Test cricket with a defiant dis

against Australia today, reports But Lara's 65 not out, including 11 fours and two sixes, appeared a virtual oasis in a West Indies batting desert, as four wickets fell about him in the fi

154 for six at the close of play. mammoth task of reaching 387 with just four wickets in hand on a turning pitch to make Australia bat again.

of-five match series 2-1, are now virtually assured of a victory, which would deliver a se ries win and allow them to retain the Frank Worrell Trophy they won in the Caribbean in

sure after scoring just 86 runs in his last seven Test innings. chose to attack as the shadows lengthened on the tree-lined Oval. lashing Australia's spin duo of Shane Warne and Michael Bevan to all parts of the ground.

Warne, giving him some revenge over the leg-spinner. Warne snared the wicket of Lara for nine in the first in-

and succeeded in scooping a mis-hit drive to mid-off. Lara's self-destruction was the centrepiece of a dismal West Indies first innings of 130 and drew some savage criticism

His swashbuckling reply in the last session was his first Test 50 since May last year and his first venture into double figures in a Test since late

But despite Lara's example, the wickets kept tumbling around him. Warne and Bevan. who is playing his first match

as a recognised spinner, again ran amok through the West In-

nal session to leave his team The West Indies have the

Australia, who lead the best Lara, under immense pres-

Lara brought up his 50 with a brutal cut for four off Shane

nings when Lara waltzed down the pitch to Warne's first ball

about a perceived lack of discipline in the local press.

November.

Bevan took three, for 56,

fooling first Shivnarine Chanderpaul (8) and then Sherwin Campbell (24) into nicks to first slip with his bouncy chinamen. Bevan, who has until now

The packed Oval just managed to stir itself into a standing ovation as a grim-faced Blewett walked into the dressbeen chosen as batsmen who ing room.

#### SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the third day

of the fourth cricket Test between Australia and West Indies at the Adelaide Oval Monday. WEST INDIES: First innings: 130 in 47.5 overs; Bevan 4/31, Warne 3/42.

The 25-year-old South Aus-

tralian strode from a hushed

ground in disbelief, his head

down and cursing.

AUSTRALIA: First innings (434 for five overnight). Taylor lbw Bishop Hayden st Murray b Hooper Langer c Murray b Cuffy M Waugh c Murray b Hooper S Waugh c Hooper b Chanderpaul Blewett b Cuffy Bevan not out Healey c Lara b Thompson Warne c Hooper b Bishop Bichel c Lara b Walsh McGrath b Walsh Extras: (b-2, lb-15, w-4, nb-20)

Total: (all out, 162.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-35; 2-78; 3-242; 4-288; 5-288; 6-453; 7-475; 8-494; 9-507; 10-517 Bishop

Thompson Adams Chanderpaul 3 WEST INDIES: Second in-Griffith c S Waugh b McGrath

Campbell c Taylor b Bevan Chanderpaul e Taylor b Bevan Lara not out Hooper lbw Warne Adams c M Waugh b Bevan Bishop c Bevan b Warne Extras: (b-0, lb-5, w-0, nb-6)

Total (for six wickets) Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-22; 3-42; 4-138; 5-145; 6-154. Bowling 31 McGrath 16 Bichel 2 56 Bevan 2 46 Warne Blewett

## Sport takes front seat

occasionally, was

brought on within the first hour

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Earlier an unusually tenta-

tive Bevan batted for 324 min-

utes to compile 85 not out in

Australia's first innings of 517.

morning batting effort was the

dismissal of home town boy

Greg Blewett for 99, which

stunned the Adelaide Oval

A careful Blewett seemed to

be forging inexorably towards

his Test third century when

right arm fast bowler Cameron

Cuffy sent down a ball that

seamed back between Blewett's

crowd of about 20,000.

The feature of Australia's



BEPPU, Japan, Jan 27: Football played a central position at a summit between Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto and

Young-Sam here Sunday, reports AFP. After a breakfast meeting winding up their two-day summit, the leaders signed autographs on soccer balls for the governor and other leaders of this southern Japan province which has a football club led by

South Korean President Kim

South Koreans. The province with its capital located in Oita, adjacent to this hot-spring resort, is also one of 10 Japanese venues for the 2002 World Cup football finals to be

co-hosted with South Korea. "I asked him (Kim) if South Korea has set up a branch office." Hashimoto told reporters, referring to Oita Football Club. a Second Division team established in 1994. Choi Dae-Sik, 32, a former

Daewoo star who played in both

the 1990 and 1994 World Cup.

joined the Oita club last year. He was followed by 23-year-old Lee Woo-Yung, fresh from his Olympic campaign at the Atlanta Games. Now, with former South Korean national team coach Park Kyong Hwa as its new pilot. Oita

is looking at a brighter future in the Premier-J-League. Hashimoto said that President Kim had shown interest in the hot-spring and the system

of geothermal power generation at a hotel where he stayed. Japanese officials said that Hashimoto and Kim had basically agreed to continue visiting each other's country for summit

talks in shirt-sleeves.

Hashimoto came here to spend the New Year's holidays with her family, the Asahi newspaper said. The Premier had Beppu on his mind after the first summit with Kim on Cheju.

When the couple's first son

was born three years ago,

Following the launch of direct flights to Seoul in 1992, Beppu has also become a popular tourist destination for South Koreans with 36,000 arriving in 1995, about 12 ftems as many as 1985.

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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### CRYPTOQUIP SKJEJNY NKIY JNRSX ZQKXE YNYJH

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Today's Cryptoquip clue: C equals P 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

19 Information

LYLSYP X C Q I Y X - C Y P X Q Z . Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AFTER EATING, THE PIG RESPONDS TO HIS WIFE, "THAT WAS A REAL SWILL

DINNER!" locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.