Railway in Division One

Sports Reporter

A brilliant century by middle-order Haris Erfan steered Bangladesh Railway to a comfortable 52 run victory over Spread Eagles in the second semifinal of the Acme Second Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium vesterday.

The win earned Railway promotion to the First Division eague next season. Put into bat. Railway piled

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH RAILWAY: 254 for 8 in 45 overs (Erfan 119, Akbar 27, Sohel 23 Sumon 21, Jewel 3/44, Biplab

SPREAD EAGLES: 202 for 9 in 45 overs (Shaheen 52, Jewel 39 n.o., Biplab 20, Safdar 3/36, Halim 2/23, Sohel 2/27). Result: Bangladesh Railway won by 52 runs.

up a huge 254 for eight in 45 overs with one down Erfan hammering highest 119 runs off as many deliveries inclusive of 13 fours. Akbar (27), Sohel (23) and Sumon (21) were the other notable run-getters.

In reply, Spread Eagles were restricted to 202 for nine in their share of 45 overs. Lower order bat Shaheen scored highest 51 followed by Jewel who added an unbeaten 39 runs. Safdar was the most success-

three wickets for 36 runs while Halim Babu and Sohel took two wickets each. The winners will take on

ful Railway bowler capturing

Orient Sporting Club in the final likely to be held on March

Nirman cricket results

Sports Reporter

Mirpur Bangla High School, Scholastica and Rashid Adarsha High School won their respective Nirman School cricket Dhaka zonal matches held at different venues in the city yesterday.

On the eastern strip of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Mirpur Bangla School recorded a convincing 150-run victory over Razarbagh Police Lines High School.

Batting first, Mirpur Bangla piled up a huge 224 for seven in the stipulated 35 overs with middle-order bat Jewel hammering highest 76. Fazle (38) and Helal (17) were the other leading scorers for the winners.

In reply, the Razarbagh boys were shot out for 74 in 24.1

Mirpur's Shawkat, the man behind Razarbagh's debacle. captured four wickets for 12 runs while Razib and Helal shared the other six wickets. Scholastica handed Shafiuddin Academy a five-wicket defeat on the nearby western

Chasing a paltry Shafiuddin Academy total of 160 in 35 overs, Scholastica lost five wickets before reaching the summit with more than three

overs to spare. In the other match of the day. Rashid Adarsha High School defeated Shahidullah High School by five wickets at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Army b'ball

RANGPUR, Mar 5: Four more robin league matches of the Bangladesh Army basketball championship were held at the Rangpur Cantonment this morning, reports BSS. Comilla Area defeated Savar

by 80-73, Air Defence Artillery beat Dhaka Signals 94-18, Dhaka Infantry outplayed Mo-menshahi 100-94 and Rangpur overtook Dhaka Engineers 102-50 points.

Earlier, two more robin league matches were held on Tuesday afternoon. The Chittagong Area defeated the Dhaka Signals by 96-51 and the Rangpur beat the Momenshahi 95-50 points.

Annual sports

The annual sports competi-tion of Haider Ali High School and College was held at the college ground yesterday, says a press release.

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Javed hits unbeaten hundred

Big win for Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

Vice-captain Aminul Islam Opener Javed shared an invaluable 90 runs Omar Belim with for the second wicket with a fine unbeaten Javed before being dismissed century propelled by leg-spinner Shahid Afridi Bangladesh to a after scoring a patient 50-ball convincing eight-32, embellished with three wicket win over Karachi Electric Supply Corporation (KESC)

in the their first exhibition

cricket match at the BKSP in

102, his first ton of the season,

as Bangladesh, chasing a com-

manding Karachi Electric total

of 241 in the stipulated 50

overs, reached the summit with

more than three overs to spare

reflected remarkable depth and

maturity while chasing an im-

posing total of the Karachi out-

fit, which looked like more of a

JAVED OMAR . . . 102

mediocre team despite the pres-

Shahid Afraid.

ence of their star opener

scoring a little less than five

runs per over, Bangladesh got

off to a rollicking start with

openers Athar Ail Khan and

Javed putting on 86 runs in 15

rounder, scored a fluent run-a-

ball 46 punctuated with nine

sweetly timed hits across the

rope before off-spinner Man-

soor Khan had him clean

bowled with the first delivery

With Aminul Islam Bulbul

who was pushed forward to bat

at number three in place of in-

jured Sanwar Hossain, skipper

Akram Khan and a watchful

Javed clicking as a cohesive

force, Bangladesh, who were

hardly troubled to overhaul the

Karachi total, demonstrated a

confident show of brilliant

batsmanship on the slow artifi-

cial turf.

ated high hopes for the forth-

coming ICC Trophy which be-

gins in Malaysia from March

24, it was especially the fielding

which was as depleted as usual;

they were seemingly engaged in

an horrendous competition of

shameturism that cost at least

six easy catches, let alone the

toothless bowlers.

of his seven-over spell.

Athar, the tall national all

Facing a daunting task of

Bangladesh's batting line-up

and eight wickets in hand.

Javed hammered a polished

Savar vesterday.

While a portly Akram Khan, who picked up the winning runs clobbering Jaffar Ali for two successive fours, then guided his side to an impressive victory sharing 68 runs for the undefeated third wicket with

Akram, who in the morning did some thing unprecedented with the cherry to become the most successful local bowlers. scored a polished 42 off 44 balls. The big man from Chittagong, who is better known as a hard-hitting bat, claimed two wickets for 27 runs with his rather uncanny slow-medium

On the other hand, Javed, dubiously reputed as a slow rungetter, reached the magical three figure mark playing only 132 balls which included 11

His brilliant knock, however, was overshadowed by an explosive innings from Shahid Afridi, who scored a breezy 68 off only 48 balls in Karachi Electricity's fairly defendable

Afridi, who overnight became a star by scoring the quickest one-day century (100 off 37 balls) against Sri Lanka in a triangular tourney in Kenya last year, lived up to his usual aggression, treating all of the Bangladeshi bowlers ruth-

Coming in to open the

Rate of tickets

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced the rate of tickets for the two exhibition matches between visiting Karachi Electricity Supply Corporation and Bangladesh national team to be held at the Dhaka Stadium on Friday and Sunday respectively.

Tickets for the VIP enclosure will cost Taka 100 each while Taka 60 will be charged for the Club House enclosure. The tickets for general galleries will cost Taka 20 each.

The visitors will also play another exhibition match against Bangladesh A at the Comilla Stadium on March 10.

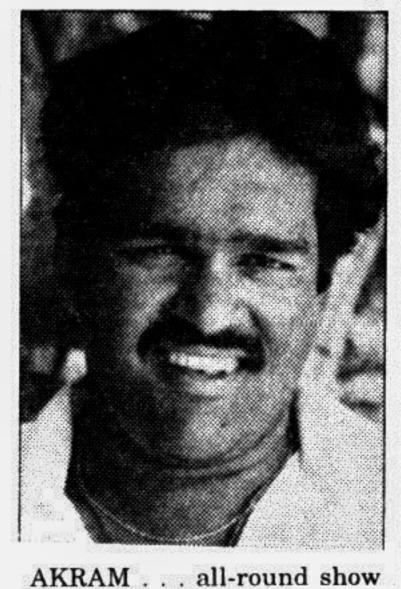
Karachi innings, the stout right-hander literally set the field afire with a flurry of eyepleasing shots. He raced to complete his 31-ball 50 with a massive sixer off new-ball bowler Hasibul Hossain. He was particularly harsh on left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman. Afridi, who clouted four towering sixes and half a dozen fours in his blitzkrieg innings. spooned an easy catch to deep mid-wicket off Minhazul Abedin Nannu to allow the huffing and puffing locals heave a sigh

of relief. When Afridi departed Karachi were comfortably poised at 119/3 in 16.5 overs. The second match between the two teams will be held tomorrow at the Dhaka Stadium.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first exhibition one-day match between the visiting Karachi Electric Supply Corporation (KESC) and hosts Bangladesh, held at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday: KESC:

Mansoor c Khaled b Saiful S Afridi c Naimur b Minhazul J Jamal c & b Saiful I Faruqui c Enamul b Athar Jafar Ali c & b Enamul A Mahmood c Javed b Akram B Rizvi c Anis b Enamul



J Quarashi c Anis b Saiful J Ahmed c Khaled b Akram Kamil not out J Nawaz not out Extras: (lb-2: w-8) Total: (for nine wkts in 50 overs) 241 Fall of wkts: 1/45; 2/45; 3/119; 4/125; 5/137; 6/173; 7/174; 8/183; 9/230. OM RW Bowling: 3 0 23 Anisur Rahman Hasibul Hossain 52 9 0 63 Saiful Islam 6 1 24 Athar Ali 8 2 24 Minhazul Abedin

Akram Khan 5 0 24 2 Enamul Haq BANGLADESH Athar Ali b Mansoor Javed Omar not out Aminul Islam c & b Afridi Akram Khan not out Extras: (lb 2: nb-1: w-19)

Total: (for two wkts in 46.3 overs) 244 Fall of wkts: 1/86; 2/176. Did not bat: Minhazul Abedin, Sanwar, Khaled, Enamul, Saiful Hasibul Hossain and

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Bowling:	0	M	R	V
Kalim Khan	6	0	39	
Baker Rizvi	9	0	43	- 3
S Afridi	7	0	48	
A Mahmood	5	0	31	ij
Mansoor Khan	8	0	27	
Quarashi	8	0	32	
Jafar Ahmed	3	0	13	
Jafar Ali	3	0	9	- 9
Result: Bang eight wickets.	glad	esh	won	by



Scene from the final kabaddi exhibition match between Bangladesh national team and visiting Japanese side at the Outer Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Bangladesh national team defeated Japan national kabbadi team in the final exhibition match by 19-16 points at the Outer Stadium yesterday. reports BSS.

State Minister for Youth and Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader witness the match as the chief guest and gave away trophies to the win-

An eighteen-member Japan team arrived here on Friday and participated in three other exhibition matches, earlier.

Japanese team won against the Bangladesh Rifles team and was defeated by Munshiganj and Comilla district kabaddi teams.

Egyptian soccer coach sacked

CAIRO, Mar 5: Winless in African Cup or World Cup qualifying since November, the Egyptian Football Federation on Tuesday sacked national team manager Farouq Jaafar and general manager Mahmoud el-Khateeb, hoping to reverse the team's fortunes, reports AP.

The federation replaced Jaafar with Omani national team coach Mohmoud el-Gawhari, who led Egypt to the World Cup finals in 1990, the first time that had happened in 56 years.

Club Cup hockey

Good starts for Abahani, Usha

Sports Reporter

Favourites Abahani blanked Bangladesh Ansars while Usha Krira Chakra thrashed Police Athletics Club on the third day of the Karnaphuli Garden City Club Cup hockey tournament at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday. In their inaugural first

round Group B engagement, Abahani, who finished runners-up in the international invitational tournament last month, outplayed Ansars by 12 goals to nil.

In an one-sided affair which saw the winners leading the first half 3-0, forward Raju scored six goals and Lulu netted three.

Abahani will take on Bangladesh Railway in their next match on March 9.

Earlier in the day's first encounter, national striker Rafiqul Islam Kamal scored the first hattrick of the tournament as Usha Krira Chakra trounced Police AC with eight goals without reply.

Kamal's goals came in the 44th, 45th and 48th minutes. The stocky forward struck another to finish with four to his name while Mohammad Sadeq had two goals. Besides, midfielder Tutul Kumar Nag and defender Sadeq Khan added one

Usha will meet Sonali Bank in their next Group C engagement on March 10.

Youth cricket 3 teams.

Sports Reporter

advance

Mymensingh, Thakurgaon and Rajshahi Education Board moved into the next round as the zonal qualifying matches of the Gazi Tank 17th national youth cricket championship began in six zonal venues across the country yesterday.

Mymensingh were off to a flying start in Zone D with an impressive 142-run victory over Faridpur at the Tangail Stadium.

Electing to bat first, Mymensingh scored 229 for eight in a 40-over-a-side match with Imran hammering highest 56. Sajal added 52. In reply, Faridpur were bun-

dled out for 87 in 29.5 overs. Masud and Setu captured two wickets each.

Away in Dinajpur, Thakurgaon recorded a 71-run victory over Nawabganj Batting first. Thakurgaon

mustered 187 in 41.1 overs with Kabir scoring highest 62. On the other hand, Nawaba

ganj were all out for 116 in 28.5 In the day's other match held at the Pabna Stadium, Rajshahi Education Board handed

Jhenidah a three-wicket defeat.

Kaiser to put on war paint

FRANKFURT, Mar 5: England is becoming very aggres-sive in its efforts to outmanoeuvre Germany for the right to stage the 2006 World Cup and the rival bids could lead to "trench warfare," Franz Beckenbauer said Monday, reports

Beckenbauer, writing in his weekly newspaper column, said Germany was ready for the challenge of bidding against England.

"Such an aggressive bid, as is being conducted by England, is not our style.

"But if UEFA doesn't decide between England and Germany. we have to accept the challenge - and offer a better bid," Beckenbauer wrote in the Bild Zeitung.

"If the Europeans don't decide soon on one candidate. UEFA would be threatened by a split. It would lead to trench

warfare The fight between Germany and England for the World Cup in 2006 is becoming ever more grotesque," wrote Beckenbauer, who said he had accepted the post of vice president of Germany's campaign committee.
"I have decided . . . to fight for

Germany," wrote Beckenbauer, adding that one of his main jobs was to search for sponsors. Beckenbauer said he had

talks in Paris Friday with "my friend" Michel Platini, chief organiser of next year's World Cup in France. If Germany and England

continue to argue, a third country, "such as South Africa," could benefit. Beckenbauer wrote. Beckenbauer, who won

World Cup titles both as captain of the national team and its manager, is now chairman of Bayern Munich. But his influence in German soccer far exceeds his club position. English soccer and political officials were angered last month when UEFA - European

soccer's governing body - said

it was backing Germany's bid.

UEFA eventually backed down and said it would look at both offers but recommend only one candidate to FIFA, soccer's world governing body. The deadline for bids is 1999. South Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Egypt and Morocco are among those expected to submit

bids. The host will be selected by FIFA in June of the year Germany says it was first to let UEFA know it planned to make an official bid and that England only entered the game

after staging last year's Euro-

pean Championship. **UEFA's executive committee** will listen to presentations from England and Germany on their rival bids at a meeting in Geneva next month.



A goalmouth melee during yesterday's Karnaphuli Garden City Club Cup hockey tournament match between Usha Krira Chakkra and Police AC at the Hockey Stadium.

— Star photo

Title goes to Thipsay

Sports Reporter

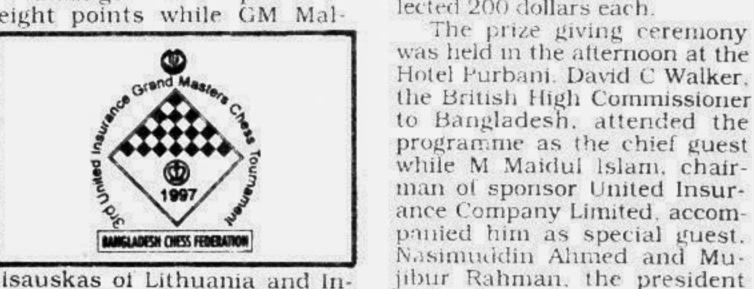
IM Prayeen Mahadey Thipsay of India emerged the champion in the third United Insurance chess tournament which concluded in the capital yester-

In the final round of the 13round Swiss league format held at the NSC conference room. Thipsay was held to a draw by local GM Niaz Murshed which raised his tally to nine points. equal with top seed GM Sergei Tiviakov of Russia. But the seven-time Indian national champion who also earned an eleven-point GM norm from this tournament, was declared the winner because of his better winning rate in the meet.

Out of thirteen matches. Thipsay won six while Tiviakov, the only participant unbeaten in the 14-player tourney who beat Saifuddin Lovlu in the concluding round, won five matches. Both the champion and runner up received 1,250 dollars each.

National champion IM Ziaur Rahman and British GM Jim Plaskett finished third and fourth respectively. Both Zia and Plaskett had equal eight and a half points to their credit after the final round. But Zia was announced third because of his victory against the Englishman in their face to face encounter in the tournament. Zia and Plaskett received 450 dollars each. A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR

and a half points apiece. Durie. IM Nguyen Anh Dung of Malisauskas and Prasad out-Vietnam got the fifth place with lected 200 dollars each. eight points while GM Mal-



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PRAVEEN THIPSAY

ance Company Limited, accompanied him as special guest. Nasimuddin Ahmed and Mu-

jibur Rahman, the president and general secretary of Bangladesh Chess Federation were also present on the occa-FINAL STANDINGS (according to the positions) 9 points Thipsay Tiviakov 8.5 points Plaskett 8 points Dung 7.5 points Malisauskas

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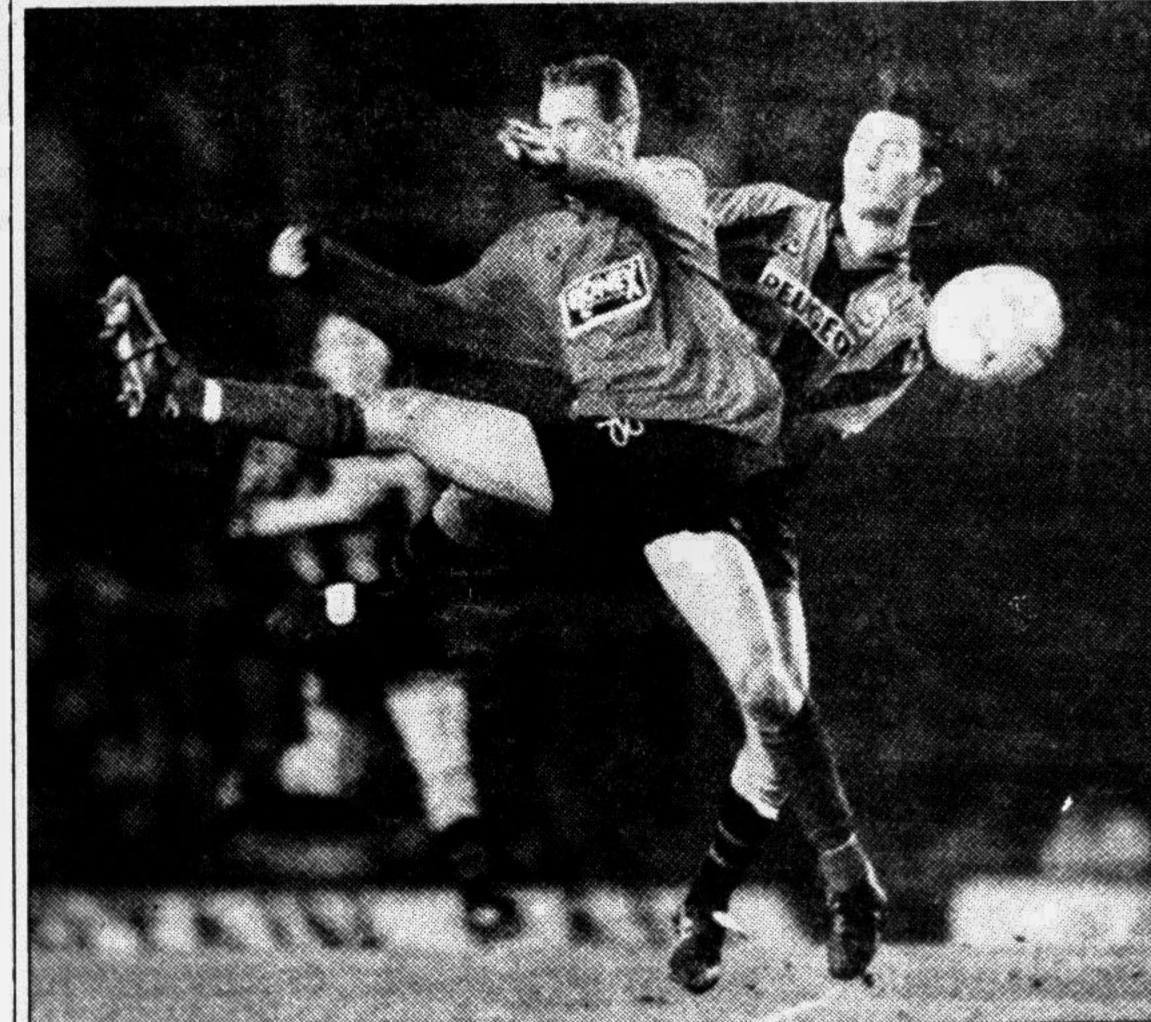
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GM Julias Hordson (England) 1995

GM Mark Hebden (England) IM Praveen Thipsay

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Wimbledon's Chirs Perry (L) fights for the ball with Coventry City's Noel Whelan during their English Premier league clash at Highfield Road, Coventry on Mar 3. - AFP/UNB photo

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CHEERLEADERS? Today's Cryptoquip clue: E equals G 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.

Pabna Division, Pabna Office Phone: 5754 **Tender Notice** সকল কাজে নলকুপের

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Separate tenders in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 under sealed cover for each group are invited from Public Health Engineering Directorate's A&D class 1996-97 financial year enlisted/renewed contractors for installation of 38 mm dia Tara & shallow tubewells in different unions of Pabna district under Public Health Engineering. Pabna Division under special allotment of Rural Water Supply GOB Project during 1996-97 financial year. Tenders will be received in the tender box kept at the office of the undersigned/Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Rural Water Supply Division, Rajshahi, Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Natore & office of Deputy Commissioner Pabna up to 1-00 PM of 17-3-97 (3-12-1403 BS). Taking together all the tenders received at different offices under lac sealed condition, will be opened at the office of the undersigned on 19-3-97 (5-12-1403 BS) at 11-00 AM before the tenderers or their representatives (if any) present. Tender schedule can be purchased on cash payment from the office of the undersigned; Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Rural Water Supply Division, Rajshahi & office of the Deputy Commissioner, Pabna during office hours. No tender can be purchased on the date of receiving

Serial No.	Name of Thana	Group No.	Type of tube- well	Number of tubewell	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Price of tender per set	Time limit for completion of work
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2	Various	11 to 15	Installation of shallow tube-well	12 to 18	Tk 64,632/= to Tk 91,612/=	Tk 1,293/= to Tk 1,993/=	Tk 100/=	29 to 41 days

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Nat'l kabaddi team wins