

SAARC shooting Bangladesh bag four golds

Bangladesh won two gold and one silver medals in the women's sports rifles event of the second SAARC shooting championship in New Delhi yesterday, reports UNB.

Sabrina Sultana earned the individual gold of the event while Lovely Chowdhury Ankhi bagged the silver. They also shared the event's team gold.

Earlier, on Wednesday, another Bangladeshi shooter Mohammad Afzal lifted the gold medal in men's 177 air rifles while Saiful Alam Chowdhury Rinki took the event's bronze. The two shooters also shared the event's team gold.

On the first three days, Bangladesh secured four golds, one silver and one bronze medal.

The meet will conclude on Saturday.

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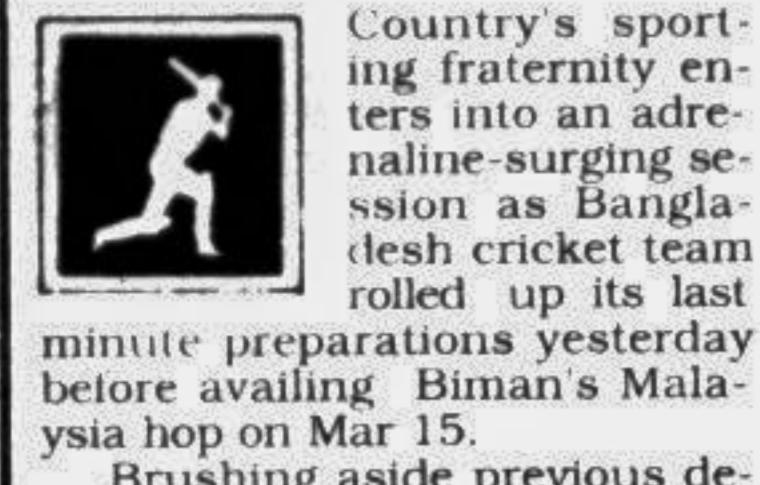
CHITTAGONG, Mar 13: Inter-base volleyball championship of the Bangladesh Air Force concluded at the Base Zahurul Haque here this afternoon, reports BSS.

Air Headquarters Unit won the title of the championship defeating Base Zahurul Haque 15-8, 15-7, 15-3.

Sergeant Fakhrul Islam of the Air Headquarters was adjudged the best player.

Wish you all the bests

S Ashfaqul Haque & Al-Amin



Country's sporting fraternity enters into an adrenaline-surfing session as Bangladesh cricket team rolled up its last minute preparations yesterday before availing Biman's Malaysia hop on Mar 15.

Brushing aside previous debacles, millions of cricket zealots across the country have started crossing their fingers and hoping that this time in Kuala Lumpur everything will happen as they want it to.

For Bangladesh, unlike other associate member countries, this International Cricket Council Trophy which begins on March 24 is a sort of mission "do or die": for our cricket few more things are at stake this time. ICC, world cricket's governing body, will keep a special eye on our cricketers during the tourney as it is sincerely considering to award Bangladesh one-day status in June this year. With this status, if we could translate it into reality, our cricketers will be seen playing one-day matches alongside elite circle of the nine Test-playing nations. And once we get the ODI, the Test status will come to our way in due course.

The exciting news apart, if our campaigners win the ICC Trophy or even make their way in

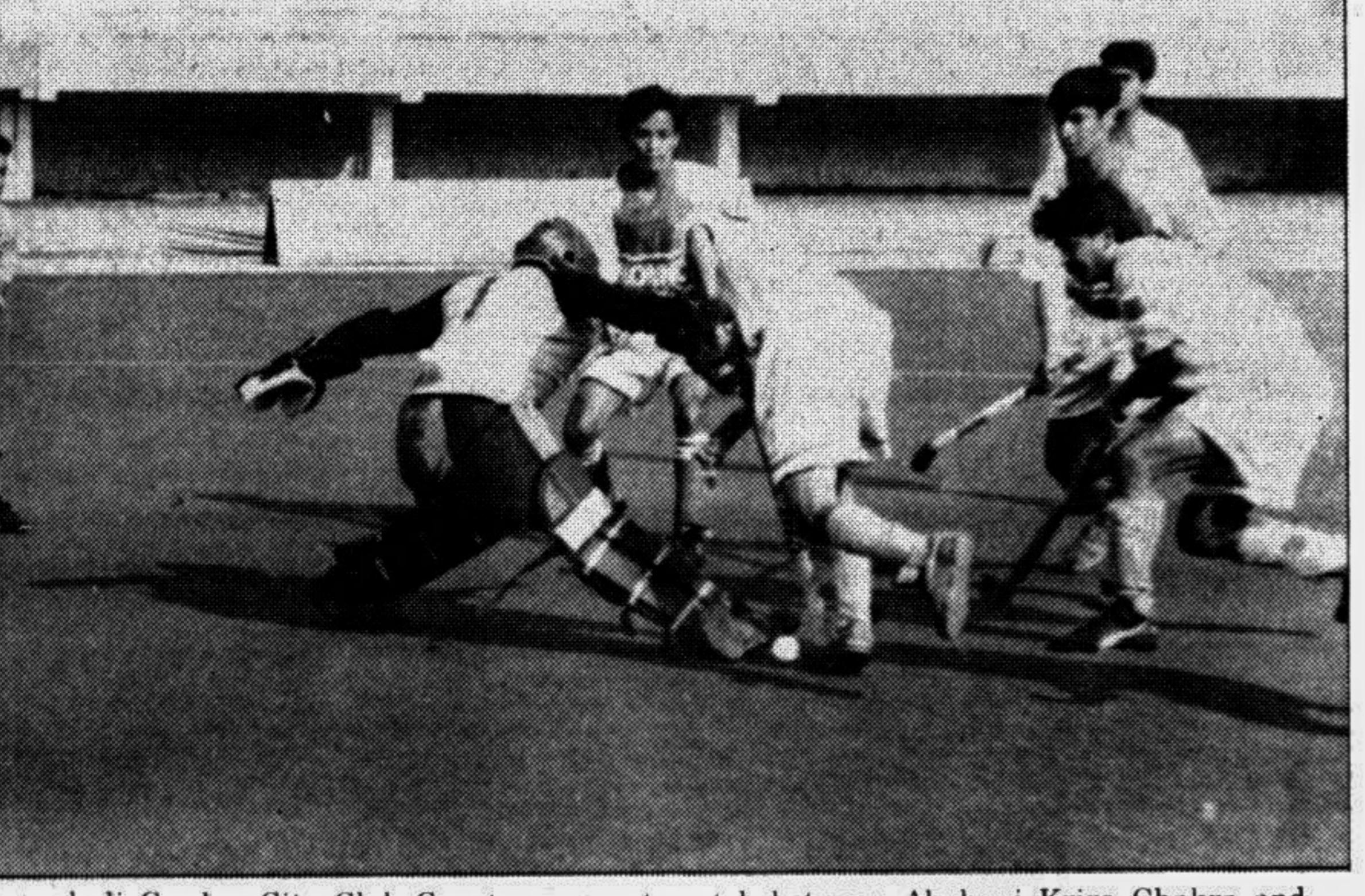
its desired goal.

But, like every battle, the future of our cricket lies with the men to be in the middle of the big occasion. Neither the Board nor the enthusiasts would be of any help if our cricketers fail to fight it out. Cricketers have already proved that at least they do not run short of potentials.

May be they lack a bit of big-match temperament, did not practice as much they should do. But, perhaps, no one would deny the fact that odds are still in favour of our cricketers as a few of the participating twenty-one associate member nations are at par with Bangladesh both in terms of experiences and skills.

Dedication and determination to the cause will make a world of difference in Bangladesh's mission in Malaysia. Do remember the bravery of Sri Lankans who only with their dedication and team spirit have taken the whole world by storm. The ordinary Islanders virtually compelled the snobbish lords of world cricket to salute its enviable transformation.

So, success never bestows on any one, it is meant to be snatched away. And we sincerely believe that our cricketers would leave no stone unturned to do us proud.



Action from yesterday's Karnaphuli Garden City Club Cup tournament match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Wari Club at the Hockey Stadium.

Sport

Nat'l jr tennis

Kabir's double delight

Sports Reporter

Kabir of Dhaka earned a double in the first phase of the four-leg Elite Paint national junior tennis championships winning both under-14 boys singles and doubles titles held at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex yesterday.

After winning the singles final against local Rana 6-7, 6-2, 6-1, Kabir partnered with Babu Lal to clinch the doubles title against Hamidul and Russel of Rajshahi 6-2, 1-6 and 6-1.

Besides, local pair Saqib and Salahuddin won the under-18 boys doubles crown defeating Munir and Nakul of Dhaka 6-1, 6-2 while Shathi and Urmil of Dhaka clinched the girls' doubles with a 6-0, 7-6 victory over Lucky and Eti of Rajshahi and Meherpur in the final.

The remaining finals will be held today at the same venue.

Club Cup hockey Abahani Group

B champs

Sports Reporter

Abahani reached the semi-finals of the Karnaphuli Garden City Club Cup hockey tournament as the Group B champions with a 4-2 win over Wari Club in their last group league match at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In a topsy-turvy encounter, Abahani dominated the entire first-half and scored all four goals in the session with forward Liton opening the account in the 15th minute.

Midfielder Lippu doubled the margin after three minutes converting a penalty corner while national centre-forward Alamgor made it 3-0 in the next minute through a field effort. Lippu then sealed the first half from another penalty corner in the 33rd minute.

Trailing by four goals to nil, the boys took advantage of a tired Abahani outfit and made a second-half rally which enabled them to pull two goals back.

Defender Aminul Haque netted the first for Wari in the 40th minute through a penalty corner while Shahid, after receiving a nice through from the midfield, scored the second in the 56th minute.

With yesterday's win, Abahani collected nine points and will take on Group D winners in the second semifinal billed for March 16 at the same venue. The Group D champions will be decided today after the match between Mariner Young's Club and Ajax Sporting Club. The first semifinal will pit Mohammedan Sporting Club and Usha Krira Chakra tomorrow.

Earlier in the day's first match, Bangladesh Railway defeated Ansars 2-1.

Ripon and Mamun scored one each for the winners while Lal Miah reduced the margin for Ansars.

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"I think the expectation is very high. Everyone is dreaming of the success. But what I can assure you at this moment is that the boys will play positive and good cricket in every match," said the former West Indian opener.

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But Greenidge, who advocated not to write anything which he thought would be unbecoming and effectively demoralise a player, once again expressed his dissatisfaction about the approach of the players.

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The Second Division football league will begin today with three matches scheduled to be held on the opening day in two different venues of the city.

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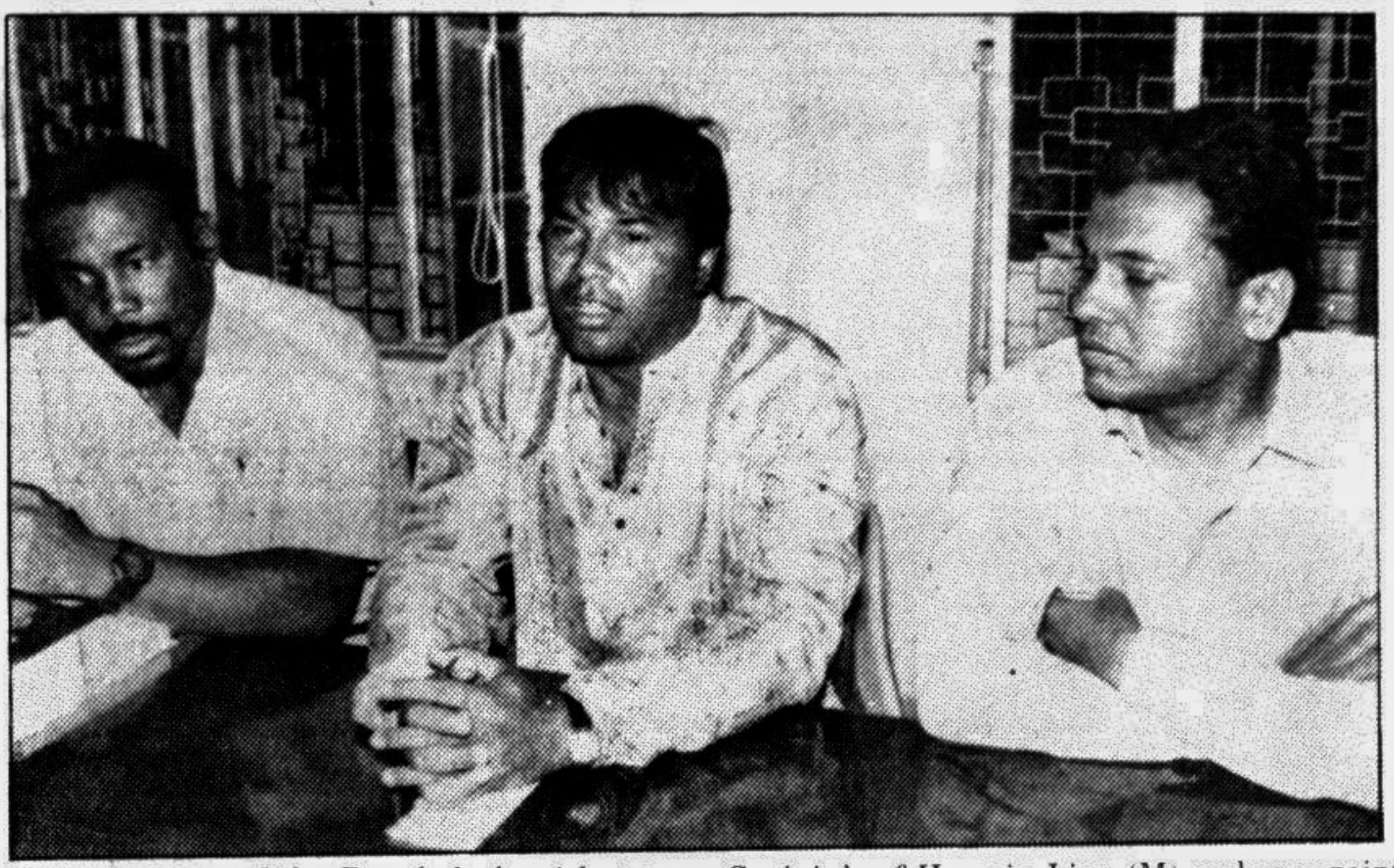
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Tour manager of the Bangladesh cricket team Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu (M) makes a point to the press during a briefing at the BCB office yesterday. Coach Gordon Greenidge is seen on his right.

— Star photo

Cricketers ready to take off

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh cricket team is set to leave the capital in the early hours on Saturday to take part in the sixth International Cricket Council (ICC) Trophy, scheduled to begin in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur from March 24.

The ICC Trophy, a qualifying tourney of the non-Test playing associate member nations, will feature 22 teams, who splitting into four groups, will fight it out for the top-down three slots in the next World Cup to be held in England 1999.

Bangladesh, one of the few firm contenders for a place in the ivy league of nine Test playing nations, is going to renew its bids to attain the ultimate desire after their five previous abortive attempts.

Prior to their departure, the tour manager of the 20-member Bangladesh team, Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu has sought the blessing from the countrymen for a successful mission in Malaysia.

"We seek the blessings from all so that we can translate the dream of millions in to reality," said Gazi Ashraf in a formal press briefing at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office last night.

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Caribbean charmer. Bangladesh will play three warm-up matches against three different teams. They will play their first warm-up match against Scotland on March 17 before meeting Holland in the second exhibition match on the following day.

Bangladesh's first round matches:

Mar 24: vs Argentina

Mar 25: vs West Africa

Mar 27: vs Denmark

Mar 29: vs UAE

Mar 30: vs Malaysia

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