Div I soccer

Sports Reporter

Badda Jagarani Sangsad registered their fifth win in the First Division football league with a hard fought 4-3 victory over Police Athletics Club in their return leg clash at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The winners led the first

half 2-1. Khokon struck twice while Biswajit and Aminur added one goal each to Badda credit. On the other hand, Hanif netted two goals and Tara Mia scored the other to reduce the margin for loser.

Badda raised their tally to 18 points from 11 matches while Police remained stuck to their previous collection of eight

points. In the day's other match played at the Army Stadium, Wari Club and Bangladesh Boys Club shared the points with a 2-2 draw.

Zakaria and Mong scored one goal each for Wari while Mamun and Rana struck one

apiece for Bangladesh Boys. The draw raised Wari's tally to ten points while Bangladesh Boy's according to nine points on completion of their eleventh outing.

Organisers in sponsor crisis KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 5

With gloomy economic prospects, organisers for the 16th Commonwealth Games said Friday they were having problems getting local sponsors for the event's debut in Asia," reports AP.

"With our current economic situation, it might be difficult for us to get local sponsors," said Hashim Mohd Ali, executive chairman of Sukom Ninety Eight, the company contracted by the Malaysian government to organise the Commonwealth Games.

Only 18 local companies have so far agreed to put in sponsorship money, Hashim

The rise in cost of imports because of the depreciated ringgit is expected to lead to lower profits for most Malaysian companies next year. On Friday, the government announced it was revising its 1998 growth projection by half to about four per cent.

"But we are still trying to find more local companies," he said.

Several foreign companies, such as German manufacturing giant Siemens and Swiss watchmaker Swatch, have confirmed sponsorship, he said, helping the organisers raise 87 per cent of the required budget. Hashim said Sukom had di-

vided up broadcasting rights to foreign media organisations, such as the British Broadcast Broadcasting Radio and Hong-Kong's Star Ty. These companies have agreed to pay in foreign currencies, many of which have appreciated nearly 40 per cent against the Malaysian ringgit in the past few months.

To raise additional funds. the organisers are selling a Commonwealth Games CD-ROM and auctioning Sukom license plates for cars, selling stamps, bamboo carvings, aboriginal pottery and bead neck-

Americans all keyed up

WASHINGTON, Dec 5: US coach Steve Sampson has welcomed the chance to face talented Germany and Yugoslavia in next year's World Cup, but he knows a match with political rival Iran will capture the most attention, reports AFP.

"What a great matchup, Sampson said. "I know the media will have lots of fun with that for the next six months." American hostages were

taken in Iran in 1979 and kept for more than one year before being released minutes after Jimmy Carter was replaced by Ronald Reagan as the US President in January of 1981. The team faces a difficult

opening round next June in France with Germany and Yugoslavia as the main barriers to matching a second-round showing in 1994 when the tournament was played in the United States. "We have made a lot of

progress and we will do our country proud," US soccer president Alan Rothenberg said, "We are going to attack. We need to

"The order is good," Sampson said, "we have to show very good against Germany. If we can get a point against Germany, it will be difficult, but it'll be critical. The second match against Iran is a game we must win."

Sampson also has several players who perform in the German Bundesliga and will be excited to face the top seeds.

"We have a lot of respect for the programmes of Germany and Yugoslavia," Sampson said. "We're obviously proud we will have the chance to show what we can do in front of the world."

Tragedy strikes Kosice

KOSICE. Slovakia, Dec 5: Slovakian champions Kosice were plunged into mourning here on Thursday when one of their players was killed in a car crash and another was seriously injured in the same accident, reports AFP.

Milan Cvirk, Kosice's 21year-old playmaker was killed instantly after the car driven by striker Albert Rusnak, 23, hit an electricity pylon at over 100 kilometres per hour — Rusnak suffered two broken legs.

Kosice, who have yet to win a point in their Champions' League group, face Dutch giants Feyenoord at home in their final match next Wednesday.

Resounding win for MSC

BRIEF SCORES

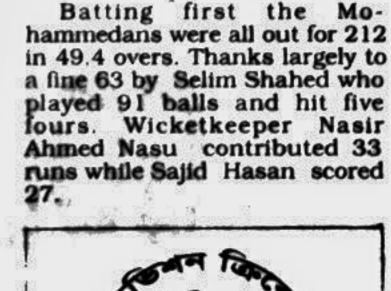
MOHAMMEDAN SC: 212 all out in 49.4 overs (Selim Sahed 63, Nasir Ahmed 33, S Mahmood 27, Rafique 16; Boby 3/30, Tillekarante 2/22) LALMATIA CLUB: 108 all out in 43.4 overs (Pial 35, Bi-plab 31, A Hanif 10; Sumon 4/23, Dulu 2/13, S Mahmood

Result: Mohammedan SC won by 104 runs.

VICTORIA SC: 221 all out in 47.4 overs (Moni 83, Nasir Khan 47, Asgar 35; Anis 3/34) SURJO TARUN CLUB: 211 all out in 46.2 overs (Shahid Sayeed 111, Biplab 45, Extras 13, Nobel 11, Al-Amin Junior Result: Lalmatia Club won

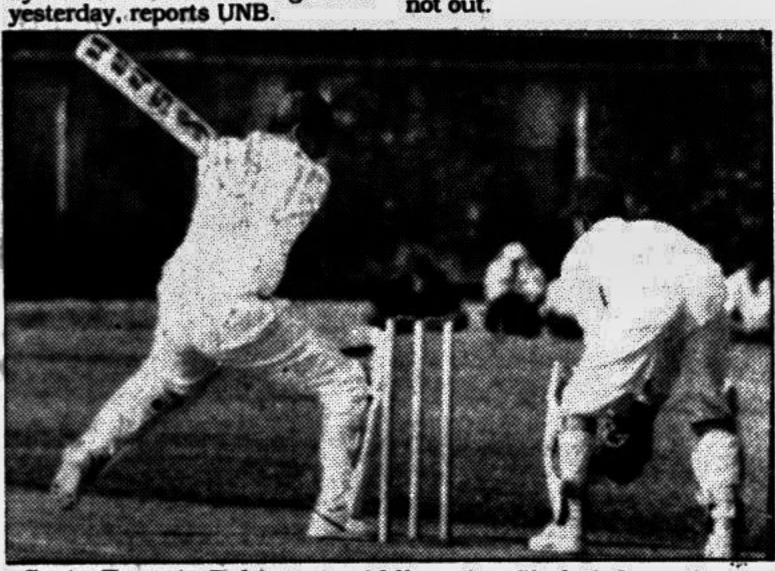
by 10 runs.

Mohammedan Sporting Club posted their sixth consecutive victory to take a solo lead in the Janakantha Premier League, crushed Lalmatia Club by 104 runs at the BKSP ground



Boby of Laimatia took three for 30 runs, H Tillekaratne and Torik took two wickets each giving away 22 and 42 runs re-

spectively. In reply, Laimatia Club were bundled out for 108 in 43.4 overs with number seven batsman Pial scoring the highest 35 not out.



Surjo Tarun's Pakistani middle-order Shahid Sayeed cuts the ball during yesterday's Janakantha Premier Division league encounter against Victoria at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. -Star photo

Bangladesh in World Youth Cup finals

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

PAPUA NEW GUINEA: 243 for eight in 50 overs (Rarua Dikna 51, Chris Ali 45, Richard 31. Extras 35. Tanveer 3/29. Sabbir 2/27) ing Corporation, the paristratum K BARGUADESH : 214 all out in 43.5 eyers (Rashidul 46, Mushing 44, Hannan 43. Towhid 16, Ahsanullah 14, Gim Pali 3/46) Result: Papua New Guinea won

by 21 runs.

Bangladesh youth cricket team has qualified for the World Youth Cup although they lost their last second round match of the Asian qualifiers against Papua New Guinea by 21 runs in Hong Kong

vesterday. The loss left the under-20 cricketers in second place, which was enough for a berth in the final round to be held in South Africa early next year, ahead of Hong Kong on a superior run-rate while the result enabled PNG to finish the round

on top of the table. In a hard fought match, the Bangladesh colts, chasing a commanding PNG total of 243

KARACHI, Dec 5:

Pakistan captain

Wasim Akram

wants to make

cricket history by

completing a 3-0

clean sweep of the series against

the West Indies in the third Test

which begins here Saturday.

legendary Imran Khan as Pak-

istan's only captain to win all

the Tests in a series and end

Pakistan's golden jubilee

WASIM AKRAM

Imran's side whitewashed

"Why not, I see no reason

the Kim Hughes-led Australians

3-0 in the 1982-83 series, Pak-

istan's only clean sweep in 45

why we cannot achieve that. It

would also be a personal tri-

umph for me as captain and I

would be very happy to be

among very few who beat West

Indies in all Tests of a series,"

Tests by an innings. Further-

Pakistan won the first two

years and 242 Tests.

Akram said.

cricket season on a winning

note.

Akram wants to match the

reports AFP.

in 50 overs, failed to rise to the occasion as they were all out for

214 in 43.5 overs. Middle-order Rashidul Haque, Mushfiq and opener Hannan Sarkar produced some gutsy batting.

Rashidul scored highest 46 off 63 balls inclusive of seven bbundaries followed by Mushfig who-chipped in with 44 off only 40 balls which also included seven fours. Besides. Hannan, who lost his inform partner Sejan (8) on 31, contributed 43. In his 41-ball stay at the crease, hit one six and six

Earlier, sent into bat, PNG amassed the total losing eight wickets in 50 overs with one down Rarua Dikna hammering the highest 51 from 69 deliver

Poor fielding by the Bangladeshi boys also gave PNG a valuable 37 as extras. Besides, middle-order Chris

Ali (45) and Richard (31) were the other notable run-getters. Leg spinner Tanveer, who finished with three for 29, was the most successful Bangladeshi bowler while skip-

per Sabbir Khan captured two for 27 Both teams meet once again in tomorrow's final.

more they have lost none of the

31 Tests played in Karachi.

They have won 16 Tests at the

National Stadium and drawn

Tests here the home side have

won two games with three

vowed to do all they can to

avoid the ignominy of a white-

wash - a fate their captain

Courtney Walsh, coach Mal-

colm Marshall and manger

Clive Lloyd were more used to

inflicting on other sides in

happier times for Caribbean

ference if we end up with 2-1 or

at least 2-0. I have told the boys

to put up their best and would

like to end the series with a

Tests in a series against Eng-

lot of pride left to play for in the

flat and was described as "ugly

and lifeless" by Marshall a

week ago. Groundsman Hussain

Khan though maintains it will

assist both batsmen and

like a true Pakistani wicket.

ning their hopes on star bats-

man Brian Lara coming good on

the ground where he scored a

scintillating century against

South Africa in the quarterfi-

nals of the 1996 World Cup.

Lara has managed just 56 runs

off 86 balls in the two previous

Ambrose is also worrying the

tourists. The 34-year-old An-

The form of paceman Curtly

Walsh believes that "its just

West Indies are again pin-

West Indies last lost all three

Marshall believes there is a

The pitch here seems dry and

"It would make a lot of dif-

draws.

cricket.

win." Walsh said.

land in 1929.

final Test.

bowlers.

dry and flat."

In five West Indies-Pakistan

But the West Indies have

Lalmatia lost six wickets with the score on 37. Morshad Ali Sumon of MSC was the wrecker in chief with four for 23 while, Dulu bagged

two for 13 and Shahed Mahmud two for 19. In the other match, Victoria Sporting Club beat Surjo Tarun by 10 runs at the Dhanmondi

hurricane century by Shahid Sayeed. The Pakistani allrounder scored a 82-ball 111 that included 15 boundaries. Batting first Victoria were all out for 221 in 47.4 overs. batsman Opening Moniruzzman Moni was the top scorer with 86 in 120 balls.

Cricket Club ground despite a

while Asgar Khan chipped in with 35. Anisur Rahman bagged three for 34 while Shamsul Huda. Shahid Sayeed and Nadeem

including six fours. Moni's

partner Nasir Khan made 47

Yunus took one wicket each. In reply, Surjo Tarun Club were all out for 212 in 46.2 overs. Apart from Sayeed, Biplob scored 45. Al Amin (Jr) took two wickets for 31 runs while Al Amin (Sr), Nasir Khan and Lalu took one each.

JU cricket

Sports Reporter

Department of History moved into the semifinals of the Jahangirnagar University inter-department cricket championship with a 28-run victory over Department of Botany played at the varsity central playground yesterday.

Batting first in a 35-over-aside affair History scored 134 before they were all out in 32.5

Chayan topscored with 70 while Chandan and Mukul added 13 and 12 runs respectively.

In reply, Botany were restricted to 106 for eight in their stipulated 35 overs with Chanchal contributing highest 36. Probeer of History was the most successful bowler taking

three wickets for 15 runs.

Nat'l b'ball

KHULNA, Dec 5: Bangladesh Air Force defeated Rajshahi District by 119-46 points in the Europa Cup 20th national basketball championship at the local stadium here today, reports BSS.

Sharif of the airmen scored the highest 52 points followed by Hafiz with 26 points.

In another match. Bangladesh Army beat Chandpur District 148-64. Mostafa scored 34 points followed by Rahim with 31 points for the armymen.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Janakantha Premier Division cricket league: Abahani KC vs Wari Club (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium) First Division cricket league: Bangladesh Railway vs Orient SC (City Club ground) Premier Division football

Muktijoddha Sangsad KC vs Agrani Bank (Mirpur Stadium,

Abahani KC vs Arambagh KS (Mirpur Stadium, 4 pm) First Division football league:

Mirpur Chalantrika vs Dhanmondi Club (Army Stadium, 2:30 pm)

Andre invited

ADELAIDE, Dec 5: Former No. 1-ranked Andre Agassi will play in the Australian men's hardcourt tennis championships after receiving a wildcard entry Friday, reports AP. Akram aims at Imran's feat

West Indies touring selection

Opener Stuart Williams also

Pakistan are likely to give a

committee is contemplating

whether to rest Ambrose and

include Mervyn Dillon instead.

faces the chop to let in middle-

Test cap to 27-year-old Karachi

batsman Manzoor Akhter who

scored a century against South

COURTNEY WALSH

Africa in a warm-up game in

October. Middle-order batsman

Mohammad Wasim or pacer

Shoaib Akhter will be the odd

see opener Saeed Anwer regain

form after a string of failures in

the previous five Tests. Saeed.

holder of the highest individual

score in one-day cricket, man-

aged 40 runs in five innings

against South Africa and scored

65 and 16 in the two innings

ley and Salim Bader will be the

South African Cyril Mitch-

against West Indies.

Pakistan would also like to

man out.

umpires.

order batsman Roland Holder.

Karachi Test from today

tiguan who has 307 wickets in of Coetzer 74 Tests has taken just one wicket in Pakistan's two in-

reports AP.

Showing none of the nervousness of a day earlier when she beat Mary Pierce of France 7-6, 6-4, the 17-year-old Hingis wrapped up the match against Coetzer in just 50 minutes.

In an earlier match, Germany's Anke Huber, who lost to Coetzer on Wednesday, defeated Pierce 6-3, 6-2 in an unusual show of steady play to win in 47

defeated Irina Spirlea of Romania 6-3, 7-5 to also stay a strong contender in the 2.77 million marks (1.56 million dollars) event. In a late all-US match, Lindsay Davenport defeated Mary

port also remains undefeated, having won over Spirlea in a three-set match Wednesday. On Friday, Hingis plays Huber and Coetzer faces Pierce in Group One, while Davenport

pions tournament pits eight of the world's top women players in round robin play in two groups. The player with the best record in each group takes on the second best in the opposite group in the semifinals Satur-

If the winner of the tournament remains undefeated over after Sunday's final.



and Victoria at the Mirpur Stadium. -Star photo

tie today

Sports Reporter

Stephen Flemming's beleaguered New Zealand will be looking forward to salvage some pride when they take on a high flying South Africa in their opening match of the Carlton and United World Series Cup at the Adelaide Oval today.

South Africa with Thursday's emphatic win over Australia will start favourites but the Kiwis with a proven limitedovers track record can spring in a surprise on any given day.

Tendulkar retained

BOMBAY, Dec 5: India's cricket selectors on Thursday ended speculation over Sachin Tendulkar's future as captain by retaining him for the upcoming four-nations Champions Trophy in Sharjah and three subsequent one-dayers against Sri Lanka, reports AFP. The announcement came af-

ter the 24-year-old broke free from the pressures of captaincy by smashing a glorious 148 on the second day of the third Test against Sri Lanka here. Tendulkar's 14th Test cen-

tury before his home crowd at the Wankhede Stadium silenced a growing army of critics - including some selectors - who believed his batting had fallen apart in recent months. The selectors, however,

failed to decide whether Tendulkar should continue to open in one-day matches, or bat Indian cricket board secre-

tary Jayant Lele said Tendulkar's batting place would be decided when the selectors picked the 14-man squad today. Tendulkar's 12 one-day centuries have come as an opener, but his recent record of 882 runs from 31 innings convinced the selectors he was better off going in at number four. Tendulkar himself was un-

concerned. "The main thing is to bat well and see India win. It does not matter whether you open or not. "I am very comfortable open-

ing the innings in one-day matches, but an also prepared to adjust if the team needs it."

India will take on arch-rivals Pakistan, the West Indies and England in the Sharjah tournament from December 11 to 19. The one-dayers against Sri Lanka will be played in india from December 22 to 28. which finally showed sings of

Hingis disposes

FRANKFURT, Dec 5: World No 1 Martina Hingis lived up to expectations Thursday, defeating Amanda Coetzer of South Africa 6-1, 6-2 in a second round match at the Masters of Champions tennis tournament,

minutes. Iva Mojoli of Croatia, this year's French Open champion,

Joe Fernandez 6-3, 6-2. Daven-

plays Majoli and Fernandez meets Spirlea in Group Two. The first Masters of Cham-

the five days of play, she receives the top possible purse of 775,000 marks (437,850 dollars)

Mohammedans keep it up

Sports Reporter



medan Sporting Club recorded their second successive win in the return leg of the Premier Division league with a 2-0 victory over promotees Victoria Sporting Club at the

In a one-sided affair, for-Alfaz and midfielder Askar Babu struck one goal each. The first half ended 1-0. Mohammedans, buoyed by their hard-fought 3-2 victory against Rahmatgani on De-

Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Abahani Krira Chakra 2-0. Forward Alfaz put the black and whites ahead in the 27th minute.

cember 1, dominated their op-

ponents who on Tuesday upset

doubled after 12 minute had Don's left footer from an Alfaz pass not missed near post. Victoria's only chance in the

The margin could have been

first half to equalise came in the 34th minute when Fayez Babu blasted a powerful volley from a Rinku cross. But it was brilliantly headed off the line by Faisal.

After the breather, Mohammedans stepped up a gear and it resulted in Askar heading home a Ladi Baba corner from the left side in the 72nd

Khulna soccer KHULNA, Dec 5: Ulka Club

defeated Cosmos Eleven 4-1 in the Senior Division football league at the local stadium here today, reports BSS. After a goalless first half,

Ulka dominated the remaining time scoring four goals at regular intervals with Mahbub scoring in the 50th and 55th minutes while Alamgir and Ranju struck the other two. Cosmos had a consolation

through left winger Rabiul.

minute. Alfaz and Askar have scored five goals each in the league so

Overall, it was the seventh win for Mohammedans in 11 matches which gave them a temporary one-point lead over Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra having raised their tally to 24 points. Victoria suffered their fifth

defeat and have ten points. Yellow cards: Manik and Sujon (Victoria SC) **TEAMS**

Faisal, Nazrul Munna Senior, Askar Babu, Ladi Baba, Munna Junior, Arman (Azim), Don, Bode Baba (Ranjan) and Alfaz. VICTORIA SC: Shimul, Jahangir, Farhad, Tuhin (Taju/ Pavell, Fayez Babu, Sujon, Sumon, Rinku (Jilani), Faiyaz

and Towhid.

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Ponir.

Referee: Ramkrishna Ghosh.

Marvan misses the mark

Day Three ends evenly

third day of the third and final

Test between India and Sri

(Dravid 93, Ganguly 173, Ten-

INDIA: First innings 512

Lanka on Friday:



BOMBAY, Dec 5: Marvan Atapattu hit a defiant 98 today to steer Sri Lanka towards safety in the third and final cricket Test against

India, reports AFP. The Sri Lankans, replying to India's mammoth first innings score of 512, ended the third day on 286 for five, needing only 27 runs more to avoid the embar-

rassment of the follow-on. Atapattu, who hit a century in the first Test, missed a second ton by two runs when he played a defensive shot offspinner Rajesh Chauhan into the hands of Ajay Jadeja at silly point.

Atapattu and nightwatchman Kumara Dharmasena, who resumed at the overnight score of 66 for one, thwarted India's bid to snatch the initiative with a 115-run stand for the second wicket The pair batted through the

masena was dismissed after lunch for 40, caught by Anil Kumble at mid-on off Chauhan. Sri Lanka were 219 for two before India struck three times late in the day to open up possibilities of a close finish on a Wankhede Stadium wicket

morning session, before Dhar-

breaking up. Roshan Mahanama was caught at gully off seamer Venkatesh Prasad for 20, before Chauhan removed Atapattu and quick succession.

however saw off the day in the company of Hasan Tillekeratne, who was unbeaten on four.



ATAPATTU ...98

dulkar 148; Pushpakumara 3-108. Dharmasena 3-144) SRI LANKA: First innings

(overnight.66 for 1) Javasuriya c Azharuddin b Kumble Atapattu c sub (Jadeja) b Chauhan 98 Dharmasena c Kumble b Chauhan 40 Mahanama c Kumble b Prasad

Aravinda not out Ranatunga c Azharuddin b Chauhan Tillekeratne not out Extras: (b-2, lb-8, w-4, nb-11)

Total: (for 5 wkts) Fall of wkts: 1-65; 2-180; 3-219: 4-259: 5-269 Bowling 92 Srinath

28 Prasad 42 Kuruvilla 56 14 Kumble 39 Chauhan Ganguly

Navyman lifts swimming title

Sports Reporter Sheikh Selim Ahmed of Bangladesh Navy clinched the Shapla Rang Bipani Bitan third national long-distance swimming championship yesterday. In the 12-mile long freestyle

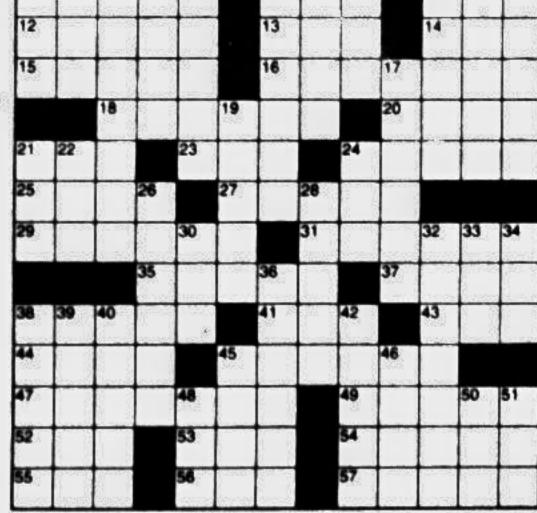
Anderson Restaurant, Pagla and ended at the Mukhtarpur Ferry Ghat. Selim finished ahead of teammates Illvas Hossain and Kowsar Ahmed who earned the

event which began from Mary

second and third spot respectively. Besides, Masudur Rahman of

Bangladesh Army finished

fourth. State Minister for Youth and Sports inaugurated the championship and gave away the prizes among the winners.



INSNV'P ZWARVRJRNV

PHNJPIBV. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I'VE OFTEN READ MAUGHAM'S INCRÉDIBLE NOVEL ABOUT DOC-

Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals F 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

CRYPTOQUIP

NA IBHBZBI: JUW ARSPJ

TORS: "OF HUMAN BANDAGE."

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

captain Arjuna Ranatunga in Aravinda De Silva, 48 not out, the scourge of Indian bowlers over the last year.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at stumps on the

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