

Sport

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-84

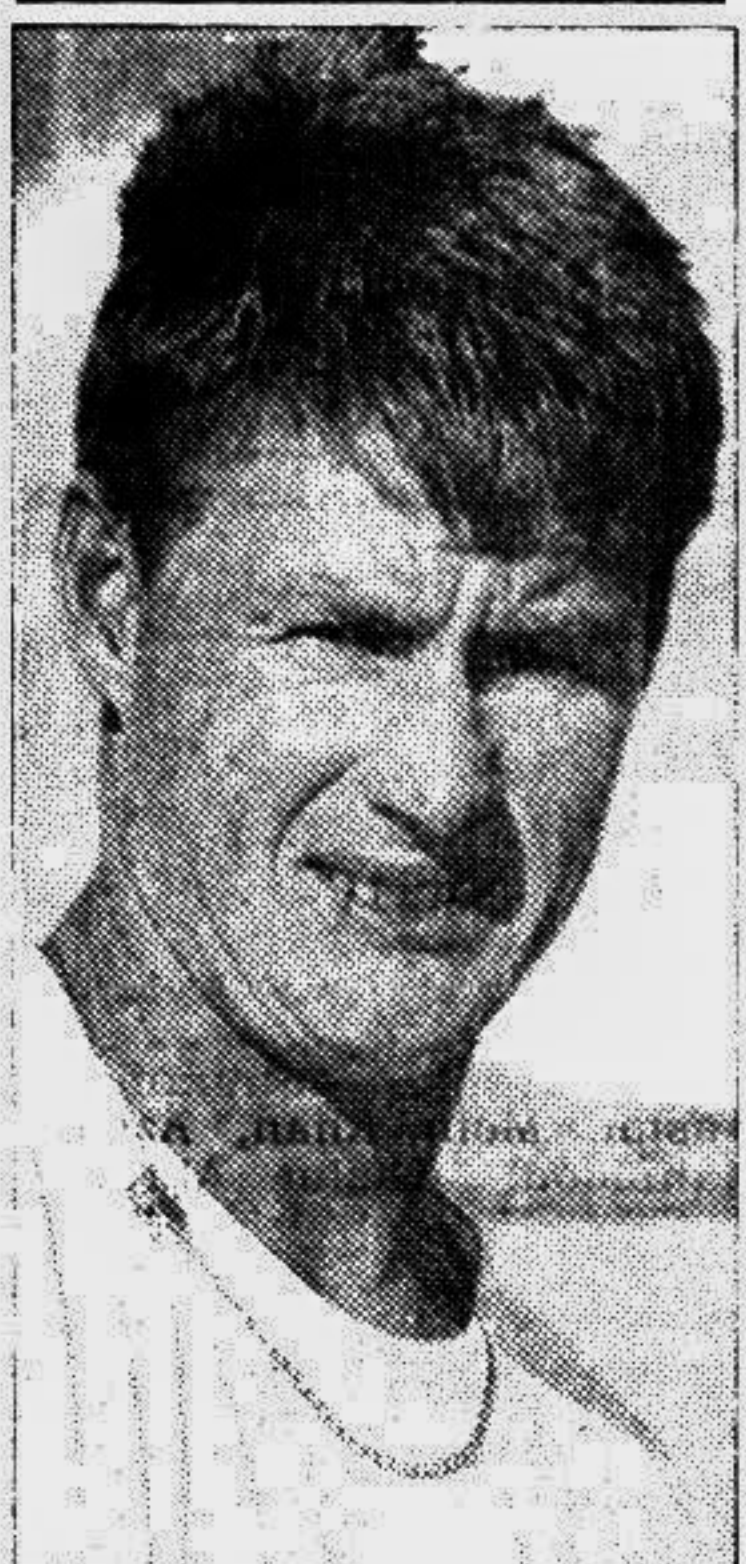
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Competition closes at 8 pm, on Dec 12, '97

1 Who lifted the Chase Championships title?	Higgs	Novota	Pierce
2 Who became champions in the quadrangular cricket tourney?	Africa	Pakistan	S Lanka
3 How many stadia will be used during France '98?	8	9	10
4 Which team clinched the Delta Life handball title?	Shamsunahar	Lalmatia	A Bawan
5 Who won the Div II handball league?	Baniganagar	W Jatrabari	Mansoor

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SPORTS TALK



Lance Klusener
(South African all rounder)
"Allan Donald is such a big name and when I realised I was going to bowl with him, it was unnerving. Now we are good friends and he gives me useful tips on fast bowling."

Div I soccer

Sports Reporter
Mirpur Chalanika registered a 2-0 victory over Dhanmondi Club in a First Division football league engagement at the Army Stadium yesterday.
Babul put the Mirpur side ahead in the 32nd minute while Babul doubled the margin in the 89th minute.
Chalanika raised their tally to 21 points from 11 matches and joined East End Club at the top of the table while Dhanmondi remained stuck at the bottom with their previous collection of six points on completion of their 11th match.

Nat'l b'ball

KHULNA, Dec 6: Bangladesh Rifles edged past Bangladesh Air Force 98-95 points in the Europa Cup 20th national basketball championship played at the Khulna Stadium gymnasium today, reports BSS.
In another match Rajshahi defeated Jessore by 87-52 points.

Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute Savar, Dhaka

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Notice for Prequalification of Civil Construction Firms/Contractors

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Interested firms/contractors having their credit of satisfactory completion of such work worth at least Tk 1.00 (one) crore in a single work order during last 5 years may collect the prequalification documents. Prescribed documents will be available on payment of Tk 500.00 in cash (non-refundable) from the Accounts Section of the Institute on all working days during office hours up to 24-12-97.

Applications will be received by the undersigned on all working days up to 28-12-97 during office hours.

The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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AKC tail wags in time

Sports Reporter

Zakir Hossain and Sheikh Salahuddin waggled a long tail to dig holders Abahani Krira Chakra out of the rut to a not-to-be-thought-of four-wicket win over Wari Club in the lone Janakantha Premier cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.



BRIEF SCORES

WARI CLUB: 150 for 9 wickets in 50 overs (S Hasan 33, Anup Kumar 24, Sajib Das 21; Salahuddin 2/19, Zakir 2/18, Cornel 2/22)
ABAHANI KC: 154 for 6 wickets in 47.2 overs (Zakir 42 not out, Salahuddin 36 not out; Amir Wasim 2/19)
Result: Abahani won by 4 wickets.

and dry with 16 balls to spare. Young right-arm seamer Zakir, coming in to bat at number eight after Abahani lost their sixth wicket at 95, hammered a quartet of fours in his run-a-ball 42 to save the day for the popular Dhanmondi outfit, which made the most of playing at the own backyard as a series of confident appeals against them was turned down by the umpires.

Although Zakir chanced his arms in his rapid-fire knock, it was discarded national off-spinner Sheikh Salahuddin, who in an object lesson to his more illustrious predecessors, played like a blended batsman in his undefeated knock of 36. The beefy right-hander was a host in himself after Abahani made heavy weather of fairly simple task of scoring three runs per over, losing their four top-order batsmen for only 42 runs on the board.

Opener Azam Iqbal made only five before being caught at gully off Wari's new-ball bowler Ariful. Abahani's makeshift Pakistani opener Mohammad Hossain scored 11 before being bowled by his compatriot Tariq Mahmood, but when stand-in skipper Naimur Rahman departed for 19 after offering no

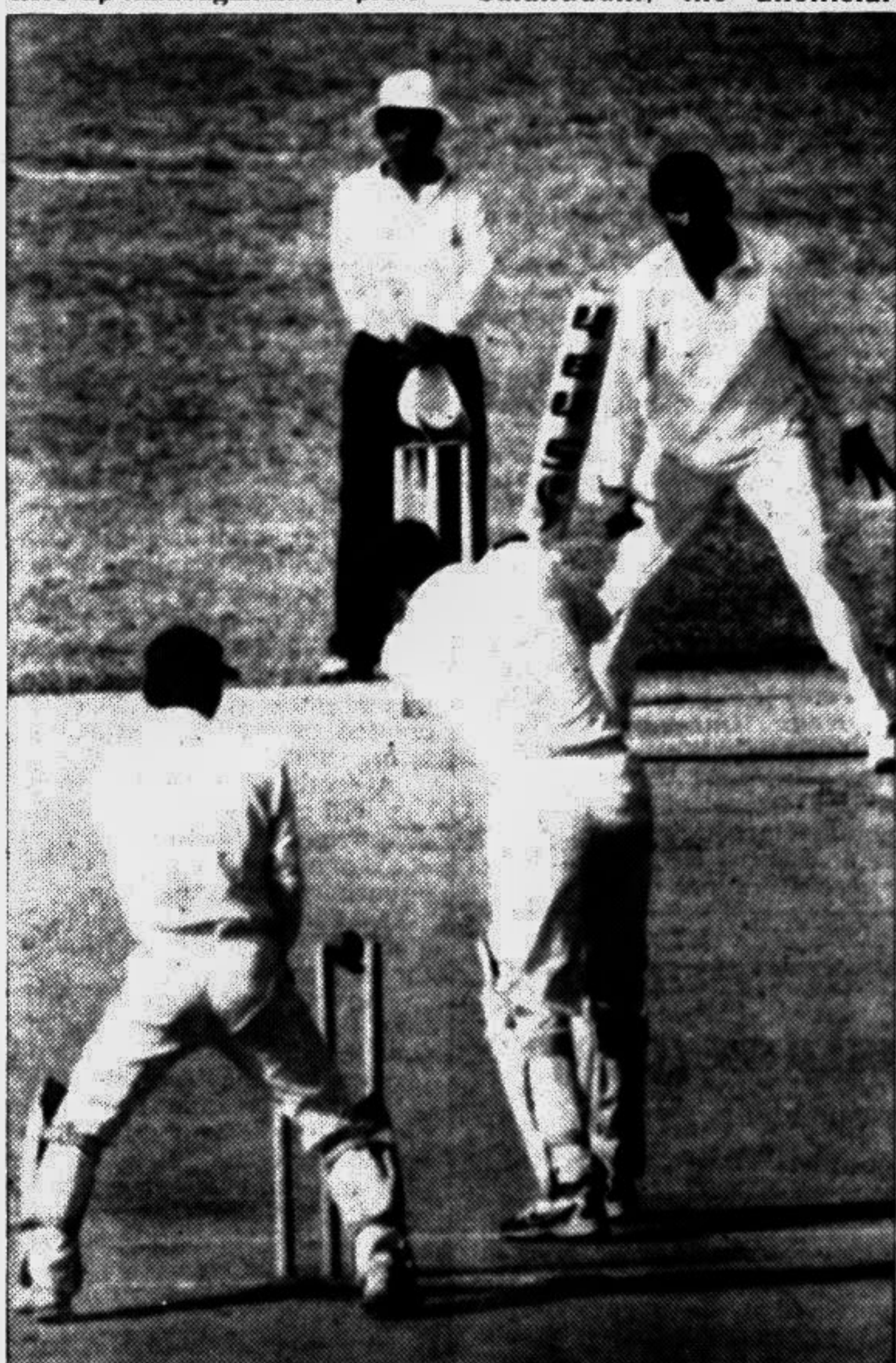
stroke against left-arm spinner Amir Wasim, who then had Rahul caught at silly point in the same over for a duck, panic swept through the Abahani tent.

Things turned even worse when their most dependable bat Pakistani Monirul Haq trudged off towards the dressing room after scoring a struggling 14 off 52 balls.

But Wasim, who was instrumental in Wari's sensational triumph over last year's runners-up Kalabagan in the previ-

(1) with the scoreboard reading at only five runs. After that terrible start the lowly-rated Premier league outfit kept on losing their wickets at regular intervals. Only one-down Anup Kumar, who scored a sedate 24 off 74 balls, and Sajib Das with 33 could offer some sort of resilience in a never-ending procession to the pavilion.

Zakir, who made an early in-roads, and his new-ball partner Cornel evenly shared four wicket among them while Salahuddin, the unofficial



Abahani's Pakistani batsman Mohammad Hussain gets his bails dislodged by countryman Tareque Mahmood during their Premier Division league clash against Wari at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

ous match with a six-wicket haul, was frustrated by a resolute Salahuddin who played out the deceptive spell of the south-paw with a telling watchfulness.

Earlier, electing to bat after winning the toss in the morning, Wari's ploy to put up a challenging total back-fired as they lost both the openers Amir Wasim (1) and Shafayet Omar

man-of-the-match, also captured two wickets for 19 runs in his 10 nippy overs, which yielded a couple of maidens.

It was Abahani's sixth win from seven matches, which enabled them to share the top slot along with their arch-rivals Mohammedan SC, who, however, played one match less.

No matches will be held today.

Final clash in HK today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh U-20 team will be looking forward to avenge their second round defeat against Papua New Guinea (PNG) when the colts take on them in the final of the Asian zone qualifying championship for the World Youth Cup in Hong Kong today.

The final, which will serve only be of academic interest as both Bangladesh and PNG have already booked the two available slots from Asia, will offer a repeat clash after Bangladesh's 21-run defeat against PNG in their last second round match on Friday.

But the colts, who lost only one match in the qualifiers, should leave no stone unturned to settle the score before availing the flight to South Africa, where the finals of the World Youth championship are slated to be commencing in January next year.

Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

BANGLADESH RAILWAY: 164 all out in 41.5 overs (Harun 56, Faisal 28, Extras 27, Tareque 15, Zaki 3/21, Tapu 2/21, Babu 2/36)
ORIENT SC: 165 for five in 41.1 overs (Jewel 51, Redwan 34, Masum 31, Rezaul 20 n.o.; Titu 3/18, Rubel 2/21)
Result: Orient SC won by five wickets.

Orient Sporting Club defeated Bangladesh Railway by five wickets in a First Division cricket league encounter at the City Club ground yesterday.

Opener Jewel scored 51 as Orient chasing a moderate Railway total of 164 in 45 overs, reached 165 in 41.1 overs with five wickets in hand.

In his 63-ball innings, Jewel hammered eight boundaries. Pakistani Redwan Omar scored 34 while Masum added 31 to the winners total.

Earlier, opting to bat first, Bangladesh Railway mustered 164 before they were all out in 41.5 overs with opener Harun hammering highest 56. Faisal (28) and Tareque (15) were the other notable run-getters.

Orient's Zaki was the wrecker-in-chief claiming three for 21 from his nine overs. He was helped by Tapu and Babu who evenly shared four wickets.

BJMC sports

Sports Reporter

Khulna Zone dominated the opening day of the 20th annual athletics championships of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) which began at the Karim Jute Mills playground in Demra yesterday.

On the first day of the two-day meet, Khulna were leading the table with 64 points, 18 points ahead of Dhaka Zone who secured 46 points. Adamjee Jute Mills followed them with 36 points.

A total of 234 athletes including 72 females from five teams — Khulna, Dhaka, Chittagong, Adamjee Jute Mills and Head Office, are participating in the championships. On the day, 17 out of 41 events were decided.

Jute Secretary Mahfuzul Islam formally declared the meet open.

Asprilla's money on England

BOGOTA, Dec 6: Newcastle United's Colombian star Faustino Asprilla on Friday tipped World Cup rivals England as his favourite to lift the trophy.

Asprilla, who will line up with the Colombians against Glenn Hoddle's England hopefuls in the last of their Group I matches in Lens on June 26, said he believes England can go all the way, especially if club-mate Alan Shearer is fit to lead the attack.

"England are obviously the group favourites," Asprilla told Colombian Radio, but added that seeded Romania and outsiders Tunisia both deserved the utmost respect.

Asprilla, who hopes to return for Newcastle against Arsenal on Saturday after two months out following stomach surgery, admitted he had been the subject of much World Cup banter from the England players in the United set-up following Thursday's draw in Marseille.

United skipper Rob Lee warned he might just give Asprilla a kick before the last Premiership game of the season to keep him out of the England clash.

"The England lads have been joking with me all morning," said Asprilla.

Greats may grace Wimbledon again

LONDON, Dec 6: John McEnroe, three times Wimbledon champion and Bjorn Borg, a consecutive five-time winner, could meet again on Wimbledon's famous Centre Court in the not-too-distant future, reports AFP.

McEnroe, after beating Borg at the Honda Challenge senior singles at the Royal Albert Hall on Friday said he had suggested to Wimbledon referee Alan Mills that the All England Club should stage a singles tournament for the great players of the past.

Mills pointed out it was too late for the 1998 Wimbledon but 1999 is a possibility.



John McEnroe (L) and Bjorn Borg pose for photographs before their ATP Senior Tour of Champions tournament match at the Royal Albert Hall in London on Dec 5. —AP/UN photo

Abahani, Muktis post wins

Sports Reporter



Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra and Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra won their respective return leg clashes of the Premier Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

Abahani, whose unbeaten streak was ended by promoters Victoria Sporting Club in the previous match last Tuesday, posted an easy 2-0 victory over Arambagh Krira Sangha while leaders Muktijoddha Sangsad

registered a solitary goal win over Agrani Bank Sports Club. After a dull Muktijoddha-Agrani encounter, Abahani, desperately looking for full points to remain in the title race following Tuesday's debacle, began positively enough against the unpredictable Arambagh outfit who made a brilliant start to the season by reaching the final of the Federation Cup.

Although, the match was locked at 0-0 in the first half, Abahani produced three good

chances in the session. But superb saves by the Arambagh custodian Abeer denied them.

Arambagh, after surviving early pressure, also staged a late first half rally and had two distinct opportunities. But the efforts went in vain because of the careful Abahani defenders.

After the lemon break, Abahani intensified the attack going all out and finally broke the jinx in the 56th minute. Russian midfielder Anatoly sent a neat cross to his Kenyan team-mate John Odhumblo from the right side. But John mistimed and headed the ball in the air which luckily fell in front of an unguarded Amin Rana who shot the ball into the near corner of the net to mark his eighth goal in the league.

Forward Mizan then sealed Arambagh's fate with a placing shot from the goalmouth melee in the 66th minute.

It was Abahani's sixth victory in 11 matches which raised their tally to 22 points, two points behind arch-rivals defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club who are placed second in the ten-team table with 24 points from same number of outings.

On the other hand, it was Arambagh's fifth defeat in 11 encounters against one victory and five draws which kept them at the bottom of the table with only eight points along with Agrani Bank and Rahmatganj.

Abahani forward Amin Rana and Arambagh midfielder Tushar were cautioned by referee Tayebur Rahman for fouls. Earlier, leaders Muktijoddha posted their eighth win in the league.

After an eye-scoring first half, Nigerian midfielder Aliyu Rahman scored the all-important goal with a power packed angular shot after receiving a rebounder from the goalmouth in the 56th minute. It was Aliyu's fourth goal in the league.

The margin could have been doubled after 13 minutes had Bank defender Bishnu not bounced back a Rakib header from the goal-line.

With yesterday's victory, Muktis maintained their two-point lead at the top of the table having raised their tally to 26 points. Due to unavoidable circumstances no matches will be played today.



A goalmouth action during yesterday's Premier Division football league encounter between Abahani Krira Chakra and Arambagh Krira Sangha at the Mirpur Stadium. Abahani won the match 2-0. —Star photo

Kiwis outplay S Africa



ADELAIDE, Australia, Dec 6: New Zealand, bowling and fielding as if their lives depended on it, broke through for their first victory on their Australia tour with a comprehensive 47-run win over South Africa in a one-day game here today, reports AFP.

Beaten 2-0 in the best-of-three Test series against Australia and punished in their tour lead-up games, New Zealand rebounded positively catching the protease off-guard after South Africa's accomplished 67-run win over Australia in Sydney on Thursday.

The Kiwis, sent into bat by South Africa skipper Hansie Cronje, recovered from 93 for five through a 124-run sixth wicket partnership by man-of-the-match Craig McMillan and Chris Harris to score 224 for six off their 50 overs.

But despite a feeling they had not scored enough runs to hold off the considerable batting depth of the South Africans, they bowled out Cronje's team for 177 off 47.5 overs, to clinch a heartening win in the triangular tournament.

In picturesquely Adelaide Oval's first match under their four retractable lights, the Kiwis were unrelenting, taking brilliant catches and chasing down everything in the field.

Cronje blamed the loss on his batsmen, saying South Africa should have learnt to play one-day games against New Zealand adding the Kiwis had not changed their game plan much since 1992.

"We always struggled to get 200 against them," he said. "They just bowl a good line and length and have a close ring of fieldsmen and credit must go to Stephen Fleming for keeping that field."

Twenty-one-year-old McMillan, topscored for the match with 86 while Harris, more at ease under the one-day format than the one-sided Test series, was unbeaten on 52.

Rumbustious Chris Cairns, promoted in the batting order to No. 3, smacked 55 runs off 54 balls to give New Zealand early scoring momentum, even though wickets tumbled around him.

South African express bowler Allan Donald was too quick for the batsmen with his first seven-over spell yielding two for five before he finished with 2-17 off 10 overs.

New Zealand get the chance to avenge their Test series loss to Australia when they take on Steve Waugh's revamped Australian one-day side here on Sunday.

South Africa next play in the series against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the World Series Cup limited-overs international between New Zealand and South Africa at Adelaide Oval on Saturday.

NEW ZEALAND:

Home c Rhodes b Pollock 4
Astle run out 0
Cairns c Richardson b Donald 55
Fleming c Richardson b Pollock 10
McMillan c Symcox b Pollock 86
Twose lbw b Donald 1
Harris not out 52
Parore not out 2
Extras: (lb-8, b-1, w-5) 14
Total: (for six wks in 50 overs) 224
Fall of wks: 1-6: 2-6: 3-58: 4-89: 5-93: 6-217.

Did not bat: Gavin Larsen, Daniel Vettori, Shayne O'Connor.

Bowling: O M R W
Pollock 10 2 36 3
Klusener 9 0 56 0
Cronje 10 0 57 0
Donald 10 3 17 2

Symcox 4 0 20 0
McMillan 7 1 29 0

SOUTH AFRICA:

Kirsten at Parore b Astle 28
Kallis c Astle b O'Connor 34
Klusener c Home b O'Connor 25
Cullinan b Larsen 13
Cronje c Parore b Cairns 11
Rhodes lbw b Larsen 3
Pollock c Home b C McMillan 37
B McMillan b Astle 3
Symcox c and b Harris 9
Richardson not out 21
Donald b Cairns 4
Extras: (nb-1, lb-1) 2
Total: (all out 47.5 overs) 177
Fall of wks: 1-23: 2-52: 3-85: 4-91: 5-94: 6-113: 7-126: 8-141: 9-161.

Bowling: O M R W
Cairns 9.5 1 29 2
O'Connor 7 1 36 2
Larsen 10 0 31 2
Harris 10 0 32 1
Astle 9 0 31 2
McMillan 2 0 17 1

Result: New Zealand won by 47 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Craig McMillan.

Women's h'ball

Sports Reporter

The Power national youth women's handball championship, organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF), will begin at the Sultan Kamal Women's Sports Complex in Dhanmondi on December 9.

A total of 27 districts will participate in the four-day meet.

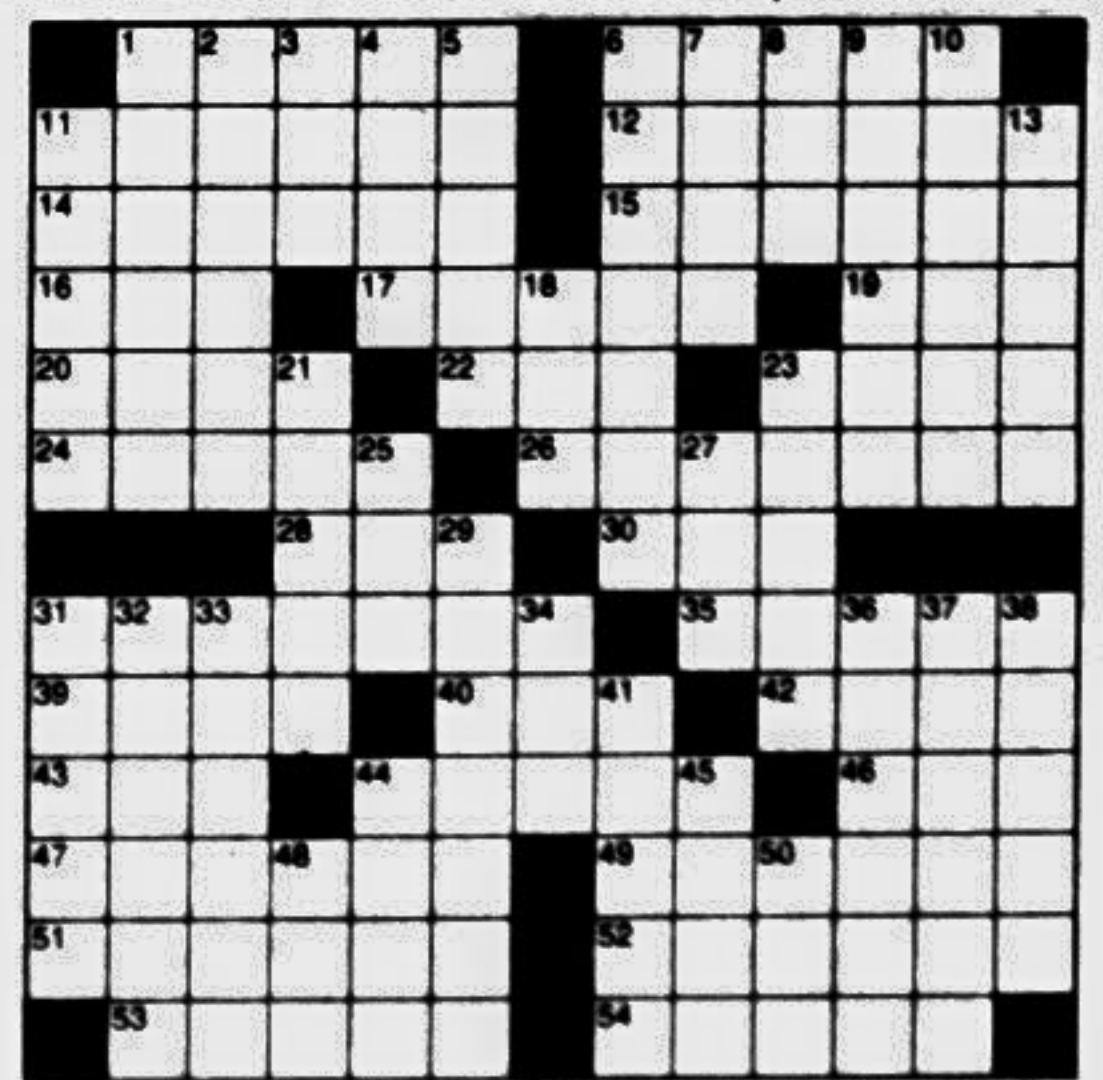
A press conference in this regard was held at the National Sports Council (NSC) conference room yesterday.

BHF president Lt Col (ret'd) M A Hamid briefed the press about various aspects of the tournament.

A budget of Tk 3,40,000.00 has been estimated for the expenses of the championship of which the sponsor will pay Tk 1,50,000.00.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 North Dakota city
6 "Lost Horizon" actress
11 Subject of Newton's Law
12 Ace
14 Sports venues
15 Light switch of a sort
16 "Little Teapot"
17 Takes charge
19 "But — on forever" (Tennyson)
20 Cillum
22 Seaside
23 Difficulty
24 Inconspicuous desire
26 Becomes an ex-member
28 Diary
30 Capek play
31 Fashion original?
35 Rib
36 Slangy
40 Realtor's offering
42 Feats
43 Staff
44 Virgo's neighbor
46 Gilligan's house
47 "20 Questions"
48 Confidential
51 Heavenly
52 Hand-some lad
53 Slow, to 13 Jogs
54 Stokowski
56 "Black-tie Relaxing."
57 On base
58 Canine forename
59 Target
6 Beginning
6 Yenta
7 Rotation
8 Turntable pivot
9 Castor and Pollux
10 Crater
11 Lake's state
11 Uses the Postal Service
12 Jogs
13 Jogs
14 Jogs
15 "A conversation piece"
16 Relaxing
23 "M*A*S*H" locale
25 "Uplume" writer
27 Stick out
29 Discourer of four of Jupiter's moons
30 Capricorn
31 Capricorn
32 Directly opposite
33 She put everything she had on a horse
34 "Gift of the Magi"
35 Sore
37 Small apartment
38 Sen.
39 Kefauver
40 Ordal
41 Fritz or k.d.
45 "—"
46 Russian space station
47 "Fritz" counter-part



CRYPTOQUIP

HOH XIP AFJRU AJNZPN
XJRP IOD IJZZPN XW
GPH DW IPH GP
JGFP XW IOX XIP IJU?

Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE MORON'S DEFINITION OF MACADAM. THE FIRST SCOTSMAN.

Today's Cryptogram clue: I equals H

The Cryptogram 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.