

Column One

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-85

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Competition closes at 8 pm on
Dec 26, 1997

1	In which group have Brazil been drawn for France '98?	A	B	C
2	How many centuries has Atapattu hit in Test cricket to date?	1	2	3
3	Who is the national soccer coach of Saudi Arabia?	Hodson	Pereira	Jacquet
4	Who were Bangladesh's opponents in the World Youth Cup cricket qualifiers' final?	HK	Nepal	PNG
5	How many teams are taking part in the Premier Division cricket league?	10	12	14

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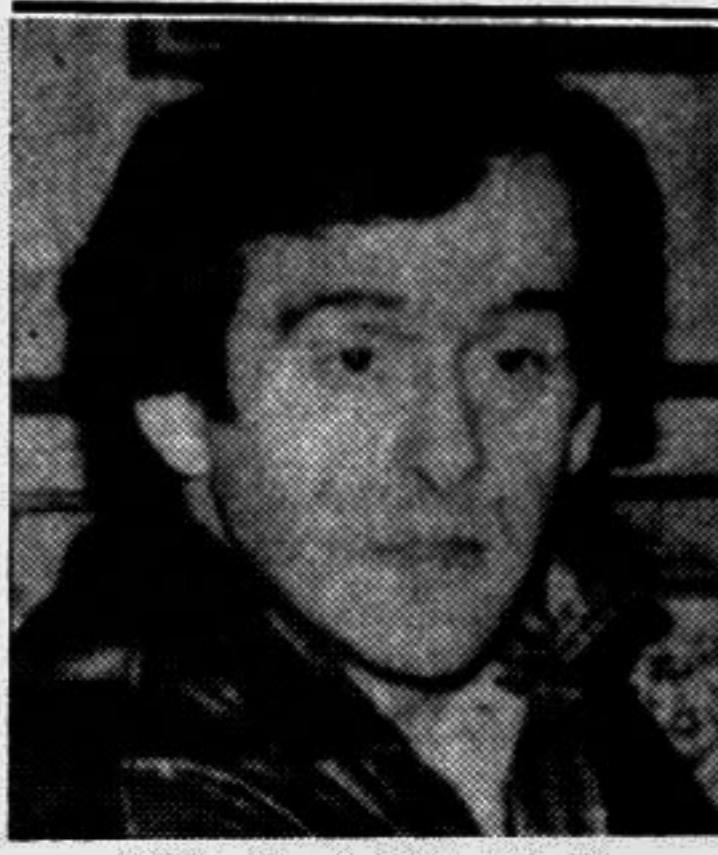
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SPORTS TALK



Michel Platini

(President of the France '98 organising committee)
"I believe that this World Cup will be even better than the 1994 tournament with more teams and more goals."



Wari opener Anup Kumar Biswas, who hit an unbeaten 95 to steer his side to an eight-wicket victory, drives Victoria Sporting Club's Lalu during their Janakantha Premier league clash at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

Tarun, Wari move on

Sports Reporter

played one match less than their Motijheel rivals, they would be pitting against glants like Mohammedans and Brothers Union in two of their remaining three first leg matches. On the other hand, Wari will take on a lowly-rated Lalmata.

SURJO TARUN CLUB: 96 for 3 wickets in 22.1 overs (Nadim Younis 49 not out, Masum 19, Javed 15)

Result: Surjo Tarun won by seven wickets.

VICTORIA SC: 188 all out in 48.4 overs (Imran 46, Nasir Khan 29, Tarique Mehmed 2/27, Sajib Das 2/53)

WARI CLUB: 190 for 2 wickets in 45.3 overs (Anup Kumar 95 not out, Saiduzzaman 50 not out)

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Surjo Tarun Club brightened their prospect for a place in the six-team super league when the pushovers-turned-aspirants recorded their sixth win in the Janakantha Premier Division cricket at the expense of Agran Bank at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

But the new-town outfit is likely to face a tough challenge from Wari Club, who were equally impressive on the day with a thumping eight-wicket defeat of Victoria SC at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. It was Wari's fifth win from nine matches.

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claimed five wickets for only nine runs in his 6.4 overs to shot Agran Bank out for a meagre 93 in 39.4 overs.

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mered eleven firmly hits across the rope in his 46-ball vigil at the crease.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, opener Anup Kumar scored an unbeaten 95 to help Wari overhaul a fighting Victoria total of 188.

The young right-hander, who missed the unique feat of becoming the first local player to score a century in this year's league by five runs, carried his bat throughout the Wari innings, steering his side to 190 in 45.3 overs.

Anup, who clouted 11 fours in his 41-ball vigil, shared 123 runs for the undefeated third wicket with Saiduzzaman after he lost his opening partner Jaman (29) and Pakistani Tarique Mehmed (0) at the same score of 67.

Middle-order bat Saiduzzaman, who scored 50, clubbed only one four in his workman-like 102-ball undefeated knock.

Earlier, the Victoria total was built around some useful contributions from their top-order batsman.

Opener Imran scored a patient 46 and his partner Pakistani Asgar Khan chipped in with 21. Asgar's compatriot Nasir Khan made 29.

For Wari, spinner Tarique Mehmed captured two wickets for only 27 runs in his nine economic overs. Sajib Das had also claimed two wickets. But the tweaker gave away 53 runs in his expensive 10 overs.



However, in the day's match away at the BKSP ground, left-arm spinner Shamsul Huda with a five-wicket haul bowled Surjo Tarun Club to a resounding seven-wicket win over Agran Bank.

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In the day's other match, Bangladesh Navy beat Titas Club by three sets to nil.

After yesterday's two matches, the robin league phase of the five team competition ended with Bangladesh Army, BDR and Navy finishing atop having posted three wins each.

But Navy failed to qualify for the final because of inferior set difference.

In today's final, BDR take on Army at 2:45 pm.

In Xanadu did Kubla Khan

A stately pleasure dome decree...

The pristine skyscrapers of Dubai come in all shapes, sizes and materials. Hotels, mosques and office blocks have soared into existence in recent years in what must seem like a veritable playground for modern architects. Their creations of steel, glass and marble flaunt the area's prosperity alongside a creek filled with fine old Arab dhows which recall the days when fish and perfume were more important than petrol and cricket was strictly for the English.

It is multinational now, with a vengeance, as was the team which represented the Emirates at the last World Cup.

The recent opening of an indoor cricket centre in Dubai should further enhance Arab participation, however, and there are dishdashas and gutras (white robes and headcloths) as well as saris in evidence in the crowds at Sharjah. The four teams in the present tournament are all staying in the same Dubai hotel, but half an hour in a coach or taxi (in the less than certain event of the driver knowing the way) takes them to a ground where all tickets were sold well before the start of yesterday's India v Pakistan match. Sharjah may be a stricter, soberer, less spectacular place than its neighbouring Emirate, but the cricket stadium has put it on the map and one gets the feeling that there is room for a fair bit of growth yet.

Courtesy: The Electronic Telegraph

something altogether more sophisticated. Grass seed was imported from Australia for the outfield and soil from the Punjab for the base of the square, which has proved remarkably durable. Local concrete sufficed for the circular stadium itself and by 1981 it was built.

The first tournament between India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka was played two years later and there have been 22 since, under various titles. Asif Iqbal, that beguiling batsman from Pakistan, who has co-ordinated the international cricketing activities from the outset under the title of the Cricketers' Benefit Fund Series, says that over 4 million dollars (2.5 million pounds) has been raised in honour of a succession of former Test cricketers, mainly but not exclusively from the sub-continent. Those benefiting this time are Dilip Doshi, G S Ramchand, Ashok Mankad, Saleem Altaf, Asif Mujtaba and Richie Richardson.

Once Rupert Murdoch's Star television started operating by satellite from Hong Kong, using cricket as its main means of expansion for an audience from the sub-continent already be-

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Suraiya Begum, a life member of Dhaka Deaf Association, distributing prizes among the winners of the Victory Day deaf sports competition. M Ali Hossain, president of the association, is to her left.

—Star photo

Sport

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Bangladesh Boys

beat Railway

Sports Reporter

BANGLADESH BOYS CLUB: 228 for seven in 45 overs (Labbu 6 n.o., Rana 48, Extras 41; Shiplu 2/40, Sabur 2/41)

BANGLADESH RAILWAY: 209 all out in 43.3 overs (Hossain 63, Sabur 34, Extras 32, Shiplu 21, Akbar 19 n.o., Nadeem 4/30)

Result: Bangladesh Boys Club won by 19 runs.

Bangladesh Boys Club defeated Bangladesh Railway by 19 runs in the First Division cricket league at the City Club ground in Mirpur yesterday.

Middle-order Labbu hampered an unbeaten 86 as Bangladesh Boys, sent into bat, piled up 228 for seven in the stipulated 45 overs.

In his 90-ball knock, Labbu, who added 105 runs for the fifth wicket along with Rana, hit two sixes and seven boundaries.

Labbu apart, Rana contributed 48 runs which came from 74 deliveries.

In reply, Railway were all out to 209 in 43.3 overs in the face of some inspirational bowling by Pakistani Nadeem Nadeem.

Nadeem, who ripped through the lower-order, finished with four for 30. Nadeem was ably helped by two new-ball bowlers Sayeed and Hasan who evenly shared four wickets.

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