

## Column One

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Competition-87

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm  
on Jan 30, 19981 Which Kiwi batsman scored  
the only ODI century  
against Pakistan?

Cairns Astle Crowe

2 Which is the highest ODI  
individual score?

194 189 198

3 How many ODI centuries  
has Azharuddin hit

3 4 5

4 Who scored the only half-  
century for Bangladesh in  
the Independence Cup?

Aminul Akram Mahmud

5 Who is leading Bangladesh in  
the World Youth Cup cricket  
in South Africa?

Sabir Al-Sharif Sajal

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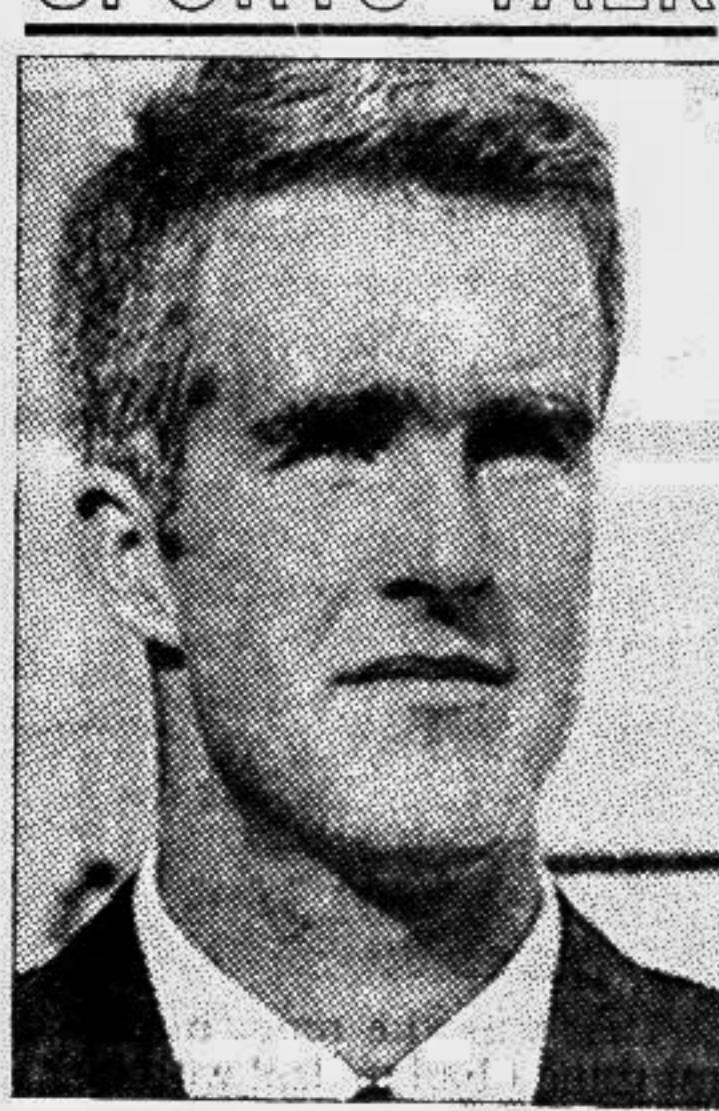
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## SPORTS TALK



Todd Martin

(American tennis player)  
"It's inhumane what these  
courts do to your feet."Commenting on the hot-  
bound ace Centre Court  
surface of Melbourne where  
the Australian Open is going  
on now.Jadukar Samad  
Soccer

Abdul Hadi Lane Jubo Sangha and Russel National Shishu Kishore Parashad moved into the quarter finals of the Jadukar Samad Kishore football tournament after winning their respective matches at the Outer Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Abdul Hadi Lane defeated Gadaris Power Sun Sporting Club by a solitary goal while Russel Kishore Parashad defeated Narayanganj Rahim Smriti Sangsads 2-0 another match.

In the day's other match, Futsi Ida Club defeated Siddiq Bazar Samaj Kalyan Sangads by 2-0 goals.

Cesare keeps  
faith on  
experience

ROME, Jan 24: Inter Milan winger Francesco Moriero and Juventus defender Moreno Torricelli were rewarded for their impressive club form with a call-up by Italy on Friday, reports Reuters.

The pair are the only new faces in a squad of 19 named by Italian coach Cesare Maldini for a World Cup warm-up against Slovakia in Catania on January 28.

Although familiar names such as Chelsea striker Gianfranco Zola, Atletico Madrid striker Christian Vieri and Inter Milan goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca are omitted, their absence may be only temporary since Maldini has made it clear he intends to experiment in this friendly.

Right-sided attacking mid-fielder or winger Moriero has been one of the surprise talents in the successful season of Serie A leaders Inter.

## SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Gianluigi Buffon (Parma), Angelo Peruzzi (Juventus).

Defenders: Fabio Cannavaro (Parma), Alessandro Costacurta (AC Milan), Ciro Ferrara (Juventus), Paolo Maldini (AC Milan), Alessandro Nesta (Lazio), Moreno Torricelli (Juventus).

Midfielders: Sandro Cois (Fiorentina), Demetrio Albertini (AC Milan), Dino Baggio (Parma), Luigi di Blagio (AS Roma), Angelo di Livio (Juventus), Roberto di Matteo (Chelsea), Francesco Moriero (Inter Milan).

Strikers: Enrico Chiesa (Parma), Alessandro Del Piero (Juventus), Filippo Inzaghi (Juventus), Fabrizio Ravanelli (Olympique Marseilles).

## Rakib regains his crown

## Sports Reporter

Abdullah Al-Rakib regained the national junior chess title with a clean sweep (2-0) over national champion Enamul Hossain Rajib after the tie-breaker at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the two-match play-off to decide the championship as both finished with equal eight points at the end of the regulation nine-round Swiss league, Rakib, the 1996 champion, won the first match with white pieces and then went on to repeat the same result with black pieces for his second title in three years.

## ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champion
1979	Mansur Rahman
1980	Zillur Rahman
1981	Farid Ahmed
1982	Idris Ali
1983	Moniruzzaman
1984	Niamul Haque
1985	not held
1986	Wahidul Islam
1987	Ziaur Rahman
1988	Reefat-bin-Sattar
1989	Ziaur Rahman
1990	Kayes Hasan
1991	Ziaur Rahman
1992	Reefat-bin-Sattar
1993	Reefat-bin-Sattar
1994	Ziaur Rahman
1995	Adnan Faisal
1996	Abdullah-Al-Rakib
1997	Dewan Shahidul Amin
1998	Abdullah-Al-Rakib

Nat'l hockey  
semis today

## Sports Reporter

Defending champions Dhaka University will take on Faridpur in the second semi-final of the 20th national hockey championship at the National Hockey Stadium today at 2 pm. In the first semi-final, scheduled at the same venue, last year's runners-up Dhaka will face Bangladesh Army at 12 noon.



Abdullah Al-Rakib, the new national junior champion. — Star photo

## Miles to go before he sleeps

When he has walked his last walk from the crease at the end of his career, Brian Lara may stroll easily into the "Hall of Fame" of West Indies cricket.

When the batsmen are assembled, he can slip easily behind "Massa" George Headley, perhaps "rub shoulders" with Sir Gary Sobers, Viv Richards and Everton Weekes.

But after just 48 Test matches and 4,133 runs and even with the world record 375 among his collection of 10 centuries, the seating arrangements are not yet finalised.

And just where the Prince of Port of Spain will finally be seated may well be determined from next week when he leads the 1998 West Indians out against England at Sabina Park, Jamaica. Lara's inheriting of the captain's mantle is certainly the most heralded since Sir Frank Worrell took over leadership of the West Indies team for the 1960-61 tour of Australia. But the 28-year-old from Cantaro Village in Santa Cruz will surely be the most scrutinised WI skipper ever.

Charismatic, compelling, controversial, Lara the player has kept both the cameras and computers clicking ever since making his Test debut in 1991.

In appeal, and in terms of sheer expectation, he bears comparison with Sir Frank, the first black West Indies captain in a full series.

Comparisons with Worrell, however, are dangerously odious. A man with the vision and personality aptly suited to the socially sensitive 1960s, Worrell in his 15 Tests was the quiet revolutionary of minds and hearts.

Lara, prince of the "just do it" generation, is likely to be the catalyst that changes how the Windies play in the 21st century, although not necessarily how they view the game.

The individually sterling Sobers was also 28 when he became captain in 1964 and the 28-year-old current captain may best be compared with him, Richards and, purely in terms of results, Clive Lloyd.

The cricketing comparison with legendary Sir Gary is nat-

ural. Two left-handers, wonderfully gifted strokemakers, shrewd tacticians and golf buffs, Sobers and Lara are a pair well-matched.

And the similarities, one suspects, will continue when it comes to leading by example. To a point. When he was the boss, Sobers was scintillating with bat and ball.

But he will need his "Masters" to make a success of the Windies job. For Lara will not have the arsenal of quality quicks that helped Lloyd to 36 victories in 74 Tests.

He is not even inheriting the type of winning side that Viv Richards got after he took over the team in 1985 against New Zealand.

That nucleus included Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Richie Richardson and Jeff Dujon. Those talents combined with his own mercurial skills for a long time disguised the gradual shrinking of the talent pool.

They also helped to keep Richards unbeaten in 12 series and leave him with the impressive record of 27 wins, 9 losses.

But two captains — Richardson and Courtney Walsh — on, Lara is left with near dregs with which to create new wine.

Facing the Prince is the challenge of lifting the morale of his subdued subjects, of nurturing young bodies and pacifying older heads, of chasing away the shadows of past indiscretions.

And, most of all, to become ultimately the Great Leader. Lara must become the Great Listener. He must borrow some of the Worrell charm, the Lloyd steel, the Walsh heart. He must become everything West Indian.

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Source: The Trinidad Express

BRIAN LARA

his career. With the ball, just about half of his 235 wickets (117) came as skipper.

Lloyd too managed 14 of his 19 centuries in averaging 51.30 as captain, compared with 46.67 overall. Lara as Trinidad and Tobago leader has relished playing captains' knocks.

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So Lara is not likely to get burned the way Sobers did at

U Insurance  
chess from Feb 5

The qualifying round of the 4th United Insurance International Masters chess championship will begin on February 5 at the chess room of the National Sports Council, reports UNB.

Interested players will have to send entry by February 3 with a fee of Tk 100.

TASTE OF THE CARIBBEAN: England batsman Nasser Hussain falls on his knees in agony after being hit in the abdomen by a West Indies A quick during their four-day match at Chedwin Park, Jamaica on Jan 23. — AP/UNB photo

## V-Day cricket

## Sports Reporter

Favourites Abahani Krira Chakra will take on Biman at the Dhaka Stadium this morning in one of the two quarter-finals as the Bijoy Dibash cricket tournament resumes at different city venues today.

Brothers Union will face Surjo Tarun in the other quarter-final at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

The winners of today's matches will face each other in the second semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium on January 27. The first semifinal between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Kalabagan Krira Chakra will be held at the same venue tomorrow.

The final is likely to be held either on February 7 or 8.

Meanwhile, the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), the organisers of the tournament, yesterday announced the rates of different tickets for the matches to be played at the Dhaka Stadium. Spectators will have to spend Tk 10 each for the general gallery while Tk 50 each for the Club House. Besides, the rate of VIP gallery (Shaheed Jewel gate) will be Tk 100 each.

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of

## Adam may miss first Test

## Sports Reporter

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan 24: An injury to all-rounder Adam Hollioake cast a shadow over England's progress on the second day of their four-day match against West Indies A at Chedwin Park on Friday, report Reuters/AP.

England earlier had much to feel satisfied about Nasser Hussain continued from where he had left off on Thursday to make 159 before he was stumped making a rash charge down the pitch and they declare soon after lunch at 400 for eight.

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Hollioake, who had been

almost certain to take the all-rounder position as England's

number six, scored another

gutsy 48 to add to his 40 at Montego Bay in the opening match before he was run out.

England's middle order was

further bolstered by a determined

32 not out from wicket-