

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT Italian cricket was very much in an embryonic state in the 1980s. The standard of their bowling was summed up by an injury to their captain, who was hit by a while fielding at gully!

Roost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-88 Tick the Correct Answers

- 1. How many countries took part in the World Youth Cricket Cup? 14 15 16
2. What is the position of Korda in ATP rankings at the moment? 1st 2nd 3rd
3. How many Test matches has Dave Richardson played? 42 43 44
4. Who is the current 100m world champion? Bailey Greene Cason
5. Which team finished first in the Premier Division soccer league? Muktijoddha MSC Fganj

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SPORTS TALK



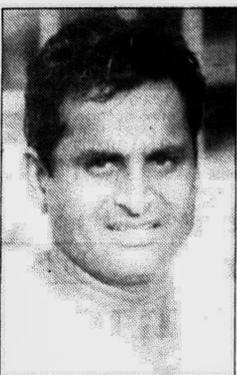
Sunil Gavaskar (Indian cricket legend) "Raw enthusiasm is handy while fielding, but while betting, coolness and experience are necessary."

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Premier Division Football Super League: Muktijoddha Sangsad KC vs Brothers Union Club (Mirpur Stadium, 5 pm).
First Division Football Relegation League: Wari Club vs Police AC (Mirpur Stadium, 3 pm).
First Division Cricket Super League: Sadharan Bima KS vs Dhanmondi Club (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium).

Elahi, Harun run amok for Bagan's 9-wkt win Rude awakening for MSC

Sports Reporter



MANZOOR ELAHI... 67

Kalabagan Krira Chakra caused an astonishing ripple in the elite flight of the Premier Division League when they inflicted a huge and humiliating nine-wicket defeat on Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

With their back against the wall, Kalabagan, last year's runners-up, went into their penultimate first phase engagement in need of a desperate win to earn a place in the six-team Super League. And the emerging leviathan of domestic cricket did it in style when, chasing a modest Mohammedan total of 152 in the stipulated 50 overs, they walloped their way to 154 for one in only 23.4 overs.

Thanks to an enterprising 139-run partnership for the Bagan first wicket between former Pakistan Test cap Manzoor Elahi and Harun-ur Rashid, Mohammedans conceded their first defeat after nine wins on a trot in the most ignominious of ways.

The post-lunch session turned into a nightmarish experience for Mohammedans when the two Kalabagan openers took their opposite bowlers to the sword. With Manzoor Elahi, considered during his hey days as the hardest hitter of the ball by the cricketing world, in full cry and an equally aggressive Harun on song, Kalabagan reached their first fifty in only nine overs before completing the hundred at the end of the 15th over.

runs in his one prodigal over which yielded a quartet of four including three in successive deliveries.

Manzoor's pyrotechnics eventually came to an end in the 21st over when he was caught at long-off while trying to find his second sixer against Mohammedans Pakistan leg-spinner Shahed Mehmud.



HARUN... 61 n.o

Harun, who clubbed 10 fours in his fluent 87-ball 61, then throttled Kalabagan to a resounding victory without further damage, milking the remaining 25 runs in company with Sajjad Ahmed.

Discarded national right-arm seamer Zakir Hasan, who was responsible for the early damage, removed both the Mohammedan openers Parvez (2) and Mehrab Hossain (8) in successive overs before slow-left armer Enamul Haq captured the vital wicket of Aminul Islam for a duck.

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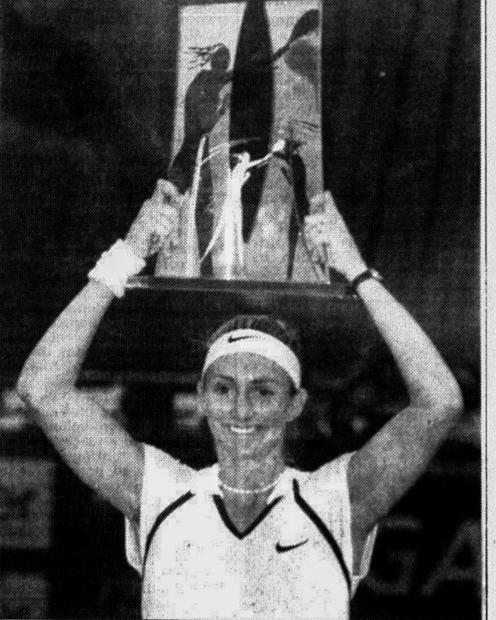
Pierce's first in France

PARIS, Feb 16: Third-seed Mary Pierce, cheered on by members of her fan club perched in the upper terraces of the Coubertin Stadium, won the first title of her career in her adopted France on Sunday when she beat Dominique Van Roost of Belgium 6-3, 7-5 in the final of the 480,000 dollars Paris Indoor Open, reports AFP.

It was sweet revenge for Pierce who was jeered off the same court two years ago when she offered only token resistance and complained of a back injury while crashing at the first hurdle to Germany's Petra Begerow.

who triumphed in Auckland and who reached the final in Hobart, needed to play eleven sets over the last five days to reach Sunday's final - seeing off Austrian Barbara Schett, Croatia's Iva Majoli and Nathalie Tauziat of France.

But she was clearly unhappy with the crowd. Van Roost, who held serve only three times in the one hour 46mins match, paid a warm tribute to her opponent.



Mary Pierce of France holds aloft the Paris Open trophy after seeing off the challenge of Belgian Dominique van Roost in the final on Feb 15.

MSC-KALABAGAN SCOREBOARD

Table with columns: Player, Runs, Wickets. Includes Mohammedians SC and Kalabagan KC scores.

Harun-ur-Rashid not out 61, Manzoor Elahi c Jahangir b S Mehmud 67, Sajjad Ahmed not out 3, Extras: (lb-5, nb-2, w-16) 23. Total: (all out in 44 overs) 152.

Did not bat: Ishfaq, Gaffar, Saiful, Zakaria, Selim, Salkat, Enamul and Zakir. Fall of wicket: 1/139.

Bowling table with columns: O, M, R, W. Includes Jahangir, Morshed, Rafique, Hasibul, Ranatunga, Mehmud, Minhajul.

Result: Kalabagan Krira Chakra won by nine wickets.

No stopping Orient Sports Reporter

GOPIBAGH FA: 160 all out in 47.5 overs (Setu 32, Raju 29, Saiful 21, Jockey 3/19, Lucky 3/24).

ORIENT SC: 163 for four in 37 overs (Masum 55 n.o., Paltu 37, Tapu 27, Amir 15 n.o., Setu 2/27). Result: Orient Sporting Club won by six wickets.

An unbeaten half-century by middle order Masum guided Orient Sporting Club to a comfortable six-wicket victory over Gopibagh Friends Association in a First Division cricket super league encounter at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a moderate Gopibagh total of 160 in 50 overs, Masum hammered 55 from as many balls inclusive of seven boundaries as Orient romped home with 13 overs to spare to register their fourth successive win in the super league.

Coming to bat at number five with Orient in a bit of trouble on 69 for three in 19.2 overs, Masum added a valuable 67 for the fourth wicket stand along with one-down Tapu (27) to ease the pressure and lay a smooth passage for his side's convincing win.

Opener Paltu, with a sedate 37 off 69 balls which included five fours, was the other notable contributor for Orient.

Earlier, sent onto bat first, Gopibagh were bundled out in 47.5 overs in the face of some inspirational bowlings from Jockey and Lucky who evenly shared six wickets among themselves.

Lucky, who ripped through the Gopibagh top orders, finished with three for 24 from his ten overs while Jockey conceded 19 runs for his three wickets from 8.5 overs.

Setu (32), Raju (29) and opener Saiful (21) were the notable run getters for Gopibagh.

With yesterday's win, Orient are now almost sure to earn a promotion in the Premier league next season. They are now leading the six-team super league table with 22 points from 13 matches, two points ahead of the other leading side Sadharan Bima who have 20 points from 12 matches.

The league championship will be decided when the top two face each other in their last match on February 19.

Barisal cricket

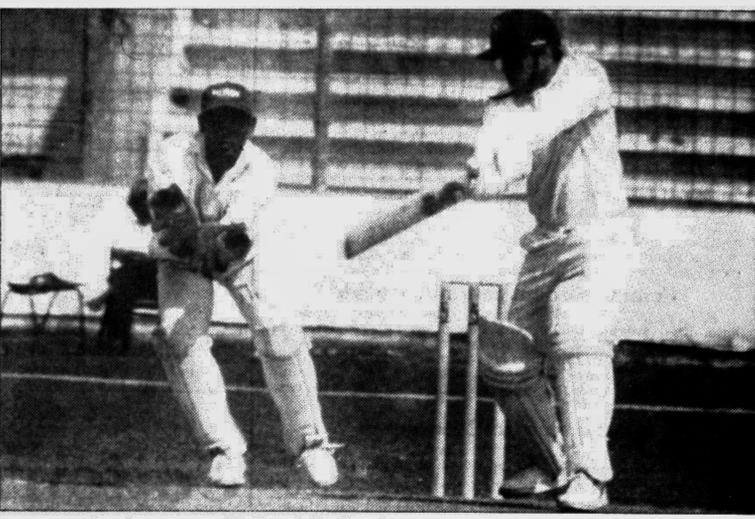
From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Feb 16: Katpatty Friends Ekadash defeated Kheloor Kallyan Samity by 5 wickets in the First Division cricket league at the local stadium today.

Batting first Kheloor Kallyan Samity scored 102 runs losing all the wickets in 39.1 overs.

In reply Katpatty scored 105 runs in 47.5 overs losing 4 wickets in 25.4 overs.

Rabi scored highest 45 runs for Katpatty while Munna of Kheloor Kallyan scored highest 17 runs.

Tomorrow Barisal Cricket Institute will face Babuganj Club at the same venue.



Mohammedans' top scorer Minhazul Abedin plays a square cut during yesterday's Premier league match against Kalabagan at the Dhaka Stadium.

Mexico's treble triumph

LOS ANGELES, Feb 16: Mexico beat the United States 1-0 here Sunday with a goal from Luis Hernandez to win their third straight CONCACAF Gold Cup crown, reports AFP.

Hernandez got the winner in the 43rd minute, after Cuahemoc Blanco initiated a play on the right wing. He put a ball through to Salvador Carmona, whose cross was headed past US keeper Kasey Keller by Hernandez.

Some 91,000 turned out at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, but the United States couldn't keep the momentum going from their historic 1-0 semifinal victory over Brazil into another triumph.

Mexico had reached the final with a 1-0 victory in extra time against Jamaica. Hernandez scored the 105th-minute winner in that match as well.

On Sunday, both teams attacked early. Hernandez let a chance get away in the seventh minute and two minutes later Roy Wegerle of the United States missed from inside the Mexican area.

The United States got their best opportunity in the 53rd and 54th minutes, when Preki Radosavljevic and Joe-Max Moore had Mexican keeper Oscar Perez beaten but failed to score.

Hernandez had another chance when he intercepted a ball that US defender Eddie Pope intended for Keller, but his effort failed.

The entrance of Preki at half time injected more power into the attack which Mexico tried to counter by sending on Braulio Luna in the 55th and Rodrigo Lara in the 67th.

The United States pressed until the final second, while Keller, voted Most Valuable Player of the tournament largely on the strength of his performance against Brazil, made two excellent late saves — of shots from Luna and Hernandez.

Mexico have now won the last three Gold Cup tournaments, the regional championship for Central and North America and the Caribbean.

The United States are the only other titlists, having won the inaugural edition in 1991.

Earlier, the world champions finished third after a 1-0 victory against Jamaica. Veteran striker Romario scored the only goal.

Was it really a mugging?

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 16: Pakistan cricket team manager Assad Aziz reacted with disdain to suggestions the two players who were mugged in South Africa last Wednesday evening have been less than honest about their plight, reports Reuters.

Speculation has mounted steadily that Mohammad Akram and Saqlain Mushtaq, who said they were attacked by two men who leapt from a car as they were walking towards shops close to their hotel in a wealthy Johannesburg suburb, may have acquired their injuries elsewhere.

The attack forced the start of the first Test against South Africa to be delayed from Friday to Saturday. It also prompted waves of condemnation from politicians and sports officials and a promise that security for the touring team would be stepped up.

Johannesburg police, however, have criticised the players for being "uncooperative" and this has fuelled the rumours there may be another story.

Although police spokesmen refuse to confirm the subject of their current investigations, they would not deny that a team of officers have talked with the management and staff of a late-night hostess bar called the "Blue Orchid" close to the team hotel.

The two Pakistan players were alleged by sources close to the investigation to have got into an altercation at the club.

Police spokesman inspector Andy Piekie told reporters on Sunday the cricketers had been unable to give any detailed descriptions of their assailants, or of the car they drove, other than to say that the men were black and the car was blue.

Piekie said the longer a sworn statement was delayed from the players the more likely it was that important details would be forgotten.

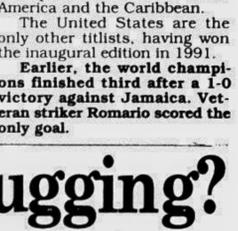
Responding to police allegations the two players refused to speak to the police on Thursday, the day after the incident.

Alli Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, also distanced himself from the rumours: "I will not question what happened. It is true," he said.

Police have expressed concern that two security guards on duty in the region of the alleged mugging saw, and heard, nothing and that hotel security guards and staff never saw the players return to the hotel despite the fact Akram suffered lacerations to his right hand and a badly injured ankle while Saqlain suffered a sprained neck.

Steffi Graf practices

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS: 1 Airborne, 2 Dracula, 3 Ruin the veneer, 4 Stan's pal, 5 Bulling bravo, 6 Gls' mail addr., 7 Like Santa's laundry?, 8 Mine's "How We Are", 9 Team's dressing room, 10 Eventual aces, 11 Book after Daniel, 12 Total disarray, 13 Chaps, 14 Comedian Foxworthy, 15 Jalopy among watercraft, 16 Nonsensical talk, 17 Counterfeit, 18 Each, 19 Garland, 20 Piroquette, 21 Depend.



Solution time: 25 mins. 17 Flex, 18 Den, 19 Teased, 20 Leading lady?, 21 --de-lance, 22 Emulate, 23 Earhart, 24 Put to work, 25 Old Olds, 26 Slot-machine symbol, 27 Indivisible, 28 Guy's companion, 29 Bryant's successor, 30 Plum or cherry, 40 "Whither thou..." 41 "Give up", 42 Com-pletely different, 43 Heals, as a fracture, 44 --sow, 45 so shall..., 46 Distort the data, 47 Tea variety, 48 Arcking shot, 49 Acapulco article, 50 Play the ponies.

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Women's chess qualifiers Sports Reporter Masuda Begum from Barisal and Nazrana Khan Iva of Maitikganj were leading the 19th national women's chess championship qualifiers at the end of second round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

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