Soccer trials

Sports Reporter Trials for the under-16 national football team which will take part in the Asian Youth Cup Zone 5 qualifiers in Sri Lanka next May, began at the Rajuk ground adjacent to Dhaka Stadium yesterday un-der the supervision of the technical committee of Bangladesh Football Federation.

Four nations - Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Guam, will take part in the qualifying

Around 300 boys from different parts of the country are taking part in the three-phase trials of which 35 to 40 will be picked for the camp which will start under BFF supervision early next month.

A'bagh, Victoria split points

Arambagh Krira Sangha and Victoria Sporting Club played out a goalless draw in a relega-tion league match of the Premier Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The result left Arambagh KS on 18 points and Victoria SC 17 points from 19 matches.

In the First Division super league, Mirpur Chalantika KC consolidated their claim for the league crown beating East End

Al-Amin, Babul and Sohag scored for Chalantika KC while Bari and Ratan netted for East End.

Chalantika joined Badda Jagarani Sangsad at the top of the table securing 34 points each from 19 outings.

'Super sopper' in city

Sports Reporter The 'super sopper' is in the

The much expected vehicle which is used for drying up the wet patches in cricket grounds, has finally arrived at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday afternoon.

According to a BCB official, it has been purchased from the Dolphin company of Australia.

Fanie, Paul picked

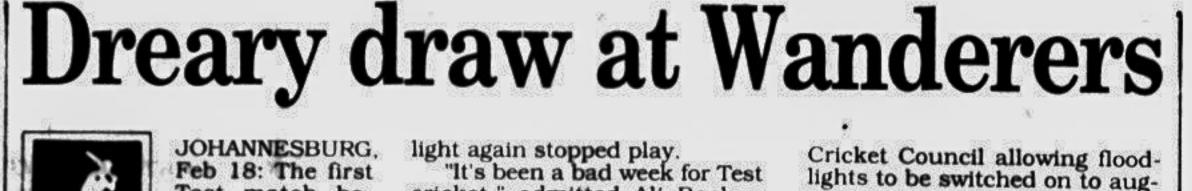
JOHANNESBURG, Feb 18: Veteran fast bowler Fanie de Villiers, spinner Paul Adams and uncapped batsman H D Ackerman were named in a 13man South African squad today for the second and third Test matches against Pakistan, reports AFP.

Skipper Hansie Cronje returns after injury.

Ackerman, 25, earned a callup by scoring centuries in four successive provincial matches. He is the only batsman to reach 1,000 first-class runs in South Africa this season.

De Villiers, 33, has not played in a Test match since touring India in 1996-97.

SQUAD Hansie Cronje (capt), Gary Kirsten (vice-captain), Adam Bacher, Jacques Kallis, Andrew Hudson, H D Ackerman, Shaun Pollock, Mark Boucher, Lance Klusener, Pat Symcox, Allan Donald, Fanie de Villiers, Paul Adams.



Feb 18: The first Test match between South Africa and Pakistan was aban doned as a draw at the Wanderers today, reports AFP.

A match dogged by contro-versy and bad weather finished on an appropriately dismal note when only 10.3 overs were bowled on the fifth and final day, South Africa were 44 for no wicket in their second innings when play was called off soon after 2.30m (1230 GMT).

After a morning session shortened by bad light and rain. only two balls were bowled in the afternoon, with no further addition to the score before bad

light again stopped play.
"It's been a bad week for Test cricket," admitted Ali Bacher, managing director of the United

Cricket Board of South Africa. The start of the Test was delayed by a day after the alleged

mugging of two Pakistan players last Wednesday night.
Subsequent allegations that the players were attacked at an adult nightclub - and not outside their Sandton Hotel as they had claimed - were denied Tuesday night by the Pakistan team manager Asad Aziz. Rain washed out the whole of

the fourth day. The match was marred by controversy and confusion over the application of a new provision of the International

cricket in murky light, even when the floodlights were switched on. Mitchley explained the seemingly farcical situation of the players going on to the field with the lights on, then going off without any play, by saying: "We can't call of play for bad light from the dressing room. We have to go out to the middle." Pakistan tour captain Rashid Latif, who did not play in the Test because of a neck

ment natural light.

had in this game."

On four occasions the players left the field because of bad

light despite the floodlights be-

ing switched on. On another oc-

casion they left the field before

the floodlights were switched

South African umpire Cyril

Mitchley, who stood with Peter

Willey of England, said: "It

doesn't really seem to be work-

ing with the cloud cover we have

to see the red ball used for day

Mitchley said it was difficult

In a television interview,

and not on controversy." He said his team had played well despite injuries and were determined to do well in the remaining two Tests in Durban and Port Elizabeth.

injury, appealed to the media "To concentrate on the cricket

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the first Test between South Africa and Pakistan at the Wanderers on Wednesday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 364 (Boucher 78, Symcox 108; Wagar Younis 3-80, Mushtaq Ahmed 3-66). PAKISTAN: First innings

329 (Azhar Mahmood 136; Klusener 4-93) SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings Kirsten not out

Bacher not out

Extras: (b-2, lb-2) Total: (for no loss in 10.1 overs) Bowling: Wagar

Result: Match draw Players-of-the-match: Azhar Mahmood and Pat Sym-COX.

Second Test: Feb 26-Mar 2 in Durban. Third Test: Mar 6-Mar 10 in Port Elizabeth.

While Morocco sought to

Morocco's French coach

"Bring them all on," he told

Zambia began the game with

slim chance of advancing to

the quarterfinals. By the final

whistle, Zambia's 3-1 win over

Mozambique meant both teams

were knocked out of the tour-

nament by Morocco's win over

Egypt.
Only the best two teams in

each group - in this case Egypt

and Morocco - advance to the

opened the scoring in the 16th

minute and his star teammate

Kalusha Bwalya added a second

with three minutes left in the

TODAY'S MATCHES

Janakantha Premier Cricket

Abahani KC vs Kalabagan KC

First Division Cricket Super

League: Sadharan Bima KS vs Orient SC

(Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

Premier Division Football

Abahani KC vs Farashganj SC

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Shantinagar Club vs Dhan-

mondi (Mirpur Stadium, 3 pm)

(Mirpur Stadium, 5 pm)

Zambia's Roatson Kilambe

press their advantage in the

second half, the closest they

came was with a header that

thundered into the Egyptian

Henri Michel said his team

were not afraid of anyone.

Rain the spoiler

Abahani meet Bagan today

Sports Reporter

The crucial Janakantha Premier cricket league tie between holders Abahani Krira Chakra and last year's runnersup Kalabagan Krira Chakra. was postponed yesterday due to unplayable ground conditions at the Dhaka Stadium which was soggy from over night rain. The match will now be played today.

Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) chairman Tanveer Haider also confirmed last night that the Abahani-Mohammedan match will be held tomorrow as per the fix-

ture. Although the ground was a bit heavy in the morning and it would have taken an hour to make it playable, it was Abahani, set to miss the services of their skipper Akram Khan and all-rounder Naimur Rahman Durjoy, who were reluctant to play yesterday. Akram was running a temperature while Durjoy was going through a finger injury.

Tri-nation cricket

Bangladesh face SL, India in Singapore Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will participate in a tri-nation cricket tournament in Singapore from May 10 with world champions Sri Lanka and India, a senior Bangladesh Cricket Board official confirmed last night.

According to the official Bangladesh have been included in the tourney after Australia expressed their non-availabil-

The fixture and other details of the tournament are yet to be finalised.

Saber for longer S-league matches

Sports Reporter

BCB president Saber Hossain has disproved a CCDM proposal playing the six-team Premier Division Cricket Super League on the basis of 50-overa-side matches. Instead, he advised the organisers to stick to its earlier decision of playing two-day matches.

The recommendation of the BCB president came after the executive committee meeting held yesterday.

Saber, who favours the longer version of the game, said that the board would cancel the planned tour of a Bangladesh selection to India to facilitate the smooth running of the domestic cricket schedule. His support for the original plan, however, left the CCDM in quandary with the six teams.

United Insurance chess opens today sans Zia

Sports Reporter

The fourth United Insurance International Masters' chess tournament begins at the NSC conference room today under the auspices of Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF). State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will formally inaugurate the tournament at 5

The main competition will begin tomorrow. Around fifty players includ-

ing five foreigners, one from Vietnam and four from India, are likely to participate in the tournament which will be held on 11-round Swiss league basis. The number of local participants will be finalised today. It was learnt that the highest

rated player of the country. International Master Ziaur Rahman (2485) will not take part in the tournament as he is scheduled to take part in a Grand Masters' tournament in Kalikat from March 5.

International Master Reefatbin-Sattar (2350) will be the highest rated Bangladeshi player in the meet along with national champion Enamul Hossain Rajib (2315) and national junior champion Abdul-lah-Al-Rakib (2285).

A total of Tk 66,000 will be awarded as cash prize. Mujibur Rahman and Matiur Rahman, general secretary and joint-secretary of BCF. briefed the press yesterday. N Ahmed, additional general manager of the sponsors was also present on the occasion.

United Insurance Company is

working out Tk 1,80,000 for the

tournament.

chairman AHM Rezaul Karim inaugurating the annual indoor sports competition at the BSCIC conference room yesterday. About 300 officers and staff are taking part in 12 events. - Star photo



Abahani and Kalabagan players engrossed in leisurely discussions in the Kalabagan dressing room after light drizzle forced postponement of their Premier league fixture at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

Independence Cup BCB makes Tk 4.5 crore profit

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh (BCB) has finally put behind the mounting speculation from dif ferent quarters regarding the fi-

nancial aspects of the Independence Cup when it announced yesterday a profit of over Tk four and half crore. The much-talked about pe-

cuniary report, which sparked off an animated debate and was even a matter for Parliamentary discussion, was revealed after the BCB executive committee meeting with its president, Deputy Minister Saber Hossain Chowdhury, in the chair.

BCB earned a total of over Taka 9.22 crore, out of which about Taka 4.43 crore was spent to hold the meet involving India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, disclosed Ahmed Sajjadul Alam after the press briefing.

The bulk amount of the earnings was provided by WorldTel, the US-based TV company, who paid BCB about Taka 4.44 crore for a package deal, which included the TV rights, title sponsors, sight

screens ads, drinks trolley, Cricket Board billboards, ad on stump-vision camera and the giant logo of Coca-Cola in the middle of the ground.

BCB earned about Taka 2.11 crore as gate receipt from the ten-day meet, which featured six matches including the three-match finals between India and Pakistan. Besides, the Ministry of Youth and Sports provided Taka 1.75 crore to hold the invitational tourney, organised in celebration of Bangladesh's silver jubilee year

of independence. Although Sajjad, a member of BCB and the convenor of the media committee, did not provide the details of expenditure. he said that a huge sum was spent as appearance fees for the two visiting teams.

Sajjad added that although it was approved by the board yesterday, a private company will audit the monetary aspects of the meet before the final statement is released which may take the next few months.

The marathon BCB meeting also discussed various issues regarding the development of

cricket in the country.

The board has decided to immediately start a long-term camp involving cricketers of different age groups (under-14 and under-16) under the aegis of its technical director Gordon Greenidge.

Latif needs to have surgery

KARACHI, Feb 18: Pakistan's cricket captain Rashid Latif has been advised to have surgery on a back injury which kept him out of the first Test against South Africa in Johannesburg, reports here said today, reports "Specialists have said a disc

has moved in the back and caused me neck pain and it requires surgery," The News daily quoted him as saying by telephone from Johannesburg. The 28-year-old wicket-

keeper is also likely to miss the second Test which starts in Durban on February 26, the report said.

Morocco defeat Egypt

- AP/UNB photo



Wednesday.

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso, Feb 18: Morocco edged out Egypt 1-0 on Tuesday, but both

teams captured berths in the African Nations' Cup quarterfinals, reports AP. In the day's only other match, which pitted two ousted

teams, Zambia beat Mozambique 3-1. Ivory Coast will meet Group D

In other quarterfinals Saturday.

Pakistan's bowling spearhead Waqar Younis in his final

delivery stride as umpire Cyril Mitchley looks on during

the final day of the first Test at Johannesbourg on

A sensational bicycle-kick goal by Moustafa el Hadji in the final minute punctuated a relatively lacklustre 1-0 win by Morocco over Egypt's Pharaohs.

matches, Cameroon will play Congo on Friday while Tunisia best chance of the game at 8 take on host Burkina Faso on minutes when a great pass was picked up by Tarek Mostafa and rocketed towards the net. El Hadji saw a 20-metre shot

crossbar.

journalists.

quarterfinals.

(Dhaka Stadium)

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El Hadji, who plays for Spain's Deportivo La Coruna, later described the goal as "beautiful, one of the best of my

Morocco goalkeeper Abdel Kader El Brazi blocked Egypt's punched out by the Egyptian

goalkeeper seven minutes later and the team's captain wasted two more open chances to score. Egypt lost one of their defenders to a red card on an illegal tackle against Morocco's El

But the rest of the game was far from pretty as both teams seemed content to play it safe and advance to the next round





Scene from the fourth round games of the 19th national women's chess qualifiers at the NSC yesterday. - Star photo

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JTO GALQX Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE HUNGRY COM-PUTER PROGRAMMER LIKES TO SNACK BY TAKING SMALL BYTES. Today's Cryptoquip clue: P equals M 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

locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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price amount). Room No-107/A (Ground Floor), Rural Electrification Board Head Office Bldg., Joar Sahara, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229. Tenders will be opened in presence of the bidders or their

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