

# Column One

## DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

**T**HAT in 1905 when Alf Common signed for Middlesbrough of the English League, the transfer fee to Sunderland was one thousand pounds, a world record then. Almost a quarter century later the Bolton to Arsenal transfer of David Jack was just under eleven thousand pounds, a world record then. Almost a quarter century later, the fifty thousand barrier was broken by amateur Hans Jeppson, who signed for Napoli in 1952. About twenty years later, in 1973, Johan Cruyff shifted from Ajax Amsterdam to Barcelona for just under a million pounds. The ten-million pound hurdle was crossed by Jean-Pierre Papin in 1992 when he left Marseille to sign for Milan.

Actually, I love talking about money, especially when it belongs to someone else.

## SPORTS TALK



**Sabir**

(Mohammedans' former playmaker)

"I cannot think football and Mohammedans separately. So it is not possible for me to don the jersey other than that of Mohammedans' black and white."

## Boost sports WHiZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

### Competition-89

✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes at 8 pm on March 6, 1998

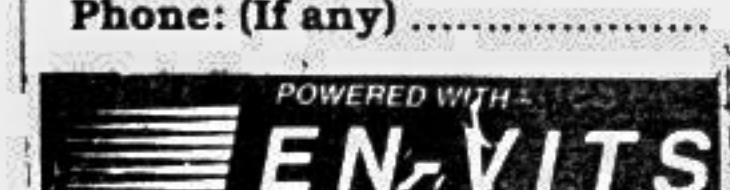
1	Who clinched the Div 1 cricket title?	Orient SC	\$ Bima	Victoria
2	Which country became Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group 4 champions?	Bangladesh	UAE	Bahrain
3	What is Pat Symcox's highest score in Test cricket?	108	109	110
4	Who won the Paris Open tennis tournament?	Novotna	Huber	Pierce
5	Who is the manager of Chelsea FC?	Gullit	Vialli	Del Piero

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**BOOST**  
Sports WHiZZ KID-88  
winner

Md Towhidul Islam Shovon (University Laboratory School & College, DU)

(Please remember to bring your ID card and a passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star on Feb 25 at 8:00 pm).

## Mallorca down Alaves

**MADRID**, Feb 20: Alaves' dream of becoming the first Second Division side to lift the Spanish Cup seemed to be coming to an end on Thursday after they went down 2-1 at home to Mallorca in the first leg of the semifinal, reports Reuters.

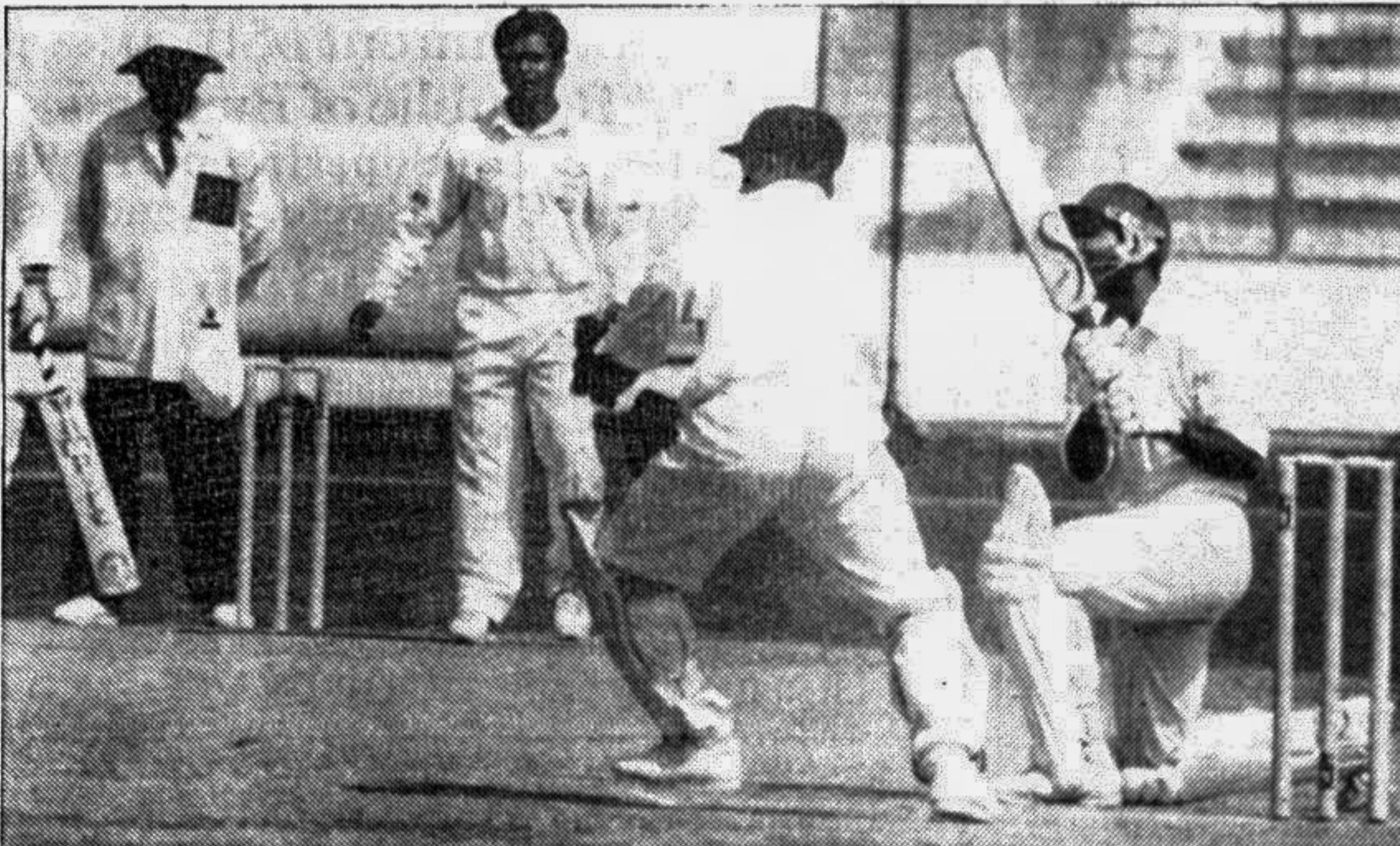
Barcelona had thrashed Real Zaragoza 5-2 in the other semi-final on Wednesday.

## TOMORROW'S MATCHES

Premier Division Football Super League: Mohammedan SC vs Brothers Union (Mirpur Stadium, 5 pm) •

First Division Football Religation League:

Wari Club vs Bangladesh Boys Club (Mirpur Stadium, 3 pm)



Abahani opener Azam Iqbal, who scored highest 76 runs, sweeps Mohammedan skipper Aminul Islam. — Star photo

### Azam's successive half ton

Sports Reporter

## Abahani bounce back

Brilliant bowling and fielding by holders Abahani Krira Chakra inspired them to an exciting 20-run victory over arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in their last first round match of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

In a low-scoring affair in front of a big holiday crowd, Abahani, who lost to Kalabagan by a huge 52 runs just the day before, defended a modest total of 190 in 50 overs by booking their traditional foes for 170 with more than three overs to spare.

Right arm medium pacer Ahmed Kamal, drew the first blood dismissing two Mohammedan openers Parvez and Pakistani Shahid Mehmud in his first two overs.

Parvez, the right hand opener, was first to go in the last ball of the second over when he tried to drive but missed the ball hit the inner edge of his bat and then the pad before hitting the stumps leaving Mohammedans three for one.

Right handed Pakistani bat Shahid Mehmud, who was sent as a pinch hitter, returned in the fourth over when he was magnificently caught by Salauddin at the midish mid.

One down Minhazul Abedin and middle order Mehrab Hossain then added 33 runs for the third wicket before the later was unfortunately out for 21 following a bizarre incident.

The young right hander, member of Bangladesh youth team that won the Plate in the World Youth Cup recently, pulled left arm spinner Saifullah Khan, but the ball ricocheted off forward short leg Raman Lamba's forehead into wicketkeeper Khaled Masud's gloves leaving Mohammedans on 43 for three in the 14th over.

Lamba suffered a cut and



lim Shahed, the only recognised batsman after Aminul, was bowled by Salauddin on 162 after contributing highest 39 of 65 balls which included three boundaries.

Mohammedans lost their remaining three wickets in next two overs adding more seven runs.

Mohammad Rafique, who scored a typically aggressive 18 of 24 balls blasting a huge six and a four, and Hasibul (3) were run out while Jahangir Alam

With yesterday's match, the first phase of the 12 team elite

league concluded with Abahani and Mohammedans jointly leading the table with 18 points.

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The super league is likely to start from February 24.

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Abahani cricketers, led by make-shift skipper Khaled Masud (2nd from right), exult after defeating arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club.

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Talukdar (5) was caught behind off a Zakir delivery.

For Abahani, offiee Salaudin and medium pacer Ahmed Kamal captured two wickets each conceding 31 and 34 runs respectively while Zakir, Saifullah Khan, Iqbal and Al Shahriar took one wicket apiece.

In his 29-ball 21, Mehrab showed his class with four sweetly timed hits across the rope.

Minhazul, who scored a century and a fifty in his previous two innings in the league, left Mohammedans tottering on

1. How many countries took part in World Youth Cricket Cup?

Ans: 16

2. What is the position of Korda in ATP rankings at the moment?

Ans: 2nd

3. How many Test matches has Dave Richardson played?

Ans: 42

4. Who is the current 100m world champion?

Ans: Greene

5. Which team finished first in the Premier Division soccer league?

Ans: MSC



ADIDAS MAN: India's star batsman Sachin Tendulkar donning an Adidas cap and shirt, stands in front of the world-famous name after signing a contract with the company at Bombay yesterday.

## Sport

### AKC-MSC SCORECARD

#### ABAHANI KC

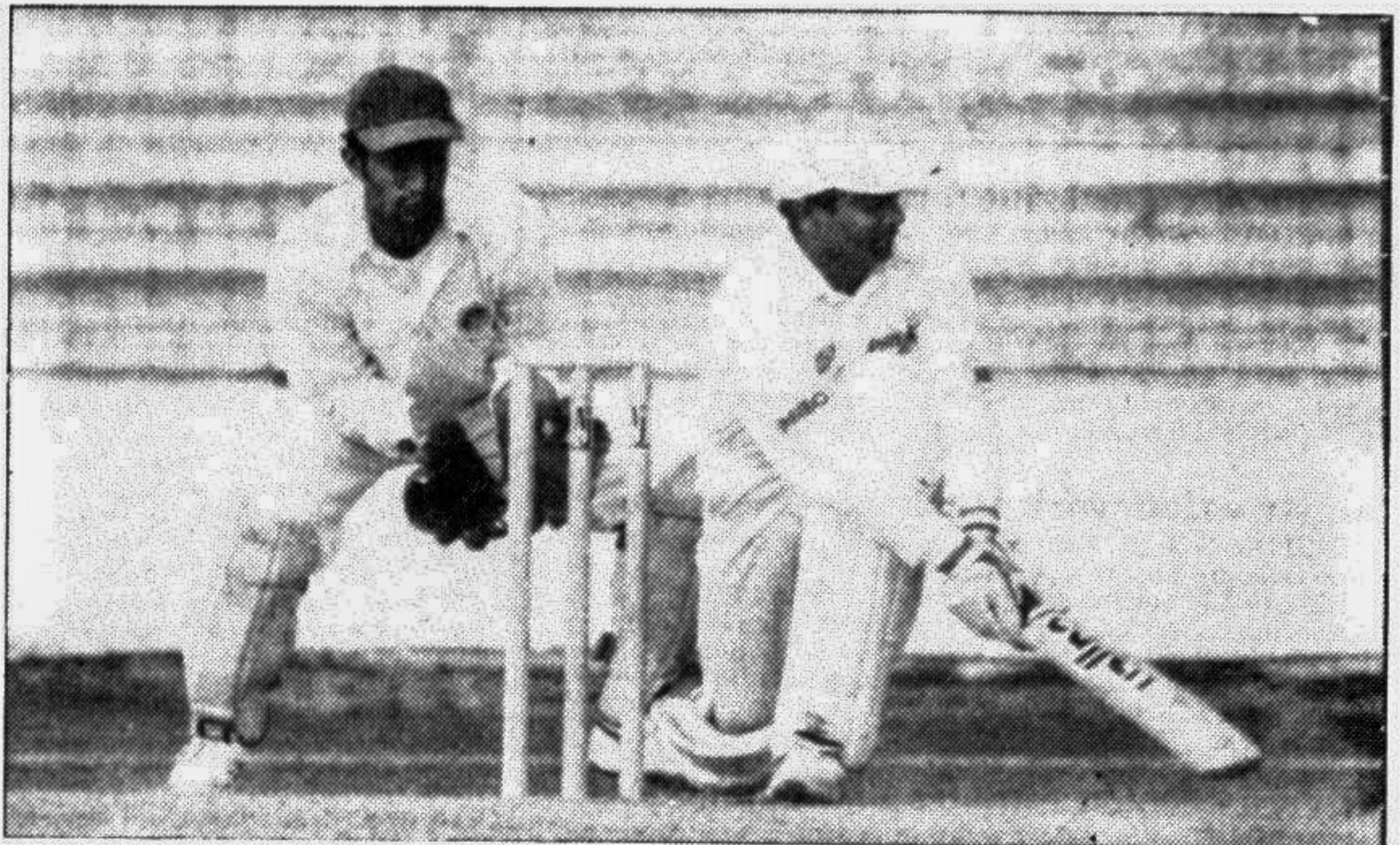
Azam Iqbal b Aminul	76
Raman Lamba b Aminul	43
Al Shahriar c Jahangir	
b S Mehmud	5
Akram Khan run out	28
K Masud c Aminul b S Mehmud	2
Niamur c Aminul b Rafique	9
Salauddin c Nasir b Hasibul	6
Iqbal b Rafique	0
Zakir c S Mehmud b Rafique	3
Ahmed Kamal c Jahangir	
b Rafique	8
Saifullah Khan not out	0
Extras: (lb-5, w-5)	10
Total: (all out in 49.3 overs)	190
Fall of wickets: 1/114; 2/121; 3/144; 4/147; 5/164; 6/177; 7/177; 8/181; 9/188; 10/190.	
Bowling	O M R W
Hasibul	0 0 27 1
Jahangir Alam	6 1 26 0
Moshed	3 0 16 0
M Rafique	8.3 0 29 4
Minhazul	4 0 22 0
S Mehmud	10 2 26 2
Aminul	10 0 39 2

#### MOHAMMEDAN SC

Parvez b Ahmed	2
S Mehmud c Salauddin	b
Ahmed	7
Minhazul c Ahmed b Iqbal	24
Mehrab b Masud b Saifullah	21
Aminul bw b Al Shahriar	35
S Shahid b Salauddin	39
Nasir b Salauddin	8
M Rafique run out	18
Jahangir c K Masud b Zakir	5
Hasibul run out	3
Moshed not out	0
Extras: (lb-2, w-6)	8
Total: (all out in 46.5 overs)	170
Fall of wickets: 1/3; 2/10; 3/14; 4/67; 5/118; 6/127; 7/162; 8/162; 9/166; 10/170.	
Bowling	O M R W
Zakir	7.5 1 27 1
Ahmed Kamal	7 0 34 2
Salauddin	10 0 31 2
Salauddin Khan	9 0 24 1
Iqbal	6 0 23 1
Niamur Rashid	2 0 9 0
Al Shahriar	5 0 20 1

Result: Abahani KC won by 20 runs.

— Star photo



Mohammedan skipper Aminul Islam sweeps during their Janakantha Premier cricket league clash against Abahani at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Abahani won the match by 20 runs.

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## Adam puts hosts in control



WELLINGTON, Feb 20: New Zealand were on course for a big first innings lead over Zimbabwe by 52 runs on the second day of the first Test at Wellington today.

Reuter's reports Reuters.

The home side were 176 for the loss of three wickets, just four runs shy of Zimbabwe's paltry first innings total of 180, and well set on a good batting wicket.

Captain Stephen Fleming, not out 33, was in the middle with Nathan Astle, on 19.

After dismissing Zimbabwe mid-way through the morning session, New Zealand got away to a disastrous start when they lost Bryan Young for a duck without any runs on the board.

Young drove at a ball from paceman Heath Streak but succeeded only in nicking it to Paul Strang at second slip.

However, Young's dismissal brought wicketkeeper Adam Parore to the crease and, together with Matt Horne, he laid the foundations of a big score.

Combining for a partnership of 103, Parore and Horne completely dominated the middle session. Both hit sixes, Parore swinging leg-spinner Strang over square leg and Horne smashing off-spinner Andy Whittall over wide mid-wicket.

With this draw, Fakirpool collected 17 points from 19 matches while Agram have 15 from 20 outings.

In the remaining 15 overs,

Abahani, who were looking quite confident of reaching some where near 220 to 230, could muster only 54 runs before they were all out in the third ball of the final over.

Abahani now top the league table with 35 points from 20 matches while BRTC have 29 points from 19 matches.

There will be no match today.

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Int'l jr tennis

From Our Correspondent

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