

Akram likely to go to Pakistan tomorrow

Sports Reporter
Akram Khan is likely to leave for Pakistan tomorrow to take the reins from Aminul Islam, who is now leading the touring Bangladesh Cricket Board team in the Wills Cup one-day tournament.
The portly national captain had earlier opted to stay back home for personal reasons. But Akram was summoned by the board following request from team manager Gazi Ashraf.
Opener Shahriar Hossain has returned home with a dislocated shoulder after playing the inaugural match against Habib Bank.
As the chances of a second round berth are still alive with Bangladesh losing one match against a win in the tournament so far, Akram, a dependable middle-order bat, is likely to appear against KCCA Blues on March 21 at the National Stadium in Karachi.
Bangladesh, who have been pencilled in Group A along with four other local sides, will play their last group league match against Customs at the same venue on March 23.

Title stays with Viquarunnissa

Sports Reporter
Forward Smriti struck four goals to inspire holders Viquarunnissa Noon School to their eighth successive Bata school handball title (girls' group) with a comprehensive 8-2 victory over last year's runners-up Maghbazar Girls' High School at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.
The winners led the first half 7-1.
In a repeat final of the last year, Smriti apart Liza and Saimoon added two each to the winners' account.
On the other hand, Shamima reduced the margin for Maghbazar with two goals.
Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) president Lt Col (ret'd) Abdul Hamid witnessed the final and gave away prizes. BHF vice-president and the chairman of the tournament committee Mrs Hamida Ali and handball federation general secretary Asaduzzaman Kohinor were also present.
Shamima of Maghbazar Girls' High was adjudged the player-of-the-tournament while Green Herald was named as the most disciplined team.
Earlier, Scholastica School finished third beating Adarsha Girls' High School by 6-4 goals in the tie-breaker as the third place deciding match ended in a 4-4 draw after the regulation and extra time.

Minhazul, Mahmud shatter Pak record BCB boys baffle Bahawalpur



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Bangladesh cricketers gave the Pakistan Wills Cup one-day tournament a sensational twist on Tuesday when a record-breaking undefeated fifth-wicket partnership between Minhazul Abedin and Khaled Mahmud helped the touring BCB XI to post a thumping 116-run victory over Bahawalpur at the UBL Sports Complex in Karachi.
Minhazul and Mahmud,

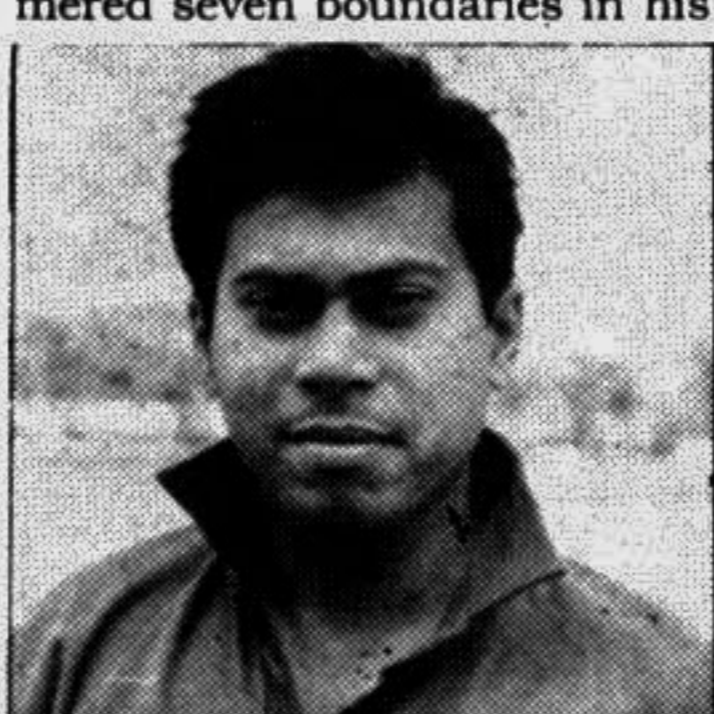


K MAHMUD ... 145 n.o.

both scoring unbeaten centuries, shared 267 runs for the undefeated fifth-wicket to dead-end the virtual national team from a perilous position to a mammoth total of 305 in the stipulated 50 overs. In reply, Bahawalpur were bundled out for 189 in 37 overs.
An experienced Minhazul scored an unbeaten 120-ball 109 while Mahmud, the more aggressive campaigner of the two, hammered a blazing 145 off only 138 balls. The spectacular recovery act by the two committed batsmen not only helped Bangladesh to stage a remarkable turnaround in the

tournament after their demoralising defeat at the hands of six-time champions Habib Bank in their tournament opener, but also shattered a 16-year-old Pakistani record for the fifth-wicket, set by the PIA duo of Zaheer Abbas and Hasan Jamil.
Zaheer (158 n.o) and Jamil (55 n.o) set the domestic record, sharing 163 runs for the undefeated fifth-wicket against Lahore City at the Gaddafi Stadium in 1981-82.
The massive victory over a lowly-rated Bahawalpur, for whom it was their second consecutive defeat, raised Bangladesh's hopes of a second round berth with two matches to go. The tourists, placed in Pool A, will face KCCA Blues and Customs in their next matches.
Sent into bat, Bangladesh plunged into deep trouble, losing four front-line batsmen including skipper Aminul Islam for only 38 runs on the board in the ninth over. Left-arm seamer Kamran was the wrecker-in-chief claiming three wickets in the space of eleven deliveries in his venomous opening spell of seven overs.
But after that horrible start Bangladesh fought back magnificently when Khaled Mahmud joined Minhazul Abedin. The arrival of Mahmud at the crease not only stemmed the slide but also stepped up the pace of scoring. Playing sensibly on a batsman-friendly wicket, the two, mixing caution with aggression, stayed together till the kill.
After seeing off the shine of the ball, the two concentrated on picking up steam. Bangladesh scored 48 runs in the first ten overs and 47 came in the next ten. The visitors reached

the 200 mark in 37th over.
But then Minhazul and Khaled cut loose, plundering 109 runs from the final ten overs including 18 runs from the last six deliveries, much to the delight of a small but vociferous Bangladeshi crowd on the stand.
Not considered as a recognised bat, Mahmud, who was dropped while only on 10, clubbed 11 fours and a quartet of sixes in his 138-ball knock. On the other a Minhazul hammered seven boundaries in his



MINHAZUL ... 109 n.o.

composed 120-ball vigil at the crease. But the player-of-the-match award went unquestionably to Mahmud who supplemented his brilliant hundred with a haul of three wickets with his military medium pacers.
Set a daunting task of scoring 6.12 runs per over, Bahawalpur were never really in their chase despite scoring 100 runs in 15.1 overs. Javed Sami top-scored with a 56-ball 65, thanks to some bizarre fielding and catching by the BCB boys, who put down a mind-boggling six catches. They let off Sami thrice.

Penalties order of the day

LONDON, Mar 18: Arsenal and First Division Sheffield United reached the semifinals of the FA Cup on Tuesday, but both teams were taken to penalties by tough opposition, reports Reuters.
Arsenal beat fellow Londoners West Ham 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw and Sheffield won 3-1 against Premier league Coventry on penalties, also after a 1-1 draw.
The semifinal match-ups see Arsenal take on Wolverhampton Wanderers at Villa Park while Sheffield United face Newcastle United at Old Trafford. Both matches will take place on April 5.

Umpires left unhappy

Hasan Masood
During their six-week long job in Dhaka, three Sri Lankan umpires made official complaints against at least five players on disciplinary ground but in vain.
Ashoka, a former Sri Lankan Test player who left the city yesterday, however declined to give neither the names of the players in question nor any details on the matter.
But he did not try to conceal his surprise while mentioning that the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), who runs the leagues, had seemingly opted to overlook those ungodly practices by the players.
"There were a few disciplinary cases and we have submitted the names immediately after those matches. But there were no actions taken against them," said Ashoka.
"If you follow the ICC rules, you have to abide by the law which warrants an immediate hearing, possibly within 24 hours, after the match," said Ashoka, who played in Dhaka cricket in early 90s.
Ashoka admitted that they had put forward few names with suspect bowling action but promptly added, "It's not only the fault of those with improper actions because they are not aware of it. I would like to hold the club coaches responsible on this ground. Because it is their duty to find out the flaws in their (bowlers) actions and sort it out accordingly," added the tall islander.
"All the big clubs should have coaches who are technically sound and are capable of correcting the faulty actions of their bowlers."
"The ICC prescribed way is to have a video footage of the bowling action from four different angles and thereby find out where the actual problem is," said Ashoka.
He also went on to criticise players of many a leading club for their unsporting attitude towards the game. He alleged that few players were seen doctoring the pitch in front of the wickets with their spikes while batting first.

BCB ELEVEN, BAHAWALPUR SCOREBOARD

BCB ELEVEN

Hannan b Kamran	14
Al-Shahriar lbw b Kamran	3
Minhazul not out	109
Aminul c Saifullah b Tariq	1
Namur b Kamran	1
Mahmud not out	145
Extras: (b-5, lb-4, w-10, nb-14)	33
Total: (for 4 wks in 50 overs)	305
Did not bat: Khaled Masood, Hasibul Hossain, Muhammad Rafique, Morshed Ali Khan, and Shabbir Khan	
Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-30; 3-35; 4-38	

Bowling

O	M	R	W
Kamran	10	0	69
Tariq	5	0	26
Bilal	10	0	47
Faisal	7	0	48
Amjad	4	0	18
Rehan	10	0	59
Irfan	4	0	29

BAHAWALPUR

Javed Sami b K Mahmud	65
Bilal Hashmi c K Mahmud	11
Morshed	19
Bilal Khilji run out	19
Saifullah b Rafiq	16
Muhammad Tayyab run out	8
Rehan Rafiq b Mahmud	5
Amjad Jam b Hasibul	4
Tariq Sarwar c K Masood	0
b K Mahmud	0
Muhammad Kamran	42
c Al-Shahriar b Rafiq	16
Faisal Elahi c Al-Shahriar b Rafiq	16
Irfan Anwar not out	0
Extras: (b-3)	1
Total: (all out in 36.5 overs)	189
Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-56; 3-86; 4-101; 5-110; 6-131; 7-131; 8-137; 9-169	

Bowling

O	M	R	W
Hasibul	7	0	36
Murshid	5	0	27
Shabbir	6	0	30
Minhazul	2	0	19
Rafiq	9.5	1	39
Khalid Mahmud	7	0	38

Result: Bangladesh won by 116 runs.
Player-of-the-match: Khalid Mahmud

Office league cricket resumes Mar 31

The first semifinal of the unfinished 1996-97 Office cricket league between Regensea and Acme Laboratories will be held at the Dhaka Stadium on March 31, says a press release.
The second semifinal will be played between Biman and Par-tec.
The concerned teams have been asked to the necessary preparations for the matches.

Special cricket WC draw held

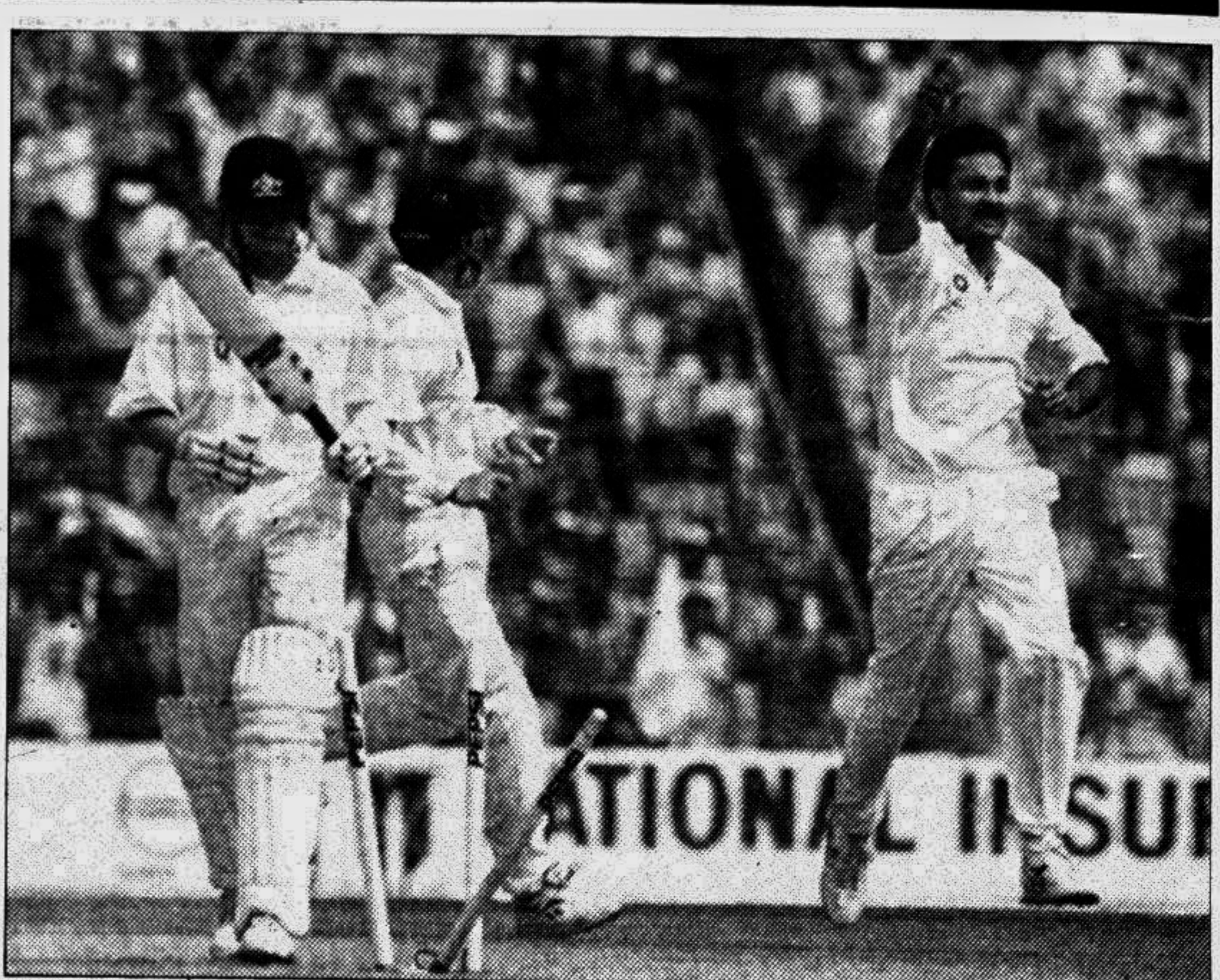
Sports Reporter
The International Cricket Council has finalised the draw for the Wills ICC Knock-Out World Cup tournament, scheduled to be held at the Dhaka Stadium in October.
Nine-Test playing nations will take part in the special World Cup. According to a message received here yesterday, Test-babes Zimbabwe, seeded lowest among the participating teams, will take on England in the inaugural match of the over-limit tourney, which will start on October 24. The winners of the lone pre-quarterfinal match will take on defending world champions Sri Lanka in one of the four quarterfinals.
Australia will face New Zealand in the first match while the third one will be played between West Indies and South Africa. But all eyes certainly will be fixed on the two sub-continental giants' clash - India and Pakistan who will appear in the fourth quarterfinal.
ICC, the game's governing body, is organising the tournament in a bid to raise funds for its ambitious development programmes.

MATCH SCHEDULE

Match	Day	Teams
1	1	England vs Zimbabwe
2	2	Australia vs New Zealand
3	3	West Indies vs South Africa
4	4	Sri Lanka vs Winner match 1
5	5	India vs Pakistan
6	6	Semi-final (WM2 vs WM3)
7	7	Semi-final (WM4 vs WM5)
8	8	Final (WM6 vs WM7)

Lalmatia follow Azad

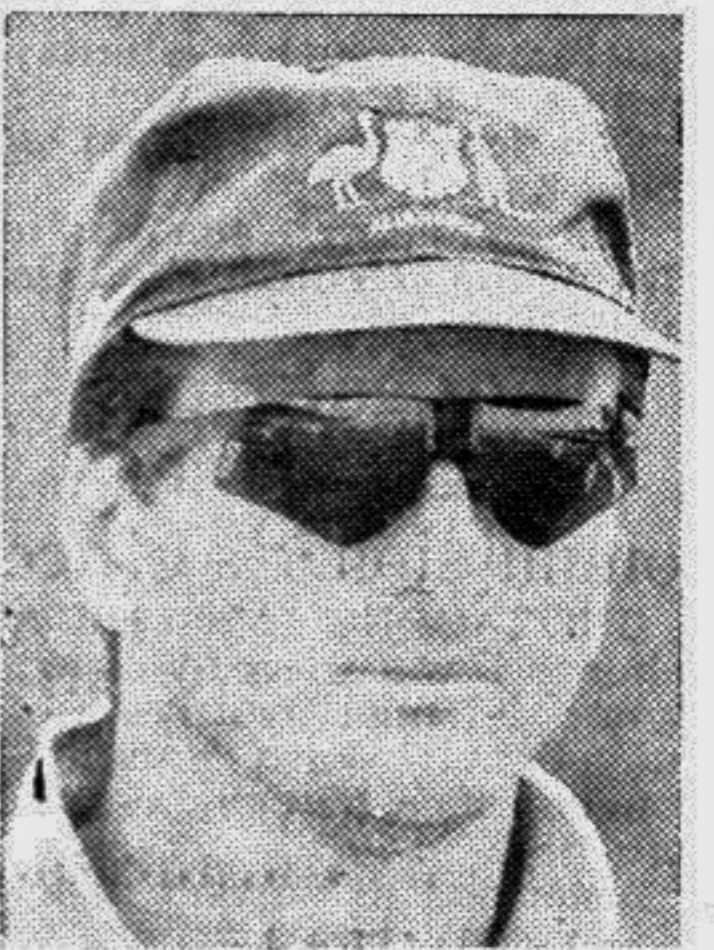
Sports Reporter
Agrani Bank Club defeated Wari Club by virtue of losing fewer wickets in a relegation league match of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.
Batting first Agrani Bank scored 217 runs for 6 in the stipulated 50 overs.
Opener Sajjad Kadir scored the highest 57 off 91 balls with six fours while Pakistani recruit Shahid Iqbal blasted 50 off 46 deliveries inclusive of five fours and a six.
Agrani's other Pakistani, Shahin Malik contributed 40.
For Wari Zia-ul-Huq claimed three wickets giving away 51 runs in 10 overs.
In reply, Wari Club also had an identical score of 217 in 50 overs, but lost three more wickets than the bankers.
Tareq Mahmood was Wari's leading scorer with 56 runs off 65 balls that included eight fours and two sixes.
Shaker Chowdhury (24) was the other notable scorer.
Suja Erfan ran through the Wari batting claiming four wickets for 22.
Meanwhile on Tuesday, Victoria SC apparently saved themselves from demotion beating Lalmatia Club by 31 runs at the Dhaka Stadium.



India's ace quickie Javagal Srinath exults after shattering the middle stump of Australian Greg Blewett on Day One of the second Test at Calcutta yesterday. — AP/UNB photo

India hold Aussies down

CALCUTTA, Mar 18: India's pace-spin duo of Javagal Srinath and Anil Kumble shot out Australia for a modest 233 on the opening day of the second cricket Test here today, reports AFP.
The Australians, thrashed by 179 runs in the first Test, faltered again after skipper Mark Taylor won the toss and chose to bat on a seaming Eden Gardens wicket.
Vice-captain Steve Waugh made a heroic 80, sharing a 112-run stand for the fifth wicket with Ricky Ponting (60), but the top four batsmen con-

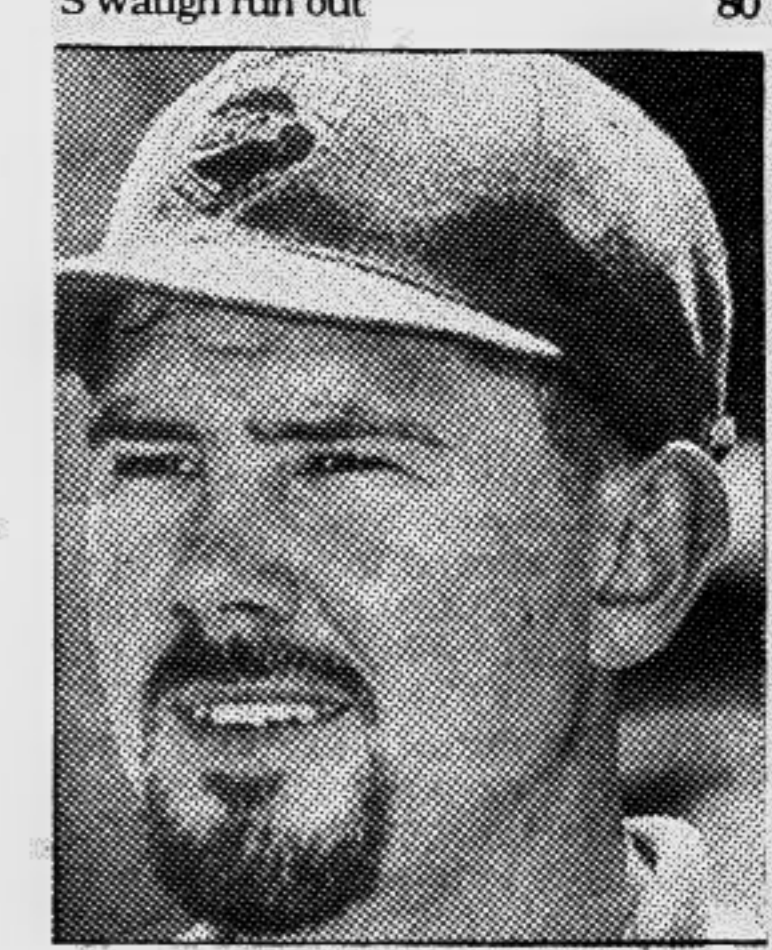


S WAUGH ... 80

tributed just 13 runs.
Australia were reduced to 29 for four within the first hour after Srinath made a dramatic start with two wickets in the first over. Spinner Kumble then cut through the lower order.
Steve Waugh, who developed cramps during his four-hour vigil, missed his 15th Test century by 20 runs when his runner Greg Blewett was involved in a mix-up with Gavin Robertson soon after tea.
Australia, 178 for eight at that stage, were saved further embarrassment by the ninth-wicket pair of Robertson and Michael Kasprovic who batted for nearly two hours to add 54.

Kasprovic made a career-best 25 before fending at a short ball from Saurav Ganguly. Mohammad Azharuddin completed a fine running catch in the slips.
Local hero Ganguly then trapped Robertson leg-before for 29 in the day's final over to match the three wickets each by Srinath and Kumble.
Many among the 50,000 strong crowd had yet to settle in their seats when Srinath rocked the Australian innings in the morning.
After sending down a no-ball with his fourth delivery, Srinath had Michael Slater caught at short-leg off the fifth.
Next ball, Blewett played over a well-pitched delivery to have his middle stump uprooted, reducing the tourists to one for two.
Mark Waugh saved the hat-trick by flicking Srinath's first ball of his second over to the square leg fence but he too did not survive for long. In Srinath's fourth over Waugh missed the line of a ball that cut in sharply and was trapped leg before.
Australian skipper Mark Taylor, clearly stunned by the collapse at the other end, plodded for 50 minutes to make three before he was caught behind off Ganguly.
Steve Waugh and Ponting repaired the damage by taking the score to 67 for four by lunch and then batted till midway through the afternoon session to post a century partnership.
Both batsmen reached their half-centuries with boundaries and appeared set for a longer stay when Kumble struck, taking three wickets in the space of 27 runs.
The wily leg-spinner bowled Ponting with a vicious top-spinner and had first Test hero Ian Healy taken in the leg-trap, before forcing Shane Warne to edge a catch in the slips.
The Australians, confronted with the unusual sight for Indian grass on the wicket, dropped the idea of playing a third spinner, Stuart MacGill,

and gave fast bowler Paul Wilson his Test cap.
The Indians surprisingly left out seamer Harvinder Singh to include an extra batsman in Venkat Laxman. He was not even in the short-list of 12 announced on Tuesday.
SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the second cricket Test between India and Australia at the Eden Gardens on Wednesday:
AUSTRALIA: First innings Slater c Dravid b Srinath 3 Taylor c Mongia b Ganguly 0 Blewett b Srinath 0 M Waugh lbw b Srinath 10 S Waugh run out 80



PONTING ... 60

Ponting b Anil Kumble	60
Healy c Laxman b Kumble	1
Warne c Azharuddin b Kumble	11
Robertson lbw Ganguly	29
Kasprovic c Azharuddin b Ganguly	25
Wilson not out	0
Extras: (nb-12, lb-2)	14
Total: (all out in 89.4 overs)	233
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-1; 3-15; 4-29; 5-141; 6-151; 7-168; 8-178; 9-232	

Bowling:

O	M	R	W
Srinath	17	0	80
Ganguly	13.4	3	28
Kumble	28	11	44
Tendulkar	2	0	6
Raju	17	2	42
Chauhan	11	2	30
Laxman	1	0	1



Lt Col (ret'd) Abdul Hamid (2nd from R), president of Bangladesh Handball Federation, handing over the 9th Bata School handball trophy to the captain of the Viquarunnissa Noon School after the final at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday. — Star photo

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Tender Invitation Notice

1. Tender Notice No. : 39 (thirty nine)/Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Habiganj 1997-98.
2. Name of work : Construction of brick pavement at the 12th & 13th km of Habiganj-Lakhal Road under Habiganj Road Division during 1997-98 financial year. Divided in 2 (two) groups.
3. Estimated cost : As per group list.
4. Earnest money : -/-
5. Time for completion of work : -/-
6. Eligibility of contractor : -/-
7. Estimate approving authority : Superintending Engineer, R&H, Sylhet Road Circle, Sylhet.
8. Head of expenditure : 266-Development.
9. Offices where tender will be sold from : (A) Divisional Commissioner, Sylhet Division, Sylhet.
(B) Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Habiganj/Moulvibazar/Sylhet/Sunamganj/Planning & Design Division, Comilla/Planning Division, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka.
(C) Sub-Divisional Engineer, R&H, Road Sub-Division, Habiganj/Sayastaganj/ Assistant Engineer, R&H, 1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Habiganj.
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(D) Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Habiganj, 24.3.98 up to office hours.
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Group No	Location	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Eligibility of contractor
1 (one)	12th km	Tk 15,25,106/-	Tk 30,502/-	45 (forty five) days	'A' to 'D' general class
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ASHOKA De SILVA

The Lankan, who felt a strong bond with the Bangladesh cricket, also suggested to set up a medical corner at the stadium during the cricket season with a qualified physiotherapist in the charge.
Meril football
From Our Correspondent
PABNA, Mar 18: Pabna Athletic Club today won their third match of the Meril First Division football league tournament in Pabna Stadium by defeating Pabna Gopalpur Club 6-0.
Surya Sen Hall sports
The annual sports competition of Surya Sen Hall will be held today at the Dhaka University ground, says a press release.
Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of the university, will inaugurate the games at 8:30 am.

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