

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT one reason F1 racing fails to have the same appeal in the United States as it does elsewhere in the world is that there is a rival form of single-seat racing in the United States, called Indy car racing, which vies with F1 for sophistication and speed. Indy cars were developed after the establishment in 1911 of the Indianapolis 500, the best-known American automobile race and one of the most popular American sports events. It is not just a single day of racing, but rather a three-week-long trial involving testing, practice, and qualifying. The cars used in Indy car racing are run not only at the Indianapolis 500 race, but also at a series of Indy car races in the United States, and they occasionally race overseas.

Today, Indy cars are similar to F1 cars, being open-wheeled with open cockpits. Indy cars were originally designed for a perpetual left turn (for one-way racing on oval tracks), while F1 cars could turn in either direction equally well (for racing on road courses). Indy cars had less efficient braking systems because they needed to slow and stop only to refuel in pit stops, while F1 cars ran on courses that required not only high speeds, but also maximum efficiency in the repeated braking required at corners.

In the 1960s and early 1970s, Indy car design changed to be more similar to F1 cars, when European drivers using cars influenced by F1 designs started achieving great success in Indy car racing. Because of these changes, Indy cars, racing under much the same conditions as F1 cars, became as sophisticated in design as any F1 car.

In Dhaka, we have cars that neither the F1, nor the Indy ones, can match in terms of breaking every two feet, turning every three feet to avoid a pit or a rickshaw. And, we are always racing on the road.

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4 How many overs will be played per side in the Premier league this season?

50 80 100

5 How many runs will be used for the Premier league this year?

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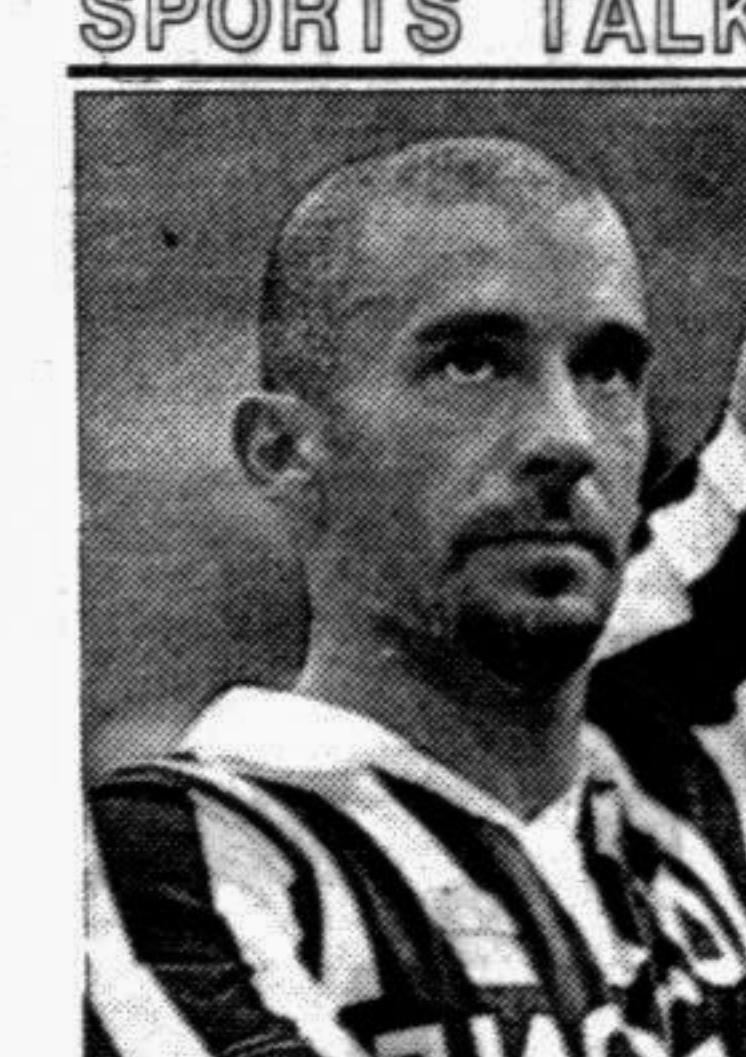
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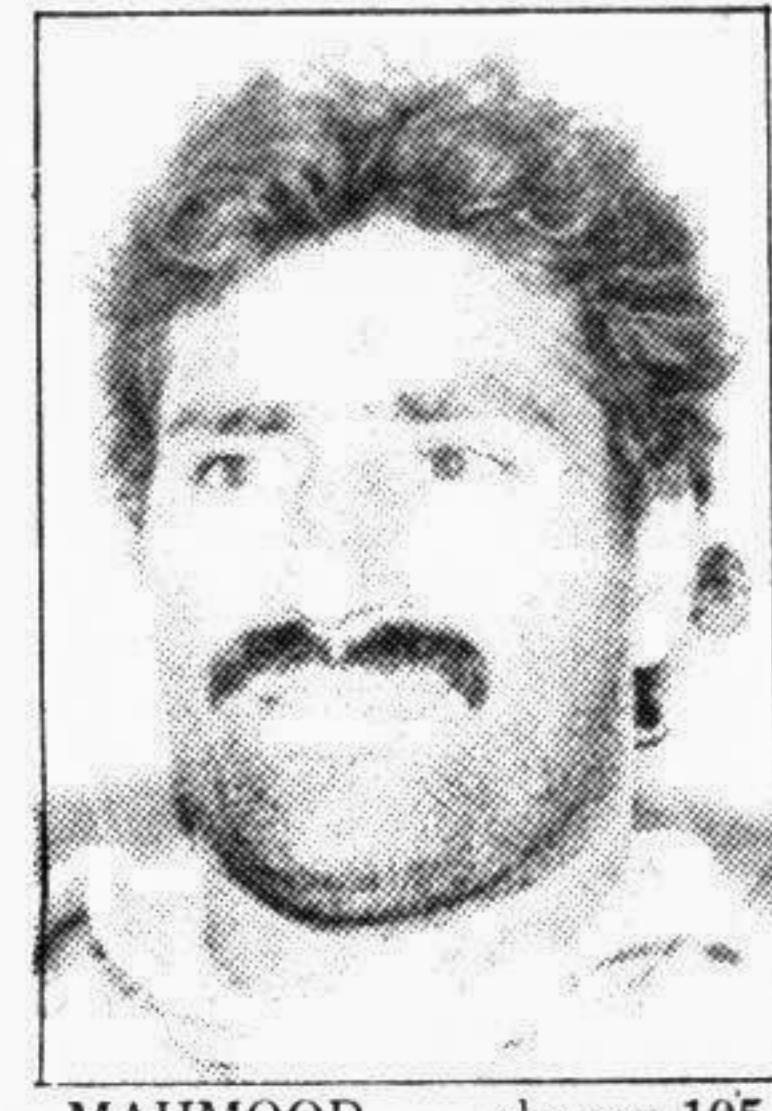
'I've always been a perfectionist. That's the way I am.'

Colo Colo's hattrick

SANTIAGO, Dec 14: Colo Colo clinched the Chilean league title for the third year running on Sunday when they scored a 2-1 victory over Iquique thanks to a dramatic late goal from Francisco Rojas. reports AFP.

Bima bowl out Abahani cheaply Wari may spoil Bagan's party

Sports Reporter



MAHMOOD ... chancy 105

A brilliant century from Pakistan middle-order Tareque Mahmood helped lowly-rated Wari Club to pile up a huge total against giants Kalabagan Kria Chakra in one of the three Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League matches, which began at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Away at the Bangladesh Kria Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) ground, holders Abahani could manage only 206 runs against promotees Sadharan Bima Kria Sangstha before they were all out in 76.1 overs. However, they fought back well to capture two Sadharan Bima wickets before the end of the day's play with their counterparts reeling on 20 in 13 overs.

In the third match of the day, reigning runners-up Brothers Union Club, aided by half centuries from opener



Shahriar Hossain, Sohel Hossain and Sanwar Hossain, reached a fighting total of 306 for nine in the stipulated 80 overs.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Tareque, the elder brother of former Pakistan pacer Ataur Rahman, scored 105 as Wari, electing to bat after winning the toss, went on to score 321 runs in the allotted 80 overs with four wickets to spare.

Tareque, the Lahore-based tall right-hander, who came to bat at number five with Wari well poised on 101 in the 32nd overs, remained at the crease for more than three hours to score the second hundred of the league. In his 180-minute stay at the wicket, Tareque, who was dropped four times by the Kalabagan fielders, faced 140 deliveries to reach 105 which included ten boundaries and two huge sixes.

Although Tareque was a wee bit slow till the half stage, taking 103 balls to reach his fifty, he was harsher on the Kalabagan bowlers later in the day and took only 34 more balls to reach his 100.

Tareque was only helped by number six batsman Asadullah with whom he shared a 158-run partnership for the fifth wicket. Asad, who was also dropped twice, chipped in with 66 off 110 balls, inclusive of two boundaries and three fours.

Earlier, Wari were in deep trouble when they lost their first wicket, SM Mustaque (0), on six in the second over. However, the other opener Anup Kumar and one-down Amir Wasim of Pakistan regained well with a 99-run second wicket partnership in 26.3 overs.

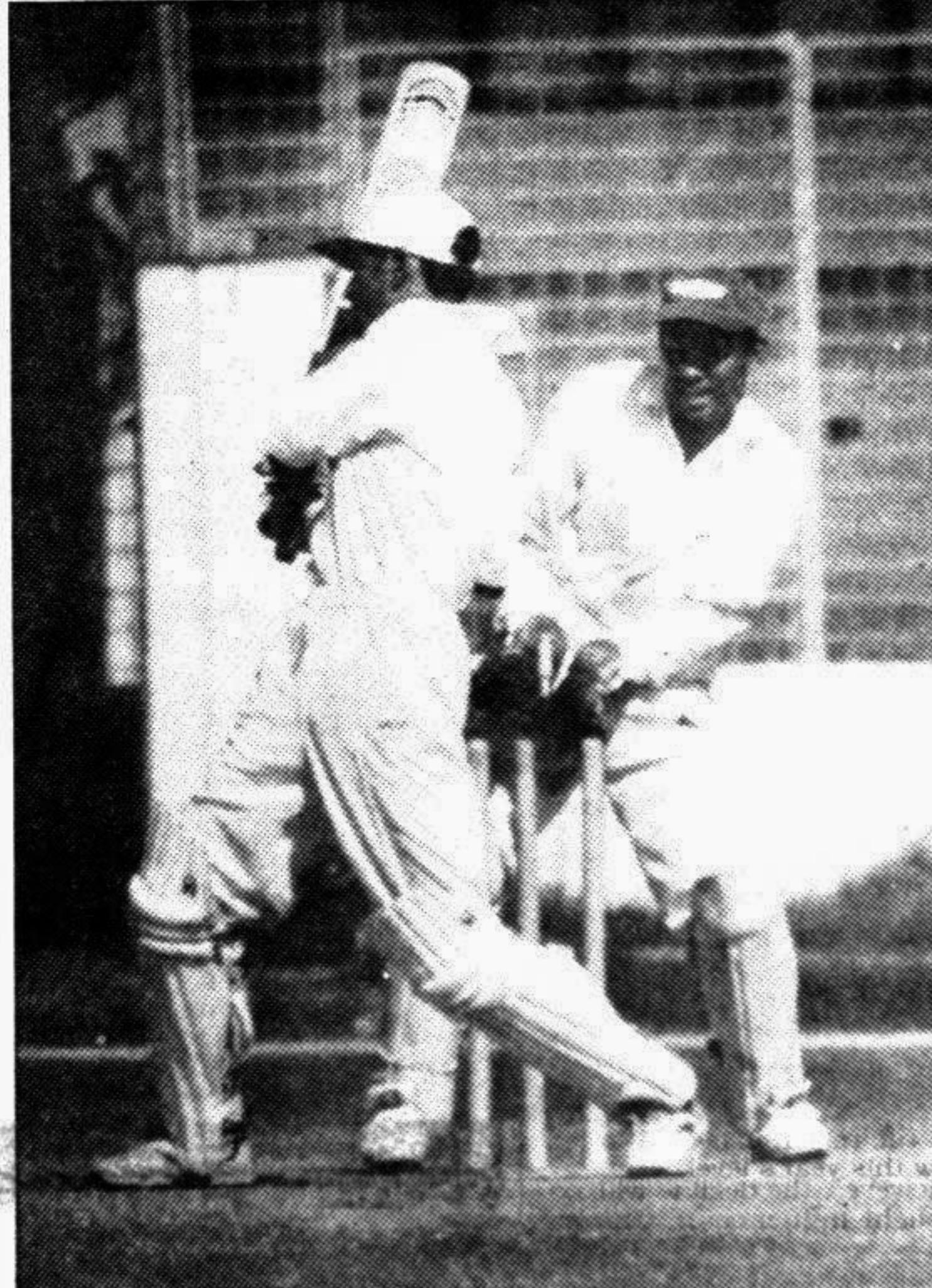
Anup scored 49 while Amir added 34 to the Wari account.

At the BKSP ground, holders Abahani were bundled out for a meagre 206 in 76.1 overs by the new-comers Sadharan Bima.

After Azam Iqbal (14) and Mehrab Hossain (30) made a fair start scoring 30 runs in 11 overs, wickets tumbled at regular intervals to see the Dhanmondi outfit on its back foot. They were 116 for four in the 39th over.

However, it was skipper Akrum Khan, who once again rescued the champions and helped them reach two hundred at the end of the day.

Akrum, the portly Chittagongian, who came to bat at number five with Abahani on 78, shared a 38-run partnership with Pakistan middle-order Azam Khan before the latter



Wari Club's Pakistani middle order Aamir Wasim is bowled by Kalabagan off-spinner Fahim Muntasir. —Star photo

was out on 34.

Akrum, who did not get any better support from any one of his remaining team-mates, took the score to 173 before he was bowled on 55 by Indian Rajinder Singh.

In his 134-ball stay at the crease, Akrum hammered six sweetly-timed hits across the rope.

After Akrum's departure, Hasibul Hossain took Abahani over the 200-mark. Hasibul scored 37 of 41 balls, which included a six and three boundaries.

In reply, Bima got a bitter taste of national team pacer Hasibul, who sent both their openers, Farooq (8) and Moin (5), back to the pavilion in the space of three overs.

Bima were struggling on 20 for two at stumps.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, opener Shahriar Hossain scored 82 as Brothers Union piled up 306 for nine in their stipulated 80 overs.

After losing two partnerships, Asadul Haque (8) and one-down Jahangir Alam (5) in quick succession, Shahriar put on a 145-run partnership with Sohel Hossain for the third wicket before he was out in the 54th over.

Shahriar, in his more than four-hour stay at the crease, faced 158 balls and hit five boundaries.

After his departure, Sohel added another 109 runs with middle order Sanwar Hossain before he was adjudged lbw off seamer Zakir Hasan when on 59.

Sanwar then partnered former Test all-rounder Sanjeev Sharma to add another 46 runs for the sixth wicket before the Indian was run out on 24.

Sanwar was at the crease at the end of the day, unbeaten on 56.

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards at the end of the first day's play of three Janakantha Premier Division cricket matches at different venues yesterday:



Mehdi of Dilkusha Sporting Club plays a forehand shot against Utara Club's Biplab during their AB Bank table tennis league clash. —Star photo

Abahani vs Sadharan Bima

(Venue: BKSP)

ABAHANI INNINGS

	O	M	R	W
Asam c Babu b M Ali	10	2	35	1
Mehrab lbw b Tareq	30			
Naimur c Garry b Tareq	1			
Azam Khan c Garry b Totam	34			
Akram b Rajinder	55			
N Rashid run out	8			
Iqbal b Rajinder	1			
Rokon lbw b A Hadi	1			
Hasibul c Tareq b Totam	37			
Masud Rana c Saiful b Rajinder	2			
S Islam not out	0			
Extras (lb-3, nb-1, w-19)	23			
Total: (All out in 76.1 overs)	206			
Fall of wkt: 1-30; 2-42; 3-78; 4-116; 5-137; 6-146; 7-153; 8-173; 9-177.				
Bowler:	O	M	R	W
M Ali	10	2	35	1
Saiful Islam	6	1	20	0
Tareq	10	0	40	2
Totam	12.1	5	19	2
Moin	8	2	28	0
Rajinder Singh	15	4	32	3

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