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Column One

Boost sports WHiZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-109

✓ Tick the correct answers
Post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes
Competition closes at 8 pm
Jan 8 '99 and draw shortly afterwards

- Which country topped the medals table in the 13th Asian Games?
China | India | Japan
- How many medals did Bangladesh clinch at the Asian Games?
None | One | Two
- Who scored the first century in this year's Premier cricket league?
Azam | Shawkat | Selim
- Where will the 14th Asian Games be held?
Paris | Pusan | Pyongyang
- Which team won the AB Bank Senior Div TT title?
Jatrabari | Ansars | Biman

Name

Class

School Address

Phone: (If any)

POWERED WITH
EN-VITS
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SPORTS TALK



Moin Khan

(Stand-in Pakistan cricket captain)

"We could have won the second Test at Lahore and squared the series. But poor weather destroyed our plans and we lost the series."

After Pakistan's series loss to Zimbabwe.

WHIZZ KID-108

Boost winner

Kamrul Islam

Basir Uddin High School, Dhaka.

(Please bring your ID card and a passport size attested photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star on December 30 at 8pm)

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correct answers

1. National cricket team captain Aminul Islam will play this season for

Ans: Biman

2. Who won the Premier league cricket title last season?
Ans: Abahani

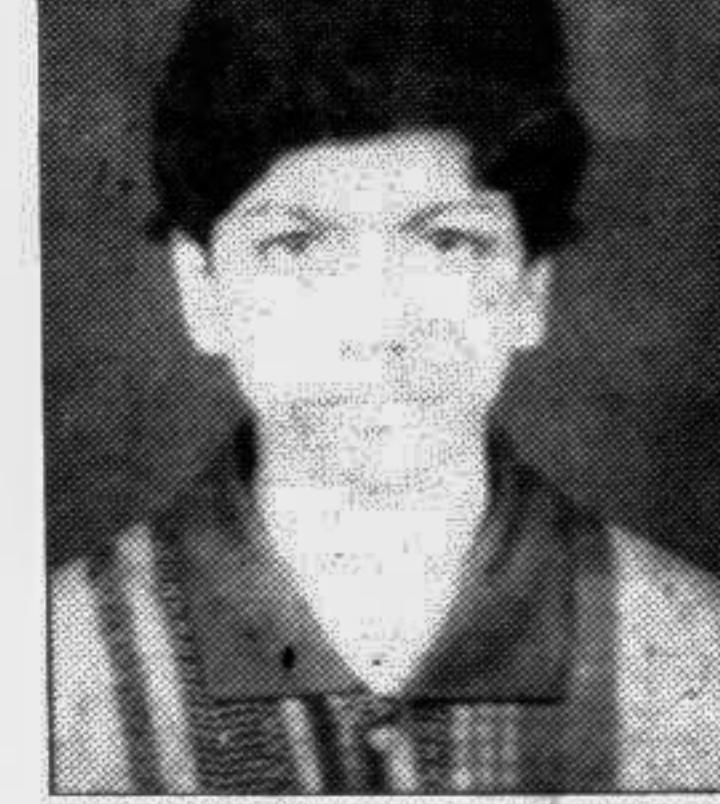
3. How many teams play in the Premier cricket league?
Ans: 12

4. How many overs will be played per side in the Premier league this season?
Ans: 80

5. How many venues will be used for the Premier league this year?
Ans: Three

WHIZZ KID-107

winner



Rony

Govt. Laboratory High School, Dhaka

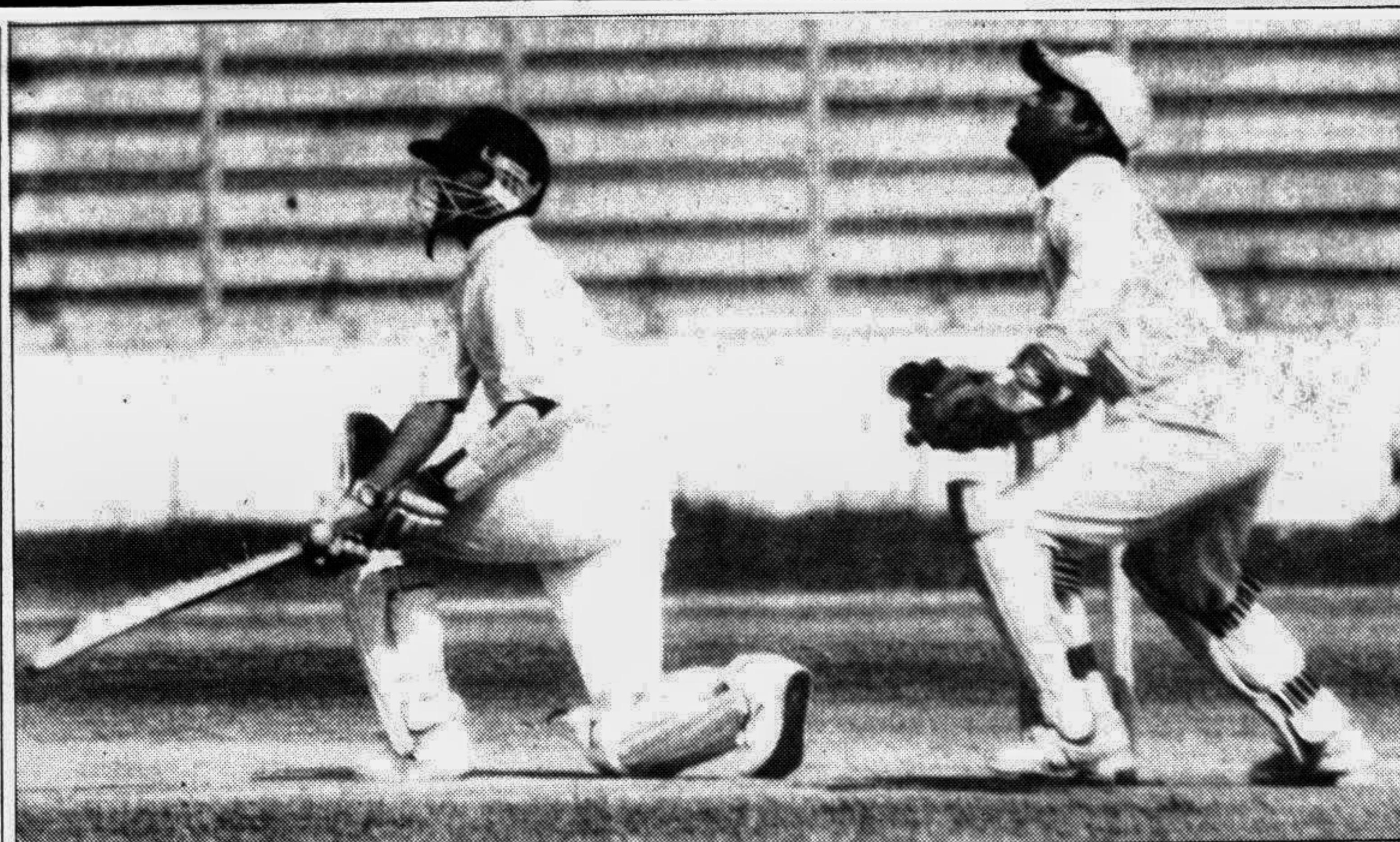
Universidad qualify for Libertadores

Cup

SANTIAGO, Dec 25 (Reuters/Internet): Universidad Catolica qualified for next year's South American Libertadores Cup by beating Universidad de Chile 4-2 on penalties.

The final of the four-team

playoff ended level on aggregate after a 0-0 draw on Wednesday, sending the tie into a shootout.



Brothers Union opener Ehsanul Haque sweeps during their Janakantha Premier Division cricket league match against Agrani Bank at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

McGrath passes fitness test

Taylor promises no let-offs



MELBOURNE, Dec 25: New ball spearhead Glenn McGrath passed a fitness test Friday as Australia considered pitching rookie Matthew Nicholson into a three-man pace attack against England in the fourth cricket Test starting Saturday, reports AFP.

McGrath, who has the most wickets in the series with 16, has been troubled by a virus but indicated today at the team's Christmas day lunch that he would be fit.

Australia, who secured the Ashes for a sixth consecutive series with a 205-run victory in the last Test in Adelaide, are looking at a likely three-man pace attack on a greenish pitch.

Nicholson, called in this week after Jason Gillespie withdrew with a knee injury, has played just seven first-class games for Western Australia.

If he does make his Test debut then seamer-cum-off-spinner Colin Miller could be the 12th man, the match is expected to draw a 70,000 Boxing Day crowd in sports-mad Melbourne.

The tourist today delayed naming their side until match morning, confused at the state

of the Melbourne Cricket Ground wicket.

Australian skipper Mark Taylor wants to snuff out any England fightback in their attempt to level the best-of-five series.

The next two weeks for them is a chance to retain some pride and give us a bit of a run for our money and try and shock us into a Test loss," Taylor said today.

"We have got to make sure we are on our guard against that, they haven't been playing well so they have got nothing to lose."

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Div One cricket from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

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