

Column One
DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT according to recorded history, Hedley Verity of Yorkshire conceded the fewest runs in taking all ten wickets in an innings. He gave away only ten runs while piling up through the Nottinghamshire innings at Leeds on July 12, 1932.

Jim Laker's achievement perhaps merits higher eyebrows, for the legendary Englishman took 19 wickets for 90 runs (9 for 37 and 10 for 53) in a Test match against who-else-but Australia at Old Trafford, Manchester, from July 27-31, 1956.

Both the umpires were English and the Australians did not feel intimidated or cheated, nor did they raise any complaint against the standard of umpiring. Those were the glory days of cricket.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-110

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
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Competition closes at 8 pm

Feb 5 '99 and draw shortly afterwards

The margin of Australia's recent Ashes series win was

3-1 4-1 4-0

2 Who is the number one player in women's tennis at the moment?

Hingis Lindsay Venus

3 The final of the 1st Asian Test Championship will be held in

Dhaka Calcutta Colombo

4 The eighth SAF Games will be held in

India Sri Lanka Nepal

5 How many teams are taking part in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?

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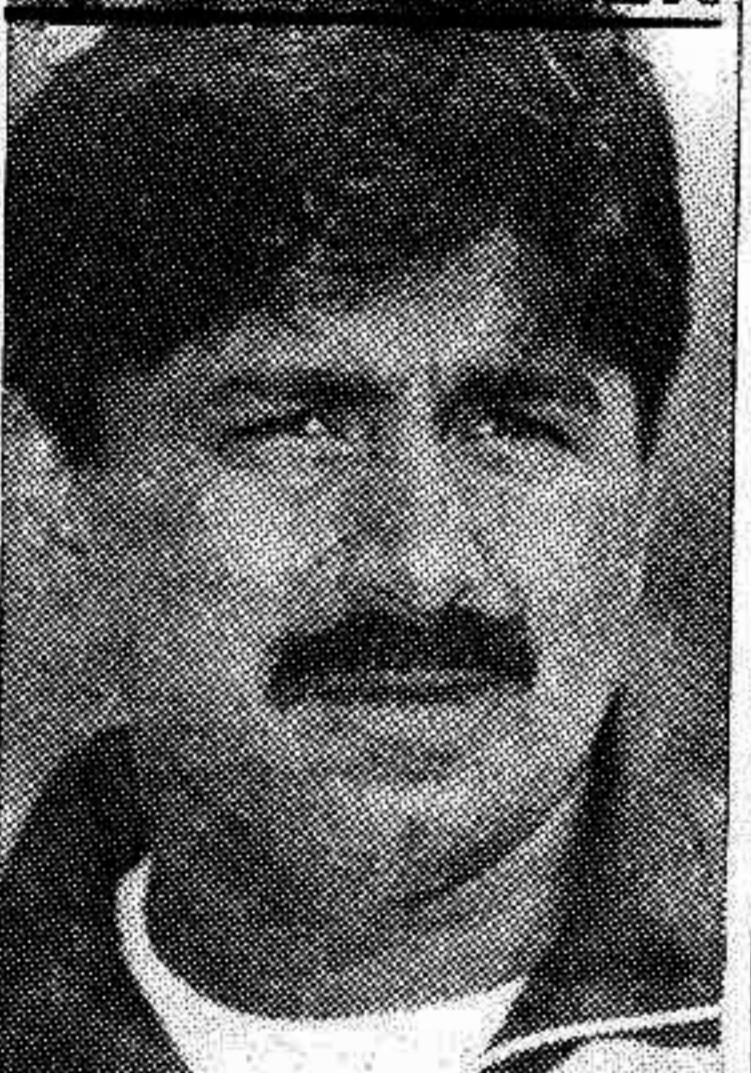
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SPORTS TALK



Javed Miandad

(Pakistan cricket coach)

"My job is coaching, which I am performing."

While declining suggestions that he was involved in team selection.

**Rajib yet
on top**

Enamul Hossain Rajib overcame a stiff Debraj Chatterjee to hold on to his sole lead in the 20th national youth chess tournament at the end of the seventh round yesterday. reports APB.

An opportunist, Rajib won the match in 53 moves with white piece when his rival performed poorly in the ending piece.

With this win, Rajib consolidated his claim for the crown with seven wins in as many as outings in the nine-round meet.

Aminur Rahman and Nabiul Haq Udas are following the leaders with 6 points. Aminur beat Firoz Ahmed while Udas beat Mofazzal Hossain.

Rahul Islam and Debraj are in the third position having 5.5 points each.

WOMEN'S CHESS

Meanwhile, Masuda Begum, Afsana Parveen, Nazrana Khan Iva and her sister Farzana Khan Iva and Fayzunnesa Poly qualified for the final round of the 20th national women's chess tournament.

The final round of the meet will begin on February 6 with the qualifiers joining International Master Rani Hamid, Tamina Parveen, Shabana Parveen and Afroza Kanam in the nine-round Swiss league meet.

Mohammedan at the Catch 22 Biman close in on title

Sports Reporter



When Bangladesh Biman, aided by a century from opener Javed Omar, appeared well on course to hit the coveted Janakantha Premier League title, no-hoppers Mohammedan Sporting Club were struggling to save their blushes against babes Sadharan Bima in one of the three matches held at different city venues yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Javed scored a brilliant 111 to help Biman amass 373 for eight in the stipulated 80 overs against Victoria.

The diminutive national opener hammered his first ton of the season with the help of 10 boundaries as Biman, sent into bat, reached an unassailable position in their bid for a fifth title.

The national airline outfit, who are enjoying much superior run-rate (neat) than their nearest challengers -- holders Abahani and last year's runners-up Brothers, must have heaved a sigh of relief after demonstrating yet another solid performance from their top-order.

With Javed returning among the runs after a struggling season, his partner Habibul Basher scored 44 in a 105-run first wicket stand to lay the foundation of a huge Biman total.

One-down Farique Ahmed scored captain's knock of 61 off 118 balls embellished with five fours and a huge sixer. He shared 125 runs for the second wicket with Javed before being bowled by left-arm spinner Mustadri.

Although national captain Aminul returned for a first ball duck, caught at point off Mustadri, Biman's run-machine Manzoor Akther kept on going with an amazing consistency. The Pakistani right-hander celebrated his back-to-back century with a fluent 55 off 45 balls before being outfoxed by his compatriot Rashed Hanif, who drew the former Pakistan Test cap out of the crease with an intriguing loop in the air.

While Biman had had a happy harvysting at Dhanmondi, runs were hard to come by at the Bangabandhu National Stadium where an injury-plagued Mohammedan were bundled out for only 204 in 73.4 overs.

The popular Motijheel outfit, thrown out of the title race after conceding a nerve-tangling 11-run defeat at the hands of arch-rivals Abahani in the previous match, were at the Catch 22 against the promotedes. Mohammedan took the field with out their two Kenyan recruits -- Steve Tikolo and Maurice Columbi, who left the city on Monday at the expiry of their contract. Besides they also missed the services of hard-hitting opener Imran Hamid, who is nursing a twisted ankle.

But an under-strength Mohammedan, who caved in before the tea-break, seemed to have retrieved after the batting slump, as they reduced Bima to 2/27 in 12.3 overs when stumps



JAVED OMAR...111

with 25. Selim Shaed, batting at number three, scored a patient 44 off 105 balls. Halim Shah, promoted up in the batting order, made 24 and Nasirul, the last recognised Mohammedan batsmen fell for 11.

But the score of the tail-enders was a six-digit telephone number which read 4-0-1-7-5-6. And the man, responsible for the collapse, was veteran left-arm spinner Abdul Hadi. Called in the national camp to assist Gordon, Hadi perhaps ended his last appearance as a coach-cum-player with excellent figures of 13.4-7-14-4.

Away at the BKSP in Savar, Agrani Bank piled up a commanding total of 301 for eight against a relegation-threatened Ajax.

The Agrani total was built around a dazzling 91 from their Pakistani recruit Shahin Matik and a polished 45 from opener Sajjad Kadir.

Shahin clubbed eight fours and a six in his 123-ball knock before being adjudged leg before off the bowling of seamer Aminul Islam at nervous nineties.

SCOREBOARDS

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

MOHAMMEDAN VS SADHARAN BIMA

(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium).

MOHAMMEDAN

	O	M	R	W
Rashedul run out	57			
Rafique b Rajinder	25			
Shahed run out	44			
Halim lbw b Moni	24			
Nasirul c Babu b Tasiful	11			
Sohel c Babu b A Hadi	4			
Mortaza c Babu b A Hadi	0			
Zakir c Babu b Tasiful	1			
Ashfaq b A Hadi	5			
Manjurul not out	6			
Extras: (b-1, lb-6, w-13)	20			
Total: (All out in 73.4 overs)	204			
Fall of wkts: 1-56; 2-112; 3-162; 4-166; 5-179; 6-179; 7-181; 8-188; 9-190				

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