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Competition-111

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1 Who was the man-of-the match in the first Indo-Pak Test?
Afriidi Tendulkar Saqlain

2 How many Tests has Mark Taylor played?
102 103 104

3 South Africa won the Test series against West Indies
4-1 3-1 5-0

4 How many centuries have so far been scored in the Janakantha League?
29 30 31

5 Who clinched the sub-junior chess title?
Rakib Rajib Tuhin

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SPORTS TALK



Michael Atherton

(England cricketer)
"To put the record straight, I do not intend to retire from international cricket at the end of the Ashes tour."

WHIZZ KID-110

BOOST winner

Ali Irteza
Rifles Public School and College.

(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 February 11 at 7:30 pm.)

WHIZZ KID-10

correct answers

- The margin of Australia's recent Ashes series win was
Ans. 3-1
- Who is the number one player in women's tennis at the moment?
Ans. Lindsay
- The final of the 1st Asian Test Championship will be held in
Ans. Dhaka
- The eighth SAF Games will be held in
Ans. Nepal
- How many teams are taking part in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?
Ans. 12

WHIZZ KID-9

winner

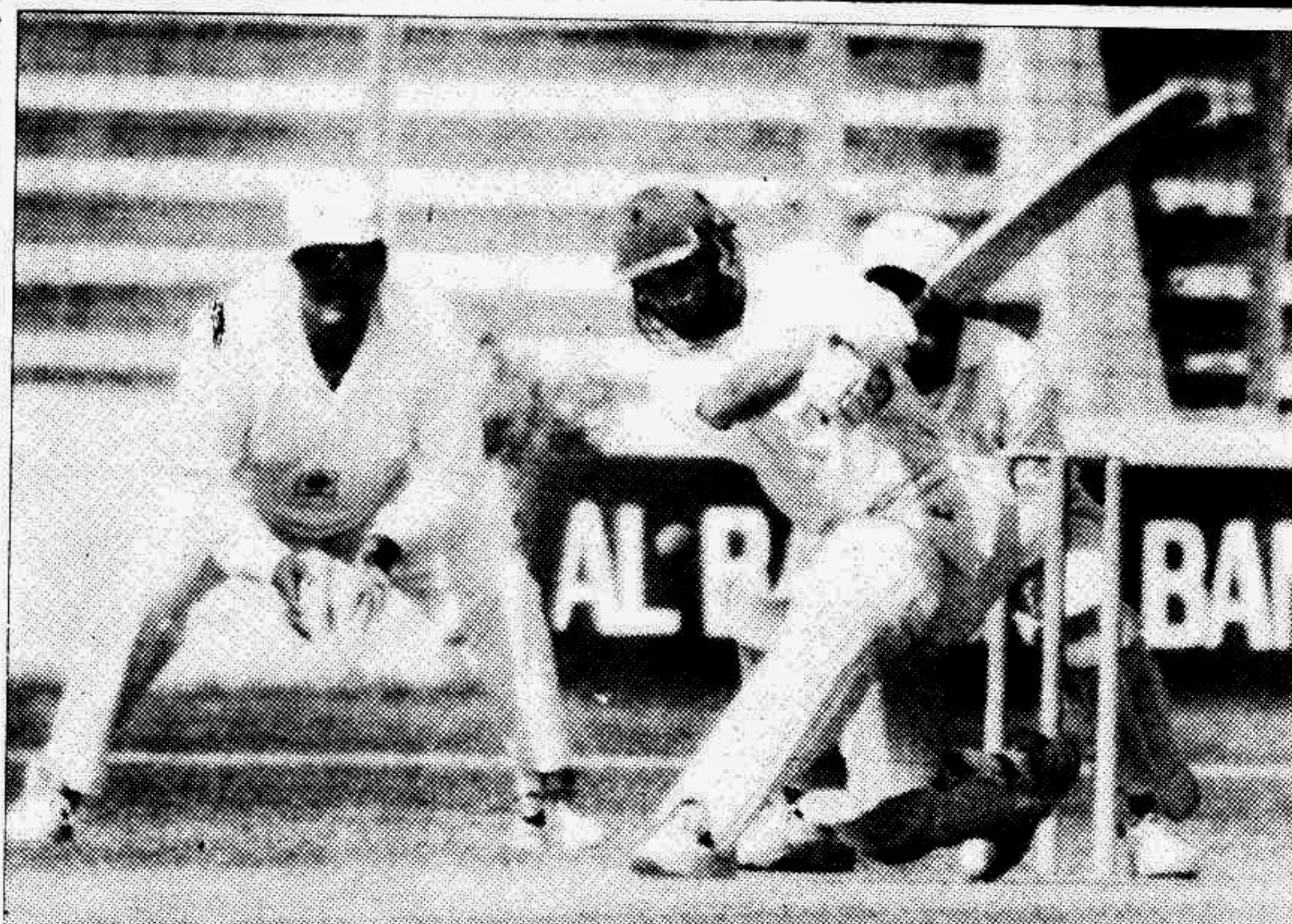


Abdul Mamun
(Bengali Medium High School, Mohammadpur, Dhaka)

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Feb 5: Fakirbari Club defeated Sher-e-Bangla Sabuj Sangha Pathagar by 9 wickets in the First Division cricket league here at the local stadium today.

Winning the toss batting first Sher-e-Bangla SSP scored 64 in 23.4 overs losing all. In reply, Fakirbari scored 68 in 8.4 overs for one wicket. Taimin of Fakirbari scoring highest 23 adjudged man-of-the-match.



Sajjad Ahmed of Kalabagan sweeps on way to scoring a diligent 68 against Abahani in the Janakantha Premier Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Hasibul plays havoc with Bagan

Sports Reporter

Hasibul Hossain returned with a four-wicket burst as holders Abahani bundled out Kalabagan Krira Chakra for a meagre 199 in their penultimate Janakantha Premier Division cricket league clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

But his effort with the ball failed to inspire his team's batsmen as the Dhanmondi outfit were reeling at 45 for two off 12 overs when stumps were drawn.

Abahani skipper Akram Khan won the toss and invited Kalabagan to bat. The decision paid off as the first four batsmen departed for only 59 runs.

Right-arm medium-pace Iqbal Hossain started the rot removing opener Sajid Hasan in the fourth over with the score on 3.

Hasibul struck in the next over to dismiss makeshift opener Ghulam Ali who came to bat in place of Harun-ur Rashid. The discarded Pakistani missed an attempted hook and was caught by Saidul Islam at square leg with no addition to the score.

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BSJWC win friendly tie

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Bangladesh Sports Journalists and Writers' Community (BSJWC) defeated Unitrend Limited by three wickets in a friendly cricket match played at the Sangsad Bhaban ground yesterday.

Nasimul Hasan of weekly Kriralok hammered 65 as BSJWC, chasing 141 in 30 overs for a victory, went on to make 143 in the last over of the match by losing seven wickets.

Nasimul apart, Rajib scored 24 while Rakib chipped in with 12.

Earlier, batting first, Unitrend were restricted to 140 for nine in their 30 overs. Saifur and Nazmul evenly shared six wickets.

Rajib remains unbeaten

Enamul Hossain Rajib of Titas Club emerged unbeaten champion of the 20th national chess championship drawing with Farhadul Imam in the 9th and last round at the NSC chess room yesterday, reports UNB.

Rajib, who earlier on Thursday confirmed the title with a round in hand, secured eight and half points after the day's match.

Ruhul Islam Bobby of Ansars was the runner-up with seven and half points while sub-junior champion Golam Mustafa became third with seven points.

WOMEN CHESS

Meanwhile, the final phase of the 20th national women chess championship begins today at the same venue at 2 pm.

After the number draw at the NSC yesterday the order of players are: Ava, Baby, Nira, Tanima, Zakia, Polly, Iva, Masuda, Rani Hamid and Nipa.

In the first round, Ava meets Nipa, Baby plays Rani Hamid, Iva faces Tanima, Zakia takes on Polly and Nira meets Masuda.

Div I cricket

Devastating bowling by Pakistani Zafar Qureshi and Ripon guided Dhaka Wanderers Club to an impressive 65-run win over Dhanmondi Club in the First Division Cricket league at City Club ground yesterday, reports APB.

Zafar Qureshi grabbed four wickets for 20 runs and Ripon took four for 27 as Dhanmondi were bundled out for 143 in 44.5 overs in reply to Wanderers' total of 208 for nine in 50 overs.

One-down Nehal Uddin top-scored with 64 including four furies followed by opener Mahfuzur Rahman who made 46.

Zafar made 27 while Tapu was the other notable scorer with 15 runs. A handsome 34 runs came as extras.

Pakistani Jawad Ali was the most successful Dhanmondi bowler bagging 4 wickets for 45 while Islam claimed 3 for 34.

Opener Anisur scored highest 26. Islam hit 26. Sajjad scored 19. Lipu made 12 and Masud was the other double scorer for Dhanmondi with 11 runs.

Hockey series

Pakistan beat hosts

NEW DELHI, Feb 5: Pakistan outplayed India 4-1 Friday in the second field hockey Test of a nine-match series. The two arch-rivals are playing to normalise sporting relations, reports AP.

Pakistan had won the opening game also played in the Indian capital on Wednesday.

Indians began well on Friday but lost the tempo midway in the second match played in Bhopal, the capital of the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. Both sides were 1-1 at half-time.

But the Pakistani players sparked by their dribbling and passes later and dominated the game. Sohail Abbas struck twice and Asif Naveed and Mohammed Irifan scored one goal each for the winners.

For India, Baljeet Singh scored the only goal in the first half.

India and Pakistan revived the hockey series last year after a decade.

Kumble, Harbhajan spur Indians Final Test up for grabs



NEW DELHI, Feb 5: India's spin duo of Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh ripped through Pakistan's bowler-dominated second cricket Test here today, reports AFP.

Leggie Kumble grabbed 4-75 and teenage off-spinner Harbhajan 3-30 as India, shot out for 252 on the opening day, hit back to dismiss Pakistan for 172 on the second day.

The home team, needing a win to square the short two-Test series, were 46-1 in their second innings by stumps, an overall lead of 126 with nine wickets in hand.

Sadagopan Ramesh was unbeaten on 22 and Rahul Dravid was on six after Venkat Laxman was bowled by Pakistan captain Wasim Akram for eight.

With 21 wickets having fallen in two days, an uphill struggle lies ahead for batsmen on the uneven Ferozeshah Kotla wicket which was vandalised by Hindu militants last month.

Pakistan, who won the first Test at Madras by 12 runs, face the daunting task of batting last on the under-prepared wicket where some balls keep alarmingly low.

But Akram, hoping to emulate his mentor Imran Khan's feat of winning a Test series in India, said the gripping Test could still go either way.

"We are not out yet," he said. "The first task is to dismiss India quickly and then bat to our advantage."

India added just five runs to their overnight score of 247-8 before being all out 10 minutes into the second day.

Pakistan needed 12 deliveries to end the innings as Nayan Mongia and last man Harbhajan Singh ran themselves out attempting risky singles.

Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq finished with his overnight figures of 5-94, his third successive five-wicket haul against the Indians. Mushtaq Ahmed had 2-64 and Akram 1-23 off 13 overs.

The out-of-form Anwar, who made 24 and seven in the first Test, fell in the second overs when he edged Venkatesh

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second cricket Test between India and Pakistan in New Delhi on Friday: