

Nat'l cricket Chittagong move into final round

Chittagong DSA advanced to the final round of the 25th National Cricket Championship with an innings and 113 runs victory over Comilla DSA at the Comilla Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Sohail smells a bribery rat

LAHORE, Mar 7 (AFP/Internet): Former Pakistan captain Amir Sohail Sunday said he was dumped from his country's World Cup plans after refusing to drop match-rigging allegations against team-mates.



AMIR SOHAIL Zimbabwe in December and has not been selected since then.

PCB Chairman Khalid Mahmood termed Sohail's assertion "a serious matter." "I do not want to comment on it right now. It is very serious and I do not know what he has said but I will definitely look into it," Mahmood said.

Wast joins Pak elite

LAHORE, Mar 7 (Reuters/Internet): Opener Wahajuddin Wasti, in just his second Test, became only the third Pakistani cricketer to score a century in each innings on the fourth day of the Asian Championship match against Sri Lanka on Sunday.

NZ A batsmen fail to impress

CHRISTCHURCH, Mar 7: New Zealand found themselves in a selection quandary after the selectors delayed naming the squad for the second Test against South Africa by 24 hours on Sunday, reports AP.

Looking to pick at least two batsmen including an opener and a bowler from New Zealand A's game against the visitors, lack of good first innings performance forced the selectors to delay naming the squad until Monday.

Table with columns: Batsman, Runs, O, M, R, W. Includes players like Pollock, Elworthy, Kallis, Mpitsang, Adams.

Ousted India blasts Pakistan

NEW DELHI, March 7 (AFP): The Indian media on Sunday lashed out at Pakistan for fixing the on-going Lahore Test against Sri Lanka to deny India a place in the Asian championship final.

The lethal left-armed polished off the tail in eight deliveries after claiming a hat-trick. Sri Lanka, without five top stars including skipper Arjuna Ranatunga, gained the required seven bonus points by the third day's play to edge India out of the championship.

he did not know where to pitch. "If that's the spirit, why have a championship?" the Times asked. "It is loud and clear from this shady matter that Pakistan is scared of playing against India at Dhaka."

Nat'l U-21 snooker

Rubaiy Ahmed of Dhaka Club reached quarterfinal in style defeating Fahim Ahmed of Dhaka Billiards Centre 3-0 (48-20, 50-10 & 53-39). Thanzina Azad also from Dhaka Club defeated Azharul Haque of Uttara Club 3-0 (45-11, 56-26 & 47-21) and reached pre-quarterfinal.

Scoreboard

Table with columns: Team, Score, Opponent, Score. Includes FC Frieberg vs Bayern Munich, CCC Manikganj vs Kushtia, Acme Div II cricket, Bangladesh Railway, Liton Smriti CC, Dhanmondi PS.

Div I cricket Wanderers outplay Lalmatia

A stormy knock of 81 by Jafar steered Dhaka Wanderers Club to a eight-wicket victory over Lalmatia Club in the Metropolitan First Division cricket league at the Mirpur City Club ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Reid too fast for Boudouani

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Mar 7 (AP): David Reid, the only American boxer to win a gold medal in the 1996 Olympics, became a world champion in only his 11th pro fight when he easily outpointed Laurent Boudouani of France at the Boardwalk Convention Centre.

Boudouani is in trouble. "It was Reid's speed that made the difference. Reid scored well with stiff left jabs and hard rights to the body in the first half of the fight. He then started scoring with hard combinations to the head and almost ended the fight in the ninth. Reid's left to the jaw buckled the Frenchman's legs and he appeared about to go down but he managed to stay up. Although Reid landed several more shots, Boudouani made it to the bell."

champion came back with a couple hard shots to the head before the final bell. Reid, a heavy favourite despite his lack of pro experience, boosted his record to 11-0 with seven knockouts and became the third member of the 1996 Olympic boxing team to become a champion. Floyd Mayweather is the WBC super featherweight champion and Fernando Vargas is the IBF junior middleweight champion.

Davis Cup teams start arriving

The Davis Cuppers from Syria, China Hong Kong, and Tajikistan arrived here yesterday to take part in the Asia-Oceania Zone Group three matches beginning at the National Tennis Complex on March 10, reports BSS.

M'singh cricket

MYMENSINGH, Mar 7: County Club defeated County Nabin Club by 16 runs in the First Division cricket league at the Circuit House ground today, reports UNB.

Acme Div II cricket

Pratik KC, Liton Smriti Cricket Club and Indira Road Club won their respective matches of the Acme Second Division cricket league at different city venues yesterday, reports UNB.

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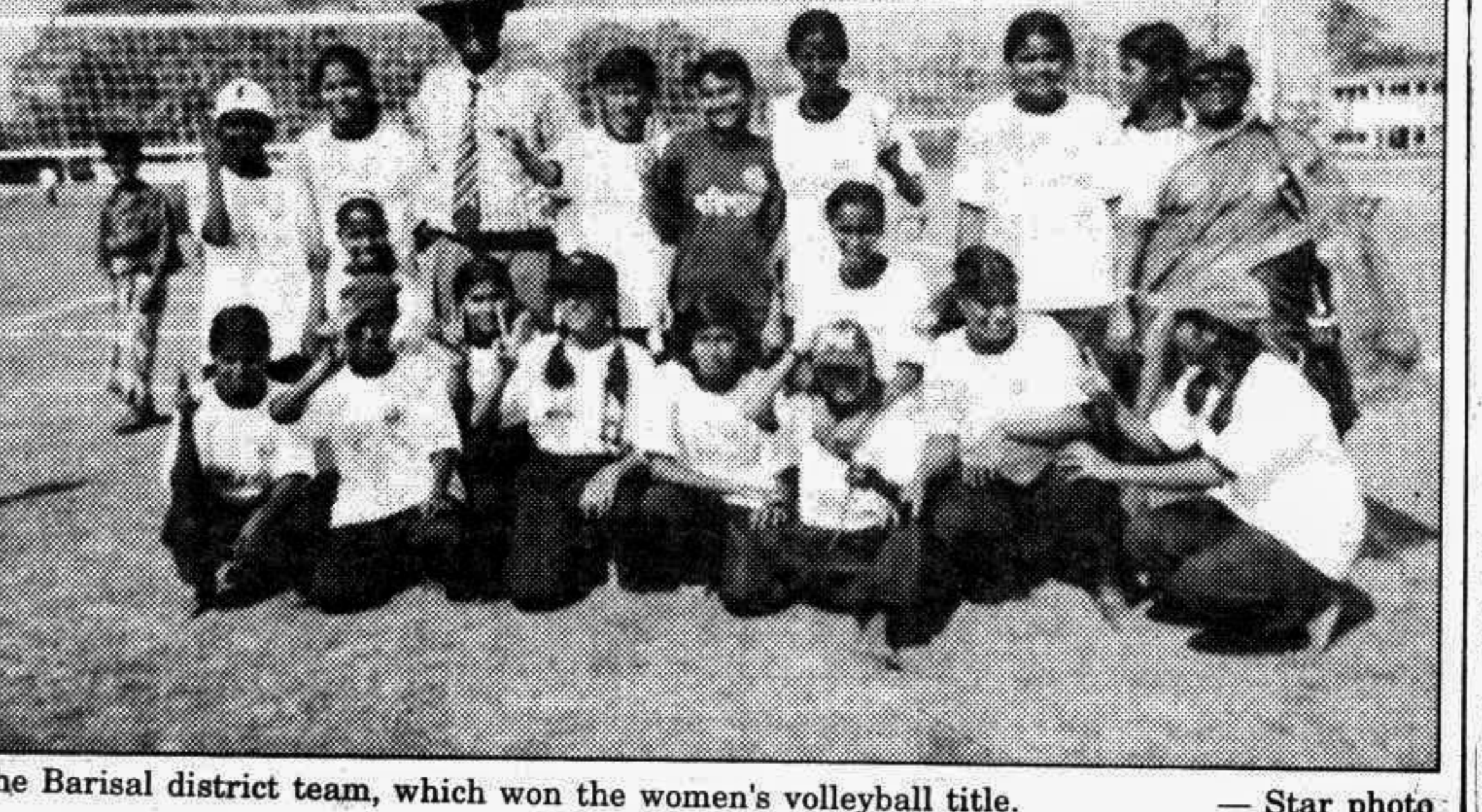
129/7 in 40 overs (Shipu 25; Shamim 2/24, Saad 2/25). LITON SMRITI CC: 135/5 in 35.4 overs (Jalil 35, Palash 31; Momin 2/25).

Things getting better and better for Beckham

LONDON, Mar 7 (Reuters): Two pinpoint crosses that helped bury Inter Milan, making peace with an Argentine nemesis and the birth of a baby boy — it's been a big week for David Beckham.

Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a cryptic clue: 'Yesterday's Cryptiquip: I DARESAY THE HIGH-STRUNG YOUNG PIANIST IS LIKELY TO GET ALL KEYPED UP.'



The Barisal district team, which won the women's volleyball title. — Star photo