

Column One SPORTS TALK



Mohammad Azharuddin (Indian cricket captain) The victory the West Indies achieved against Australia at Sabina Park should serve as an example of how determination and dedication can help a team or an individual achieve a goal.

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT a drunkard tells many a tale. At the end of the 1967 season West Indian Rohan Kanhai and Englishman John Snow were having a few drinks. The famous batsman blurted: "We'll smash you all over the park when we get you on those wickets in Caribbean." Those were good wickets for Snow who took 27 wickets in four Tests and England won the series.

Either Rohan was a bit tipsy when he said what he said, or Snow was too inebriated to let the threat bother him.

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Big win for Wills Little Flower ANZ Grindlays National School Cricket

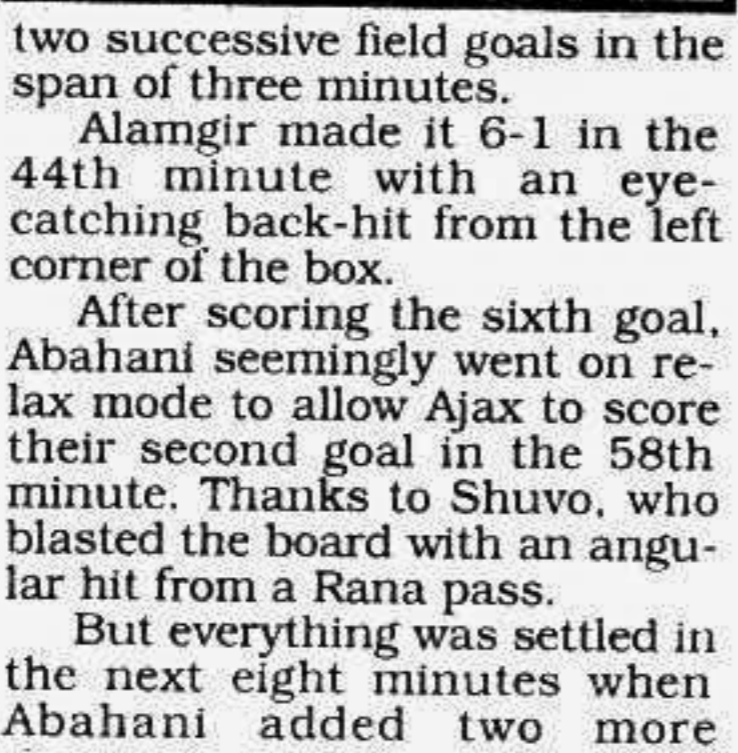
Wills Little Flower earned a massive eight-wicket victory over Rabeya Pre-Cadet High School in the Group C opening match of the ANZ Grindlays Bank 17th national schools cricket tournament at the Kalabagan Club ground yesterday, reports UNB.

M'singh cricket MYMENSINGH, Apr 10: County Nabin Dal defeated Mukul Fouj Lal Dal by three wickets in the First Division cricket league at the local circuit house ground today, reports UNB.

Abahani feast at leisure

Title aspirants Abahani maintained their three-point lead over arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with a 8-2 drubbing of Ajax Sporting Club in their return-leg clash at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

when Imran scored his second goal, also from a short-corner, to seal the first half 3-1 in Abahani's favour. Buoyed by the first-half lead, Abahani continued with their offensive attitude and added five more to their credit in the second session. The stampede began with Rubel, who scored



through Nakib and Ashique. Abahani, with their eight wins against a draw in nine matches, remained atop the eight-team league table with 25 points. On the other hand, it was the sixth defeat for Ajax against two wins and a draw, which kept them glued to their previous collection of seven points.

Today is a rest day of the league. Usha Krira Chakra will take on Ajax Sporting Club in the first match tomorrow at 2.15 pm, followed by the second match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Sadharan Bima, scheduled for a 4 pm start.

STANDINGS table with columns: Teams, M, W, D, L, Pts. Lists Abahani, Mohammedan, Usha, Mariner, Ajax, Farashganj, Azad, S Bima.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division hockey league match between Abahani and Ajax at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium. Abahani won 8-2. - Star photo

Pakistan Azlan Shah champs

KUALA LUMPUR, Apr 10: Pakistan captured the ninth Sultan Azlan Shah Cup with a 3-1 win over South Korea in the final at the National Hockey Stadium here Saturday night, reports AP.

Champions' Trophy. Beaten twice by South Korea in the last six months, at October's Champions' Trophy in Lahore and December's Bangkok Asian Games, Pakistan exacted revenge with a powerful display in the second half. South Korea had won 4-3 in Lahore and 3-2 in the Asian Games semifinals but lost 6-2 in the preliminary round here.

ans, with seven new faces here, took a shocking lead in the 24th minute through a penalty corner conversion by Yeo Woon Kon. Pakistan's high-scoring forwards were shackled by tight marking but managed to find the equaliser through gifted hit ter Sohail Abbas, when he converted his 12th goal through a penalty corner shot in the 30th minute.



Pakistan captain Atif Bashir holds aloft the trophy of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup hockey tournament after defeating South Korea in the final in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. - Internet photo

The 21-year-old Sohail emerged as the top scorer in the tournament and was named player-of-the-tournament. Despite losing, Korean coach Kim Sang Ryeul was delighted with the results and gave credit to goalkeeper Lim Jong Chun. Malaysia took fifth place after a 2-1 win over New Zealand earlier on the day.

Shaiful Azli scored the winning goal to help Malaysia finish fifth in the six-nation tournament. He flicked a rebound in the 76th minute during the sudden-death period, his first international goal, after both teams were tied at 1-1 at the end of 70 minutes regulation time. The classification match was Malaysia's first win in the tournament after losing all five matches in the preliminary round.

National cricket Biman poised for title

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES Biman: First Innings 270 for 8 in 100 overs (Faiyaz 63, Halim Shah 48, Ziaur 47, Atiar 46, Shariful 32, Wahidul 3/22) Jessore: First Innings 177 all out in 83.1 overs (Imran 52, Raju 34, Nantu 22, Biplob 22, Saifullah 5/64, Ziaur 3/31) Biman: Second Innings (at close of day 3) 78 for 3 in 35 overs (Halim Shah batting 29, Rafiqul 23, Atiar batting 16, Babu 3/29)

Left-arm spinner Saifullah Khan returned with a five-wicket haul to help favourites Biman take a handsome first innings lead over Jessore in the 25th National Cricket Championship final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. On the penultimate day of the four-day match, Jessore, who began the day with 66 for two in reply to Biman's first innings of 270 for eight, were shot out for a meagre 177 in 83.1 overs in the face of some brilliant spin from Saifullah, which gave Biman a 93-run first innings lead.

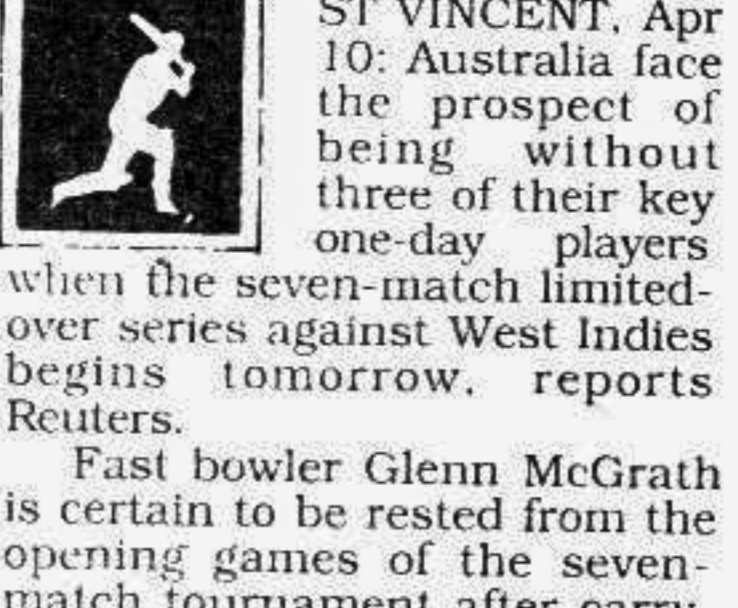
If the match fails to produce any outright result on the final day today, Biman will take home the trophy by virtue of that lead. Saifullah, who conceded 64 runs for his five wickets in 29 overs, which included eight maidens, was ably helped by two off-spinners, Ziaur Rashid and Shariful Haque, who had a crack at the other five wickets. Ziaur captured three wickets for 31 runs in his 12 overs while Shariful gave away 41 runs for his two in 26.1 overs. Opener Imran Tushar was the lone man who fought the apparently losing battle with a marathon 155-ball 51 that included no boundaries. Imran apart, middle-order Raju Parvez scored 34 off 99 balls for Jessore.

Aussies beset by injuries First one-dayer today

ST VINCENT, Apr 10: Australia face the prospect of being without three of their key one-day players when the seven-match limited-over series against West Indies begins tomorrow, reports Reuters.

Fast bowler Glenn McGrath is certain to be rested from the opening games of the seven-match tournament after carrying more than 40 runs from his 10 overs but both players have succumbed to the flu-like virus which has swept through the team since the final Test.

West Indies are also likely to rest one or both of their veteran fast bowlers Courtney Walsh and Curtley Ambrose throughout this series but appear set to regain middle-order batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul. He has recovered from a shoulder injury.



BRIAN LARA

captain and I love captaining Australia," Waugh said. SQUADS WEST INDIES (from): Brian Lara (capt), Courtney Walsh, Carl Hooper, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Stuart Williams, Brendon Julian, Damien Fleming, Michael Bevan, Shane Lee, Curtley Ambrose, Ridley Jacobs, Jimmy Adams, Henderson

Chanderpaul took part in West Indies fielding drills on Friday and was able to throw the ball without any sign of restriction. Australian captain Steve Waugh said while he wanted to win the one-day series his main focus would be experimenting with a few different combinations prior to the World Cup.



STEVE WAUGH

FIXTURE

Table with columns: Date, Match, Location. Lists fixtures for April 11 to 25, including 1st ODI St Vincent, 2nd ODI Grenada, 3rd ODI Trinidad & Tobago, 4th ODI Trinidad & Tobago, 5th ODI Guyana, 6th ODI Barbados, 7th ODI Barbados.



STEVE WAUGH

Waugh admitted he was mentally drained after the closely-fought Test series. He said he might even consider resting himself from one or two matches in the upcoming series and hand over the reins to his deputy Shane Warne, who led Australia for all but two of their one-day matches against England and Sri Lanka when Waugh was sidelined with a hamstring injury. "It's a possibility but I am the

more than 15 players in the squad which is a lot, so you may as well have a look at the guys as we go into the World Cup. "I'd like to think everybody gets an opportunity to show how good they are."

Furious fans

PORT HARCOURT, Nigeria, Apr 10 (Reuters/Internet): Hundreds of fans blocked streets with burning tyres in the south-east city of Port Harcourt on Saturday to protest against the difficulty of buying tickets for the World Youth Cup, witnesses said.

Biman Cup U-14 National Football Jashim's treble for Chandpur

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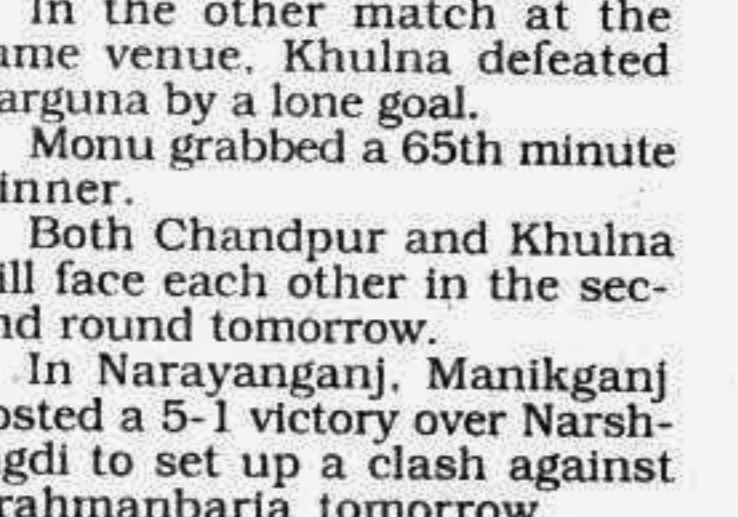
Fourteen teams moved into the second round of the qualifying round of the Biman Cup under-14 National Football Championship that began at different zonal venues across the country yesterday.

Jashim scored the only hat-trick of the day as Chandpur blanked Satkhira 7-0 at the Patuakhali Stadium. Mohsin struck twice while Saiful and Parvez added one each to the winners' account.

In the other match at the same venue, Khulna defeated Barguna by a lone goal. Momu grabbed a 65th minute winner. Both Chandpur and Khulna will face each other in the second round tomorrow. In Narayanganj, Manikganj posted a 5-1 victory over Narshingdi to set up a clash against Brahmanbaria tomorrow. Lat Mia scored two goals while Batimur, Saber and Sumon added one each for the victors.

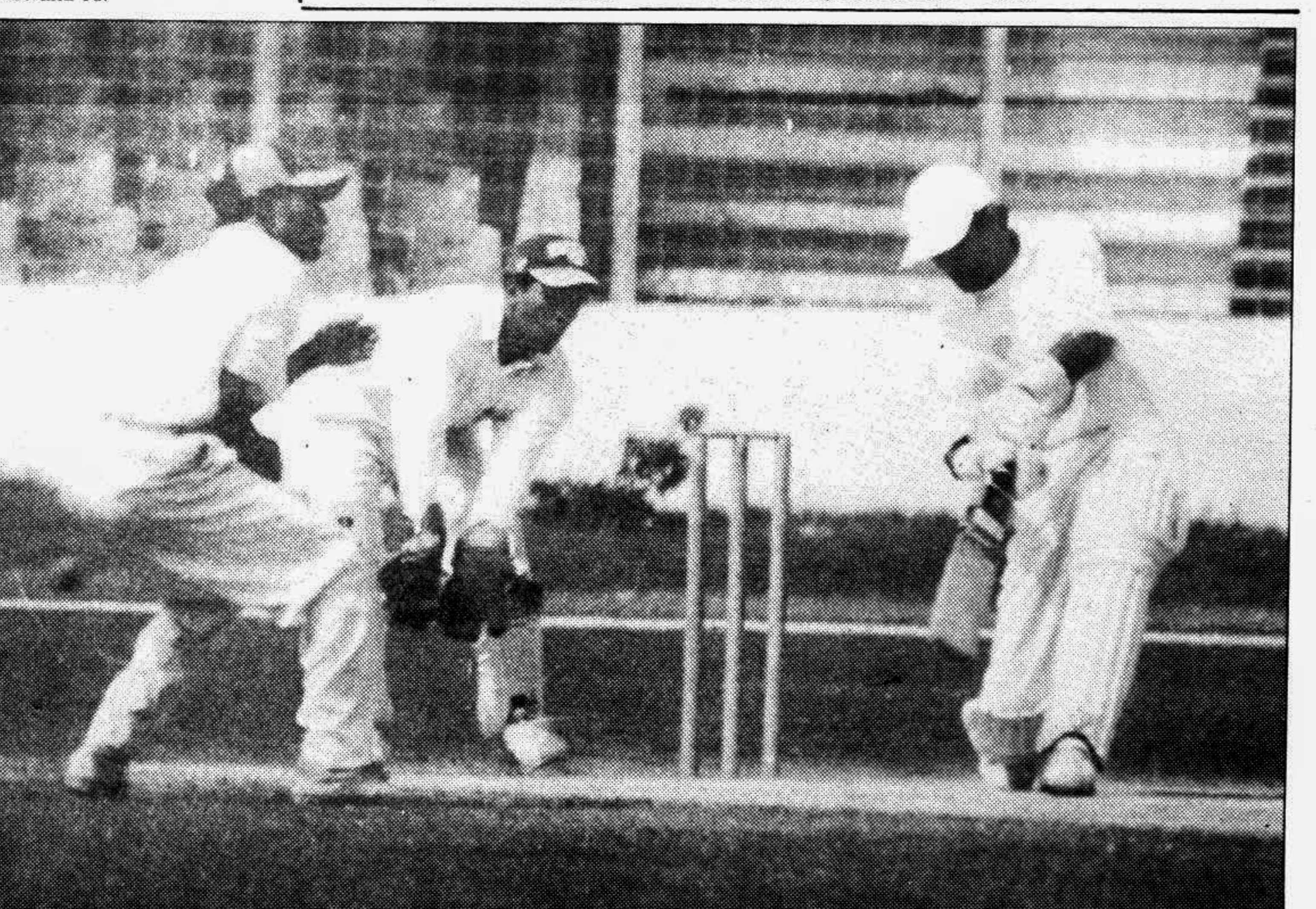
between Natore and Tangail ended goal-less. Naogaon won their match 4-3 while Natore prevailed 3-2 in the shoot-out. Both Naogaon and Natore lock horns at the same venue tomorrow. Away in Nilphamari, Kurigram came from behind to register a 2-1 win over Dinajpur. Trailing 0-1 at half-time, one goal each for Rangpur while Shankar pulled one back for Thakurgaon.

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Kurigram struck twice in five minutes. Abdul Hal levelled the score in the 55th minute while Aminul scored the winner. Earlier, Arif put Dinajpur ahead in the 18th minute, which ultimately went in vain. In the second round tomorrow, Kurigram will meet Rangpur, who won the day's other match against Thakurgaon by an identical margin 2-1. Faruque and Imran scored

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Bangladesh Biman's Halim Shah drives on the third day of the four-day final of the 25th national cricket championship at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. - Star photo