

Asia Cup football  
Bangladesh face  
India today

**Sports Reporter**  
Bangladesh take on India in their last Group 3 match of the 12th Asian Cup football in Abu Dhabi today.  
Although the clash of the two sub-continent rivals holds no importance as far as the title race is concerned, but the two teams will be out to stamp their regional supremacy once again.  
Bangladesh defeated the more colourful Indians in their last meeting at Kathmandu SAF Games by a solitary goal.  
Bangladesh and India have already made their exit from the championship, both conceding two defeats against a victory.  
Bangladesh lost their opening match against Uzbekistan 6-0 before going down to hosts United Arab Emirates (0-3) in their second match.  
Never advanced into the final round of the prestigious Asian meet, Bangladesh however registered their first win when they came from behind to beat Sri Lanka (3-1) in their third group league match.

Damal Cricket  
Lalmatia, Uttara  
win leisurely

**Sports Reporter**  
Lalmatia Club advanced into the second round of the 19th Damal Smriti Cricket Tournament with a crushing 133-run defeat of Rupali Bank at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.  
Opting to bat first, Lalmatia piled up a huge total of 279 for four in their share of 50 overs.  
Opener Shaon hammered a sparkling 81 while Parvez scored a breezy 63.

**Brief Scores**  
**Lalmatia v Rupali Bank**  
(Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)  
Lalmatia: 279 for 4 wickets in 50 overs (Shaon 81, Parvez 63, Sumon 37 not out, Shimul 28 not out; Obaiddul 2/75)  
Rupali Bank: 146 all out in 50 overs (Faisal 44, Shariful 36; Sumon 2/19)  
Result: Lalmatia won by 133 runs.

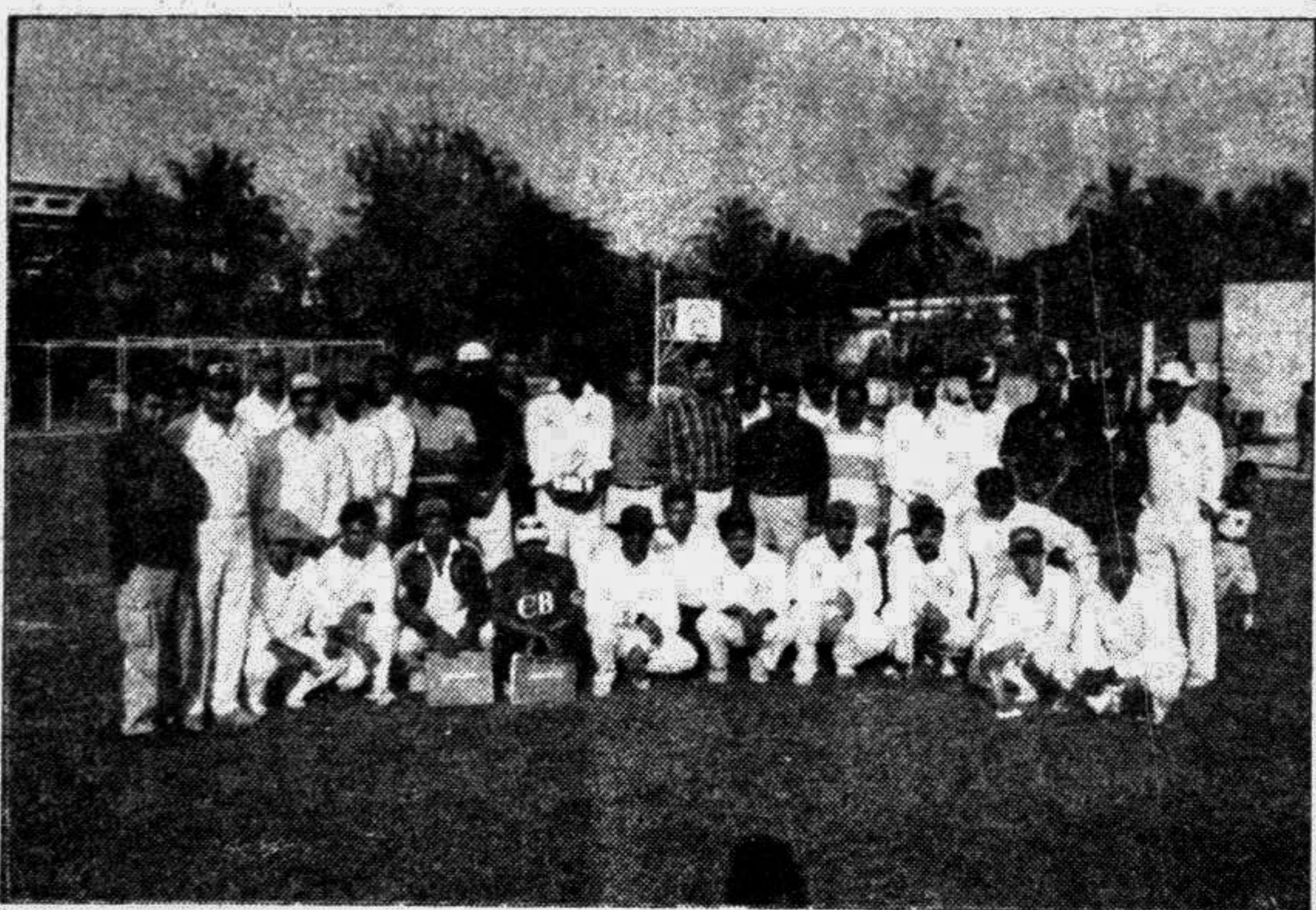
**Uttara SC v Partex**  
Uttara: 205 for 9 wickets in 50 overs (Masud 70, Mahfuz 40; Babu 3/23, Sharif 3/31)  
Partex: 68 all out in 31 overs (Munna 20; Masud 3/11, Lenin 2/16, Arif 2/13)  
Result: Uttara won by 137 runs.

In their chase, Rupali Bank caved in meekly, making only 146 for nine with Faisal notching highest 44 runs.  
With this win, Lalmatia finished top from Group D and joined Ura Pegasus, Khe-laghar, Dhaka Wanderers and Dhanmondi in the final round of the traditional season's curtain raiser.  
Meanwhile, in the day's other match played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Uttara Club recorded a facile 137-run win over Partex.  
Electing to bat, Uttara scored a commanding 205 for nine wickets in the allotted 50 overs with Masud making a polished 70. Mahfuz, with 40, was the other notable run-getter for the winners.

In reply, a lowly-rated Partex were shot out for a meagre 68 in 31 overs. It was Masud again who snatched the spotlight, capturing three wickets for only 11 runs.

ITF F2 tourney  
begins today

The ITF men's future tennis F2 tournament, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF), begins at the Ramna National Tennis Complex today, reports UNB.  
More than 60 players from 26 countries including Bangladesh will take part in singles and doubles of the tournament on knock-out basis.  
The countries are: Australia, Bosnia, Brazil, Canada, Cote D'Ivoire, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, the United States, Uzbekistan and hosts Bangladesh.



Cricket players and officials of the GrameenPhone Ltd and Siemens Bangladesh Ltd.

AUSSIE-PAK AVERAGES

**PERTH, Nov 28 (Reuters): Australia v Pakistan Test averages:**

**BATTING**  
Matches, innings, not outs, runs, highest score, 50s, 100s, average, catches, stumpings:

**AUSTRALIA**

Adam Gilchrist	3	4	1	264	149	1	1	88.00	12	1
Justin Langer	3	4	-	331	144	1	2	82.75	-	-
Michael Slater	3	5	1	325	169	1	1	81.25	3	-
Greg Blewett	3	5	1	204	89	1	-	51.00	2	-
Ricky Ponting	3	4	-	197	197	-	1	49.25	5	-
Shane Warne	3	4	1	99	86	1	-	33.00	4	-
Mark Waugh	3	4	-	105	100	-	1	26.25	7	-
Steve Waugh	3	4	-	58	28	-	-	14.50	3	-
Glenn McGrath	3	3	-	8	7	-	-	2.67	3	-
Damien Fleming	3	3	-	0	0	-	-	0.00	2	-
Michael Kasprowicz	1	1	1	9	9	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Muller	2	2	2	6	6	-	-	-	2	-

**PAKISTAN:**

Saeed Anwar	3	6	-	282	119	2	1	47.00	-	-
Inzamam-ul-Haq	3	6	-	260	118	1	1	43.33	2	-
Ijaz Ahmed	3	6	-	209	115	1	1	34.83	3	-
Yousuf Youhana	3	6	-	207	95	2	-	34.50	3	-
Mohammad Wasim	2	4	-	129	91	1	-	32.25	1	-
Wasim Akram	3	6	1	154	52	1	-	30.80	1	-
Moin Khan	3	6	-	139	61	1	-	23.17	5	2
Azhar Mahmood	3	6	-	124	39	-	-	20.67	2	-
Waqar Younis	1	2	1	12	12	-	-	12.00	-	-
Mohammad Akram	1	2	1	10	10	-	-	10.00	-	-
Saqibain Mushtaq	2	4	-	30	12	-	-	7.50	1	-
Abdur Razaq	1	2	-	13	11	-	-	6.50	1	-
Wajahatullah Wasti	1	2	-	12	7	-	-	6.00	-	-
Shoaib Akhtar	3	6	2	23	8	-	-	5.75	-	-
Mushtaq Ahmed	1	2	1	1	1	-	-	1.00	1	-

**BOWLING**  
Matches, overs, maidens, runs, wickets, average, best figures:

**AUSTRALIA**

Michael Kasprowicz	1	28.0	5	132	7	18.86	4-53
Damien Fleming	3	137.4	29	401	18	22.28	5-59
Glenn McGrath	3	134.0	38	393	14	28.07	4-49
Shane Warne	3	129.5	36	370	12	30.83	5-110
Scott Muller	2	58.0	8	258	7	36.96	3-68
Ricky Ponting	3	11.0	2	31	-	-	-
Greg Blewett	3	9.0	2	32	-	-	-
Mark Waugh	3	2.0	-	6	-	-	-
Steve Waugh	3	5.0	1	20	-	-	-

**PAKISTAN:**

Saqibain Mushtaq	2	94.5	23	251	10	25.10	6-46
Mohammad Akram	1	27.5	1	138	5	27.60	5-138
Waqar Younis	1	23.0	3	80	2	40.00	2-42
Azhar Mahmood	3	69.2	8	229	14	45.80	2-43
Wasim Akram	3	90.1	13	275	5	55.00	2-87
Shoaib Akhtar	3	93.0	11	406	6	67.67	4-153
Mushtaq Ahmed	1	1.0	1	214	3	71.33	3-194
Ijaz Ahmed	3	2.0	0	8	-	-	-
Abdur Razaq	1	17.0	3	66	-	-	-

India stare at defeat

**BRISBANE, Nov 28:** India's last seven second innings wickets tumbled for 36 to day to leave them facing defeat by Queensland, reports Reuters.  
Left-arm spinner Matthew Anderson snapped up four for 50 and paceman Scott Muller, dropped from the Test side, took three for 37 as India, 124 behind on first innings, were dismissed for 204 at the close on the third day.  
Queensland, who were all out for 401 in their first innings earlier in the day, will start the fourth and final day on Monday needing just 81 for victory.  
Vangurepu Laxman (73) and Rahul Dravid (42) provided the major resistance in India's second innings with an 85-run stand for the third wicket.  
Laxman became the first of Anderson's victims on the final ball before tea, making India 125 for three, and when Dravid went next at 168, the collapse set in.  
Muller then took two wickets in quick succession, including Sachin Tendulkar for 27, and Anderson subsequently wrapped up the innings with two wickets in four balls.  
Muller took his match tally to six wickets, having been at the centre of a controversy after adverse comments about the player were picked up by a ground microphone while he was fielding during the second Test against Pakistan in Hobart last week.  
The words "can't throw, can't bowl" were heard, with speculation that they may have come from a teammate, although match television broadcasters the Nine Network said it was a cameraman.  
**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard after the third day of the four-day cricket tour match between Queensland and India at the Gabba on Sunday:  
**INDIA:** First innings 277 (Venkat Laxman 113, Sachin Tendulkar 83; S Muller 3-27).  
**QUEENSLAND:** First innings 401 (Dravid 113, V Prasad 44, Mahir lbw b Mohanty 10, Love c M Prasad b Kumaran 120, Law run out 0).

**Woolmer on Donald**  
LONDON, Nov 28: Allan Donald could retire if he reaches the landmark of 300 Test wickets during the series against England, former South African coach Bob Woolmer said, reports Reuters.  
"If he reaches or passes 300 Test wickets during the series with England I believe he will retire from international cricket immediately, even though I feel he could stay at the very top for at least another two years," Woolmer told the Mail today.  
Paceman Donald, 33, has claimed 11 wickets so far in the first Test against England to take his tally to 279.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**

1 Drill insert	36 Legume holder	2 Think tank output	24 Born
4 Affiliation	37 Diocese	3 Mallard's cousin	25 Straight-away
8 Part of monk's hood	38 Just before the day shift	4 Place of worship	26 Do land-scaping
12 Deductory word	45 Candel	5 Arthur Miller's salesman	27 Guy's partner
13 Circle dance	46 Tide type	6 "Exodus" author	28 Gettysburg Address
14 Medley	47 Cartoonist	7 Fortified place	29 West-heimer
15 Boston jetsam	48 Stressed	8 Standup specialist	31 Rhythmic flow
16 Writer Kingsley	49 Phone bill entry	9 Couturier	32 Isaac Hayes' "South Park" role
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18 Just before 9 o'clock	51 Pear	11 Nowhere to be seen	35 Streisand hit
21 Writer Deighton	52 Perry's creator	19 Imperfection	36 Low-class slave in "1984"
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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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Yesterday's Cryptquip: WE'RE TOLD THAT A NUMBER OF CORN FARMERS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE STALK MARKET.  
Today's Cryptquip clue: Z equals I  
The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ITF tennis  
Donovan  
clinches  
singles title

**From Our Correspondent**  
RAJSHAH, Nov 28: Donovan September, the South African favourite, became the singles champion and Ashley Fisher and Minh Lee pair clinched the doubles title in the second leg of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Alpha men's future tennis tournament played here today at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex.  
In the singles, Donovan September defeated Dmitri Tomashavich of Uzbekistan 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.  
On the otherhand, Ashley Fisher of Australia and Minh Lee of the United States defeated the Indonesian duo Febio Widhiyanto and Susilo Pramono 6-3, 6-0 in the doubles final.  
State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Prof Jinnatunnesa Talukder distributed the prizes among the winners as the chief guest.

Grameen grind  
Siemens down

**Sports Reporter**  
GrameenPhone Limited registered a seven-wicket win over Siemens Bangladesh Limited in a friendly match at the Old DOHS ground on Saturday.  
In a 30-over-a-side contest, Siemens scored 127 before being all out with three overs to spare. Golam Jinany scored highest 20 runs for the losers.  
Abu Juber Chowdhury rocked Siemens with a three-wicket burst. He gave away only nine runs in his miserly three overs.  
In reply, GrameenPhone raced to the target in only 18 overs and with 7 wickets in hand. SM Mustaq was adjudged man-of-the-match for his quick-fire 39. Mustaq apart, KP Nath scored an enterprising 38.

Dhanmondi Club's  
cricket academy  
from Dec 3

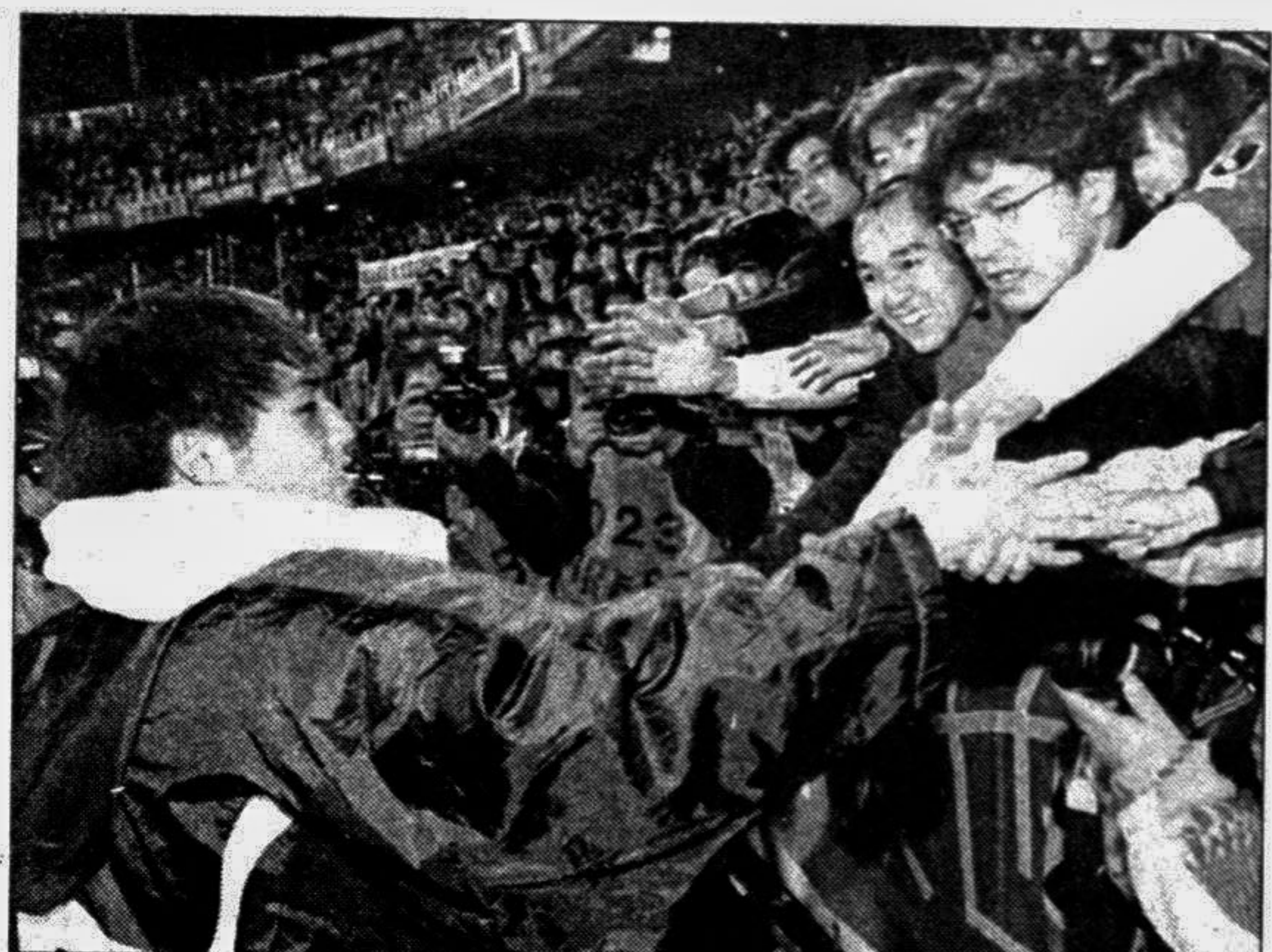
**Sports Reporter**  
A cricket coaching academy, under the auspices of Dhanmondi Club, will start functioning from December 3 (Friday), 1999, says a press release.  
The academy will offer long-term cricket training for aspiring youngsters aged between 8-16 years.  
Former coach of BKSP and ex-player of Abahani, Mahbub Alam Babar and former national youth team wicketkeeper Aftabul Islam Kamru will conduct the coaching sessions.  
Interested candidates are being requested to collect their application forms from the office of Dhanmondi Club (Road No 8, Dhaka-1205) or phone at 9117698 or (Mobile) 017-521494.

Chess league  
Biman one  
point away

**Sports Reporter**  
Bangladesh Biman consolidated their lead in the First Division Chess League with 39.5 points on completion of the penultimate round at the Chess Room of the National Sports Council yesterday.  
The star-studded national airline outfit in this round defeated Dhaka University Chess Team by 3.5-5 margin. Biman now need only one point in their last match against Uttara Central Chess today to lift the title.  
In a clash of the two unequal opponents, the Biman IM (International Master) duo of Ziaur Rahman and Rezaul Karim easily beat Monirul Karim Syed Uttam and Nazrul Islam of Dhaka University respectively.  
Biman's only disappointment was IM Abdullah-Al-Rakib, who drew with an unheralded Syed Ejaz Hossain of Dhaka University.  
Titas Club maintained their second position with a collection of 36 points while Bangladesh Ansar, who conceded a stunning 1-3 defeat at the hands of Mohakhal Prodig Sangha, held the third place with 32.5 points.  
In this round, Titas defeated Leonine Chess Club by 3.5-5 points. Sankar Roy, Saifuddin Labu and Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu of Titas won their games against Dinesh Kumar Sarma, Monir Hossain and Shahinur Hossain of Leonine. While Enamul Hossain Razib of Titas drew with Aminul Islam.  
In the other matches of the day, Uttara Central Chess Club drew with Touch-Stone Chess Club (2-2); Narayanganj Chess Players Association beat Sonali Bank by 3-1 points; Brothers Union blanked Farashgonj Sporting Club by 4-0 points; Kamapur Samaj Kalayan and Kria Sangha defeated Nakhalpara Jubo Sangha by 3-1 points.  
Today's matches are:  
Biman v Uttara Central  
Brothers v Dhaka University  
Sonali Bank v Farashgonj  
Ansar v Narayanganj  
Kamapur v Prodig Sangha  
Leonine v Nakhalpara  
Touch-Stone v Titas

South Africa  
beat Sweden

**PRETORIA, Nov 28:** Substitute Siyabonga Nomvethe scored a late goal to give South Africa a 1-0 win over 10-man Sweden in a friendly yesterday, their first-ever victory over European opposition, reports Reuters.  
Nomvethe scored with a simple tap-in in the 87th minute, just four minutes after coming on for his first home international against a Sweden side filled with reserves.



Japanese football sensation Shinji Ono (L) of Urawa Red Diamonds, obliging fans after the last game of the J-League season at Tokyo on November 27. — AFP photo

Urawa star heading to Europe?

**TOKYO, Nov 28:** Rising star Shinji Ono is set for a move to Europe after his side Urawa Red Diamonds were relegated from the J-League First Division in a heartbreak end to the regular season, reports AFP.  
Italian Serie A teams AS Roma and Bologna are leading the running in Europe to sign the gifted 20-year-old midfielder, one of Japanese football's brightest prospects, the Tokyo Chunichi Sports newspaper said.  
Roma are ready to negotiate with Urawa when a ban on Serie A transfer talks is lifted on January 4, the daily said.  
Bologna, who sent scouts here in May, are reported to have offered Ono a three-year contract worth one million dollars a year.  
Ono refused to answer reporters' questions on Saturday night after Urawa were doomed to relegation despite a 1-0 victory in sudden-death extra-time over Sanfrecce Hiroshima.  
If Ono does move to Italy he will join midfield compatriots Hidetoshi Nakata and Hiroshi Nanami, who play respectively for Perugia and Venezia.  
The French coach of Japan's national side, Philippe Troussier, said after watching the nail-biting Urawa match: "Ono should play in a high-level league. Maybe he will move to Europe."  
Troussier said the relegation of Urawa, Japan's best-supported side and one of the richest, was "bad news for me."  
"We'll have the Asian Cup and the Olympics next year and I need strong players like Ono."  
"Ono should play in the J-1 (First Division) or at a higher level ... I feel he will play in Europe next year. He can only get better if he has the chance to polish his skill at higher levels," he said.  
Ono, a key player in the Japan side which lost to Spain in April's World Youth Championships final in Nigeria, is part of a talented Urawa team which failed to gel adequately to survive in the top-flight.  
Urawa, who were hit hard by Ono's 10-month absence due to a knee injury, needed to beat Hiroshima in the regulation 90 minutes to earn three points to give them a chance of staying up.  
Their extra-time victory gave them only two points, ensuring they went down by the narrowest of margins on goal difference.  
Shimizu S-Pulse finished on a losing note, after securing the second-stage title on Tuesday to earn their berth in next month's two-leg championship decider against Jubilo Iwata, who won the J-League's first stage in May.  
Shimizu went down 2-1 to Kashiwa Reysol.  
Nagoya Grampus Eight were runners-up in the second stage after beating Vissel Kobe 1-0. Japanese international forward Shoji Jo scored both goals as Yokohama F Marinos beat Avispa Fukuoka to finish third.  
South Korean international Hwang Sun-Hong of Cerezo Osaka ended the season as top scorer with 24 goals, six above Jo and seven ahead of Brazilian Baron, of JEF United Ichihara.  
Next season FC Tokyo will become the first team from the Japanese capital to play in the first division after clinching promotion to take one of the two spots vacated by Urawa and basement club Bellmare Hiratsuka.

Bundesliga  
1860 win war of Munich

**COLOGNE, Germany, Nov 28:** Twenty-two years of frustration ended for 1860 Munich Saturday as they produced a stellar performance to clinch an historic 1-0 derby win over eternal arch-enemies Bayern Munich, reports AFP.  
Thomas Riedl, an under 21 German international on the first team fringe since moving from Kaiserslautern, netted from 25 metres for the Lions with five minutes left to play.  
It was the culmination of the inevitable as Bayern struggled to find their way in the clubs' 190th derby encounter.  
1860 weathered Bayern's early pressure but suddenly bloomed near the half hour when they hit the woodwork three times.  
Australian striker Paul Agostino (in the 26th and 30th minutes) and Gerald Vanenburg, from a 27th-minute freekick, were all foiled by the goal frame leaving 1860 fans wondering if the derby jinx would strike again.  
"I've never seen anything like it. It was a top match from the first minute to the last," 1860's assistant coach Peter Paclut said. He deputised for Werner Lorant who watched from the stands because of a two match suspension for abusing a linesman.  
"The atmosphere here in the stadium was terrific and we ended up with a well deserved win. We had enough shots on goal today for two games. Congratulations to the team. It was first class the way they battled."  
All the hard work seemed for nothing though as the final minutes approached, 1860, who last celebrated a win over Bayern in 1977, still hadn't found the net — until Riedl struck his second career goal in the Bundesliga.  
"The ball came to me perfectly. I blasted it and thank God it went in," Riedl said.  
Paulo Sergio's second half air shot for Bayern could have changed that but — like Hasan Salihmadzic's chance before the break, it went begging.  
"It was unusual of Paulo, maybe he was put off a bit by the goalkeeper but it really should have been a goal," Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld said.  
"For me every defeat is a disappointment," he added. "I sympathise with our fans who feel really let down but we did everything we could today, we controlled things in the first 20 minutes but when 1860 hit the bar for the first time we got a shock and they came at us. They were the better team."  
It was a special result for Lions defender Marco Kurz whose second child was born overnight. After shutting out striker Carsten Jancker he burst into tears at the final whistle.  
"He came back to the team hotel at 20 past seven this morning," Lorant said.  
"I let him sleep through the morning and then put him up against Jancker. I warned him that Jancker is a solid customer who can really hand it out and takes it too. I said, you'll have to take a bit of punishment today but I want you to win this duel because it's important for the whole team."  
Despite losing Bayern remain top of the Bundesliga with 26 points. Bayer Leverkusen closed the gap and moved up to second on 24 points after their 2-1 win at Arminia Bielefeld.

**Bagerhat soccer**  
BAGERHAT, Nov 28: Bagerhat Bhatshala Football Ekadash moved into the final of the Shaheed Abdul Jalil Smriti football tournament defeating Moglia Union Sporting Club by 2-0 here today, reports UNB.  
After a barren first half in the day's semis, Prince scored twice for the winners at the Moglia football ground in Kochua Thana.  
The second semifinal between Kochua Football Ekadash and Pirojpur Jubo Khola Ekadash will be held on Wednesday.  
**Div I kabadi**  
The Metropolis First Division Kabadi league began at the Outer Stadium Kabaddi court yesterday, reports UNB.  
Four matches were decided on the opening day in two sessions.  
Faruk Smriti Sangsad beat Bangladesh Bank Club 83-52. Azad SC defeated Manikganj KC 79-36. Dilkusha SC outplayed Jurain Janata 74-28 and Sonali Bank Club overcame Imarat Nirman Club 96-38.  
Twelve teams, split into four groups, are taking part in the league.