

## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Shane Warne**  
(Australia's master leg-spinner)

"I'm not used to talking about my batting. I'm disappointed I didn't get a hundred but lucky I got 86. I suppose."

After his brilliant effort in the first Test against Pakistan at the Gabba.

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  4. Where will the ninth SAF Games be held?  
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  5. How many teams are playing in the National Cricket League?  
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## Rajshahi stymie Khulna

### Sports Reporter

Khulna earned two points as their three-day National Cricket League clash against the home team ended in a draw at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday.

On the final day, Khulna, needing 104 to win in 36 overs, could score only 67, with the loss of three wickets.

All-rounder Jamaluddin, who had a match haul of five wickets, remained unbeaten on 32.

**BRIEF SCORES**

Rajshahi: First innings: 57 all out in 37.2 overs (Farid 24; Monjurul 3/16; Khairuzzaman 2/8; Jamaluddin 2/11)

Khulna: First innings: 169 all out in 97.5 overs (Selim 57; Asadullah Khan 20; Jamaluddin 16; Hira 5/49; Tariqul 2/18; Sumon 2/39)

Rajshahi: Second innings: 216 all out in 114.4 overs (Farid 72; Rashid 40; Hira 35; Etee 20; Khairuzzaman 3/42; Jamaluddin 3/54; Tanvir 2/55)

Khulna: Second innings: 67 for 3 in 36 overs (Jamaluddin 32 n.o.; Sajjadul 19; Etee 1/7)

**Result:** Match drawn. Khulna earned two points by virtue of their first innings lead.

**Man-of-the-match:** Farid Hossain.

One-down Sajjadul, with whom Jamal shared 37 runs for the third wicket, was the other notable run-getter for Khulna. He scored a super-sede 19 off 77 balls.

Earlier, Rajshahi, who were bundled out for only 57 in the first innings, staged a brilliant comeback in the second innings scoring 216 runs.

Resuming at 126 for 4, the host side batted until tea to add another 90 runs.

Middle-order Fahim Hossain Tomal top-scored with 72 off 260 balls. Opener Rashid (40) and Hira (35) were the other notable contributors for Rajshahi.

Fahim was adjudged man-of-the-match later.

## Chittagong ride on Minhaz

### Sports Reporter

Minhazul Abedin played a captain's knock to guide Chittagong to their first win in the National Cricket League at the Mymensingh Stadium yesterday.

On a dicey wicket, the World Cup hero of Bangladesh occupied the crease for long enough to ensure an exciting two-wicket victory against the star-studded Dhaka.

On the final day of the three-day encounter, Minhaz scored a gritty 47 as Chittagong, chasing only 130 for an outright win, managed to overhaul the target, losing eight wickets in the process.

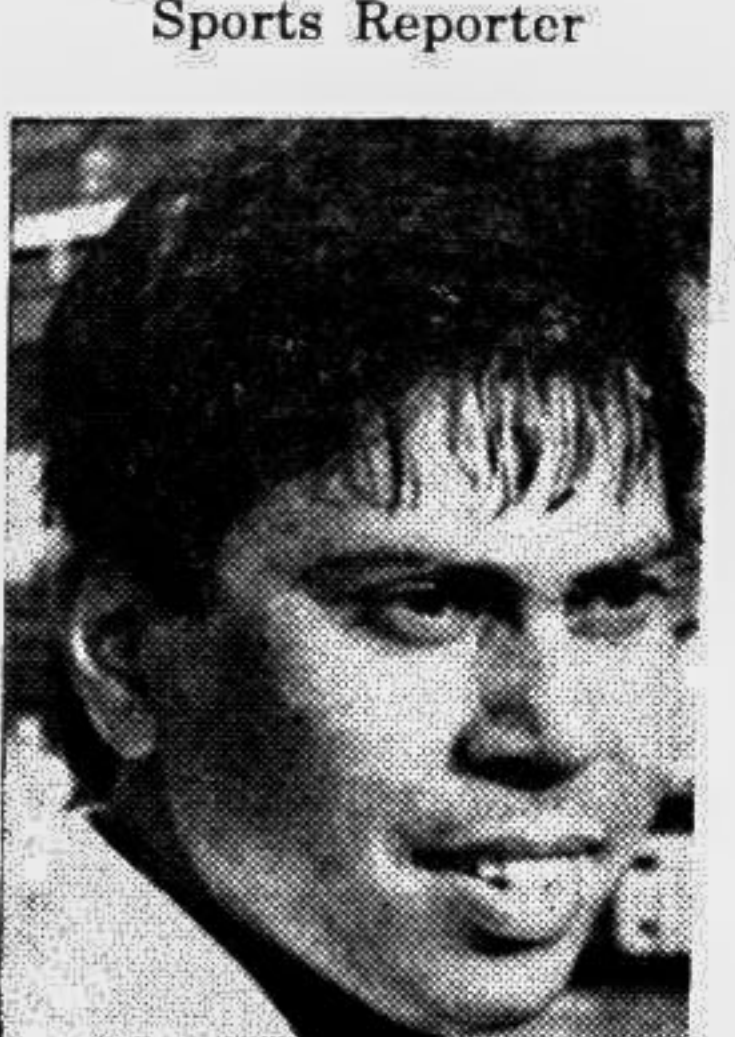
Dhaka, who were all out for 149 in the second innings, raised a glimmer of hopes for an improbable win when they reduced Chittagong to 85 for six.

Coming in to bat at number four, the former national captain showed his character under crisis once again to stymie a desperate Dhaka and steer his team close to victory.

Chittagong started the chase in one-day style and eventually ended up losing top three batsmen for 35 in only 10 ten overs.

Opener Azam Iqbal, who scored only 8 runs in the first innings, was first to go after being trapped leg before wicket for 2 in the second over of the day by Khaled Mahmud.

Mahmud then removed his opening partner Ehsanul Haque (18) in the 8th over with the



MINHAZUL ... m-o-m

Chittagong score reading at 25. One-down Jahangir (1) soon departed after being outfoxed by an off-spinner of Sanwar.

Following the initial inroads, offie Fahim Muntasir took up task of testing the Chittagongians.

Fahim, who captured five wickets for 26 in the first innings, began from where he had left off on Sunday by dismissing Akram Khan (14), Ishtiaque (10) and Enamul Hoque (12) to finish with three for 32.

With the wickets tumbling at the other end, Minhaz kept his cool and went on to share two small but significant partnerships with Akram Khan and

tail-ender Sabir Khan.

Minhaz's valiant knock off 84 balls came to an end when Mahmud had him in front of his wicket. At that stage Chittagong needed only 16 runs to pull off the victory.

Minhaz, who scored 45 runs in the first innings, was duly adjudged man-of-the-match award worth Taka 3,000.

Earlier, Dhaka, 127 for seven overnight in their second innings, could add another 22 runs before being all out in the morning session.

Left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque took two wickets while seamer Anisur Rahman captured the other to mop up the Dhaka tail.

With this win, Chittagong earned full four points and raised their overall collection to six from three matches. They are now trailing behind Sylhet, who have a collection of eight points in the six-team League.

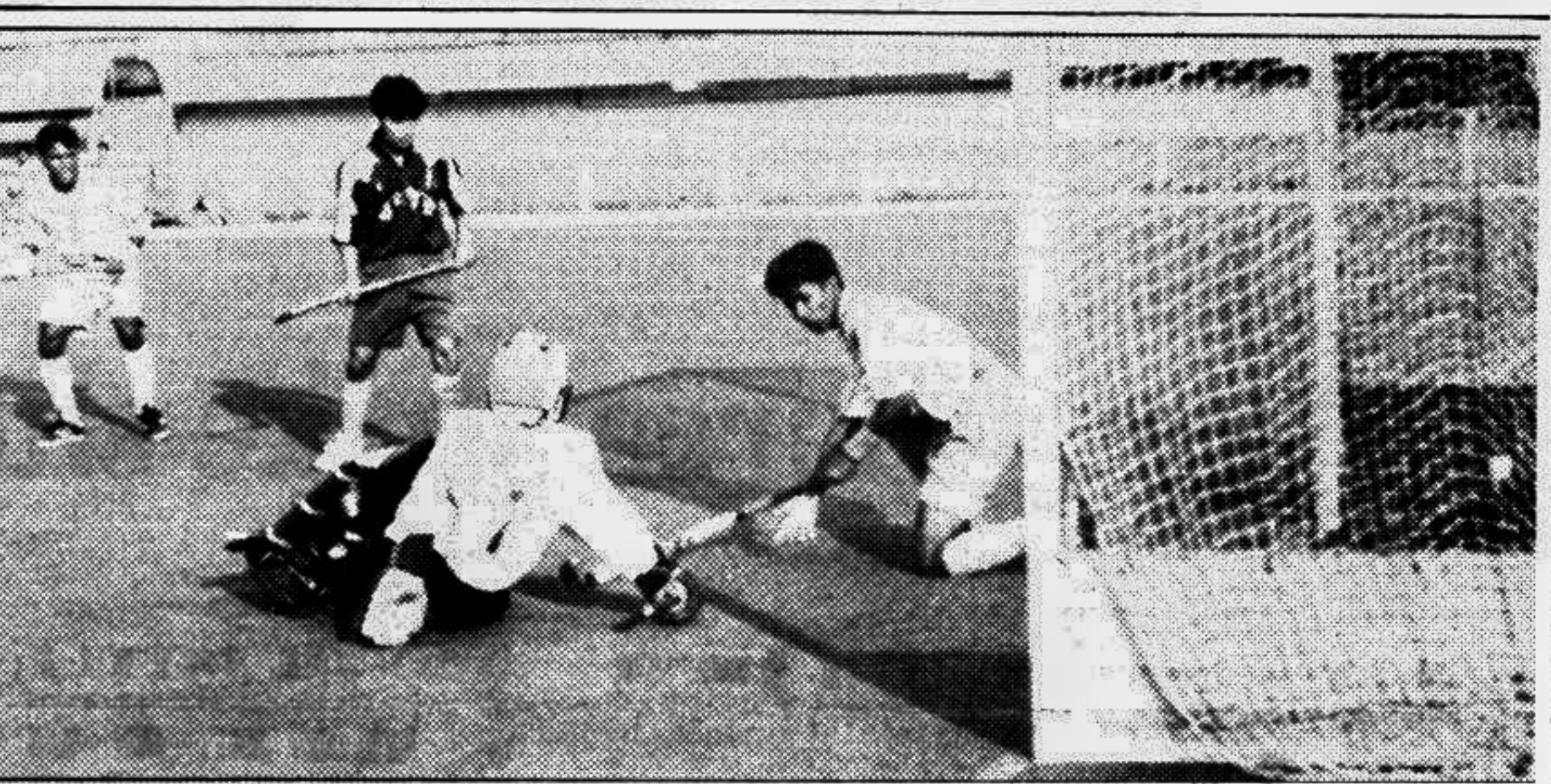
On the other hand, Dhaka failed to collect a single point out of their three outings.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day National Cricket League match between Dhaka and Chittagong ended at the Mymensingh Stadium yesterday.

**DHAKA:** First innings 155 all out in 58.4 overs (Naimur 45; Aminul 26; Sanwar 20; Shafuddin 4/53; Sabir 3/18)

**CHITTAGONG:** First innings See page 14



A Dhaka player scores against Rangpur in their national youth championship clash at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

## National League from Jan 21

### Sports Reporter

The inaugural National Football League, with the participation of eight teams, is likely to start from January 21.

The newly formed National League Committee in its first meeting at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) on Sunday night has chalked this out.

Talking to The Daily Star, league committee secretary and BFF joint-secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu however said that the date of inauguration and other terms and conditions proposed by them were needed to be okayed by the BFF.

Chaired by BFF vice-president Bir Bahadur MP, only 13 out of 31 members were present in the meeting.

According to its decision, the

champions and runners-up of the Dhaka Premier League and Federation Cup champions will take part along with four divisional teams from Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Khulna. The eighth team will be selected from a play-off match between Barisal and Sylhet Divisions.

On Abahani Krira Chakra of Dhaka, who are the runners-up in the Premier League and also the current Federation Cup champions, Bachchu said that Abahani would take part in the League as Premier League runners-up while Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra would be the automatic choice for the Abahani place in Federation Cup quota. Muktiyoddha are the runners-up of Federation Cup.

About the teams from six divisions, Bachchu said that they would sit with the

Divisional organisers soon to work out how the divisional teams could be formed.

"It depends on the divisions, whether they would form a combined team or nominate a club to represent the division," said Bachchu.

He however hinted that format would be changed from the next year.

"This (format) is only for the first year. There will be qualifying rounds from next year," Bachchu added.

Eight teams, split into two groups, will play matches in four venues—Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Khulna.

On completion of the first round top two teams from each group will move into the second phase. The second phase will be played on league format and the team collecting highest points will be declared champions.

The committee has proposed to award Taka five lakh to the winners of the league, said Bachchu.

The meeting also decided to award Taka 5,000 to each player-of-the-match. The player-of-the-tournament will be richer by Taka 20,000.

The BFF will bear the expenses of the teams including their travel, boarding, meal and pocket money.

## ITF tourney on

The ITF men's tennis F2 tournament, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation, began at the Ramna National Tennis Complex yesterday, reports BSS.

State Minister for Jute A K Faezul Huq inaugurated the tournament.

Vice President of the Federation M Nurul Alam, general secretary Sanaul Haq, tournament director Ishtiaq Ahmed Khan were also present.

More than 60 players from 26 countries are taking part in singles and doubles competition.

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 Bangladesh.

Top 24 players, including four wild card holders from Bangladesh got entry to the main draw.

Eight from the remaining players yesterday qualified for the main draw which begins today.

Bangladesh's Dilip Pasia faces Graeme Darlington of England. Sk Moineddin Waliullah Jhelan takes on Willem-Petrus Meyer of Russia. Nadeem Qamaran Khar Rohan plays Dimitri Mazur of Uzbekistan and AHM Tawser meets Rodrigo Ribeiro of Brazil in the first round.



The main-draw players will share the prize money of 15,000 dollars.

The winner receives 1950 dollars and 24 ranking points, the runner-up collects 1350 and 16 points and semifinalists 720 dollars and eight points each.

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## Sylhet settle for a draw

### Sports Reporter

Sylhet, playing in their first home match, settled for a draw with a resolute Barisal at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday. But they collected two precious batting points by virtue of taking a first innings lead to consolidate their position in the National League with eight points.

Although Barisal returned home empty-handed, the visitors played extremely well to deny Sylhet their second successive outright victory.

Resuming on 68 for two, Barisal scored 169 for nine in their second innings on the final day, leaving the hosts having to make a challenging 182 in 35 overs for a victory. But Sylhet managed 115 for the loss of four wickets in their second innings before the two skippers called it day.

Barisal, who scored 161 in their first innings, started the day with a lead of 53 runs.

Opener Hanna, unbeaten on 28 at stumps on the second day, played sensibly to hold the innings together after his partner Mizatur departed without adding a single run to his overnight score of 22.

The diminutive right-hander, who scored 33 in the first innings, reached 54, his first half-century in the League, before becoming the victim of Sylhet's useful Pakistani recruit Saifullah Maksi. Hanna hammered a quartet of fours in his 185-ball vigil at the crease.

Saifullah, who has been responsible for the fantastic run of Sylhet in National League so far, also captured the wicket of Halim Shah, the second highest Barisal scorer with 24. The Pakistan off-spinner, who claimed six for 30 runs in the first innings, finished with eight wickets.

He was later declared man-of-the-match with Habibul Bashar of Barisal. Bashar scored a vital 59 in the first innings. Although the national top-order batsman departed cheaply in the second innings, he captured three wickets for 24 runs to share the honours with Saifullah for his virtuoso all-round performance.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day National League match between Sylhet and Barisal at the Sylhet stadium yesterday:

**BARISAL:** First innings 161 all out in 87.2 overs (H Bashar 59; Hannan 33; Saifullah 6/30; Rafique 2/48)

**SYLHET:** First innings 174 all out in 78 overs (Parvez 40; Rafique 33; H Bahar 3/24)

**BARISAL:** Second innings (overnight 68 for 2 wickets 31 overs)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hannan c Taposh b Saifullah	54			
Rashedul lbw b Iqbal	22			
Mizanur c Rajin b Rana	21			
Kamal b Iqbal	21			
H Bashar b Iqbal	20			
Molizur b Naimur	24			
Mazharul c Saifullah b Naimur	2			
Totam b Naimur	3			
Shariful not out	3			
Monir redt hurt	0			
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, w-2)	20			
Total: (for 9 wickets in 93 overs)	169			
Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-61; 3-108; 4-114; 5-140; 6-143; 7-159; 8-160; 9-169				

**SYLHET:** Second innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Rashedul Haq	6	3	12	0
Molizur	8	2	18	0
Halim Shah	2	0	29	1
Mazharul	7	1	21	1
Shariful Haq	11	2	50	3

**Result:** Match drawn.

**Man-of-the-match:** Habibul Bashar (Barisal) and Saifullah (Sylhet).

**Sheetal h'ball**

Five more matches of the Sheetal women's handball league were decided on the second day yesterday at the Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Sports Complex, reports UNB.

In the Group A matches, Sisters Concern beat Siddheswari Girls College 12-1 (first half 9-1).

Dilkusha SC overpowered Narayanganj DSA 15-2 (first half 8-1) and Narayanganj defeated Sisters Concerns 7-4 (first half 4-2).

In the Group B matches, Mirpur Girls Ideal Laboratory Institute trounced K&K SC 16-0 (first half 9-0) and Arambagh KS beat Kuwait Moitry Hall of Dhaka University 16-6 (first half 11-2).

The last four group matches will be held today while the four-team super league matches will start on Wednesday.

**Jamalpur soccer**

From Our Correspondent

JAMALPUR, Nov 23: Suman Smriti Eleven trounced Iqbalpur Club 3-0 in the opening match of the Jamalpur Football League that began on Friday.



Biman's IM Ziaur Rahman (L) ponders his next move against Tyebur Rahman of Uttara Chess Club during their national league engagement yesterday.

## Biman unbeaten champs

### Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman clinched the First Division Chess League title by defeating Uttara Central.

Chess Club 2.5-1.5 points in the final round at the chessroom of the National Sports Council yesterday.

The national airline outfit ensured itself of a record eighth crown when International Master Ziaur Rahman, who is also the highest rated player in the meet, defeated Tyebur Rahman of Uttara Central.

Biman went into the final round needing only a single point from four games.

Once Zia achieved the result, his teammates IM Reefat -bin Sattar, IM Abdullah -al Rakib and International Women's Master Rani Hamid promptly settled for draws.

Biman, the lone unbeaten team in the meet, with this win finished with 42 points, three points clear from nearest challenger Titas Club.

In this round, Titas defeated Touch Stone Chess Club 3-1 to finish runners-up.

Bangladesh Ansars claimed the third position with 35 points. In the final round, the Ansars pulled off a 2.5-1.5 points win over Narayanganj District Chess Players Association.

Leonine Chess Club, who finished second behind Biman last year, slipped to a distant fourth position with 33.5 points.

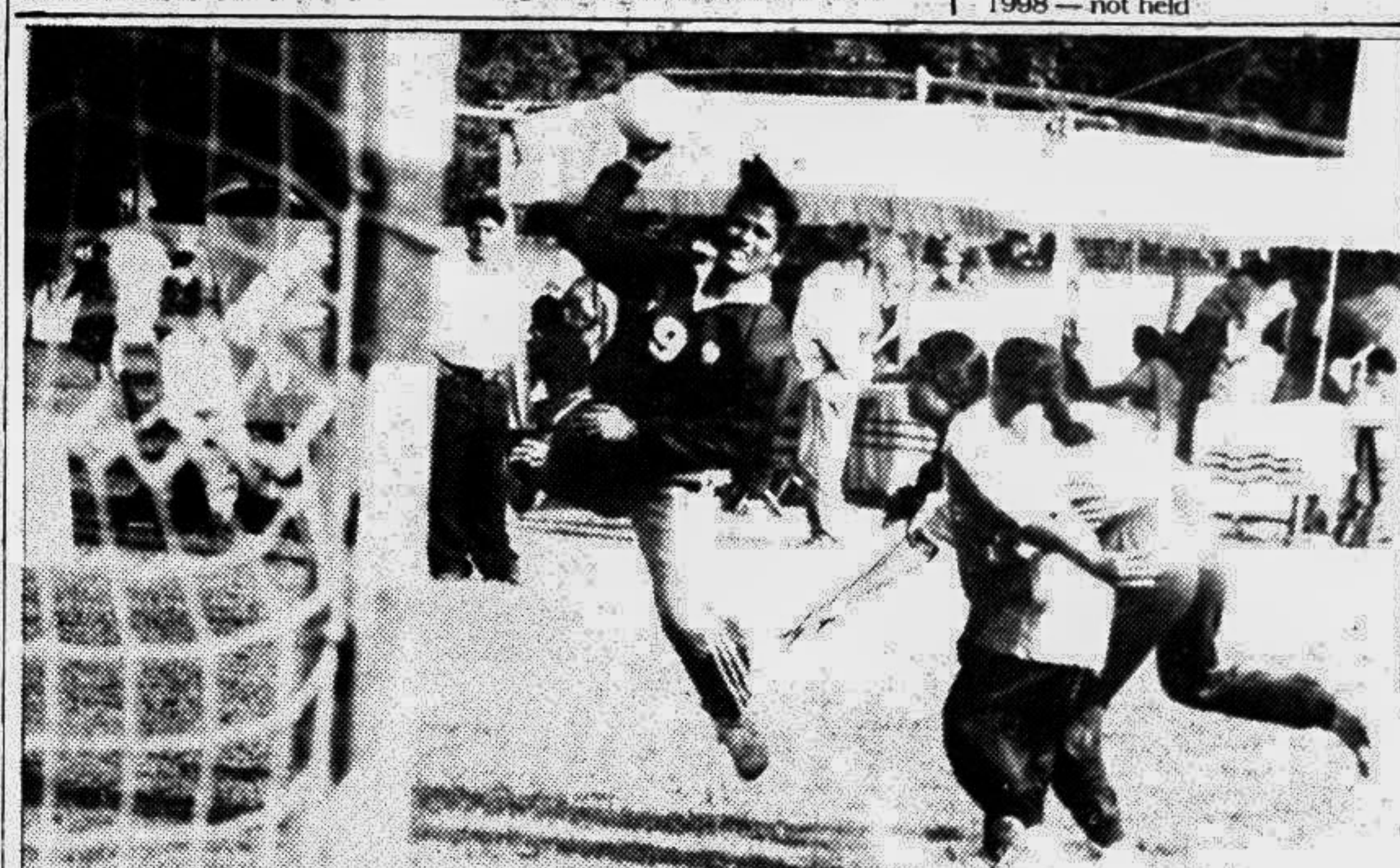
**ROLL OF HONOUR**

Year	Champions
1977	Mohammedan SC
1980	Bangladesh Biman
1981	Mohammedan SC
1982	Brothers Union
1983	Bangladesh Biman
1984	Bangladesh Ansar
1985	Bengal Groups
1986	Bangladesh Biman
1987	Brothers Union
1988	Brothers Union
1989	Brothers Union
1990	Bangladesh Biman
1991	Bangladesh Biman
1992	Bangladesh Biman
1993	Brothers Union
1994	Brothers Union
1995	Mohammedan SC
1996	Mohammedan SC
1997	Leonine Chess Club
1998	Bangladesh Biman
1999	Bangladesh Biman

**Khulna soccer**

KHULNA, Nov 29: Khulna Shipyard Club defeated Victoria Sporting Club 3-2 in a super league match of the Senior Division Football League played at the Khulna Stadium ground on Sunday, reports BSS.

In the second match, Moheswarappa Club won against Moushumi Club 2-1.



Action from the Sheetal women's handball league match between Narayanganj and Dilkusha at the Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Sports Complex yesterday.

## Dilshan's maiden hundred

## Lanka assume control

HARARE, Nov 29 (AFP/Reuters): A mix of graft and flourish brought Sri Lanka batsman Tilakaratne Dilshan an under-163 in only his second Test innings and he put his side in a strong winning position at close of play on the third day of the second Test against Zimbabwe Sunday.

Dilshan, who for a while at least has a Test batting average of over 200 (he scored 39 on debut in Bulawayo last week), took full advantage of an easy-paced wicket and Zimbabwe's lack of penetrating strike bowlers.

His maiden century featured 18 boundaries. He faced 343 balls, he was at the wicket one minute short of eight hours and he figured in a fourth wicket partnership of 178 with his vice-captain Mahela Jayawardena.

Jayawardena made 91, and these two enabled Sri Lanka to extend their overnight score of 263-3 to 432 all out in reply to Zimbabwe's first innings total of 174.

It meant that Zimbabwe would have to score 258 to make the tourists bat again and, subject to any delays through rain, Sri Lanka have two days to wrap up the match. But they may not need more than two sessions.

By the close the home side were deep in trouble once more, losing three wickets for 34, leaving a deficit of 224 with seven wickets remaining.

Resuming on 263-3 Sunday,

with Jayawardena on 71 and Dilshan on 57, the Sri Lankans moved steadily forward and they appeared almost to be in a race towards their hundreds. Jayawardena failed to make his target by nine runs but Dilshan went sweeping past the century mark, letting loose only when the tailenders joined him.

Tailenders got off to another poor start when Trevor Gripper was comfortably caught in the slips by Russell Arnold off Chaminda Vaas and Grant Flower was caught down the leg.

**LATEST**

HARARE, Nov 29: Zimbabwe, needing 258 to avoid an innings defeat by Sri Lanka in the second Test, were 235-6 when bad light ended play nine overs early on the fourth day today, reports Reuters.

side by Romesh Kaluwitharana off Muttiah Muralitharan's second ball for 13. Then night watchman Everton Matambanadzo was run out by Indika de Seram for a duck.

That 258 to avoid an innings defeat will take some reaching on the evidence of Zimbabwe's batting fragility. In the 20 overs available before the close Zimbabwe had struggled to keep wickets intact but with scant success.

Murray Goodwin and Neil Johnson will resume Monday, the fourth and possibly final day.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the third day of the second Test between

Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka on Sunday:

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings 174 (A. Flower 74; M Zoysa 3-22)

**SRI LANKA:** First innings (overnight 236-3)

Atapattu run out (Johnson) 37

Jayasuriya c A Flower b Olonga 6

Arnold c Campbell b Strang 49

Jayawardena c A Flower b Strang 91

Dilshan not out 163

Kaluwitharana run out (Olonga) 19

De Seram c Goodwin b Matambanadzo 17

Vaas c Gripper b Matambanadzo 5

Wickramasinghe c A Flower b Whittall 7

Muralitharan c G Flower b Olonga 5

Zoysa c Gripper b G Flower 5

Extras: (b-1, lb-10, w-7, nb-10) 28

Total: 432

Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-97; 3-105; 4-243; 5-323; 6-371; 7-381; 8-403; 9-408

**Bowler:**

	O	M	R	W
Olonga	30	5	88	2
Brent	22	4	68	0
Matambanadzo	31	6	95	2
Strang	37	13	70	2
Gripper	1	0	6	0
Whittall	19	2	60	1
G Flower	9.3	2	34	1

**ZIMBABWE:** Second innings

G Flower c Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan 13

Gripper c Arnold b Vaas 4

Goodwin not out 6

Matambanadzo run out (De Seram) 0

Johnson not out 5

Extras: (b-5, nb-1) 6

Total: (For three wickets) 28

Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-34; 3-28

**Bowler: (to date)**

	O	M	R	W
Vaas	7	2	12	1
Zoysa	4	2	9	0
Wickramasinghe	6	3	8	0
Muralitharan	3	3	0	1