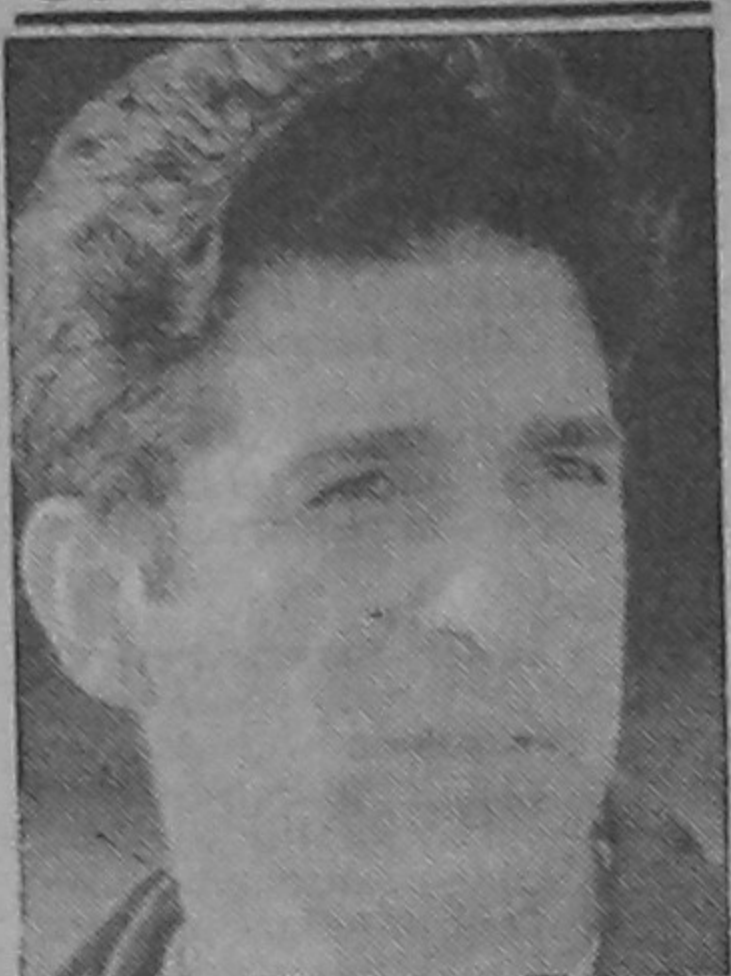


Column One SPORTS TALK



Wasim Akram
(Champion Pakistani fast bowler)
"It was very satisfying, a very memorable moment."
After he became the first bowler in one-day cricket to break the 400-wicket barrier.

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Akram Fleming McGrath

3. How many Test hundreds has Mark Waugh scored to date?
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4. Who became champions in the Keya Premier soccer?
Muktijoddha Mohammedan Arambagh

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Eve's Chess

Sports Reporter
Three players—Masuda Begum, Nazrana Khan and Farzana Khan—were sharing top spot of the 21st National Women's Chess Championship qualifying round yesterday, each collecting three points.
In the third round, Masuda beat Simmi. A defeated Bably and Eva outclassed Moli.
Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira and Jahannara Haque Renu occupied the second place.
The 4th round starts today at 1 pm.

Nat'l Jr Chess

Sports Reporter
Reining Champion Enan ul Hossain Razib of Titas Club and Syed Ejaz Hossain of Dhaka University were jointly leading the 21st national junior chess championship on completion of the 6th round at the NSC yesterday.
In Thursday's round, Razib edged past Nakul Haque Udas while Ejaz beat Waliullah, taking their collections to six points each.
Mohammad Javed, Mehdi Hasan Parag, Nakibul Haque Udas, Golam Mostafa Bhuiyan, Nayeem Arefin Ratul and Sabber Ahmed Sentu are trailing the leaders by half a point.
The 7th round matches will start at the same venue from at 3:00 pm.

Iqbal Khan hospitalised

Eminent footballer and cricketer of Chittagong Iqbal Khan has been hospitalised in a critical condition, the attending doctor said yesterday.
Former captain of Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club Iqbal Khan, who is the elder brother of former Bangladesh cricket captain Akram Khan, was admitted into a Chittagong clinic on Wednesday when his condition deteriorated, the doctor told BSS over the phone.
Iqbal Khan, who was the founder football coach and secretary of Chittagong Abahani under went by-pass surgery twice in India in 1996 and 1997.
He played for East End and WAPDA in the Dhaka First Division football league in the 1970s and 80s.
Akram Khan left for the port city yesterday.

MCC firmly in control

Sports Reporter



Marilybone Cricket Club (MCC) tightened grip on an inexperienced Dhaka Metropolitan Eleven at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.
On the penultimate day of the four-dayers, the visitors thrived on a superb century from one-down Ben Smith and a patient 95 from opener Matthew Wood. After scoring 273 for three they declared their second innings 40 minutes after the tea break with an over-all lead of 368 runs.
In reply, the home side negotiated 19 overs to score 21 for no loss at stumps.
Resuming the day at eight for no loss, MCC lost their first wicket just before the lunch when opener Bill Athey edged medium pacer Ashfaqe Ali to wicketkeeper Raju Parvez.
The former England Test cricketer scored 48 off 97 balls with the help of four boundaries.

After Athey's departure, Smith joined Wood to share 113 runs for the second wicket stand. The partnership came to an end when Wood, while on 95, was trapped leg before wicket by off-spinner Salauddin Ahmed. In his more than four hours stay at the crease, Wood faced 190 balls and hit twelve fours.
MCC lost another wicket shortly, but Smith and Will House then went on to share an unbroken 38-run partnership

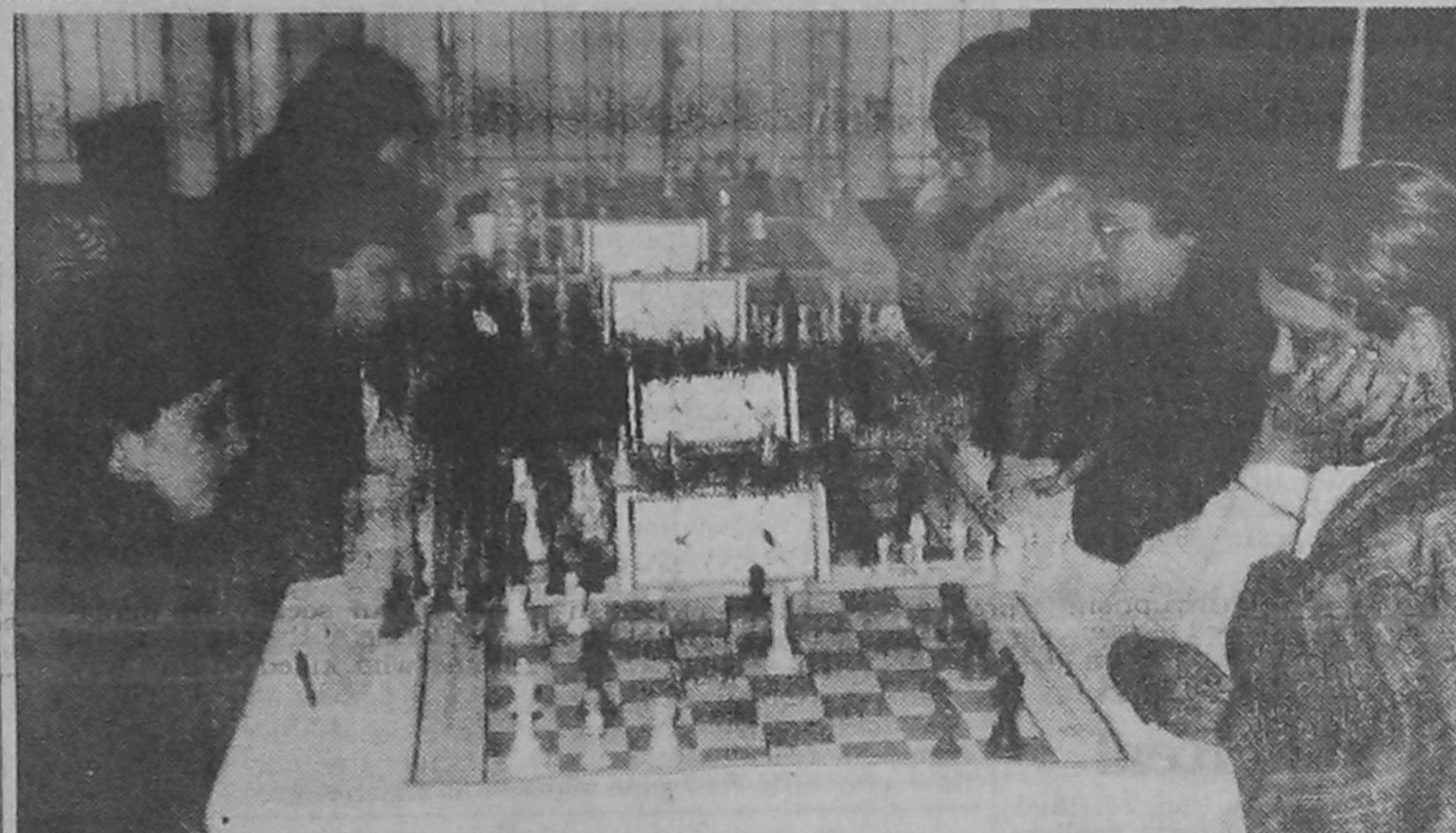
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BEN SMITH ... 101 not out
the three-figure mark. In his 118-ball knock, Smith smote a huge six and 10 fours.
Chasing a mammoth target of 369 in less than four sessions, the local lads began their innings on cautious note.
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Extras (lb-1, nb-1) 2
Total: (for no loss in 19 overs) 21
Bowler: O M R W
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Sidebottom 3 2 1 0
Patel 6 2 6 0
Yates 6 4 5 0



Scene from the third round matches in the 21st national women's chess qualifiers at the NSC chess room yesterday. — Star photo

Africa tri-series starts today

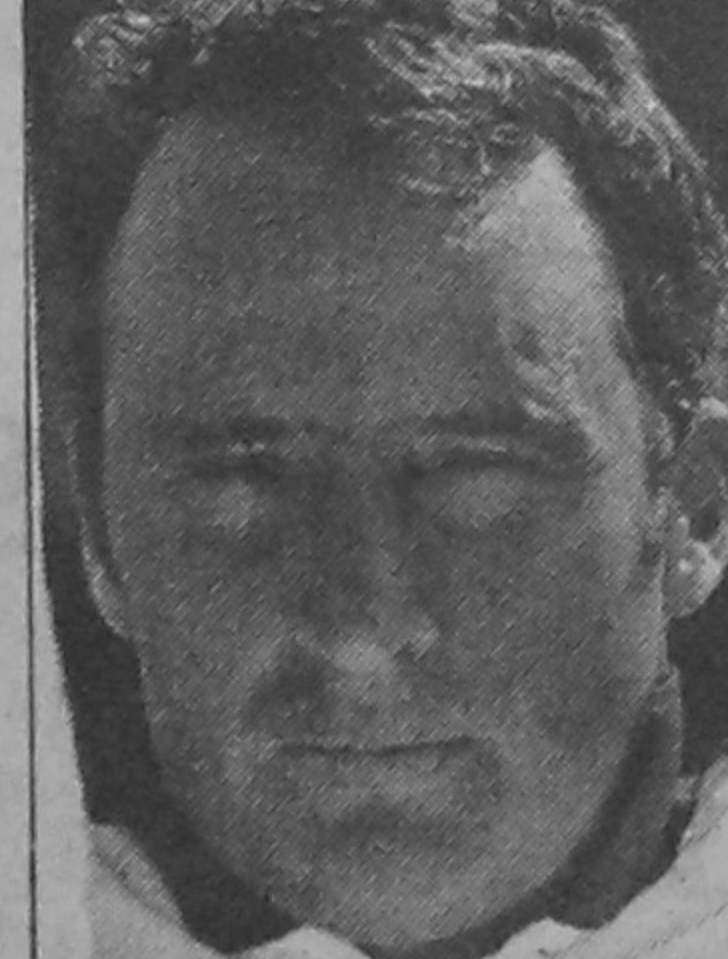
JOHANNESBURG, Jan 20: Allan Donald and Daryll Cullinan, two of South Africa's stalwarts, will be missing from the squad which starts a triangular limited-overs series against England and Zimbabwe with a match against Zimbabwe at the Wanderers Stadium on Friday, reports AFP.
Fast bowler Donald, 33, South Africa's leading wicket-taker in both Tests and one-day games, was dropped because he is unlikely to feature in the 2003 World Cup and is unavailable for other one-day tournaments this year, while Cullinan, 32, has retired from all

good form.
Zimbabwe upset South Africa in the World Cup, a defeat which cost the South Africans dearly when net run rate became decisive after the tie against Australia. Their recent form has been poor and they have won only twice in 12 matches since the World Cup. But strike bowler Heath Streak will be back after injury.
SQUADS
SOUTH AFRICA: Hansie Cronje (captain), Dale Benkenstein, Nicky Boje, Mark Boucher, Herschelle Gibbs, Mornantau Hayward, Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Lance Klusener, Shaun Pollock, Jonty Rhodes, Pieter Strydom, David Terbrugge, Henry Williams.

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selection was a reward for outstanding performances in domestic cricket.
England have brought in seven one-day specialists for the tournament, with nine of their Test squad going home. Ironically, among those heading back to England are Alec Stewart and Michael Vaughan, the heroes of what became a one-day run chase in the fifth Test at Centurion Tuesday.
The newcomers in the England squad will have had three matches in which to acclimatise, with both opener Nick Knight and top order batsman Graeme Hick having shown



ANDY FLOWER
ENGLAND: Nasser Hussain (captain), Chris Adams, Mark Alleyne, Andrew Caddick, Mark Ealham, Darren Gough, Ashley Giles, Gavin Hamilton, Graeme Hick, Nick Knight, Darren Maddy, Alan Mullally, Chris Read, Vikram Solanki, Craig White.
ZIMBABWE: Andy Flower (captain), Neil Johnson, Alistair Campbell, Grant Flower, Murray Goodwin, Guy Whittall, Gary Brent, Andy Whittall, Henry Olonga, Mpumelelo Mbangwa, John Rennie, Everton Matambanadzou, Stuart Carlisle, Craig Wishart, Heath Streak.

Date	match	venue
Jan 21	South Africa v Zimbabwe (D/N)	Johannesburg
Jan 23	South Africa v England (Day)	Bloemfontein
Jan 26	South Africa v England (D/N)	Cape Town
Jan 28	England v Zimbabwe (D/N)	Cape Town
Jan 30	England v Zimbabwe (Day)	Kimberley
Feb 2	South Africa v Zimbabwe (D/N)	Durban
Feb 4	South Africa v England (D/N)	East London
Feb 6	South Africa v Zimbabwe (Day)	Port Elizabeth
Feb 9	England v Zimbabwe (D/N)	Centurion
Feb 12	Final (D/N)	Johannesburg

Cricket impasse BCB waking up at last

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) holds an emergency meeting tomorrow to discuss matters relating to the prevailing stalemate in cricket.
In the meeting, scheduled to start at 10 am, the Board may take disciplinary action against the agitating cricketers, fear sources concerned.
BCB has already issued show cause notice to 31 cricketers, who did not report for the ongoing four-day match against MCC to uphold the decision of the Cricketers Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB). CWAB called for a boycott of the match in protest of the deferment of inter-club transfer and the exclusion of three prominent cricketers, who were targeted by the CCDM (Cricket Committee for Dhaka Metropolitan officials).
Eight out of the 39 cricketers however reported to the BCB, much to the shock of CWAB.
CWAB is now consulting with lawyers before sending the reply of the BCB notice. It was learnt that the replies of all the 31 cricketers would be same.
Meanwhile, CCDM chairman Tanvir Haider and Dhaka Mahanagari Cricket Club Samiti (MCCS), in two separate press releases, defended their positions on the prevailing impasse.

ICC team spends a busy day

Sports Reporter
The visiting ICC inspection team comprising Nasimul Ghani, Graham Dowling and Andy Pycroft had a busy day yesterday.
The fact-finders, who arrived in the city on Tuesday to assess the latest state of Bangladesh's claim for a Test status, went to BKSP in the morning. They spent some time looking into the facilities at the biggest sports institute of the country.
Upon their return to the capital, they flew to Chittagong to see the state of cricket in the port city.
Eddie Barlow, the Director of Coaching of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) accompanied them, who were supposed to be back in Dhaka last night.
This was the second visit of the ICC delegates to Bangladesh since they applied for Test rank. The team had visited Dhaka in April last year during the tri-nation Meril International Cup.

Asian Chess Bad day for Bangladesh

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh International Masters (IM) Reefat-bin-Sattar and Ziaur Rahman lost their respective ninth round clashes of the Second Asian Individual Chess Championship at Udaypur, India, on Wednesday.
Playing with black pieces, Reefat lost to Grand Master Dao Thien Hai of Vietnam after 41st move while Zia went down to Surya Sakhar Ganguly.
With the defeat, both Reefat and Zia remained glued to their previous collections of 5 and 4.5 points respectively.
Two Chinese Grandmasters Peng Xiaomin and Xu Jun and Dao Thien Hai are leading the race having collected 6.5 points each.
In the 8th Asian Women's Chess Championship, International Women Master Rani Hamid lost to Grand Master Rena Mamedova of Uzbekistan and Tanima Parveen surrendered to Safira Sneha of India.
On completion of ninth round, both Rani and Tanima collected 4 points each.

Casualty of cricket!

NEW DELHI, Jan 20: The scummiest side of India's love affair with cricket was on view when two players were shot dead by the captain of a rival team over a disputed run out, the Indian Express reported today, reports AFP.
The incident occurred on Monday in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, where teams from two neighboring villages, Badhwa and Giridharpur, were playing the second in a series of grudge matches.
Badhwa — 1-0 up in the series — were batting on 16 runs after three overs when Giridharpur appealed for a run out.
When the umpire turned down the appeal, he was accused by the captain of the Giridharpur team, Sushil, of being partisan since he came from Badhwa village.
In the ensuing row, Sushil shot dead two men from the other team before making his escape, the newspaper said, adding that a manhunt had been launched.
M'singh soccer
MYMENSINGH, Jan 20: A hat-trick by Kabir helped Al Helal Club earned a massive 6-0 victory over Udaypur KC in the Beg Tyre First Division football league at local stadium today, reports UNB.



Dhaka Metropolitan Eleven opener Mahfuz batting against MCC at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

India look to Tendulkar

HOBART, Australia, Jan 20: Beleaguered India are banking on star batsman Sachin Tendulkar to fire when they take on arch-rivals Pakistan in a critical Carlton and United tri-series match here on Friday, reports AFP.
The Indians have to win at the Bellerive Oval to stay in contention for next month's finals after crashing to defeats in their first three matches. Tendulkar, the world's most prolific one-day batsman with a record 24 centuries, has contributed little so far with the bat amid confusion over his ideal place in the batting order.
He dropped down the order for the first two games, making 13 in the opening match against Pakistan and 12 against Australia.
Then reverting back as opener, where he has scored 23 hundreds, for the return match against Australia, Tendulkar made just one before falling in the third over.
"I have to do well, like everyone else," Tendulkar said. "We can't afford to lose any more games."
Australia's back-to-back wins over Pakistan this week, which lifted the hosts to the top of the table with eight points, has helped India's cause.
If Australia continue their winning form, the Indians can squeak into the finals by beating Pakistan in their three remaining encounters.
Pakistani captain Wasim Akram, however, wants to shut out India on Friday itself.

The Indians may not have won much on this tour, but they remain a very dangerous side," Akram said. "You give them a bit of leeway and they will be back."
The first match between the two rivals at Brisbane on January 10 ended in a thrilling last-ball win for Pakistan when unlikely heroes Saqlain Mushtaq and Waqar Younis added 43 runs for the ninth wicket.
"It was a close game which could have gone either way," Tendulkar said. "These things happen in one-day cricket, but we are obviously not in a position to play for the first time in the series after Tasmania's cold and overcast conditions forced his inclusion in the 12."
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tion to allow that to happen again."
The Indians will once again miss strike bowler Ajit Agarkar, who is not fully recovered from a groin injury sustained during last week's game against Australia in Melbourne.
But batsman Jacob Martin, who bruised his shoulder in the same match, is back to take his place in the middle-order in place of the off-for a Devang Gandhi.
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PROBABLE TEAMS

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PAKISTAN: Wasim Akram (capt), Saeed Anwar, Ijaz Ahmed, Abdur Razaq, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Younis Youhana, Azhar Mahmood, Moin Khan, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis, Shoaib Akhtar.

Bold decision draws mixed reaction

SYDNEY, Jan 20: Former Australian captain Mark Taylor today led an appreciation of the bold moves by South Africa and England to contrive a result in the rain-hit Centurion Park Test, reports AFP.
But ex-Indian skipper Sunil Gavaskar harboured some misgivings, saying a similar situation in Pakistan would have raised cries of betting and match-fixing.
With the first three days washed out of the final Test and South Africa enjoying a decisive 2-0 lead in the series, the rival captains forfeited and innings each for the first time in Test history to force a result.
The end was a dramatic victory for Nasser Hussain's England, who set 249 to win in 76 overs, won by two wickets with two balls to spare on Tuesday.
Taylor said he backed South African captain Hansie Cronje's offer to contrive a result, provided it happened in only a dead rubber.
"Cronje has set a dangerous precedent, but spectators got a good last day's cricket," he said. "I am all for it."
Gavaskar, doing television commentary in Australia, took a swipe at the bogey of match-fixing raised against Asian teams, Pakistan in particular.
"If it had been Pakistan doing this, would they have been accused of fixing the match," he asked.
"Integrity seems to be the copyright of certain developed

countries and it would appear some of the developing countries are not considered to have that integrity."
"I am not prepared to buy that," Gavaskar said.
The Indian great, who has scored a world record 34 Test centuries, said the forfeits were, in effect, declarations which were made to achieve a result.
"Whether these declarations come at 600-6 or 0-0, the purpose was to decide the match," Gavaskar said.
Retired Australian Test batsman Dean Jones said the contrived result would have been good for cricket even if it was a series decider.
"Don't worry about what has happened in the past," Jones said. "It is within the laws, which this is, fair enough."
But former England captain Tony Greig said Test cricket had survived for 100 years "without this sort of thing happening, and it seems to be doing pretty well."
The Sydney-based Daily Telegraph wrote: "Any tactical move that can give a dead duck a pulse cannot be bad for the game."
"Can anyone name any party — spectators, players or teams — disadvantaged by the move? I hear silence."
The major shock of the move was it was initiated by Cronje, so conservative he still wears flannelette pyjamas.
"But there are always shock waves in cricket when someone challenges tradition," the newspaper wrote.
Cronje, when asked whether the International Cricket Council was unhappy at the contrived result, was quoted as saying: "If they are unhappy then I want to get out of the game."
There has been no reaction so far from the game's governing body.



Indian Simarjeet Singh is about to swing into action on the opening day of the 2nd SAARC Golf Championship at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday. — Star photo