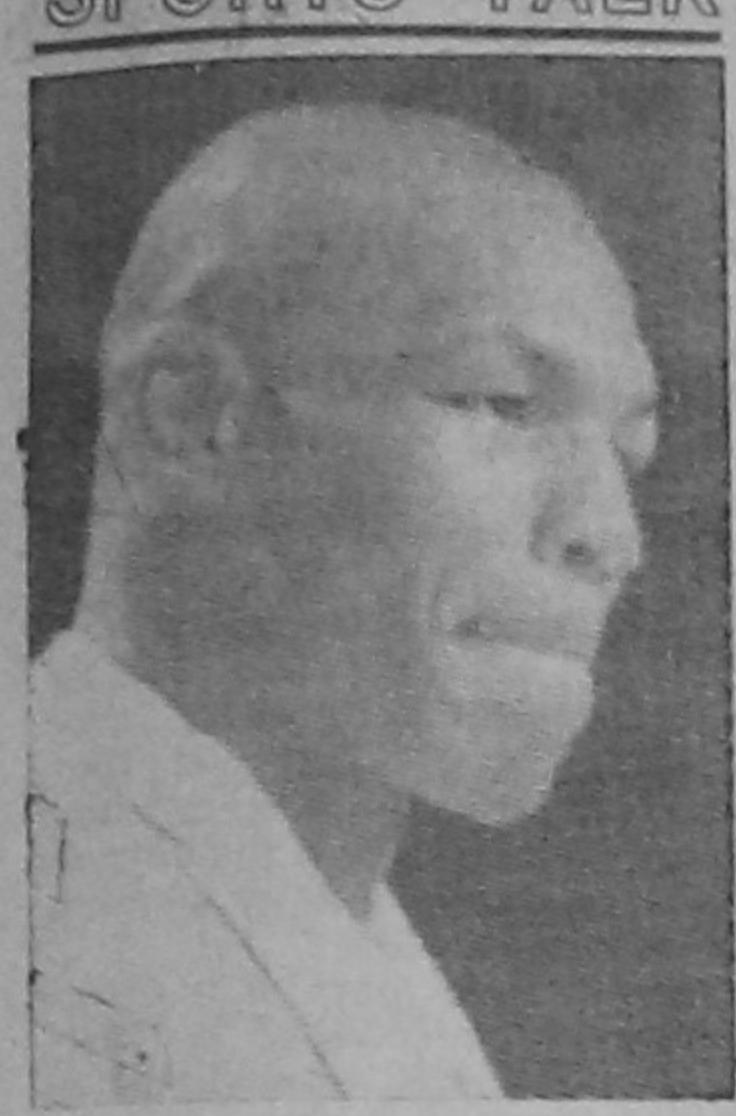


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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Mike Tyson

(Former world heavyweight champion)

"We're in the hurt business. If you're not prepared to get hurt, you shouldn't step in the ring."

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-126

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes
Competition closes at 8 pm
Feb 2000 and draw
shortly afterwards

1	How many centuries did Tendulkar score in the Tests series against Australia recently?	One	Two	Three
2	Who won the last ever European Cup Winners' Cup soccer?	Lazio	Barcelona	Man United
3	Who was named player of the cricket World Cup?	Klusener	S Waugh	David
4	Where did Maurice Greene break the 100m world record?	Athens	Seville	Toronto
5	Who lifted the National Cricket League title?	Chittagong	Sylhet	Khulna

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Office League hockey

Easy wins for Bima, Army

Sadharan Bima and Bangladesh Army started their Shah Sports Office League campaigns with victories over their respective rivals at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Sadharan Bima defeated Bangladesh Navy 2-0 in the day's first match after leading the first half 1-0.

Hasan opened the winners' account in the ninth minute with a field goal while national striker Kamal doubled the margin in the 54th minute also by a field goal.

In the day's other match, Army beat Bangladesh Air Force also by an identical margin.

After a barren first half, Abu Sayed put the armymen ahead by a field goal in the 40th minute.

Mustafa netted the second field goal for the winners eight minutes later.

Sunday's match: Sonali Bank Club vs Blue-Berry Travels (3:30pm).

Bashundhara to sponsor five cricketers

Sports Reporter

A corporate business house has come forth with a very lucrative sponsorship deal for five national cricketers.

The one-year contract is reportedly going to set a new mark in the history of the country's sports sponsorship, says a press release of the sponsor, Bashundhara Group of Companies, yesterday.

Bashundhara offers its sponsorship to Bangladesh captain Aminul Islam, Naimur Rahman Durjor, Sanwar Hosain, Mehrab Hossain and Zaved Omar Belim.

A formal announcement in this regard will be made at the company's Corporate Office today.

Mighty club in a mess

Al-Amin

Premier League

Mohammedan SC

Mohammedan Sporting Club has always been considered a top force in the domestic sports. But cricket-wise it tells a different story. In recent years, the popular Motijheel outfit has been missing out on their share of glory, much to the discontent of their countless supporters.

For the past two seasons, they have not only miserably failed to maintain their lofty standard - to be among the top two, but also struggled to stop an ominous slide down the mountain. They finished fourth in the 1997-98 and slipped to fifth the following year.

The waning syndrome has trapped Mohammedan for too long, raising uproar among bewildered bulls of the premium club. Observers point their fingers of blame at mismanagement and cash-crisis for the decline of the once-revered outfit for the past few seasons.

Their acute monetary problem surfaced during this year's inter-club cricketers' transfer where Mohammedan did not even dare to lure top-notch players. So, that had left them to carry on with almost what they had last season. Moreover, when most of the aspirants are shaping up ahead of the prestigious Premier League, Mohammedan are yet to announce their captain.

Mohammedan did appoint a coach (Abdul Hadi Ratan) re-

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ATHAR ALI: Captain?

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We are now thinking to

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The veteran Mohammedan Sporting Club team which took part in the charity match yesterday.

—Star photo

Malaysia stay on course

India claw past Canada

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 19: India scraped to their first victory in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup beating a surprisingly strong Canada 3-2 at the National Hockey Stadium here today, reports AFP.

Following identical 2-1 defeats to formidable Germany and redoubtable Pakistan, India should have found lightweights Canada easy but their opponents turned out to be surprisingly resilient.

The Canadians were first into the lead when Rob Short took a pass on the left and scored from an acute angle, the shot beating second choice Indian goalkeeper RVS Prasad who was deputising for Jude Menezes.

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Pak-SL 3rd Test starts a day early

LAHORE, Pakistan, Feb 19: The third Test match between Pakistan and Sri Lanka has been rescheduled to start one day early, the Pakistan Cricket Board said today, reports AFP.

The third Test was originally scheduled for March 13-17 but it will now commence a day earlier as the Muslim religious festival of Eid-ul-Azha falls on March 17.

The three-Test series starts with the first Test scheduled to get underway on February 26 at Rawalpindi.

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