

## Column One

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#### Competition-126

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Competition closes at 8 pm

Feb 28, 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?

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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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SPORTS TALK

Ian Botham

(England cricket legend)

"If he stays fit, he'll be the

first guy to get 500 Test wickets,

he's that good."

On Shane Warne.

Square Golf

tourney today

Sports Reporter

The Second Square Golf

Tournament begins at the

pleasant Kurmitola Golf Club

today.

As customary president of the

KGC and Chief of Army

Staff Lt Gen M. Mustafizur

Rahman will tee-off the com-

petitors at 7 am.

Nearly 300 golfers including

a number of ladies are expected

to take part in the day-long am-

ateur invitational event, which

will have 17 trophies up for

grabs.

A press briefing was ar-

ranged at the conference room

of the National Sports Council

yesterday. Managing director

of Square group of companies

Anjan Chowdhury Pintu, and

Dr A.R.Q. Baksh, deputy man-

aging director of Square Pharma-

ceuticals Limited spoke to the

press. Kurmitola vice-captain

Manzur Rahman provided

technical expertise.

The organisers had spent 10-

lakh taka to stage this year's

competition. They hoped to

take advantage of the wide cov-

erage provided to other presti-

gious events such as the SAARC

Championship and BACC in

their efforts to promote one of

the fastest-growing sports in

the region. The main attraction

would undoubtedly be once

again a Mitsubishi Lancer to

anyone who could sink a hole-

in-one.

Two other Square Pharma-

ceutical representatives Anjan

Kumar Paul and D.H. Azad also

were present on the occasion.

NBL v'ball

Bangladesh Rifles and Titus

Club maintained their unbeaten

records in the National Bank

Metropolis Premier Division

Volleyball league beating their

rivals yesterday, reports UNB.

The Rifles beat Sonali Bank

Club 25-12, 25-16, 25-18 points,

while Titus Club defeated

Dilkusha Sporting Club 28-26,

25-16, 25-20 points at the

Dhaka Volleyball Stadium.

In the day's other match, Wa-

ter Development Board out-

played Azad Sporting Club by

25-20, 25-18, 25-13 points at the

same venue.

Earlier on Wednesday,

Bangladesh Police overcame

Azad SC by 25-20, 25-14, 25-18

points.

Bangladesh Police will meet

Wari Club while Power Devel-

opment Board face Bangladesh

Bank in the Premier Division

while Nabajaganti Sangha will

play Chand Textiles in the

First Division League today.

## Naimur rules the day

Sports Reporter



Naimur Rahman missed out the magical three-figure mark marginally but the dazzle of his

all-round brilliance propelled Abahani Krira Chakra to a huge 157-run win over babes Gopibagh Friends in their opening match of the Janakantha



NAIMUR ... all-round show

Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Naimur scored a dashing 95 off 105 balls as Abahani, electing to bat after winning a good toss in the morning, amassed 274 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs. After the good work with the willow, the right-arm off-spinner then went on to capture three wickets to shoot Gopibagh out for 117 in 44.5 overs.

The virtuoso all-round show of Naimur gave the popular Dhanmondi outfit a perfect start to their chase for the coveted League title, which they surrendered to Bangladesh Biman last season. His remarkable performance also established the dominance of local cricketers over unfortunately deified foreign players for the second consecutive day.

Coming in to bat at number three, Naimur put on 146 runs for the fourth wicket with his captain Akram Khan, who scored a fine 61 off 85 balls. After accomplishing his 50 off only 54 balls, Naimur looked well in course to notch the first century of the League but he eventually succumbed to the nervous nineties. The dimin-

### Premier League

#### Abahani V Gopibagh

tive right-hander, living on a false impression that he needed only a single to reach the mark, played an attempted drive straight to Asif at cover. Naimur later disclosed that he was not sure about his score since the electronic scoreboard remained inoperative. He hammered eight fours and a sixer in his polished knock.

Akram Khan, who joined Naimur after opener Mehrab Hossain departed for an unimpressive 22, took Abahani to a commanding 222 in 43.4 overs. The burly right-hander hammered half a dozen fours in his well-made knock.

Although Abahani's local icons lived up to their reputation, their two Pakistani recruits—Aamir Wasim and Mohammed Hussain—were ill at ease. Hussain returned for a first-ball duck and Aamir Wasim made only nine. The Pakistani duo however did well

with the ball. Hussain, the discarded Pakistan left-arm spinner, finished with three for 16 in his eight economical overs.

Aamir Wasim, also a left-arm spinner, returned with fantastic figures of 10-3-16-1.

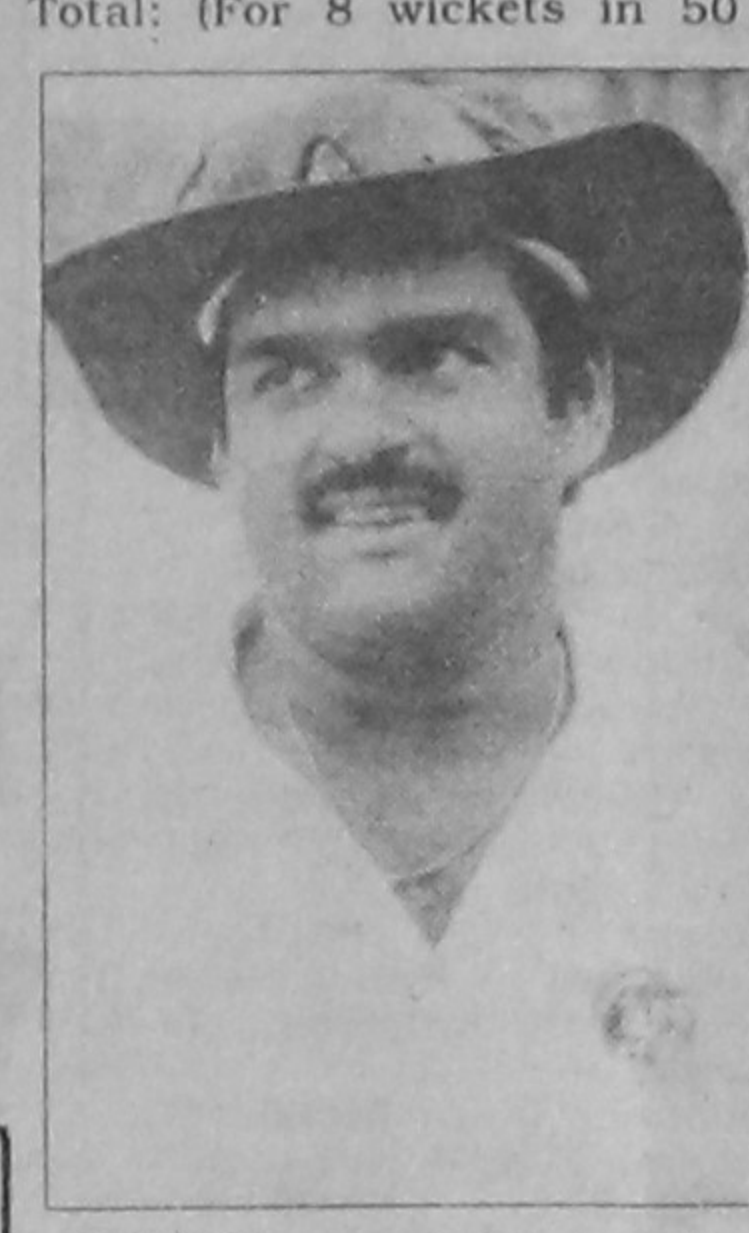
Gopibagh Friends on the other hand caved in without a fight. Their toothless bowling also failed to stem the Abahani run-flow despite the fact that their spinners Shamsul Huda and Indian Gurmeet Singh shared six wickets among them. Their batting looked impressive at the onset when Kiron and Farid Hossain produced 54 runs for the opening stand. But once Akram introduced his spinners on a slow and turning wicket, life became miserable for the Gopibagh willow-wielders. Farid top-scored 27 while Mr. Sundries contributed 20, the second highest score in the Gopibagh total.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Gopibagh Friends at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

ABAHANI KC  
Mehrab b Samsul 22

Azam c Sajal b Samsul	34
Naimur c Asif b Gurmeet	95
Akram c Gurmeet b Sajal	61
M Hussain c Sajal b Gurmeet	0
Asadullah run out	0
A Wasim c Sohail b Samsul	9
Hasibul st Farid b Gurmeet	4
Iqbal not out	19
Zakir not out	1
Extras: (b-2; lb-7; w-19)	29
Total: (For 8 wickets in 50	



AKRAM ...captain's knock

Fall of wickets: 1/68; 2/76; 3/222; 4/222; 5/223; 6/231; 7/253; 8/255

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Sajal	9	0	51	1
Asif	4	0	24	0
Narayan	2	0	12	0
Gurmeet	8	0	49	3
Shamsul	10	1	46	3
Shahed	5	0	29	0
Tanvir	4	0	21	0
Sohail	8	0	33	0

#### GOPIBAGH FRIENDS

Kiron st Mizanur b Naimur 19  
Farid c Hasibul b A Wasim 27  
S Shahed run out 7  
Gurmeet c Hussain b Naimur 15  
N Chandra lbw b Naimur 6  
Sohail c Naimur b M Hussain 10  
Asif lbw b Hasibul 4  
Sajal st Mizanur b Hussain 6  
Samsul c sub b Hussain 3  
Ashiq b Hasibul 0  
Tanvir not out 0  
Extras: (b-2; lb-2; nb-1; w-15) 20  
Total: (All out in 44.3 overs) 117

Fall of wickets: 1/54; 2/60; 3/75; 4/89; 5/102; 6/102; 7/110; 8/117; 9/117

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	9.3	2	18	2
Zakir	4	0	20	0
Iqbal	3	0	19	0
Wasim	10	3	16	1
Naimur	10	1	24	3
M Hussain	8	2	16	3

Result: Abahani won by 157 runs.

## Girls' schools handball

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Viquarunnissa Noon and Scholastica moved into the girls' semifinals of the 11th Bata schools handball tournament after emerging group champions in the first round at the Sultana-Kamal Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

On the opening day of the 12-team tournament, both Viquarunnissa and Scholastica won their two group matches to finish atop Groups A and B respectively.

Viquarunnissa outplayed Shahjahanpur Railway Government Girls' High School 13-2 in their first match and later on they blanked Hazrat Shah Ali Girls' School and College 16 goals to nil.

Scholastica trounced Lake Circus Girls' School 17-3 and thrashed Bhashantek Girls' High School 14-1.

In the day's other matches, Agrani Girls' School beat Azimpur Girls' High School 3-2 in their Group B clash while Mohammadpur Preparatory High School handed Ispahani Girls' School a 1-10 defeat in a Group C encounter.

## Zia collects two points

Sports Reporter

International Master Ziaur Rahman secured two points from three matches at the end of the third round of the Open in Sangli, Maharashtra on Wednesday, according to a message received here last night.

No further details were available.

International Master Reefatbin-Sattar had earned one point after that round.

## Spearman out, Sinclair in

CHRISTCHURCH, Feb 24:

New Zealand today dropped out-of-form opening batsman Craig Spearman and brought Mathew Sinclair into the squad for the third one-day international against Australia in Christchurch on Saturday, reports Reuters.

New Zealand trial the series 2-0 after Wednesday night's 50-run loss in Dunedin.

Spearman scored two, nought, five, nought and nought in his last five one-day international matches. "While Sinclair scored 214 in his Test debut against the West Indies in Wellington at the end of last year.

However, Sinclair has yet to play a one-day international, with selectors previously saying he had yet to prove himself in the shorter game.

"We wanted to give Craig every opportunity to regain his batting form, but given that there are only three games remaining, it's now time to call Mathew in," convenor of selectors Ross Dykes said in a statement.

## SQUAD

Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan Astle, Robert Kennedy, Adam Parore, Scott Styris, Daniel Vettori, Chris Cairns, Chris Harris, Graig McMillan, Mathew Sinclair, Roger Twose and Warren Wisneski.

Australia said they would name their team on Friday.

## 2nd Test will be Walsh's

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Feb 24:

West Indies will dedicate the second Test against Zimbabwe to Courtney Walsh in anticipation of the veteran pace bowler breaking the world record for Test wickets, reports Reuters.

The match will be dubbed "A Decade to Cuddy" and the West Indies Cricket Board will dedicate a portion of the ticket sales — 1 US dollar per ticket — to the Courtney Walsh Appreciation Fund.

Walsh has 426 wickets and needs just nine "o" break the record held by India's Kapil Dev.

The WICB launched ticket sales for this year's series against Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Tuesday and offered lower weekday rates for Test matches.

This feature was tried during the Busta Cup competition and was successful in boosting crowds.

## Mashuq & Reaz lift doubles title

Sports Reporter

Veteran Mashuq partnering Reaz Rahman lifted the doubles title of the Gulshan Club President's Cup tennis tournament 2000 at the club court on Wednesday last, but not before their opponents Niaz and Col. Latif extended them to full three sets.

The losers put up a tough fight on the first set winning 7-5 but gradually went out of steam as Mashuq and Reaz came back forcefully in the second and third sets making the match looking like a no contest and easily winning by identical margins of 6-2, 6-2.

Final scores were: 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 in favour of the winners.

President of the Gulshan Club handed over the trophies to the participants.

## Tendulkar misses ton by a whisker



BOMBAY, Feb 24: South Africa withstood a brilliant 97 from Sachin Tendulkar to destroy India's

batting on the opening day of the first cricket Test here on Thursday, reports AFP.

The Indian captain scored

with 27 for no loss in eight overs before stumps. Gary Kirsten was unbeaten on eight while Herschelle Gibbs was on 15.

India were reduced to 173-9 before the last-wicket pair of Ajit Agarkar and debutant Murali Kartik added 52 in a rollicking run-a-minute stand.

The Indians, battered and bruised by Australian pacemen, got no respite from Allan Donald and company after electing to take first strike.

The fiery Donald, looking to become the first South African bowler to take 300 Test wickets, took his tally to 292 with figures of 2-23.

Jacques Kallis finished with three for 30 and skipper Hansie Cronje chipped in with 2-26, both bowlers missing out on hat-tricks as five lower-order wickets crashed for 26 runs.

Tendulkar, who will relinquish the captaincy after the series, cut loose on his home ground with 12 boundaries and two towering sixes off left-arm spinner Clive Eksteen.

But the 26-year-old missed his 23rd Test century when he was eighth out at the total of 173, caught down the leg-side by wicketkeeper Mark Boucher off Kallis.

Tendulkar was lucky to survive just before tea when Iranian umpire Srinivas Venkataraghavan turned down a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket off Donald.

Television replays proved inconclusive, but the super slow-motion snickometer indicated the faintest of edges from the bat.

Tendulkar, who was then on 75, moved to 96 when Gibbs put down a difficult chance at point as the batsman executed a furious cut off Kallis.

The rest of the top order, however, proved no match for the South Africans, who employed seven bowlers to beat the stifling heat.

Rookie Wasim Jaffer and Venkat Laxman, the ninth set of openers in India's last 10 Tests, managed to stay together for just five overs.

The Bombay-based Jaffer contributed half of the first-

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Sachin Tendulkar executing a trademark sweep shot at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai yesterday.

—AFP photo

more than half his team's runs before he was out as his pace-

wary colleagues caved in for 225 on the dry, but hard Wankhede Stadium wicket.

The South Africans replied

Agarkar, who suffered the

embarrassment of five successive zeroes on the recent Australian tour, made a career-best 41 with eight boundaries.

Karthik contributed 14.



A combination of AFP pictures of Sir Stanley Matthews — a portrait from 1994 (L) and the legend in action in 1951 (R). Sir Stanley died on February 23 at the age of 85.

## Sir Stanley no more



LONDON, Feb 24: Sir Stanley Matthews, one of England's greatest players and European footballer of the year in 1956, has died aged 85, the Press Association