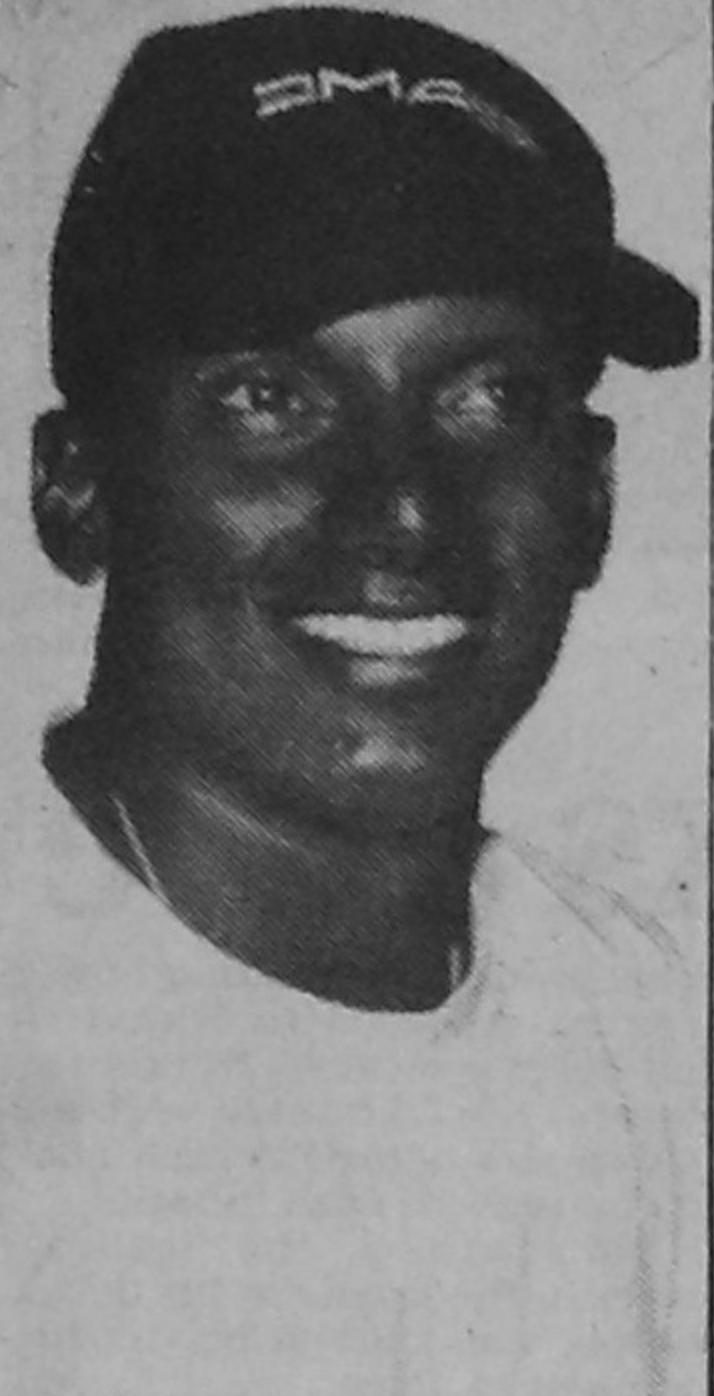


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Aravinda de Silva
(Sri Lankan batting maestro)
"All hundreds are special but
this can be rated as one of the
best of my career."

On his century in the
Rawalpindi Test.

Boost sports
WHIZZ KID
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
Competition-127

✓ Tick the Correct Answers		
Post to The Daily Star Win attractive prizes		
Competition closes at 8 pm March 24, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards		
1 Who won the tri-series down under?		
India	Pakistan	Australia
2 How many Test matches has Shepherd officiated in till the Bombay Test?		
49	50	51
3 What is the name of Sir Stanley Matthews' father?		
Jack	Stephen	Bill
4 Who is FIFA's world player-of-the- year?		
Rivaldo	Raul	Vieri
5 Who is the captain of Birmi cricket team?		
Aminul	Faruque	Athar-
Name		
Class Roll No. School Address		
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Independence Day kabadi

Bangladesh Rifles beat
Bangladesh Army by 55-26
points with three 'lonas' in the
Independence Day kabadi competition
yesterday, reports UNB.

In another match
Bangladesh Police defeated
Dilkusha Sporting Club by 70-
50 points with three creditable
lonas.

Independence Day b'ball

Dhumketu Club and
Bangladesh Navy won their
respective matches in the
Independence Day basketball competition
at the basketball gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

Dhumketu defeated
Bangladesh Police by 88-75
points after leading the first
half 50-29.

Navy smashed Bangladesh
Army (Green) by 115-65 points
after dominating the first half
53-25.

Sirajganj cricket

From Our Correspondent
SIRAJGANJ, Mar 25: Sirajganj Mukti Joddah Sangsad Ekadash recorded a 25-run win
in a league match at the Shaheed Shamsuddin Stadium here
Friday. Batting first, Mukti Joddah put on 226 runs in 40 overs.
Showkhin were 201 all out
in 35 overs.

Earlier, Home Minister Mohammad Nasim declared the
17-team tournament open.

Our apology

Due to some technicalities
we could not hold the draw of
the **WHIZZ KID Competition-127** on Friday last. It will
now be held on March 31. --
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Chasers go home cheerfully

ANZ Grindlays National School Cricket

Sports Reporter

The second day of the ANZ Grindlays Bank 18th National School Cricket championship proved to be a successful day for the teams chasing a set target as Hammadi High School, Aftab Memorial Academy and Santibagh High School won their respective matches at different city venues yesterday.

At the Friends Club Ground, Hammadi High School won a thriller against Nakhalpara Hossain Ali High School.

Needing 158 to win, the old town school reached the summit in the penultimate ball of the innings with Alauddin and Shamim producing 32 runs off only 29 balls for the undefeated fourth wicket. Although Alauddin scored a sedate 63-ball 25, Javed's little cameo of 18-ball 25 that included five hits across the rope set the pace of their chase.

At the Dhamondi Club ground, Aftab Memorial recorded a six-wicket win over Uttara High School.

In a low-scoring affair, Aftab Memorial, set to score 99 in the allotted 30 overs, reached the target in 11.3 overs with opener Nizam hammering a breezy 28-ball 45.

Earlier, batting first after winning the toss Uttara High School could muster only 98 before being bundled out in 27.4 overs. Extras with 23 were the highest contribution to the Ut-

BRIEF SCORES

Titas Gas Adarsha High School v Santibagh High School

Venue: Uttara Police Lines ground

Titas Gas Adarsha: 94 all out in 27.4 overs, (Saiful 23; Mousum 3/21, Al-Amin 2/6; Delwar 2/25).

Santibagh: 96 for two wickets in 13.2 overs (Amit 44 not out, Ashraf 27 not out).

Result: Santibagh High School won by 8 wickets.

Uttara High School v Aftab Memorial

Venue: Dhamondi Club ground

Uttara HC: 98 all out in 27.4 overs (Jafar 15; Joy 4/13; Sabuj 2/14).

Aftab Memorial: 99 for four wickets in 11.3 overs (Nizam 45, Sabuj 10).

Result: Aftab Memorial Academy won by 8 wickets.

Nakhalpara Hossain Ali High School v Hammadi High School

Venue: Uttara Friends Club ground

Nakhalpara HC: 155 all out in 30 overs (Harun 32, Extras 62; Ashraf 3/19).

Hammadi HC: 156 for three wickets in 29.5 overs (Javed 32, Roquib 30, Shamim 25 not out).

Result: Hammadi High School won by seven wickets.

tara total.

At the Uttara Police Lines ground, Santibagh High School raced to an eight-wicket victory over Titas Gas Adarsha High School.

The Santibagh boys, who shot Titas out for 94 in 27.4 overs, rattled up 96 for two wickets in 13.2 overs with opener Amit scoring a fine 44 of 51 balls. He hammered five fours and a couple of sixes.

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We are planning to arrange a charter plane and fly in the Pakistan team on schedule", said BCB general secretary Syed Ashraful Huq, who is leaving for the desert kingdom today to attend the ACC meeting. As per the current fixture, Pakistan play their first match of the tournament on June 1 against Sri Lanka.

"Hopefully, there will be no change in the schedule this time. The championship will start on May 28 and the final will be held on June 7", said Ashraful to the reporters at the BCB office yesterday.

Both of the semifinals and the grand final will be held today. Play is scheduled to start at 11:30 in the morning.

A total of 14 teams, split into four groups, took part in the preliminary round on Friday. Top two teams from each group qualified for yesterday's league phase.

Four teams booked their places in the semifinals of the APTECH-Dhaka Club Independence Day Bridge Tournament as the round robin league phase ended at the hall room of the club yesterday.

The teams are: Dhaka Club Blue, Aces Alpha, Team ABC and Kamal & Partners.

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He further added that the next edition of the biennial event will be held in Pakistan in 2001 and the date of which would be finalised in the ACC meeting. Besides, the ACC meeting will also announce the dates of the several age-group events in this region.

The fourth ball of the over. He faced 239 balls and hit 10 fours.

Probably traumatised by the dismissal of the century-maker, Flower badly misjudged the next delivery from Rose -- a good length delivery that moved back -- to lose his off-stump.

Both dismissals were completely out of character from the preceding four hours, during which Goodwin and Flower grinded the West Indies bowlers with purposeful batting.

They had transformed the innings from its lunch-time position after fast bowler Reon King captured two wickets in the final 15 minutes before the interval to set Zimbabwe back.

Goodwin prospered after being dropped when on 16 by West Indies captain Jimmy Adams off fast bowler Franklyn Rose to hit a purposeful 113 that lasted nearly 3 1/2 hours.

"You can never underestimate the West Indies' bowlers and it is nice to have made a hundred when they were bowling really well," Goodwin told reporters afterwards.

"It's always tough playing against West Indies in West Indies and I am very happy to be able to play against them."

Flower, fresh from an unbroken hundred in the opening Test in Port-of-Spain last week, gave him essential support in a knock of 66 for which he batted just over four hours.

Both Goodwin and Flower, however, were dismissed in a dramatic penultimate over of the day bowled by Rose to bring the West Indies back into the match.

Goodwin, backing up too far, was run out by Wavell Hinds' sharp throw from mid-wicket to Adams at the bowler's end off

Worry about Pakistan

Sports Reporter

The fixture of the forthcoming Asia Cup, scheduled to begin in Dhaka from May 28, will be finalised in an ACC meeting at Sharjah on March 29.

The date of the four-nation meet, that included India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the ACC champions Bangladesh, was already changed thrice in a bid to orchestrating with other international commitments of the three Asian cricketing giants.

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