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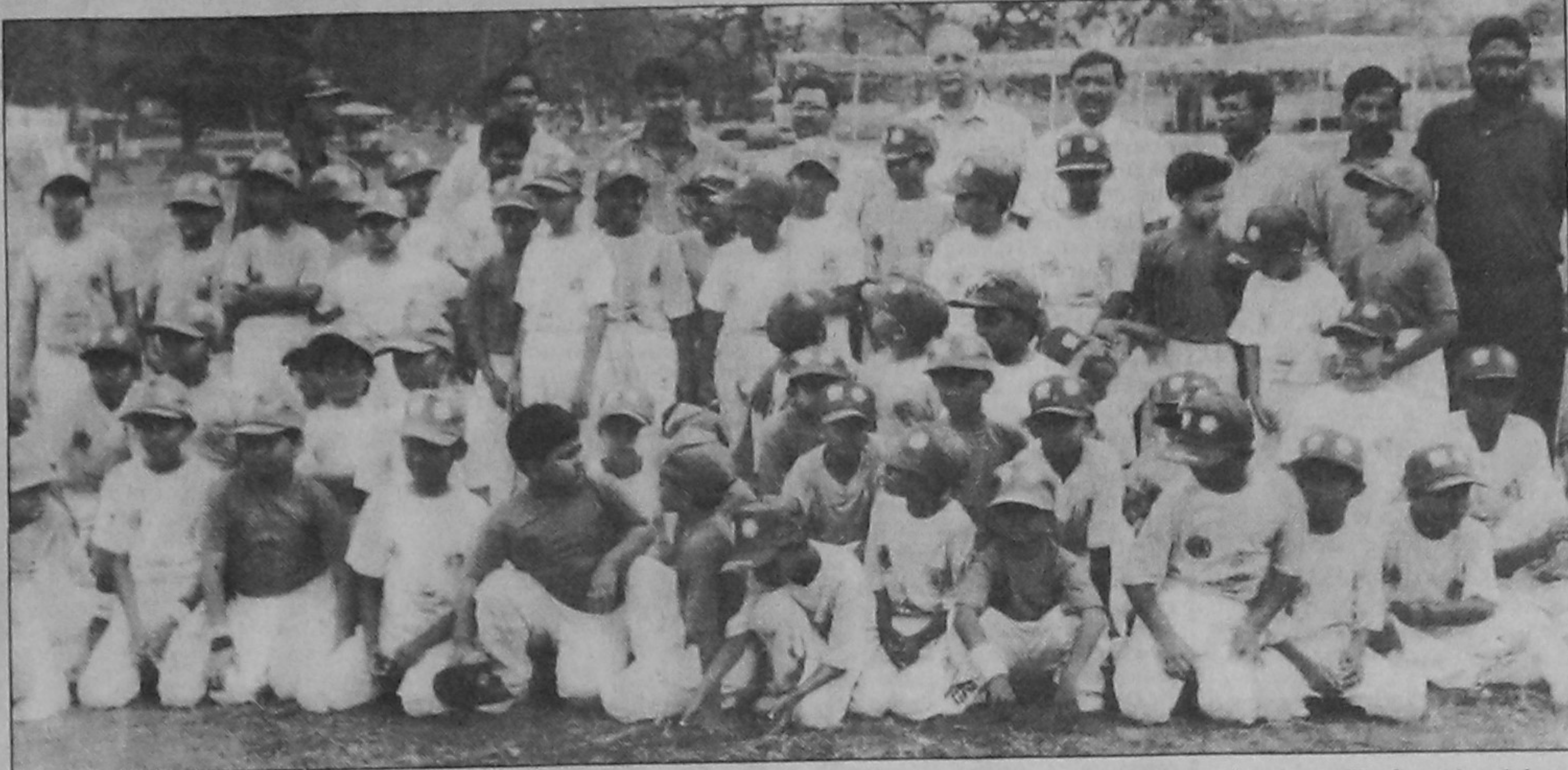
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THE FUTURE IS HERE: Tiny tots assemble for a group photograph before the start of the day-long Under-10 cricket tournament, which is a part of the 'International Cricket Week' celebrations, at the Kalabagan Krira Chakra ground yesterday.

Grooming the blooming buds

Lenin Gani

In cricket size really doesn't matter. That's what the young stars of tomorrow tried to prove during the under-10 tournament at Kalabagan yesterday.

The knockout event held as part of the International Cricket Council's global celebration of the Cricket Week drew appreciable participation.

Although officials said that 75 children were taking part but actually 66 of them from ages ranging from 7-10 were put into six teams named after leading figures of the sport for the day-long tournament.

The teams were Sir Donald Bradman XI, Sir Garfield Sobers XI, Imran Khan XI, Sunil Gavaskar XI, Ian Botham XI and Graeme Pollock XI. Of them, the Bradman and Sobers outfits received first round byes.

In the preliminary stage, each game was of 20-over duration. Bowlers were allowed two overs each. The artificial pitch

was 18 yards long. To make it more attractive all players wore coloured uniforms and used real cricket balls.

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Joshi flying in for Brothers

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra will take on Brothers Union Club in a crucial Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

Abahani, who finished runners-up behind Biman last season, are enjoying a purple patch this season winning seven matches in a row. A win today will place them beside Biman at the top of the 12-team race. Biman have won eight out of their eight outings so far.

On the other hand, it will be a do or die affair for Brothers Union who have already lost three out of their seven matches. A defeat will push them further down the title-chase.

To strengthen the side for the day, Brothers confirmed the services of Sunil Joshi, the left-arm slow bowler of India. Joshi, who is also an effective lower-order batsman, was expected to reach the city from Bombay last night.

If Joshi comes, he will replace Pakistani Farhan Adil in today's match. Sri Lankan Athula Samarasekera and Pakistani Shahed Mehmud are the other foreign players of Brothers.

Abahani meanwhile will field three Pakistanis-- Aamir Wasim, Waqas Ahmed and Mohammad Hussain.

Minhaz ensures Tarun win

Sports Reporter

Premier League

City Club v Surjo Tarun

Minhazul Abedin played a captain's knock to propel Surjo Tarun Club to a four-wicket win over babes City Club in a Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The former national captain scored an unbeaten 49 as Tarun, chasing a moderate City Club total of 197 in 50 overs, reached 198 in the penultimate over with four wickets in hand.

Coming in to bat at number four with Tarun losing their second wicket on 83 in the 24th over, Minhaz remained at the crease till the end to ensure his side register their sixth win in the League off eight matches.

Tarun were off to a good start with openers Parvez Ahmed and Mohammad Ramzan collecting 67 runs. The stand was broken in the 19th over when Parvez tried to sweep Pakistani Wasim Nayeem and ended up top-edging to wicketkeeper Nuruzzaman. Parvez hit three boundaries in his 53 off 80 balls.

Ramzan, the Pakistani right-handed batsman, joined Parvez at the pavilion four overs later having been caught behind for 25. Ramzan also clobbered three fours in his 64-

ball knock. After Ramzan's departure, Tarun lost two quick wickets. One-down Al-Shahriar (14) was caught at deep square leg while trying to sweep Wasim while in-form middle-order Khaled Masood was bowled by Pakistani off-spinner Saifullah Magsi for four.

Minhaz then got in to share a valuable 42-run fifth wicket partnership with Pakistani Zafar Sarfraz. The partnership could not flourish further as Zafar lost concentration and was caught at mid-on boundary while trying to send left-arm spinner Jewel Hossain over the rope.

Zafar scored 25 off 28 balls inclusive of a six and three fours. Tarun lost another wicket as Enamul Hoque got himself out for five runs. The left-hander was bowled round the legs by spinner Rehan Rafique of Pakistan.

Needing another 38 runs to win, Minhaz then partnered Indian Rajesh Chauhan (16) and took his side to the victory mark without further damage. Minhaz however could have easily reached his 50 had not the last run came off a wide de-

livery. The stylish right-hander hit three boundaries in his 75-ball knock.

Earlier, put into bat, City Club failed to reach 200 mark because of some irresponsible batting from opener Sajid Hasan.

The right-hander, who appeared to have only concentrating on getting his, contributed to two runs-outs of Rehan Rafique (45) and Pappu (11). Ironically, he eventually ran himself out while he was eight runs shy of the fifty mark. In his two and half an hour innings, Sajid faced 113 balls and scored only 42 runs with the help of three fours.

After a 97-run opening partnership between Rehan and Sajid in 27.3 overs, City Club could score another 100 runs before being all out in 49.5 overs. Five of the City batsmen were the victim of run out.

Indian off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan captured four wickets for 31 runs from his ten overs.

With yesterday's win, Surjo Tarun raised their tally to 12 points from eight matches. On the other hand, it was the fifth defeat for City Club that kept them glued to their previous collection of 6 points.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League clash between Surjo Tarun Club and City Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

CITY CLUB			
Rehan run out	45		
Sajid run out	42		
Pappu run out	11		
Wasim c Sarfraz b R Chauhan	23		
Saifullah c Anis b R Chauhan	16		
Tofazzal run out	13		
Jewel c Al-Amin b Anis	8		
Nuruzzaman lbw b R Chauhan	0		
Nayeem not out	3		
Al-Amin st K Masood b R Chauhan	1		
Taposh run out	4		
Extras: (lb-12, nb-3, w-16)	31		
Total: (All out in 49.5 overs)	197		
Fall of wickets: 1/97; 2/121; 3/129; 4/151; 5/179; 6/180; 7/180; 8/188; 9/193			

Bowler			
Anis	0	0	49
Al-Amin	6	2	13
Minhaz	5	0	22
R Chauhan	10	2	31
Suja	10	0	39
Enamul	8.5	0	31

SURJO TARUN CLUB			
Parvez c Nuruzzaman b Wasim	35		
Ramzan c Nuruzzaman b Taposh	25		
Al-Shahriar c Al-Amin b Wasim	14		
Minhaz not out	49		
K Masood b Saifullah	4		



City Club opener Sajid Hassan plays an off-drive during his pain-staking 113-ball 42 in yesterday's Premier Division fixture against Surjo Tarun at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.. —Star photo

Cricket Week snippets

Sports Reporter

Former Pakistan captain Asif Iqbal, who is the event manager for the next week's limited-overs match between the Asia Eleven and the Rest of the World Eleven, arrived in the capital yesterday afternoon.

The day-night match, organised by the International Cricket Council (ICC) as part of its ongoing Cricket Week celebration, will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on April 8.

A frequent visitor in Dhaka, Asif was also the event manager of the Wills International Cup held at the same venue in 1998. Upon his arrival, Asif said that he would take a day or two to assess everything relating to the match and he would then meet the press.

Isabelle Wood, the personal assistant of ICC chief executive David Richards, also arrived here from London last night.

WELCOME WALASH
Legendary West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh will be honoured by the Bangladesh

Cricket Board (BCB) when the record Test wicket-taker arrives in the capital for the April 8 match between Asia Eleven and Rest of the World Eleven.

BCB general secretary Syed Ashraf ul Haq revealed it yesterday.

Playing in his 114th Test, the 37-year-old Jamaican became the highest wicket-taker last week when he captured his 335th scalp during the second Test against Zimbabwe at the Sabina Park in Kingston.

Talking to the press, Ashraf said, BCB is planning to give him a crest and some other mementoes during his visit to Dhaka for the first time.

Walsh* was not initially named in the 12-man Rest of the World Eleven announced by the ICC last month. It was a long-time partner Curtley Ambrose who was named in the squad. He was drafted in the side when Ambrose declared himself unavailable a few days back.

PAINTING CRICKET
The children's drawing competition, organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Board as part of the ongoing International Cricket Week 2000, will be held at the National Sports Council gymnasium from 9am to 12 noon on Friday.

The competition will be held in three age groups-- under-6, under-10 and under-16. Interested participants have been asked to bring their own boards and colours. BCB will provide the art papers.

Winners of the each groups will be awarded with attractive prizes.

Mymensingh
In observance of the ICC Cricket Week, a grand rally was brought from Mymensingh Stadium at 11.45 am today.

Hundreds of people including students and players of different clubs joined the rally. Saber Hossain Chowdhury, president of Bangladesh Cricket Board, led the procession.

The rally was also attended by Deputy Commissioner Md Rafiqul Islam and district sports association officials.

Dhaka Abahani title bound

Dhaka Abahani almost assured themselves of the Nito-Tata First National Football League title beating Chittagong

Abahani 1-0 in a key 'super four' match at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

By virtue of this victory, the sky blues secured 13 points from five matches and maintained an unbeaten record.

Premier League champions Mohammedan three points behind the leaders, have an outside chance to clinch the league title if they beat Dhaka Abahani by a margin of four goals in their last match on Thursday.

The defeat left Chittagong Abahani out of the title race with their previous credit of seven points from five matches. They will now battle for the third place on Wednesday with Muktioddha Sangsad KC, also having seven points from same number outings.

Ghanaian striker Kennedy scored the match winner for Dhaka Abahani in the 66th minute by a well-judged placing shot after beating two defenders latching on to a Tito pass from the right.

Abahani medio Zakir Hossain was adjudged man-of-the-match for the second consecutive time.

Chittagong Abahani, which earned appreciation from the fans beating Dhaka Mohammedan 2-1 at Rajshahi and

holding them to a 1-1 draw in the inaugural match of the 'super four' in the Dhaka, again displayed entertaining football. They fought well with their giant rivals, but conceded defeat due to lack of experience and big match temperament.

After the match, Dhaka Abahani captain Partha told newsmen he was satisfied with the performance his team. "After winning 1 am now very much hopeful about the league

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Dhaka Abahani's Ghanaian recruit Charles Ghansa (L) under pressure from a Chittagong Abahani boomer during their Nito-Tata National Football League encounter at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur yesterday. —Star photo



Meanwhile, yesterday's Premier Division match between Kalabagan Krira Chakra and Wari Club was postponed because of Kalabagan's involvement in the under-10 tournament at their club ground.

The match will be played at the Dhanmouli Cricket Stadium today.

BD teams leave tomorrow

Sports Reporter

Two Bangladesh teams-- Commonwealth Cricket Club (CCC) and Chittagong Club-- will take part in the International six-a-side tournament, starting in Bangkok from April 6.

National skipper Aminul Islam will lead CCC while former national player Minhazul Abedin will captain Chittagong Club in the three-day long meet.

About 28 teams from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore are likely to take part in the tournament.

The other five cricketers of the CCC are Masudul Rahman, Rafiqul, Saiful Islam, Neyamur Rashid and Minhaz Ahmed. Akram Khan, Nurul Abedin and Ripon have confirmed so far to accompany Minhazul in Bangkok.

The teams are scheduled to leave Dhaka tomorrow.

Sirajganj cricket

From Our Correspondent
SIRAJGANJ, Apr 3: Ullapara Showkhin Club Ekadosh outplayed Sirajganj Stadium Para Ekadosh by 10 wickets at Shaheed Shamsuddin Stadium today.

Winning the toss, Sirajganj decided to bat first and collected 79 runs losing all the wickets in 10 overs.

In reply, Ullapara scored 80 runs without losing any wicket in 25 overs.

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