

Big win for Nabarun

Sports Reporter

Nabarun Krira Chakra handed Lalbagh Anwar Sporting Club a 62-run defeat in the lone Third Division cricket league encounter at the City Club ground yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES

NABARUN KC: 222 for 7 in 35 overs (Raisul 57, Shafiq 47, Abid 34, Habib 29; Hannan 2/26, Siraj 2/36)
LALBAGH ANWAR SC: 160 all out in 34.3 overs (Shawkat 42, Siraj 22; Salauddin 2/26, Shaon 2/37)
Result: Nabarun Krira Chakra won by 62 runs.

Batting first, Nabarun Krira Chakra piled up 222 for seven in the stipulated 35 overs with Raisul hammering highest 57. Among others, Shafiq scored 47 while Abid added 34.
In reply, Lalbagh Anwar were shot out for 160 in 34.3 overs with Shawkat scoring 42.

Invitational TT

The Silver Jubilee Invitational table tennis tournament begins in the capital today at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium, reports UNB.

Nine events — men's team, women's team, boys' team, men's singles, women's singles, boys' singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and boys' doubles — have been included in the tourney.

A total of 74 players are expected to compete in the four-day meet, organised by Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation and sponsored by Square Toiletries Limited.

Asian Youth Cup

BFF announces fixtures

Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday announced the fixtures of the Group-4 matches of the 32nd Asian Youth Under-19 Football Championship to be held in Dhaka from July 7-11 this year, reports UNB.

Earlier, Bangladesh was placed in Group-4 with Asian giants Iraq, Maldives and Nepal.

Iraq will play the inaugural match with Nepal at 3:30 pm while host Bangladesh will take on the Maldives at 5:30 pm in the other fixture of the day.

Iraq will meet the Maldives at 3:30 pm and Nepal will face Bangladesh at 5:30 pm on July 9.

The Maldives will encounter Nepal at 3:30 pm while host Bangladesh will play mighty Iraq in the last group match at 5:30 pm on July 11.

Sirajganj cricket

From Our Correspondent SIRAJGANJ, Apr 11: Rayganj Thana Ekadash (Sirajganj Stadium Road cricket Club) Ekadash by 15 runs at Shaheed Shamsuddin Stadium today.

Rayganj Thana Ekadash decided to bat first and made 143 for nine in 40 overs.
In reply, Sirajganj Stadium Para Cricket Club Ekadash were all out for 128 in 40 overs.

JPC spade trump

Amirul Islam Kagojee became champion in the Independence Day Spade Trump Competition at the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) here yesterday, reports UNB.

Quazi Abdul Hannan was runner-up while Enamul Hoque Chowdhury and Nurul Hasan Khan got the third and fourth positions respectively.
Akhtaruzzaman Nawab, Kamalul Rahman, Saiful Alam and Madabber Hossain got the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth positions respectively.

About 50 members took part in the tournament, organised by JPC.

Barisal Cricket

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Apr 11: KCC Juba Sangha defeated County Ekadash by 6 wickets while Kheloar Kalyan Samity beat Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Students Union by 3 wickets in First Division Cricket League here at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today.

KCC Juba Sangha made 153 runs for four wickets in 38.3 overs.
In reply, earlier County Ekadash batting first made 152 all out.

In the other play, Kheloar Kalyan Samity scored 162 for seven in 38.3 overs.
In reply, Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Students Union reached 152 in 38.4 overs.

Chang cruises

DULUTH, Apr 11: Michael Chang wants to prove he can still dominate on clay courts, reports AP.

After beating Italy's Davide Sanguinetti 7-5, 6-3 in a first-round match Monday night, Chang talked of using the Galleryfurniture.com Atlanta Tennis Challenge as a springboard to bigger goals.

"In 1995, it worked out pretty well for me," Chang said. "In '95 — really the whole clay court season — I only had one loss, and that was to (Thomas) Muster in the French."

Chang's success in Atlanta started in 1989 when he upset Ivan Lendl in an exhibition and then went on to the young Grand Slam tournament champion in history at 17 years, 3 months.

How betting went



LONDON, Apr 11 (Reuters): Chronology of international match-fixing inquiries since Pakistan judicial panel convened in 1998.

October, 1998: Judicial inquiry starts in Lahore under Judge Malik Qayyum into allegations that Pakistan Test players Salim Malik, Ijaz Ahmed and Wasim Akram helped fix matches.
Australia captain Mark Taylor, whose team is touring Pakistan, tells inquiry that teammates Shane Warne and Tim May were offered money to "bowl badly" on their last tour in 1994-95. Mark Waugh says Malik approached him before a one-day match on the same tour asking whether he could find four or five players willing to throw the match.

November: Former Pakistan captain Imran Khan tells inquiry that some of his team mates had cheated and taken bribes. Imran says his first knowledge of match-fixing dated back nearly two decades.

December 8: Australian Cricket Board (ACB) admits it secretly fined Waugh and Shane Warne in February 1995 for giving what it called routing pitch and weather details to bookmakers during Australia's 1994

tour of Sri Lanka. Both players say they were "naive and stupid" but deny giving information on team line-ups or tactics.
December 11: ACB says it will announce independent inquiry into any possible involvement in betting by Australia's 25-man international squad. On same day former New Zealand fast bowler Danny Morrison says he was invited to sell information while playing against India in 1994.

A similar approach is reported by former Australian all-rounder Greg Matthews from a 1993 tour of Sri Lanka.
December 13: England's former one-day captain Adam Holloake says a bookmaker during a tournament in Sharjah had offered to make a millionaire. Holloake says he reported the matter to team manager David Gray.

January 3, 1999: Akram reinstated as captain of Pakistan.

January 8, 1999: Pakistan inquiry reconvenes in Melbourne and hears evidence from Waugh and Warne. Warne says Malik had approached him during the first test in Pakistan in 1994-5 and offered him money to bowl poorly to ensure a drawn match.

July: Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif calls on government's accountability bu-

reau to investigate national team after crushing World Cup final defeat by Australia.

August: New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming says he was approached by an Asian betting syndicate and offered money to throw the third test against England. Former England all-rounder Chris Lewis says he was asked by an Asian betting syndicate to persuade the England team to play poorly.

September 13: PCB chairman Mujeeb Rahman Khan tells news conference Akram, Malik and Ahmed have been reinstated. Justice Malik says he is still compiling report, which has yet to be released.

April 7, 2000: Delhi's Joint Commissioner of Police KK Paul charges South Africa captain Hansie Cronje and team mates Herschelle Gibbs, Pieter Strydom and Nicky Boje with involvement in match-fixing during a one-day series against India in March. The four deny the charges.

April 11: Cronje sacked as captain for three-match one-day series against Australia after admitting he had not been "entirely honest" in his denials of match-fixing.

ACB at a loss

MELBOURNE, Apr 11: The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) Tuesday said it was shocked at the sacking of South African captain Hansie Cronje, reports AFP.

"We have certainly heard the news and like everyone else were shocked," ACB public affairs general manager Brendan McClements said.

"It poses no threat to the (Australian one-day) series in South Africa."
"And we're confident the ICC (International Cricket Council) and the United Cricket Board of South Africa will deal with these matters effectively and expeditiously."

Mel Gibson's movie on United

LONDON, April 11: Australian movie-star Mel Gibson is to turn Manchester United's players into film stars, the Press Association reported on Monday, reports AFP.

Gibson's film company Icon Productions is making a fly-on-the-wall documentary about the Treble winners.

Filming began this season, and the cameras followed United to Tokyo to witness their triumph over Palmeiras in the Intercontinental Cup and were also with them in Brazil for the World Club Championship.

The cameras have been filming board meetings and they were there to record the clinching of the club's record 30 million pound (48 million dollar) sponsorship deal with Vodafone.

Icon Productions, which Gibson runs jointly with Bruce Davey, has given the film the working title of 'Manchester United: The Movie' - but fans will have the chance to choose the final name in a competition being run on the club's website.

The picture is being directed by American Bob Potter, who has made numerous similar films about sporting greats such as Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi and Shaq O'Neal.

The film is due to be premiered in Manchester in October.

Uphill task for demoralised SA



DURBAN, South Africa, Apr 11: Shaun Pollock, thrown in at the deep end as South African captain, says he will lead his team on Tuesday following the firing of Hansie Cronje, says his team would be underdogs when they play against World Cup champions Australia at Kingsmead on Wednesday, reports AFP.

But he took heart from South Africa's triumph in the 1998 Commonwealth Games final in Malaysia when he led a young South African team to victory over a full-strength Australian side.

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Pollock acknowledged though that South Africa faced a huge task with the loss of Cronje, adding to the absence of fast bowler Allan Donald, who is unavailable, and batsman Daryll Cullinan, who has returned from one-day cricket.

"If you take those three players together its over 300 games worth of experience that we have lost," said Pollock.

But he said he expected his players would be motivated to rise to the challenge.

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Waugh said the current side, which has been strengthened by

the addition of allrounder Andrew Symonds and fast bowler Brett Lee, had reached a peak during the first three or four matches in New Zealand," where they won a one-day series last month.

Waugh said: "The current team is probably the most talented I have played in although they haven't yet been put under the pressure the World Cup team played under."

The Australian captain said he expected three hard matches against South Africa.

"They play a similar brand of cricket to us and they are fiercely proud of playing for

their country."

SHAUN POLLOCK

SQUADS

SOUTH AFRICA: Shaun Pollock (captain), Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Neil McKenzie, Jonty Rhodes, Lance Klusener, Mark Boucher (wkt), Nicky Boje, Mornantau Hayward, Roger Telemachus, Makhaya Ntini, Andrew Hall and Dave Callaghan.

AUSTRALIA: Steve Waugh (captain), Shane Warne, Michael Bevan, Damien Fleming, Adam Gilchrist (wkt), Ian Harvey, Matthew Hayden, Brett Lee, Shane Lee, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Andrew Symonds, Mark Waugh.

ESPN Television will show the match live starting from 6:00 pm BST



Shane Mosley (R) having a light moment with his foe Oscar de la Hoya (L) and promoter Bob Arum during a press conference at Tavern on the Green in New York on April 10. The two are to fight on April 17 in Los Angeles. —AFP photo

Indian authorities stunned

BOMBAY, Apr 11: Indian cricket officials reacted with amazement and stunned silence to the sacking of South African skipper Hansie Cronje Tuesday, who is at the centre of match-fixing charges levelled by New Delhi police, reports AFP.

"It is very regrettable and sad if it is true," Chandu Borde, chairman of the Indian selection committee, told AFP.

"I am amazed ... one could never tell by the way he played and gave 110 per cent. Knowing Cronje's activities on the field it is very difficult to digest this kind of thing."

A source within the South African cricket camp told this news agency it was understood that Cronje had admitted receiving money in India, but that he continued to deny he was involved in match-fixing.

"If it is true it is very bad for the game. It affects the credibility of the game," said Borde, who called for a "full and fair" investigation into the case.

"Regarding his career, it is up to the South African Board to decide. Look at what happened to Shane Warne ... despite all that he said he is still playing."

Australian stars Mark Waugh and Shane Warne were fined by their board after admitting they had taken money from an Indian bookmaker for

providing information on weather and pitch conditions.

Other officials were less forthcoming.

"You don't comment on such a thing just like that," a clearly stunned Raj Singh Durgapur, president of the Board of Cricket Control of India (BCCI) told.

"It is too early to say anything now. I would like to know a little more detail before saying anything."

BCCI joint-secretary Jyoti Bapat said the Indian team and coach Kapil Dev had been instructed not to comment on the affair.

"The board will not make an official statement at this stage. We will study the developments over the next few days and decide if any action needs to be taken," Bapat told by telephone.

Indian police levelled the match-fixing allegations last Friday against Cronje and three other team members following

last month's one-day series here, which India won 3-2.

BCCI secretary Jayant Lele, who had previously rubbished the charges against Cronje, also declined to comment.

"I do not want to say anything on this issue. I do not want to comment," he said.

Former Indian captain and manager, Ajit Wadekar, said it was "shocking and unbelievable" that such a thing could happen.

"The South African cricket board should get to the bottom of this. In future, whenever there is a close finish in a match, people will always suspect that the match has been fixed," Wadekar said.

Former board vice president Sunil Dev said that if Cronje had admitted to match-fixing, it would have "very serious" consequences for the game.

"But at least he has the guts to admit his fault. I wonder if other players will do the same," he said.

Rain plays foul at St George's

ST GEORGE'S, Apr 11: Rain forced the abandonment of the last day in the three-day, first-class cricket match between the West Indies Invitation XI and Zimbabwe at the Queen's Park Stadium on Monday, reports AFP.

Showers throughout the morning period left the outfield saturated. Shortly after the scheduled lunch break, umpires Glenroy Johnson and Goaland Greaves called off play without a ball being bowled on the final day.

Zimbabwe, replying to the Invitation XI's first innings total of 157, had reached 170 for four at stumps on Sunday's third day.

Zimbabwe, without a victory on their Caribbean tour, will now focus on their final match in the triangular limited-overs series against Pakistan on Saturday here.

They must win to have a slim chance of making the three-match finals in Bridgetown (April 19) and Port-of-Spain (April 22 and 23).

Turkey pay respect to slain Leeds fans

ISTANBUL, April 11: Dozens of Turks laid flowers Monday at an Istanbul square where two British fans were stabbed to death last week ahead of a UEFA match between Turkey's Galatasaray and Britain's Leeds United, Anatolia news agency reported, reports AFP.

Galatasaray managers, non-governmental groups and citizens participated in the event at Taksim, initiated by three Turkish women, among them a columnist for the mass-circulation daily Sabah.

"The burden of the crime of two murderers cannot be put on the whole Turkish nation. We strongly condemn those who have tarnished Turkey's image. No reason can justify violence," read some of the banners wrapped on the wreaths, according to Anatolia.

Leeds United supporters Kevin Speight and Christopher Loftus were killed following clashes between English and Turkish fans on Wednesday ahead of Thursday's semi-final match, which Galatasaray won 2-0.

The Ankara-based Turkish-British Fellowship Association called on British authorities to take the necessary security measures to secure a peaceful ground for the return match on April 20.

European football governing body UEFA will rule on Wednesday whether Galatasaray fans will be allowed to attend the second leg.

"We also call on authorities to take measures against any racist attacks against Turks living in Britain. Possible attacks of this kind will not only shame Britain, the cradle of democracy, but also lead to unrepairable problems between the two peoples," the Association said.

The Turkish press has blamed British fans for the trouble, saying they had provoked the melee amid accusations that some Leeds fans broke cars and shop windows, and insulted the Turkish flag and citizens.

Oscar time on June 17

NEW YORK, Apr 11: Oscar De La Hoya finished recording his first album at 4 am (0800 GMT) Monday in Miami. And there he was, just before noon (1600 GMT) in Manhattan, looking fresh and dapper to promote his next fight, reports AP.

A private jet and a couple of limos helped ease the way for boxing's Golden Boy.

"I'm a little weary," De La Hoya said Tuesday.

But he said his ventures into music, fashion and other areas actually help him become a better fighter.

"It takes me away from boxing for a while," he said. "It gives me something else to think about. When I start training, I focus on training."

He will start training again shortly for a WBC welterweight title fight against Shane Mosley on June 17 in Los Angeles.

Both fighters will train at Big Bear, California, away from most distractions. To be sure that De La Hoya keeps to the task, his father, Joel, will be there with trainer Robert Alcazar.

"He will stay there for six weeks. It was my idea," de La Hoya said. "He can really push me. He is the only person I listen to. He makes me train harder."

De La Hoya is trying to regain the WBC welterweight title he lost to Felix Trinidad on Sept. 18 in a disputed majority decision. Trinidad surrendered the crown to move up to the super welterweight division.

The WBC awarded its welterweight belt to De La Hoya, but he said he won't consider himself the champion again until he beats Mosley.

De La Hoya sees the fight as another step in atoning for the loss to Trinidad, the only blemish on his 33-fight record.

ish. His foot is also in the door in fashions with Hugo Boss. De La Hoya wore a beige corduroy jacket and slacks with a matching turtleneck.

"But boxing remains No. 1. I train hard to win my fights, and everything else will fall into place," he said.

Mosley has a 34-0 record with 32 knockouts but has been overshadowed by De La Hoya's presence.

"Our opponents are in a whole different league," De La Hoya said. "His opponents are really not too strong."

For Mosley, this is the biggest fight of his career.

"Winning will be like winning a gold medal the Olympics," he said.

De La Hoya did that at the 1992 Olympics. Mosley didn't.



Russians Maria Kisseleva (L) and Olga Brousnikina, who won gold in the duet free routine event, respond to the crowd after receiving their medals at Sydney yesterday. —AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 - 4 Ridiculous
 - 8 Force
 - 12 Scull
 - 13 Scallo
 - 14 Ceaselessly
 - 15 Dairy product
 - 17 Big rig
 - 18 Bing's pal
 - 19 Weakening
 - 21 Gift
 - 24 "Poppycock"
 - 25 Turkish title
 - 26 Trail the pack
 - 28 Wanderer
 - 32 Clothing
 - 34 Shriner of tennis
 - 36 Senate employee
 - 37 Precipitous
 - 39 Church seat
 - 41 Wish otherwise
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 - 2 Squirrel's hideaway
 - 3 Card game
 - 4 Frolic
 - 5 Jackie's second mate
 - 6 Multiplex offering
 - 7 Mendicant
 - 8 Micro-computer's main screen
 - 9 Currier's partner
 - 10 Nautilus captain
 - 11 Excursion
 - 16 Crowd
 - 20 Mr. Chanoy
 - 21 "Phooey!"
 - 22 "—"
 - 23 Rhythm
 - 24 Carpet surface
 - 27 Spaceman
 - 29 Price reduction
 - 30 Malarial symptom
 - 31 Antelope's playmate
 - 33 Algae
 - 35 Bumped into
 - 38 Greek letter
 - 40 Prepares to break a bone?
 - 43 Ultimate
 - 46 Weeps
 - 47 Storytime villain
 - 48 Blueprint
 - 49 Way up there
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Yesterday's Cryptquip: PURCHASING LOTS OF BEACHFRONT PROPERTY IS DEFINITELY BOUND TO BE A SHORE THING.

Today's Cryptquip Clue: T equals V

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.