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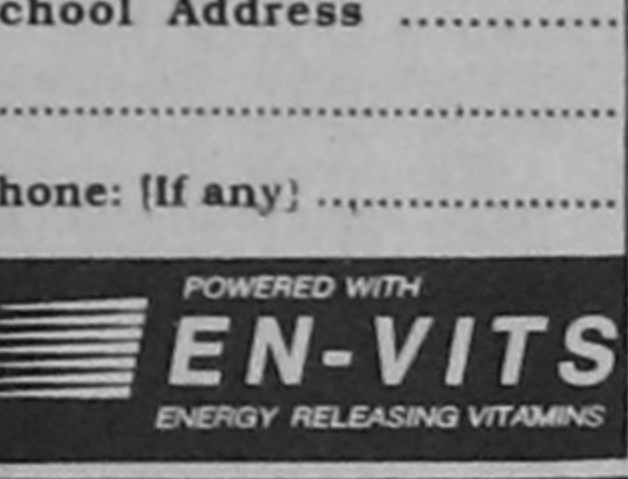
1	Who is the number one women's tennis player?	Seles
2	Who won the United Insurance Chess title?	Refaat Zia Aung
3	How many Tests did Walsh need to break Kapil Dev's world record?	114 115 116
4	Who was adjudged man-of-the-series in the West Indies-Zimbabwe Test?	Rose Walsh Adam
5	Who are the First Division cricket champions?	Dhanmondi Y Cricketers Khelaghar

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SPORTS TALK



Gabriel Batistuta

(Fiorentina striker)
"I'd like to carry on enjoying my football for as long as possible and score a lot more goals."

After scoring his 200th goal for his club recently.

Pakistan 182, chasing 115

Sports Reporter

West Indies were all out for a paltry 114 in 33.2 overs against Pakistan in the third final of the Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy tri-nation one-day series at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad last night.

Opener Philo Wallace scored highest 30 followed by Sherwin Campbell who added 26.

For Pakistan leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed was the wrecker in chief taking four wickets for 22 runs while fast bowler Shaib Akhtar and off spinner Sohalin Mushtaq took two wickets each conceding 31 and 20 respectively.

In reply, Pakistan were 18 for two in 9.2 overs with both of their openers already back in the pavilion.

With the fall of the second wicket, Shahid Afridi, the sides went into lurch.

Victoria out of danger

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club beat Gopibagh Friends' Association by 32 runs in the opening match of the Premier Division Relegation League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Put in to bat in a reduced 41-overs-a-side affair, Victoria scored 203 for the loss of eight wickets with opener Sajjad Ahmed hammering highest 44.

Among others, Pakistani Fahad Khan scored 41 while his compatriot Iqbal Sheikh chipped in with 32.

Gopibagh captain Selim Shahed took three wickets for 24 from his nine overs while Shamsul Huda and Indian Gurneet Singh evenly shared four wickets.

In reply, Gopibagh were restricted to 171 for eight in their share of 41 overs with lower middle order Ishtiaq scoring highest 33.

Among others opener Narayan scored 29.

Victoria's Shahnewaz Kabir, Rakib Hasan and Ziaul Haque took two wickets each.

Victoria, with their sixth win in 12 matches, are now out of the danger of being relegated from the top flight having 12 points. On the other hand, it was the eleventh defeat for Gopibagh in 12 matches which kept them at the bottom of the league along with Agrani Bank with two points apiece.

Akram leads from front

Sports Reporter



A gutsy innings by captain Akram Khan guided leaders Abahani Krira Chakra to a sound start in the Super League of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket with a 26-run win over arch-rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The former national skipper smashed 74 off just 60 balls to help the popular Dhanmondi outfit, put into bat in a game reduced to 40 overs-a-side, posted a commanding 213 for seven.

In reply, Mohammedan could not raise their game despite the inclusion of Pakistani Test player Ijaz Ahmed. The Motijheel-based club were restricted to 187 for nine in the stipulated overs.

Abahani's 12th consecutive victory took their tally to 24 points and kept intact their six-point gap over chasing pack led by defending champions Bangladesh Biman, Kalabagan KC and Surjo Tarun. Two more wins will ensure the coveted title returns to Dhanmondi.

It was the fifth defeat for Mohammedan who were already out of the race. They remained at the bottom of the elite six-team table on 14 points.

The proceedings started one hour 45 minutes later than the scheduled due to an early morning shower.

Although Akram lost the toss, his openers Azam Iqbal and Mehrab Hossain negotiated the first 15 overs and added with 66 runs.

Mohammedan left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique broke the stand trapping Azam leg before for 36.

During his 51-ball knock the right-handed Chittagonian flicked left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam over backward square leg and also hit three boundaries.

One-down Naimur Rahman, who scored 20 off 22 balls, was next to go lbw off left-arm spinner Ijaz Ahmed.

The out of favour Pakistani top order batsman who was making his debut in the Dhaka league, also denied Mehrab a

deserved half-century taking a brilliant catch at mid-on.

The prolific right-hander was two runs short of completing a third fifty when he drove Sri Lankan off-spinner Ruwan Kalpage only to see Ijaz take a diving catch.

In his 70-ball innings, Mehrab struck six sweetly-timed hits across the rope.

With Abahani on 121 for three in 25.4 overs Akram Khan took charge of the situation and helped Abahani collect 82 runs in the last 14.1 overs.

Dropped on 16 by Monjuke at mid-on when Abahani were on 133, the robust Chittagonian made 44 runs without a single boundary and reached his fifty in the 39th over hitting Kalpage over the long-on rope.

He then opened his shoulders thrashing four more boundaries off the next nine balls.

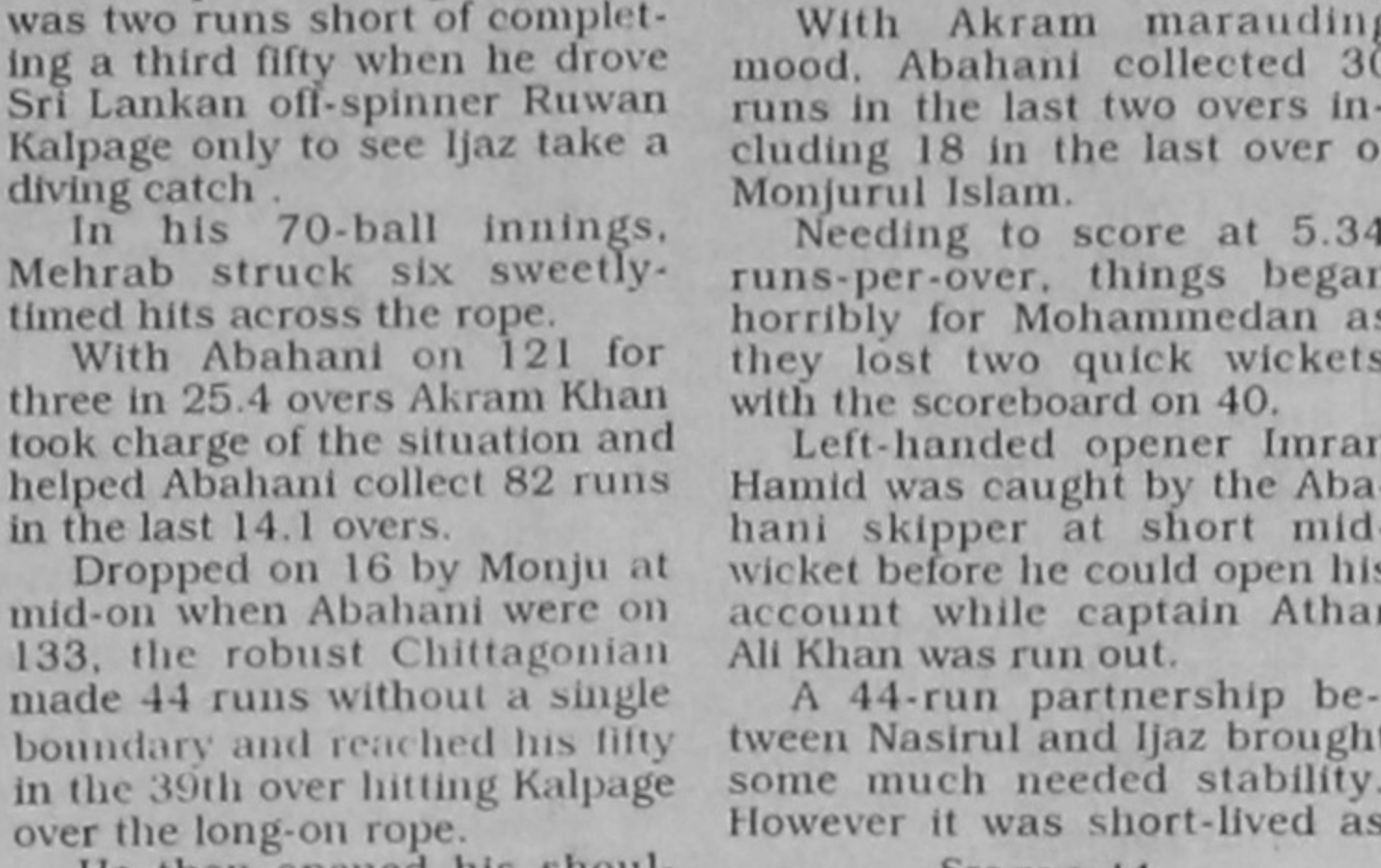
With Akram marauding mood Abahani collected 30 runs in the last two overs including 18 in the last over of Monjurul Islam.

Needing to score at 5.34 runs-per-over, things began horribly for Mohammedan as they lost two quick wickets with the scoreboard on 40.

Left-handed opener Imran Hamid was caught by the Abahani skipper at short mid-wicket before he could open his account while captain Athar Ali Khan was run out.

A 44-run partnership between Nasirul and Ijaz brought some much needed stability. However it was short-lived as

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Abahani skipper Akram Khan in full swing on his way to a magnificent 74 against Mohammedan yesterday.

—Star photo

Tarun to protest Manzoor denied registration

Sports Reporter

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), organiser of the Premier Division Cricket League, has barred former Pakistan Test cricketer Manzoor Elahi from signing for Surjo Tarun Club last night.

Manzoor, who played for Victoria Sporting Club last year, arrived in the capital yesterday and went to Bangladesh Cricket Board in the evening along with Surjo Tarun officials to register for the club.

Manzoor was also carrying a clearance certificate from Victoria Sporting Club.

But when Manzoor submitted the certificate, CCDM refused to accept that saying it was invalid as it was signed by Victoria's former cricket secretary Jaimal Abedin Liton. The CCDM, referring to a letter submitted by Victoria in the past, claimed that the certificate was invalid as they were asked by the club not to entertain any document signed by Liton.

However, Surjo Tarun did not take the CCDM decision sportingly. Talking to The Daily Star last night one Mamun of the club said that it was a conspiracy against them.

According to Mamun, the certificate was valid because Liton was the cricket secretary of that club last season.

"Manzoor played for Victoria last season and got the clearance after completing the season. Now for some reasons, Liton may not have any connection with the club but that does not mean the certificate is not valid," he said.

Mamun also said Surjo Tarun could even boycott the Super League in protest of this matter.

The Daily Star last night could not contact CCDM secretary Mahmud Ul Haq for his comments in this regard.

Seminar on Wari Club

Sports Reporter

A seminar was held on the occasion of Wari Club's centenary celebrations at the NSC conference room yesterday.

Dhaka City Mayor Mohammad Hanif inaugurated the seminar as chief guest.

Hanif said the centenary celebrations of Wari Club had enhanced the history of Dhaka city.

He also said the club had significant role in the development of sports in the country and hoped, "It will continue in the days to come."

Hanif himself is a member of the club.

Presided over by co-chairman of the club's celebration committee Mozaffar Hossain Palto, the seminar was addressed by club president and Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka district Abdus Sattar Khan, club official Mahmudul Rahman Momin, general secretary of Calcutta Wari Club Nany Gopal Chouda.

Sports Editor of the now defunct the Dainik Bangla Mohammad Qanruzzaman read out the key-note speech.

The day's programme also featured a volleyball and table tennis competition.

In the volleyball competition, Wari Club beat Bangladesh Army Green 3-2 at the Volleyball Stadium.

Former secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association Golam Qudus Chowdhury Babu inaugurated the three-team competition.

In the table tennis competition, Bangladesh Biman clinched the women's and boys' titles beating Rajshahi and Narail DSA by 3-0 sets each in the final.

Nakamura sets new swim mark

TOKYO, Apr 23: Japan's Mai Nakamura set a women's world 50 metres long-course backstroke record of 28.67 seconds in a preliminary heat of the Japanese national championships today, reports Reuters.

Gustavo Poyet headed them ahead after 10 minutes as they had the best of the early stages against Middlesbrough.

But poor marking allowing Hamilton Ricard to score a close range equaliser and they had to settle for a point.

you look at the quality of the pack chasing us you can see that.

"We had to grind out some results when we weren't playing well earlier in the season."

Beckham said the players wanted to get the title in the bag as quickly as possible.

"Over the years we've made it hard for ourselves and left it until the last game so we wanted to win it today," he said.

"We also needed to show a good performance after Wednesday."

"We've played some great football in the last few months and we've deserved this one."

The battle for second and third places may become a little clearer today when Arsenal visit bottom club Watford and Leeds visit Newcastle United.

Chelsea, who visit Manchester United on Monday, look as if they may miss out on a top three finish and might even have to win next month's FA Cup final against Aston Villa to make the UEFA Cup.

Ryan Giggs, who has been a stalwart of all six of Ferguson's title-winning teams, said that despite the runaway nature of this year's success it certainly wasn't easy.

"It gets harder every year," said the Welsh midfielder. "If



Players of Manchester United celebrating after ensuring this year's Premiership title when they beat Southampton 3-1 at Southampton on April 22.

—AFP photo



Abahani's Naimur Rahman plays a sweep-shot against Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

Ranji Trophy Mumbai's

MUMBAI, Apr 23 (Internat report): Hosts Mumbai lifted the Ranji Trophy in style as they defeated Hyderabad by huge 237 runs on the fifth and last day of the final at the Wankhede Stadium here today.

Chasing a monumental target of 591 to win in their second innings, Hyderabad, who were 251 for seven overnight, could add another 42 runs before being all out after only 8.2 overs' play on the final morning.

Mumbai, in their first innings, made 376 which Hyderabad replied with 195.

Taking a substantial first innings lead, the hosts piled on 409 runs in their second innings to set up an eventually impossible target for their opponents.

Mumbai needed just 33 minutes to knock off the last three Hyderabad wickets. Rajesh Pawar helped himself to career best figures of 7 for 103 on what was supposed to be a green top. Mumbai went into the match with four seamers and ironically it was the slow left arm spinner who had the best returns.

A disappointed Mohammad Azharuddin admitted that they were outplayed in all departments.

"We batted badly, fielded badly and bowled badly. On the first day we really should have bowled Mumbai out for about

350."

When he was asked if travelling by train all the way to Mumbai from Hyderabad made a difference he said, "The boys were very tired after that journey. It was almost 12 hours long and at the end of a season it would have made sense to fly. The team has been working very hard all season and has been doing well. It would have been a good gesture on the part of the board to fly the players for the final. That's the kind of support we expect from the board."

The contrast was obvious for all to see when an overjoyed Dighe met the press. "We've played very well all season and I'm very happy that we won." He was full of praise for all his teammates but reserved the best for Tendulkar. "Sachin was a great motivating factor. What can I say about his commitment, dedication and approach to the game?"

The coach of the Mumbai team Ashok Mankad was proud of his boys. "I am so filled with different emotions. Contentment, fulfillment and a sense of redeeming ourselves for last year's performance fills me now."

The last match of the domestic season ended on a high note for the home team. As one journalist whispered, the Ranji Trophy has come back home.

Meanwhile, former India fast bowler Abey Kuruvilla announced his retirement from

first class cricket. SCOREBOARD

MUMBAI: First innings: 376 all out in 113.2 overs (Vinod Kambl 108, Parash Mhambrey 75, Sachin Tendulkar 53, Wasim Jaffer 32; Raju 4/110, Ahmed 3/73, Singh 3/74)

HYDERABAD: First innings: 195 all out in 64.4 overs (M Azharuddin 76, VVS Laxman 46, Satwaker 30; Agarkar 3/26, Pawar 3/44, Saxena 2/46)

MUMBAI: Second innings: 409 all out in 89.3 overs (Tendulkar 128, Kambl 56, Jaffer 55, Dighe 46, Paranjpe 42; Raju 5/123, Kanwaljit Singh 4/136)

HYDERABAD: Second innings (overnight 251/7) Nandakishore c Tendulkar b Agarkar 9

Manohar b Pawar 71

Laxman c sub (Dani) b Pawar 111

Pratap lbw b Agarkar 22

Satwaker lbw b Pawar 2

Sheikh b Agarkar 1

Azharuddin c sub (Pagnis) b Pawar 11

Ahmed c sub (Dani) b Pawar 21

Raju c Tendulkar b Pawar 16

N Singh c Tendulkar b Pawar 14

K Singh c not out 1

Extras: (b-1; lb-7; nb-6) 14

Total: All out in 98.3 overs) 293

Bowler O M R W

Kuruvilla 9 1 24 0

Agarkar 21 4 46 3

Pawar 34.2 8 103 7

Saxena 8 2 26 0

Mhambrey 10 2 47 0

Tendulkar 15 2 38 0

Jaffer 1 0 1 0

Result: Mumbai won by 297 runs to lift the title.

West Indies go level

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Apr 23: Slow bowlers Jimmy Adams and Chris Gayle shared five wickets to carry West Indies to a series-levelling 60-run triumph over Pakistan at Queen's Park Oval in the second final of three in the 2000 Trophy limited-overs cricket series on Saturday, reports AFP.

Adams, the West Indies captain, captured three wickets for 21 runs from ten overs with his modest left-arm slow bowling and Gayle took two for 28 from ten as Pakistan collapsed to 148 all out in 45 overs to help West Indies tie the best-of-three finals 1-1.

Earlier, Sherwin Campbell, later named Man-of-the-Match for the second time in the series, gathered the top score of 77 off 127 balls to lead West Indies to what appeared to be an inadequate 208 for eight off 50 overs.

West Indies' bowlers however, made sure it was more than enough and Pakistan subsided to their 10th defeat in 14 matches when batting second since the World Cup last year.

The result ensured Sunday's final match will hold more than academic interest. Once more the toss could be vital, since the strength of both sides lie in their bowling and they both prefer to bowl second as West Indies proved on Saturday.

Opening batsmen Imran Nazir and Shahid Afridi gave Pakistan their best start in four matches against West Indies in the series when they added 34 before Nixon McLean broke through in the eighth over.

Afridi, who hit four boundaries in 21 off 28 balls, edged a loose drive at a delivery outside off-stump from McLean to the wicketkeeper to leave Imran and Younis Khan to bat for 8.1 overs to add a further 38.

Trying to free himself, Imran hit across a well-pitched delivery from McLean to be adjudged lbw for 22 in the 16th over to leave Pakistan 72 for two.

Adams wanted to retrieve the situation and brought back Reon King for a second spell in place of McLean, whose two wickets cost 29 runs in five overs.

The change had the desired effect as King had both Izzamul Haq, Pakistan's leading

batsman in the series with 256 runs, and Younis Youhana adjudged lbw with successive balls in the 18th over.

Pakistan were 79 for four and with Izzamam out of the way, it was always going to be an uphill task for Pakistan to

reach the magic number. Adams and Gayle shared five of the last six Pakistani wickets which tumbled for 69 in the space of 27 overs.

Wasim Akram had taken three for 34 from ten and inspired his support staff to bowl economically to help Pakistan restrict West Indies. Opening batsman Sherwin Campbell batted all but four overs to anchor the innings for West Indies, who once more found it hard getting away the Pakistan bowlers.

When Adams was run out for the fourth time in the competition, beaten by wicketkeeper Moin Khan's direct hit at the bowler's end from point in the 27th over, West Indies were 84 for three.

Campbell and Chris Gayle continued circumspectly and were able to add 50 for the fourth-wicket and helped to lift the West Indies' scoring rate.

Their separation in the 38th over, when Gayle was run out for the second straight match by Mushtaq's direct hit from deep mid-off for 33 off 35 balls, precipitated a period in which West Indies lost five wickets.

They were still able to score at more than six-an-over to add 74 in the last 12 overs which in the end proved decisive.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second of the three finals in the Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy limited-overs series between West Indies and Pakistan at Queen's Park Oval in Port-of-Spain on Saturday:

WEST INDIES

Wallace lbw b Akram 8

Campbell c Waqar b Akram 77

Hinds c Afridi b Razzaq 24

Adams run out (Moin) 5

Gayle run out (Mushtaq) 33

Powell c Arshad b Afridi 21

Jacobs b Razzaq 16

Rose c Razzaq b Akram 5

McLean not out 1

Ambrose not out 4

Extras: (b-2; lb-4; w-8) 14

Total: (For 8 wits in 50 overs) 208

Did not bat: Reon King

Fall of wickets: 1-11, 2-69, 3-84, 4-134, 5-171, 6-189, 7-202.

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