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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Wasim Akram

(Former Pakistan cricket captain)

"As far as I myself am concerned, I know that I haven't done anything wrong, and no one can point the finger at me. I think Bangladesh played well, fair and square, and they won the game fair and square."

On the allegations of match-fixing surrounding the Bangladesh-Pakistan match in the World Cup last year.

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3 Who is South Africa's cricket captain?

Kirsten Gibbs Pollock

4 Who was the man-of-the-match in the Asia vs World Eleven cricket match?

Tendulkar Bevan De Silva

5 Who is the fastest man in the country now?

Mahbub Sattar Mizan

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Bima defeat

Wari

Sports Reporter

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangtha beat Wari Club by 14 runs in a Relegation League match of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Electing to bat in a 38-over-a-side encounter Bima scored 208 for the loss of nine wickets.

Lower-order batsman Tashriqul Islam scored highest 40 off 34 balls with two sixes followed by Rajinder Singh and Kamol Chopra. The middle-order batsmen added 29 and 28 respectively.

Wari opening bowler Gamgee of Sri Lanka took three for 36 runs from his allotted eight overs.

In reply, Wari were shot out for 194 in 36.1 overs with Sri Lankan Dilan Ramanayake scoring highest 96 off 81 balls with eight boundaries. Skipper Halim Shah scored 37.

Bima bowler Moinuzzaman captured three for 50 runs, Ahsanullah and Rezwanul Islam claimed two wickets each.

It was Bima's fifth win so far in 12 matches which kept them on 10 points in the six-team Relegation League. Wari suffered their tenth defeat and were jointly second from the bottom on four points with Agrani Bank. Gopibagh Friends Association, who have won only one match so far, are at the bottom of table with only two points.

BRIEF SCORES

Sadharan Bima Krira Sangtha v Wari Club

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

Sadharan Bima KS: 208 for 9 in 38 overs (Tashriq 40, Rajinder 29, K Chopra 28, Rezwan 25, Safful 19, Faruk 16, Ganagee 3/36).

Wari Club: 194 all out in 36.1 overs (Ramanayake 91, Halim Shah 37, Sajib 25, Moin 3/50, Rezwan 2/36, Ahsan 2/45).

Result: Sadharan Bima won by 14 runs.

Abahani closer to title

Sports Reporter

The world of statistics and mathematical calculation might suggest Abahani have to hold their breath for a while, but the popular Dhanmondi outfit rightly deserved an early title celebration after their record thirteenth straight win in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Flying high with an enviable tag as the only invincible side in the 12-team echelon, Abahani went into their second Super League match against Brothers Union not only to keep their reputation intact but also to cross the final hurdle to regain the coveted League title.

They did it in style, defeating Brothers Union by five wickets. Chasing a modest Brothers total of 145 all out in 31.5 overs, Abahani reached 146 for five in 27 overs. The match was truncated to a 41-over-a-side contest due to an overnight shower.

The victory took Abahani to a position where others can only dare to dream. But in that case Abahani would have to lose their remaining three matches badly, which is absolutely impossible.

Besides, the current form of a motivated Abahani proved that even at half-strength, the side is more than capable to take on strong Brothers.

Plagued by injury, Abahani borrowed Surjo Tarun's Zahid Razzak to form a playing eleven knowing fully well the former national opener is not a regular member of his own team.

On the other hand, Brothers possessed the services of Sri Lankan master blaster Atula Samarakere and Indian left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi along with a strong local selection.

Still, Abahani outclassed the Gopibagh outfit in every department of the game.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Super League
Kalabagan KC v Surjo Tarun Club
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Relegation League
Victoria SC v Agrani Bank
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

FIVE WICKET TAKERS

Bowler	Team	Figure	Against	Venue	Date
Hasbul Hossain	Abahani	5/35 (8.2)	S Bima	BNS March 3	
Zahoor Elahi	Kalabagan	5/36 (9)	Abahani	BNS March 9	
Aminul Islam Jr	Biman	5/34 (8.1)	Victoria	BKSP March 9	
M Hussain	Abahani	5/34 (7)	Biman	BNS April 20	
Hasbul Hossain	Abahani	5/45 (8.5)	BU	BNS May 3	

CELEBRATIONS BEGIN EARLY: Skipper Akram Khan (2nd from L) is ready to greet mates Asadullah Khan and Anisur Rahman (not in picture), who featured in a match-winning 63-run stand against Brothers Union, with some chilled water in front of the dressing room.

— Star photo by Amran Hossain

ICC's emergency meeting ends

Life bans for culprits



LONDON, May 3: The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Wednesday announced that anyone found guilty of match-fixing could be banned for life following their two-day emergency meeting.

The president Jagmohan Dalmiya, declaring that cricket's "image will not be allowed to suffer" insisted there was "no place for corruption" within the game.

He said: "It has been decided that there will be stringent penalties, which may even be a life ban, if anyone is found guilty of misbehaviour."

"All the countries will co-operate but in case of any country not co-operating to the extent that is required they could face suspension from cricket."

All international players, managers, umpires, match officials, administrators and employees will now be required to give a declaration stating whether he has or has not been approached in getting involved in corruption.

These declarations will be obtained on a top priority basis.

The president added: "The board deliberated on the issues and there was total unanimity in arriving at our decision. Our deliberations were directed towards the top priority of the ICC which is not to allow cricket to be affected by any unacceptable behaviour."

An investigating party, which will be totally independent and will be known as the Corruption Investigating Party, will be set up immediately. It will be headed by a very senior experienced person having a legal background or having the experience in investigations, like a QC or of that rank," Dalmiya said.

"And it will be done in two months. This appointment will be in consultation with the chairman of the ICC Code of Conduct Commission, Lord Griffiths, and once it's been set up it will work independently and will directly report to the chairman of commission."

"This will be totally re-sourced by ICC. The terms of reference will also be drawn in consultation with Lord Griffiths. It has also been decided that a stringent registration system will be adopted in order that all players understand the

type of behaviour which is unacceptable.

The main test was that this game clears its name. This game's image will not be allowed to suffer for any unacceptable behaviour from any quarter.

There is no place for corruption and considering all seriousness of the present situation it has been further resolved that the ICC will not hesitate to take any measure which it will consider is going to affect the game adversely."

ICC chief executive Dave Richards said: "We believe it will take some time but we will make regular representations to the board."

"We believe that these declarations will provide any corruption investigation with any

evidence from which they can draw their conclusions."

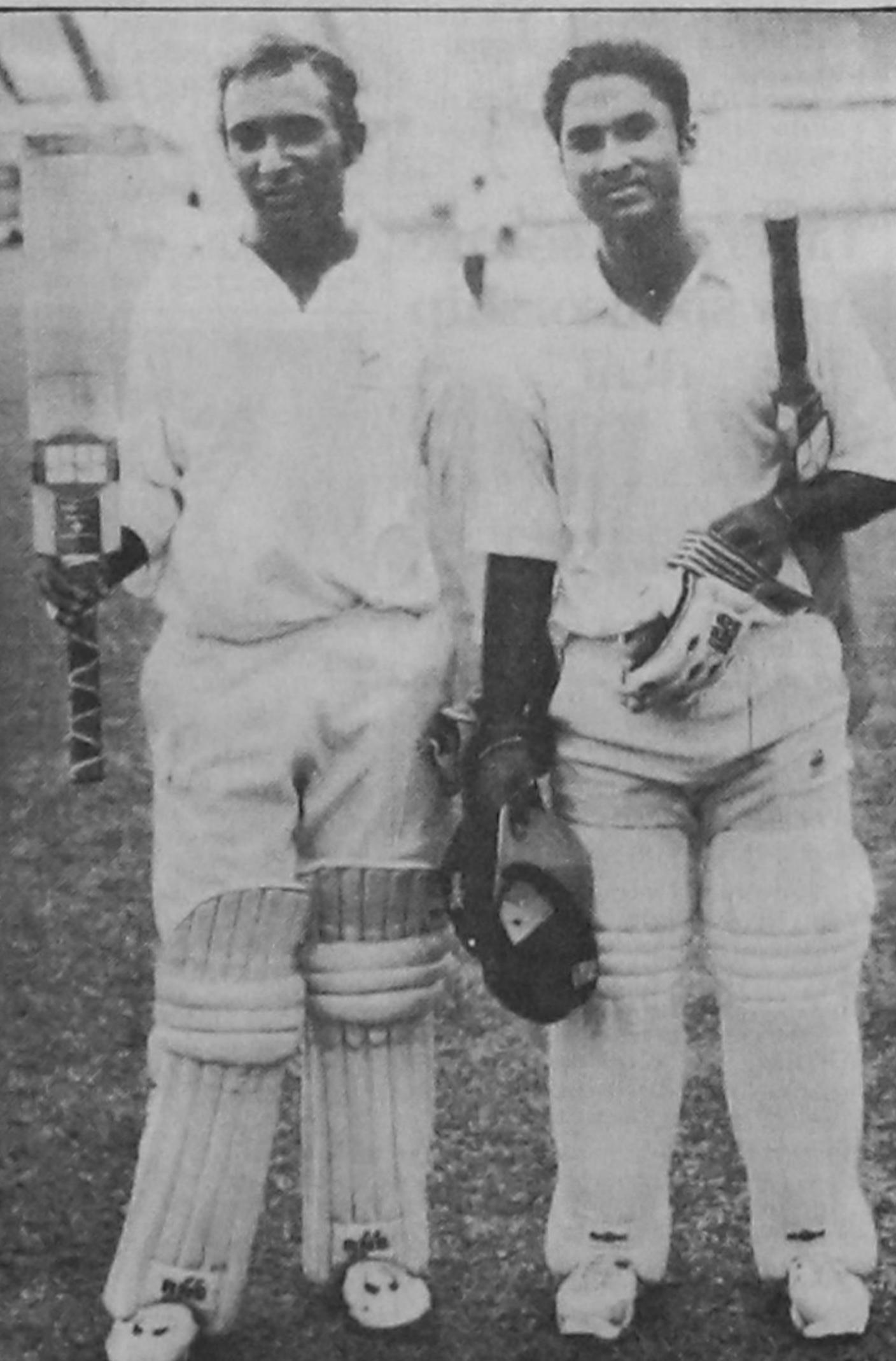
"We have a sense of urgency about this and we would like to move it forward quickly."

"We are asking them to make a declaration to us as to whether they have or have not been approached to become engaged in corrupt behaviour."

He felt it was an important thing to say.

"It's a knee-jerk reaction in my mind to suggest that by cutting down the amount of cricket you are actually going to solve the problem."

Dalmiya added: "We do not envisage any problem in getting this declaration signed because it is just to get information and there is no good reason why anyone should not come forward and not sign it."



— Star photo

SAF champs play Maldives today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take on hosts Maldives in their second match of the four-nation Golden Jubilee football tournament at the Male National Stadium this afternoon.

Ekushey Television will telecast the game live and **Bangladesh Betar** will provide running commentary from 5 pm.

In their opening match on Tuesday, the SAF Games champions played out a 1-1 draw with arch-rivals India.

It was learnt that Bangladesh captain Alfaz Ahmed, who was sidelined due to fever on Tuesday, was still doubtful for today's match. A vastly improved Maldives pulled off a stunning 2-1 win over Bangladesh in a group league match of the SAF Games.

Bangladesh face Sri Lanka in their last encounter on Sunday.

Asian Youth Hockey

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh went down 5-1 to India in their opening match of the Fourth Asian Cup Youth Hockey Championship in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. The winners led the first half 3-1.

Captain Iftiqar Ahmed Shipu scored Bangladesh's lone goal.

Besides India, the preliminary group consists Japan, Uzbekistan, China.

Bangladesh will take on Uzbekistan today.

Schools' vball

Sports Reporter

The IT Excel schools' volleyball tournament begins today at the court adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Sixteen schools split into two categories -- boys' and girls' -- will take part in the four-day knockout tournament.

On the opening day, International School of Uttara take on Kamalapur Sher-e-Bangla School while Viquarunnissa Noon School face Aga Khan School in the girls' section. In the other competition, Mathertek Aziz School meet Rajdhani High School while South Breeze will play Kamalapur Sher-e-Bangla School.

Following are the schools:

Boys' group: Mathertek Aziz School, Rajdhani High School, International School of Uttara, Jatrabari Ideal School, South Breeze, Kamalapur Sher-e-Bangla School, International School of Gulshan and Gandaria High School.

Girls' group: International School of Uttara, Kamalapur Sher-e-Bangla School, Green Herald, Dhamondi Government Girls' High School, Viquarunnissa Noon School, Aga Khan School, International School of Gulshan and Agrani Girls' School.

Imran steps into Eddie's shoes

Sports Reporter

Imran Sarwar could not think of a better reward after inspiring Abahani closer to winning the cov

eted Premier League title when he was named coach of the national cricket team for the forthcoming Asia Cup.

The man behind Abahani's success story for the last four years, Imran will replace ailing Eddie Barlow for the most demanding job.

Barlow suffered a stroke on Saturday and will not be available for at least next three months. He is in intensive care at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) and is expected to be flown to Singapore for further treatment shortly.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) made the announcement yesterday. Imran is expected to supervise the month-long camp at BUET from today.

"I'm elated at the opportunity to take over the national side," said a beaming Imran after the receiving the appointment letter from BCB vice-president Tanvir Haider, who is also the chief selector.

This is for the first time the

41-year-old big man from

half 3-1.

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proven set. I need to fine tune those players with flawed techniques," said the qualified coach.

A coach at BKSP from 1987,

Imran also worked as assistant to both Mahinder Amaranath

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