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Monica Seles
(American tennis star)
"Conchita Martinez's game style suits me to a certain degree."

Hijla champs at Keraniganj

An all-round performance by Siddique guided Hijla Cricket Control Board beat Joynagar Sporting Club by one wicket to win the Shaheed Kalam and Jewel Smriti cricket tournament at the Ati Bhawal High School ground in Keraniganj yesterday, says a press release.

Siddique made an unbeaten 25 to help side achieve the target of 78 in 21.3 overs after they restricted Joynagar, who won the toss, to 77 all out in 20.4 overs in the face of some fired up bowling by Hijla.

Siddique was the peak of Hijla bowlers who finished with figures of 3 for nine. He was later adjudged man-of-the-match.

Former chairman of Taranagar Union Parishad Shahabuddin Ahmed and engineer Nazrul Islam were the special guests in the final.

BRIEF SCORES

JOYNAGAR SPORTING CLUB: 77 all out in 20.4 overs (Sajib 18, Palash 13, Extras 20; Siddique 3/9, Sohel 2/5, Rajib 2/15)

HIJLA CRICKET CONTROL BOARD: 78 for nine in 21.3 overs (Siddique 25 n.o, Monir 14, Extras 18; Apel 4/16, Milon 2/14)

Result: Hijla Cricket Control Board won by one wicket.

Atiq's car stolen

Sports Reporter

Former national custodian Atiqur Rahman's private car was stolen from the Ekushey Television (ETV) studio in Banani yesterday night.

The dark and tall keeper went to ETV in the afternoon to give his expert comments during the live telecast of Bangladesh-Maldives match.

But when he left the studio he found his Nissan March car--Dhaka Metro Ka 02-1996--missing from the parking area.

Atiq later filed a general diary at the Gulshan Thana.

CATCH ME: Zulfikar Mahmud Mintu (L) is running for joy as his teammates rushing towards him. Mintu gave Bangladesh an early lead, although it was not sustained in the end, against Maldives yesterday like the other day against India. —Internet photo

Squeaky draw by Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

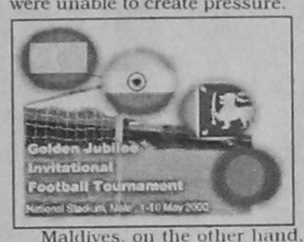
Bangladesh once again surrendered an early first half lead and in the end were fortunate to escape with a 1-1 against hosts Maldives in their second match of the four-nation Golden Jubilee International Football Tournament held at the National Stadium in Male yesterday.

Midfielder Zulfikar Mahmud Mintu scored his second goal of the tournament to give Bangladesh a surprising lead against the run of play as early as in the seventh minute. However, a rejuvenated Maldives, supported by the packed partisan crowd, made a brilliant come back in the second session and levelled the margin in the 77th minute when substitute Ibrahim Fazeel found the net with a power-packed left footer.

The outcome of yesterday's match left both Bangladesh and Maldives atop the four-nation table with each having two points each. India and Sri Lanka, who will face each other today, have one point apiece.

Bangladesh, who were held to an identical draw by India in their previous match on Tuesday, were under pressure from the speedy Maldivian booters from the very beginning. However a quick build-up from the left by Bangladesh saw Kanchan deliver a teasing cross in the Maldives D and the fleet-footed Montu directed the ball into the net.

Despite the goal, Bangladesh were unable to create pressure.



Maldives, on the other hand, began to create chance after chance to equalise but could not break the deadlock before the breather.

Undaunted, the home side came out with all guns blazing in the second half and had almost half a dozen clear cut opportunities inside the first 15 minutes.

Their enterprise finally paid off when Fazeel, who scored within five minutes after coming on to replace Shah Ismail, defeated Aminul with a powerful left foot shot capitalising on a minus from the right side.

Bangladesh had half a chance to go in front again during the closing stages but Iqbal's placing header from the corner was magnificently gripped by Maldives goalie Imran Mohammad.

Bangladesh striker Mintu will miss the next match against Sri Lanka on Sunday after he received his second yellow card yesterday. Besides, Bangladesh defender Faisal and Maldives booter Mohammad Hussain were also shown the yellow by referee Subash Lazar.

TEAMS

BANGLADESH: Aminul, Sourav Raju, Rajani, Faisal, Maitur Munna (Don), Anwar, Iqbal, Mintu, Monwar, Khanchan and Moni.

MALDIVES: Imran Mohammad, Ibrahim, Luteef, Nizam, Shah Ismail (Ibrahim Fazeel), Ali Umar, Adam Latheef, Hussain, Ashraf, Ghafoor and Ali Shiham.

POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Bangladesh	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Maldives	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
India	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Sri Lanka	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

Reefat's roll continues

Sports Reporter

International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar continued with his impressive run in the 26th Professor Abdur Razzak National Chess Championship with an easy win over Khandkar Aminul Islam in the ninth round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Reefat, who played with black pieces and adopted the Sicilian Defence, checkmated the Leonine player after 36 moves. It was Reefat's eighth win in the meet against a draw.

The win raised the tally of the Biman contender to 8.5 points, one and a half points clear from his nearest challenger and defending champion IM Ziaur Rahman.

For Zia, the top rated player in the meet, it was yet another disappointing day after IM Abdullah Al-Rakib forced him to settle for a draw after just six moves on the board.

It was Zia's fourth draw which left him further behind his arch-rival Reefat in the title race.

Monir Hossain of Leonine Chess Club held the distant third spot with six and a half points.

In the round, Monir defeated Sheikh Nasir Ahmed of Ansars. Playing with white against the Grundfield Defence of Nasir, Monir won the board after 33 moves.

Mainuddin Ahmed of Chittagong beat Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib of Titas Club. Playing with white pieces, Mainuddin overran the French Defence of Rajib after 46 moves.

Abu Sufian Shakil of Ansars beat Taibur Rahman Sumon of BUET in another match.

Shakil adopted the Dutch Defence with his black pieces and won the game after 41 moves.

Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu of Titas Club beat Dewan Shahidul Amin Tipu of Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha while Saifuddin Lovlu of Titas Club defeated Shawkat Hossain Pallab.

Both Shiplu and Lovlu adopted the familiar Sicilian Defence against their respective opponents and won the boards after 32 and 48 moves respectively.

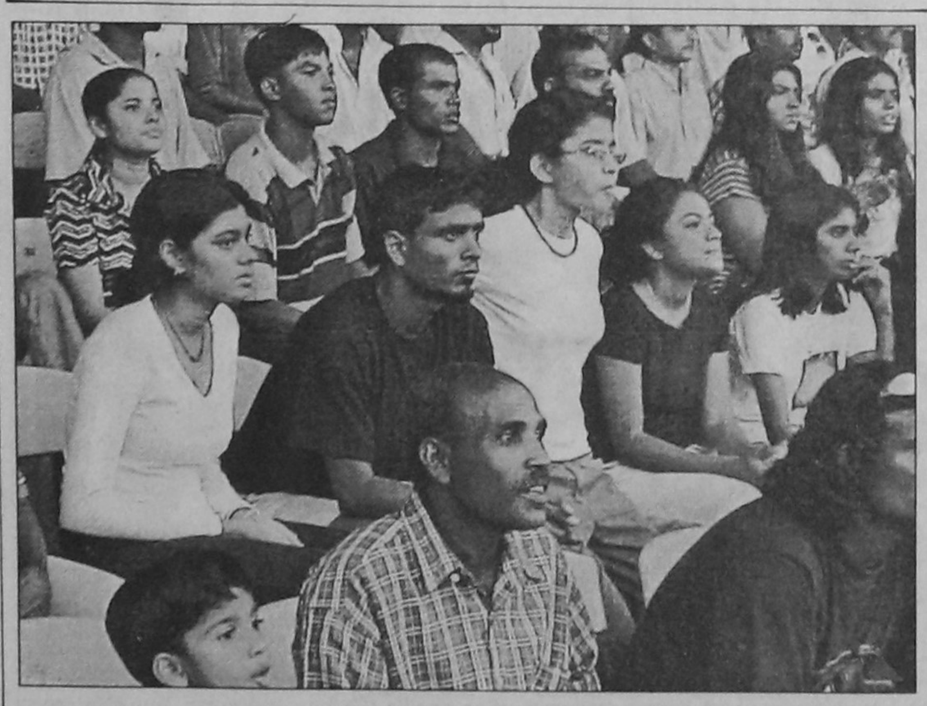
The day's other match between Arifuzzaman Sikdar and Abul Kashem Bhuiyan ended in a draw.

STANDINGS

8.5 points -- Reefat; 7 points -- Zia; 6.5 points -- Monir; 6 points -- Mainuddin; 5.5 points -- Rakib, Shakil and Shiplu; 5 points -- Pallab; 4 points -- Rajib and Aminul; 3.5 points -- Sumon; 3 points -- Tipu; 2.5 points -- Lovlu and Arif; 1.5 points -- Nasir and Kashem.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Reefat v Shiplu, Shakil v Tipu, Arif v Sumon, Lovlu v Kashem, Rajib v Pallab, Nasir v Mainuddin, Zia v Monir and Amin v Rakib.



A section of spectators at the National Stadium in Male watching the proceedings of the Bangladesh-Maldives match yesterday. —Internet photo

Asia Cup hockey

Big win for Bangladesh

Bangladesh thrashed Uzbekistan 5-1 in their second match of the 4th Youth Asia Cup Hockey Championship in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, reports UNB.

In their first appearance, Bangladesh conceded a 1-5 defeat against the world junior men's hockey champions India on Wednesday.

In the day's Pool B match, Bangladesh led the first half with a solitary goal scored by vice-captain Ishtiaq Ahmed Shipu.

National forward Issa Miah, of Dhaka Usha KC, scored three goals, all from penalty corners. Giasuddin Rubel netted a field goal.

Bangladesh will play Iran on Saturday, Japan on Monday (May 8) and China on Tuesday (May 9).

Munna returns home today

Sporst Reporter

Monem Munna returns home today after a successful kidney transplant in India.

The star footballer, whose kidneys were damaged, went to

the south Indian city of Bangalore three months ago for treatment.

The formar national captain underwent an operation on March 10.

A host of followers are expected to greet the mercurial defender at the Zia International Airport when the plane is expected to land at 1pm.

Shahin guides Agrani

Sports Reporter

Shahin Malik guided Agrani Bank to 17-run victory over Victoria Sporting Club in a Relegation League match of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league yesterday.

In a low-scoring affair at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, the Pakistani middle-order batsman scored a patient 57 to help the bankers reach 175 in 48.1 overs. Victoria were dismissed for 158 in 46.4 overs.

Electing to bat first, Agrani Bank were in trouble when they lost three wickets for only 16 runs in 4.2 overs.

However, Jamal Faisal and Mofizul Islam then repaired the damage with a fourth wicket partnership worth exactly 50 runs.

Jamal made 35 off 48 balls with three boundaries while Mofizul contributed 21 runs.

After the stand was broken, Shahin took charge of the situation. He hammered five boundaries in 84 balls.

For Victoria, opener Farhad Khan top-scored with 33.

Agrani Bank spinners Mazharul Haque Mridul and Russell Khan shared six wickets while new-ball bowler Inmranullah took two wickets.

It was Agrani's third win in 13 matches which lifted them out of danger. They have raised their tally to six points. Wari Club have four points while Gopibagh Friends Association have only two points.

On the other hand, it was the seventh defeat for Victoria in 13 matches. They are still leading the league table with 12 points.

BRIEF SCORES

Agrani Bank v Victoria SC
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium
AGRANI BANK: 175 all out in 48.1 overs (S Malik 57, Jamal 35, Mofizul 21, Ziauddin 18; Shahnewaz 4/39, R Hanif 2/23, Sabbir 2/30).
VICTORIA SC: 158 all out in 46.4 overs (Fahad 33, Sabbir 24, Iqbal 24, R Hanif 15, Mridul 3/18, Russel 3/21, Imran 2/21).
Result: Agrani Bank won by 17 runs.

Yorke to join T&T WC squad

PORT-OF-SPAIN, May 4: Manchester United striker Dwight Yorke is one of several British-based footballers expected to report for training with the Trinidad and Tobago World Cup football team on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Elahi torments Tarun

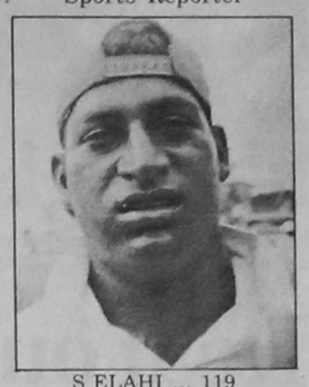
Sports Reporter

Salim Elahi scored a superb century in the Janakantha Premier Division League as Kalabagan climbed into the second position after defeating Surjo Tarun Club by 56 runs in a Super League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The discarded Pakistani opener hammered a swashbuckling 119, his second ton in the League, as Kalabagan recovered from a shaky start to pile on a massive 263 for eight in a reduced 47-over-a-side contest. Tarun, in their chase, were all out for 207 with four overs to go.

The elegant right-hander produced 149 runs for the fourth wicket with compatriot Tariq Mehmud after Kalabagan were reduced to 38 for three in 10.3 overs. Tariq hammered an equally impressive 87-ball 80 balls that included seven fours and a couple of huge sixes.

Salim matched the brilliance of his elder brother Zahoor, who is now playing in



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England, with a magnificent 150 not out against Victoria. The younger Elahi reached his second hundred off 115 balls and with the help of seven sweetly-timed fours and a massive six.

He was eventually out in the 45th over, but not before Kalabagan reached a commanding 247 for five. Former national left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman had the prolific batsman clean bowled to return with three for 42 in his ten overs.

But apart from a combative Anis and left-arm spinner Suja Erfan, who finished with two for 49, the other Tarun bowlers including Indian off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan came in for punishment from the marauding Pakistani pair.

While the Pakistani power for an umpteenth time provided the thrust in Kalabagan batting, veteran right-arm seamer Saiful Islam became the unlikely hero for the leviathans in the domestic cricket with a four-wicket haul.

Saiful made the early-in-roads when he had young opener Ashraful caught by Ripon for 15. A restless Ashraful looked impressive with his stroke-making, but paid the penalty for not being selective in his shots.

Surjo Tarun hopes revolved round the right-left combination of Al-Shahriar and Pakistani Akhter Sarfraz. Together they put on 54 runs for the third wicket. But just when it appeared that Surjo Tarun was taking the match away from Kalabagan, Al-Shahriar threw away his wicket.

The temperamental right-hander, on 42 off 47 balls, committed a criminal offence when he lofted off-spinner Ripon into the waiting hands of

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CENTURIONS

Batsman	Team	Runs	Against	Venue	Date
Zahoor Elahi	Kalabagan	100*	Agrani Bank	BNS	Feb 28, 2000
Zahoor Elahi	Kalabagan	144	Mohammedan	BNS	March 2,2000
M Ramzan	Surjo Tarun	105	Victoria	BKSP	March 4, 2000
Zahoor Elahi	Kalabagan	110*	Surjo Tarun	BNS	March 7, 2000
Javed Omar	Biman	102*	Victoria	BKSP	March 9, 2000
Saifullah Magsi	City Club	136*	Wari Club	BNS	March 11, 2000
Ijaj Ahmed	Abahani KC	101*	Agrani Bank	BKSP	March 12, 2000
Javed Omar	Biman	100	Agrani Bank	BNS	March 29, 2000
Fahad Khan	Victoria SC	100	Gopibagh	DCS	March 29, 2000
Kamol Copra	S Bima	108*	Wari	DCS	March 30, 2000
Saifullah Magsi	City Club	107	S Biman	DCS	April 1, 2000
D Ramanayeke	Wari Club	142*	Agrani Bank	DCS	April 6, 2000
Mehrab Hossain	Abahani KC	123	City Club	BNS	April 15, 2000
Salim Elahi	Kalabagan KC	150*	Victoria SC	BNS	April 17, 2000
D Samaraweera	Mohammedan SC	127	S Bima	BNS	April 18, 2000
Salim Elahi	Kalabagan KC	119	Surjo Tarun	BNS	May 4, 2000

(denotes not out)*

TODAY'S MATCHES

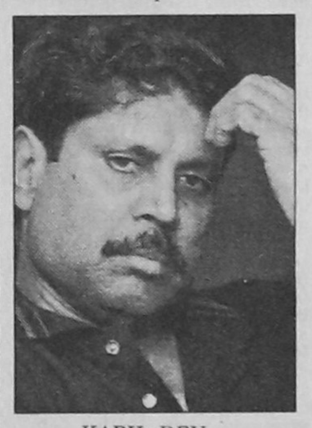
Super League
Biman v Mohammedan SC
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
Relegation League
City Club v Wari Club
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

Kapil is that briber?

NEW DELHI, May 4: Indian cricket legend Kapil Dev came down heavily Thursday on suggestions that he was involved in match-fixing, saying it was a "joke that had gone too far", reports AFP.

Former Indian cricket chief Inderjit Singh Bindra told CNN on Thursday that Manoj Prabhakar had named Kapil as the teammate who offered him a bribe to play badly in a one-day international in Sri Lanka in 1994.

According to Bindra, Prabhakar said Kapil had offered



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him 25 thousand dollars to underperform.

"The person who offered ... to Prabhakar to play below potential is an icon in the cricketing world. He is the Michael Jordan of India. His name is Kapil Dev," Bindra told the Q and A programme on CNN.

Kapil, Test cricket's most successful bowler till West Indian Courtney Walsh overtook his tally of 434 in March, vehemently denied the charge.

"I have lost interest in what has become a joke that has gone too far," he said.

"I don't have to prove my credibility after playing for 20 years."

Kapil, the current coach of the Indian team, pleaded for calm in the match-fixing turmoil that has gripped the game, and said the law should be allowed to take its course.

"This is going too far, and people are getting carried away," he said. "I am not interested in personal vendettas.

"The government has to do it's job, and we should let it do that."

The Indian government last month ordered the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe whether any Indian cricketer or administrator was involved in match-fixing.

Prabhakar had refused to disclose his teammate's identity even to a one-man inquiry conducted by the Indian cricket board in 1997 to probe allegations of wrongdoing against the players.

But he wrote in his column on Tuesday he had "given a name to a big gun in the government."

"Someone well-placed in (the) government will bear me out when I say that I will have no hesitation in naming the senior teammate who offered me the bribe," Prabhakar wrote.

"He has already heard me name the central character in the drama."

World cricket was rocked on April 7 when Indian police laid match-fixing charges against South African captain Hansie Cronje during a one-day series in India.

Cronje, who denied the charge, was later sacked as captain when he admitted receiving 10,000-15,000 dollars to provide weather and pitch information to bookmakers dur-

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ing an earlier series in South Africa.

The International Cricket Council (ICC), who concluded an emergency session on Wednesday, said it would impose life bans on cricketers found guilty of betting or match-fixing.

Guyana Test from today

GEORGETOWN, May 4: On the eve of the opening Test of three against West Indies at the Bourda Oval in George town, Guyana on Friday here, a string of injury worries are occupying the thoughts of Pakistan, reports AFP.

All-rounder Abdur Razzaq has become the latest victim to fall to the injury bug. When

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bowling in the nets on Tuesday, he suffered a thigh strain and after examination was ordered to rest.

Team physiotherapist Dan Kiezel is unsure about Razzaq recovering in time for the match, but his injury has compounded problems for Pakistan ahead of their 35th Test against West Indies.

Key opening batsman Saeed Anwar is going to miss the opening Test, fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar is under observation, and so too, leading batsman Inzamamul Haq.

Anwar was expected to join up with the side in Guyana last Thursday in time for their weekend match against a West Indies Under-23s which Pakistan won by 107 runs.

He has not fully recovered following a knee operation in England and complained of pain in his knee after a fitness test in Lahore last week.

Anwar's departure has been delayed indefinitely, but the left-handed opening batsman is hoping to make it to the Caribbean in time for Pakistan's first-class match against the West Indies A-Team in Bridgetown, May 12 to 15.

In the five weeks Pakistan has spent in the Caribbean, Shoaib has bowled just the seven overs he did in the last of three finals in the Cable and Wireless 2000 Trophy limited-overs series.

The Rawalpindi Express has been recovering from a groin strain he picked up in the final of the Sharjah Cup limited-overs series just prior to the tour. He was to have appeared against the Under-23s, but was not selected.

It prompted speculation that he was not fully fit, since it was clear he needed to get match fit after being sidelined for so long.

He was in full flight at practice on Tuesday however, and with Razzaq questionable, may well play.

Inzamam, the best of the current crop of Pakistan batsmen, has been taking pain-killing injections for a bone growth in his right heel.

JIMMY ADAMS

Named man-of-the-series for the 2000 Trophy, he was like the 'Rock of Gibraltar' and opponents always felt if he was dislodged early the Pakistan batting would crumble.

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