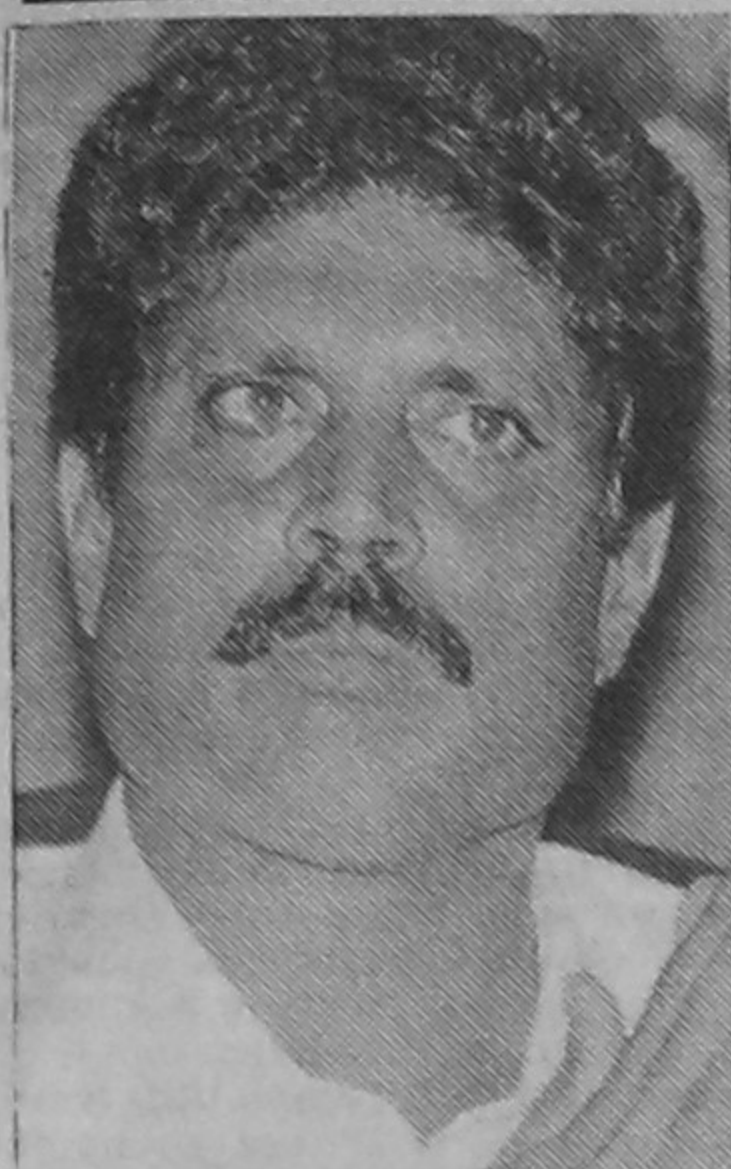


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Kapil Dev

(India cricket coach)
"I am ashamed I played cricket. Who wants money? Take all my money. I come from a family where pride is more important than anything else."

During a television interview on match-fixing allegations.

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- Who is the fastest man in the country now?
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Four-nation soccer Maldives move into final

Sports Reporter

Hosts Maldives stormed into the four-nation Golden Jubilee International Football Tournament with a 1-0 win over India in the last match of the first round at the National Stadium in Male yesterday, according to a report available on the Internet.

After a barren first half, Thoddu Nizam scored the all-important goal 24 minutes into the second session.

Maldives will now take on Sri Lanka in tomorrow's final.

Inter-varsity v'ball in June

The inter-varsity volleyball competition will be held in the first week of June at the Dhaka University ground, reports UNB.

Different universities including Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will soon begin preparations to form volleyball teams.

Rajshahi v'ball

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, May 8: Defending champions Nabaran Sangha beat United Sporting Club 3-0 (25-7, 25-7, 25-13) in the third Hassan Imam-Alli Imam Pintu Smriti volleyball league at the local stadium today.

In the other match of the day, Bright Star Club defeated Morning Star Club 3-0 (25-8, 25-17, 25-16).

Ambagan Club will meet Brothers Union and Jagrata Sangha will take on Colony Club tomorrow.

Something to smile for MSC

Sports Reporter



Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded their first win in the Premier Division Super League when they handed Brothers Union Club a six-wicket defeat in a low scoring match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a paltry Brothers Union total of 129, the popular Motiheel outfit lost four wickets before reaching 133 in 34.4 overs.

Middle order Duleep Samarawera scored an unbeaten 49 while opener Hannan Sarkar followed with a patient 44.

Mohammedan were in a spot of bother when they lost their third wicket on 41 in the tenth over, but Hannan and Samarawera put on a decisive 70-run partnership for the fourth wicket to ensure a much cherished victory.

The stand was broken in the 32nd over with Mohammedan needing just 19 when Hannan was caught by Nishan at mid wicket off the bowling of Arif.

Hannan, the young right hander, faced 115 balls and hit two boundaries in his innings.

Allrounder Neeayamur Rashid then smashed 17 off 11 balls with a six and two boundaries to take his side home without any further loss.

Earlier, electing to bat first, Brothers Union were bundled out for 129 in 38.5 overs with left arm seamer Monjurul Islam and left arm twacker Mohammad Rafique evenly sharing six wickets.

Monjurul conceded 27 runs in his 8.3 overs which included three maidens while Rafique returned with excellent figures of 6-27-3.

Rafique, the team's leading wicket-taker, has now taken his league tally to 22.

They were ably helped by

right arm medium pacer Neeayamur Rashid who took two wickets for 35 runs from his allotted 10 overs.



RAFIQUE 3/7

For Brothers, opener Ehsanul Haque scored highest 28 off 42 balls with two fours followed by middle order Sanwar who added 22.

It was Mohammedans' eighth win in the league so far which raised their tally to 16 points from 14 matches. They are now in fifth position in the six-team Super League table, ahead of Brothers who remained glued to their previous collection of 14 points.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Super League
Abahani KC v Biman
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
Relegation League
Sadharan Bima KS v City Club
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of Premier Division Super League match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

BROTHERS UNION

Shahriar c Imran b Monjurul 11
Ehsanul c Mortuza b Neeayamur 28
Samarasekera c Hannan b Monjurul 7
Sanwar c Samarawera b Shamsul 22
K Mahmud c Monjurul b Neeayamur 11
Jahangir lbw b Rafique 17
Nishan c Hannan b Rafique 1
Ahmed b Rafique 9
Arif run out 0
Shafuddin not out 5
Imran lbw b Monjurul 4
Extras: (lb-5, nb-3, w-6) 14
Total: (All out in 38.5 overs) 129
Fall of wickets: 1/30; 2/47; 3/53; 4/77; 5/105; 6/107; 7/107; 8/110; 9/121.

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	8.5	3	27	3
Shamsul	10	0	33	1
Neeayamur	10	0	35	2
Athar Ali	4	0	22	0
Rafique	6	2	7	3

MOHAMMEDAN SC

Hannan c Nishan b Arif 44
Rashedul run out 3
Imran b Shafuddin 10
Nasirul lbw b K Mahmud 0
Samarawera not out 49
Neeayamur not out 17
Extras: (lb-1, nb-3, w-6) 10
Total: (For 4 wts in 34.4 overs) 133
Did not bat: Athar Ali Khan, Golam Mortuza, Mohammad Rafique, Shamsul Arefin and Monjurul Islam.

Fall of wickets: 1/21; 2/25; 3/41; 4/111.

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Ahmed	4	0	17	0
Shafuddin	3	0	19	1
K Mahmud	7	3	9	1
Imran	7	0	23	0
Samarasekera	6	1	18	0
Arif	7	0	37	1
Shahriar	0.4	0	9	0

Result: Mohammedan Sporting Club won by six wickets.

Asia Cup Aminul stays at the helm

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has retained Aminul Islam as the captain of Bangladesh national team for the forthcoming Pepsi Asia Cup to be held in Dhaka from May 28.

Although, there were speculations that Aminul, who is struggling for form in domestic cricket, could be removed from captaincy, the BCB still kept their confidence in the dapper right handed batsman.

Aminul who is probably going through the leanest patch of his career, has scored just 263 runs with two fifties in 12 Premier Division innings at an average of 26.3 this season.

Bangladesh will take on reigning champions Sri Lanka in the opening match on May 28. The other two matches against India and Pakistan will be held on May 30 and June 2.

The primary camp of Bangladesh team, with 25 cricketers, is now under way at the Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET) ground under the supervision of newly appointed national coach Sarwar Imran. Meanwhile, ATN Bangla, a satellite TV channel, will sponsor the national cricket team in the forthcoming Pepsi Asia Cup. This was revealed by Bangladesh Cricket Board general secretary Syed Ashraf Huiq yesterday.

Asia Youth Hockey Japan hold Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh shared points with Japan in their fourth match of the 4th Asia Cup youth hockey tournament in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, reports UNB. The match held at Bukit Jalil Stadium in the Malaysian capital ended in a goalless draw.

Bangladesh lost to Japan 2-3 in their last meeting in Asia Cup tournament in Kuala Lumpur last year and 1-4 in the World Junior competition in Singapore in 1996.

They will face China in their fifth match of the ongoing tournament today.

Halim designs Wari's win

Sports Reporter

Facing the prospect of demotion from the elite Janakantha Premier League, Wari Club scored a desperately needed six-wicket win over Victoria Sporting Club in a Relegation League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The once reputed outfit certainly owe one to their sacked captain Halim Shah, who scored an unbeaten 56 to guide his side to 217 for four in reply to a fighting Victoria total of 215 for six in the stipulated 50 overs.

The experienced right-hander featured in two vital stands to fashion the third wicket partnership of 147 runs. With this win, the century club shared fifth position with Agrani Bank in the six-team Relegation League. But Agrani have played one match less. Two bottom teams from Premier League will play in the First Division. Gopibagh Friends Association with a victory against 13 defeats almost confirmed their drop after a one-off stint in the Premier League.

Back to the day's match, Halim shared 76 runs for the third wicket with Mukul who hammered a superb 66 off 79 balls.

After the departure of Mukul at 143, Halim added 40 runs for the fourth wicket with Dillan Ramanayake the Sri Lankan shipped in with a run-a-ball 20. Halim then took Wari to victory without further damage, putting on 44 runs for the fifth wicket with Sajib Das.

It was Halim's sixth half-century in the League he also became the second leading run-getter in the League behind Biman Opener Javed Omar Belim with 533. His efforts saw him called up for national camp ahead of the Asia Cup.

Earlier, the Victoria total was built around a 92-ball 65 from Fahad Khan. The Pakistani opener hammered seven fours in his polished knock. He shared 100 runs for the opening stand with Monu who made 36. Montu captured three wickets giving away 36 runs in nine overs for Wari.

It was Victoria's eighth defeat from 14 matches. They remain glued to their previous collection of 12 points.

BRIEF SCORES

Wari Club vs Victoria SC
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

Victoria: 215 for 6 wickets in 50 overs (Fahad 65, Moni 36, Alok 27; Montu 3/36)

Wari: 217 for 4 wickets in 44.5 overs (Mukul 66, Halim 56 not out; Alok 2/23)

Result: Wari Club won by 6 wickets.

BCB restructuring Members against Saber

Sports Reporter



An attempt to re-constitute Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) suffered a big blow when most of its members stood against the desire of president Saber Hossain Chowdhury in a board meeting on Sunday night.

Dejected Saber Hossain left in the middle of the meeting after members united on one platform, opposing an imminent reform.

It came as a surprise to the BCB supremo since most of his 32 executive members had earlier agreed for a revamp on April 27.

Although Saber, who leaves for New Zealand and Australia today as part of Bangladesh's campaign to attain Test status in June, was not available for comment, his deputy Syed Ashraf Huiq however gave in-

dication of a volatile situation brewing in the board.

"The sentiment of the majority was not in favour of the change," said the BCB general secretary, while talking to reporters last evening.

"They had all agreed for a reform in the last meeting but suddenly the stance has changed. This is certainly very disappointing," Ashraf said adding that the board's reshaping however was not a prerequisite for Bangladesh's plea which the ICC will consider during their June meeting at Lord's.

"The members want to hold an AGM before any changes are made and so we agreed to the proposed meeting on June 10," revealed Ashraf.

Besides, they wanted the draft of the new formation and responsibilities of the proposed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in black and white," said Ashraf.

"The president desired to shake-up the board's structure immediately after the Pepsi Asia Cup but now it seems it will take some more time," said Ashraf.

"They (the members) want to continue with the way the board is being run now," Ashraf said.

Answering to another query, Ashraf said that it was now upto the president or the government who would take necessary action in this regard.

"But personally I don't think that the board will be dissolved," Ashraf said.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Mahanagari Club Samity and the Association of Divisional and District Sports Organisers, the two bodies who are vehemently against reforms in the board, have separately demanded not to make any changes in the board without holding the AGM.



Taibur Rahman (L) makes a move against Enamul Hossain during their 26th Professor Abdur Razzak National Chess Championship engagement at the National Sports Council yesterday.

Reefat extends his lead

Sports Reporter



International Master (IM) Reefat-bin-Sattar of Biman extended his position in the Professor Abdur Razzak 26th National Chess Championship with an easy win over Abu Sufian Shakil of Ansars in the 12th round held at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Playing with white pieces, Reefat defeated the Sicilian Defence of Shakil after 41 moves.

With yesterday's win, Reefat raised his tally to 11 points to remain at the top of the 16-player table by one and a half points over defending champion IM Ziaur Rahman.

Zia adopted an English Opening but Shawkat Hossain

Pallab of Ansars forced a draw after 19 moves.

IM Abdullah Al-Rakib of Biman beat Leonine Chess Club's Monir Hossain. Rakib played with whites against the King's Indian Defence of Monir and won after 44 moves.

Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib of Titus Club defeated Taibur Rahman Sumon of BUET. Playing with white pieces against Sumon's Sicilian Defence, Rajib achieved checkmate in 47 moves.

In the day's other matches, Khandkar Aminul Islam of Leonine beat Mainuddin Ahmed of Chittagong. Saifuddin Lovlu of Titus Club defeated Dewan Shahidul Amin Tipu of Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha while Sheikh Nasir

Ahmed of Ansars won his board against Titus Club's Abul Kashem Bhuiyan.

The other match between Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu of Tas Club and Arifuzzaman Sikdar ended in a draw.

STANDINGS

11 points -- Reefat, 9.5 points -- Zia, 7.5 points -- Rakib, 7 points -- Rajib, 6.5 points -- Amin and Monir, 6 points -- Shakil, Mainuddin and Pallab, 5.5 points -- Lovlu, 4.5 points -- Tipu, 4 points -- Nasir and Arif, 3.5 points -- Sumon and 1.5 points -- Kashem.

TODAY'S MATCHES

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

C'paul, McLean revive WI

Sports Reporter



GEORGETOWN, May 8: A record seventh-wicket partnership between Shivarine Chanderpaul and Nixon McLean to limit Pakistan's lead on the rain-hit third day of their opening cricket Test at Bourda Oval on Sunday, reports AFP.

After Mushtaq Ahmed exploited the West Indies' weakness to quality leg-spin bowling, left-handers Chanderpaul and McLean shared 74 for the seventh wicket to help West Indies reach 222 for seven in reply to Pakistan's first innings total of 288, when bad light stopped cricket.

Mushtaq captured two wickets and shattered the confidence of the opposition batting with his flight and guile in a truncated afternoon period after rain washed out the entire morning period to leave West Indies shakily placed on 174 for six at tea.

Chanderpaul and McLean batted confidently against the opposition bowlers and their stand eliminated the 70 between Clive Lloyd and Joel Garner in Bridgetown 23 years ago.

McLean, in particular, played his strokes and counted nine boundaries in a career-best 46 off 95 balls. Although he played and missed several times in an innings that lasted just under 2 1/2 hours, he succeeded in humbling Mushtaq with some audacious shots including a memorable lofted straight hit.

Batting with the steady resolve of a battle-hardened professional, Chanderpaul has remained through to the close to share the top score with McLean of 46 not out. He will be expected

to shepherd the rest nine, ten, Jack on the fourth day in an effort to reduce Pakistan's lead even further.

Chanderpaul has batted just over four hours, faced 172 balls and struck a mere three boundaries in his innings after

Seduced by his well-flighted 27th ball from Mushtaq, six-footer Gayle gathered all the power he could from his big frame to club the leg-spinner over mid-wicket and into the Demerara River about five miles away, but could only sky a swirling catch to Wasim at mid-on.

Nine runs later, Ridley Jacobs watched helplessly a return to Mushtaq from Wahajullah Wasti, sprinting about ten yards to his left to short third man, run him out for six, after he beseeched Chanderpaul to scramble a single.

Then Chanderpaul and McLean batted West Indies out of danger, but West Indies are not yet out of the woods and will hoping to do so when play starts half-hour earlier than scheduled on Monday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the third day of the opening Test of three between West Indies and Pakistan at Bourda Oval on Sunday:

PAKISTAN: First innings 288 (Inzamam 135, Razzaq 87; Ambrose 4-43)

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 101 for three)

Campbell c Yousif b W Akram	34
Griffith b b Razzaq	31
Hinds st Moin b Mushtaq	34
Adams c Yousif b Mushtaq	20
Chanderpaul not out	46
Gayle c W Akram b Mushtaq	13
Jacobs run out (Wasti)	6
McLean c Inzamam b Wagar	46