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National captain Naimur Rahman fends a delivery from Biman's left-arm spinner Saifullah to wicketkeeper Sujon during their Green Delta National Cricket League fixture yesterday. --- Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Biman stay in front

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Biman gained a crucial first innings advantage against Dhaka Metropolis on the second day of their Green Delta National Cricket match at the Dharmadhi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The national airline outfit, who put on 354 in their first essay, bowled Dhaka Metropolis out for 314 in the final hours of the day.

The man behind Biman's success on the day was their Pakistani all-rounder Manzoor Akhtar, who took five wickets to send the hosts packing in 83.5 overs.

Although the wicket was tailor-made for the batsmen, Dhaka have only themselves to blame for failing to capitalise on it.

National opener Mehrab Hossain however lived up to his reputation with a fluent 70 off 118 balls. Just as he was looking good for a hundred, his concentration let him down as he offered a tame return catch to Manzoor, the leg-spinner. The former Pakistan Test cap, playing his first National League game, was also responsible for Biman's spectacular recovery operation in company with Sanwar with a superb 95 on the first day.

Sanwar, not out on 111 on the first day, could add five runs to his total before being out in the second over of the morning.

For Dhaka, Khaled Mahmud played a captain's knock of 71 with the help of six fours and a

SPORTS TALK



Herschelle Gibbs
(South African Test cricketer)

"It is a fresh start to my career and hopefully a much more professional and better one."

After his return from the six-month ban.

Booters off to Chittagong
Sports Reporter

The national football team left for Chittagong yesterday to play two warm-up matches at the Chittagong Stadium as part of their preparation for the Millennium Cup in India.

But skipper Alfaz Ahmed missed the bus sustaining an injury at his right ankle during a practice session at the BKSPP on Tuesday.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport over phone last night, Alfaz said that the injury was not serious, and he would be leaving with the team for India next week.

The team will meet Chittagong Abahani in their first match at the Abdur Aziz Stadium this afternoon and take on Chittagong Mohammedan at the same venue tomorrow.

Kasprovicz's fiery return
HOBART, Australia, Jan 3: Australia's storehouse of fast bowlers continues to bulge with Michael Kasprovicz returning from serious injury to bag five wickets here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

The former Test bowler took 5-29 from 16 overs in his first match after major shoulder reconstruction as Queensland destroyed Tasmania on the first day of their Sheffield Shield match.

By stumps, Queensland had already taken first innings points, being 121 for one after bowling Tasmania out for 112.

Kasprovicz said he had wondered if he would ever play again after surgery last May left him unable to move his shoulder.

Another Lara century
SYDNEY, Jan 3: Brian Lara claimed his 100th Test catch when he helped dismiss Australian opener Matthew Hayden before lunch on the second day of the fifth and final Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground today, reports Reuters.

Hayden departed for three with the Australian top on 17 when Lara held a sharp catch at first slip after Courtney Walsh found the edge.

Lara joined Vivian Richards and Garfield Sobers as the only West Indian fielders to take at least 100 Test catches while Walsh extended his world record tally of wickets to 493, seven short of the magical 500 mark.

Earlier in the day, West Indies were bowled out for 272 in their first innings after resuming at 256-9.

Second defeat for India boys

Sports Reporter
An all-round performance by skipper Mahmudullah guided Dhaka Metropolis Blues to an exciting 17-run win over touring All-India Cricket Research Institute (AICRI) in an exhibition match at the Dharmadhi Club ground yesterday.

He scored a run-a-ball 57 to help his side post a fighting 198 for nine in the stipulated 40 overs after being put into bat.

Mahmudullah, who snored one six and eight boundaries in his 70-minute vigil at the crease, then went on to capture four wickets for 23 runs, skittling the visitors out for 181.

Mahmud was ably supported by medium pacer Nazmul Hossain, who took two wickets for 38.

For AICRI, middle-order Abuljit Dutta fought a lost battle with a defiant 66.

It was the second successive defeat for the visiting side, who lost to Ankur Cricketers by 85 runs on Tuesday. They will take on Dhaka Metropolis Greens in the next match at the same venue today.

Advantage for Khulna

Sports Reporter
remises today.

For Chittagong, leg-spinner Shahed Mahmud returned with four for 84 while left-arm slow bowler Enamul Hoque captured two wickets for 53 runs.

Earlier, Chittagong, resuming the day on 222 for eight, could add 16 more runs before being all out. Their Tuesday's hero Enamul was bowled by medium pacer Al-Amin with the addition of only four runs to his overnight score of 77. Wicket-keeper Mortuza scored 33.

Khulna tormentor Al-Amin, with Enamul's prized wicket, finished with five for 39.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second day of the Green Delta National Cricket League match between Khulna and Chittagong at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore yesterday:

CHITTAGONG: First innings (Overnight 222 for 8 in 96 overs)
Azam c Selim b Manzoor 0
Nafes c Selim b Al-Amin 5
Ehsanul c Selim b Sohail 55
Rezaul c Selim b Al-Amin 0
Mihazul c Selim b Al-Amin 6
Akram c Nahidul b Al-Amin 0
Sabbir c Sajjadul b Manzoor 8
S Mehmdul c Al-Amin b Jamaluddin 24

BOA polls on Feb 1

Sports Reporter
The first-ever election of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) will be held on February 1.

The polls process will officially begin on January 14 with the publication of a draft list of voters, revealed the schedule of Election Commissioner Brig Gen Ahsan Habib yesterday. Any objection on voters will go for a hearing on the following day and the final list will be published on January 16.

BOA will issue nomination papers on January 17, 18 and 19 from 10 am to 4 pm.

The date of submitting the nomination papers is on January 21 while the scrutiny will be done on the next day.

The last date of withdrawal is on January 25. The final list of candidates with their ballot numbers will be announced of January 27.

PCB paying fortune for Boycott

KARACHI, Jan 3 (Internet report): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has hired the services of former England opener Geoffrey Boycott to coach its up and coming cricketers.

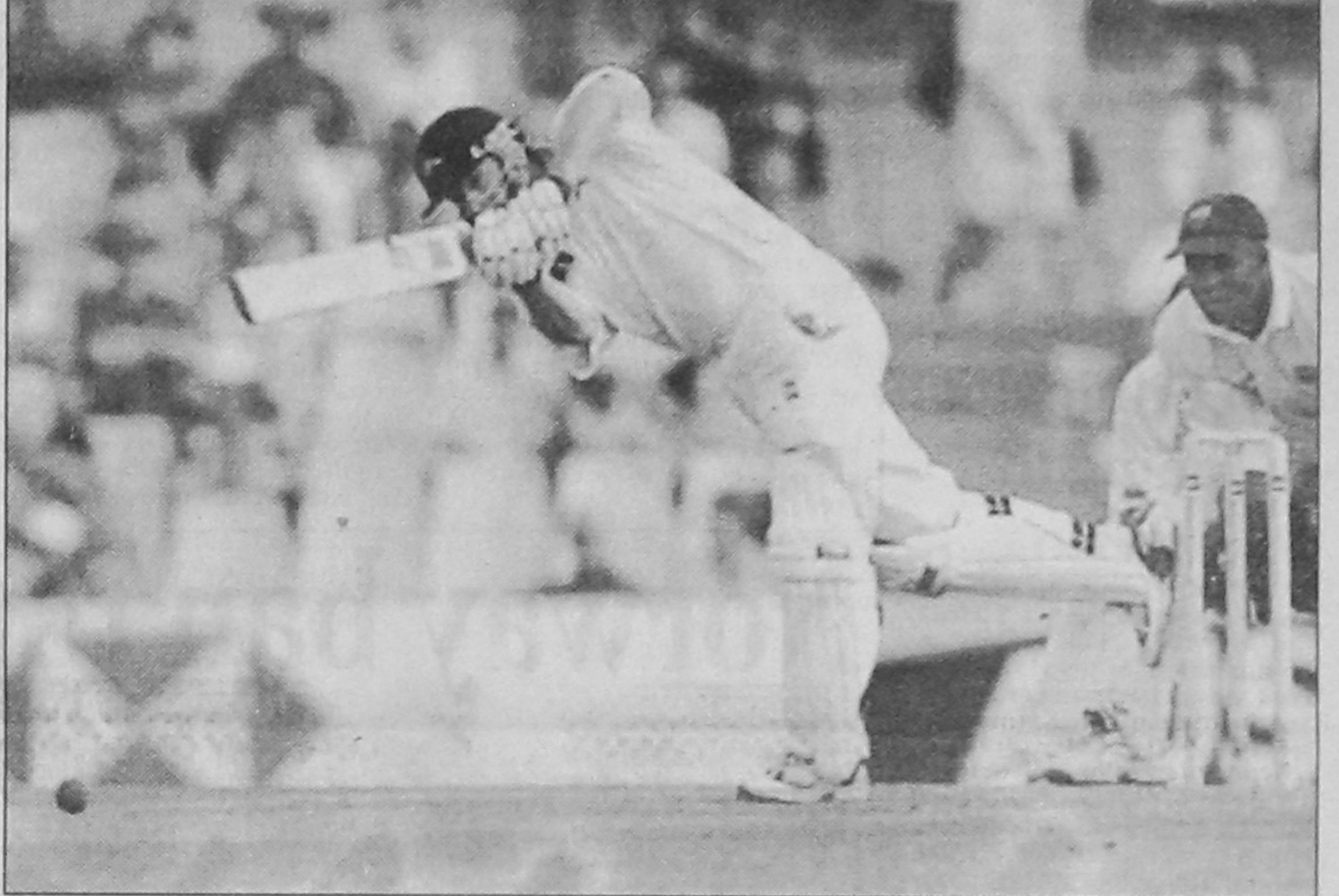
Boycott will be employed for a fifteen-day stint, coaching budding youngsters at Lahore's National Cricket Academy from February 5, according to Karachi-based newspaper Dawn.

Alongside business class travel facilities and accommodation in a five-star hotel, Dawn reports that Boycott will be paid an astonishing 30,000 pounds for his troubles.

It has also been reported that the PCB has been negotiating with former South African off-spinner Pat Symcox to take up a position at the Academy as well.

"If Symcox agrees, he will be awarded a handsome contract though the amount may not be as high as that of Boycott," sources said.

Following the recent pitch debacle in the series against England it has also been revealed that a South African curator is in contact with the PCB to prepare pitches countrywide.



Australian skipper Steve Waugh on-drives on the second day of the Sydney Test yesterday. --- AFP photo

Steve steadies Aussies

SYDNEY, Jan 3: Steve Waugh broke the West Indies' hearts while Michael Slater once again crashed out in the nervous nineties as Australia took charge of the fifth cricket Test here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Caribbean hopes of putting the Australians under pressure were at first unhinged by another gung-ho Slater cameo and then dashed by the remorseless Australian skipper and Ricky Ponting late in the day.

The Australians, pursuing their 15th successive Test victory and an unprecedented 5-0 series whitewash, had the tourists again on the ropes at the end of the second day's play and led by 12 runs with six wickets in hand.

"I think every run now on this pitch is worth two the way the wicket is deteriorating and the fact that Magilla (Stuart MacGill) and Finky (Colin Miller) are bowling so well," said Slater.

Waugh followed up his unbeaten 121 in the fourth Test in Melbourne to be unbeaten on 82 at stumps, with Ponting not out 51. The pair had put on 127 runs in 147 minutes for the unbroken fifth wicket.

West Indies cricket teams are doubtless heartily sick of the sight of 35-year-old Waugh. It was his 10th half-century against them and he is on course for his sixth century on Thursday's third day.

Waugh, playing in his 132nd Test, survived a confident lbw appeal off Courtney Walsh when on seven and went on to make them pay dearly, slogging Mahendra Nagamootoo for six on to the SCG Hill.

While Waugh has visions of his 24th career Test hundred, Slater endured another of his unfulfilled days when he scored to 96 off 142 balls only to perish going after the tourists' top leg-spinner Nagamootoo and their second.

It was the ninth time in 67 Tests Slater had been out in the 90s.

Slater was crestfallen when he saw Marlon Samuels positioning himself to take the catch at point, ending his typically swashbuckling innings of 13 boundaries and one all-run four in 174 minutes at the crease.

He was closing in on his 15th Test century, but such is his sequence of dismissals that there was a noticeable anxiety among his home crowd as he approached the target. "To me that was a full lofted delivery that deserved to go to the boundary and that's what I tried to do," said Slater.

"It was there to go and I had been playing good positive cricket all day. I probably hadn't played a shot like that, but I thought it was a delivery with four written all over it."

In terms of personal milestones it would be nice to have nine 90s and 14 hundreds, that would be 23 hundreds, but to me it's all about the team orientation and I believe my innings was valuable and getting out in that fashion was just keeping the scoreboard ticking over."

If Slater was disappointed to be out four runs short of 100, Mark Waugh was equally so when he was run out during the third hour of play.

It was going to take an error to break up the blossoming

Cullinan cruise continues

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Jan 3: Darryl Cullinan hit his fourth century in successive Tests at Newlands and put South Africa in a commanding position on the second day of the second Test against Sri Lanka here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Cullinan, who hit 10 fours and three sixes to reach his century, made 112 before being run out by a direct hit from Chaminda Vaas shortly before tea.

South Africa had scored 323 for five at the interval, a lead of 228, after bowling out the Sri Lankans for 95 in the first three hours of the match.

Cullinan shared stands of 101 with Neil McKenzie (47) and 86 with Mark Boucher (43 not out).

His innings again put Cullinan in front of teammate Gary Kirsten as South Africa's leading century-maker.

It was his 12th Test hundred and fifth against Sri Lanka.

Cullinan made centuries against Sri Lanka, West Indies and England in his previous three Tests at Newlands.

He reached his hundred off 212 balls when he punched off-spinner Russel Arnold through the covers for his 10th four.

Sri Lanka's tactics were puzzling. The second new ball was due immediately after lunch when South Africa's total was 214 for three off 80 overs. But skipper Sanath Jayasuriya started the post-lunch period by giving Arnold his first over of the match.

Arnold had an early success when he held a return catch from McKenzie, who hit five fours and a six in his innings, in his third over but no further wickets fell during 28 overs in which Arnold and star off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Bangladesh Biman and Dhaka Metropolis at the Dharmadhi Cricket Stadium yesterday:

BIMAN (overnight 349 for 8 in 106 overs)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
K Mahmud	24	8	62	2
Neeyamur	13.4	3	32	3
Naimur	21	5	87	2
Aslrafu	14	0	61	1
Saikat	29	8	66	2
Naveem	5	0	18	0
Al-Shahriar	1	0	7	1

DHAKA METROPOLIS

Ashrafu b Sharif	3
Mehrab c & b Manzoor	70
Al-Shahriar c Sanwar b Manzoor	14
Sajjad c Faruque b Manzoor	24
Naveem c & b Sharif	16
Naimur c Sujon b Saifullah	27
Halin c Sanwar b Manzoor	22
K Mahmud c Faruque b Manzoor	71
Neeyamur lbw b Saifullah	9
Anwar not out	20
Saikat b Sharif	1
Extras: (lb-26, lb-8, nb-2, w-1)	37
Total: (All out in 83.5 overs)	314

Fall of wickets: 1/25, 2/43, 3/126, 4/131, 5/153, 6/180, 7/234, 8/291, 9/293

SCOREBOARD
Cullinan run out (Vaas) 112

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	21	6	63	1
Zoysa	18	5	57	0
Fernando	16	2	42	1
M'haran	40	10	89	1
J'suriva	4	1	15	0
Arnold	14	2	55	1

To bat: N. Bojic, S. Pollock, M. Ntini, M. Ngam.
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-97, 3-130, 4-231, 5-317



Sri Lanka's star spinner Muttiah Muralitharan appeals for a LBW against South Africa's Darryl Cullinan on the second day of the second Test yesterday. --- AFP photo

WEST INDIES: First innings (256/9 overnight)
Campbell c and b MacGill 79
Hinds b MacGill 70
Adams lbw b McGrath 10
Lara c M Waugh b MacGill 35
Samuels c Langer b MacGill 28
Sarvan lbw b MacGill 0
Jacobs st Gilchrist b MacGill 12
Nagamootoo c Slater b Miller 12
McLean lbw b MacGill 0
Stuart not out 12
Walsh c Hayden b Miller 4
Extras: (lb-1, lb-1, nb-2) 10
Total: (All out in 102 1/2 overs) 272
Fall of wickets: 1-147, 2-152, 3-174, 4-210, 5-210, 6-272