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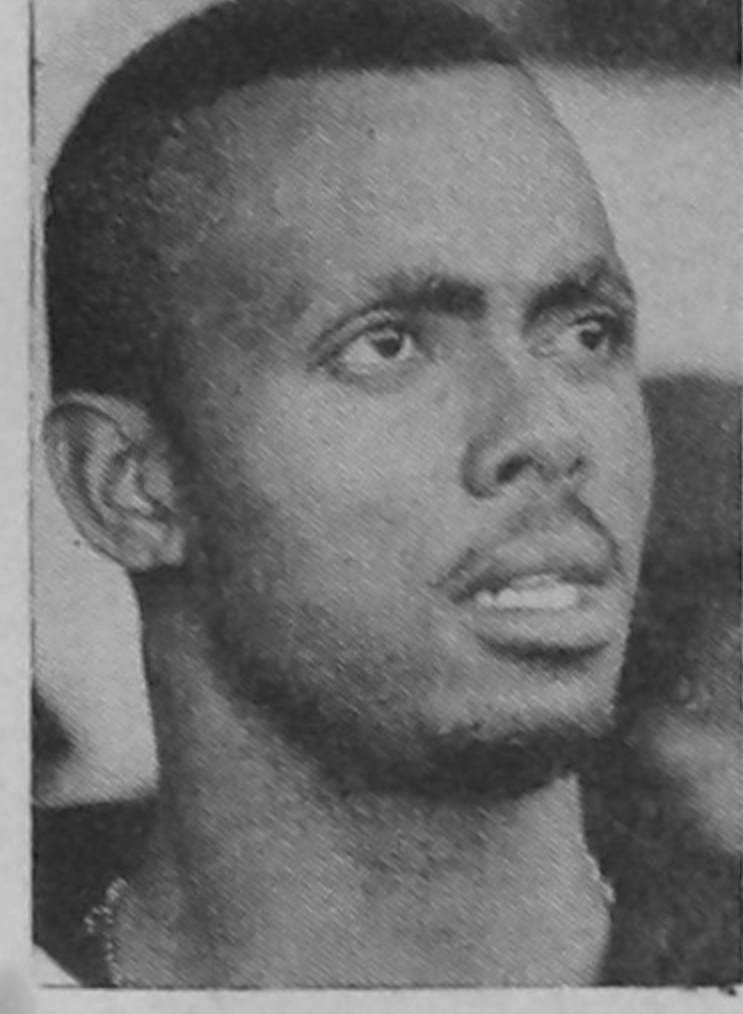
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Courtney Walsh
(West Indies star cricketer)
"The last Test is in Jamaica so if I get my wish I'll play my last Test at home"

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- Who became Frame Bank Rating chess champion?
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- Who became Americas player-of-the-year?
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Green Delta jr hockey

Barnak Sangat and Police AC carried out their respective rivalry in the Green Delta Junior Division hockey league at the Manikanda National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Barnak outplayed Raktim Sangha 10-0 after dominating the first half 8-0.

In the day's first match, Police AC trounced East End Green Club 8-0 after leading the first half 6-0.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Jan 7: Al-Rashed Cricket Club defeated Youth Cricket School of Rajshahi by two wickets in the third quarter-final of the sixth Bir Shreshthya Captain Shaheed Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup tournament today at AHM Gauruzaman Divisional Stadium.

Youth won the toss and decided to bat first. They collected 112 losing five wickets in 23.1 overs.

In reply, Al-Rashed reached the target of 113 runs losing three wickets in 24.2 overs.

Meanwhile, Mohanabag Police Lines Club emerged champions, beating Shaheed Zia Shishu Kishore Sangathan by 12 runs in the final of the Shaheed Zia Smriti Gold Cup cricket tournament at Durlapur High School playground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Mohanabag Police Lines batted first and collected 184 for eight wickets in the stipulated 25 overs.

In reply, Shaheed Zia Shishu Kishore Sangathan collected 172 runs for nine cricketers in the stipulated 25 overs.

Nat'l jr chess

from Jan 14

The qualifying round of the 22nd National Junior Chess Championship (men's and women's) will begin from January 14 at its federation room, reports UNB.

Interested players have been requested to send their names by January 13 to the federation office.

Meanwhile, a weeklong training camp for women and girls began yesterday at the Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex.

Fide Master Zamilur Rahman, Fide Master Syed Taluudur Rahman and Shaikat Hossain Pallab are conducting the training camp with 24 trainees participating in it.

Millennium Cup Booters fly to India today

Sports Reporter

The national football team leaves for India today to take part in the Millennium Cup Football Tournament.

The biggest-ever football show in India involving teams from all corners of the world will kick off in three different locations on January 10.

For Bangladesh, the 16-team meet will provide a much-needed exposure as well as being a good build-up for the 2002 World Cup qualifiers.

Besides, the booters will also get a rare opportunity to rub their shoulders against European sides when they take on Bosnia in their Group A opener on January 12.

Placed in the strongest pool, Bangladesh will be up against pre-tournament favourites Yugoslavia in their second match on January 14. They play Iraq in their third and final group league match on January 14.

All of Bangladesh's fixtures will be held in the south Indian resort of Cochin.

The event is going to be an acid test for the team's Austrian coach George Cottan. The middle-aged coach who took over the position from Briton Mark Harrison only a month ago, however, was not attaching priority to the performance of his twenty charges.

"My target is Saudi Arabia, not India. The Indian journey will only be a learning experience for my boys," said Cottan to the Daily Star Sport over telephone yesterday.

Although the tall footballer think-tank now settled in Hungary, got only a few weeks to work with the team, he was still satisfied with the way things had gone so far.

"I have worked according to a demanding schedule at the BKSP and the boys did their utmost to follow the plan. I think they are more or less ready except for captain Alfaz," Cottan said. The ace national forward picked up an injury in his right ankle during the practice.

"I think he will be fit before the opening match against Bosnia," said the Austrian.

While elaborating on his team's preparations Cottan said that the two practice matches at Chittagong were not enough before such a serious event. The professional coach reiterated that it would not be possible for his charges or any Bangladeshi player for that matter to play the full 90 minutes.

"Of course, I'm talking about the standard in Europe when



Shawn Marsh of Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy flicks the ball on the on-side on his way to an unbeaten hundred on the first day of the three-day fixture against Bangladesh under-21 side at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. - Star photo by Anisur Rahman

BCB-CBCA match Marsh rules on Day One

Sports Reporter

Middle order batsman Marsh cracked an unbeaten century as the touring Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) got off to a fine start in their opening three-day match against the under-21 selection of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Marsh remained unconquered on 106 as the visitors declared on 273 for four.

In reply, the home side reached 23 in four overs without any loss at stumps.

Electing to bat, the famous Australian academy suffered an initial setback when they lost openers Daniel Harris (25) and Luke Williams (4) with the scoreboard reading only 47.

But Marsh, who came in at number four, and one-down Shane Stanton repaired the damage with a superb 167-run third wicket partnership.

The stand was broken when Stanton was out on 88. In his 250-minute stay at the crease, Stanton faced 173 balls.

After Stanton's departure, Shaam added 34 runs along with Andrew Kent (19) and then shared an unbeaten 25-run fifth wicket stand with Andrew McDonald before skipper Nathan Hauritz declared.

Marsh, the 16-year-old son of former Australian Test cricketer Geoff Marsh played for more than four hours and hit one six and a dozen boundaries in his 202-ball knock.

For the home side, Bikash, Sharif, Taposh and captain Sabbir Khan captured one wicket each.



TWIN FANS A youngster (L) who participated in the Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) coaching clinic for aspiring cricketers at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, leaving the ground with his twin siblings on January 6. - Star photo

Abahani to play in London

Sports Reporter

Dhaka giants Abahani will tour London next March to play two exhibition football matches against Sporting Bengal United and the under-19 selection of English Premiership side West Ham United.

This will be the second time a Bangladeshi club will be visiting England. Abahani's arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club had earlier been to London last year and played two matches against the same opponents.

The tour will be organised by Bangladesh Football Association (UK) and sponsored by Canary Wharf, a leading London based business organisation which also sponsored the Mohammedan tour.

A press conference in this regard was held at the Abahani club premises in Dhanmondi yesterday where the club's director and football secretary Ashrafuddin Chumnu, Peter Wade, head of public relations of Canary Wharf and MT Hussain Bakul, the chairman of Bangladesh Football Association (UK) spoke to the journalists.

Abahani will fly to London on March 11. They will play their first match against Sporting Bengal United, a semi-professional club of UK based Bangladeshis, at the East London Stadium on March 14.

The second game against West Ham United under-19 will be played at the famous Upton Park ground on March 18. This will be the first time any team from Asia will be playing at the 40,000 capacity stadium belonging to the West Ham United Football Club.

Abahani will return home on March 20.

The squad will be composed of 18 booters and four officials.

Justice Chowdhury on ICC panel

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has decided to appoint Justice Maimur Reza Chowdhury as member of the panel of code of conduct in the International Cricket Council (ICC) from Bangladesh, an official said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The decision was taken at the Board meeting on Saturday night.

All the Test playing countries have one member each in the ICC panel code and they are mostly from the judiciary, he said.

The Board also decided to appoint a commissioner in its next meeting to conduct investigation whenever required.

BCB's new development plans

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has taken up another programme for the development of the game in the country, reports BSS.

The board under the new scheme will select at least one club in one ward in the Dhaka Metropolitan in rural training programme at grass-roots level, a BCB official said here yesterday.

The selected club will choose a ground within the ward on a compromise basis with the owner of the ground—either school, college, city corporation or other organisations.

Such training programmes will be backed by the board.

BCB general secretary has been advised to formulate a structure for the scheme as early as possible.

BCB earlier took development programmes at district and divisional level for different age-group boys through national level coaches and trainers, under direct supervision of the four Sri Lankan cricket experts.

Besides, BCB will introduce a new cricket league titling as Super Max immediately after the Premier Division league. Top eight teams of the Premier Division will be eligible to take part in the 25-over-a-side league.

"We have decided to introduce the Super Max to increase more to the game by the senior level players," the official said.

Magura cricket

From Our Correspondent
MAGURA, Jan 7: Diruba Cricket Club became champions in the Abul Kalam Azad Smriti cricket tournament at local playground today.

Sixteen teams took part in the tournament.

Diruba recorded a 93-run victory over Atharokhada Lion Club.

Batting first, Diruba made 175 all out in the stipulated 25 overs.

In reply, Lion Club managed 82 all out in 24.5 overs.

Russel of Lion Club was adjudged man-of-the-match.

Target acclimatisation

Wayne brings in multi-skilled cricketers

Ever since its inception in the late 80s, the Adelaide-based Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy as part of its programme has undertaken tours overseas almost every year. So, with Bangladesh becoming the tenth-Test-playing member, it was thought as an ideal occasion to visit and experience conditions over here.

The world-class institution has seen Shane Warne graduate into the player he is today as well as a host familiar players who have become the cornerstone of the awesome Australian team.

Prior to their opening three-day match against National Under-21 squad, The Daily Star Sport's **Lenin Gani** had a chat with former Australian wicket-keeper **Wayne Phillips**, who is now coach-manager, at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.



DSS: Does your purpose for each visit vary from country to country?
WP: I think now there will be a greater emphasis on visits to the subcontinent. Australia's record has not been brilliant for a while. That's why we feel it is important to expose our boys not only to playing conditions in these parts but also the sheer volume of people, noise and the traffic and all those sorts of things we're not used to in Australia.

It's great that we can do so in a relaxed and positive way.

DSS: Let's talk about the team's composition.
WP: Most of the developing players are quite skilled at both batting and bowling and even keeping. Also we will be having a couple of pace bowlers from India's MRI pace academy. This is an all-round team in keeping with Australian requirements.

Most squads in the future will be multi-skilled. Besides, we have a promising left-arm wrist spinner from Western Australia.

His name is Adam Voges.

DSS: Give us an assessment

of the Bangabandhu National Stadium?
WP: It's fantastic. All of the players are excited being here. They of course saw it in all its glory when the Asia Eleven played against Rest of the World. Without question the most exciting game of cricket, yes, we are honoured to be here and looking at it's understood that there will be big crowds for our one-day matches.

DSS: How long have the players been attached to the academy? How does it work?
WP: The current crop has been with us from April last year. Each player's scholarship period tends to last nine months. The next stage for most of them is playing in our first-class cricket. In fact, except for Daniel Harris and Shaam Marsh none have represented their respective state sides.

DSS: Your academy has seen several Bangladeshi players. Have you tried to find out about them?
WP: As you have said quite a few of Bangladesh's players have attended the academy over the years. And obviously it's to good see players like Al-Shahriar entering the Test arena. Hopefully I'll be seeing him again.

DSS: What do you hope to achieve here?
WP: We hope to play good and positive cricket. Also we are indeed very grateful to the co-operation of the Board, Australian High Commission. Also the media has taken a great interest. We wish to come back at some time in the future.

DSS: Shaun Marsh is with you. Please compare him to his father Geoff.
WP: That would be unfair. Anyway, Shaun is already developing into a great cricketer. The 16-year-old is a left-handed batsman who bowls left-arm medium pace and spin. He should be very exciting to watch.

Streak strikes in time



AUCKLAND, Jan 7: Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak wore a broad smile when he greeted the media after his team's great comeback to win the third one-day international against New Zealand in Auckland today, reports Reuters.

He had every reason to smile.

His superb 79 not out off 67 balls propelled Zimbabwe to an improbable win and with it the country's first one-day series victory away from home.

Zimbabwe reached the 274 winning target with 12 overs and one wicket to spare, with Streak hitting a six for victory.

This has been something we've dreamed of doing and it's taken a long time in coming. Finally we've done it and I'm just proud of the boys for pulling together," he said.

At 50 for five I had some doubts but Andy Flower showed his class and it just worked for me today. I was seeing it well and I had a bit of luck.

Streak said the win would give the country a lift.

"There will be a lot of people

in Zimbabwe who will be over the moon with this result. It will give people a lot to be proud of, particularly with the problems the country has had.

We have shown we can compete on the world stage."

Streak struck to the wicket when Dirk Viljoen was out after adding 82 runs with the batsman of the series, Flower.

He and Flower added 34 before the wicketkeeper was out for 81 after being the mainstay of the Zimbabwe line-up and watching wickets regularly fall at the other end.

When Flower was out, Streak became the active partner with new batsman Travis Friend and they figured in a match-winning partnership of 69.

Once Friend was dismissed - with the score at 249 for eight - it was down to Streak and he bashed everything thrown at him and hit the winning runs with a massive six into the stand at extra cover.

"I knew when I hit that shot that it was a six," Streak said.

"I had some anxiety during the innings, but I had to remain composed. It is a very satisfying feeling to have won and I think we deserved it."

Stephen Fleming, the New Zealand captain, said he was shattered by the loss.

"Instead Andy Flower and Dirk Viljoen controlled us and put one of our attacking options (off-spinner Paul Wiseman) out of the game.

New Zealand has a three-week break before the arrival of Sri Lanka for a five-match one-day series, followed by Pakistan for three tests and five one-dayers.

Zimbabwe's next assignment is to contest Australia's annual tri-series involving the hosts and the West Indies, the first time the country has been invited.

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND
Sinclair c Murphy b Streak 47
Aste b Murphy 7
Fleming c & b Murphy 44
Twose c Flower b Whittall 30
Oram c Streak b Murphy 21
McMillan not out 75
Harris run out (Whittall) 8
Parore run out (Viljoen) 7
Styris c Madondo b Strang 9
Franklin b Streak 7
Wiseman not out 7
Extras: (lb-7, w-8, nb-1) 16
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 273
Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-88; 3-135; 4-163; 5-166; 6-179; 7-202; 8-202; 9-266.

SCOREBOARD

ZIMBABWE
Campbell b Styris 2
Madondo run out (Franklin) 0
Carlicie b Franklin b Aste 13
A Flower c Franklin b Aste 81
Rennie c Fleming b Styris 0
Whittall b Styris 14
Viljoen st Parore b Harris 39
Streak not out 79
Friend c Parore b McMillan 19
B Strang b McMillan 0
Murphy not out 0
Extras: w-14, b-2, lb-10, nb-1 27
Total: (For 9 wickets in 48.4 overs) 274
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-14; 3-49; 4-50; 5-64; 6-146; 7-180; 8-249; 9-255.



Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak waves to the fans with the National Bank trophy after beating New Zealand in the third and final one-day yesterday. - AFP photo

Result: Zimbabwe won by one wicket

Man-of-the-match: Heath Streak.