GREEN DELTA NAT'L

CRICKET LEAGUE

Biman v Khulna

tween Asadullah Khan and

Tushar Imran propelled Khulna

to a crucial five-wicket win over

fancied Biman in a one-day

match of the Green Delta Na-

tional Cricket League at the

BKSP ground in Savar yester-

left three teams -- holders

Chittagong, Dhaka Metropolis

and Khulna -- at the crowded

second spot with each having

collected 36 points, two points

short of Biman, who have col-

Back to the day's match

lected 38 points playing same

where Asadullah and Tushar

put on 104 runs for the fifth

wicket as Khulna, chasing a

modest Biman total of 194 in

42 overs, reached 186 in 39.3

overs with five wickets in hand.

The match was reduced due to

wicket loss in a four-day match

against the same opponents

only the day before were revived

when Khulna got off to a disas-

trous start losing two wickets

for four in the first two overs of

the day. Things turned from

bad to worse for the visitors as

they lost two more wickets with

Memories of their nine-

number of matches.

early morning fog.

The outcome of the match

day.

A century partnership be-



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GrameenPhone U-17 cricket

Sports Reporter Khulna Tigers bear Selher Surma by 73 runs in one of the four GrameenPhone under-17 cricket tournament first round tagong Karnaphuli.

Away in Mymensingh, BKSP beat Barisal Maroons by 19 runs at the local stadium while Rajshahi Tista defeated Chittagong Titas by eight wickets at the Circuit House ground.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Khulna Tigers v Sylliet

Khulna Tigers: 239 for 8 in 45 overs (Aslam 75, Shafful 63; Imtiaz 3/49)

Sylhet Surma: 166 all out in 45 overs (Golam 74. Aziz 3/22: Murad 3/15)

Result: Khulna Tigers won by 73 runs. Rajshahi Padma v Chittagong Karnaphuli

Chittagong Karnaphuli 193 for 8 in 45 overs (Ariful 47 Tomal 2/30) Rajshahi Padma: 194 for 4

in 41.1 overs (Omi 74, Soliel 47) Result: Rajshahi Padma won by six wickets. BKSP v Barisal Maroons

BKSP: 149 all out in 30.3 overs (Sahriar 42; Arif 4/14) Barisal Maroons: 130 all out in 37.3 overs (Arif 28: Nazmul

Result: BKSP won by 19 Chittagong Titas v Rajshahi

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nium Cup football tournament

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LEAGUE

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Fernando Martel 81) Bahrain 0

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NEW DELHI, Jan 15 (AFP):

Chittagong Titas: 76 all out in 30.2 overs (Prosenjit 9; Mnnna 2/11)

Rajshahi Tista: 78 for two in 15 overs (Asif 38: Noman 2/13) Result: Rajshahi Tista won by eight wickets.

qualifier Janette Husarova.

about his chances of retaining his title.

form," he said

discomfort from the elbow which forced him to withdraw from last week's Kooyong Classic. "It feels normal at the moment. If you don't give everything, you don't come to play in a Grand Slam." he said after struggling to beat Spaniard

Khulna baffle Biman BCB XI skipper CBCA taste first victory

Sports Reporter

Then came the match- Aminul c Setu b Niaz

Asadullah and Tushar that Hasanuzzaman c Selim b eased the pressure off and took Khulna close to victory. The partnership was broken Sanwar not out on 166 when Tushar got Ziaur run out

In his 112-minute innings. he faced 84 balls and struck a 3/132, 4/157, 5/167, 6/181, quartet of boundaries.

With 19 more runs shy of Bowler man-of-the-match Asadullah kept his composure Al-Amin and saw his side home in company with Jamaluddin. Asadullah clobbered three fours Jamaluddin in his 74-ball 58.

Earlier, electing to bat first, KHULNA Biman mustered 184 for seven Nahidul c Hasanuzzaman b Jahanwith Test cap Habibul Bashar hammering highest 53 off 57

per Faruque Ahmed (28) were Tushar st. Mokter b Aminul the other notable run-getters. In the penultimate round Jamaluddin not out beginning from January 17. Biman will take on Dhaka Metropolis at the save venue while Khulna will travel to Comilla to encounter Chittagong.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Green Delta National League one-day match between Khulna and Bangladesh Biman at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday. BIMAN

the score on 62 in the 16th Javed c Tushar b Al-Amin Faruque e Al-Amin b Rana winning stand between Bashar c Jamaluddin b Monjurul 53 | Commonwealth Bank Cricket Monjurul Sharlf run out stumped off Aminul Islam for Extras (b-3, lb-1, nb-6, w-6) Total: (For 7 wickets in 42 overs) 184

Fall of wickets: 1/43, 2/72, 7/184 Monjurul 26 Rana

Setu e Mokter b Anwar Selim c Mokter b Sharif Aminul Islam (36) and skip- Salahuddin c Mokter b Anwar Asadullah not out Extras: (b-2, nb-12, w-14) Total: (For 5 wickets in 39.3 overs) 186

> 3/48, 4/62, 5/166 Bowler Jahangir Sharif Anwar Ziaur 0 30 Bashar 2.3 0 11 Aminul

Result: Khulna won by 5 wickets.



Anjan Chowdhury (R) speaking to reporters during a press conference in connection with the forthcoming Pabna First Division Cricket League at the Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday. Pabna District Sports Association secretary Habibur Rahman (L), chief operating officer of Transcom Beverages Limited Golam Quddus Chowdhury (2nd from L) and Alok Malik, country manager of Pepsi, were present on the occasion. - Star photo

matches at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday. In the other match field in Dhanmondi Stadium, Rajshahi Padma recorded a six-wicket win over Chit-

MELBOURNE. Jan 15: Andre Agassi and Lind-Davenport

through the first hurdles in the defence of their Australian Open titles Monday. But that was where the similarities between their days ended, reports AFP. Agassi looked close to his

imperious best as he swept aside the Czech Republic's Jiri Vanek. Davenport had to come from a set down to survive an emotionally-charged encounter with Jelena Dokic, a day after the 17-year-old had announced she was quitting Australia. where she has lived since she was 11, to play for her native Yugoslavia.

A feared backlash from the crowd failed to materialise and Dokic coped impressively well with all the pressure on court, forcing Davenport to produce some of her best serving to clinch the crucial third set for a 4-6. 6-4. 6-3 victory.

But afterwards the strain was apparent as the tearstained teenager defended what was apparently her father's decision. "It's a decision we made and I'm standing by it right now." she said tellingly

American Chanda Rubin was the only casualty of note on the opening day, beaten in straight sets by Slovakian

Agassi's form left him upbeat

"For the first match, I couldn't really have done it better today, and if that continues 1 have a good feeling of how quickly I'll get into my best

Safin, 20, said he had no Galo Blanco 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6

This is the man who was fined last year for failing to make sufficient effort during a

first round loss to qualifier Grant Stafford of South Africa. What a difference a year

makes. Since he annihilated Pete Sampras in the final of last year's US Open, Safin has come to be regarded as the future of the men's game.

no change to the aggressive style that has earned him his success. "Why does everyone feel I should change my character when I got to No.1 playing the way I always have?" he asked after setting up a second round clash with Romanian

Anna Kournikova lit up an overcast Melbourne day by sporting an electric vellow body-hugging top and matching shoes as she dispatched Slova-

kia's Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, stration of why, when it comes to attracting hordes of photographers. Kournikova has no

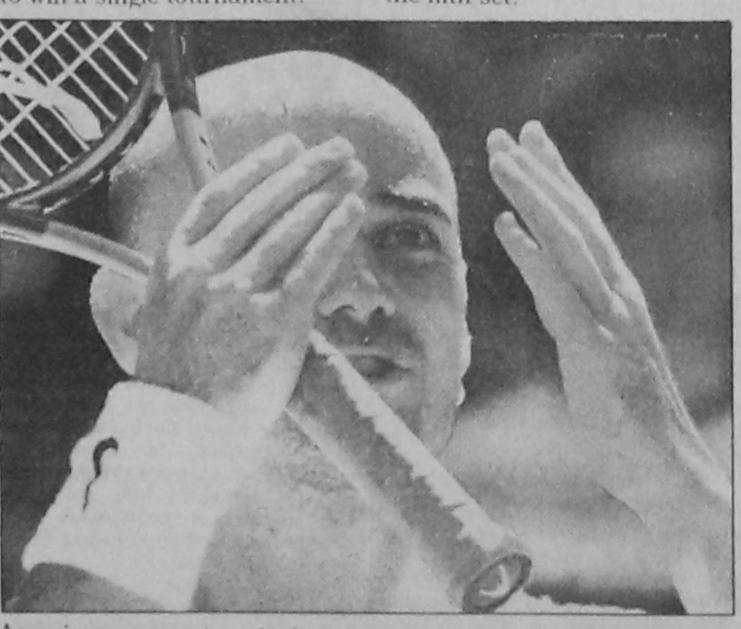
spite all the hype, she has still Korea's Lee Hyung-Taik 8-6 in to win a single tournament.

After cruising through her first set on Court No. 1, she suffered one of her habitual lapses of concentration and quickly found herself in trouble at 3-0 and then 4-1 down in the

Kournikova, who has And he insists there will be reached the last 16 in her last two appearances in Melbourne. faces Hungarian Rita Kuti Kis in the second round.

Monica Seles was awarded the honour of playing first on the new 10.000-capacity Vodafone showcourt. But it was a less than auspicious baptism. American Brie Rippner lasted barely five minutes before an ankle sprain forced her to re-

Seles will now meet Miroslava Vavrinec of Switzerland. In other men's action, eighth seeded Tim Henman ovecame a cold and erratic Moroccan It was yet another demon- Hicham Arazi to set up an intriguing second round tie against Nicolas Lapentti of Ecuador, a former semi-finalist here. Lapentti had to dig deep She also showed why, de- before squeezing past South the fifth set.



American superstar Andre Agassi responds to the crowd's applause by blowing kisses after his win over Czech Jiri Vanek in the first round of the Australian Open yesterday.

- AFP photo

Sports Reporter Khaled Masood was yesterday named captain of the 23 Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Eleven that will play a 36 four-day match against the Academy. The match commences at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow.

The dependable national wicketkeeper, who led the Board President's Eleven to a draw in the three-dayer and loss in the one-day against the visitors at Rajshahi on Monday, will almost certainly retain the same side. Only 'Hannan Sarker, the

right-handed opener, will be the new face in the 14-men squad. Incidentally, he missed the Rajshahi games due to a twomatch suspension slapped on him for his misconduct in the on-going National League.

The other entrant is beefy Mazharul Haq, who, however played for the Under-21 team in the tour opener at the BKSP.

BCB XI: Khaled Masood (captain). Shahriar Hossain. Rajin Saleh. Mazharul Huq. Anisur Rahman, Mushfigur Rahman, Fahim Muntasir, Mohammed Rafique, Hasibul Hossain, Bikash Ranjan Das, Aminul Islam jr., Mosaddek Hossain and Rashedul Huq. Coach-Sarwar Imran.

Yugoslavia stand in booters' way

Sports Reporter Bangladesh get their second taste of European football when they will take on fancied Yugoslavia in their final Group A match of the Sahara Millennium Cup at Cochin, India to-

The match will kick off at 8 pm (BST).

Although Austrian coach George Cottan watched his charges go down fighting 2-0 to Bosnia in the their opening encounter on Friday, Bangladesh can still afford to extend their stay in the tournament provided they can pull off an impossible victory over the mighty opponents from the Balkans.

Yugoslavia led by their start playmaker Sasa Illic, who plays for Partizan Belgrade, drew 1-1 with their arch-rivals on Sun-

Pepsi sponsoring cricket in Pabna

Sports Reporter

Ekata Sporting Club will take on Sangram in the inaugural match of the Pepsi First Division Cricket League 2001. beginning at the Government Edward College ground in Pabna tomorrow.

group will then advance into the 'Super Four' phase.

A press conference was held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Veteran sports organiser and coordinator of the league Anjan Chowdhury Pintu , Alok Malik, country manager of the Pepsi Bangladesh, GQ Chowdhury, chief operating officer of the Transcom Beverages Limited and Pabna DSA general secretary Habibur Rahman were See page 15 '

Milo U-13 cricket

Sports Reporter



Maroons. Khulna Tigers and Rajshahi Tista won their respective first round matches of the Milo Under-13 cricket tournament held in Dhaka and Chittagong yesterday.

Rajshahi Padma beat Chittagong Titas by six runs at the Dhanmondi Club ground while Barisal Maroons handed Khulna Rupsha a three-wicket defeat at the Kalabagan Krira Chakra ground.

In Chittagong, Tista registered an exciting one-wicket win over Karnaphuli at the Na-See page 15

Milo U-15 cricket

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan. Rajshahi Padma, Khulna Tigers and Rajshahi Tista won their Milo Under-15 cricket tournament first round matches in Rajshahi and Satkhira yesterday.

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BKSP registered a comprehensive nine-wicket win over Barisal Maroons at the Railway ground in Rajshahi while Ra-Jshahi Padma defeated Chittagong Titas by 42 runs at the beyond 200.

From Our Correspondent

wrapped the game up with an Anisur run out unbeaten 17. Earlier, winning the toss and Alok run out electing to bat, President's XI Fahim not out

RAJSHAHI. Jan

15: The Com-

monwealth Bank

Cricket Academy

(CBCA) notched

up their first win

of their Bangladesh tour when

the visitors handed Board

President's Eleven a four-wicket

defeat at the local stadium here

three-day matches.

with two overs to spare.

81 balls and struck five fours.

wickets still in hand.

It was not an unexpected re-

recovered. Anisur Rahman, who scored 7/153, 8/164, 9/189 a superb 85 in the three-day Bowler match, showed some character Welsford sult for the tourists, who with a fighting 31 and off- S Panda

showed their supremacy over spinner Fahim Muntasir made A MacDonald 8.5 the locals in both the drawn a run-a-ball 27. Paceman Andrew Mac- N Hauritz The famous Adelaide-based Donald, the most successful A Voges academy, chasing a not-sobowler for the tourists, contin- CBCA: impressive President's XI total

of 194, reached 195 for six and The visitors will return to Harris b Saiful Opener Luke Williams led Dhaka tomorrow. They will play Hartley st. K Masood b Mosaddek 46 the way with 73 off 113 balls. their next match, a four-day Kent c & b Mosaddek He put on 101 runs for the against BCB XI, at the Ban- Shaun not out third wicket with Chris Hartley gabandhu National Stadium on Hauritz c & b Rahman after his side was reduced to 35 January 17.

SCOREBOARD

Williams hammered eight fours in his match-winning Scoreboard of the limitedinnings. Hartley scored 46 off over match between Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy However, Williams' fine (CBCA) and Board President's knock came to an abrupt end XI at the Rajshahi Stadium when the right-hander ran himyesterday. self out. But by the time the

team from down under needed Rashedul c Shaun b MacDonald 9 only 10 runs and had four Rahman b Panda Rajin b Hauritz Shaun Marsh, the left- Nasir c Shaun b O'Brien handed run-machine, then Mushfiq c Stanton b O'Brten

President's XI:

K Masood c Hauritz b MacDonald 23 captain Khaled Masood Mosaddek st. Stanton b Voges watched in horror as his top- Saiful lbw b MacDonald order was dismantled. After the Extras: (b-4. lb-6. w-22) home team lost half their wick- Total: (All out in 46.5 overs) 194 ets for 105 runs they never 3/78, 4/80, 5/105, 6/146, A O'Brien

ued his wicket hunt with three Stanton b Alok

Voges not out Extras: (lb-5, nb-2, w-13) Total: (For 6 wickets in 48 overs) 195 Fall of wickets: 1/25, 2/35, 3/141, 4/146, 5/173, 6/184 Bowler Taposh Saiful

Mushfig Rahman Rashedul 16 Mosaddek Result: CBCA won by 4 0 wickets.



Ali Haider of Chittagong Titas turns one towards five-leg during their Milo Under-13 cricket tournament match against Rajshahi Padma at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

- Star photo

Twelve teams, split into two groups, will take part in the first round of the league which is expected to end by February 15. Top two teams from each

first real evidence form by guiding South Africa to their tenth consecutive one-day win with a fluent 79 in the fifth limited-overs international against Sri Lanka at Springbok Park on Sunday, reports AFP. South Africa won by five

South Africa, Jan

Gibbs showed the

Herschelle

wickets with eight overs to spare, taking them to within one victory of the world record of 11 successive wins set by the West Indies in 1984-85. Sri Lanka squandered a fast

start when they were bowled out for 206 after being sent in. It proved an easy target for South Africa, inspired by Gibbs, who only returned to the side on January 2 after completing a six-month ban for conspiring in match-fixing in the scandal which led to a life ban for former captain Hansie Cronje

The opening batsman started cautiously and was the junior partner in stands of 51 with Boeta Dippenaar and 61 with Nicky Boje After reaching his halfcentury off 79 balls. Gibbs be-

came more adventurous in his

strokeplay and hit off-spinner Russel Arnold for four and six off successive balls. Gibbs admitted that being out of international cricket since April had taken a toll on

his form. "At this level it takes a while to get, confidence back," he He paid tribute to Dippenaar

and Boje for their aggressive

play.

"It meant I could just push the ball around and build an innings. It's nice to be in the runs again at this level. My head was still and my balance was better today." Sri Lanka were racing along

at six runs an over in the early

stages of their innings but none of their batsmen was able to play a major innings. Kumar Sangakkara was the top scorer with 33 and it took some determined batting by the tail to enable the tourists to get

South African captain Shaun Pollock took three for 44 to make the best use of early Africa far ahead of the required support from fellow seamers Jacques Kallis (two for 33) and Makhaya Ntini (one for 38) and left-arm spinner Boje (two for

Sanath Jayasuriya and

Romesh Kaluwitharana ham-

mered 24 off the first four overs, with Jayasuriya slamming an out-of-sorts Allan Donald over cover for six. Donald was playing his first match in more than a month after recovering from a stomach muscle injury and an abscess

on his right elbow. He conceded 35 runs in his opening spell of four overs. Pollock dismissed both openers, however, and Sri

GIBBS ... m-o-m

Lanka slumped to 80 for five. Aravinda de Silva, playing in his first match of the tour after arriving as a replacement, made 20 off 24 balls and looked in good form before spooning a return catch to Jacques Kallis.

Russel Arnold (32) and Sangakkara steadied the innings with a sixth wicket stand of 62 and tailender Pramodya Wickramasinghe made a spirited career-best 32 and put on 34 for the ninth wicket with Dilhara Fernando.

Sri Lanka's lack of bowling depth, especially in comparison quickly exposed when Dippenaar hit three boundaries off Fernando's first over.

cloud cover and a pitch with scoring rate before he was good bounce. He received good trapped lbw by off-spinner Muttiali Muralitharan. Kallis was lbw to Chaminda Vaas, Neil McKenzie caught off

bat and pad when he charged

down the wicket to off-spinner Aravinda de Silva and Gibbs was needlessly run out when he was called for a second run by Jonty Rhodes after playing to mid-wicket. South Africa will seek to complete a 6-0 clean sweep over

Sri Lanka when they play the final international in Johannesburg on Wednesday. It will equal the West Indies record of 11 successive wins although Australia had 13 wins last season but their sequence was interrupted by a rained-out

SCOREBOARD

wins nine and ten.

match in New Zealand between

Final scoreboard of the fifth one-day international between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Bloemfontein on Sunday

SRI LANKA: 206 all out in 49.2 overs (Kumar Sangakkara 33. Pramodya Wickramasinghe 32, Russel Arnold 32; Shaun Pollock 3/44. Jacques Kallis 2/33, Nicky Boje 2/33)

SOUTH AFRICA

Dippenaar c Arnold b W'singhe 28 Gibbs run out (Atapattu) Boje lbw b M'tharan Kallis Ibw b Vaas 31 McKenzie c sub (Dilshan) b de Silva Rhodes not out Boucher not out Extras: (lb-1, w-2, nb-7) Total: (For 5 wkts in 42 overs) 207 Did not bat: J Kemp, S Pollock, M Ntini, A Donald.

Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-112, 3-177, 4-180, 5-192. Bowler Fernando 0 38 De Silva Wisinghe M'tharan

Result: South Africa won to that of South Africa, was by 5 wickets and lead the 6match series 5-0. Man-of-the-match:

J'suriva

Herschelle Gibbs. Next match: Johannes-

Boje slammed 40 off 31 balls with five fours to put South burg, January 17.

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Uruguay 3 (Juan Segales 38. Ricardo Varela 56, Wilson Martirena 73) India 0 H-t: 1-0

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on Monday: