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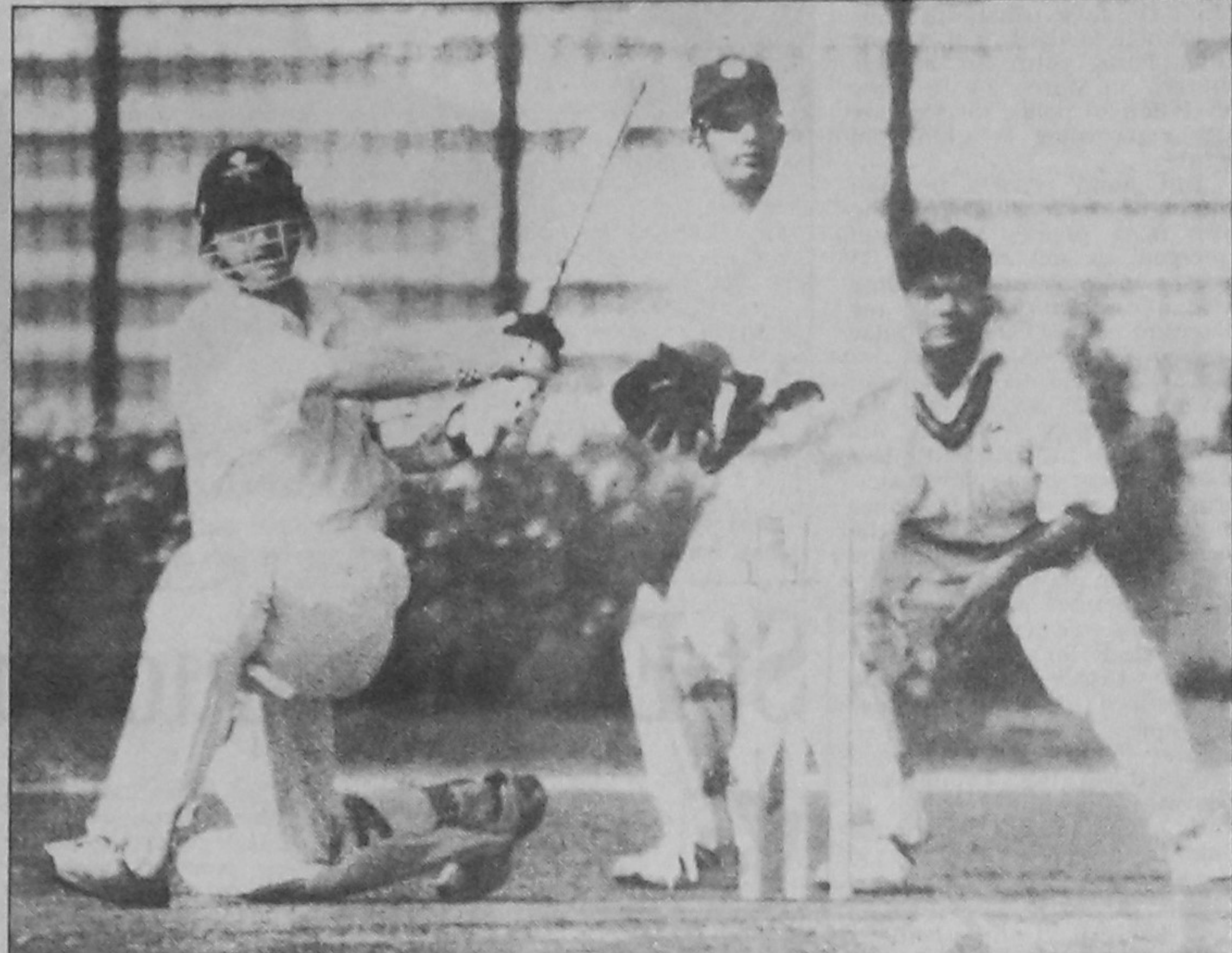
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Shane Stanton of Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy sweeps against BCB XI on the first day of the four-day match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo by Anisur Rahman

CBCA merry on Marsh

Sports Reporter

A timely century partnership between Shaun Marsh and Shane Stanton put the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) on course for a substantial total against Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Eleven at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

On the opening day of the four-day match, Marsh and Stanton combined for a 136-run third wicket stand as the visitors from Australia scored 297 for six in the day's allotted 90 overs.

Perhaps deceived by the green-ness of the wicket, BCB XI skipper Khaled Masood sent the opposition into bat but the pitch never offered any significant aid to the local seamers.

The home side didn't help their cause either by giving a pathetic fielding show.

CBCA were off to a slow start collecting 36 runs in the first hour without any loss. However, they lost both openers Harris (14) and Williams (23) in quick succession and went into lunch on 59 for two.

Left-handed Marsh, coming in at number four, began in his usual free-flowing style. Together with Stanton, he went on the attack after the break. None of the BCB bowlers could contain Marsh, who again looked a different class. His footwork was exemplary, timing and placement exceptional.

Stanton, who was dropped twice early in the innings, courtesy of national paceman Hasibul Hossain on both occasions, returned the compliment by clobbering left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique all around the ground. In one Rafique over, the right hander first pulled him for four then followed it with a gigantic swept sixer that landed in the Eastern gallery.

The stand was broken on 176 when Hasibul trapped Stanton leg before with an inswinger.

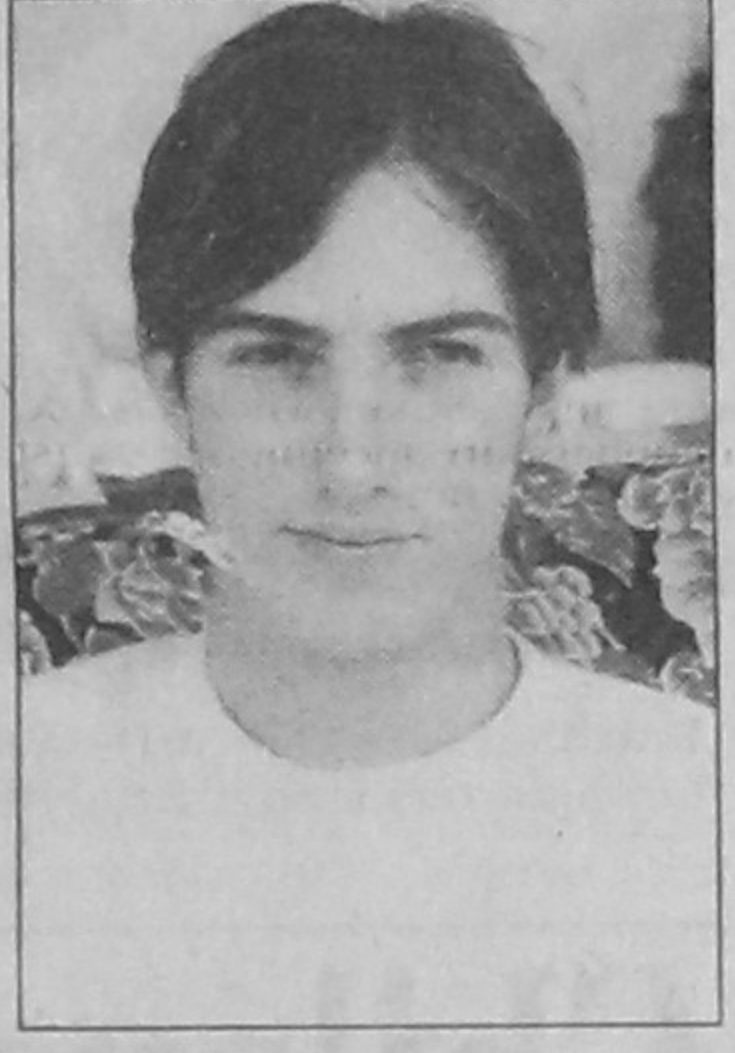
In his near three-hour stay, Stanton made a patient 45 off 134 balls.

Marsh, the 17-year-old from Perth, who scored an unbeaten 106 against BCB under-21 at BKSP and 95 against Board President Eleven in Rajshahi five days back, missed out on a sure hundred when on 92, he unnecessarily poked at a Mushfiqur Rahman delivery only to edge it to the gloves of Masood.

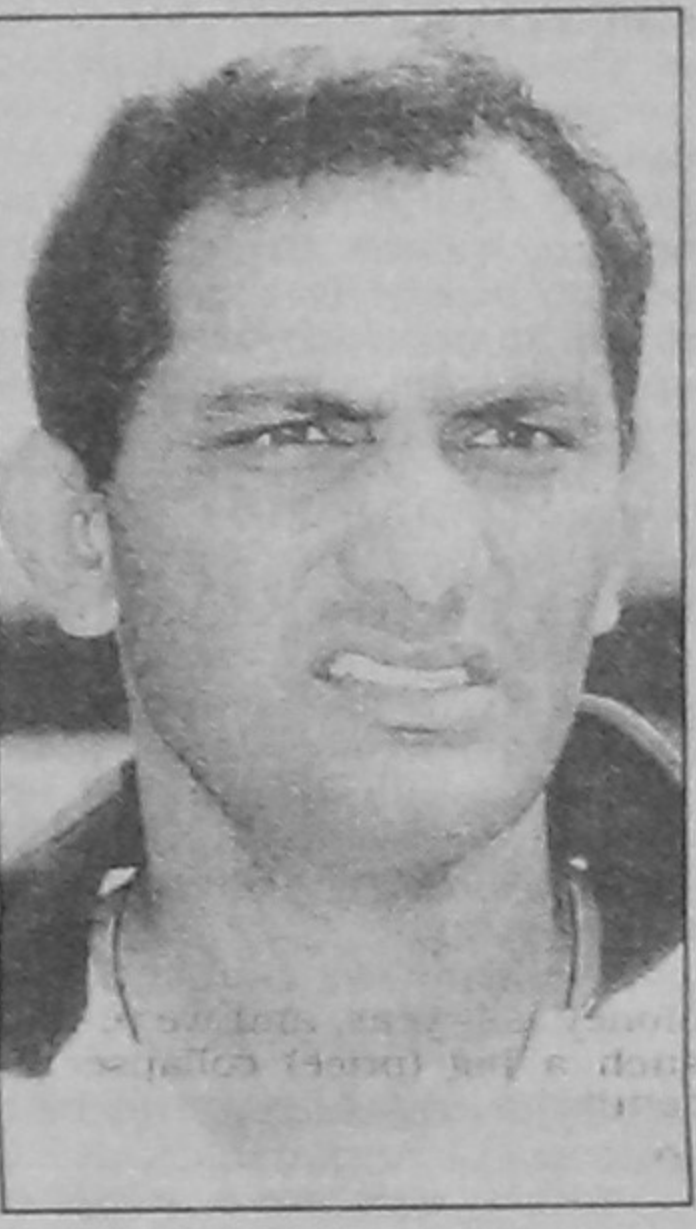
Marsh, who was also dropped in the beginning of his innings, faced 134 balls in his 168-minute vigil at the crease and hit 13 boundaries.

After Marsh's return, middle order was in a lurch. In reply, Barisal Maroons were bundled out for 71 in 22.2 overs with Hasan taking three wickets for 15 runs.

Chittagong Titans beat Khulna Rupsha by eight wickets at the Rajshahi College ground while Rajshahi Tista won the other match of the day defeating Dhaka Colts by six wickets at the Sathkira Stadium.



SHAUN MARSH ... 92



Mohammad Azharuddin
(Former Indian cricket captain)

"Match-fixing simply cannot be a one-man show. This is a game which involves 11 players. If a team fails, it is spectacularly unfair to single out just one person."

Said recently.

GrameenPhone U-17

Shaon fires Dhaka Colts

Sports Reporter

An unbeaten century from Shaon guided Dhaka Colts to an emphatic five-wicket win over Rajshahi Padma in a Grameen Phone under-17 cricket tournament first round match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Shaon was unbeaten on 131 as Dhaka Colts, chasing an impressive Rajshahi Padma total of 213 in 45 overs, reached 214 for five with three balls to spare.

Shaon faced only 129n balls for his 131 which included fifteen boundaries.

Earlier, batting first, Rajshahi Padma scored 213 for eight in the allotted 45 overs with Omeze hammering highest 55.

SCORES IN BRIEF
Rajshahi Padma: 213 for 8 in 45 overs (Omeze 55, Imroze 47, Sobel 3/42)
Dhaka Colts: 214 for 5 in 44.3 overs (Shaon 107 n.o.)
Result: Dhaka Colts won by five wickets.

Nat'l jr chess

Sports Reporter

Mohammad Javed of Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha and Ruhul Islam Bobby of Bangladesh Ansars registered their fourth successive wins in the 22nd national junior chess championship at the NSC chess room.

In yesterday's fourth round, Javed checkmated his teammate Mehdi Hasan Parag while Bobby overcame Nayeem Arefin Ratul to remain jointly atop the table with full points.

Syed Ejaz Hussain, Farhadur Imam, Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar and Mahtabuddin Ahmed Robin were in the second spot with 3.5 points each.

The fifth round will start at the same venue today at 3 pm.

WOMEN'S QUALIFIERS

Meanwhile, the third round of the qualifying tournament for the 22nd national women chess championship ended at the same venue yesterday.

Masuda Begum, Feroza Haque Chowdhury and Afroza Khanum Bably were sharing lead with full three points apiece.

Biman fly on J-wing

Sports Reporter

Opener Javed Omar Belim scored his second ton in the Green Delta National League as leaders Bangladesh Biman got off to a flying start on the first day of their four-day match against Dhaka Metropolis at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Javed notched 102 as Biman, sent in to bat by Dhaka Metro captain Khaled Mahmud, scored 263 for three at stumps. Incidentally, Javed scored exactly the same against Dhaka Division in Biman's second first-leg match at Mymensingh.

The sublime century of the right-hander also earned him the feat of becoming the first local player to cross 500-run landmark in this year's league ahead of two young stroke-makers - Nafis Iqbal of Chittagong and Sajjadul Islam Setu of Khulna. He aggregated 529 runs in eight matches.

He however struggled for runs in the crucial second leg but finally got his rhythm back before it was too late for his team.

The dapper right-hander, spoiling Dhaka's desire to exploit the early morning moisture, put on 133 runs for the first wicket with his captain Faruque Ahmed.

The former national captain also returned among the runs with a workmanlike 147-ball 68 before being clean bowled by off-spinner Naimur Rahman.

Naimur, whose bowling action was questioned by the ICC recently, also dismissed Habibul Bashar in quick succession to raise hopes for a turnaround.

But the national flag-carrier quickly got on top of the Metro bowlers as Aminul Islam joined Javed to produce 83 runs for the third wicket.

Javed's obdurate innings, lasting over five hours and



JAVED OMAR ... 102

Rain ruins Lara reign

Sports Reporter

SYDNEY, Jan 17: A superb century by enigmatic left-hander Brian Lara was not enough to lift the West Indies to victory over Australia in a Carlton tri-nation one-day cricket match at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Lara lashed a spectacular unbeaten 116 from 106 balls, smashing 10 fours and two sixes — but the home team won on a superior run rate after heavy rain washed out the game.

When the heavens opened, the West Indies were 211 for eight in their 43rd over after Australia hammered 277 for seven from their 50 overs after being sent in by the tourists.

Australia were declared to have won the game by 28 runs under the Duckworth-Lewis scoring system, which is designed to determine the winning team when rain intervenes and play cannot resume.

The complicated system, which replaced a controversial method for deciding the winners of rain-affected matches, takes into account the number of wickets lost as well as the number of runs scored.

Because they were eight wickets down at the time play ended, the Windies needed to have made 240 runs to be awarded the game under the system.

Australia have an unblemished record in the lucrative contest, while the Windies have only one win — against Zimbabwe — from four clashes.

When the rain drove players from the field, the West Indies still needed 67 runs for an improbable victory — at a rate of almost 10 an over, with only Colin Stuart 3 not out and Marlon Black to support Lara.

It was only the brilliance of Lara which gave the Windies even a slight chance of victory after they had tumbled to 94 for five in the 24th over.

He moved to his first 50 in 83 minutes off 55 balls, and brought up his century in 134 minutes off 97 deliveries, with nine thundering fours and a massive six.

Lara received scant support from his team-mates, with only Ricardo Powell (28 from 37



LARA... 116 n.o

Milo under-15 Rajshahi Padma bury Barisal Maroon



Sports Reporter

A swashbuckling century from Arif steered Rajshahi Padma to a massive 220-run win over Barisal Maroons in one of the three Milo under-15 cricket tournament first round matches at the Railway ground in Rajshahi yesterday.

Arif scored 107 off just 85 balls with two sixes and ten boundaries as the home side, batting first, piled up a huge 291 before being all out in 44.5 overs.

In reply, Barisal Maroons were bundled out for 71 in 22.2 overs with Hasan taking three wickets for 15 runs.

Chittagong Titans beat Khulna Rupsha by eight wickets at the Rajshahi College ground while Rajshahi Tista won the other match of the day defeating Dhaka Colts by six wickets at the Sathkira Stadium.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Rajshahi Padma v Barisal Maroons
Rajshahi Padma: 291 all out in 44.5 overs (Arif 107, Ahad 2/29)
Barisal Maroons: 71 all out in 22.2 overs (Taikur 10, Hasan 3/15)
Result: Rajshahi Padma won by 220 runs.
Chittagong Titans v Khulna Rupsha
Khulna Rupsha: 123 all out in 32.5 overs (Rajib 40, Imran 39, Raihan 3/20)
Chittagong Titans: 125 for 2 in 25.2 overs (Subrata 51, Adil 47)
Result: Chittagong Titans won by eight wickets.
Rajshahi Tista v Dhaka Colts
Dhaka Colts: 128 all out in 39 overs (Badrul 29, Humayun 20, Sarfaraz 3/30)
Rajshahi Tista: 133 for 4 in 26.4 overs (Mustafiz 40, Sakir 37, Humayun 4/30)
Result: Rajshahi Tista won by six wickets.

Milo Under-13 cricket

Sports Reporter

Rajshahi Padma beat Dhaka Rangers by 35 runs in a lone first round match of the Milo under-13 cricket tournament at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday.

Moyeenuddin scored 72 as Rajshahi Padma, batting first, scored a commanding 216 for eight in the stipulated 45 overs.

In reply, Dhaka Rangers were all out for 181 in 41.1 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Rajshahi Padma: 216 for 8 in 45 overs (Moyeenuddin 72, Azizul 23, Mitul 3/14)
Dhaka Rangers: 181 all out in 41.1 overs (Hasan 52, Rajib 29, Samrat 3/32)
Result: Rajshahi Padma won by 35 runs.

Pabna cricket

From Our Correspondent

PABNA, Jan 17: The Pepsi First Division Cricket League got off to a sensational start at the famous Edward College ground here today.

The inaugural match saw an exciting finish where Ekata Club defeated Sangram by one run. Defending a fighting total of 175, all out in 39.3 overs, Ekata restricted Sangram to 174 for in 40 allotted overs.

UCBSA thinking about King's proposals

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 17: The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) Wednesday set up a four-person committee to consider recommendations by Judge Edwin King aimed at combating corruption in cricket, reports AFP.

King's second interim report, following the King Commission hearings in June 2000, was released in December. The UCBSA executive met in Johannesburg on Wednesday, their first meeting since the report was made public.

The committee, headed by Board member Robbie Kurz, was told to make a full report to the general council of the UCBSA on January 27.

In the report King made several controversial recommendations, including the monitoring of mobile telephone calls, made and received by players, the appointment of undercover agents who would make bogus approaches to players and agreement by players that they submit themselves to polygraph tests if required.

22 called up for camp

Saber makes debut as selector



Saber Hossain Chowdhury went down in history yesterday when the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president himself called up 22 players in the national camp for Bangladesh's tour to Zimbabwe.

He became the first Board president ever to select a team in place of a selection committee. In company with his general secretary Syed Ashrafur Huq, Saber, who has recently dissolved the selection committee after its chief Tanvir Haider stepped down, also showed competence and imagination by injecting two fresh

BCB payroll. The two kids in the men's block are Biman's young right-arm seamer Mohammad Sharif and all-rounder Ashrafur. Mehrob Hossain and left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique are the other two players called summoned in the trial camp.

Nafis Iqbal could console himself with the fact that he actually compelled the makeshift selectors on the strength of his performance to give a serious thought about him. The young opener of Chittagong scored more than 400 runs so far in the National League.

It was however a richly deserved reward for the 17-year-old Sharif, who emerged from no where to capture an astounding 40-odd wickets for the national flag-carrier in the ongoing National League. Having a matured head on a young shoulder, Sharif possesses a nice fluid action. He is deceptive off the pitch, bowls straight and can be a very handy first-change bowler for the national team in future. The only problem with Sharif is that his stature is too short to be a pace bowler.

Played for Partex in the Second Division League last season, Sharif also toured with the Bangladesh U-17 team to Pakistan last year. But he picked up injury in the first match while fielding and was sidelined for the whole tournament.

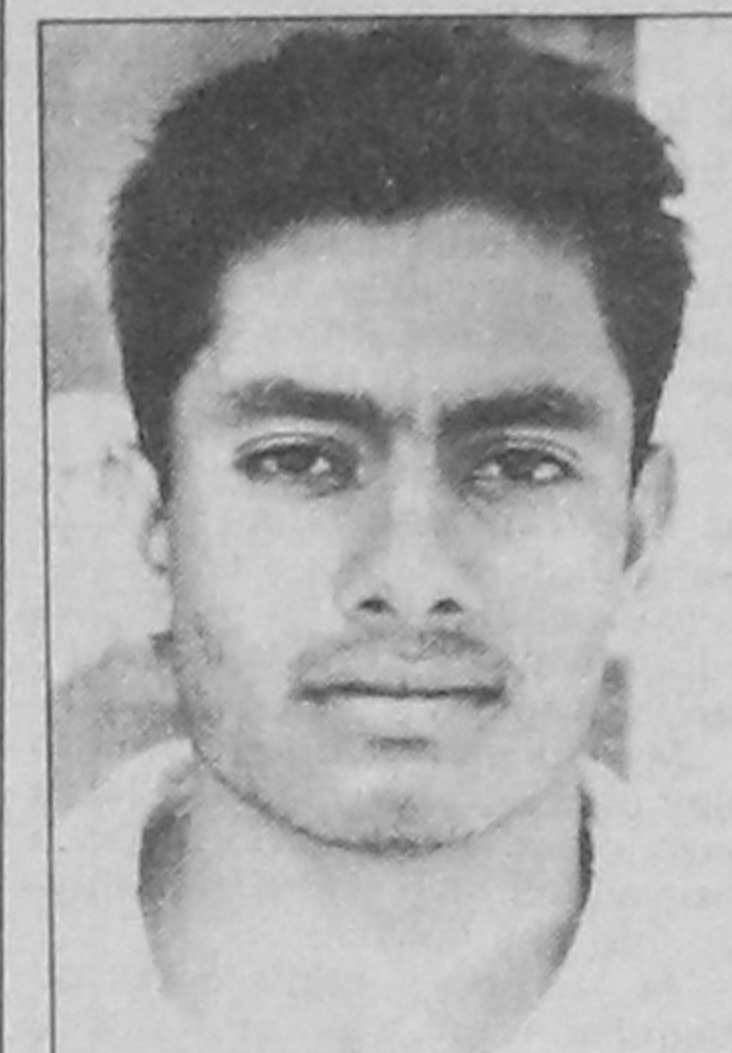
Former national leg-spinner Wahidul Ghani, who runs a free coaching school in the city, has groomed the young seamer from Narayanganj and Ashrafur.

South Africa last year. The selection of 22 cricketers was also significant in light of the Board's policy not to allow them to take part in the Dhaka Premier Cricket League. Saber however said that those who would not be able to make it to the final list might be allowed to play in the Dhaka League.

The residential camp at the BKSP will start on February 8 on completion of the National League. Bangladesh will tour Zimbabwe in April to play two Tests and three one-day matches.

SELECTED PLAYERS

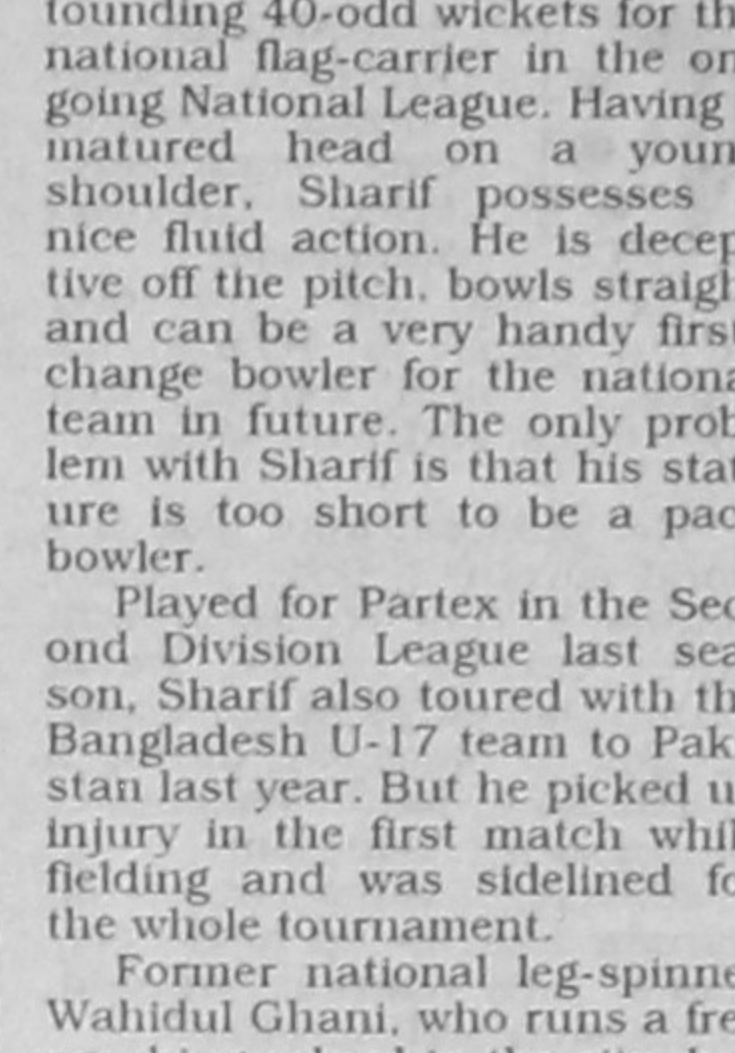
Naimur Rahman, Khaled Masud, Akram Khan, Aminul Islam, Javed Omar, Belim, Habibul Bashar, Shahriar Hossain, Enamul Haque, Al-Shahriar, Hasibul Hossain, Monjurul Islam, Bikash Ranjan Das, Rajin Saleh, Nasirul Alam,



MOHAMMAD SHARIF

blooms into the side. Both Saber and Ashrafur took up the added responsibility for an interim period ahead of the elections.

Eighteen out of 22 cricketers selected are however on the



MOHAMMAD ASHRAFUR

Ashrafur, the attacking right-handed batsman and leg-spinner, however got a national call previously. He was in the stand-by list of the national team that toured Kenya and



MOHAMMAD ASHRAFUR

Fahim Muntasir, Ehsanul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahman, Sabir Khan, Mohammad Rafique, Ashrafur, Mehrob Hossain and Mohammad Sharif.

Khulna lost in Enamul maze

Sports Reporter

had bagged five or more wickets in an innings in the longer version matches of the national league so far.

Pakistani leg spinner Shaeed Mehmud wrapped up the Khulna innings, taking three wicket for 48 runs.

Apart from Nahidul, Rana (41) and Imran (30) were the other notable run getters for Khulna.

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

On fire Enamul Hoque returned with six wicket to help holders Chittagong take total command against Khulna in their crucial second leg Green Delta National Cricket League home match at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

Enamul, the veteran left-arm spinner and the leading wicket taker in the league, captured six for 44 on the first day of the four-day encounter, as the visitors were all out for 211 in 76.3 overs. In reply, Chittagong were 51 for 1 at stumps.

Put into bat Khulna were off to a disastrous start as Enamul, fresh from his 10-wicket haul in the previous match against Dhaka Metropolis, removed their top five batsmen in a row with the scoreboard reading only 74.

Opener Nahidul Haque and lower order Rana saved the visitors with a defiant 75-run for the sixth wicket.

Enamul broke the stand by getting the wicket of Nahidul—his 50th of the league— after the left-hander had made his team's top score (81 off 181 balls).

It was the fifth time Enamul



ENAMUL ... 6/44

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first of the four-day Green Delta National League match between Chittagong and Khulna at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

KHULNA: First innings

Nahidul c Minhazul b Enamul	81
Setu Rezaul b Enamul	10
Raju Ibw b Enamul	2
Selim b Enamul	0
Uzzal b Enamul	1
Piblob c Ehsanul b Enamul	4
Rana Ibw b Minhazul	41
Imran c Suja b Mehmud	30
Jamaluddin Ibw b Mehmud	13
Al-Amin c S b Mehmud	0
A Kamal not out	2
Extras: (b-15, lb-3, nb-4, w-5)	27
Total: (All out in 76.3 overs)	211
Fall of wickets: 1/33, 2/42, 3/62, 4/70, 5/74, 6/149, 7/173, 8/201, 9/208	

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Anis	10	1	35	0
Safuddin	18	3	32	0
Enamul	26	11	44	6
S Mehmud	11.3	0	28	3
Suja	7	2	16	0
Minhazul	4	0	13	1

CHITTAGONG: First innings

S Mehmud not out	30
Azam c Selim b A Kamal	0
Ehsanul not out	15
Extras: (b-6)	6
Total: (For 1 wicket in 16 overs)	51
Fall of wicket: 1/5	

Bowler O M R W

A Kamal	7	2	15	1
Al-Amin	4	0	18	0
Rana	4	1	10	0
Jamaluddin	1	0	2	0

Agassi, Sampras near

MELBOURNE, Jan 17: Andre Agassi hit the cruise control button but his old rival Pete Sampras was made to sweat as they both advanced to the third round of the Australian Open here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

The two dominant figures in men's tennis for the last decade are now just one match away from a quarterfinal showdown in which, on the form displayed so far, Agassi will start as favourite.

The defending champion, bidding for his 7th Grand Slam title, looked close to his awe-some best as he swept aside fellow American Paul Goldstein 6-1, 6-3, 6-1 under the floodlights in a packed Rod Laver Arena.

It was painful to watch as Goldstein, a fast-improving 25-year-old, was ruthlessly taken apart by the relentless power and accuracy of Agassi's baseline hitting in just over an hour.

Agassi, who at 30 says he is fitter than ever, will have to beat Germany's David Prinosil to keep his date with Sampras, who must past Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina.

"I got off to a great start, which always helps, and I was hitting the ball really well," Agassi said. "I said before the tournament that I wanted to find the kind of form I had here last year and it seems like I've found it."

Sampras was given his second tough workout of the tournament before edging past Bohdan Ulihrach, a Czech who had beaten him twice before.

A fifth set had looked inevitable when Ulihrach went a break up in the fourth. But Sampras showed why he has won a record 13 Grand Slam titles by stepping up a gear to come back for a 7-6, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5 win.

"It was a rollercoaster up there," Sampras said. He admitted to feeling the strain. "I've played six hours in the last couple of days so my body needs a day off tomorrow. It's tough as you get a little bit older to keep winning slams."

Sampras was not the only big name to struggle on Wednesday. Women's defending champion Lindsay Davenport was given a fright by an unknown qualifier, Marat Safin was pained by an elbow injury and Conchita Martinez became the first big name to tumble out.

Former Wimbledon champion Martinez was joined at the exit door by her Spanish compatriot Juan Carlos Ferrero, the men's 9th seed.

Safin came through his second round clash with Romanian Andrei Pavel in four sets but the US Open champion

admitted the combination of playing flat out and the lingering injury could derail his bid for a second Grand Slam.

"I'm going for full power and just try to take some rest on days off to work with the physio and have ultrasound," he said. "At the moment it's okay."

It was business as usual for the other top men in action, with Pat Rafter, seeded 12th and playing in what may be his farewell Open, Tim Henman (8), Cedric Pioline (13) and Dominik Hrbaty (14) all booking their places in the third round.

In the women's singles, Davenport was joined at the same stage by Monica Seles (4), Anna Kournikova (8), Jennifer Capriati (12), Belgium's Kim Clijsters (15) and France's Sandrine Testud (14).

Ferrero, the first men's seed to fall, lost out in a five-set thriller to local hero Andrew Ilie. It was an upset that will be richly savoured down under following Ferrero's key role in Spain's Davis Cup final win over Australia last month.

Ilie, a journeyman professional who has spent his career in the shadow of the likes of Rafter, won 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, 1-6, 6-2.

And he made the most of his moment in the spotlight, signing lap of honour, he delighted the