GREEN DELTA NAT'L

CRICKET LEAGUE

Biman v Dhaka Metro

aspirants Biman to a eight-

championship hopes alive as

the day's other one dayer at the

Comilla Stadium. Both teams

with one round of games re-

Dhaka Metropolis' dreams as

they remained second in the

table along with Khulna, each

skipper, smashed an unbeaten

102 as Biman, chasing an ordi-

nary Dhaka Metropolis total of

172, reached 176 for two with

more than ten overs of the al-

taken the new role of opening

the Biman innings along with

Javed Omar, shared a flowing

Their stand was broken

84-run partnership with Javed

when Javed, the national

ner Naimur Rahman on 32.

boundaries, put on 47 runs

21- The Asia Cup

Council secretry Zakir Hussain

stan and India, although

in India and Pakistan was be-

lieved to have forced the post-

whether India would have come

Kashmir which is divided be-

Syed said Saturday.

postponed. Asian Cricket 2002." Sved said.

cricket commitments of Paki- waiting for the event.

been a factor behind the deci- ponement," he said.

which came off 20 overs.

in his 61-ball knock.

Mukul.

The right hander, who has

The defeat further dampened

Faruque, the former national

Savar vesterday.

having 36 points.

lotted 50 to spare.

Veteran batsman Faruque

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman, who

thumped down an eight-wicket

defeat on Dhaka Metropolis at

the BKSP yesterday. Both

Chittagong and Biman have

now 42 points each and with

was not there.

Dell PowerEdge

Carl Hooper (Former West Indies all- are now on equal 44 points

rounder)

"It is just rumour. Getting | maining. back into Test team is not something I am losing sleep over. What I want to do is play some cricket for Guyana."

On the Rumours of returning to the West Indies Test side as captain.

Competition 143 ✓ Tick the Correct Answers

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	Which	is FIFA's	top ran
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2. How many Test hundreds has Steve Waugh scored? 3. What is the result of the South Africa-Sri Lanka ODI series?

4. Who is the lone double centurion in the National Cricket League?

5. By which margin did Bangladesh go down to Bosnia in the Sahara Millennium Cup?

Name

Class..... Roll No.....

School Address

Phone: (If any)

BCB's different XIs for CBCA day-nighters

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) vesterday named two different teams for the second and third day-night matches against the visiting Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on January

24 and 25. National skipper Naimur Rahman will lead the BCB Eleven in the second match on Wednesday while Akram Khan will captain BCB Eleven in the last day-night fixture on the following day.

BCB have already named a team for the first day-night encounter which is scheduled at the same venue tomorrow with Aminul Islam leading the side.

SQUADS

For January 24: Naimur Rahman (captain), Nafees Iqbal. Mehrab Hossain, Sajjad Ahmed. Hasanuzzaman. Mushfigur Rahman, Anwar Hossain (wicketkeeper). Fahim Muntasir, Ashfaq Ali, Bikash Ranjan Das, Sharfuddowla Ibn Shahid Saikat, Rajin Saleh and Asadullah Khan.

For January 25: Akram Khan (captain). Mohammad Ashraful, Habibul Bashar Sanwar Hossain, Anisur Rahman, Mushfigur Rahman, Golam Mortuza (wicketkeeper), Mohammad Rafique, Saiful Islam, Mohammad Sharif, Nasi-

rul Alam and Safjadul Hassan. * The selected cricketers have been asked to report to coach Sarwar Imran at 11 am on the day of the matches.

Nasim-ul in town

Sports Reporter The International Cricket Council's development officer for Asia, Nasim-ul Ghani arrived in the capital yesterday.

He will report on the preparedness of the Bangladesh Cricket Board to host the Second ICC Under-17 Asia Cup from February 15-25.

The former Pakistan Test cap, who played a key role as chairman of the ICC's Evaluation Committee during Bangladesh's bid for Test status, had a meeting with the tournament's See page 15

ahead of me."

Faruque propels Biman

Sports Reporter Biman on 131. Faruque took his side home along with Sanwar who remained not out on 6.

Faruque, who scored a half century in the four day match preceding the one day game against the same opponents. Alimed scored his first hundred faced 130 balls for his undein the Green Delta National feated knock which included

Cricket League to power title one six and 20 fours. This was only the third wicket cruise over Dhaka Me- century in the one-day matches tropolis in a crucial one-day of the national league till date. match at the BKSP ground in Khulna's Tushar Imran scored 106 against Dhaka Metropolis The win kept Biman's at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on December 23 while Althey stayed atop the table along Shahriar of Dhaka Metropolis with holders Chittagong who hit 107 against Chittagong at



FARUQUE ... 102 n.o

opener, was bowled by off spin- ary 15. Javed smote half a dozen fours arm medium pacer. Monir took four wickets as Dhaka Me-After Javed departed tropolis were restricted to 172 Faruque, who reached 50 off for nine in the stipulated 50 74 balls with a six and nine overs after opting to bat first.

Monir conceded 40 runs in Mukul along with Habibul Bashar his ten overs which included Naimur where the later contributed only one maiden. Monir apart, left Mofizul ten runs before being stumped arm seamer Jahangir Alam Ashraful by wicketkeeper Shahin off Talukder got two wickets for 38. Halim Shah When Bashar returned with

Halim Shah made the high- eight wickets.

est 37 off 80 balls with five fours while opener Mehrab Hossain and Neevamur Rashid added 29 and 27 runs respec-

Biman will take on Khulna in the last round starting at the Jessore Stadium from January

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Green Delta National Cricket League one-day match between Bangladesh Biman and Dhaka Me tropolis at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

DHAKA METROPOLIS Ashraful c Mukhter b Sharif Mehrab c & b Monir Mofizul e Mukhter b Jahangir Sajjad c Mukhter b Monir Naimur e Ziaur b Jahangir K Mahmud c Sharif b Monir Halim Shah c & b A Wasim Neevamur e Hasanuzzaman b Zlaur Saiful b Monir Mukul not out Shahin not out Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-2, w-9) Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 172 Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/46. 3/50, 4/52, 5/56, 6/57, 7/89

8/139.9/152 OMRW Bowler 23 Jahangir 50 Sharif 1 40 Monir A Wasim 10 0 25 Ziaur BIMAN Javed b Naimur

Faruque not out Bashar st Shahin b Mukul 10 Sanwar not out Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-7, w-10) 24 Earlier, Biman's young right Total: (For 2 wkts in 39.2 overs) 176 Fall of wickets: 1/84, 2/131

Bowler K Mahmud Neevamur Mehrab Result: Biman won by

Asian Tests championship by

Sved said Hong Kong was

other countries Hong Kong,

Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia

are countries where we intend

said the delay meant the cash-

strapped HKCA will have to

wait for a 100,000 dollar wind-

fall they had been promised

after surprisingly qualifying for

sociation official Mark Burns

told the paper the delay could

bolster their pool of players as

But Hong Kong Cricket As-

"While the delay will give

will also mean that others will

the tournament last year.

The Hong Kong newspaper

to promote cricket," he said.

"ACC's development com-

"Instead of Asia Cup the beating India in the league and

"I know the decision will mittee is meeting in Calcutta,

The Asian Test Champion- they prepare to take on the

cause disappointment in Hong India next week and among

Asia Cup put on hold

ricket tourna- member countries have decided Sri Lanka in the final in 1999.

for April in Kara- Championship between Sep- one of the places where the

chi has been tember this year to January ACC wanted to promote cricket.

"But but too many commit-

He said the Asia Cup fea-

UAE, as winners, and Hong

as Pakistan and India have Trophy held last year had help the Asian cricket minnows

for the event or not," Syed said. ship will feature 37 days of Test-playing giants in the tour-

December in protest against Lanka and Bangladesh have those players on the fringes of

Islamabad's alleged involve- extra time to fulfill any other qualifying the opportunity to

ment in unrest in the Indian international commitments in play under the residency rule, it

Jan tween the two countries.

ment scheduled to hold the second Asian Test

Syed told AFP the post- Kong and UAE (United Araby

ponement was mainly due to Emirates) who were anxioulsy

strained relations between the ments for India and Pakistan

two countries could also have was the main cause of post-

He was commenting on a re- turing India, Pakistan, Sri

port in Hong Kong's South Lanka, Bangladesh, the UAE

China Morning Post that the and Hong Kong would now be

feud between the cricket bodies held in April next year in

"It may be one of the causes Kong, as runners-up of the ACC

cricket team tour Pakistan last so that Pakistan, India, Sri

favourites. Pete Sampras and like he could pull off his biggest

strained ties. I don't know qualified for the Asia Cup.

part of the Himalyan state of between, Syed said.

Karachi.

India refused to let its cricket spread over five months nament

Khulna stoop to Minhaz Silly BFF lets Kottan down

Sports Reporter With the performance of

the national football team in the Sahara Millenium Cup against world class opponents renewed hope among the local football buffs. coach George Kottan is being forced to feel just the oppo-

Kottan, the newly appointed Austrian coach who has been duly credited with a number of positives that have spotted in the match against Bosnia and Yugoslavia, was full of anguish while talking to a group of journalists at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office last night.

"I'm sitting on this (*-!-?-?-!-*-?) chair but no one takes a time to listen to me. national captain held the in-I'm insisting that we must play at least two warm-up matches before we travel to Saudi Arabia for the World Cup qualifiers," said a visibly frustrated Austrian.

Kottan was waiting to take his charges from the BFF office to the BKSP where the 23 called-up booters will undergo training for the 2002 World Cup qualifiers. Bangladesh have been placed with Saudi Arabia, Vietnam and Mongolia in the qualifying, to be held in Riyadh from February 8.

"Is not it silly that there is no international telephone line in the federation? I can't understand why they (BFF) I from the front earlier on the fail to arrange even matches against a club side of Thailand? It is very important to play matches against good teams before travelling to | ing to bat, Khulna tumbled out Saudi Arabia", Kottan | for 140 with more than nine moaned in frustration.

Milo U-13 cricket

Metro Blues

reach final

Sports Reporter

An unbeaten half-

century

guided

Cricket Tournament with a six-

middle-order

Blues into the fi

Having been failed to hit 50 overs. They were off to a some senses into the heads of indifferent BFF officials. Kottan was fuming with helpless agony. His bewilderment was so much so that he even went on to ask. "Isn't there anybody who cares for football here?"

SCOREBOARD sound start with left-handed three wickets: opener Nahidul hammering a Scoreboard of the Green

MINHAZ ... 51 n.o

Chittagong will now travel to

Dhaka where they will take on

hosts Dhaka Metropolis in the

final clash at the Bangabandhu

National Stadium. Biman, on

The final round will com-

the other hand, will travel to

Jessore to play Khulna.

mence on January 27.



GREEN DELTA NAT'L

CRICKET LEAGUE

Chittagong v Khulna

scored an unbeaten half-

century to guide holders Chit-

tagong to a hard-fought three-

wicket win over Khulna in a

one-day match of the Green

Delta National League at the

as Chittagong, chasing a mod-

est Khulna total of 140 all out

in 40.1 overs, recovered from a

terrible start to reach 141 for

six with his side reeling at 40

for four, the experienced former

nings together after Khulna's

right-arm medium pacer Ahmed

Kamal wrecked havoc with the

tagong top-order to finish his

ten venomous overs with four

for 31 runs. He had Faisal for

one before dismissing in-form

Nafis Igbal for five. Kamal also

got the prized scalp of one-

with aggression, negotiated the

Khulna attack to steer his side

to safety. He hammered three

day, claiming vital wicket of

overs to spare in their share of

one-down Uzzal and taking four

fours in his workmanlike 81-

But Minhaz, mixing caution

Minhaz also led his side

Winning the toss and elect-

down Ehsanul, who made 17.

Kamal demolished the Chit-

Coming in to bat at number

The right-hander notched 51

Comilla Stadium yesterday.

seven in 38.3 overs.

new ball.

ball knock.

Skipper Minhazul Abedin

batsman Ayub nal of the Milo Under-13 !

wicket win over Dhaka Colts in Makhaya Ntini was the torthe second semifinal at the Dhanmondi Club ground ves-Ayub scored 58 not out as Lankans. Metro Blues, chasing Dhaka

Colt's total of 162 in 45 overs. scored 166 for four in just 27 Ayub took only balls for his runs behind. 58 which included nine fours.

After Metro Blues lost four ble from early on Sunday when wickets for 56 runs, Ayub Marvan Atapattu was run out shared an unbeaten 110-run for the fifth wicket with Sajid Donald into the covers. Earlier, put into bat. Dhaka

quickly to pick up and Atapattu was sent back by Sanath Javasuriya. He was easily run out when Gibbs lobbed the ball to short leg fielder Boeta Dippe-

final at the same venue. UNDER-15 Meanwhile. Rajshahi Padma beat Metro Blues by six wickets in the first round of the Milo Under-15 Tournament at the

were scrambling Silva was sensationally caught for four. to stave off defeat for five by a diving Gibbs at here Sunday after backward point. De Silva ham-South Africa's bowlers ripped mered a cut against Jacques through their batting and Kallis and Gibbs flung himself forced the follow-on on day two to his left to take the ball twohanded.

Ntini then took over, having play put the home side firmly in Mahela Jayawardene caught control as the tourists crashed behind for 17 immediately beto 119 all out in reply to South fore lunch and taking the next Africa's first innings total of three wickets after the break. New cap Justin Kemp finished off the innings by taking the

Wicketkeeper Romesh Kalu-

Kaluwitharana twice slashed delivery to be caught behind.

for treatment after hurting his right elbow diving in a futile attempt to stop a boundary by Javasuriya. It was the same elbow on which he developed an abscess which caused him to nings (375-9 overnight) Donald then claimed two miss the second Test in Cape

> Although he seemed to be in Gibbs c Kaluwitharana b Zoysa pain, it was in his next over that Donald made his double

19-ball 22. But the rot started Delta National Cricket League one-day match between Chit-

when off-spinner Ripon dismissed the menacingly poised tagong and Khulna at the Cosouthpaw. Uzzal with a stubmilla Stadium yesterday. born 31 tried to stop the slump, KHULNA but support at the other end Nahidul e Minhazul b Ripon Sajjadul c Sumon b Shaffuddin With this win, Chittagong Uzzal c Faisal b Minhazul stayed atop the table along with Jamaluddin c Minhazul b Enamul

> Asadullah b S Mchmud Rana c Azam b Shaffuddin Niaz not out A Kamal b Shaffuddin

one more round to go the Monjurul b Shaffuddin championship seems certain to Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-7, w-11) be settled by the two co-leaders. Total: (All out in 40.5 overs)

Tushar c Minhazul b Enamul

Selim c Minhazul b S Mehmud

Fall of wickets: 1/24, 2/27 3/100, 4/103, 5/112, 6/135 Bowler Ripon Shaffuddin Sumon Minhazul Enamul

S Mehmud CHITTAGONG Faisal c Selim b A Kamal

Nafees b A Kamal Ehsanul c Selim b A Kamal Azad b A Kamal Azam b Niaz Minhazul not out Sumon c Monjurul b Niaz S Mehmood c Uzzal e Jamaluddin Enamul not out

Extras: (lb-5, nb-5, w-6)

Total: (For 7 wkts in 38.3 overs) 141 Fall of wickets: 1/5, 2/8, 3/30. 4/40.5/75.6/93.7/117 Bowler Monjurul A Kamal

Jamaluddin Nahidul Result: Chittagong won by

Lankans following on trying one powerful shot too CENTURION. So- inside edge for three.

of the third Test, reports AFP. A devastating bowling dis-

mentor-in-chief, taking four for 39 as South Africa's fast bowlers again overpowered the Sri South Africa also had Sri

Lanka in trouble early in their second innings and by tea had struggled to 26 for one, still 233 Sri Lanka had been in trou-

for three when he played Allan Herschelle Gibbs moved

allotted 45 overs with Farhad Metro Blues will take on Rajshahi Tista in tomorrow's

wickets in three balls. He had Jayasuriya caught at wide third man for 16 when he cut a short ball. Two balls later Kumar

last two wickets for 19 runs.

witharana was Sri Lanka's top scorer, making 32 off 30 balls. He gave a difficult chance to Daryll Cullinan at first slip off Ntini when he had one and then went for his shots.

the ball dangerously close to gully and immediately before his dismissal hit Ntini for 4, 6 and 4 before flashing at a wide Donald left the field briefly

Town last month.

Sangakkara was bowled off an breakthrough, with Jayasuriya

Sri Lanka suffered another many after punching the previ-Sri Lanka blow when veteran Aravinda de ous delivery through the covers Donald bowled three overafter funch but did not look we'll

and at one stage called for a drink. He took the field at the start of the second innings but did not open the bowling. Kallis shared the new ball with South African captain Shaun Pollock Sri Lankan captain Jaya-

suriva, who had scored only 50 runs in five innings in the series, did not open the batting in the second innings, with San-

gakkara taking over. Sri Lanka made another poor start when Atapattu completed a dismal series with the bat. He was caught at first slip for nought. He made 41 runs in

matches. South Africa lead the series -O after winning the second Test by a record margin of an innings and 229 runs.

six innings in the three

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the third and final Test between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Centurion

Park Sunday: SOUTH AFRICA: First In-Dippenaar c Kaluwitharana

b Perera Kallis c Arnold b Fernando Cullinan c Kaluwitharana

ground.

35 runs.

he bowled.

mine overs.

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Video umpire Rod Paterson

gave the benefit of the doubt to

the Tasmanian, but later ruled

out decision after wicketkeeper

the bails following a pin-point

nings strongly, reaching 50

thanks mainly to express

bowler Brett Lee's wayward

opening four overs which cost

vev achieved an immediate

breakthrough when he replaced

Lee, having Guy Whittall caught

behind for 25 with the first ball

turning his best one-day inter-

national figures of 4-28 from

Harvey and fellow Victorian

But medium-pacer lan Har-

without loss off eight overs.

Zimbabwe started their in-

Andy Flower had whipped off

return from Travis Friend.

Sampras, Safin sink



bloody Sunday at the last eight. the Australian Oppre-tournament

Marat Safin, were sent home ever victory.

early in major fourth round upsets, reports AFP. Sampras, bidding to extend his record-breaking haul of 13 i Grand Slam titles, looked on track when he edged a first set

tiebreak against compatriot Todd Martin. But from then on, Martin's serve and return were irresistible as he completed a 6-7 (2/7). 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win that was only his third in 20 matches against

Sampras. The gentle giant now faces Andre Agassi, who beat Australian Andrew Ilie earlier in the day, in the quarter finals. With Sampras, Safin and world number one Gustavo Kuerten all out. Agassi is now odds on favourite to claim his third

Open title. Safin's conqueror, Dominik Hrbaty, will meet Australia's Pat Rafter in the other quarter in the top half of the draw.

Despite the defeat and a growing sense that his best days are behind him. Sampras insisted retirement was not an issue. "I feel like I can still win

majors and I want to win a few

more before I am done," he

"I'm disappointed not to have done it here but I've got many years and many slams

produced a string of winners to

Agassi tamed showman Ilie sweep the first set tiebreak and Ilie, who has delighted the

en as two of the home crowd with his shirtripping antics, looked briefly

Jan 21: It was in four sets to book his place in then broke Agassi in the third

Pakistan won the inaugural get older."

game of the second. But the Las Vegan broke back immediately and soon

took control. "He played some spectacular tennis," Agassi admitted. The Romanian-born player wasn't really doing that much 28) See page 15

in hand. One down Sharif scored highest 46 while opener Ashraful added 28. SCORES IN BRIEF Metro Blues: 126 all out in

terday.

who was undefeated on 40.

hammering highest 47.

Colts scored 162 for eight in the

Rajshahi College ground yes-

Chasing Metro Blues' 126 in 45 overs, the winners reached

127 in 25 overs with six wickets

41 overs (Mustafiz 43, Shoeb Rajshahi Padma: 127 for 4 in 25 overs (Sharif 46, Ashraful

Result: Rajshahi Padma



President of the Bangladesh Bridge Federation Farooq Sobhan (seated third from left) is seen with the winners of the National Pair Bridge Championship for the Fazle Sobhan Trophy, National Bridge Championship (team) and APTECH-Dhaka Club Open Championship at the National Sports Council auditorium yesterday. - Star photo

Darren damages Zimbabwe



snatched a longdelayed chance as

day clash at the Melbourne Cricket Ground here Sunday. reports AFP. Opening the Australian in-

nings in place of Mark Waugh. who was rested. Lehmann smashed an unbeaten 92 from 104 balls as Australia whacked 226 for two from only 36.5 overs after the visitors had been held to 223 for nine from their 50 overs. Lehmann faced up to the

champion pace bowler Glenn McGrath were both given a spell on the sidelines as Australia continued their policy of rotating players. Lehmann, a member of Australia's winning World Cup team 18 months ago, fell out of

had not been chosen for a lim-

ited-overs game for more than a

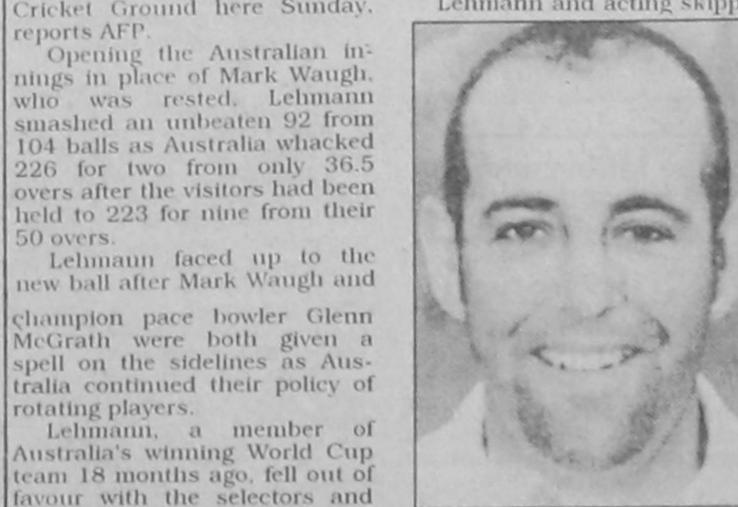
year before being recalled for the current series. Relishing the opportunity to show his skills, he hit nine fours in his well-paced 158minute knock.

Lehmann was also named man of the match after taking 1-36 from seven overs and snaring two catches. The result was Australia's fourth win in as many games in

the tri-nations contest that also down with his left hand and the Jan 21: Talented includes the West Indies, who Zimbabwe players thought he lest-hander Dar- are second on the ladder with had pouched a smart catch. Lehmann one win. Zimbabwe have lost Ponting, however, stood his their two matches.

This was the first time Aushe guided Australia to a tralia had met Zimbabwe in the ernshing eight-wicket win over series and the home team sim-Zimbabwe in a tri-series one- ply had too many guns for the against Ponting in a close run-

Lehmann and acting skipper



LEHMAN ... m-o-m

Adam Gilchrist put on 54 for the first wicket in only eight overs, with Gilchrist belting 39 from 29 balls. Number three Ricky Ponting

continued his strong form in this series with 68, but he lived and died by the third umpire. He was on 12 when he drove medium-pacer Mluleki Nkala to Stuart Carlisle at short cover.

Carlisle took the ball low

Shane Warne then smothered the Zimbabwe innings with some tight bowling, with Warne's 2-21 off 10 overs of legspin the highlight of the Australian effort. Harvey also impressed, re-

Off-springer author Sq. monds was also in good touch, snaring 2-38 from 10 overs. Grant Flower top-scored with 51 from 78 balls ifour

fours) and opener Alistair Campbell made 30 from 54 balls (three fours).

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