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BCB Eleven's Nafis Iqbal plays a cut-shot against the touring CBCA during the second one-day match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Marsh flays BCB XI

Shaun Marsh continued to display his rich vein of talent with a superlative unbeaten century as the visiting Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) celebrated yet another resounding victory at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The left-handed batsman scored 105 off 118 balls as the tourists overhauled a fighting Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Eleven that over for nine with more than four overs to spare and five wickets in hand.

The elegant middle-order bat, who is the son of former Australian Test cap Geoff Marsh, reached his second ton of the tour with a four through the covers off part-time bowler Hasanuzzaman in the 47th over.

Scored only two in the first of three day-night matches at the same venue on Tuesday, Marsh also ended the chase in a spectacular way, sending the next ball for a boundary, much to the disappointment of a few thousand home supporters.

Although it was another day of disappointment for the home side after their 154-run defeat in the first day-night match, there were some signs of improvement showed by the locals both in batting and fielding.

Sajjad Ahmed celebrated his first major break after a long time with a superb 68 while his skipper Naimur notched a sparkling half-century.

Naimur's 51 came off only 37 balls. The dapper right-hander hammered five fours

Cricket Academy at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday: **BCB XI**
Nafis c Stanton b Panda 28
Mehrab c Hartley b Chaitra 0
Sajjad c McDonald b Williams 68
Hasanuzzaman run out 0
Naimur c Stanton b O'Brien 51
Asadullah run out 0
Musfiq c Harris b McDonald 30
Fahim c & b O'Brien 36
Sarfulduwa lbw b McDonald 3
Mukhtar not out 23
Ranjana not out 2
Extras: lb-3, w-13, nb-2 18
Total: (for 9 wks) 236
Did not bat: Ashfaq Ali Rahat

Fall of wicket: 1-0: 2-77: 3-82: 4-123: 5-146: 6-168: 7-181: 8-197: 9-231

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Welsford	10	1	50	0
Chaitra	6	0	16	1
McDonald	10	1	46	2
Panda	10	0	31	1
O'Brien	7	0	54	2
Williams	7	0	36	1

Stanton c Ashfaq b Musfiq 14
Williams run out 13
Harris run out 65
S Marsh not out 105
K c Asadullah b Ashfaq 1
Obrien c Mukhtar b Ashfaq 9
Voges not out 10
Extras: (lb-4, w-18, nb-1) 23
Total: (for 5 wks in 45.2 overs) 240
Did not bat: CD Hartley, AB McDonald, Sumit Panda, TH Welsford, G Chaitra.

SHAUN MARSH ... 105
and two massive sixes.

Sajjad however played a completely different innings that spoke of his ability as a sweet timer of the ball rather than being a ball-basher. He clubbed nine fours.

The visitors will play their last day-night match against Akram Khan-led BCB Eleven at the same venue today.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the limited-overs match between BCB XI and Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy won by 5 wickets
Umpires: DJ Harper and Saiful Hossain Tutul
Match Referee: Jahangir Alam

Clemente kills Kafelnikov off

MELBOURNE, Australia, Jan 24: Arnaud Clemente stunned Yevgeny Kafelnikov to set up an all-French semifinal against his best friend on the tennis tour, Sebastien Grosjean, reports AFP.

Clemente, perhaps the quickest player on the circuit, scurried like a demon all night to frustrate the Russian fifth seed who won here in 1999 and was runner-up to Andre Agassi last year.

Grosjean, who was seeded one place below Clement at 16, will probably start the second semi-final as a marginal favourite after the way he ended the run of former world number one Moya.

The Florida-based player was in dazzling form as he romped to a 6-1, 6-4, 6-2 win in one hour 38 minutes. It was a remarkable achievement for a player who, as a 15-year-old, was deemed too small by the French Tennis Federation to have any chance of making it to the top.

"Today I played my best tennis. I don't know if I can play better because in the first set I didn't miss a shot and hit many winners," he said.

"I am going to try to keep this level in the semi-final, and maybe the final."

Moya was greatly impressed with Grosjean's touch and said if he could maintain Wednesday's form he had a good chance of winning the title.

"From the start he was playing great and it seemed like he had no pressure on him at all," Moya said.

After wrapping up a 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, 7-6 victory, the 23-year-old celebrated by ripping off shirt, shoes and socks and tossing them to a crowd that had willed him on to victory.

His triumph hours after Grosjean had swept past former world number one Carlos Moya, ensures France will have a man in Sunday's final for the first time since the legendary musketeer Jean Borotra lifted the trophy in 1928.

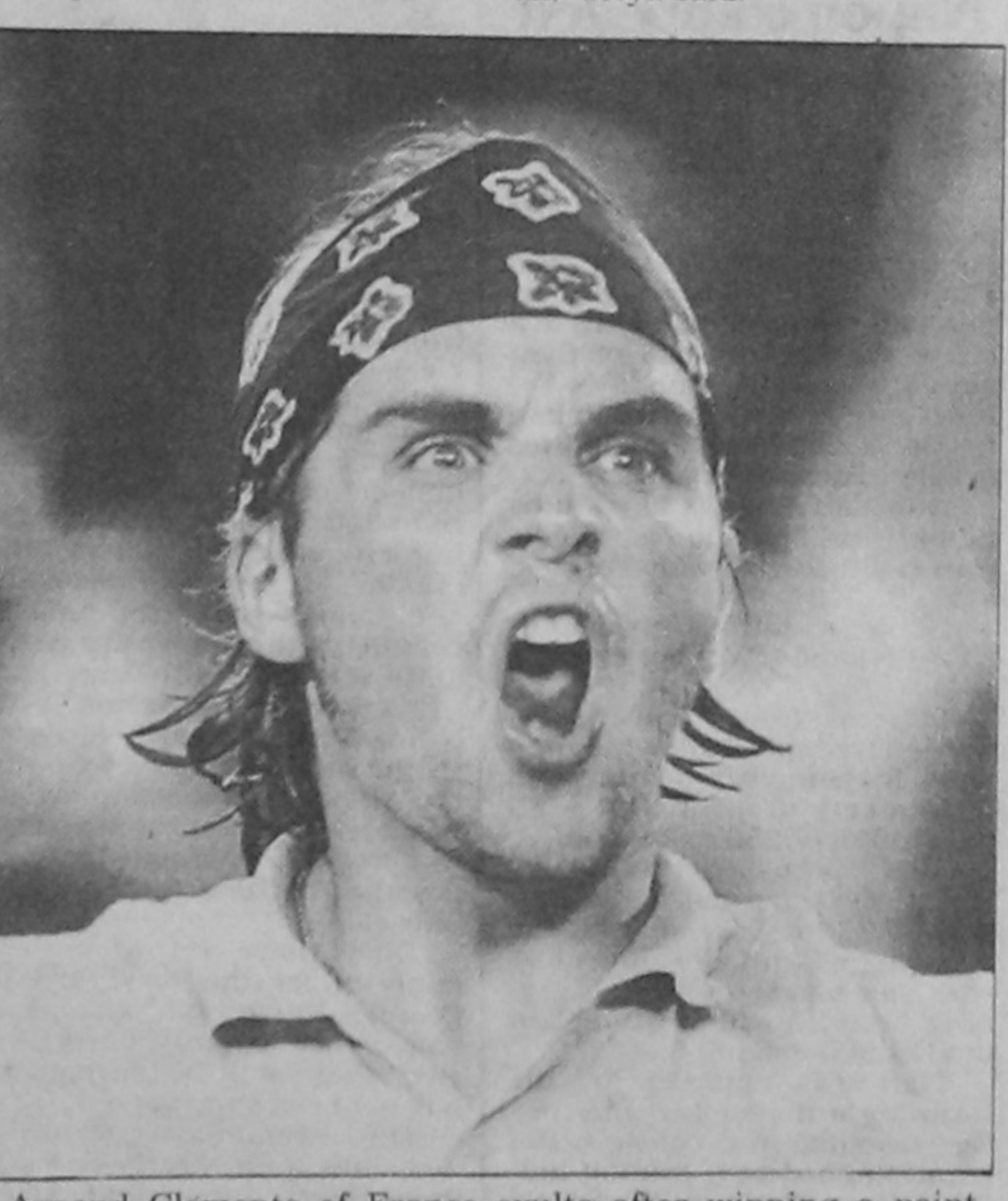
It will also be the first time that two Frenchmen have reached a Grand Slam semi-final since Yannick Noah beat Christophe Roger-Vasselin on his way to the French Open title in 1983.

"I can't believe it," said Clemente. "Kafelnikov was better than me today but I just fight, fight all the way."

"To be playing in the semi-final with Sebastien is unbelievable. We grew up together in tennis. He's one of my best friends on the tour and now one of us is going to play a final."

Kafelnikov, who caused a stir here by suggesting that tennis players are not paid enough, had to be satisfied with a cheque for 106,150 dollars (\$8,382 US).

Whichever of the two Frenchmen wins Friday's clash will face either Andre Agassi or local hero Pat Rafter in Sunday's final. Agassi and Rafter's go head to head here on Thursday.



Arnaud Clemente of France exults after winning a point during his Australian Open quarterfinal clash against Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov yesterday. —AFP photo

Milo U-15 cricket final today

Sports Reporter

The final match of the Milo Under-15 Cricket Tournament between BKSP and Rajshahi Padma will be held at the Rajshahi College ground this morning.

BKSP paved their way into the title deciding match defeating Dhaka Metro Greens by 59 runs in the first semifinal while Padma beat fellow Rajshahi side Tista by 65 runs in the second.

GP U-17 cricket Khulna Tigers reach final

Sports Reporter

An all-round performance from skipper Saiful Islam guided Khulna Tigers into the GrameenPhone Under-17 Cricket Tournament final with a thumping five-wicket win over Rajshahi Tista in the first semifinal held at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Saiful captured four wickets for 23 runs from nine overs to help his side restrict their opponents to 163 for nine in their allotted 45 overs after being put in to bat.

Saiful then opened his side's innings and scored highest 31 as they reached 165 for the loss of five wickets with more than two overs still to be bowled.

Middle-order Shammim was the other notable Khulna Tigers batter who chipped in with 24.

In Friday's final, which will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, the boys from Khulna will meet either BKSP or Chittagong Karanaphuli.

SCORES IN BRIEF
Rajshahi Tista: 163 for 9 in 45 overs (Asif 49, Rezaul 32, Saiful 4/23)
Khulna Tigers: 165 for 5 in 42.4 overs (Saiful 31, Shammim 24, Faisal 1/12)
Result: Khulna Tigers won by five wickets.

BCCI reveals probables Jan 29

NEW DELHI, Jan 24: India will name a list of probables for the three-Test series against Australia on January 29, a senior cricket official said on Tuesday, reports Reuters.

"Selectors will name the probables on January 29 and then name the final team four to five days before the series begins," secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Jaywant Lele said.

The probables will play a tournament in early February before selectors name 14 players for the first Test, which starts in Bombay on February 27.

The final 12 who will actually play in the Test will be selected on the morning of the match.

A conditioning camp under India's first ever foreign coach, former New Zealand captain John Wright, is scheduled for the probables from February 5-10 in Madras.

Australia, who arrive in India off a record 15-game Test winning streak, will play two three-day games against local Indian sides before the first Test.

Australia's captain Steve Waugh and vice-captain Ricky Ponting have said recently they are determined that Australia does well in India.

The world champion team has not won a Test series in India in over 31 years, since Bill Lawry led the Australians to a one-sided 3-1 series win in a 1969.

Rajshahi cricket From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Jan 24: Alide Club recorded a massive 151-run win over Baikal Sangha in the Rajshahi Premier Division Cricket League at the local district stadium today.

Sent in to bat Alide collected 276 runs for eight in the stipulated 50 overs.

In reply, Baikal were shot out for 125 in 48.3 overs.

DIV I CRICKET
Kazihata Sporting Club defeated Sunrise Club by one-wicket in the Rajshahi First Division Cricket League at the Shaheed AHM Qamruzzaman Divisional Stadium today.

Winning the toss, Sunrise collected 202 runs for nine wickets in the stipulated 50 overs.

In reply, Kazihata reached the target of 203 runs for nine in 48.1 overs.

RU cricket From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Jan 24: Law defeated Computer Science by five wickets in the Rajshahi University inter-department cricket tournament at the RU Stadium today.

Computer Science won the toss and decided to bat first. They collected 89 runs for seven wickets in the stipulated 30 overs.

In reply, Law made 91 losing five wickets in 29.1 overs.

Inter-club players' transfer

Sajjad Torun's major coup

Sports Reporter

Sajjad Ahmed, who scored a magnificent 68 against the visiting Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) in the second day-night match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday afternoon, was the biggest attraction on the second evening of the four-day inter-club cricketers transfer for the upcoming Dhaka leagues.

There was a relatively poor turnout yesterday as most of the big clubs completed their mission on the first day.

Sajjad, the 25-year old talented stroke-maker, who was first selected for the national team way back in 1993 but was virtually forgotten ever since, signed for Surjo Torun Club.

The top order batsman, who played for Victoria Sporting Club last season, has made his resuscitated career which seemed doomed, in emphatic style this season scoring a total of 427 runs in the first class matches of the Green Delta National Cricket League till date.

Also joining the new look Surjo Torun, who have lost their most of their top cricketers who played for them last season, was emerging wicketkeeper Anwar Hossain who appeared

for the BCB Eleven in the first day-night match on Tuesday.

Anwar will fill up the position of national keeper Khaled Masood who is not allowed to take part in the Premier League this season along with 21 other cricketers in the national pool.

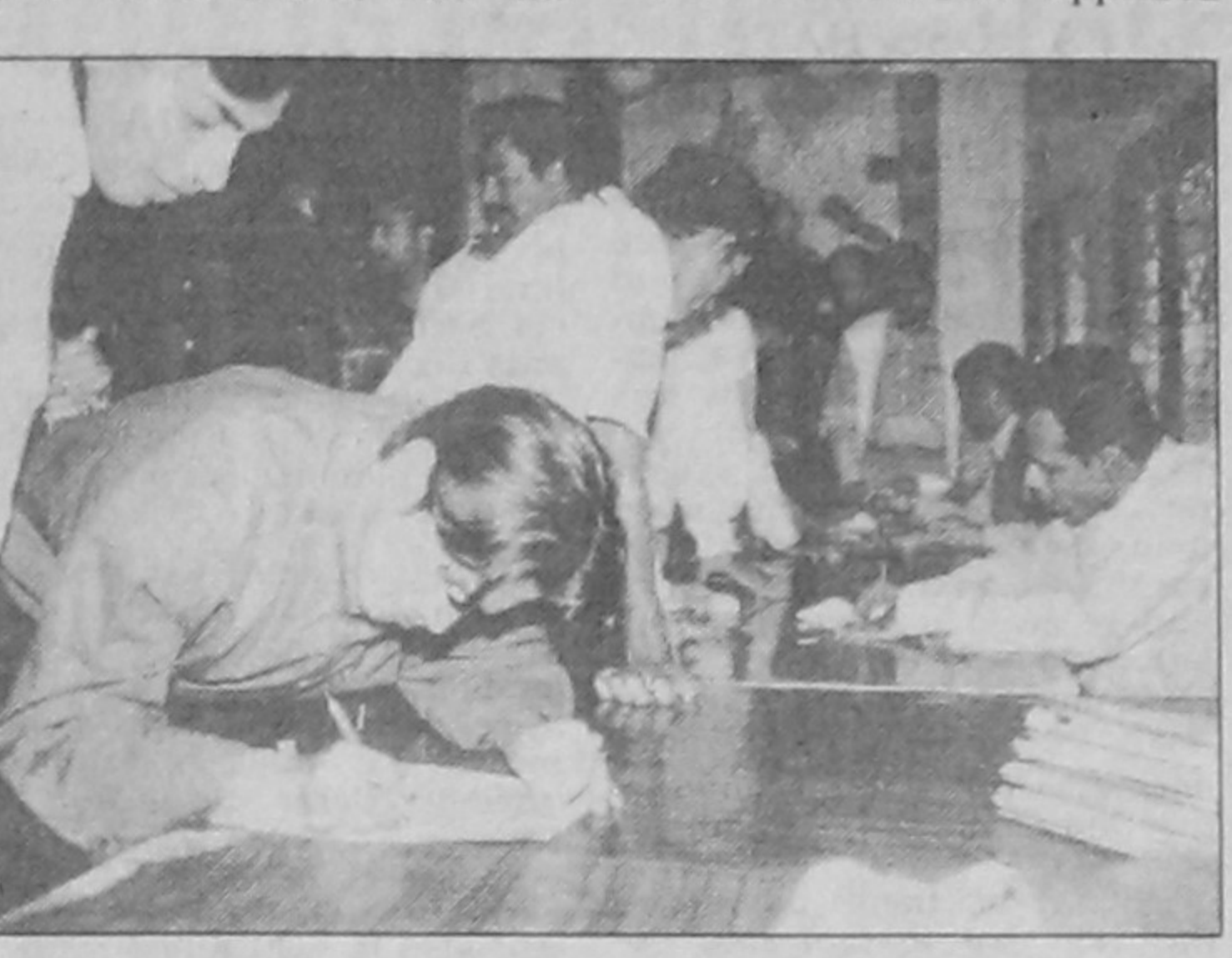
Earlier on the first day, Surjo Torun signed middle order Mazharul Haque, paceman Ahmed Kamal, opener Hannan Sarkar, left arm spinner Sharafatoula Ibne Shaheed Saikat and also ensured the services of left arm spinner Suja.

Apart from Surjo Torun, Brothers Union was the other top club found busy yesterday.

The Gopibagh based outfit, who spent an incredible amount of money to form a powerful team last season but did not get the desired results, roped in former national cricketer Mahbubur Rahman from Wari Club.

Besides, batsman Farid Hossain joined Sadharan Bima from Abahani, Selim Shahed signed for Agrami Bank from Gopibagh FA while Sajid Hassan moved to promote Young Cricketers from City Club.

In the Premier and First Divisions, a total of 44 cricketers shifted their allegiance yesterday taking the total number to 119 so far.



Sajid Hassan consents to play for Young Cricketers during the inter-club transfers at the BCB office yesterday. —Star photo

Hustling for a BCB position

Sports Reporter

With the second election of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) scheduled next month, the race is already on among organisers of Dhaka based Clubs to enter the list of 126 councilors who will take part in the poll.

Interestingly, some individuals who are not associated with any club, are desperately searching for one.

A total of 40 clubs-12 apiece from Premier, First and Second Division leagues and four from the Third Division -- will have one councilor each to take part in the election. The last date for clubs to send their nominations is today.

Tanvir Haider, the vice-president of the BCB and chairman of Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan, has become a councilor from Jatra-bhara Kira Chakra this time as Mohammedi, his original club where he still serves as the joint-secretary, have chosen to name others as their representatives.

The popular Motijheel based club, who had Aminul Haq

Moni as its councilor last time, are yet to decide either Zahedur Rahman Chowdhury or Mahub Anam, the chairman and vice-chairman of the club's cricket committee, would be their councilor this time.

Premier Division champions Abahani, however, have no such problems and have retained Tanvir Mazhar Islam Tanna as their councilor.

BCB treasurer Afzalur Rahman Sinha remained the councilor of Surjo Torun Club while Brothers Union have selected businessman Mobasser Hossain as their councilor.

BCB member Jalal Yunus, who is the secretary of Abahani cricket committee, is likely to become councilor from Orient Sporting Club.

Meanwhile, speculations are high that many prominent politicians are now aiming to get into the heart of the BCB. Three Members of Parliament from the ruling party, two from Dhaka city and one from Narayanganj, are the leading names rumored to be longing for a position in the BCB, the most financially sound sports organisation of the country.

Asian school hockey Bangladesh move into final

Bangladesh moved into the final of the Asian School Hockey Championship beating formidable Malaysia 5-4 in a tiebreaker in Ludhiana, Punjab yesterday, reports UNB.

The first semifinal rolled into the tiebreaker after 1-1 draw in the scheduled time.

Yamin, Rajib, Showkat, Muksed and Shishu scored for Bangladesh in penalty shoot-outs while goalkeeper Zahed saved an opposition shot to earn the victory.

Earlier, Yamin Hossain put Bangladesh ahead from a penalty corner in the dying moment of the first half in regulation time, but in the very early minute of the second half Pravarakan levelled the margin for Malaysia.

Hosts India and Singapore meet today in the second semi-final.

Green Delta jr hockey

Dilkusha SC and BPWD SC won their respective matches in the Green Delta Junior Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Dilkusha defeated East End Club 3-0 while BPWD beat Rayerbaraz SC 2-1.



Roberto Carlos
(Brazilian soccer superstar)
"Between the two players (Rivaldo and Figo), I think I'd go for Rivaldo because he's Brazilian. Figo knows I've got enormous respect for him but Rivaldo is a player I like a lot."

Comparing European footballer-of-the-year Luis Figo with compatriot Rivaldo.

Women's chess Final round begins today

The final round of the 22nd National Women's Chess Championship begins today at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium with 10 top seeded players of the country, reports UNB.

The number draw ceremony of the prestigious national meet was held at the Chess Federation office yesterday. Federation general secretary Syed Shujuddin Ahmed conducted the draw.

Players' numbers: 1. Sharmin Sultana Shirin (Narayanganj), 2. Saima Almas, 3. defending champion Nazrana Khan Eva (Manikganj), 4. Farzana Khan Ava (Manikganj), 5. IWM Rani Hamid (Biman), 6. Masuda Begum (Bairisal), 7. Syeda Afiana Parveen (Nira), 8. Afroza Khaiyam Barbel Ansar, 9. Tanima Parveen, and 10. Zakia Sultana (Narayanganj).

Opening days (Thursday) matches: Shirin vs Zakia, Saima vs Tanima, Eva vs Babli, Ava vs Nira and Rani vs Masuda.

Narsingdi cricket

NARSINGDI, Jan 24: Alljan JM Academy won the 19th school cricket championship in the district under the auspices of Bangladesh Krira Sangstha, Alljan Academy defeated Shilmandhi Tahera Asmat High School by 2 wickets in the final held on Tuesday at the local stadium, reports BSS.

Batting first Tahera Asmat scored 153 for eight in 25 overs. In reply, Alljan Academy scored 154 in 23 overs losing eight wickets. Salahuddin of Alljan Academy was adjudged man-of-the-match.

T&T Board athletics

The annual athletics competition of Bangladesh Telegraph & Telephone Board begins today at Mohakhali sports ground, reports UNB.

Home, Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim will inaugurate the two-day meet to be participated by a total of 101 athletes from 11 zones in 17 events.

Tail-up Zim v wretched WI

ADELAIDE, Jan 24 (Internet report): West Indies cricketers desperately try to erase the bitter memories of their humiliating defeat against Zimbabwe when they appear in a repeat clash at the Adelaide Oval tomorrow.

Zimbabwe skittled out Jimmy Adams' men for only 91 on Tuesday to clinch a memorable 47-run victory.

On Tuesday night, teammates crumbled around him, Brian Lara included, while Adams withstood the rearing pace of Heath Streak, Bryan Strang and Muleki Nkala for 93 minutes on an SCG strip that Michael Holding examined and considered "very hard, very bouncy, but there was nothing wrong with it".

Adams said the pitch "needed application, and we really let ourselves down. I don't think there was near enough application for the type of wicket it was," he said.

"With a batting line-up like ours, there's just not enough application to get the job done. It was a grating wicket which required a bit of discipline and patience, and we did not show that today at all."

The ESPN will provide live coverage of the match, starting at 9.30 am (BST).

On the other hand, Zimbabwe cricket captain Heath Streak believes that his team's remarkable win over West Indies will give the people of his African homeland some light relief from their on-going political troubles.

"We're all concerned about the future of our country," Streak told reporters, "we're kept well informed of what's going on and we feel we've got a duty to people back home. What we do on the cricket field prides a lot of people back home."

"I suppose it's something that we can give back to the people in Zimbabwe and victories like this one are special."

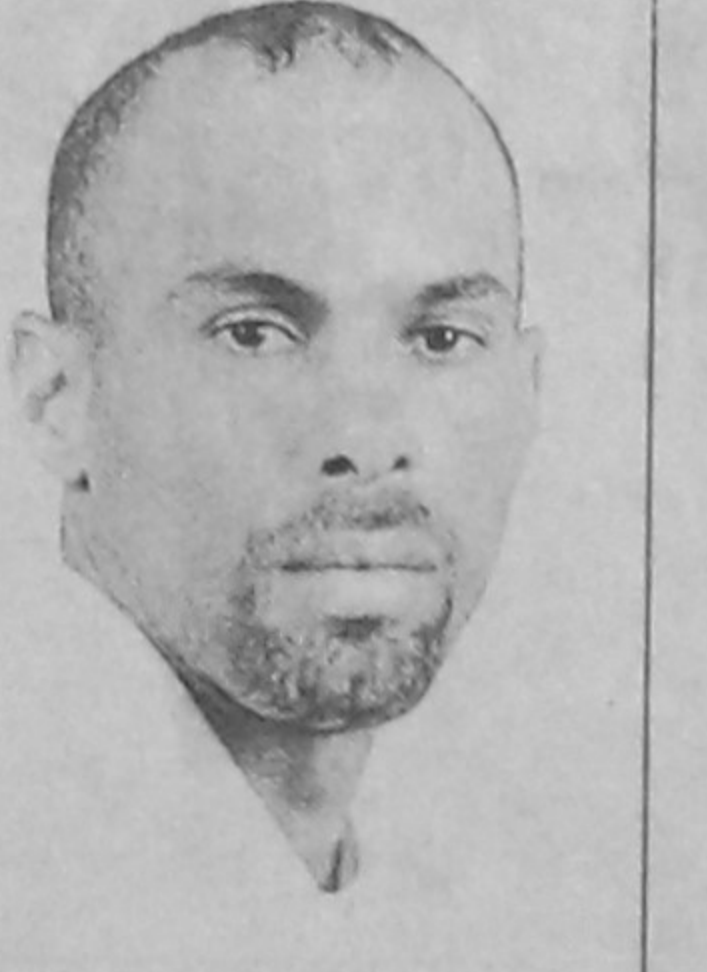
Streak was man of the match, scoring 45 in Zimbabwe's 138 before taking 4-8 off eight overs as West Indies were dismissed for their second lowest total in 412 limited overs internationals.

And the 26-year-old captain said the only thing better than beating the West Indies would be overcoming Australia who are unbeaten in four matches so far in the triangular series.

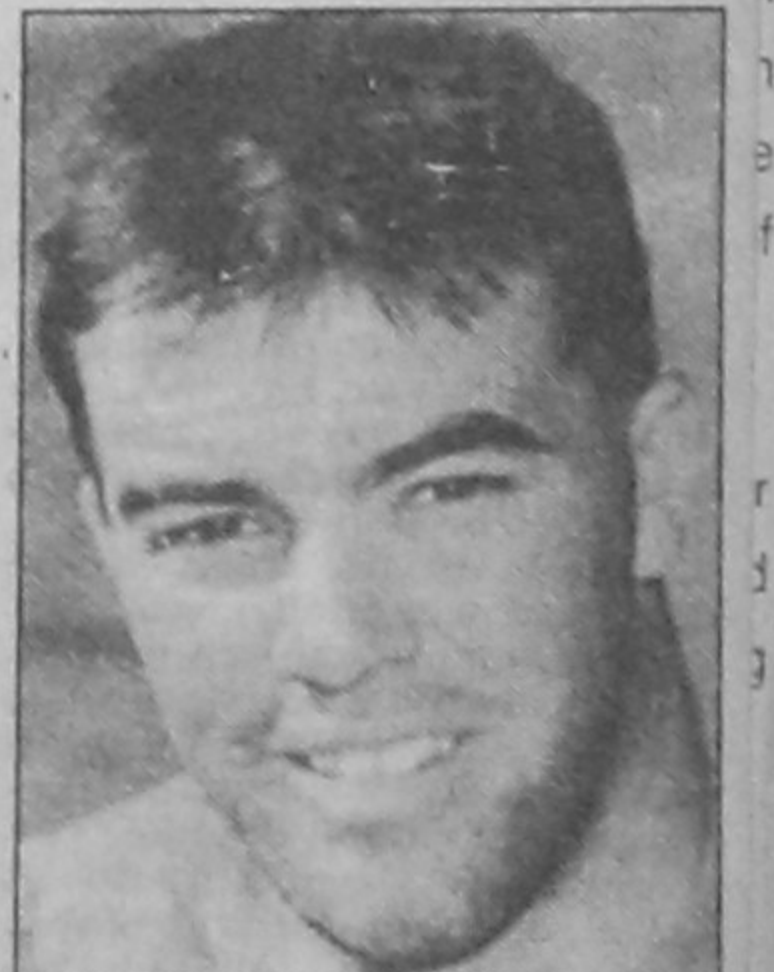
"If we can register a victory against Australia in this tournament, it's something that would really go down well in Zimbabwe," he said.

"It would help the whole atmosphere in Zimbabwe - they need something lightening at the moment."

Zimbabwe have two points from three games and the Windies have two from five, leaving the pair in a fight to tackle Australia in the best-of-three finals series.



JIMMY ADAMS



HEATH STREAK