



Brian Lara

(West Indies star batsman)
 'I'd like to be a Tendulkar or someone like that, someone who can go out to the middle and keep scoring. If he doesn't get a hundred, he gets 30, 40.'

But I'm also happy to be the player that I am.'

Sports Whizz Kid

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- Which is FIFA's top ranked country?
 Brazil Italy Holland
- How many Test hundreds has Steve Waugh scored?
 24 25 26
- Who is the result of the South Africa-Sri Lanka ODI series?
 5-1 6-0 4-2
- Who is the lone double centurion in the National Cricket League?
 Farhat Javed Omar Aminul
- By which margin did Bangladesh go down to Bosnia in the Sahara Millennium Cup?
 2-0 3-0 4-0

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Nat'l youth cricket

Comilla post victory

Comilla registered a 20-run victory over Pirojpur in the final round of the 20th National Youth Cricket Championship at Thakurgaon yesterday, reports UNB.

Sent in to bat first, Comilla made 210 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs. Number five Bulbul scored highest 56 off 45 balls, featured 11 fours.

Jewel picked up four wickets for 48 while Panna claimed three for 14.

In reply, Pirojpur made 190 all out in 49.5 overs. Opener Sohag scored 42 and Rafique added 35.

Bikas and Moni captured two wickets each.

Kanchan rescues nat'l booters

Bangladesh national football team, now preparing for the qualifying round matches of the World Cup football, drew one-all with Bangladesh Army in a warm-up match at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) ground yesterday, reports UNB.

After trailing 0-1, upcoming national striker Ronuzzaman Kanchan grabbed an equalising goal in the 85th minute.

The national team is expected to play another warm-up match against BKSP team before leaving for Saudi Arabia on February 5 to participate in the World Cup qualifiers from February 8-19.

Bangladesh have been placed in Asian Group-10 with hosts Saudi Arabia, Mongolia and Vietnam in the two-leg basis matches.

Green Delta jr hockey

Barniak Samaj outplayed Tejgaon Agramani Club 8-1 in the Green Delta Junior Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Striker Mannun helped the winners to earn the massive victory scoring hattrick with four goals. Barniak dominated the first half 6-0.

In the day's another match, Uddi Club trounced East End Club 5-0 after leading the first half 4-0.

Mohammad Razi and Zukir Hossain scored two goals each for the winners.

Metro maintain an edge

Sports Reporter

claiming three wickets at the expense of 32 runs. But little did they know what was in store for them when Neeyamur joined left-handed Mofizul in the middle.

Together they took their side to a position where Dhaka Metropolis had never reached before in the League.

Neeyamur, the more aggressive of the two, hammered 69 off 132 balls that included eleven disdainful hits across the rope. He was eventually out in 149th over, top-edging an attempted sweep off occasional off-spinner Rezaul.

Mofizul scored 58 off 153 balls with the help of six fours. The southpaw was brilliantly caught by makeshift wicket-keeper Ehsanul, who took the ball low diving full to his left.

Dhaka Metropolis, however suffered an early jolt when Al-Shahriar, resuming on 90, could add only five runs before being adjudged leg before off the bowling of right-arm seamer Saffiuddin Ahmed.

The most successful Chittagong bowler with four for 95 runs, Saffiuddin had also dismissed a marauding Ashraful, who struck a superlative 157 on Saturday.

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GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE

Ctg v Dhaka Metro

Dhaka Metropolis thrived on a century partnership between Neeyamur Rashid and Mofizul Islam to post a massive total on the second day of their four-day Green Delta National League match against holders Chittagong at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The left-right combination of Mofizul and Neeyamur produced 142 runs for the eighth wicket as hosts Dhaka Metropolis, resuming on 340 for four, amassed 503 for nine before their captain Khaled Mahmud declared the innings shortly before tea.

Chittagong were 122 for two in 40 overs at stumps. The portly however suffered a more attacking play to enforce a result so that they can stay at par with co-leaders Bangladesh Biman, who are on road to take an edge over Khulna at Jessor yesterday.

Chittagong, who were tormented by Ashraful and Al-Shahriar on the opening day, heaved a momentary sigh of relief early in the morning.

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Nafis Iqbal of Chittagong misses an attempted cut on the second day of the four-day Green Delta National Cricket League match against Dhaka Metropolis at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Grameen Phone set to sponsor U-17 Asia Cup

Sports Reporter

Grameen Phone is set to become the title sponsors of the forthcoming second Under-17 Asia Cup to be held in Bangladesh next month, Bangladesh Cricket Board joint-secretary and the event manager of the tournament Mahmud Ul Haq revealed this yesterday.

Al-Shahriar followed Nafis two runs later, driving Mahmud straight to Al-Shahriar.

Ehsanul in company with Rezaul took the Chittagong score past the 100-mark without further damage.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Dhaka Metropolis and Chittagong at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

DHAKA METROPOLIS: First

innings (overnight 340 for 4 in 95 overs)

Ashraful b Saffiuddin 157
 Mehrab c Anis b Enamul 53
 Al-Shahriar lbw b Saffiuddin 95

Sajid run out 3
 Naimur c Murtaza b Anis 17
 Halim c Muzahid b Anis 7
 K. Mahmud b Saffiuddin 5
 Mofizul c Ehsanul b Saffiuddin 58
 Neeyamur c Ehsanul b Rezaul 69
 Anwar not out 8

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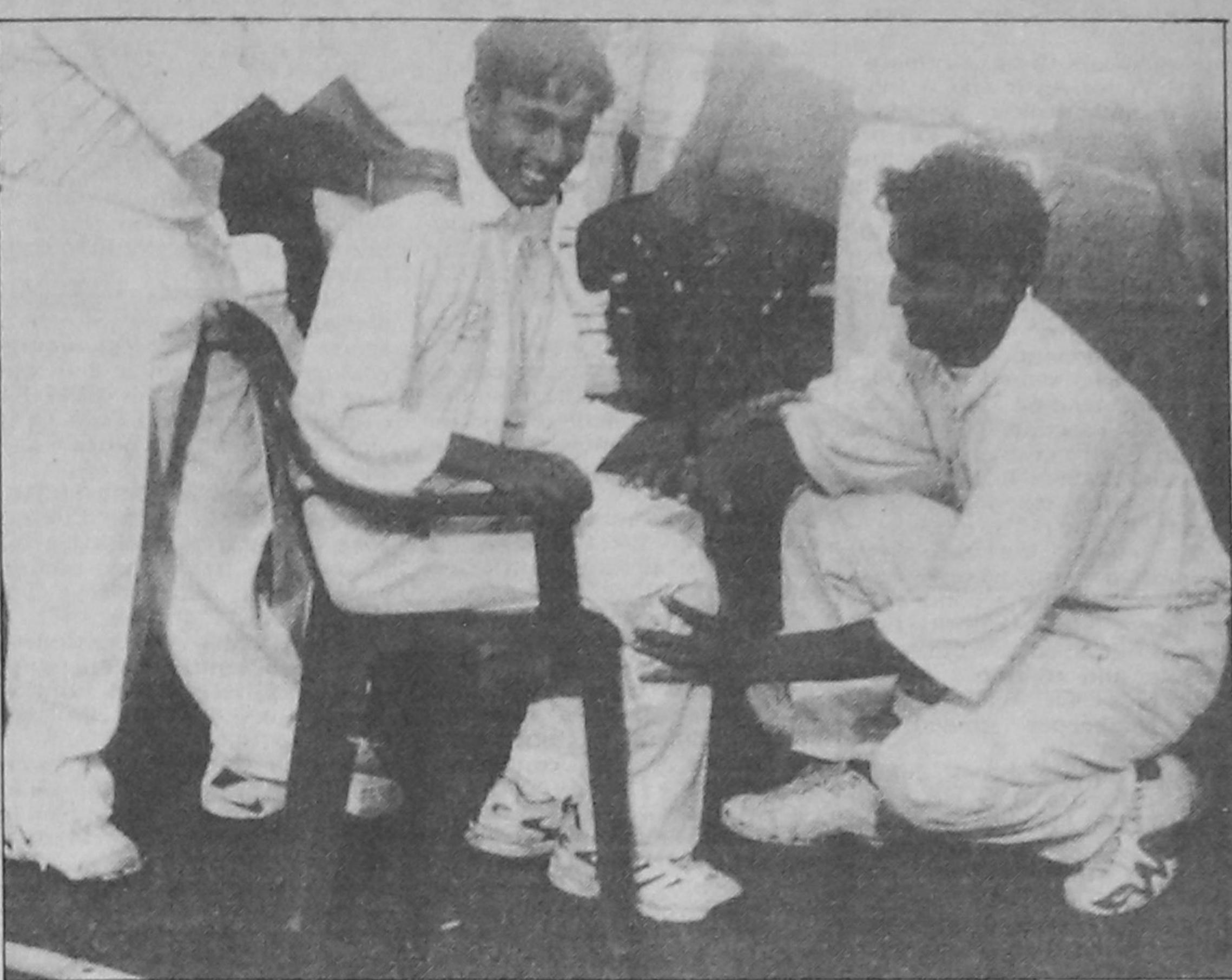
Bangladesh have been drafted in Group A along with Pakistan, Nepal, Kuwait and Singapore. The other group features India, Sri Lanka, Oman, UAE and Malaysia.

The venues and fixtures are yet to be finalised, but Mahmud

confirmed that the semifinals will be held at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) in Savar while the final will take place at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Ekushey Television (ETV) is expected to telecast the semifinals and final live provided they can bring in an Outside Broadcasting van from abroad before the start of the tournament.

The tournament, involving



BROTHER, DON'T RUIN OUR CAREERS! National opener Mehrab Hossain (R), and national skipper Naimur Rahman (L), pampering Dhaka Metropolis team-mate and season's young sensation Mohammed Ashraful during a break in their four-day Green Delta National Cricket League fixture against Chittagong yesterday. Ashraful has hogged the spotlight with his brilliant batting and bowling this year outshining his more illustrious senior colleagues.

--Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Aussie coach for Test babes?

Sports Reporter



An Australian coach is likely to take over Bangladesh cricket captain Naimur Rahman will attend a meeting of Test captains in Melbourne on February 12.

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Schools' Cricket

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Rabeya Pre-Cadet, National

Bangla High and New Model

High won their respective first

round matches of the Standard

Chartered Grindlays Bank 19th

National Schools' Cricket

Championship at different city

venues yesterday.

Razgarbagh Police Lines High

outplayed Sunnydale by 137

runs at the Mirpur Outer Sta-

dium. Rabeya Pre-Cadet beat

Jannat Academy by 15 runs at

the City Club ground. National

Bangla handed Sunbeams a

nine-wicket defeat at the

Dharmundi Club ground while

New Model High whitewashed

Udayan by 180 runs at the

Kalabagan Krira Chakra

ground.

SCORES IN BRIEF

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vs Sunnydale 268 for 35 in

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Result: Razgarbagh PLHS

won by 137 runs.

Rabeya Pre-Cadet v Jannat

Academy 216 for 5 in 35 overs (Swapan 101,

Udayan 22, Zillah 20)

JANNAT ACADEMY: 201 all

out in 32.3 overs (Jewel 101,

Kalam 25, Bachchu 24, Sujon

3/39, Minu 2/7, Tutul 2/26)

MUKUL: 131 all out

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