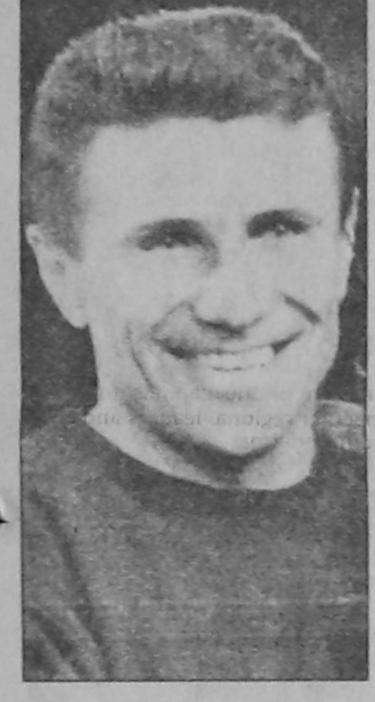


Occasionally a fielder running full pelt to stop a ball crossing the boundary line just gets a leg to it and helps it cross the line eventually. Only on Wednesday, Ricardo Powell of West Indies made a similar attempt at the Sydney Cricket Ground during the first final of the Carlton Cricket Series. Powell failed to stop the ball rolling over the rope, but managed to escape a serious injury.

But, something rather different once happened at Hove when Sussex were playing the touring West Indies. When NI Thomson hit a delivery from AL Valentine to square leg a black dog bounded on to the pitch out of nowhere. The dog seized the ball and carried it over the boundary, hotly pursued by players and umpires. When the match resumed, four runs were credited to Thomson, not the dog!





Sergei Bubka

(Pole vault great) "I am only beginning to realise that from now on 1 will never step on the track for another jump. My career as an active sportsman has come to an end, but that doesn't mean that I'm going away."

While bidding bye to his beloved sport last Sunday.



Star Sports New Zealand vs Sri Lanka Fourth one-day international Live at 4:45 am

ESPN

New Zealand vs Sri Lanka Third one-day international 7:30 pm (1hr highlights) Premiership Highlights 12:00 am (Friday)



Competition 144 ✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Post to Che Daily Star Win attractive prizes Feb 16, 2001 and draw

closing ceremony of the two-day 1. Who became Green Delta Premier Division cricket league champs? Chittagong Biman Khulna Who lifted Milo U-13 cricket ritle Rajshahi Rajshahi Barisal

Padma Tista Maroons Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy clinched the threematch one-day series

competition, organised by Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federa-

4. Who lifted the Australian open | tion. menstitle? Sampras Agassi Who lifted the Australian open women's title?

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Sent into bat Friends Sporting were all out for 181 in 49 overs. In reply, Mukti reached the target of 182 runs in 49.5 overs losing eight wickets.

BD face Vietnam today

SPORTS REPORTER

feel of Vietnam soccer for the first the end time when they begin their 2002 World Cup qualifying campaign in Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh lack of match practice and knowl-

Their maiden meeting against a superior South East Asian opponents at the Mohammed-binwill kick off the Group 10 qualifying race, also involving Mongolia The combative nation has already and hosts Saudi Arabia.

World Cup campaign had been a case of continuous failure, but this time around the boys of Austrian coach George Kottan promised to do better. Bangladesh developed a habit of occupying the last slot in the qualifiers including the last one in 1997 at the same place. Only once in 1994 qualifiers, Bangladesh finished ahead of the bottom-placed Sri Lanka.

However, their second visit to the desert kingdom in four years might pass off a relatively better since Bangladesh are not lowest ranked side in their group.

Ranked 155th by the FIFA. Bangladesh might find weaker opponents in Mongolia, the Central Asian nation with a rating of

Kottan, whose appointment as raised a glimmer of hopes for the country's football buffs as well as Cup in Thailand last year. boosted the confidence of players,

Cricket

tour of India and Bangladesh.

MAURICE ODUMBE

captain Maurice Odumbe and two

opening batsman Ravindu Shah

in Nairobi on Wednesday, KCA

chairman Jimmy Rayani said the

players had held the country at

ransom when they threatened not

to honour an international match

against the visiting Sri Lanka "A"

Dhaka Sabuj emerged champions

Metropolis Club wrestling compe-

tition that concluded at the NSC

president Haji Mohammad Selim,

MP, was the chief guest at the

meet and later distributed the

Dhaka Sabuj bagged five golds,

in the Miah Sardar Smriti Dhaka

Bangladesh Cycling Federation

Metropolis

wrestling

gymnasium yesterday.

UNB, Dhaka

Addressing a press conference

and Kennedy Otieno.

AFP, Nairobi

Austrian promised prior to his departure for the desert kingdom Bangladesh are going to have a said that his side would fight till

> The major problem that Kottan's men are going to face is the edge about their opponents.

Besides, Vietnam, ranked 99th, if not Saudi Arabia. should be much tougher opponents than Bangladesh had prelonger short in stature and fragile. produced a band of professional Over the years Bangladesh's footballers who are now playing outside the country for years. It



FIFA WORLD CUP KOREA APAN

coach in November last year was no flash in the pan that they finished runners-up in the Tiger

had the misfortune of carrying their refreshing performances in three injured players. But the the Sahara Millenium Cup in India

Kenya sack nat'l team

last month, where they put up descent fights against two European football giants - Yugoslavia and Bosnia.

Bangladesh captain Alfaz Ahmed, who considered the India event as a big boost, said that they are capable of defeating Vietnam.

Saudi Arabia, who will take on Mongolia in the second match Fahad Stadium at 9.30 pm (BST) dicted. Vietnamese players are no today, are the hot favorites to move into the final round, grabbing the lone slot on offer from the group. Having already made two World Cup appearances including the France World Cup in 1998, the Saudis are also tipped to become first from Asia to secure berth in the finals of the 2002 World Cup to be jointly hosted by Japan and South Korea.

Ban on four booters lifted

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) on Tuesday lifted the ban on four players who had been suspended on grounds of 'unpartiotism'.

The BFF slapped an indefinite ban on Saiful Islam, Kamruzzaman Selim, Abdul Kayum Sentu and Sajedur Rahman Tushar after the quartet expressed their inability to join the national camp for Bangladesh will hope to revive the Sahara Millenium Cup.

The BFF decided to withdraw the ban after they sought apology.

tions as per clause 3 of the con-

"It is against this background

However, the players defended

that Kenya's tour of India and

National youth cricket

Bowlers let Comilla down

SPORTS REPORTER

Extreme indiscipline among the bowlers cost Comilla a final berth as Chittagong handed them a 30run defeat in the second semifinal of the 20th National Youth Championship at the Thakurgaon Stadium yesterday.

Comilla conceded 65 extra runs, easily the top-score in the Chittagong innings of 184.

Electing to bat first, the port city outfit reached the moderate total before being all out in 49.5 overs. Opener Najim made the 41 off 92 balls with two sixes and a quartet of boundaries followed by middle orders Shabib and Tanvir who added 33 and 21 respectively.

The Comilla bowlers bowled a staggering 31 wides and 17 no

In reply, Comilla were shot out for 154 in 46.4 overs with middle order Bikash making the highest 42 off 53 balls with three fours.

Chittagong's right arm pacer Aftab was the wrecker in chief taking four wickets for 25 runs from his 9.4 overs.

The winners will take on fancied Bangladesh Krira Shikka Protisthan (BKSP) In tomorrow's final at the same venue.

SCORES IN BRIEF Chittagong: 184 all out in 49.5

overs (Najim 41, Shabib 33, Extras 65; Moni 3/29, Ashiq 2/20)

Comilla: 154 all out in 46.4 overs (Bikash 42, Wessels 24; Aftab

Result: Chittagong won by 30

Goodricke Open Chess

Zia, Rakib open brightly

SPORTS REPORTER

International Masters Ziaur Rah man and Abdullah Al-Rakib made brilliant starts in the Goodricke Open Chess Tournament managing draws against more illustrious counterparts at the Gorky Sadan in Kolkata on Tuesday.

Zia, vying for his second Grand tional rating of 2447, held Indian | Laboratory School by 43 runs. Grand Master Abhijit Kunte (2558) in the opening game of the elevenround Swiss-league competition while Rakib (2359) drew against Grand Master Jevgeny Vladimirov of Kazakistan.

Zia was scheduled to meet Vladi-

A total of 70 players including 15 grand Masters, 25 International Masters and three women Grand Masters are taking part in the 12th edition of the meet.

Satkhira cricket

fortable 140-run victory over Jubo Ganamukhi Sangha in the Satkhira Acme First Division Cricket League at the local stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, Sultanpur batted first and piled up 257 runs in 49.3 overs. Then they bundled out Ganamukhi for 117 in 38.3

In another match at the Satkhira Govt College ground, Seba Sangha beat Rasulpur Jubo Chakra by one wicket.

Rasulpur batted first and scored 241 in 46.3 overs. In reply, Seba Sangha reached

244 for nine in 49.3 overs.



KENNEDY OTIENO

"These actions may result in

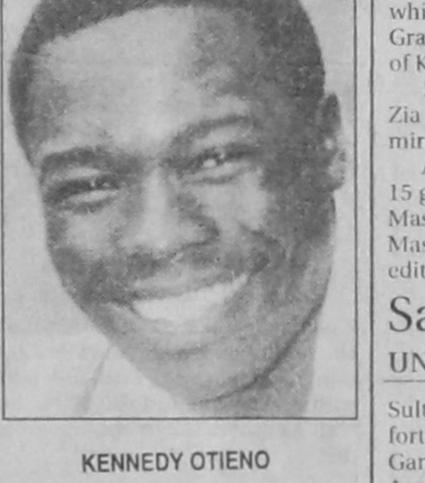


international teams shying away from agreeing to be involved in matches in Kenya," Rayani said. After Kenya gained International Cricket Council (ICC) onesaid on Wednesday. day status in 1997, the players

they cannot deny us the game. It's inappropriate for them to terminate our contracts. Why can't they sort out our issues and let us con-The KCA has accused the 11 tinue with our livelihood." players of breaking their obliga- Odumbe pointed out.



we felt we were being neglected. The KCA officials were not taking care of our needs and did not want to listen to us," captain Odumbe



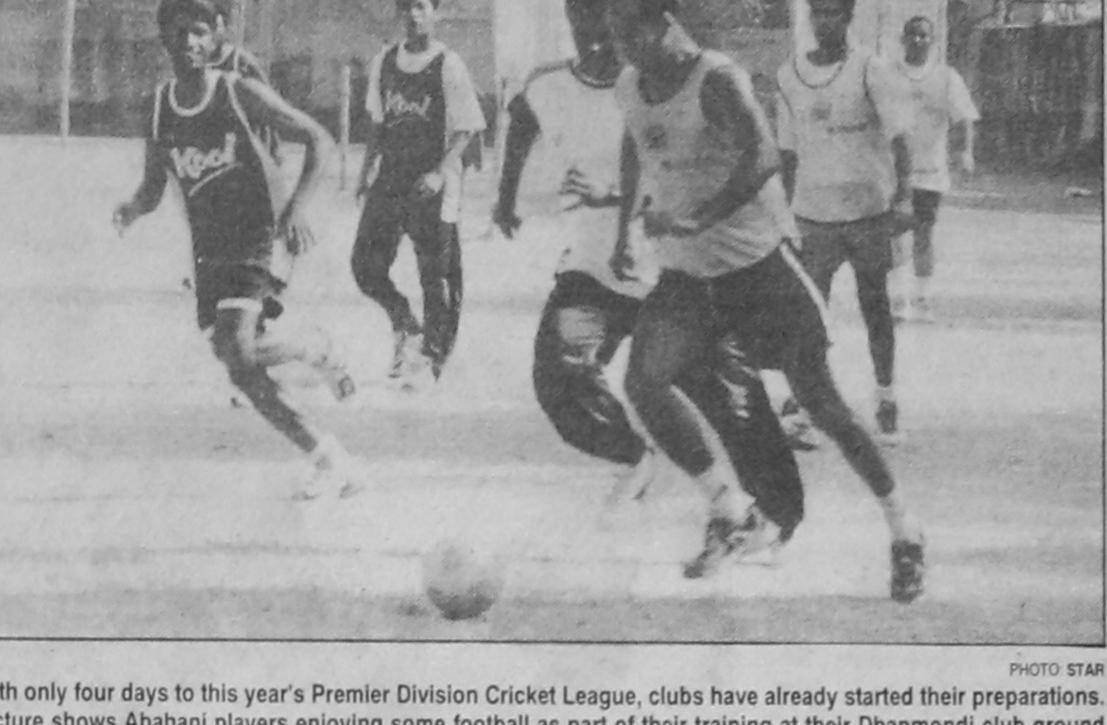
"We were not holding Kenya at "We did these things because

"Cricket is our livelihood and



PHOTO: INTERNET

West Indies wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs (L) makes an abortive attempt to run out lan Harvey of Australia during the first final of the Carlton tri-series at Sydney yesterday. Harvey was later named man-of-the-match.



With only four days to this year's Premier Division Cricket League, clubs have already started their preparations. Picture shows Abahani players enjoying some football as part of their training at their Dhanmondi club ground in the city yesterday.

Standard Chartered Grindlays 19th National School Cricket

win over Manarat.

only one wicket in hand.

Extras decide fates registered an exciting one-wicket 26, Sajid 3/38)

However, it was once again 54

Earlier, batting first, Manarat's

In the other match of the day,

way High School at the Mirpur

Hussain scored 44 as Saint Jo-

Chasing Manarat's impressive two wickets.

SPORTS REPORTER

A brilliant half century from Faisal 210 in 35 overs, Konabari MA and some ordinary bowling from Kuddus High School reached 211 T&T High School guided Green in the penultimate delivery with Herald School to a two-wicket win in one of the four Dhaka Metropolis Zone qualifying matches of the extra runs that allowed Konabari Standard Chartered Grindlays to succeed in chasing such a tall 19th National School Cricket yestotal. Talha scored 44 followed by terday. Momin (39) and Jashim (31).

In a high scoring match at the Dhanmondi Club Ground. Faisal 210 was built around a superb 66 scored 53 while his opponents from Surku. Sharukh (38) and presented 64 runs as extras as Ashfaq 21 were the other notable Green Herald, chasing a mam-run getters. moth T&T School total of 221 in 35 overs, reached home in the last Saint Joseph High School posted a ball of their innings with two wick- 52-run win over Kamalapur Railets to spare.

Faisal was given good support Outer Stadium. by Sovu who chipped in with 26. At the Polytechnic Institute seph High School made 197 before

ground in Tejgaon, Motijheel Col-Master's norm having an interna- ony High School beat University Batting first, Motijheel Colony 145 with Saint Joseph's Ahad and School were all out for 135 in 28.1 overs, thanks to extras, 42 of them.

Among the batsman, Arman scored highest 27. In reply, University Laboratory High School could manage only 95 before being shot out in 25 overs.

in Mirpur, Konabari High School

being all out in 35 overs. In reply, Kamalapur Railway High School were bundled out for

SCORES IN BRIEF Green Herald v T&T High School

T&T High School: 221 all out in 34.5 overs (Sohel 53, Imtiaz 35,

Ricky 25, Monir 3/44) Away at the City Club ground Green Herald: 224 for 8 in 35

Kamalapur Railway School v Jahangir taking two wickets each. Saint Joseph High School

Williams

McGrath

Fleming

Symonds

WEST INDIES

Samuels run out

Ganga lbw b McGrath

Powell Ibw b Harvey

Jacobs c Gilchrist b Fleming

Lara c Gilchrist b Fleming

Nagamootoo c Warne b Symonds

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-0, 3-58, 4-

74, 5-74, 6-77, 7-81,8-103, 9-103

Man-of-the-match: Ian Harvey.

Second final: February 9, Mel-

Sirajganj cricket

Jamtoil Sporting Club defeated

Dhopakhandi Young Star by 54

nament at Haji Korop Ali Memo-

rial Degree College playground

Winning the toss, Jamtoil de-

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Saint Joseph: 197 all out in 35

High School won by one wicket.

overs (Hussain 4, Subhash 24, Rubaiyat 4/41)

Result: Green Herald won by

University Laboratory School v

Motifheel Colony School: 135

University Laboratory School:

Result: Motijheel Colony

Manarat v Konabari MA Kud-

Manarat: 210 for 5 in 35 overs

Konabari MA Kuddus High

Result: Konabari MA Kuddus

(Surku 66, Sharukh 38, Ashfaq 21,

School: 211 for 9 in 34.5 overs

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Motifheel Colony School

School won by 43 runs.

dus High School

Towfig 5/46)

Jashim 31)

Arman 27)

Rajib 3/26)

Kamalapur Railway School: 145 all out in 23 overs (Arefin 20, Al-Amin 19, Jahangir 2/29)

Result: saint Joseph High School won by 52 runs.

10 0 46

No good news for WI

overs (Extras 64, Faisal 53, Sovu

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Australia crushed the West Indies Adam Gilchrist. by 134 runs in the first clash of the Cricket Ground on Wednesday burst.

their 50 overs and then dismissed less enterprising days. the West Indies for a woeful 119 in

secutive one-day win of the sum- played a dominant role and it was Total: (All out in 37.2 overs) mer and continued a dominance left to Harvey to push the score over the West Indies which has towards a defendable target. now stretched to an amazing five Tests and five one-dayers.

14 international matches in an added valuable runs alongside unbeaten run this summer - a Shane Warne (seven) and Damien Harvey marvellous record for them to take Fleming (14). to India next week when they embark on a program of three Tests of-three final will be at the Meland five one-day internationals bourne Cricket Ground on Friday.

star for Australia Wednesday, figure in a deciding final, which scoring 47 not out off 33 balls, including two fours and a pair of Sunday if necessary. sixes, at the end of the innings to SCOREBOARD turn what seemed likely to be a moderate score into a good one.

He then took 2-5 from six overs as Australia produced another superb display in the field. After losing their first two wick-

ets without a run on the board, the West Indies were rescued briefly by star left-hander Brian Lara, who was stunned into action after a heated exchange of words with pace ace Glenn McGrath and fieldsman Michael Bevan. It was not clear what prompted Warne c Jacobs b Cuffy

mid-on. Umpire Simon Taufel tried to 111, 3-132, 4-168, 5-179, 6-199, 7calm Lara. Lara responded by hammering Bowler

four boundaries in his first five McLean

scoring strokes. Altogether he hit Cuffy

seven fours in a brief stay for 35 Nagamootoo runs from 38 balls.

His knock ended when he Samuels edged a ball from fast bowler Damien Fleming to wicketkeeper

Once Lara had departed, the best-of-three finals in the Carlton West Indies collapsed, with Hartri-series contest at the Sydney vey claiming 2-3 in a three-over Adams c Gilchrist b Harvey Earlier, Australia's formidable Joseph c and b Warne

Australia made 9-253 from batting line-up had one of their Williams c Ponting b McGrath Apart from Gilchrist (44 from McLean c Martyn b Symonds

55 balls, with seven boundaries). Cuffy not out It was Australia's ninth con- none of the recognised batsman Extras: (b 2, tb-7, w-11, nb-1)

It was the first time this season Bowler Australia's tailenders had been Altogether Australia have won asked to contribute and Harvey The second match in the best- Result: Australia won by 134 runs.

Australia will be looking to se- bourne. All-rounder Ian Harvey was the cure victory and avoid the need to would be played in Melbourne

> Scoreboard of the first final of the Carlton tri-series between Australia and West Indies at the Sydney

Cricket Ground on Wednesday:

AUSTRALIA

219, 8-242, 9-242

10 runs in the TM Smriti cricket tour-M Waugh c Lara b Cuffy Gilchrist run out Ponting c Joseph b Nagamootoo Bevan c Jacobs b Williams S Waugh e Jacobs b Williams 18 cided to bat first and collected 139 Martyn run out 8 'runs losing all the wickets in 30 Symonds c Jacobs b McLean Harvey not out the trouble, but Lara was so in- Fleming c Nagamootoo b Samuels censed he even went down the McGrath not out pitch at one stage to continue a Extras: (lb-5, w-5) discussion with Bevan, fielding at Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-72, 3-

In reply, Dhopakhandi made 85 for all in 24.1 overs.

FOOTBALL

253 Sirajganj Jamuna Traders blanked Kazipur Upazila 4-0 in the First Division football league at the Shaheed Shamsuddin Stadium O M R W today.

Nine teams are taking part in 2 the tournament.

Competition closes at 8 pm shortly afterwards

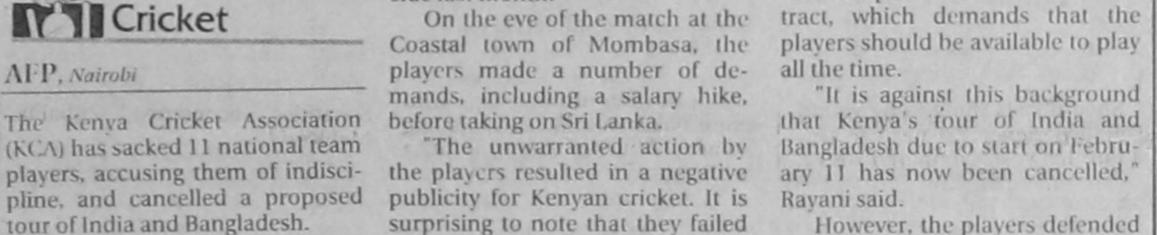
> three silvers and four bronzes to top the list while Agrani Sangsad finished runners-up with three gold medals. A total of 88 wrestlers from 15 metropolis clubs took part in the

Rajshahi cricket

Mukti Sangha defeated Friends

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Sporting Club by two wickets in a match of the Rajshahi Premier Division Cricket League at the local district stadium today.



The players, whose contracts to take into consideration that themselves against the KCA

have been terminated, include holding the KCA to ransom prior chairman's accusations, saying:

RAVINDU SHAH

not help them or Kenyan cricket.

to international commitments do

signed a contract that entitled

them to earn monthly salaries and

other allowances enjoyed by top

cricketing nations.

Bangladesh-India tour cancelled

side last month.