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The immediate site of the ancient Olympics, the Stadium of Olympia, was about 643 feet in length and about 97 feet wide. It consisted of four sloping heights, two at the sides and two at the ends. For the first thirteen Olympiads, the competition consisted of a single race of 200 yards, approximately the length of the stadium. The race was called the Stade, from which the word 'stadium' was derived.

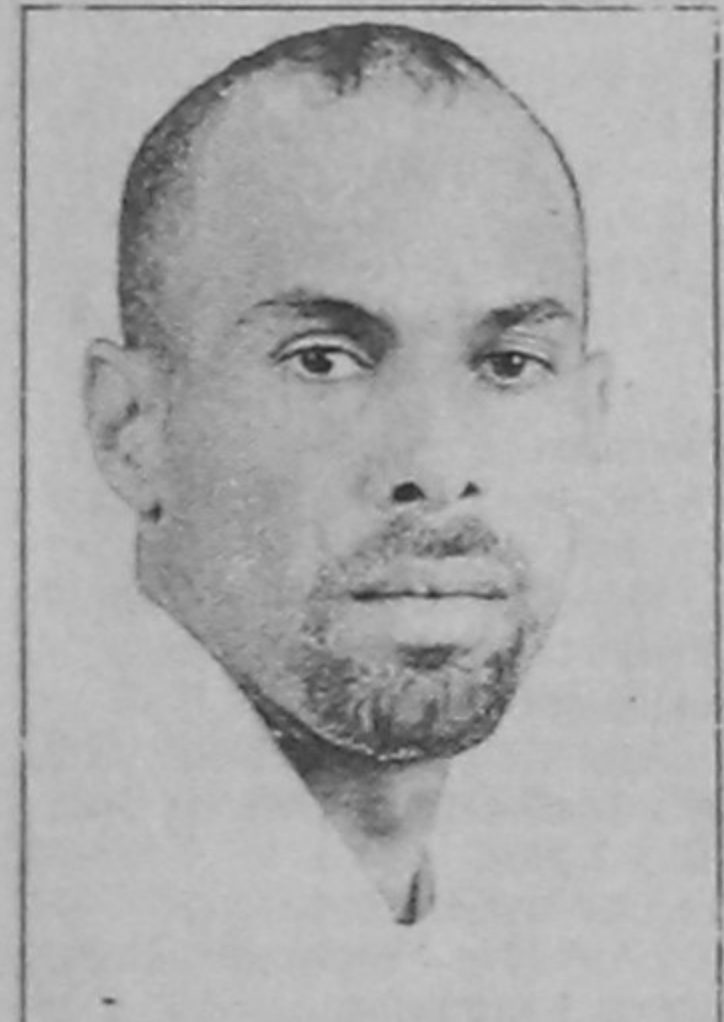


What to Watch

- DD Sports**
Australia vs India
Third Test, Day Four
Live at 10:00 am
- ESPN**
Western Union World Football
12:30 pm
Arsenal vs Aston Villa
English Premiership
2:00 pm
UEFA Champions' League
9:00 pm
- Star Sports**
South Africa vs West Indies
Second Test, Day Four
Highlights at 6:30 am & 7:00 pm
Boys & Sunny Masterclass
Crick Talk Show
5:30 pm
South Africa vs West Indies
Second Test, Day Five
Primera Liga
8:30 am
Futbol Mundial
12:00 am



Talk Turkey



Jimmy Adams
(Former West Indies cricket captain)

"Those who know Courtney know his heart is probably one of the biggest in cricket and there are challenges he has risen to almost every year throughout his career. When a lot of people would probably have thrown in the towel, he's still going out there and he's still battling, still keeping up a very high standard. It's a real credit to him."

On Courtney Walsh.

Sports Whizz Kid

Competition 145
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Win attractive prizes
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March 23, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier
2-0 3-2 3-0
- Who clinched the Paris Indoor Open title?
Huber Hingis Mauresmo
- Sri Lanka won the one-day series against New Zealand
3-2 5-0 4-1
- How many Tests will Bangladesh play in five years?
34 35 36
- Who lifted the national under-19 cricket crown?
Chittagong Rajshahi BKSP

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Gold Cup shines on India

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

India registered their first major hockey triumph since 1995 when they pipped arch foes Pakistan 3-2 in the tie-breaker in the final of the Prime Minister Gold Cup at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium on Tuesday.

It was also revenge of sorts for the Indians who lost 2-3 against Pakistan here in Dhaka in the Asia Cup final way back in 1985.

India last won a competition of worth when they took the gold in the 1995 SAF Games defeating the same opponents 5-2 in the final.

In the topsy turvy game where fortune fluctuated from one end to the other, the sides were locked 3-3 in the regulation 70 minutes and 15-minute extra time.

In the tie-breaker Pakistan muffed three penalties to India's (two).

Pakistan's penalty corner specialist Sohail Abbas, who failed to convert any of the five penalty corners his team earned in the match, laid down the foundation of the defeat sending the first penalty stroke over the post. That allowed skipper Baljit Singh Dhillon to put India ahead with a push into the top right corner of the net.

Muhammad Sarwar, who scored two goals in the match then sent Pakistan further on the back foot when his attempt was brilliantly saved by Indian custo-

dian Jude Menezes who dived to his right.

Then Arjun Halappa got India 2-0 ahead with a low push.

But there was an exciting twist in the game after India spoiled their third and fourth strokes as Inderjeet Singh and Prabjot



BALJEET SINGH DHILLON... player-of-the-tournament

Singh were denied by Pakistan custodian Ahmed Alam while Pakistan's Haider Hussain and Waseem Ahmed scored.

However, India had the last laugh when Pakistan's Muhammad Nadeem's final push hit the right side post. Daljit Singh stepped in and promptly made it 3-2 to the delight of his ecstatic teammates.

In normal time India twice

came from behind. They started off brightly by creating two scoring chances in the first five minutes.

Play maker Dhanraj Pillay initiated both the attacks but his partners Bipin Fernandez and Baljit Singh Dhillon failed to capitalise on those.

Bipin's reverse hit went wide off the near post in the third minute after Pillay fed him from the right wing while Dhillon then failed to connect another Pillay cross from the same direction two minutes later.

After surviving the close calls, Pakistan gradually organised themselves.

Centre forward Sarwar put Pakistan ahead in the 18th minute with a powerpacked hit from the left corner of the D capitalising on a penalty corner rebounder.

But the lead lasted for only six minutes as Indian forward Radha Krishnan struck twice in two minutes. The tall stick wielder levelled the score steering home a Prabjot pass in the 24th minute and then made contact another Prabjot minus in the 26th.

Pakistan brought back parity in the 30th minute with Sarwar netting his second goal from a long corner from the left.

Pakistan showed more purpose in the second half and after spilling some fine opportunities, they took the lead once again in the 59th minute when Muhammad Nadeem found the net from a

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Egypt clinch third place

SPORTS REPORTER

Egypt clinched third position in the Prime Minister Gold Cup Hockey Tournament with a 7-6 win over Japan in a play-off match at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium on Tuesday.

The match was tied 3-3 in the regulation time.

In tie breaker, which was also locked 4-4 after the first five shots, Adnan El Sayed and Belal Ibrahim and Aboel Yazed scored twice while Yasser Abdel netted once for the Egyptians while Tabito Naohiko struck twice and Hirata Akhiko, Ozawa Kazuyuki, Hokaze Daisuke and Yamabori Takahiko added one each for Japan.

Earlier in regulation time the teams were locked 2-2 in the first half. Adnan, Belal and El Sayed scored for Egypt while Yamabori Takahiko scored all three goals for Japan.



Pakistan's Muhammad Anis tries his best to block Indian Baljit Singh Saini during the Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey final on Tuesday.

Nat'l Chess qualifiers

SPORTS REPORTER

Khandkar Aminul Islam, Abu Sufian Shakil, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon and International Women Master Rani Hamid were sharing the lead after the end of the seventh round of the Professor Abdur Razzak 27th National Chess Championship qualifiers at the NSC chess room on Tuesday.

Sakil beat Mainuddin Ahmed, Rani Hamid beat Sawkat Hossain Pallab while Emon and Aminul drew their board.

The leaders have equal six points, half a point more than FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib, Sawkat Hossain Pallab, Monir Hossain, Moniruzzaman Khan and Ahmedul Haque respectively.

The eighth round starts today at 3:00 pm.

Div I cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Young Pegasus and Uttara Sporting Club earned comfortable wins in the First Division Cricket League beating their respective rivals here yesterday.

Young Pegasus defeated Khe-laghar SKS by eight wickets at Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Sent in to bat first, Khe-laghar scored 183 for all in 49.5 overs.

In reply, Young Pegasus reached the target making 185 runs for two in 36.2 overs.

At the City Club ground, Uttara Sporting Club defeated Lalmatia Club by eight wickets.

Lalmatia scored 174 for all in 46.5 overs after being sent into bat first.

In reply, Uttara reached the target making 180 runs for two in 36.1 overs.

B'baria cricket

PROGOTI CRICKET CLUB defeated TITAS CRICKET CLUB by 32 runs in the Shaheed Freedom Fighter Rango Mia Smriti Cricket Cup at Shah-jadpur Junior High School playground here on Tuesday.

Winning the toss, Progoti batted first and were all out 152 runs.

In reply, Titas managed 120 for seven in stipulated 35 overs.

In the other match of the day, Udayon Jubo Sangha beat Surja Tarun Cricket Club by 49 runs at the same venue.

Winning the toss, Udayon batted first and made 192 for all.

In reply, Surja Tarun scored 143 losing all wickets.

Friendly cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka Bank defeated Prime Bank by two wickets in a friendly cricket match at the BUET playground on Saturday.

Sent in to bat Prime Bank scored 136 for eight in the stipulated 30 overs.

In reply, Dhaka Bank reached the target of 137 runs for eight in 29 overs.



DAY'S EVENT
Premier Division Cricket League
Mohammedan SC v Brothers Union
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)
Dhanmondi Club v Young Cricketers
(BKSP)

Fahad plays Tarun

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club kept up their giant-killing act when they inflicted a massive 111-run defeat on Surjo Tarun Club in their BKSP ground in Savar on Tuesday.

The second win of the mediocre outfit after their stunning 103-run cakewalk against Brothers Union on Sunday, was designed by their Pakistani opener Fahadullah Khan, who hammered a superb 164.

With Fahad, who scored 75 in the previous match, in fine fettle Victoria amassed a massive 295 for four wickets in 50 overs after being asked to bat by Tarun skipper Shipon.

Opening the Victoria innings the muscular Pakistani clubbed 13 fours and half a dozen sixes in his 148-ball pyrotechnics. He shared 192 runs for the second wicket with Nayan, who scored 45 off 90 balls.

Fahad was eventually out in the 47th over, but by that time Victoria had reached 264 for three.

His compatriot Rashed Hanif

also joined the run-feast with a 31-ball 10.

Surjo Tarun, in their chase for a demanding total, could manage only 184 before being all out in 41 overs.

Sadat with 51 was the only notable run-getter.

The match also turned out to be a disappointing debut for Rohan Gavaskar. The son of Indian great Sunil scored 24 off 43 balls. He however enjoyed his bowling, taking one wicket for 30 runs in his nine overs.

Victoria's left-arm spinner Biplob Sarker was the most successful bowler with four for 31 in his 10-over spell.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Cricket League match between Victoria Sporting Club and Surjo Tarun Club at the BKSP ground in Savar on Tuesday:

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monir	9	0	63	2
Shafaq	3	0	20	0
Ramzan	10	0	45	0
Rohan	9	0	30	1
Rafiqul	10	0	49	1
Saikat	5	0	41	0
Mazharul	4	0	35	0

Surjo Tarun

Hannan c Lablur b Sajal 11

Sadat c Sajal b Sajib 51

Shipon b Sajib 21

Ramzan b Rashed b Alok 22

Rohan c Bioplob b Alok 24

Mazharul c Nayan b Bioplob 16

Rafiqul not out 11

Saikat b Bioplob 0

Anwar b Bioplob 2

Monir b Bioplob 0

Shafaq run out 0

Extras: (b-3, lb-13, nb-4, w-6) 26

Total: (All out in 41 overs) 184

Fall of wickets: 1/45, 2/89, 3/108, 4/131, 5/164, 6/168, 7/169, 8/175, 9/175

Victoria

Rawnak b Monir 7

Fahadullah c Hannan b Rohan 164

Nayan st. Anwar b Rafiqul 45

Rashed not out 40

Sajib c Ramzan b Monir 0

Sajal not out 7

Sajib Das 7

Extras: (b-6, lb-6, nb-5, w-15) 32

Total: (For 4 wickets in 50 overs) 295

Fall of wickets: 1/14, 2/196, 3/264, 4/266

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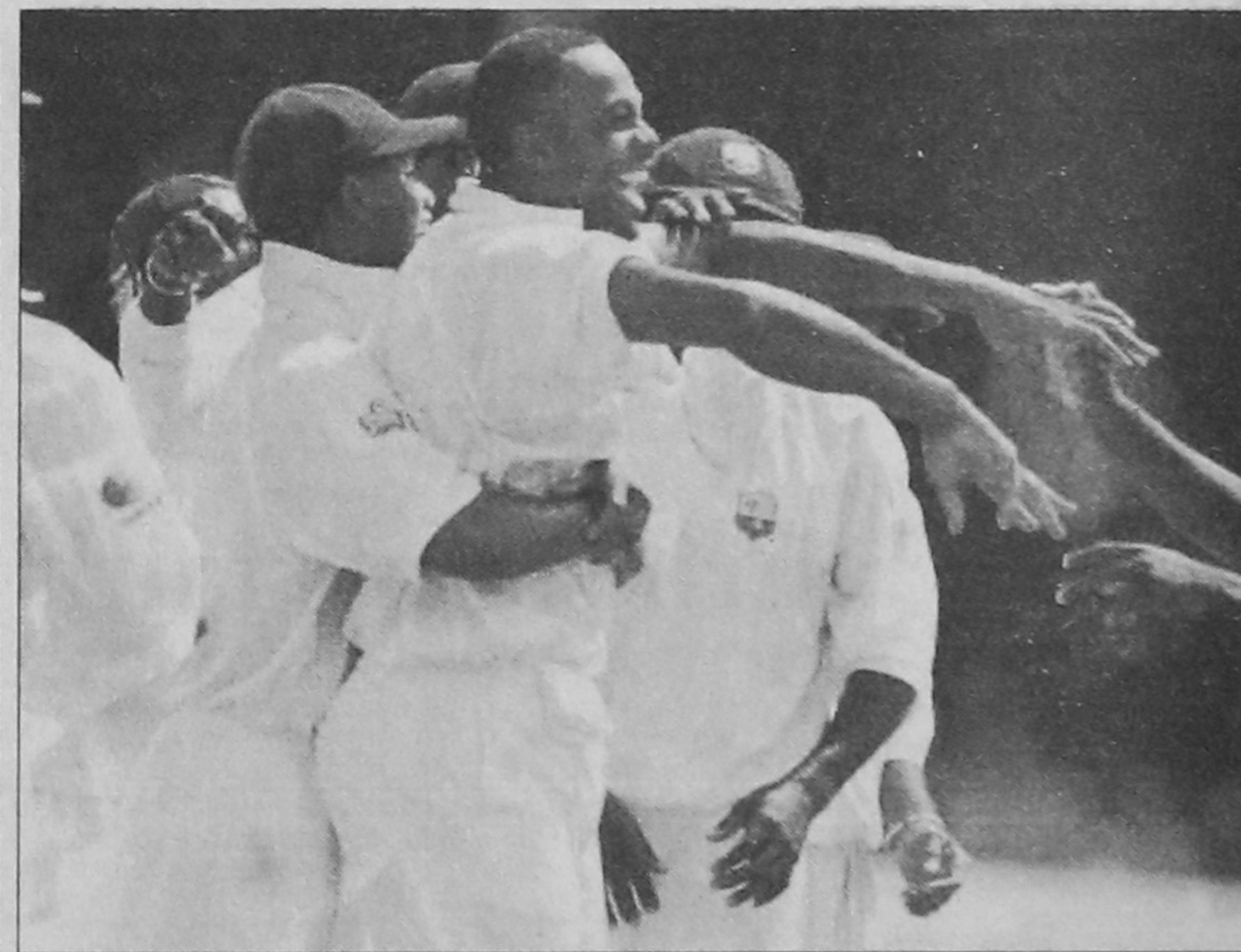
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Result: Victoria SC won by 111 runs.



REWARD FOR DURABILITY: West Indies fast bowler Courtney Andrew Walsh is the toast of his teammates after the Jamaican gentle giant captured South African Jacques Kallis' wicket to become the only cricketer to take 500 Test wickets in Port of Spain on March 19.

Courtney the Calypso King

Cricket

INTERNET, Port of Spain

It was his 129th Test in his 17th year of five-day cricket, but Courtney Walsh was feeling nervous until he became the first man to take 500 Test wickets.

The West Indies fast bowler dismissed Gary Kirsten and Jacques Kallis in the space of three balls to reach the historic milestone during the third day of the second Test against South Africa in Port of Spain.

"I felt a bit nervous because I started thinking about it before the match," said the Jamaican veteran. "I just tried to focus on the game and the job we have to do. It came quickly and I'm thankful for that."

"I want to say how happy I am today to achieve what I have done," Walsh said at an impromptu ceremony after the day's play. "It would not have happened without the help of the Almighty and my teammates, who have been with me through thick and thin."

"Most importantly, I want to thank you the fans for giving me the encouragement over the years," added the 38-year-old Jamaican.

Walsh, who made his Test debut in 1982 against Australia and did not even get to bowl in the first innings of that match, leapt in the air as umpire Darrell Hair gave Kallis out, then ran down the wicket with arms raised in triumph. The electronic scoreboard flashed "Congratulations, Courtney, 500 wickets."

As Walsh walked back to his fielding position on the boundary, fans rushed to acclaim his achievement and seek his autograph.

His teammates formed a field of honour as the team led the guard of tea. The first man to greet him at the steps to the pavilion was fast bowler Alan Donald, South Africa's leading wicket-taker with 318.

Incidentally, it was the Queen's Park Oval where Walsh took his 400th Test wicket almost two years ago.

Walsh believes it is his passion for his sport which has led to him playing at the top level for so long and achieving his unique goal.

"It's the love I have for the game."

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Biman feast on Majed

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

A brilliant unbeaten century by Pakistani Majed Sayeed throttled Bangladesh Biman to a four-wicket win over City Club in their Premier Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday.

Majed hammered 111 off 106 balls as the national flag-carrier, chasing a fighting City Club total of 250 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs, raced to 251 for six and with eleven balls to spare.

Coming in to bat at number three after Biman lost both openers in quick succession, Majed almost single-handedly took his side to victory with an exhibition of free-flowing stroke play.

He smashed 13 boundaries in his aggressive knock after former national opener Athar Ali Khan gave Biman perfect start with a swashbuckling 41.

Majed also had his share of fortune when Joy caught him off a 'no ball' while on 31. He drove the full toss straight down the throat of compatriot Nayeem but umpire Shavkatul Rahman ruled it not out for overstepping.

Athar played some eye catching shots in his 50-ball vigil at the crease that including seven immaculate boundaries in front of the wicket and a six over long on.

Earlier, the impressive City Club total was built around a disciplined 94 from opener Nayeem and a quick-fire 49 off 40 balls by Uzzal.

Nayeem struck ten fours and a couple of sixes before it was undone by a direct hit from Ziaur while only six runs shot of the three-figure mark.

It was Biman's third successive win.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Cricket League match between Bangla-

desh Biman and City Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday:

CITY CLUB

Nayeem run out 94
Raihan c Majed b Aminul jr. 5
Rehan c Athar b Aminul jr. 3
Ullash c Majed b Shariful 17
Mitu lbw b K Mahmud 22
Uzzal not out 49
Lipu c K Mahmud b A Wasim 9
Tutul c Aminul jr. b K Mahmud 20
Kakon st. Mokter b A Wasim 8
Joy not out 21
Extras: (nb-6, nb-11, w-4) 2

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