Minhaz beats Tarun Cricket

HASAN MASOOD

Skipper Minhazul Abedin ham-

Mohammedan Sporting Club

pulled off a sensational four-

Tarun Club in a Premier Division

Cricket League match held at the

former national captain did the

initial repair work featuring in a

63-run stand for the fifth wicket.

The partnership came to an end

when Sanwar edged Indian left-

arm slow bowler Rohan Gavaskar

to gift wicketkeeper Anwar his fifth

catch on the day. Sanwar scored

30 off 52 balls that included only

Mustadir Litu. Mustadir ran him-

Cricket

AFP, Dambulla, Sri Lanka

international.

143 in 48.5 overs.

16th over.

Lanka through.

seventh overs.

Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan

returned to form with a vengeance

taking four wickets for 29 runs and

bring Sri Lanka a five-wicket win

over England in their first one-day

newly laid pitch at the brand new

Rangiri Dambulla Cricket Stadium

here Friday, England's batsmen

were tied down by the Sri Lankan

spinners and were dismissed for

Sri Lanka knocked the runs off

in the 41st over making 144 for five

cups in their run-chase when they

nership between Marvan Atapattu Sunday.

lost four wickets for 58 runs in the

who scored 40 off 89 balls and

Russel Arnold who was unbeaten

on 39 scored off 83 balls saw Sri

land batsmen countered very ef-

fectively in the Test series which

the tourists won 2-1, was in dev-

astating form missing out on a

hat-trick between his sixth and

He had Andrew Flintoff

Muralitharan whom the Eng-

Choosing to bat first on the

1st one day international

one four.

Chasing a commanding Surjo

BKSP ground in Savar on Friday.

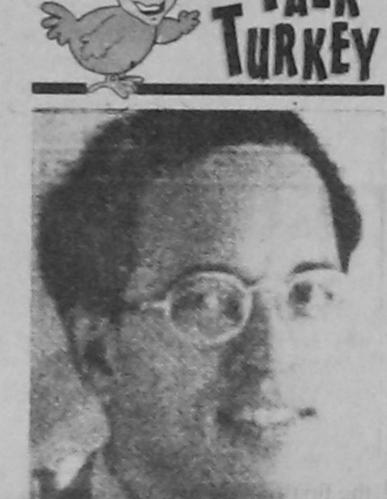
win in as many outings.

Volleyball was invented in a Holyoke. Massachusetts YMCA in 1895. Its inventor was William George Morgan. The game was first called "mintonette" and was played by hitting a basketball over a rope.



ESPN Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show 12:30 pm World Cup qualifying match Spain v Liechtenstein 2:30 am (Sunday)

Star Sports Futbol Mundial 2:30 pm Spanish League Highlights



Harsha Bhogle (Cricket journalist)

"I would give anything to watch India beat Australia in a Test match but I must admit it was a privilege to watch Adam Gilchrist play cricket in Mumbai.

On Adam Gilchrist's matchwinning century in the first Test against India in Mumbai.



. Who won the Masters Series in Indian Wells? Agassi | Sampras | Kafelnikov

3. What position did Bangladesh capture in the Prime Minister GoldCuphockey tournament? Fifth Sixth Seventh

Malaysia Pakistan between India and Australia? Harbhajan ·

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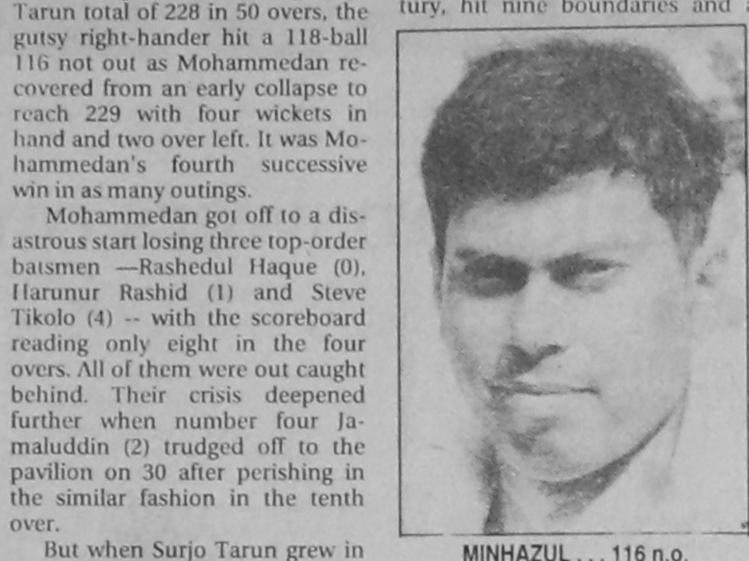
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stumped by wicket-keeper Romesh Kaluwitharana for two Shane VSSLaxman and off the next delivery forced Craig White to edge a catch to slip Name

hammedan were close to victory mark (202). Mustadir scored 44 off 55 balls with the help of a quartet Friday: of boundaries. After Mustadir's departure,

mered an unbeaten hundred as Minhaz partnered with Pakistani Javed Hayat to guide his side to wicket win over strong Surjo

In his more than three-hour stay at the crease, Minhaz, who took 67 balls to reach fifty and then another 39 balls for his century, hit nine boundaries and a



MINHAZUL . . . 116 n.o.

huge sixer off Gavaskar over mid hand, remained unbeaten on 16.

Electing to bat first, Surjo Tarun, who lost their previous match to Victoria at the same venue, scored 228 for nine, opener Salauddin topscoring with 52 off 70 balls. Middle-order Mazharul Haq (47) and skipper Sajjad Ahmed (38) were the other notable run-getters. For Mohammedan, medium

pacer Shafiuddin Ahmed and off-Then came the match winning spinner Jamaluddin took two 109-run sixth wicket partnership wickets each. between Minhaz and left-hander

SCOREBOARD

fielder Indika de Saram.

square leg.

seven by a direct throw by Mahela

thick (26) and Alec Stewart (21)

takes place at Colombo's R. Pre-

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the first

one-day international between Sri

Lanka and England at the Rangiri

Dambulla International Stadium

Sri Lanka suffered a few hic- time tried to hold the innings to- Atapattu lbw b White

But a 70-run fifth wicket part- madasa Stadium under lights on b Caddick

on Friday:

ENGLAND

Stewart b Zoysa

Thorpe not out

b Muralitharan

b Muralitharan

Trescothick b Arnold

Hick c Dharmasena b Zoysa

Vaughan st Kaluwitharana

Flintoff st Kaluwitharana

White c de Saram b Muralitharan

non-existing three although Mo- Cricket League match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Surjo Tarun Club at the BKSP on

SURIO TARUN

Suja b Shafiuddin

Hannan c Mortuza b Ashique 33 Salauddin Ibw b Jamaluddin Sajjad c & b Jamaluddin Ramzan c Mortuza b Hayat Gavaskar run out

Mazharul c Mortuza b Mustadir 47 Shamsul run out Rafigul b Shafiuddin A Kamal not out

Anwar not out Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-1, w-8) Total: (for 9 wkts in 50 overs) 228 Fall of wickets: 1/58, 2/115, 3/120, 4/129, 5/155, 6/175, 7/212,

Bowler	0	M	R	
Ashique	6	0	30	
Shafiuddin	8	0	28	
Tikolo	2	0	15	
Minhazul	4	0	21	
Hayat	10	0	54	
Jamaluddin	10	0	36	
Mustadir	10	1	39	

MOHAMMEDAN

Rashedul c Anwar b A Kamal Harun c Anwar b A Kamal Tikolo c Anwar b Shamsul Jamaluddin c Anwar b Shamsul Minhazul not out

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4/30, 5/93.	6/202. 4			
Bowler	0	M	R	1
A Kamal	10	1	38	
Shamsul	8	0	41	
Suja	8	0	37	
Gavaskar	10	0	50	
Rafiqul	10	0	48	
Mazharul	2	0	14	1
Result:	Mohamn	neda	n SC	woi
by four wie	kets			

confidence to pull off an upset, experienced Minhaz planned to wicket rope. Hayat, on the other cook their goose. Together with Sanwar, the

Sanwar c Anwar b Gavaskar	3
Mustadir run out	4
Hayat not out	1
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-14)	1
Total: (for 6 wkts in 48 overs)	22
Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/8, 4/30, 5/93, 6/202.	3/
Bowler O M R	

Fall of wickets: 1-31;2-35;3-75;

O M

1 26

0 22

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7 0 23

self out while making a two into a Scorecards of the Premier Division by four wickets.

Giles run out

131; 10-143.

Muralitharan 9.5

Jayawardene c Stewart

Sangakkara c Stewart

Extras:(lb-8, w-1, nb-5)

Total:(For five wkts in 40.5 overs) 144

Fall of wickets: 1-31; 2-50; 3

Did not bat: K. Dharmasena, o

42

23

2 24

2 17

0 21

0.5 0

Vaas, N. Zoysa, M.Muralitharan.

Arnold not out

54;4-58; 5-128.

Bowler

Caddick

Gough

Mullally

Vaughan

wickets.

De Saram not out

SRI LANKA

Ashley Giles survived the hat- Caddick c Muralitharan b Jayasuriva

Jayawardene from backward 4-92; 5-97; 6-97; 7-113; 8-118; 9-

trick ball, but like the other Eng- Gough c Kaluwitharana b Vaas

land batsmen failed to make any Mullally lbw b Muralitharan

total when he was run out for Total:(All out in 48.5 overs)

substantial contribution to the Extras:(lb-4, w-4, nb-2)

Muralitharan also brought off a Bowler

He won the man-of-the-match Dharmasena

After openers Marcus Tresco- Jayasuriya

captaining England for the first b Caddick 2

The second one-day match b Gough

had put together a stand of 31 in Jayasuriya lbw b Mullally

eight overs, only Graham Thorpe, Kaluwitharana c Stewart

superb diving catch at short mid- Vaas

wicket to dismiss Andy Caddick. Zoysa

award for his match-winning Arnold

Suja no-balled SPORTS REPORTER

Left-arm spinner Suja Erfan of Surjo Tarun Club was no-balled for chucking during a Premier Division Cricket League match against Mohammedan Sporting Club at the BKSP ground on Fri-

Umpire Ziaul Islam Masud called the second delivery of Suja in the 15th over of the second innings a no-ball and asked him to correct his action in the same

The match suffered a fiveminute pause after the fourth ball of the over with his teammates locked in a bitter argument with the man in the middle.

However, Suja continued for another seven overs sans rhythin.

Hockey team to play in India

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh national hockey team will take part in the 106th Byton Cup hockey tournament in Kolkata, India, from March 27 to April

Although the organisers invited a club team for the century old club-level tournament, Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BIII) will send its national team as part of its preparations for the World Cup qualifiers, which will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland in July. Bangladesh will start their campaign in the second round that begins on April 3.

But their India buildup to the Scotland tour came under question as the club-level tournament will be held on natural grass instead of synthetic turf.

The selectors meanwhile crossed Rafiqul Islam Kamal and Rafigunnabi Nakib off the 18-man team that took part in the recently concluded Prime Minister Gold Cup. Sheikh Ramijuddin and Shamsuddin Tuhin have filled in their boots.

The members of the team have been asked to report to coach York Schumacher at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium at 8 a.m. this morning.

Tourists lost in Murali maze SQUAD: Russel Khan Bappi, Yamin Hossain, Shahidullah Khokon, Habul, Shahidullah Titu, Ashiquzzaman, Mahbubul Ehsan Rana, Ariful Haque Prince, Moududur Rahman Shuvo, Sheikh Ramijuddin, Shamsuddin Tuhin, Mohammad Javed, Shawkat Ali, Musa Miah, Shamsuzzaman Khokon, Shamim Reza, Mamunur Rashid and Isa Miah.

Nat'l chess qualifiers

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master (IM) Abdullah Al-Rakib of Bangladesh Biman is at the top of the ladder defeated Uten of Dhaka University on the concluding day of the preliminary round of the Professor Abdur Razzak 27th National Chess Championship at the NSC chess room on

The win pushes Rakib's tally up to 8.5 points.

FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib, who was sharing the top slot with Rakib before Friday's round, failed to maintain the tempo as he tied with Khandkar Aminul Islam. Rajib now has eight points.

Six players in Khandakar Aminul Islam, Abu Sufian Sakil, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, Taibur Rahman and IWM Rani Hamid are still on the hunt and placed third with 7.5 points each.

The finale of the 11-round Result: Sri Lanka won by five championship played in Swiss League begins today at 3:00 p.m.

WHiZZ KID-145 correct answers

1. Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier Ans: 3-0 2. Who clinched the Paris Indoor

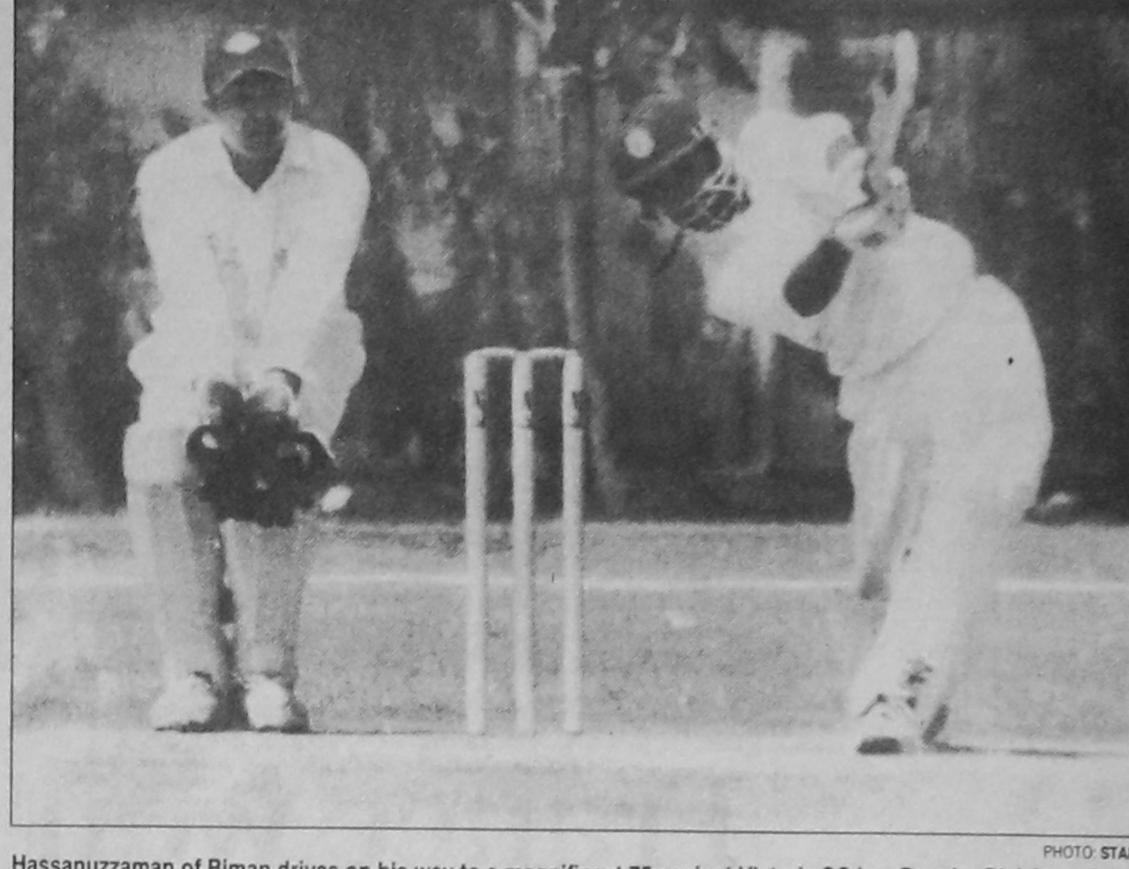
Open title? Ans: Mauresmo 3. Sri Lanka won the one-day se ries against New Zealand

Ans: 4-1 4. How many Tests will Bangla desh play in five years?

5. Who lifted the national under 19 cricket crown? Ans: BKSP



Premier Division Cricket League Brothers Union v Young Cricketers (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium) Agrani Bank v Dhanmondi Club (BKSP)



Hassanuzzaman of Biman drives on his way to a magnificent 75 against Victoria SC in a Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Friday.

Biman sail

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Title-aspirants Bangladesh Biman cruised to their fourth successive victory in the Premier Division Cricket League with a comfortable 47-run win over Victoria Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Friday.

In a reduced 35-over-a-side match due to overnight rain, Biman posted a huge 240 for six after being put into bat.

Middle-order batsman Hasanuzzaman Khan notched highest 75 off 82 balls with the help of five fours and two sixes. Halim Shah played an equally impressive Athar Ali lbw b Zakir match hitting 55 off 61 balls. K Mahmud b Sajal Among others, opener Athar Ali M Sayeed b R Hanif Khan scored 35 off 26 balls that Hasanuzzaman run out yielded seven boundaries.

Victoria's right-arm medium A Wasim run out pacer Sajal Chowdhury took two Mukter not out wickets for 33.

stricted to 193 for five in the allot- Total: (for 6 wkts in 35 overs) · 240 ted overs with Aminul Islam junior Fall of wickets: 1/23, 2/57, Result: Biman won by 47 runs.

sending down fiery spell. The 3/92, 4/210, 5/230, 6/239. right-arm seamer captured three Bowler wickets for 18 runs off his seven Zakir

Pakistani middle-order Rashed Biplab Hanif fought a lost battle for Victoria with an undefeated 77 from 81 balls. He smashed one six and half a dozen of boundaries. Sajib Das, with 52 off 62 balls, was the other notable run-getter.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Bangladesh Biman and Victoria Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Friday: BIMAN

Halim Shah b Sajal Aminul jr not out In reply, Victoria were re- Extras: (b-9, lb-1, nb-6, w-11)

Matin R Hanif Sajib Alok

VICTORIA SC Safavet c sub b Anis

Fahadullah c Mukter b Aminul jr 0 Omar b Aminul jr Nuruzzaman b Aminul jr R Hanif not out Sajib b Plaban Alok not out Extras: (b-4, lb-3, w-8) Total: (for 5 wkts in 35 overs) 193 Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/21, 3/21, 4/33, 5/137

KMahmud

A Wasim

'Bhajji' toast of India

Cricket

AP, New Delhi

"Hail the new Sultan of Spin" extolled the headlines Friday as India's media hailed the arrival of Harbhajan Singh, ,cricket's new bowling sensation. "The Australians huffed And

they puffed. But it was Indian tailenders who bought the house down," The Times of India reported of India's dramatic 2-1 test series triumph against the World No. 1 Australians.

Flanked by a picture of an exultant Singh, The Times of India report - reflecting coverage throughout the national media went into superlatives and hyperbole to describe Singh's splendid show in India's memorable two wicket defeat of Australia in the deciding third test Thursday in Madras. The match and the series was

decided in the last session of the fifth and final day of the deciding test, with India scraping home after stumbling in the run chase.

"Harbhajan's the last-action hero," The Indian Express rejoiced, with stories and graphics analyzing Singh's unmatched

assault on the Australian batsmen. "A star is born" said The Asian Age, which devoted a complete

page to the thrilling finale. "Nothing can stop the Indian juggernaut," said the daily newspaper of Singh's 32-wicket haul in the series, the highest ever by an Indian in a three-test series. Singh snared 15 wickets in the his career back on track.

final match and then, with India target, stroked the winning runs off Australian paceman Glenn



HARBHAJAN SINGH

It's been a long haul for Singh, the 20-year-old spinner from Jallandhar - a bustling town in Punjab state, 325 kilometres (200 miles) north of the Indian capital New Delhi. He debuted against Australia in 1998 before he dropped out to redevelop his

"What an end. The hero with struggling to overhaul the winning the ball used his bat too when it was needed the most," said the front-page lead in The Statesman newspaper.

bowling technique in a bid to get

"Generations to come will celebrate the two precious runs that came off Harbhajan Singh's bat in the raucous cauldron of Madras' Chepauk stadium on Thursday afternoon as much as his record shattering 32 wickets ... as the home team won an excruciatingly thrilling, breathtakingly close contest," gushed the conservative daily, The Hindu.

Praise for 'Bhajji,' as Harbhajan Singh is fondly referred to by Indians, overflowed into the streets as

"Bhajji has done the impossible. He has changed Indian cricket for ever," declared Sumeet Mitra, a

travel salesman. Indians, among the world's

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Defeated not disgraced

Cricket

AP, Sydney

Regardless of how bad Steve Waugh and his Australian cricketers felt after losing the third and deciding Test to India, there were a number of newspaper headline writers back home who felt a lot

"The Man Who Broke Australia's Heart," said the front-page headline Friday in The Australian national newspaper. Underneath was a colour photo of Harbhajan Singh, who not only took the last three Australian wickets on Thursday at Madras but hit Glenn McGrath for two runs to give the home side a two-wicket win.

Australian dream was shattered and a former laundry boy (Singh) became a legend as India snatched one of the great Test series of all

Mark Ray, cricket correspondent for The Age in Melbourne, praised the Australian perform-

"Although the Australians lost their record winning sequence in the second Test in Kolkata and then the series here, largely because of a poor batting performance, their reputation for determination, courage and preparedness to play wonderfully attacking cricket remains undiminished,

wrote Ray. Sydney's Daily Telegraph screamed "The Test that stopped a nation" on its front page. On the writer Robert Craddock wrote "an ting partner and wicketkeeper achieve victory.

Samir Dighe as a glum-looking McGrath walks in the other direc-The Sydney Morning Herald,

illustrating the effect the series had on the general population, had a picture of three Indian chefs celebrating the result after listening to the match around a tiny radio at the Colkata Indian Cricket Club in suburban Sydney.

Officials at the Australian Broadcasting Corp, which carried the entire Test series on radio, said interest in their broadcast - and ratings - had never been higher. "Has there ever been a better

Test series?" Craddock said. "Any team that can come from one-down in a series and win 2-1

after following on in the second Test deserves it. But the bland In Brisbane's Courier-Mail, it back, it was "India Singhs a tune of scoreline will tell nothing of the was "Singh Chills our Indian triumph" above a full-page picture tension and sheer pandemonium Summer." News Limited cricket of Singh rushing to embrace bat- India had to wade through to

Competition 146 ✓ Tick the Correct Answers Post to The Daily Star Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm April 6, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards . Who clinched the SAARC basketball crown? India | Sri Lanka | Nepal

Who became Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey champions Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Pepsi Test series

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winner Nahiyan Binte Alam

Model Academy Mirpur, Dhaka Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 6:30 pm on March 29.

Navy b'ball

UNB. Kaptai

The BNS Issa Khan clinched the title of the Bangladesh Navy Annual Basketball Championship concluded at the BNS Shaheed Moazzam ground here on Thurs-

They defeated the 7FS by 7 points in the final of the five-day



Marvan Atapattu of Sri Lanka in action during first one-day international against England yesterday.

