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Shriwas Venkatraghavan of India has made his grade as a well-respected cricket umpire across the globe. During his playing days, the English players found it extremely difficult to pronounce the reputed spinner's name and so they started calling him Rent a Wagon!



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at 11:00 pm  
Primera Liga  
at 8:30 am  
Asian Football Show  
4:00 pm



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## Sports WHIZZ KID

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- Who became Active Chess champion?  
Ziaur Rezaat Rakib
- What was the result of the Sri Lanka and England one-day series?  
2-1 3-0 2-0
- Who clinched the ATP Masters Series?  
Sampras Agassi Safin
- Who became Dhaka Reporters' Unity cricket champions?  
Inqilab BanglarBani Sangbad
- How many one-day matches did Tendulkar play to score 10,000 runs?  
238 266 283

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## Div I cricket

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Young Pegasus earned a massive 10-wicket victory over Bangladesh Boys in the First Division Cricket League at Jagannath Hall cricket ground of Dhaka University yesterday.

Sent in to bat first, the Bangladesh Boys were all out for 150 runs in 48.1 overs with Monuj Kumar making not out 67.

It Saad was the most successful bowler for Pegasus taking four wickets for 20 runs.

In reply, Young Pegasus reached the target of 151 runs without loss in 28.2 overs.

## Aminul dates with destiny

**Cricket**  
Al-AMIN, from Harare

Aminul Islam has become the first victim of the new team management that appears to believe in performance of a player out in the middle rather than his reputation.

The 33-year-old had to accept the rude reality that no one is indispensable even in a fledgling Test country. A veteran of 38 one-day international matches, the right-hander had never been dropped from any ODI that Bangladesh played in since he made his debut against India in the Asia Cup way back in 1988.

Aminul, arguably the most technically correct batsman in the country, only missed a couple of games in Kenya in 1997 due to injury.

Although there were a number of occasions when Aminul's place in the side became uncertain, he survived those close calls with some inspiring performance in the end.

He became a doubtful starter for the first one-day match at Harare Sports Club when skipper Naimur Rahman said they were thinking of making a change into the top order. The first encounter with Zimbabwe was a true test call for Aminul where the dapper batsman scored only two.

"We have dropped him to make room for Mehrab Hossain. As the wicket appears helpful for seam bowlers, we want to use Mehrab's slow medium pacers in addition to his batting ability," said Naimur on Saturday night while announcing his playing eleven for second one-day.

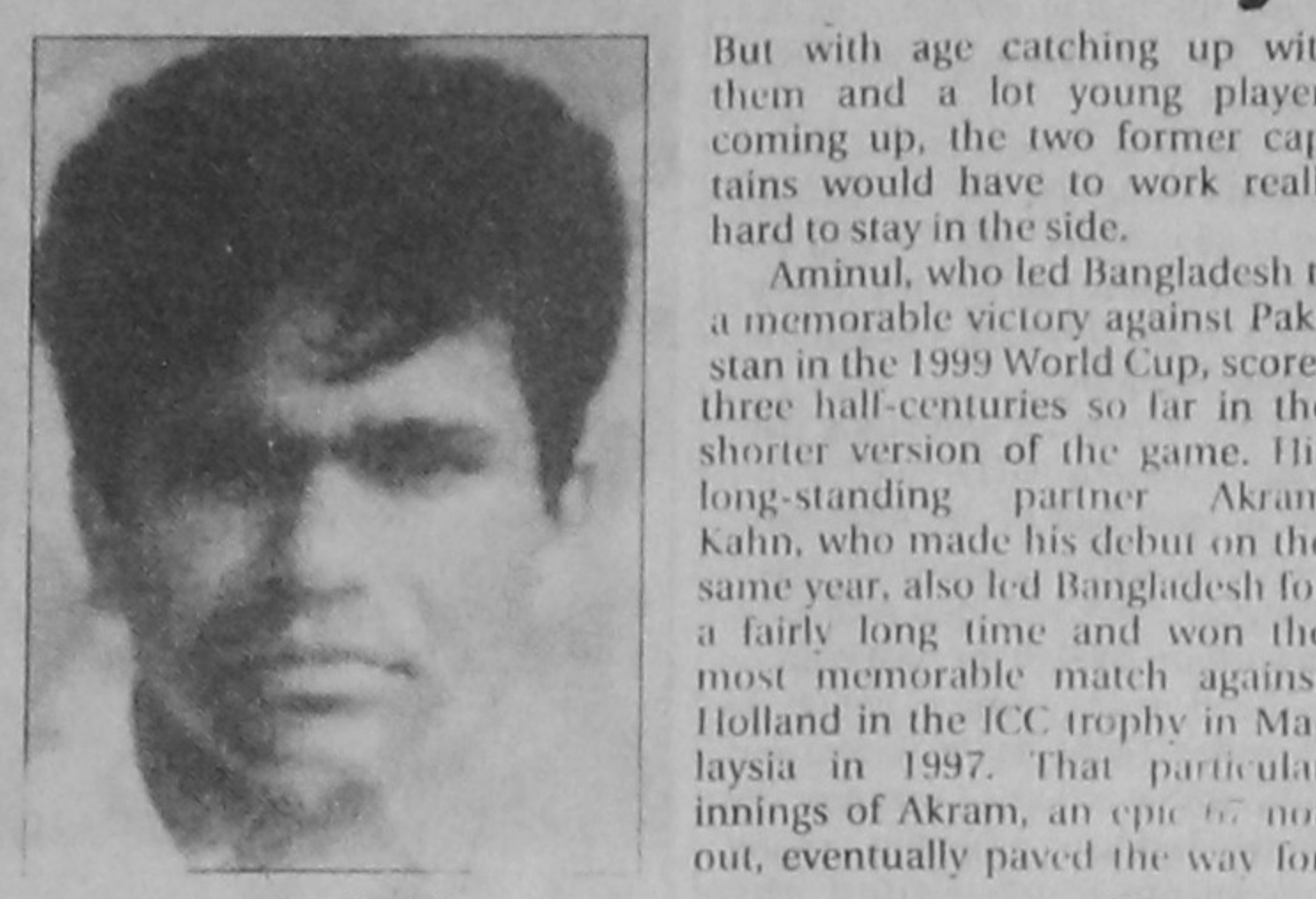
Mehrab, the lone centurion for Bangladesh in one-day cricket, impressed coach Trevor Chappell with the ball in the nets. The right-handed opener has been out of the side due to injury since he played in the England World Cup. Mehrab however had been sent for 18 runs off his two overs Sunday.

He should certainly return to the team in the latter part of the month long tour, where Bangladesh will play two Test matches against Zimbabwe after the three-match one-day series.

Aminul went down in history as the first Test centurion for his country when he scored a magnificent 145 in the inaugural Test against India last November.

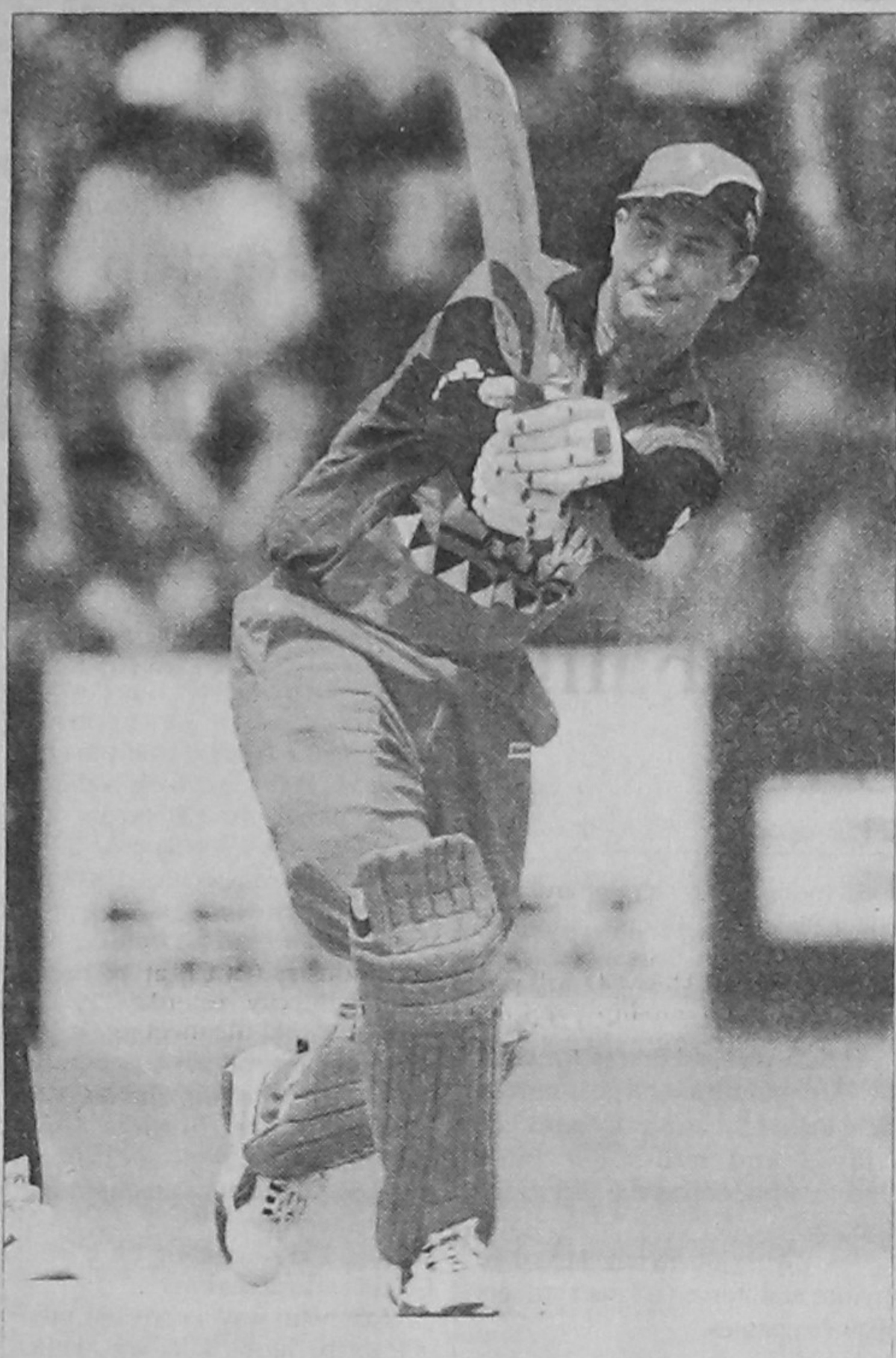
But the most significant aspect of the latest decision is probably going to herald an end to the Aminul-Akram era in Bangladesh cricket.

The two most experienced players have been considered as the backbone of Bangladesh's batting for more than a decade.



AMINUL ISLAM SEE PAGE 15

**MORE CRICKET MORE PEPSI**



Zimbabwean centurion Alistair Campbell flicks the ball during the second one-day international against Bangladesh in Harare yesterday. He made 103.

## Bagan ride on Rehman

**Cricket**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Middle order Ziaur Rehman scored his second century in the Premier Division Cricket League this season to help Kalabagan Krita Chakra beat Bangladesh Biman by 31 runs at the BKSP ground in Savar on Sunday.

The tall Pakistani right handers smashed an unbeaten 110 as Kalabagan, sent into bat first, piled up 275 for three in the allotted 50 overs.

Rehman, who scored a mammoth 202 against Dhanmondi Club last month, took 68 balls to reach fifty and then needed just another 31 balls to race to his hundred. In his unconquered 105-ball knock, Rehman hit three sixes and nine boundaries.

Rehman was given good support by one down Rafiqul Islam who chipped in with a 91-ball 63 which included a six and five fours.

Among others, openers Nahid and Tareq Mahmud added 42 and

33 runs respectively.	Anis	10	0	54	0
In reply, the national airlines were all out for 244 in 46 overs with Pakistani middle order Majed Sayeed scoring highest 88. Opener Shaheen(62) was the other notable run getter for Biman.	Ziaur	10	0	44	0
It was Kalabagan's fifth win in eight matches. On the other hand, Biman suffered their third defeat in nine outings.	K Mahmud	10	0	61	2
<b>SCOREBOARD</b>	A Wasim	10	2	33	1
Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Biman and Kalabagan Krita Chakra at the BKSP ground on Sunday:	Majed	1	0	10	0
<b>KALABAGAN KC</b>	BIMAN				
T Mahmud c Athar b K Mahmud	Athar b Alam	33			
Mahmud	Shaheen c Saiful b T Mahmud	62			
Nahid lbw b A Wasim	Mukter lbw b Alam	0			
Rafiqul c Athar b K Mahmud	Majed c Nahid b Mosaddek	88			
Rehman not out	Hasan b Manzar	7			
Kalim not out	K Mahmud st Shaheen b Ripon	0			
Extras: (lb-7, w-7)	Halim c Shaheen b Mosaddek	16			
Total: (For 3 wks in 50 overs) 275	A Wasim c Kalim b T Mahmud	4			
Fall of wickets: 1/62, 2/88, 3/198.	Aminul jr c T Mahmud b Manzar	13			
	Ziaur not out	6			
	Anis c Shaheen b Mosaddek	2			
	Extras: (lb-1, lb-4, w-8)	13			
	Total: (All out in 46 overs) 244				
	Fall of wickets: 1/47, 2/47, 3/113, 4/164, 5/171, 6/202, 7/219, 8/227, 9/237.				
	<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
	Saiful	5	0	32	0
	Alam	7	0	30	2
	Ripon	10	0	56	1
	T Mahmud	8	0	30	2
	Mosaddek	9	0	59	3
	Manzar	7	0	32	2
	Result: Kalabagan KC won by 31 runs.				
	Aminul jr	9	0	66	0

## BKSP blank Chandpur

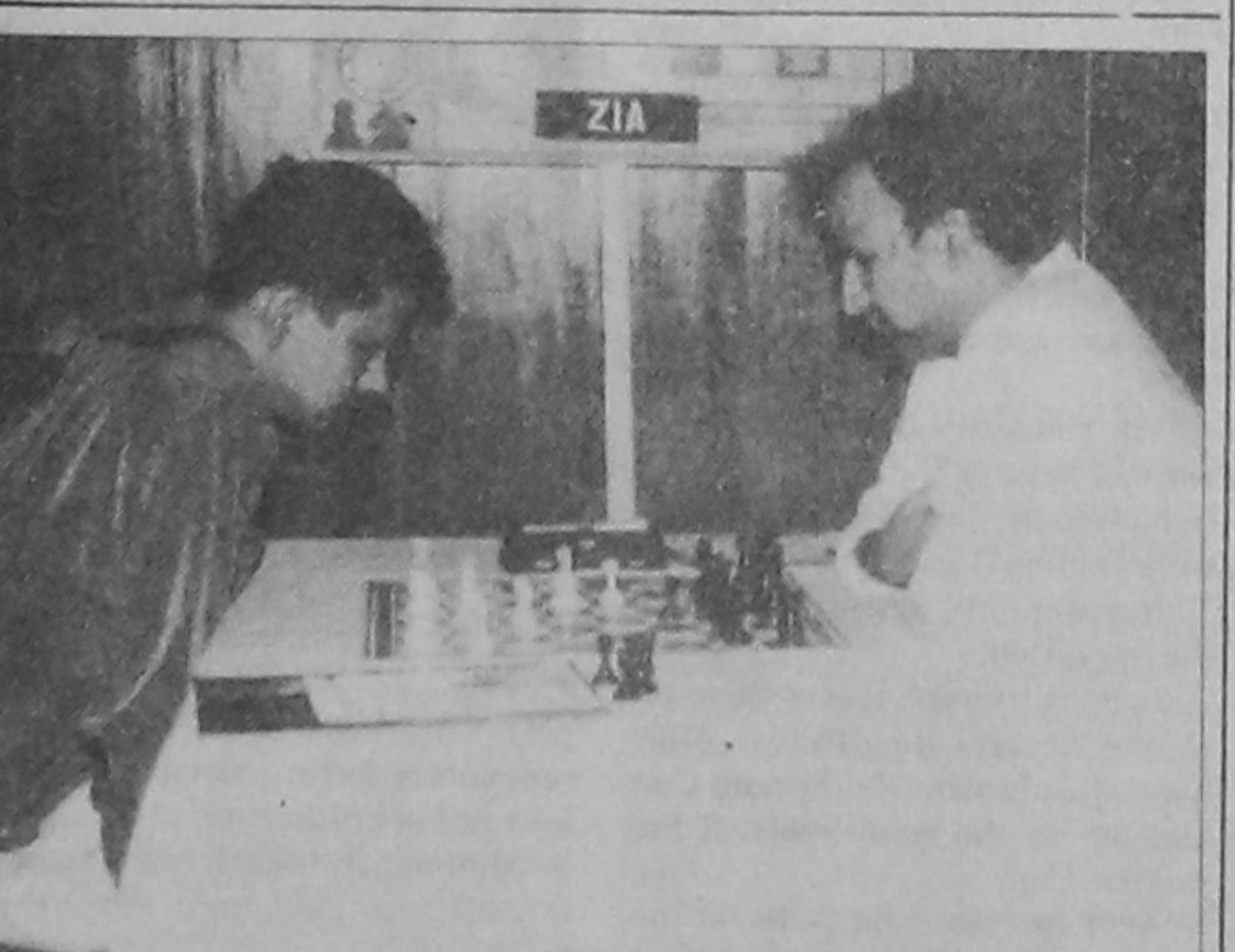
**UNB, Moulvibazar**

Bangladesh Krita Sikkha Protisahan (BKSP) started their final round campaign of the Biman Cup Under-14 National Football Championship with winning note beating Chandpur 2-0 at local stadium yesterday.

Rubel netted both the goals for the national sports training institute in the 44<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> minutes.

After the day's match, BKSP topped Group A list with holders Joypurhat securing three points from their maiden match.

Moulvibazar will play Narail at 2:30 pm while Natore will meet Laxmipur at 4:00 pm in two Group B encounters today (Monday).



GM Niaz Murshed (R) and IM Ziaur Rahman during their fifth round engagement of the Professor Abdur Razzak 27th National Chess Championship at the NSC on Sunday.

## BD-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

**Cricket**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Scoreboard in the second one-day international between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh on Sunday:  
**ZIMBABWE**

Campbell c Al-Saharib b Monjurul	103			
Whittall c Monjurul b Sharif	16			
Carlisle c K Masood b Monjurul	56			
Blignaut c Rafique b Monjurul	13			
Streak c Mehrab b Sharif	15			
A Flower c Javed b Sharif	6			
G Flower run out	0			
Ebrahim not out	3			
Viljoen not out	0			
Extras: (lb-10, w-5, nb-1)	16			
Total: (For 7 wks, 50 overs)	230			
Did not bat: D Mutendera, B Strang				
Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-182, 3-188, 4-211, 5-219, 6-220, 7-229				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Monjurul	10	0	37	3
Sharif	10	1	48	3
Mushfiq	10	2	29	0
Mehrab	2	0	18	0
Naimur	8	0	44	0
Rafique	10	0	44	0

**BANGLADESH**

Javed not out	33			
Al-Saharib lbw b Streak	0			
Bashar c A Flower b Streak	5			
Mehrab c A Flower b Blignaut	11			
Akram c Campbell b Strang	1			
Naimur b Viljoen	25			
Masood c Streak b Blignaut	3			
Mushfiq b Viljoen	1			
Rafique c Strang b Mutendera	8			
Sharif c A Flower b Mutendera	0			
Monjurul c Carlisle b Mutendera	1			
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-13)	15			
Total: (all out, 30.4 overs)	103			
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-9, 3-38, 4-41, 5-75, 6-78, 7-82, 8-98, 9-99				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Streak	5	0	20	2
Strang	7	1	17	1
Blignaut	8	0	28	2
Mutendera	5.4	1	23	3
Viljoen	5	1	14	2

Result: Zimbabwe won by 127 runs

Man-of-the-match: A Campbell  
First match: Harare - Zimbabwe won by seven wickets  
Third match: Bulawayo - April 11

## BCB asks Nasirul, Rajin to show cause

**Sports Reporter**

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has issued a show cause notice on cricketers Nasirul Alam and Rajin Saleh Alam on April 5 after they breached their contract.

The pool players reportedly took part in a Sylhet cricket league match for Zimkhana Club during the last week of March, after they were left out of the national team residential camp at BKSP.

The Alam brothers have been asked to submit their explanation to BCB by March 12. BCB director Mahmud Ul Haq confirmed this on Sunday.

## Rakib maintains clean slate

**SPORTS REPORTER**

International Master (IM) Abdul-lal-Rakib of Bangladesh Biman extended his all-win record to five in the Professor Abdur Razzak 27th National Chess Championship with an easy victory over

Abu Sufian Sakil of Bangladesh. Ansar in the fifth round on Sunday.

Playing with black pieces, Rakib, followed center counter system and won the board after 29 moves to extend his tally to five points.

Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib of Titus Club followed Rakib with four and a half points after beating Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon of Ansar.

IM Ziaur Rahman was in the third position with four points. On Sunday, Zia held Grand master Niaz Murshed to a draw.

In another board, holder IM Reefat bin-Sattar lost to Sheikh Nasir Ahmed.

Points table: 5 points-- Rakib, 4.5 points-- Rajib, 4 points-- Zia, 3.5 points-- Niaz, 2 points-- Reefat, Sakil, Sumon (4 game), Nasir, 1.5 points-- Emon, 1 point --Rani (4 game).

No matches will be played today, tomorrow and the day after for the three-day long opposition called hartal. The 6th round games will start on Thursday from 2:30 p.m. at same venue.

## Rajshahi cricket

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

Primary Cricket Training Centre and Mannan Smriti won their respective matches of the Hasan Imam and Ali Imam Pintu Smriti cricket tournament at the Rajshahi Medical College play ground yesterday.

Primary recorded a massive ten-wicket win over Bachu Smriti. Bating first Bachu Smriti were bowled out for 61 in 14.1 overs.

In reply, Primary reached the target in 5.5 overs without loss.

In other match of the day, Mannan Smriti beat Friends Ideal by 65 runs.

## Hussain Abahani's ace

**Cricket**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammad Hussain was once more in the thick of things as Abahani posted an exciting 15-run win over Surjo Tarun Club in a Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday.

The hard-hitting Pakistani left-hander scored a quickfire 86 to help the Dhammondi-based club pile up a massive 306 for six after deciding to bat. And he wasn't finished there as his slow left-arm spin accounted for two wickets.

To cap a good day's work he also inflicted a run out as the plucky Surjo Tarun were eventually dismissed for 291 in 48.3 overs.

Abahani's eighth victory in nine matches, moved them back to the top of the elite league table with 16 points, two points more than Mohammedan, but the Motijheel club have a match in hand.

On the other hand, it was Tarun's fourth defeat in nine matches, which kept them in fourth position with their previous collection of ten points.

Hussain gave the holders a perfect start despite losing the early wicket of Nafees Iqbal for three. The discarded Pakistan international then took the Surjo Tarun bowlers to the sword and reached his fifty off just 39 balls with ten boundaries.

His entertaining knock came to an end while trying to drive left-arm spinner Saikat but he missed and was stumped by Tarun wicket-keeper Mazharul Haque.

Hussain faced only 58 balls for his 86 which included 17 boundaries. It was his sixth fifty in eight

matches which raised his runs for the season to 469.

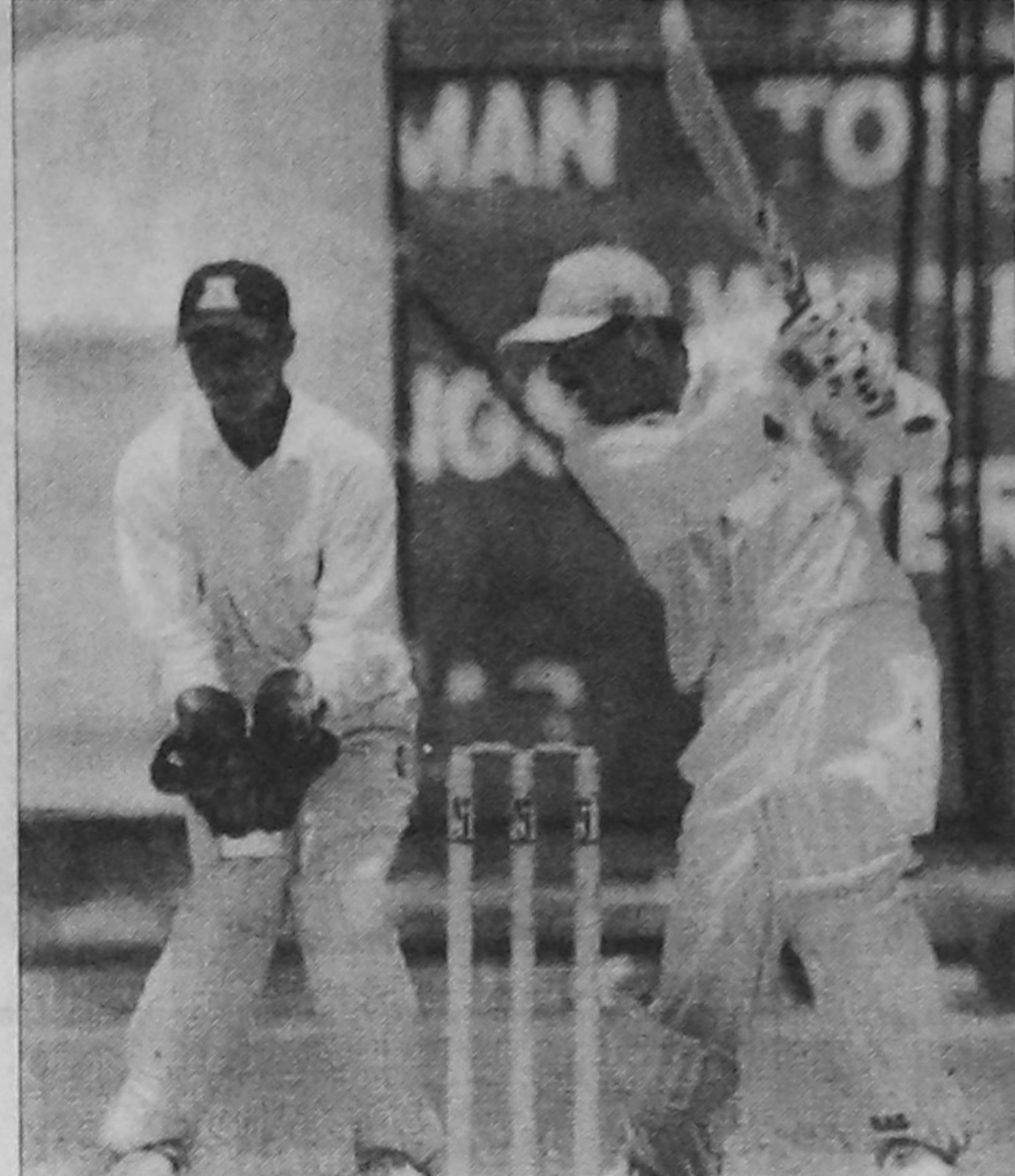
With Abahani on 124 for two in 18 overs, his compatriot Tareq Javed took charge and guided his side to reach a huge total.

The bespectacled right-handed Pakistani was undefeated on 90 off 88 balls with two sixes and half a dozen of boundaries.

Together with middle order Masudur Rahman, he put on 102 runs for the sixth wicket. His partner gave a good support with a 61-ball 52 that included a six and five fours.

In reply, Surjo Tarun gave a good fight but the asking rate proved a little too much in the

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Pakistani recruit Abahani's Tareq Javed plays a square drive against Surjo Tarun during the Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday.

## Wasim whacks Cricketers

**Cricket**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Opener Wasim Nayeem hammered back-to-back hundreds to steer City Club to a four-wicket win over Young Cricketers in a Premier Division Cricket League encounter at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Sunday.

Wasim, the Pakistani right-hander who scored 139 against Agrani Bank at the BKSP ground on Wednesday, struck 103 off 72 balls as City Club, chasing Young Cricketers' 226 in 50 overs, raced to 229 in 41.2 overs with four wickets to spare.

After City Club lost their first wicket on 19, Wasim shared 125 runs for the second wicket with compatriot Rehan Rafique, who

chipped in with a patient 76 off 96 balls.

Wasim hit 18 fours and a six. Earlier, electing to bat, City Club were restricted to 226 for eight in the stipulated 50 overs.

Middle order Towhid Hossain was the highest scorer with a 49-ball 54 followed by Iftekhar Ahmed who added 52 also from 49 balls.

It was City Club's second win in nine matches while Young Cricketers suffered their sixth defeat from the same number of outings.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between City Club and Young Cricketers at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Sunday:  
**YOUNG CRICKETERS**

Zaman c Banik b Khair	0			
Mintu c Rashed b Khair	21			
Adil b Wasim	15			
Magsi c Palash b R Rafique	9			
Iftekhar run out	52			
Jewel c Rashed b Wasim	23			
Towhid not out	54			
Sohel c Ferdous b R Rafique	14			
Shahnewaz b Ujjal	4			
Al-Amin not out	20			
Extras: (lb-1, lb-2, nb-3, w-5)	14			
Total: (For 8 wks in 50 overs)	226			
Fall of wickets: 1/0, 2/50, 3/57, 4/128, 5/128, 6/130, 7/160, 8/168.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Khair	10	4	21	2
Palash	5	0	23	0
R Rafique	10	0	46	2
Rashed	7	0	39	0
Wasim	10	1	48	2
Ujjal	8	0	43	1

**CITY CLUB**  
Wasim c Al-Amin b Soheli 103  
Moin run out

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## Saeed propels Pakistan

**Cricket**  
AFP, Sharjah

Seasoned opener Saeed Anwar hit 90 to steer Pakistan to 255-9 from 50 overs against Sri Lanka in the opening match of the Sharjah tri-series here on Sunday.

They were cruising at 197 for three in the 40th over, before Sri Lanka hit back with six wickets in the space of 54 runs.

Young Sri Lankan seamer Akalanka Ganegama made an impressive debut with wickets in his first two overs as Pakistan slipped from 49-0 to 61-2 in the 10th over.

The 21-year-old had Shahid Afridi caught at mid-wicket with his fourth delivery and then trapped Imran Farhat leg-before in his next over.

Anwar and Inzamam batted confidently in the middle-overs, but fell to poor strokes just when the Sri Lankans appeared to be at their wit's end.

Inzamam, who lofted Muthiah Murlitharan out of the ground, holed out to mid-wicket against Russel Arnold.

Anwar missed his 20th one-day century when he lofted Murlitharan down Arnold's throat at long-on.

The wily Murlitharan then removed Younis Khan for 37 and Sanath Jayasuriya bowled Abdur Razzak to slow Pakistan's progress.

**SCOREBOARD**  
First innings scoreboard in the Sharjah tri-series one-day international between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Sunday:  
**PAKISTAN**

Anwar c Arnold b Murlitharan	90
Afridi c Arnold b Ganegama	