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The South African team led by Clive Rice was so emotionally charged when they visited Calcutta in 1991 to play their first Test match on their return from international cricket that they raised funds and personally handed it over to late Mother Teresa.

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Arambagh players start to celebrate after beating Mohammedan.

MSC shown the door

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Arambagh Krira Sangha continued their fairy tale run when the mediocre Premier League outfit stormed into the final of the Nitol White Cement 17th Federation Cup with a lone goal victory over Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The hero of the night was Arambagh striker Anwarul Karim Sohel, who drove the decisive blow in the 31st minute of the first semifinal that drew a strong 20,000 crowd at the big bowl.

The shock win of Arambagh was welcomed even by the Mohammedan supporters, who stood up to clap when the rival players went for a victory lap.

This was for the second time Arambagh advanced into the final of the season's curtain-raising meet after their previous final entry in 1997.

The outcome not only gave Arambagh their first win against their more colourful Motijheel neighbours after sixteen years, but also ensured that a Federation Cup final for the first time would be held without the two heavyweights Mohammedan and Abahani.

Arambagh had earlier thrown last year's champions Abahani out of the race with a 1-1 draw in the group league match.

It was a deserving victory for the boys of Wazed Gazi against the unimaginative charges of Mohammedan's Sri Lankan coach Pakir Ali.

Arambagh started their quest for the second giant-killing mission in the most impressive fashion. They opened the account from the first positive attack down the left flank. Midfielder Liton intruded deep inside the left hand box before releasing a low cross to near post, from where Sohel stabbed the ball home past an ageing Mohammedan custodian Bijon Barua, who was partially responsible for conceding the goal.

It would have been a delightful double for Arambagh nine minutes later when their Nigerian forward side-footed a low right side cross from Saiful past substitute Mohammedan goalie Hakim. But referee Maruf Shikdar surprisingly ruled it out as a foul on Mohammedan defender Faisal, who was closely running with the Nigerian.

Mohammedan on the other hand lacked the firepower in the attack with midfielder Tushar Ahmed showing little sign of being recovered from a hamstring injury. Faisal, a hero of many a Mohammedan victories, did not return to play after the lemon break.

Although a hard working Monwar did a lot of running, but a couple of Mohammedan chances only came in the second session from dead ball situation.

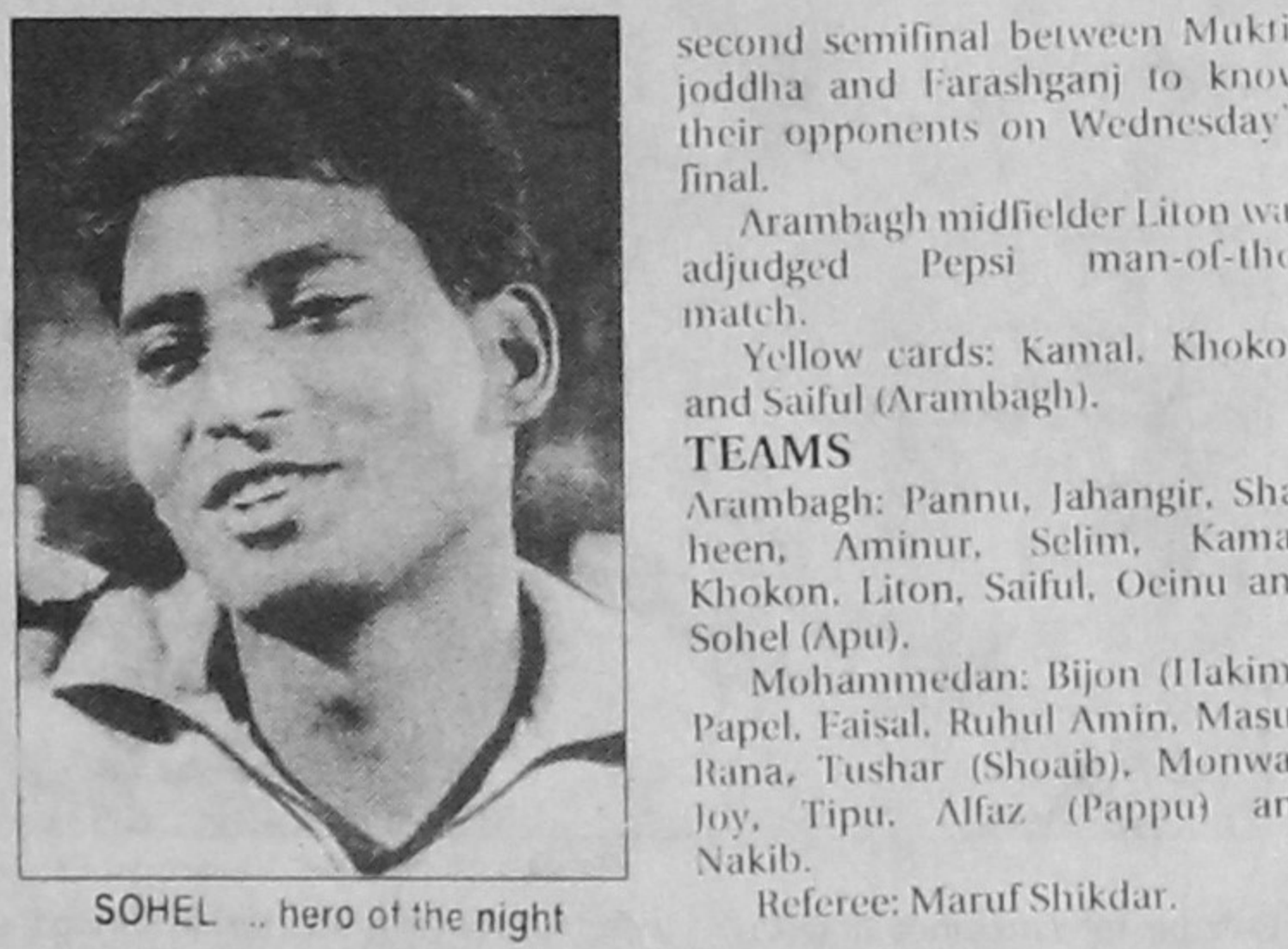
Mohammedan got their first scoring opportunity in the 65th minute when Masud Rana lobbed a perfect ball to Joy, who headed the ball wide off the mark.

A defeat for Mohammedan was written on the wall when Masud Rana's scorching free-kick from about 25 yards came off the cross bar in the 87th minute with Arambagh custodian Pannu beaten fair and square.

Arambagh will now have to wait for the outcome of today's



Mohammedans' Joy (foreground) misdirects a header in front of the Arambagh goal post during their Federation Cup semifinal clash yesterday.



SOHEL, hero of the night

Adjourned BCB meeting resumes today

SPORTS REPORTER

The adjourned first meeting of the Board of Directors of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) resumes at its headquarters in the afternoon today.

The May 21 meeting was adjourned because of the non-availability of the much-talked about inquiry report on the Board's February 25 election. The report, which was sent back for re-investigation by state minister for sports Obaidul Quader, was submitted to ministry on May 20.

"We have adjourned the meeting till June 4 only to get the report in our hand," said BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury while talking to journalists on May 28. It was however could not be gathered whether the report reached at the board until last night.

Saber however disclosed earlier that the Board might only get the recommendation of the report, not in full. He also reassured that no election manipulators would go unpunished if they were proved guilty in the report.

Architect Mobasser Hossain, who resigned three days after he was elected Director on reports of widespread manipulation in the election by Zafar Imam-led forum of district and divisional organisers, had a meeting with Saber on Sunday. It could not be gathered what conversation went between them. But a reliable source confirmed that Mobasser had a change of heart and would withdraw his resignation letter today.

A team to be named soon

SPORTS REPORTER

Chief Selector Mainul Haq said yesterday that the Bangladesh A team would be announced next week.

The selected players would immediately join the ongoing specially designed camp along with the national cricketers.

Mainul told this to The Daily Star Sport at the Bangladesh Krira Shikha Proristhan while observing both Trevor Chappell's camp and the fast bowling clinic of MRF Pace Foundation chief coach TA Sekar.

"The A team will take part in the Busta Cup in West Indies next January. But we don't want to keep these boys sitting idle. That's why we will announce the team so that they can learn more during the off season," the former national cricketer, named chief selector, during the first meeting of the newly-elected Board of Directors on May 21.

Teams told off

AFP, Manchester

Match referee Brian Hastings said England and Pakistan's players' behaviour was "not acceptable" following the conclusion of the third day's play in the second Test here at Old Trafford Saturday.

The New Zealand official was concerned by an incident involving...

'Fast bowlers in 5 years'

Cricket

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(BKSP). Among the 28 bowlers, four donated the national cap.

"It's good to see so many youngsters wanting to be fast bowlers. Ten among the lot are really good. The BCB has selected four of them for a month's training at the foundation later this month," said the 45-year-old who is expected to return home on Monday.

Within the next five years Bangladesh will possess some world-class pace bowlers, said TA Sekar, head coach of MRF Pace Foundation, during a briefing arranged by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) at the end of a five-day visit to Dhaka.

Board director Mahmud Ul Haq, assistant director of development Shafiqul Haq Hira and Sri Lankan coach Carlton Barnerdus were also present.

During his brief stay, the former Indian fast bowler from Madras who played a couple of Tests against Pakistan in 1982-83 and also represented his country in four ODIs, conducted a clinic at the Dhanmondi Club and Bangladesh Krira Shikha Proristhan.

"He (Monjurul) had a problem with positioning of the arm before delivery. I gave him some tips and the next morning he was a different bowler," he said.

To assist local coaches, Sekar distributed a fast bowling manual. "These players have all the qualities to become international

standard fast bowlers. However, what they lack is an adequate knowledge on recent developments in this department, said Sekar.

"Fast bowling is rapidly becoming scientific and unless bowlers have a correct action, they are bound to get injured. This is an area which our foundation has been trying to rectify for the last 14 years," Sekar said.

The MRF Foundation is considered as a nursery for upcoming and established players from around the world. With the guidance of Australian legend Dennis Lillee we have helped the best.

"Bowlers like Brett Lee, Glenn McGrath, Lance Klusener, Shaab Akhtar, Azhar Mahmood and many more have benefited.

Sekar concluded the briefing by saying that the reputation of the Madras-based Foundation owes 'everything' to Lillee.

Pakistan stretch lead

Cricket

AFP, Manchester

Pakistan, 181 for three at lunch, eventually lost Inzamamul Haq and Younis Khan within the space of six second-session deliveries, after the pair had put on 141 for the fourth wicket.

Having masterfully pulled Andrew Caddick for a six over fine leg, Inzamam on 85 closed the face on a Matthew Hoggard delivery to give Marcus Trescothick an easy catch at midwicket, Pakistan 204 for four. Following his first innings 114, Inzamam had made 199 runs in the match.

Pakistan were strongly placed at 274 for seven at tea, giving them a lead of 320 on the fourth day of the second and final Test here at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Bashid Latif was 18 not out and Wasim Akram 17 not out, in a match Pakistan must win to level the two-Test series at one apiece.

Wasim, on his 35th birthday and playing his last Test in England on his home ground (he was Lancashire's overseas player between 1989-98), was in fine form.

He creamed Andy Caddick for two superb fours through the covers before using all of his 6ft 3in frame to smash a bouncer from the same bowler tennis-fashion

missed on 49.

A short-pitched Caddick delivery appeared to flick the batsman's glove and Michael Atherton, leaping at first slip, took a good catch above his head.

However, TV replays suggested the ball had deflected solely off Youhana's helmet although it was easy to see how West Indian umpire Eddie Nicholls reached a different conclusion.

A disbelieving Youhana stayed in his crease for several seconds, an action that could see him up before match referee Brian Hastings for dissent.

Nevertheless, he eventually accepted the inevitable and trudged off after a fine 153 ball innings that featured seven fours.

Medium-pace Dominic Cork, was rewarded for a persevering spell into the wind, when he had Younis Khan lbw for 17 as the batsman failed to get fully forward, Pakistan 232 for six in the 78th over.

Then Caddick bowled Azhar Mahmood, playing across the line, for 14, Pakistan 241 for seven.

The visitors started Sunday on 87 for three, a lead of 133, Inzamam on 25 and Youhana three.

However, Inzamam should have been out on 36 when he steered Darren Gough to Nick Knight at second slip.

But the Warwickshire batsman, in for injured England captain Nasser Hussain who was out with a fractured thumb, dropped the chance despite getting two hands to the ball after diving to his right, Pakistan 108 for three.

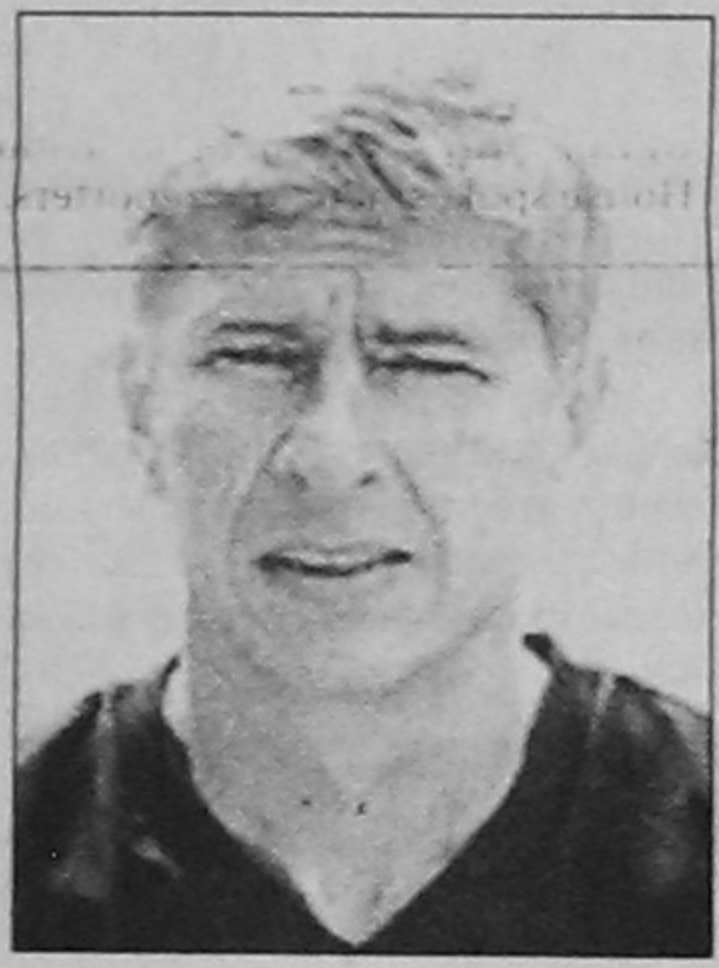
It was the third time in the match that Knight, a recognised slip fielder had dropped a slip catch. His error cost 49 runs as Inzamam set about the bowling.

MORE CRICKET MORE PEPSI



England paceman Dominic Cork contemplates a close call as Inzamamul Haq sets off for a run in Manchester yesterday.

TALK TURKEY



Arsene Wenger
Arsenal manager
"Nakata is undoubtedly a superb player. He stands out even in Europe."
On Japanese and AS Roma superstar Hidetoshi Nakata.

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| 5. Who clinched the Spanish League title? | Barcelona Alaves Real Madrid |

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NB v'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Power Development Board (PDB) and Dilkusha SC won their respective matches in the National Bank Metropolis Premier Division Volleyball League at Volleyball court yesterday.

PDB beat Wari Club 25-20, 25-14, 25-22 in the day's first match while Dilkusha earned 25-9, 20-25, 25-14, 25-20 points victory over Azad SC in the day's other match.

No match will be held today due to Eid-e-Miladun Nabi.

France just too good



KOREA/JAPAN 2001

World Cup holders France eased into the quarterfinals of the Confederations Cup with a 4-0 drubbing of defending champions Mexico.

A second half double by Eric Carriere and a delightful job by Robert Pires ensured victory for the French who exploited spaces handed to them by a willing Mexican defence.

Troubled Arsenal star Sylvain Wiltord, who was drafted in as a last minute replacement after the French had officially announced their team following an injury to Christophe Dugarry, opened France's account.

The 27-year-old, who recently admitted he is unsettled at the London-based club, volleyed home unmarked on the left-side of the box after an inviting cross by Bayern Munich's Willy Sagnol in the ninth minute.

The Mexicans, who were playing for pride after defeats by Australia and South Korea had already dumped them out of the competition, had chances to level in the

first half but rarely threatened in the second.

The French picked up the pace in the second half after a sluggish opening, with fullbacks Willy Sagnol and Bixente Lizarazu exploiting a lack of pace in the Mexican defence down the flanks.

They added to their lead in the



WELL DONE PARTNER! Nicolas Anelka (R) congratulates striking partner Sylvain Wiltord (L) on scoring France's opening goal against Mexico at Ulsan on June 3.

England 28/0

STAR SPORT MONITOR

England chasing 370 for victory in the second and final Test against Pakistan, were 28 for no loss yesterday.

Earlier, the tourists took their tea score from 274 for seven to 323 all out.



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Caribbean cricket in turmoil

Skerritt back, Rousseau out

REUTERS, Bridgetown

Axed West Indies team manager Ricky Skerritt has been dramatically reinstated by the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) while the two men instrumental in his initial sacking have resigned.

President Pat Rousseau and his deputy Clarvis Joseph both quit on Saturday at a stormy board meeting after refusing to sanction Skerritt's reinstatement in a move which has left West Indies cricket in turmoil.

Chief executive Gregory Shillingford, who informed Skerritt of his dismissal last week in an e-mail, said he was also reviewing his position.

Rousseau said: "They questioned our authority along with that of the chief executive officer, Gregory Shillingford, to effect the termination without board approval."

"We disagreed with that. In our opinion the Board's position directly challenged our competence and integrity in carrying out the process."

"Since we are not prepared to carry out the directive to reinstate Mr Skerritt, we feel obliged to resign."

Under Skerritt, the West Indies lost series in England (2000) and Australia (2001) and South Africa (2001) at home but won home series last year against Pakistan

But Shillingford dismissed suggestions that he had fallen out with the West Indies manager.

"I must categorically say that I have don't have a personal problem with Skerritt."

Shillingford had fired Skerritt via e-mail on the recommendation of Rousseau and Joseph, telling him that he should not attend the current training camp in Trinidad and Tobago to prepare the team for their tour of Zimbabwe and Kenya.

"He has been reinstated and will join the camp I guess," said Shillingford at a news conference at the Accra Hotel in Bridgetown, Barbados.

"He will be informed by the Board as soon as possible and he should resume his responsibilities immediately."

He added: "I will definitely have to review my position at the board."

RICKY SKERRITT

PAT ROUSSEAU