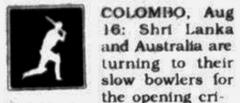


# Spinners may hold the key on slow wicket Test cricket returns to Lanka



COLOMBO, Aug 16: Sri Lanka and Australia are turning to their slow bowlers for the opening cricket Test of a three-match series, starting on Monday, in which spin is expected to play a major part, reports Reuter.

Having encountered slow, spinning pitches on the tour so far, Australia have named 22-year-old leg-spinner Shane Warne in their team for the first Test.

Warne, who appeared in two Tests against India early this year, links up with off-spinner Greg Matthews in the attack. He replaces pace bowler Tony Doldemaid from the side that lost the first one-day international on Saturday.

Australia have won only one Test on the Indian sub-continent since 1969 over Sri Lanka at Kandy in 1983 and captain Allan Border said: "I think it's time to set the record straight."

Border considered his side's Test series chances were "pretty good." And added: "The defeat in the first one-dayer will not have any effect on my team. We are not too upset by it."

Sri Lanka are meeting Australia in a three-Test series for the first time and although they last won a Test in 1986, against Pakistan at home, their cricket manager and former captain Duleep Mendis said: "I feel confident we will perform well."

However, he was appalled at some of Sri Lanka's fielding on Saturday.

"We have been concentrating in this area for the past two months. It is quite shocking," he said.

With spin expected to be the main weapon of attack during the series, Sri Lanka have opted to go into the Test with a specialist wicketkeeper.

That should be either Gamini Wickremasinghe or Romesh Kaluwitharana, who may have pushed himself out of contention with a poor display on Saturday.

Hashan Tilakaratne, who has served Sri Lanka in this position for the past five years, may now have to fight for a specialist batting place with Sanath Jayasuriya and Marvan Atapattu.

Test cricket returns to this island, traumatised by Tamil separatist violence, after five

years. The last Test was played here in April, 1986 against New Zealand, since when Sri Lanka have been forced to play all their Tests abroad.

**TEAMS:**

**SRI LANKA:** Arjuna Ranatunga (Captain), Roshan Mahanama, Chandika Hathurusinghe, Asanka Gurusinha, Aravinda de Silva, Marvan Atapattu, Hashan Tilakaratne, Sanath Jayasuriya, Gamini Wickremasinghe, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Champaka Ramaniyake, Pramodaya Wickremasinghe, Don Anurasiri, Ranjitt Madurasinghe, Ruwan Kalpage, Kapila Wijegunawardene, Duleep Liyanage.

**AUSTRALIA:** Allan Border (captain), Mark Taylor, Tom Moody, David Boon, Dean Jones, Mark Waugh, Ian Healy, Greg Matthews, Mike Whitney, Craig McDermott, Shane Warne.



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Third seed Australian Rodney Martin holds the Australian Squash Open trophy after defeating Pakistani world number one Jansher Khan in Melbourne yesterday. Martin own 15-12, 15-12, 15-8. — AFP photo

## Martin retains title

MELBOURNE, Aug 16: Australian world champion Rodney Martin defied the odds and outclassed Pakistan's world number one Jansher Khan to retain his Australian Open squash crown on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Jansher, a hot favourite to break through for his first Australian Open, battled hard early on but Martin eventually coasted home 15-12, 15-12, 15-8.

Earlier, women's world champion Susan Devoy of New Zealand encountered stiffer resistance in her final, being taken to four games by promising English 19-year-old Cassie Jackman before winning 15-10, 15-9, 11-15, 15-11.

A delighted Martin said after his victory that he had not expected to be playing in Sunday's final following a foot injury he suffered at the Canadian Open last October.

"It's been very difficult getting back into it after my foot injury — not only physically, but mentally," Martin said.

"I didn't seem to have it there in the hard matches. To come out today and win my home Open is fantastic and I hope I can keep it going."

Martin said that although he had been hitting the ball well through the championships "My mental attitude wasn't there."

"A few of my mates had a chat with me and what they said settled me down," he said.

Devoy's convincing win over Jackman gave every indication that she will continue her eight year domination of women's squash.

Jackman, a British Open semifinalist this year, represents the sport's new blood, but Devoy's experience and temperament was too much an obstacle to overcome.

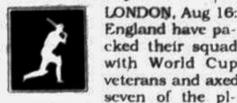
"I expected it to be hard and it was," Devoy said.

"You have to try different things to keep interested," said Devoy, who has won every World Championship since 1984.

"She has well and truly arrived," Devoy said of Jackman.

"I've played her a number of times this year and each time she has been hard. She plays well and she has a very bright future."

# England revert to veterans Botham, Lamb, Hick recalled for one-dayers



LONDON, Aug 16: England have packed their squad with World Cup veterans and axed seven of the players involved in last weekend's test defeat as they go on a revenge mission against Pakistan in the remaining three one-day cricket internationals, reports Reuter.

England won the first two one-day games in May and are so keen to clinch the five-match series, which resumes at Trent Bridge on Thursday, they have shelved plans to blood younger players ahead of their winter tour to India.

There is reason to hope that England will be stronger too, with most players in good form," Dexter said.

Pakistan took the five-Test series against England 2-1 with their 10-wicket win at the Oval last weekend.

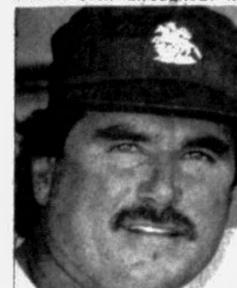
Dominic Cork, a seam bowler from Derbyshire, turned 21 last week.

It should be noted that this 13 is not an exclusive or restricted squad, as in the World Cup," chairman of selectors Ted Dexter said. "An additional player, or players, may be drafted in if thought necessary."

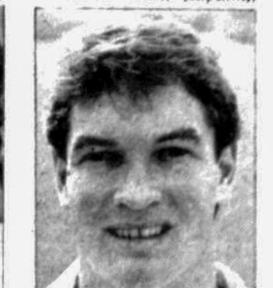
**ENGLAND SQUAD**  
Graham Gooch (captain), Iain Botham, Ian Lamb, Graeme Hick, Alec Stewart, Robin Smith, Neil Fairbrother, Chris Lewis, Dermot Reeve, Phillip DeFreitas, Dominic Cork, Richard Illingworth, Gladstone Small.



**IAN BOTHAM**  
Old warriors Ian Botham and Allan Lamb, who many thought had come to the end of their international careers, have been recalled along with Graeme Hick, Neil Fairbrother, Dermot Reeve, Phillip DeFreitas, Gladstone Small and Richard Illingworth.

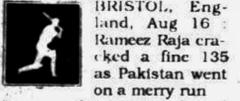


**ALLAN LAMB**  
World Cup, despite losing narrowly to Pakistan in the final.



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## Raja's ton in Pak run chase



BRISTOL, England, Aug 16: Rameez Raja cracked a fine 135 as Pakistan went on a merry run on the opening day of their three-day match against Gloucestershire on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Pakistan piled up 357 for eight before declaring and in the seven overs remaining Gloucester responded with 12 without loss.

Rameez's runs came from 213 balls and included a six and 15 fours. But he was not the only one to take advantage of the largely toothless Gloucester attack missing their West Indian fast bowler Courtney Walsh.

Fellow opener Aamir Sohail hammered 46 from only 56 deliveries in a stand of 76 in 16 overs and Rameez then added a further 137 with Shoaib Mohammad (66) for the second wicket.

The arrival of Inzamam-ul-Haq gave the home side no

respite as he unfurled some majestic strokes of his own before being seventh out for 65.

Ijaz Ahmed, a member of Pakistan's World Cup winning side, took the opportunity to gain some batting practice, scoring 36 just the day after arriving to join the squad.

Pakistan lost five wickets in the space of 12 runs as they lunged their bat at the ball before declaring shortly before the close.

Rashid Latif c Russell b Williams 2  
Naved Anjum c Russell b Williams 0  
Mushtaq Ahmed not out 0  
Extras: (lb-3, nb-4) 7  
Total: (for eight wickets, declared) 357  
Fall of wickets: 1-76; 2-213; 3-268; 4-345; 5-346; 6-356; 7-35; 8-357  
Did not bat: Salim Malik, Aamir Sohail

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day cricket match between Gloucestershire and Pakistan on Saturday:

**Pakistan: First innings**

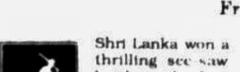
Aamir Sohail c Davies b Hancock	46
Rameez Raja c and b Vaughan	135
Shoaib Mohammad b Vaughan	66
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Wright b Babington	65
Ijaz Ahmed c Russell b Babington	36
Wahid Akram c Vaughan b Williams	0

**GLoucestershire First**

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Babington	16	3	61	2
Smith	10	0	39	0
Vaughan	18	3	63	2
Hancock	7	2	34	1
Williams	18.3	5	44	3
Davies	26	4	100	0
Alleyne	5	2	13	0

Extras: (lb-3, nb-4) 7  
Total: (for no wicket) 12  
To bat: D.Hodgson, R.Dawson, T.Hancock, J.Vaughan, J.Russell, R.Williams, M.Smith, M.Davies, A.Walshington

## Lanka win a thrilling battle



Sri Lanka won a thrilling see-saw battle in the first one-dayer against the visiting Australians at the Saravamatu Stadium here Saturday.

A valiant last-minute effort by skipper Arjuna Ranatunga saw them coast home with four balls to spare. But the vital role in Lanka's victory was played by the brilliant Aravinda de Silva whose 105 cannot be even weighed in gold.

De Silva took the Australian bowling to pieces; his first 50 coming off 45 balls and his hundred in exactly 100 balls with two sixes and twelve fours. It was indeed a gem of an innings with cautious aggression and at times audacious strokes. He hooked, pulled, drove and cut with tremendous power and the Australian bowlers had no remedy and the only way he could be dismissed was through a run out and that is exactly what happened.

Going into bat in the face of the big Aussie total of 247 for five (at an asking rate of 4.96 runs per over), Sri Lanka faced early shocks. They were two down for 11. Asanka Gurusinghe and Aravinda de Silva then steadied the innings and carried on a neck-and-neck run-scoring spree, their third-wicket stand of 147 bringing back hope in the Sri Lankan camp.

But when De Silva was out at 202, the Lankans still had a long way to go. In about six overs they had to get another 46 runs for victory.

M Atapattu and Romesh Kaluwitharana, the diminutive debutant wicketkeeper, both departed quickly and the asking rate rose to nearly 11. But Ranatunga, true to his name, charged with all his might and in the 48th over, bowled by Craig McDermott, the left-handed pocket dynamo plundered 20 runs off the Australian spearhead. A six off the first ball, four twos off the next four deliveries and a six off the last made the task of reaching the target no longer looked impossible. The remaining runs were gathered with felicity in partnership

with Kalpage, the skipper guiding his ship to harbour to record a flattering four wicket victory.



**ARAVINDA DE SILVA**  
Sheer courage made this magnificent victory possible. Sri Lanka's fourth in 22 one-dayers against Australia. Earlier they had beaten Greg Chappell's team twice in the home series in 1983. The other two wins were achieved in the 1984-85 World Series Cup in Melbourne. The Australians have won 16 while two games were washed out in 1983.

It will be unfair if I don't mention Asanka Gurusinghe's innings of 53. He started in rather slow fashion but in tandem with Aravinda he found his touch and went on to reach his half-century in 79 balls with a six and six fours. But Aravinda de Silva's innings was just fantastic, a real treat for the eyes when he danced down the wicket to McDermott. On the slow wicket, McDermott came for a bit of stick and the over in which he was hit for 20 by Ranatunga will long remain in the Aussie quikie's mind.

The Australian batting appeared to be a bit out of gear, their main batsmen finding it difficult to time their strokes on a wicket where the ball tended to come a little late. Only Mark Taylor showed application and adjusted well to the pace of the wicket. It was mainly due to his patient 94 that Australia could reach 247, a score which did not look like a bad effort under the circumstances.

The Sri Lankan bowling had no venom in it, rather up-and-down stuff aimed mainly at containing the spinners Don Anurasiri and Kalpage kept a

## Holiday chess Sports Reporter

The three-month long holiday chess tournament, organised by the Anirban Chess School and sponsored by Azad Products Pvt Ltd, will have its inauguration ceremony at the National Sports Council conference room today.

## Judo certificates Sport Reporter

The certificate awarding ceremony of the five-day long training programme on Judo, jointly organised by the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation and the Dadakan Judo Institute of Japan was held at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

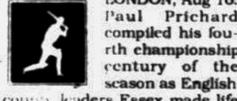
State Minister for Finance M Mujibur Rahman gave away certificates among the successful trainees as chief guest.

Fifty participants from different districts attended the programme conducted by Morio Suganami and Meko Sakasita, the two Japanese judokas.

Kharshid Ali Mollah and Awlad Hossain, the president and secretary general of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation respectively, were also present and spoke on the occasion.

The trainers, Suganami and Sakasita, leave Dhaka for Japan today.

## Prichard makes it a day for Essex



LONDON, Aug 16: Paul Prichard compiled his fourth championship century of the season as English county leaders Essex made life miserable for rivals Nottinghamshire on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Prichard struck 21 boundaries in a perfectly paced innings of 136 as Essex closed the second-day of their three-day match on 302 for four after earlier dismissing the opposition for 249.

All-rounder John Stephenson also got to work with the bat after taking six Nottinghamshire wickets for 54, contributing a fine 74 and helping Prichard put on 130.

Essex, 53 runs ahead, will be hoping to add a further 200 or so on Monday before setting loose spinners John Childs and Peter Such.

Kim Barnett staged another of his rescue acts to frustrate Kent's championship ambitions at Chesterfield.

The Derbyshire captain scored his 37th century for the county to turn a deficit of 88 into a lead of 125.

With John Morris he shared an unbroken stand of 127 to take Derbyshire to 213 for one. Barnett ended on 116 not out.

It capped a disappointing day for third-placed Kent who struggled in the morning against hostile fast bowling from Ian Bishop and Devon Malcolm.

Neil Tylor's 49-over vigil for 71 was ended by a ball from Malcolm which snapped his leg stump in two while Bishop took five for 60 as Kent were bowled out for 295.

Allan Lamb sent a reminder to England's selectors as they ponder the squad to tour India with a quickfire 100 for Northamptonshire against Hampshire at Bournemouth.

Lamb hit 25 fours and a six in his four-hour innings, reaching his third century in the last six innings and putting his side in a powerful position with one day to go.

After declaring at 338 for eight, a lead of 78, Northants fast bowler Paul Taylor trapped Kevan James leg before for two and Hampshire finished on 18 for one.

## Lankan U-19 side are 244 for seven

LEEDS, England, Aug 16: Sri Lanka capitalised on sloppy fielding to get within 41 runs of England's first innings before rain ended the second day of the first under-19 Test here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Sri Lanka, reaping the benefits of several dropped catches and some wild throwing, reached 244 for nine thanks mainly to opener Russell Arnold (72) and Sajith Ian Fernando (62).

The tourists looked to be cruising until they lost four wickets for 13 after lunch, including three in six balls.

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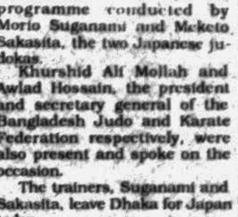
## Saudi spikers give India a scare

NEW DELHI, Aug 16: India were stretched to five sets before they edged out Saudi Arabia in the inaugural Group A match of the third international Siviati Gold Cup volleyball tournament at the Talkatora Stadium here yesterday, reports IPI.

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## Mansell clinches world championship



**NIGEL MANSELL**  
Ecstatic British fans stormed onto the track waving Union Jack flags imprinted with 'Nigel' to greet the champion-elect as he climbed wearily onto the victory rostrum and clinched hand with Senna.

BUDAPEST, Aug 16: Britain's Nigel Mansell clinched his first world Formula One championship Sunday, driving his Williams-Renault to second place in the Hungarian Grand Prix behind outgoing title holder Ayrton Senna, reports AP.

Senna, of Brazil, raced his McLaren-Honda to finish the 77 laps round the twisty 3.968-kilometer (2.466 mile) Hungarian circuit in one hour, 44 minutes, 51.126 seconds.

Mansell finished 40.139 seconds behind for second place. That was enough to give him an unassailable lead of 92 in the driver's tables and clinch the 1992 championship.

With only five races to go, Mansell's closest challenger, his Italian teammate Riccardo Patrese, has 40 points and cannot catch the Briton.

Starting from pole position, Patrese led Sunday's race for 39 laps but then spun off and later retired with engine problems.

Senna's Austrian teammate Gerhard Berger was third, ahead of Mika Hakkinen of Finland in a Lotus-Ford and Briton Martin Brundle's Benetton-Ford.

## Drivers' Standings

1. Nigel Mansell, Britain, Williams-Renault, 92 points
2. Riccardo Patrese, Italy, Williams-Renault, 40
3. Ayrton Senna, Brazil, McLaren-Honda, 34
4. Michael Schumacher, Germany, Benetton-Ford, 33
5. Gerhard Berger, Austria, McLaren-Honda, 24
6. Martin Brundle, Britain, Benetton-Ford, 18
7. Jean Alesi, France, Ferrari, 13
8. Mika Hakkinen, Finland, Lotus-Ford, 8

Meanwhile, another AP report from Milan said Nigel Mansell's bid for his first world title in Sunday's Hungarian Grand Prix is being overshadowed by rumours about who is going to drive for which team next season.

Italian sport dailies had full-page reports about a wide range of transfer possibilities for the 1993 World F-1 Championship, including big names such as Mansell, Alain Prost, Ayrton Senna and Riccardo Patrese.

Mansell can capture his ninth Grand Prix victory of 11 contested this season if he wins the Hungarian. But his stay with the Williams Renault team is less than certain, according to Rome's sports daily Corriere dello Sport.

Corriere said Mansell may rejoin the Italian team Ferrari to avoid a difficult coexistence with Prost.

Prost, the three-time world champion fired by Ferrari last year and idled for one season, said in a recent interview he will drive with Williams-Renault next year.

Frank Williams, head of the most successful F-1 team, said the drivers for next season will be named soon but refused to confirm that Prost will be one of the two.

Prost's arrival would mean the departure of veteran Italian driver Patrese, who would join Benetton-Ford, according to Italy's largest sports daily, Gazzetta dello Sport of Milan.

Gazzetta also reported that defending world champion Senna would leave McLaren-Honda at the end of this season, to possibly drive with Ferrari.

Ferrari spokesman Giancarlo Baccini named Senna, Mansell and Austrian Gerhard Berger as the drivers sought by Ferrari for 1993.

However Baccini emphasised that Senna would be picked only if he agrees to help testing and developing a winning car for 1994.

"It would be too risky if Senna joins us with the idea to win the world title immediately," Baccini said.

Ferrari is winless this season and is expected to need one year of hard work to fill the gap with Williams.

F-1 teams usually announced the drivers for the next season by the Italian Grand Prix in Monza at mid-September.

## Debutants Dundee shock Rangers

GLASGOW, Aug 16: Rangers still can't believe it. The club which has dominated Scottish soccer for the past five years had built a myth that it only need turn up to secure victory, reports AP.

The myth was shattered Saturday, by a team playing its first season in Scotland's Premier Division.

"Our players murdered them," Dundee manager Stom Strainrod said of the 4-3 home victory against the champion. "We showed what can be done if you are prepared to work at teams like Rangers. Teams have never asked questions about Rangers' defence."

"They just go and sit back," Strainrod added. "We sent for their throats — and ripped them out!"

It was Dundee's first Premier Division victory, and toppled Rangers from the top of the league table.

Rangers manager Walter Smith said: "That was our poorest performance since I took over as manager. If we at Ibrox had any illusions we merely need turn up to win matches, this should be a lesson."

Dundee were always ahead, taking the lead four times as Rangers lumbered.

"I've never believed in the fantasy that one club in Scotland has a divine right to win everything," Strainrod said.

Celtic's 2-0 home victory against Dundee United gave it six championship points from the four rounds. It leads the Scottish table by one point from four clubs — Aberdeen, Hearts, Rangers and Dundee United.



Two Japanese trainers giving a demonstration during yesterday's prize giving ceremony of a five-day long judo coaching programme at the NSC gym yesterday.