

Karnain to lead Lanka in SAARC cricket tourney

Sports Reporter The Sri Lankan Cricket Board has sent a list of 14 players to the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board for the imminent SAARC cricket tournament to be held in Dhaka from December 3 to 11. Uvaisul Karnain, a former Sri Lankan Test all-rounder who played for Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club in the 1988-89 season, will lead the side. Duminda Perera, Devrajan and Roshan Jurangpathy are the familiar faces in the squad who played for different local clubs in Dhaka league cricket. The full squad is: SHU Karnain (capt), Chaminda Mendis, R Arnold, J Kumudu, Duminda Perera, N Devrajan, R Jurangpathy, N Ranatunga, Ajith Ekanayake, Pubudu Dassanayake, Nisal Fernando, Wendall Labrooy, Manjula Moonasinghe and Sanjeeva Silva.

City Club crush Eskaton Sabuj

Sports Reporter City Club recorded a massive eight-wicket victory against Eskaton Sabuj Sangha at the Mirpur Pallabi cricket ground yesterday. City skipper Shaheen's decision to give his bowlers a go after having won the toss turned out to be as right as rain. The quartet of Salahuddin, Bappi, Nahid and Al-Anim pried the Eskaton batsmen out in 33.2 overs for 70 runs only. Opee was the only batsman to reach the double figures apart from Mr Extras. Opee scored a bright 23 off 34 balls with five hits to the fence before being bowled by Salahuddin. Of the four city bowlers, Nahid's bargain was dirt cheap, claiming three wickets for five runs off eight overs, six of which were maidens. Bappi was next in line, taking two for 20 off nine overs, followed by Salahuddin with two for 22 off his full quota while Al-Anim picked up two for 22. Chasing 71 for victory in 45 overs city were two down for 30. But Eskaton's hopes were crushed as Gautam settled in to fetch his side off with an unbeaten innings of 25. He had Mont with him at the kill, the later scoring 13 as city chalked up a huge eight-wicket victory in a mere 19 overs. Zahid and Faruque were the bowling successes for Eskaton picking up one wicket each for 17 and six runs respectively.

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Victorians put team before self

Sports Reporter Selim Shaheed and Raja Venkat left the field dissatisfied although their team Victoria Sporting Club romped home by nine wickets against Udiya Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Both of them remained unbeaten on nervous nineties as Victoria, chasing a target of 216 for victory, scored 219 for one wicket in 42.1 overs. Victoria skipper Roqibul Hassan won the toss and put Udiya in to bat and his gamble paid off immediately when the veteran player himself snapped Udiya opener Tipu off Indian Gautam Some for eight. But a string of useful scores by Shipon, Anup Rinku and Rahul took Udiya to a respectable score of 215 nine from their stipulated quota of 45 overs. Rahul scored an entertaining 49 off 46 balls, cracking one four and a six before being run out. Anup was the next highest scorer with 46. He played 82 balls and struck three fours. Rinku with 33, Shipon with 26, Rokon with a quick 17 were the other notable scorers. Iqbal was the pick of the Victoria bowlers with figures of three for 35. Selim Shaheed took two for 44 while Rubel picked up one for 38. Victoria suffered a setback when Sajid Hassan, Roqibul's son was run out for nine with the total on 32. The winners did not have to



Victoria's Selim Shaheed plays forward during yesterday's Navana Premier Division league match against Udiya Club at the Dhaka Stadium. Raja Venkat is the non-striker. Victoria won by nine wickets.

look back after Sajid's dismissal with Shahed and Indian Raja Venkat amercing the Udiya bowlers at will. Shahed was the more dominant of the two willow welders at the wicket. Baiting at number three, he remained unbeaten on 98, made off 116 balls. He hit nine fours and one six. Raja, the southpaw from Calcutta who opened with Sajid, batted sedately for his unbeaten 91 off 121 balls. He sent the ball to the fence five times. Victoria rattled up 219 for one wicket off 42.1 overs with two batsmen trooping back to the pavilion with unfulfilled desires. Venkat and Shahed put on 187 runs for the second wicket. None of the Udiya bowlers were among the wickets. However, Durjoy bowled fairly well giving away 38 runs from his nine overs. Victoria, who lost their first two matches against Abahani and Mohammedans, tasted their first victory yesterday.

TODAY'S MATCH

Mohammedans vs Gulshan Youth (Dhaka Stadium)

Hooper's ton earns Windies a draw

SYDNEY, Nov 23: Carl Hooper scored a blazing century Monday as the West Indies salvaged a draw from their four-day match against the New South Wales state team at the Sydney Cricket Ground, reports AP. The tourists trailed by 290 runs on the first innings, but batted aggressively Monday with Hooper scoring 124 and Gus Logie benefitting from some poor fielding to belt 99 from 98 deliveries before being run out. The West Indies declared their second innings closed at 507 for nine — a lead of 217 — and New South Wales then made 34 for one in their second innings before stumps were pulled early. Logie was dropped at 11, 20, 70 and 81 but still shared in a fourth-wicket stand of 193 with Hooper — a record stand for any West Indies wicket against New South Wales. Logie and Hooper put on 80 runs in the first hour of play after the West Indies began the final day 65 runs in arrears with seven wickets standing. Hooper's first century in Australia was a whirlwind one, coming up off just 102 balls. The pair eventually plundered 180 runs in the pre-lunch session before Logie was run out trying to reach his century with a sharp single off the bowling of Steve Waugh. The match was the final one for the tourists before the first Test against Australia begins in Brisbane on Friday. Scores: New South Wales 473-5 dec and 34-1. West Indies 183 and 507-9 dec (Carl Hooper 124, Gus Logie 99). Match drawn.



Australian Michael Bevan steers a ball past West Indian wicketkeeper David Williams to the boundary during the final day's play of the four-day match between New South Wales and the West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday. The match ended in a draw after NSW were set an impossible task of 216 off 16 overs in the second innings. — AFP photo

Steve Waugh back in Test squad

SYDNEY, Nov 23: Promising middle-order batsman Damien Martyn and one-day international regular Steve Waugh were Monday named in a 12-man Australian squad for the first cricket Test against the West Indies, which starts in Brisbane on Friday, reports AP. Martyn toured Sri Lanka two months ago but has yet to make his Test debut, while Waugh returns to the Test team for the first time since he played the last of his 44 Tests during the series in the West Indies early last year. The pair come into the team along with fast bowlers Merv Hughes and Bruce Reid to replace Tom Moody, Mike Whitney, Shane Warne and Tony Dodemaide from the team that drew the last Test against Sri Lanka in Colombo. The four-man selection panel named seven specialist batsmen but openers Wayne Phillips and Matthew Hayden

both were overlooked, meaning David Boon will have to move back up the order to partner vice-captain Mark Taylor. Boon has been Australia's most prolific batsman in recent years at number three. Steve Waugh scored 95 and an unbeaten 100 against the West Indies for an Australian XI against the West Indies in Hobart last week. Waugh's medium-pace bowling will also assist the balance of the side, but a nagging doubt surrounds his ability to handle the short ball — vulnerability that was exposed on the Caribbean tour. Martyn is likely to be the 12th man, but his inclusion in the squad will place the middle-order, and Dean Jones in particular, on notice that all places are being hotly contested. Craig McDermott was an automatic choice to lead the attack while Bruce Reid offers variety as a left-armer and at his best can be the most po-

tent pacesman in the country. Off-spinner Greg Matthews' batting ability may have won him a place for the first of the five Tests ahead of leg-spinner Shane Warne, who toured Sri Lanka and could get his chance in the Sydney and Adelaide Tests. Hughes sealed his selection by taking six wickets in Hobart, while left-armer Reid was included despite recent injury worries. Off-spinner Matthews has a poor record against the West Indies but is a more accomplished batsman than Warne. The West Indies concluded their preparation for the first of five Tests with their match against the New South Wales state-team which was drawn Monday. SQUAD Allan Border (captain), Mark Taylor (vice-captain), David Boon, Ian Healy, Merv Hughes, Dean Jones, Craig McDermott, Damien Martyn, Greg Matthews, Bruce Reid, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh.

Disappointing start for Kiwis

MATARA, Nov 23: New Zealand opened their troubled tour of Sri Lanka with a 17-run defeat against the Board President's XI team in an unofficial limited overs match Monday, reports AP. New Zealand made only 165 runs in the allotted 45 overs in reply to 181 for 7 by the second-string team comprising only a handful of national players. New Zealand, who arrived Nov 14 for a six-week tour, nearly cancelled it when a suicide bomber last Monday killed Sri Lanka's navy chief, Vice Admiral Clancy Fernando, in front of the Colombo hotel where the team was staying. Also killed were three aides and the assassin, a member of the separatist Tamil Tiger group. The cricketers were persuaded to go ahead with the games even though six team mates returned home. They were replaced by former New Zealand captain John Wright and three youngsters. Wright, who opened the innings with Blair Hartland Monday, was clean bowled by right-arm medium pace bowler Mahinda Ekanayake in the second over with the score on 8. Ekanayake also had skipper Martin Crowe caught by Chaminda Mendis for 18. The third wicket fell with 28 on board when Hartland was bowled by Mohamed Faumi for four. Chris Harris (31) and Grant Bradburn (47 not out) staged a minor recovery but their 50-run partnership for the sixth wicket failed to help New Zealand catch up with the target. They ran out of overs with seven players back in the pavilion. There was no big police presence, although some unarmed policemen mingled with the 10,000 crowd or stood outside the ground. The visitors were always struggling after losing half their side for only 44 runs, including the wickets of opener John Wright for a second ball duck and skipper Martin Crowe for 18. Despite a half-century stand for the sixth wicket between Chris Harris and Grant Bradburn and a hard-hitting 23 from Murphy Su'a including two towering sixes, the tourists were always behind the required run rate. Test prospect Marvan Atapattu topscored for the home side with a stylish 47 including two fours and a six over extra cover off medium-pace Justin Vaughan. The practice game in this southern town was the first of the two friendly one-day matches which New Zealand will play in a revised itinerary of the tour, now reduced to five weeks. It comprises two Test matches and three one-day international games besides the unofficial games. The first Test begins on Friday. The other friendly match also will be played at the same venue Tuesday.

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Rifles, Police to the fore

Sports Reporter The three-day third national 'espoirs' wrestling championships, for those grapplers caught between the juniors and seniors, began at the National Sports Council gymnasium under the auspices of the Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation (BAWF). State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka inaugurated the meet as chief guest. Forty-three wrestlers representing seven teams are taking part in 10 different weight categories. The teams are defending champions Bangladesh Rifles, last year's runners-up Bangladesh Ansars, Bangladesh Police, Dhaka, Gazipur, Narail and Jessore. Thirty-four bouts including 11 second-round encounters were held on the opening day. In the under-48 kg event Abu Abdullah of Rifles beat Abul Hossain of Dhaka and Md Zahirul Islam of Ansars defeated Md Bahauddin of Narail. In under-52 kg, Md Zakir Hossain of Rifles and Md Iqbal Hossain of Ansars outshone Md Muktar Hossain of Dhaka and Md Babul Sheikh of Police respectively while Md Mujibar Rahman of Dhaka received a bye. Md Abul Kashem of Gazipur outpointed Md Anwar Ali of Dhaka. Md Omar Ali won against Md Farooq of Gazipur, Md Akkas Ali of Ansars outlasted Md Ismail Hossain Chowdhury of Dhaka while Md Anisur Rahman of Police beat Sreehari Jiban of Rifles in the under-57kg.

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Shaheen stars in Biman win

Sports Reporter Ali Ahsan Babu, the Biman pacesman who opened the attack with Babul, dealt the first blow when PWD began their innings. Zakir was neatly snapped by Shaheen off Babu for five with the score reading 16 in 7.1 overs. Towhid, the other PWD opener, then paired with Azad to 3 to take the score to 62 for 27 off his full quota of nine overs. Moni also picked two for 23 while the only Biman pacesman to take any wicket was Babu, claiming one for 24. Rupom bowled well giving 14 runs from his six overs but Bachchu was a study in contrast for his undesirable analysis of one for 42 off four overs. PWD who celebrated their arrival in the Navana Premier division cricket league last year, beating the then champions Brothers Union in the very first match, look the most likely candidates for demotion. They suffered their second consecutive defeat yesterday while Bangladesh Biman, former champions and one of the major forces in local club cricket, somewhat made up for their loss to the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club in the first match, with yesterday's win. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), in a press release, said that the Navana Premier Division cricket league match between Abahani Kira Chakra and Surja Tarun Club scheduled to be held on November 26 at the Dhaka Stadium has been postponed for preparations of pitches for the forthcoming SAARC cricket tournament. The four nation tournament comprising India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and hosts Bangladesh will be held at the Dhaka Stadium from December 3 to 11.

Army athletes dominate

The annual Inter-Services athletic competition got underway at the Bangladesh Army Stadium, Banani yesterday afternoon, an ISPR press release said. Bangladesh Army clinched the first gold of the meet through ace sprinter Nk Gholam Ambia who finished first in the 200m sprint. Army won two other gold medals through Nk Md. Giasuddin in the 400m and L Nk Mojibur Rahman in the 5000m run, taking their tally to three gold, four silver and one bronze medal. Raqibul Alam leading Seaman, secured the first gold for Bangladesh Navy in the shot put. Navy also bagged two bronze medals. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Air Force also managed a bronze towards the close of the opening day. Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Mahamudul Islam declared the four-day meet open by releasing balloons. He took salute at an impressive march past by the athletes and lighted the torch. He also gave away prizes among the winners.

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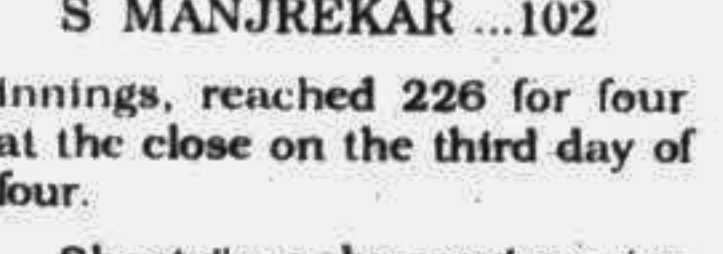
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Scoreboard on the final day of the four-day cricket match between a South African Invitation XI and India on Monday. INDIA: First innings 250 (Amre 101, Manjrekar 53) SOUTH AFRICAN INVITATION XI: First innings 219 (Rushmore 75, Prabhakar four for 41) INDIA: Second innings (overnight 226 for four) Shastri c Wilkinson b Machelm 63 Jadeja c Badat b Snell 66 Manjrekar not out 102 Amre c Snell b Davids 20 Prabhakar lbw b Van Zyl 8 Yadav b Snell 0 Sharma c Badat b Kuiper 17 Kumble c Kuiper b Davids 1 Raju not out 3 Extras: (b-5, lb-12, nb-7) 24 Total: (For eight wickets declared) 312 Fall of wickets: 1-130; 2-138; 3-155; 4-209; 5-236; 6-238; 7-284; 8-289.

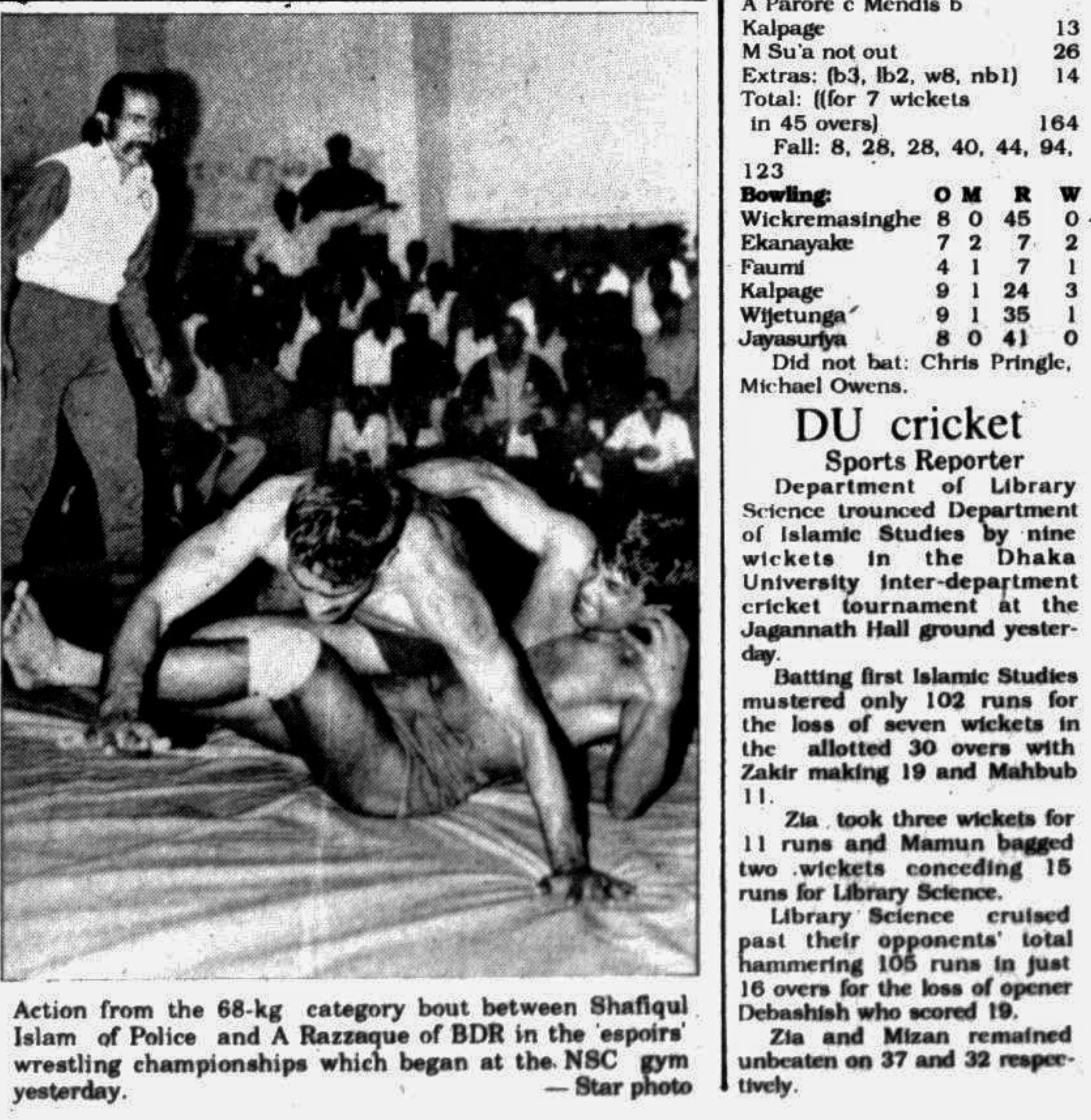
Shastri's only previous innings past 14 in Africa was his 73 in the first game of the tour, a gentle warm-up against a lightweight Zimbabwean XI on October 15. While his Test place is secure at present, India's need for an in-form Shastri is underlined by the lack of an established partner for him. In their last tour, to Australia in 1991-'92, they managed just two opening stands past 30 (52 and 85) in 10 Test innings. After making an uncertain two in the first innings, Shastri took time to play himself in — the last available innings before next week's second Test.



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Action from the 68-kg category bout between Shafiqul Islam of Police and A Razaque of BDR in the 'espoirs' wrestling championships which began at the NSC gym yesterday. — Star photo

DU cricket

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