

Lankans limp out of contention



India followed up their nine-wicket victory against arch-rivals Pakistan on Friday with yet another thoroughly professional performance to send hapless Sri Lanka to a 67-run defeat in the first-ever SAARC cricket tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.



The win gives India top position in the points table with four points from two matches as well as a place in the final unless of course some theoretical thaumaturgy takes place in the remaining two league matches of this four nation limited-over cricket tourney.

A not-too-imposing total on a bland wicket against a pedestrian attack was deemed insurmountable by the inexperienced Sri Lankans as the Indian spinners once again held the whip-hand among the unequals.

However, India's felt superiority was not reflected in their batting when they were asked to make the first use of the wicket. Navjot Singh Sidhu, the man of the match in India's first outing against Pakistan, began very slowly with his partner Sunendra Bhawe, the eventual top scorer of the match. Neither took any chances against a lively Wendell Labroy who showed admirable pushfulness with the leather against his more renowned hunters.

Runs came in a trickle with only 12 in the first five overs, another 23 in the next five and the 50 of the innings was posted in the 16th over.

Fettered by the accurate Sri Lankans, Sidhu at 14 lofted first-change bowler Nishant Ranatunga but Labroy misjudged the flight at long off to give the bearded Sikh a new lease of life which the latter did not seem to enjoy.

Because the opener charged at Sri Lankan captain Uvaisul Karnain in the 24th over with India on 81 and Pumudu Dissanayake, standing up to the medium-pacer, held the snick behind the stumps to pave the path for Vinod Kambl's arrival at the wicket. Sidhu's uncharacteristically slow innings of 36 was made off 70 balls with one hit to the fence.

Surendra Bhawe's painstaking, rather personal assay went on unabated although Kambl tried to speed up the proceedings with zealous running between the wickets. Left-handed Kambl outpaced his senior partner at the wicket with a busy bustling 62 off 65 balls, with the help of two-fours before being bowled by Labroy operating in his second spell.

Bhawe, the steady, grim-faced right-hander, was run out by Sallil Ankola, pushed up in the order by the Indian captain.

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Sports Reporter

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tain in a desperate bid to improve the slow run rate with the score on 193 in 42.4 overs. Bhawe fell short of the magic three-figure mark by 19 runs. His 81 was compiled off 125



India's Vinod Kambl looks back at his rattled stumps after being beaten by a Windell Labroy delivery in yesterday's SAARC cricket tournament match against Sri Lanka at the Dhaka Stadium. Kambl scored 62 and won the man-of-the-match award. — Star photo

balls and included five hits to the ropes. Ankola hoisted Sajith Fernando to the sight screen for a big sixer and with Ajay Sharma showing a glimpse of his slogging ability in the dying overs India quietly reached 216 for three wickets at the completion of 45 overs.

Labroy, the mettle-some colt from Lanka could not be broken in the slog overs as the right arm fast-medium bowler directed yorkers at the block-hole of the batsmen intent upon whipping. Yet, ironically, his figures of one for 38 were statistically overshadowed by his captain Uvaisul Karnain who spent 27 runs for one wicket from the full quota of nine overs.

Set to score at an asking rate of about 4.9 runs an over, 'Sri Lanka looked determined to give the Indians a run for their money with left handed Sajith Fernando playing some disdainful lofted strokes over the Indian fielders confined to the 30-yard circle in the initial overs.

However, a highly dubious leg before decision by Bangladeshi umpire Aziz Sikder accounted for the first Sri Lankan wicket as Chaminda Mendis, stretching forward to a ball from paceman Abey Kuruvilla that kept a shade low but appeared to have veered away down the leg side, took on the left pad and up went the umpire's finger. And that seemed to have taken the wind out of the Lankan sail.

With the ball keeping increasingly low at both ends the Sri Lankans found the going tough against the accurate Indian bowlers.

Prashant Vaidya, another tall paceman in the Indian squad who played his first match of the meet yesterday, produced a sharp in-swing that kept low and Devarajan retreated on the backfoot to

make it easier for Pakistan umpire Ikram Rabbani to raise his finger. Sajith Fernando's daring display came to an end when of-spinner Rajesh Chauhan's

ets for 30 runs. Sallil Ankola took two wickets in his second spell to finish with two for 26. Vaidya and Kuruvilla the other two pacesmen, took one wicket apiece.

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The Bangladesh Reds team includes mainly the senior national players while the Greens squad comprises promising youngsters.

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SCOREBOARD

INDIA:

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| Surendra Bhawe run out | 81 |
| Navjot Sidhu c Dassanayake b Karnain | 36 |
| Vinod Kambl b Labroy | 62 |
| Sallil Ankola not out | 9 |
| Ajay Sharma not out | 11 |
| Extras: (b-3, lb-5, w-7 nb-2) | 17 |
| Total: (for 3 wkts in 45 overs) | 216 |
| Fall of wickets: 1/81; 2/192; 3/193. | |
| Bowling: | O M R W |
| W Labroy | 9 0 38 1 |
| M Moonesingha | 6 1 29 0 |
| N Ranatunga | 7 0 35 0 |
| SHU Karnain | 9 1 27 1 |
| A Ekanayake | 7 0 35 0 |
| S Fernando | 7 0 44 0 |

SRI LANKA:

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| C. Mendis lbw Kuruvilla | 1 |
| S. Fernando b R. Chauhan | 25 |
| Deverajan lbw P. Vaidya | 3 |
| D Perera c Manninder b A Sharma | 53 |
| N. Ranatunga c & b | |
| A. Sharma | 16 |
| Dassanayake b S. Ankola | 8 |
| SHU Karnain b A. Sharma | 2 |
| N. Fernando b A. Sharma | 9 |
| M. Moonesingha b S. Ankola | 2 |
| A. Ekanayake b A. Sharma | 1 |
| W. Labroy not out | 3 |
| Extras: (b-9, lb-7, w-6, nb-6) | 26 |
| Total: (All out in 43.1 overs) | 149 |
| Fall of wickets: 1/17; 2/35; 3/58; 4/93; 5/124; 6/128; 7/136; 8/143; 9/145; 10/149. | |
| Bowling: | O M R W |
| A. Kuruvilla | 7 1 28 1 |
| P. Vaidya | 5 1 20 1 |
| R. Chauhan | 7 2 14 1 |
| S. Ankola | 7 0 26 0 |
| Manninder Singh | 7 1 15 0 |
| A. Sharma | 8 1 0 30 5 |
| Result: India won by 67 runs. | |
| Man-of-the-match: Vinod Kambl (India) | |

V KAMBLI... man-of-the-match
well built southpaw hit Sharma with the spin over the midwicket for a clean sixer. He aired once too often and Maninder Singh justified his reputation as one of the better fielders by clinging on to a difficult swirling catch near long off, to signal the end of the native Sri Lankan's innings.

When Ajay Sharma picked up his fifth wicket, clean bowling Ajith Ekanayake for one, Sri Lanka's innings ended at 149 off 43.1 overs.

Sharma claimed five wickets for 30 runs.

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Sports Reporter
Bangladesh, who flattered local cricket enthusiasts with a thumping victory against Sri Lanka in the tournament opener only to deceive in the next match against Pakistan, meet the mighty Indians today in their last match of the SAARC cricket championship.

For India the match means little with their place in the final almost assured. However, the tournament favourites will not spare any pains to reach the final with a clean record.

Bangladesh, who stand only a theoretical chance of overcoming the Indians, should go all out keeping well in mind that they have nothing to lose, as far as the tournament is concerned. A spirited performance will serve as a morale booster for the local lads who will embark on a tour of West Bengal later this month and the ICC cricket competition in Kenya in Feb-March, 1994.

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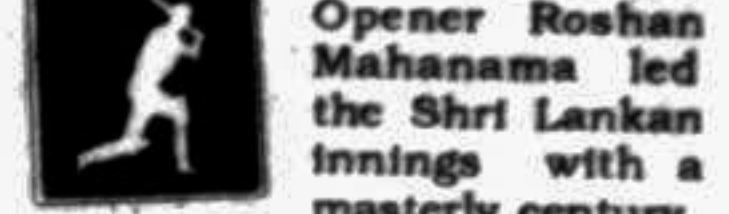
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N'ganj Club tennis
Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Dec 6: Omar, Obhi, Faisal and Johnny qualified for the boys' under 16 semifinals of the Narayananj Club invitational tennis tournament by winning their respective quarterfinal encounters today.

Lankans 303 for 6 on Day One of 2nd Test

Mahanama hits another ton



COLOMBO, Dec 6: Opener Roshan Mahanama led the Sri Lankan innings with a mastery to end the first day of the second Test against New Zealand on 303 for six wickets, reports AP.

But Sri Lanka squandered the advantage in the post-lunch session, losing three important wickets.

From 160 for one, Sri Lanka collapsed to 182 for four before the left-handed pair of skipper Arjuna Ranatunga (76) and Hashan Tillakaratne (43) resurrected the innings with a fifth-wicket partnership of 92 runs.

Mahanama's second Test century of 109 followed his 153 in the drawn first Test at Moratuwa. He fell before tea to a magnificent diving catch at mid-wicket while flicking Michael Owens, the most successful New Zealand bowler.

The 23-year-old bowlers, who sustained a cut on his jaw during warm-up session Friday, finished with figures of three for 73 in 23 overs.

Mahanama's 217-minute stay, facing 154 balls, contained 14 boundaries on either sides of the wicket.

After lunch was taken at 102 for one at the fall of opener Chandika Hathuru-

single. Sri Lanka lost three wickets for 22 runs — two of them in the space of seven balls.

Ranatunga's hopes for his fourth Test hundred disap-



R MAHANAMA... 109

peared with the arrival of the second new ball. In its second over, he drove wildly at left-arm seamer Murphy Su'a and edged a catch behind.

He hit ten fours in his 160-minute knock, facing 135 balls for his 76 runs.

Tillakaratne became subdued after Ranatunga's departure and remained unbeaten on 43, heading to his third Test half century.

For the first time in the

current series, the weather remained fine throughout the day, enabling New Zealand to complete the mandatory 90 overs per day.

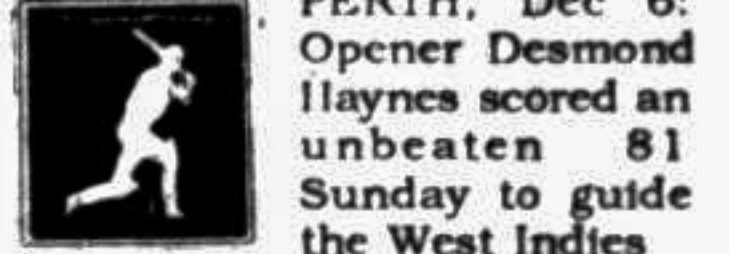
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SRI LANKA: First Innings

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| R Mahanama c Bradburn b Owens | 109 |
| C Hathurusinghe c Harris b Owens | 27 |
| A Ranatunga st Parore b Bradburn | 22 |
| A de Silva c Parore b Pringle | 03 |
| A Ranatunga c Parore b Su'a | 76 |
| H Tillakaratne not out | 43 |
| O Wickramasinghe c Rutherford b Owens | 02 |
| D Lyanage not out | 10 |
| Extras: (b-3, lb-2, nb-3, w-3) | 11 |
| Total: (Six wickets) | 303 |
| Fall: 102, 160, 167, 182, 274, 287. | |
| To bat: Don Anurasiri, Muttiah Muralidharan, Jayananda Warnaweera. | |
| Bowling: | O M R W |
| Murphy Su'a | 16 3 38 1 |
| Owens | 23 5 73 3 |
| Pringle | 23 3 73 1 |
| Bradburn | 27 2 102 1 |
| Harris | 1 0 12 0 |

NEW ZEALAND: Martin Crowe (captain), Blair Hartland, John Wright, Andrew Jones, Ken Rutherford, Chris Harris, Adam Parore, Michael Owens, Grant Bradburn, Murphy Su'a and Chris Pringle.

Haynes powers a Windies win



PERTH, Dec 6: Opener Desmond Haynes scored an unbeaten 81 Sunday to guide the West Indies

to a nine-wicket victory over Australia in a World Series limited-overs cricket match at the WACA Ground, reports AP.

The West Indies restricted Australia to a paltry 160 for seven in their allocated 50 overs and then scored 164 for one to win with 11 overs to spare.

The West Indies improved their record in the triangular tournament to 1-1. World Cup-holder Pakistan is 1-0, while Australia dipped to 0-1.

The West Indies were rewarded for taking a gamble with their bowling attack.

The tourists promoted part-time medium-pacer Phil Simmons to frontline bowling duties to accommodate changes in their team.

Simmons responded by taking 2-22 from his 10 overs and playing a leading role in Australia's dramatic top-order batting collapse.

Only a 58-run partnership for the sixth wicket by Mark Waugh (36) and Greg Matthews (32) gave some respectability to Australia's total.

The West Indies opted to drop rookie pace bowler Kenneth Benjamin from the team that lost to Pakistan on Friday to strengthen the batting lineup with the inclusion of Gus Logie.

Without Benjamin, West Indies captain Richie Richardson needed a fifth bowler and he handed the ball to Simmons after the Australians had already lost openers Mark Taylor (duck) and David Boon for six.

Simmons claimed the

wickets of Dean Jones for 14 and Steve Waugh (four) before the end of the 19th over.

The 29-year-old had taken just 11 wickets in 44 previous one-day internationals.

Simmons recorded his best figures in international one-day cricket and helped keep the Australians' rate below two runs per over during the early overs.

The slow rate placed extra pressure on the batsmen and



D HAYNES... 81 n.o

captain Allan Border was another casualty. He was run out for 15 in the 29th over, leaving his team slumped at 64 for five before Matthews and Mark Waugh shared their partnership.

The West Indies always looked like comfortable reaching the victory target.

Brian Lara made 29 in a 53-run opening partnership with Haynes, and Simmons then proved his allround abilities by being unbeaten on 43 at the end.

Australia and the West Indies meet again on Tuesday

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA:

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| Taylor run out | 0 |
| Boon c Murray b Bishop | 6 |
| Jones c Cummins b Simmons | 14 |
| S Waugh c Hooper b Simmons | 4 |
| M Waugh st Murray b Hooper | 36 |
| Border run out | 15 |
| Matthews c Richardson b Hooper | 32 |
| Healy not out | 21 |
| Reiffel not out | 9 |
| Extras: (lb-9, nb-3, w-11) | 23 |
| Total: (for seven wickets, 50 overs) | 160 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-15; 3-32; 4-35; 5-64; 6-122; 7-137. | |
| Did not bat: McDermott, Whitney | |
| Bowling: | O M R W |
| Bishop | 10 1 20 1 |
| Cummins | 10 1 36 0 |
| Simmons | 10 2 22 2 |
| Ambrose | 10 1 37 0 |
| Hooper | 10 0 37 2 |

WEST INDIES:
Haynes not out 81
Lara c Border b Reiffel 29
Simmons not out 43
Extras: (lb-6, w-1, nb-4) 11
Total: (for one wicket) 164
Fall of wicket: 1-53
Did not bat: Richardson, Hooper, Arthurton, Logie, Murray, Bishop, Ambrose, Cummins.

Bowling:

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| McDermott | 7 2 32 0 |
| Whitney | 5 0 30 0 |
| Reiffel | 6 1 12 1 |
| S Waugh | 8 2 81 0 |
| Matthews | 9 0 32 0 |
| M Waugh | 3 3 0 21 0 |

Result: West Indies won by nine wickets.

Volleyball nat'ls from Dec 10

Sports Reporter
from the Dhaka Divisional qualifying round.

Five district sports associations are competing in the qualifying meet. They are Dhaka, Rajbari, Narayananj, Tangail and Narsingdi.

Talking to the press at the National Sports Council conference room yesterday, secretary of the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation (BVF) Golam Quddus Chowdhury said that the federation would try to hold both the men's and women's events of the national championship at the Outer Stadium volleyball court.

In case of unavailability of this venue the women's matches will be held at the Dhanmandi Women's Sports Complex, Quddus said.

However, both the finals will be held at the volleyball court, confirmed the BVF secretary.

Under the existing by-laws, Army, Biman and Navy have been included in the Services zone while Rifles and Police and other government body teams have been placed in the Organisations zone.

The other federations of the country bracket the Services and autonomous organisation teams together.

Twenty-eight male and 14 women teams participated in the qualifying round which began earlier this month at different venues across the country.

Agriculture Minister Maj Gen (ret'd) Majidul Huq will inaugurate the final round as chief guest on December 10.

General Manager of BGIC Moslehuddin Ahmed also addressed the press conference.

In the women's group, Dhaka beat Narsingdi 15-5, 15-4, 15-7, Narayananj defeated Tangail 15-12, 14-16, 15-3, 15-9 and Rajbari outplayed Narsingdi 15-1, 15-3, 15-2 in the morning session.

In the afternoon, Rajbari outclassed Dhaka 15-3, 15-3, 15-4, Tangail trounced Narsingdi 15-2, 15-3, 15-1 and Narayananj beat Dhaka 15-6, 15-0, 15-6.

In the men's group, Faridpur beat Rajbari 15-8, 13-15, 15-3, 11-15, 15-10 in the most contested match of the day while Dhaka beat Faridpur 15-5, 15-13, 15-9.

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