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the cost of a corner.

Ploesti of of Poland in the final of the 7th

Cup football tournament on Saturday by virtue of their onenil victory against Krylia Sovetoy of Russia in the second semifinal at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Valentin Negoit, a substitute player for the Romanian club, netted the all-important goal three minutes before what would have been a breath-taking session of penalty shootouts fellowing 30 minutes of extra time added to the goalless regulation period of ninety

The Romanians won the energy-sapping, gruelling tie of 120 minutes as the better outfit although Krylia Sovetov exerted pressure on their oppo-nents at the fag end of the match.

Sovetov, who entered the semis as Group A runners up, could have been one up as early as the fourth minute had the Ploesti defence been a little callous and flat-footed. Vladimir Fillipov who re-

### Big win for Bimá

Sports Reporter

The newly-introduced position-deciding league comprising the four bottom finishers in the first leg of the Milnars First Division cricket began yesterday with Sadharan Bima registering an emphatic six-wicket victory over Eskaton Sabuj Sangha at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

Put in to bat Eskaton made 204 runs losing five wickets in 44 overs, one short of the stipulated quota of 45. Masud and Pappu scored 46

runs each while Biplab made 36 and Sohel 35 not out. Litu and Halim Babu bagged to a winkers each while Dear

" oue wekel. dharan Bima cruised past

Eskaton's total making 210 in the 35th over. Sanchay tepscored with 61, an ir ings inclusive of as many

as eight hits to the fence. Towab made 52 including seven hits across the fence and one over it while Liton got 39. Shahfil, Mona (Jr) and Biplab took one wicket each for Eskaton Sabuj Sangha.

There are no matches of the Milnars First Division super league or position-deciding league today.

#### Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Young Pegasus A and Shantinagar Club B won their respective matches of the Second Division cricket league at two city venues yesterday.

Young Pegasus B registered an exciting three-run victory over Cantonian Sporting Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket

Batting first Young Pegasus B made 199 for the loss of 35 overs with Shahid topscoring 55 while Shipon and Delta scored 26 runs each. Ripon and Monwar claimed

three wickets each for Cantonians In reply, Cantonians, were

ail out for 196 in the final delivery of the match with Bulbul topscoring with 52 while Ripon, Dipu and Kamal scored 31, 28 and 22 respectively. Suman claimed three

wickets conceding 34 runs while Morshed and Shahinoor took two wickets apiece for Young Pegasus B.

At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Shantinagar Club B beat Lalbagh USC by 25 runs. Batting first Shantinagar

made a massive 223 for the loss of four wickets with wicketkeeper Atif remaining unbeaten on 51 while Nehal Raja, Sujan and Tuhin (Sr) scored 43, 38, 34 and 33 runs respectively.

Moti, the Lalbagh skipper bagged two wickets for 51. In reply, Lalbagh could manage just 158 runs from their quota of 35 overs with four wickets to spare.

Azad topscored with 63 while Kabir made 46 runs for Lalbagh.

Milon took two wickets while Titil and Tuhin shared

two wickets between them. TODAY'S MATCHES

Azad SC vs Western Club

Kakrail Boys Club vs United Heroes (DCG)

#### Short wins Game 3

EL ESCORIAL, Spain, Jan 14: English Grandmaster Nigel Short defeated Dutchman Jan Timman in the third game of their chess championship candidates final match Wednesday, equalising at 1.5-1.5 in the 14 game series, reports

Timman, playing white, resigned after 44 moves. The winner of the series will take on champion Gary Kasparov for the world title.

The tourth game will start on Friday.

minded one of German striker Rudi Voeller took a low shot at the Ploesti goal from a melee but sweeper back Valeriu Riachita rescued his side at

Having marched into the semis in a majestic fashion as the Group B champions, Ploesti resembled the Brazilians, the more illustrious users of this particular colour in their approach with short passes and sudden acceleration. Marian Grama, one of the five midfielders tipped off the Romanian strength and intention when he fired a hard grounder from the top of the box in the tenth minute which eluded a diving goalie Viktor Gaous but missed the mark by

a few centimeters. Both the teams adopted the

Marian Grama raced down the right flank to unleash a powerful shot but Gaous collected the shot in his second attempt.

After the stipulated 90 minutes the extended session of 30 minutes began with Krylia Sovetov of Russia pressing hard for a breakthrough. In the second half of extra time Vladimir Fillipov, the rangy striker of Sovetov, nodded a lovely cross by Dimitri Ivanov from the right towards the Ploesti goal but Iulian Cadar, the Ploesti custodian leaped up to tip the ball over for a corner as the ball goal bound header dipped pertlously.

The match-winner came three minutes before the final whistle when Stefan Matei, the hardworking Ploesti mid-



Viktor Gaous, the skipper of Krylia Sovetov, collects a ball with one of his teammates trying to desist a Ploesti attacker from challenging him in the second semifinal of the 7th President Gold Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

2-5-3 system — two attackers, five medios and three defend ers. A libero, so typical of the modern 'total football' concept, was employed by the European semifinalists yesterday and Valeriu Rachita who played this role very well for the Romanians set Marian Grama with a lovely long ball midway through the first half but the latter blasted the ball over.

In a rather scrappy second half filled with the grunts and groans of the two teams rather than the claps and gasps of the very sparse crowd, the Romanians created a fine opening early in the second half. Simion Florin, so far the top scorer of this meet with three goals to his credit, latched on to a midfield through but Viktor Gaous came out in time to avert the danger.

Thanks to a fine

all-round perfor-

mance by young

Rahul, newco-

mers Udity Club

pulled off a major

upset in the Navana Premier

division cricket league vester-

day when they beat title-

aspirants Brothers Union by

the convincing margin of 45

Summer runners-up, it was

their first defeat in the current

league and must have seriously

compromised their prospects

in the title-race, vis-a-vis, the

other two top contenders de-

fending champions Mohamme-

dan Sporting and Abahani

Krira Chakra, both still

Abedin Nobel elder brother of

the national skipper Minhazul

Abedin Nannu, won the toss

and had little hesitation in

inviting is counterpart Imran

Udity Club, aided by a 59-

run partnership in the fifth

wicket between Rukon and

Rahul, piled up a handsome

221 for the loss of eight wick-

ets from their quota of 45

the Udity innings and had

made 35 when Arup departed

in the eighth over giving a

catch to Habibul Bashar Suman

the two took the total to 64 in

the 16th over when Shipon

was bowled by Salahuddin after

left in quick succession with

Durjoy and Rinku came and

Rukon joined Shipon and

off Morshed.

making 21.

Anup and Shipon started

to make first use of the strip.

The Brother' skipper Nurul

unbeaten.

For the recent Damal

fielder who engineered a majority of the moves with his delectable distribution, chipped the ball from a freekick from the right and substitute Valentin Negott, besteged by the Russian defenders, rose in time to back head the ball into the net much to the consternation of Viktor Gaous who later, in a desperate bid to hasten his side's equalising attempts, virtually stationed himself in the midfield (1-0).

With only three minutes left the Russians moved all their men up in a valiant but fruitless last ditch attempt to restore parity but Dimitri Ivanov boasted a square from Sergei Maroushko to signal the end of their quest.

TIE RESCHEDULED Meanwhile, the third place

deciding match between losing semifinalists Krylia Sovetov of Russia and Housing Bank of South Korea, scheduled for today, will now be played at 1:00 pm on Saturday, before the fi-

nal scheduled to start at 4, ac-

cording to a UNB report.

Yellow cards: Nicolas Rusa, Valeriu Rachita and Stefan Matei (FC Ploesti), and Sergei Maroushko (Krylia Sovetov).

Tickets worth Tk 43,360 were sold in the second semifinal yesterday, raising the tournament's total sale to Tk 12,83,640.

FC PLOESTI (Romania): Cadar lulian, Popa Daniel, Pitulice Sandu, Ruse Nicolac, Mocanu Rujorel (Negoti Valentin). Rachita Valeriu, Grigore Octavian, Matei Stefan, Simion Florin, Grama Marian and Pura Ciprain (Catinca Marcel).

KRYLIA SOVETOV (Russia): Victor Gaous, Alexandr Tsygantkov, Serguei Makeev (Vasili Jupikov), Serguei Grivov, Vleri Youmakine, Serguei Mroushko, Vladimir Filippov, Diner Sharipov, Dmitri Ivanov, Vyatcheslav Fomine and Evgent Harlatchev (Roustyam Faroudinov). Referee: Choi Chang Scon (South Korea):

#### Maradona gets call for nat'l duty

BUENOS AIRES, Jan 14: Diego Maradona has been recalled by Argentina for a friendly against arch-rivals Brazil next month, reports Reuter.

Former captain Maradona, now 32, last played for his country, in the 1990 World Cup final.

During the time in between

he served a 15 month ban for doping, making his comeback at Sevilla last September following a transfer from Napoli. National coach Alfio Bastle named eight other foreign

based players for the match in Buenos Aires on February 18. Basile, whose side are undefeated in 23 matches since the last World Cup, said the nine extles would arrive three days

before the game. "It would be disrespectful to bring out those nine players to practise here while their teams are in full activity, is rather have them playing in their own clubs, since that's the best training they can get, he said.

Maradona has won more than 50 caps in an international career spanning three World Cups, leading Argentina to their second triumph in Mexico in 1986.

The European exile include strikers Claudio Caniggia of Roman and Gabriel Batistuta of Fiorentina, midfielders Ferna ndo Redondo of Tenerife, Diego Simeone of Sevilla, Dario Franco of Zaragoza and Leonardo Rodriguez of Atalanta.

Defender Oscar Ruggeri, captain since the 1990 World Cup and now with Mexican club America, and goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea of Paraguay's Olympia were also picked.

Basile said he did not know whether Spain-based players Maradona, Simeone, Redondo and Franco would also be available to play against Denmark in Buenos Aires six day later in and official clash between the South American and European champions.

# Udity upstage Brothers Union

player Ather Ali scored 18 and

13 respectively while extras

added a meagre seven to the

35 from 8.5 overs ripped

through the Brothers batting

Rahul with four wickets for

Sports Reporter

the score on 78 in the 21st

Then Rahul joined Rukon and steadted the rocking Udity boat taking ones and tows and occasionally hitting boundaries They pushed the score along to 137 in the 32nd over when Rahul was run out.

Rukon made 75 from 101 balls, a knock that included three shots across the rope and two over it. Rahul made 42 off 38 balls inclusive of four hits to the fence.

Sohail made 13 while sundries contributed a healthy 35 as the overs ran out and Udity finished on 221 for eight. Salahuddin with two wick-

ets for 25 from his nine overs was the pick of the Brothers bowlers while Fernando. Morshed, Suru and Shamsul took one wicket apiece. A dramatic lower-order

collapse deprived Brothers Union of victory as the side from Gopibagh was bowled out for 176 in the 43rd over. Although the second-wicket

stand between national player Zahid Razzaque Masum and Suman put on 78 runs in 19.4 overs, the other batsmen succumbed to the pressure brought applied by Udity skipper Imran.

Not only did the young Udity bowlers maintain good line and length, they also fielded brilliantly making scoring difficult for more experienced Brothers batsmen.

Suman topscored with 74, a knock embellished with two sixes and as many boundaries while Masum scored 40 with the help of four fours. Halim Shah and national

while Imran, Sohail and Durjoy

chipped in with a wicket each. LISBON, Jan 14: Dutchman Bangladesh Biman take on Victoria Sporting Club in today's match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

### Nirman cricket begins today

Sports Reporter

The Dhaka zonal championship for the forthcoming eleventh Nirman schools cricket tournament begins today at the two different city

Segunbagicha High School take on Pallabi M I Model High School at the Dhanmondi Club ground while Tejkunipara High School play Nawabpur Govt High School at the Saint Joseph's High School ground. Forty-four schools in eight

groups are competing in the Dhaka zonal championship. Two hundred and forty-five schools of the country are par-

morning.

ticipating in 20 different zonal championships across the country. Former president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board K Z Islam, who is also the managing director of Nirman International Ltd.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, presponsors of the schools crisented Yeltsin with the Gold cket, will inaugurate the meet as chief guest at the Dhan-Olympic Order at a ceremony in the Grand Kremlin Palace in mondi Club ground in the Moscow.

#### Volleyball leagues from today

Sports Reporter

The 1992-93 Dhaka Metropolis NBL First Division and Second Division volleyball leagues simultaneously begins this afternoon at the Outer Stadium volleyball court.

Two matches of the First Division league are scheduled for the inaugural day. Titas Club take on Madartek Club while Bangladesh Rifles clash with East End Boys at 3.30 pm. One match of the Second

Bima Krira Sangstha and Srijoni Sangsad will be held at 4.30 pm. Seven teams in two groups are playing in the First Division

Division league between Jiban

league with the top two teams from each group moving into the semifinals. Meanwhile, the qualifying

round of the 1993 Rahima Food national youth volleyball championship will be held from February 7 to 12 at different venues across the coun-Interested district sports

associations and education

boards have been asked to

send their entries to the

Bangladesh Volleyball Federa-

tion by January 31.

#### **BSJA-DUTA** cricket today

A friendly cricket match be tween the Bangladesh Sports Journalists' Association (BSJA) and the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) will be held at the Jagannath Hall ground today, reports

Cricketers of both the teams have been requested to be present at the ground at 9:30 am.

The players of the BSJA are: Masud Ahmed Rumi, Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury, Rouful Hasan, Manzurul Hoque, Ajoy Barua, Shafiqul Karim, Kashinath Basak, Partha Tanvir Naved, Kamalur Rahman, S M Mamun, Mostafizur Rahman Mamun, Dtlu Khondakar, Mujtaba Danesh, Mahfuzur Rahman, Malik Al-Imran, Aminut Iluq Moni, Motahar Hossain Masum, Ilumayun Kabir, D P Nayan, Luthfur Rahman Badal and Nasımul Kabir.

#### Chess results

Sports Reporter

Afroza Khanam Babli, Zakia Sultana and Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira with full three points led the table of the qualifying meet for the forthcoming 14th national women's chess championship at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Masuda Begum, Selina Banu Tuhin and Jebunnesa Rina have earned two points each.

Meanwhile, defending champion Shawkat Hossain Pallab and Javed Hossain with full three points jointly shared the lead in the 13th national sub-junior chess champi-

Those who have collected two and a half points each are Hossain Arif, Nazrul Islam, Tipu Sultan, Abu Sufian, Abdullah Al Rakib and Saiful Kabir.

#### Jabbar tennis

Sports Reporter

The eight-day 1993 M A Jabbar memorial tennis championships will be held from February 12 to 19 at the Dhaka Engineers' Club tennis courts under the auspices of the Engineers' Club, says a press release.

Eight events will be staged during the meet. Interested players have

been asked to contact the club by February 9.

#### Basten, Stoichkov in running for world's best booter

Marco van Basten, already European player-of-1992, Hristo Stoichkov of Bulgaria and Germany's Thomas Haessler are the three candidates for the World Footballer-of-the-year award, reports Reuter. The three gained most

votes in a poll of 70 national team coaches, FIFA spokesman Guido Tognoni said on Wednesday. The victor will be named at

to stage Test matches at a ceremony in Estoril outside home," said Somasunderam Lisbon on February 1. Lothar Mathacus won in 1990 after leading Germany to

MOSCOW, Jan 14: President

Boris Yeltsin accepted an hon-

orary gold medal from the

head of the Olympic movement

on Wednesday and pledged

that Russia would fight to keep

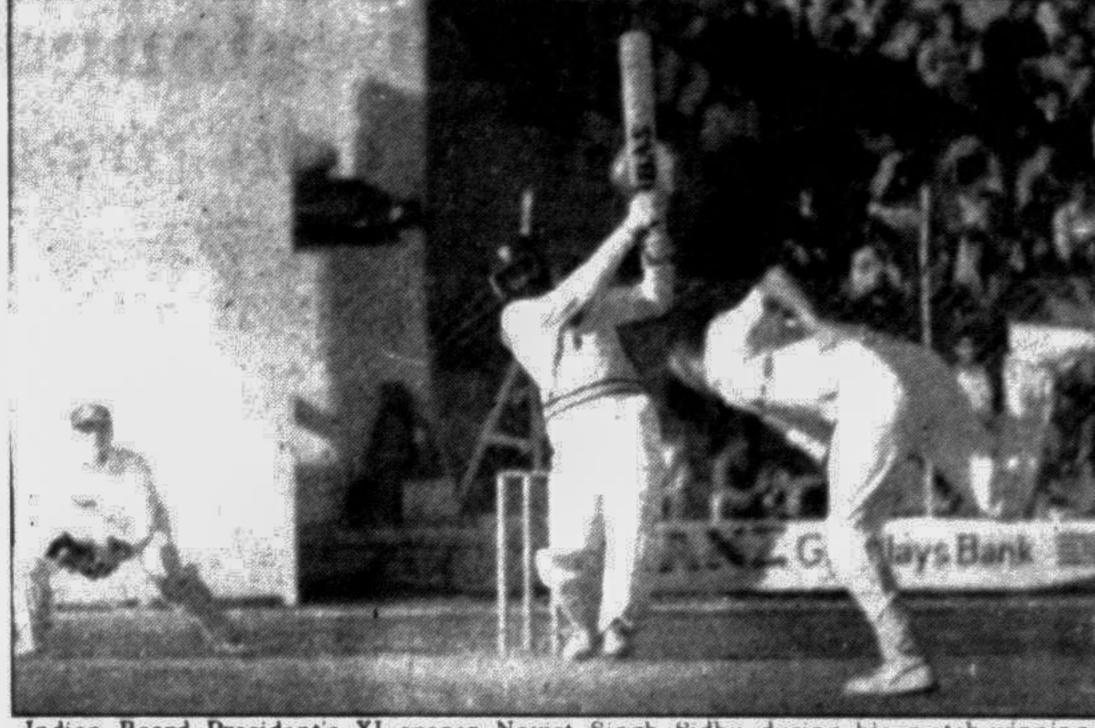
its place in the top ranks of

world sport, reports Reuter.

victory in the World Cup. There was no award in 1991. Yeltsin accepts last year's series against IOC honour Australia and New Zealand."

> two one-day internationals. August and West Indics in

five-year stretch to August last year there were no Tests on



Indian Board President's XI opener Navjot Singh Sidhu during his match-winning innings of 130 not out against England in New Delhi on Jan 13. The home team won by nine wickets.

## Aussies complete Pak rout

ted an ideal warm-up for the World Series Cup one-day cricket finals with another comfortable victory against Pakistan here Thursday, reports AFP.

SYDNEY, Jan 14:

Australia comple-

Australia cruised to a 23run win to inflict the sixth successive one-day loss on Pakistan and end a miserable series for the world champi-The match had no bearing

nals beginning here Saturday, as Australia and the West Indies had already qualified. Pakistan faced a stiff target after the home side batted first and thrashed 260 for eight off

its 50 overs before a crowd of

on the best-of-three match fi-

over 35,000. The tourists' run-chase began poorly after all-rounder Tony Dodemaide scared Asmir Sohail for seven and Salim Malik for six, leaving Pakistan at 46 for two after 14 overs.

for the third wicket between captain Javed Miandad [41] and opener Rameez Raja (67) gave Pakistan an outside chance of victory. But after the loss of Raja, Miandad fell soon after to a

A promising 84-partnership

brilliant catch by Mark Waugh at rover off the slow left arm bowling of Australian captain Allan Border. A middle-order surge from Inzamamul Ilaq and Asif Mujtaba kept Pakistan's faint victory hopes alive before

aggressive 40, including one huge six, leaving the victors at 205 for six. Asif Mujtaba remained unbeaten on 47 and paceman

Inzamam was bowled by pace-

man Craig McDermott for an

Wagar Younis on 11. Of-spinner Greg Matthews and medium-pacer Dodemaide

finished with two wickets

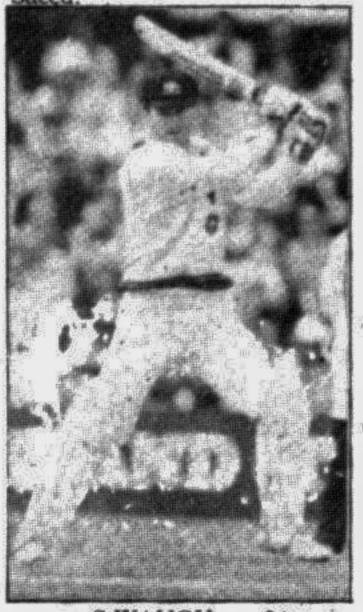
Earlier, Steve Waugh topscored for Australia with 64 from 65 balls while Mark Taylor made 58 and fellow opener David Boon an even half

century. It was the best opening partnership of the 12 preliminary games and signalled a return to form for the Australian vice-captain Taylor, who not-

limited overs internationals when he reached 47.

Neither batsman was troubled as Wasim Akram bowled at well below full pace off a short run and Wagar Younis struggled for line and length.

Mark Waugh joined brother Steve and moved to 11 before he ran himself out yet again, this time backing up too far in the hope of a second run to



S WAUGH ... 64

Victorian Dean Jones showed no discomfort batting with a plastic protector for his broken right thumb, but misread a wrong run by Mushtaq and was bowled for 13.

Waqar Younis was Pakistan's most successful bowler with 3-55 from nine overs.

Australia finished on top at the completion of the WSC preliminary rounds with 11 points from its eight matches, followed by the West Indies with 10 points and Pakistan with just three points from one win, a tie and six losses.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the World Series Cup cricket match between Australia and Pakistan at the Sydney Cricket Ground Thursday:

5 2 1 11 Australia West Indies 5 3 0 10, Pakistan

Sydney, day-night Monday, Jan. 18

Melbourne, day-night Wednesday, Jan. 20 (if necessarv)

that happened it could have

been the death knell for Test

cricket in Shri Lanka for a

for a full-strength Shri Lanka.

Shri Lanka won the two-Test

series 1-0 and took the one-

cricket captain Michael Tisse-

ra said Shri Lanka's real test

would come when they played

Zealand, Shri Lanka showed

they were no longer afraid of

the big names in cricket and

that they have the ability to

win Test matches by starting

to believe in themselves," said

Tissera, who captained Shri

Lanka in the mid-1960s and

was later vice-president of the

national cricket board and

chairman of its selection

Led by Arjuna Ranatunga,

Former administrator and

"Against Australia and New

number of years.

day series 2-0.

## A busy year for Shri Lankans



river in a monsoon, has a fresh dimension to its expanding schedule in 1993, reports

Reuter. Ambitious Shri Lanka are hosting a record 10 Tests their busiest year at home since they were granted Test status in 1981.

out a visit from a Test-playing team, and buoyed by their recent international success, the Shri Lankans are aiming to make a significant impact at the highest level. "If we had not reached our fullest potential in the last five

years it was due to the inability

Skandakumar, former secretary of the Shri Lanka Cricket Board. "There is an obvious advantage playing at home and this was clearly demonstrated in

England, currently touring India, arrive in the first week of March for a single Test and They will be followed by India in June, South Africa in

November, each for a series of

three Tests and three one-day internationals. The months between June and August have traditionally

been the period for international cricket only in England. But Shri Lanka is seeking to make up for lost time. During a them.



ARJUNA RANATUNGA During the next five years

Test tours abroad.

took the one-day series 2-1.

Crowe's New Zealanders al most returned home soon after arriving when a bomb blast involving Tamil Tiger guerillas in front of their hotel left five dead, including the island's naval chief.

Reiffel 0 53 S Waugh 0 26 Matthews 0 54 Border 0 40 Results: Australia won by 23 STANDINGS

A Border b Wagar

P Reiffel not out

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Extras: (b-6; lb-5; nb-4;

6-230; 7-245; 8-257

Bowling

Wasım Akram

Wagar Younis

Aagib Javed

Asif Muitaba

Aamir Sohail

b Dodemaide

b Matthews

b Border

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Bowling:

McDermott

Dodemaide

PAKISTAN:

Inzamamul Haq b

Asif Mujtaba not out

Wagar Younis not out

Extras: (b-1; lb-6; w-4)

Total: (six wickets, 50 overs)237

Fall of wickets: 1-24; 2-46;

Did not bat: Rashid Latif.

3-130; 4-132; 5-133; 6-204

Mushtag Ahmed, Aagib Javed

Salim Malik c Healy

Ramecz Raja c Border

Javed Miandad c M Waugh

Wasim Akram b Matthews

Total: (for eight wickets, 50

124; 3-144; 4-167; 5-230;

Did not bat: C McDermott

Mushtag Ahmed 10 0 39

Aamir Sohail b Dodenmide

39

52

55

17

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2 30

3 0

Fall of wickets: 1-112: 2-

Standings in the World Series Cup limited-overs cricket competition after Thursday's final preliminary match (tabulate under matches played, won, lost, tied or no result,

(Qualify for finals series) Best-of-three finals series: Saturday, Jan. 16 Australia vs West Indics at

Australia vs West Indies at

#### M Waugh run out Australia vs. West Indics at ched up his 1,000th run in I Healy Ibw Wagar Melbourne, day-night

S Waugh c Muitaba b Wagar

the island because of minority The initial reaction after 14: International Tamil unrest. Test sides were many of the players had witreluctant to come, even though cricket, swelling nessed the carnage was to re-Colombo was keen to host as rapidly as a turn home immediately. Had

AUSTRALIA:

M Taylor b Muitaba

D Jones b Mushtag

Mujtaba

D Boon c (sub) Saced b

It was a Tamil rebel blast in April 1987, killing more than 100 civilians at the city's main bus station, that forced a visitshort their tour.



Shri Lanka had to depend on

The isolation ended last August with the arrival of Allan Border's Australians. Shri Lanka nearly celebrated it on a winning note, losing the first Test by 16 runs after dominating the match for 4-1/2 days.

The other two Tests ended in draws while Shri Lanka Three months later Martin

committee.

"We have suffered marginal losses due to poor attendance. But we are not unduly worried because all the matches are covered by sponsors who demand live coverage of matches to push their products," Board treasurer Lal Wickrematunga

#### However, the arrival of New ing New Zealand side to cut Zealand Cricket chairman Peter McDermott saved the tour from being cancelled. It went ahead with a revised itinerary but a depleted New After a five-year spell with-Zealand team - some key players went home and their replacements were largely inexperienced - were no match