



An Adamjee striker stretches in a vain attempt to put the ball into the net past an advancing Bangladesh Boys goalie during yesterday's Star First Division football league match at the Dhaka Stadium. Bangladesh Boys won the match by two goals to one. — Star photo

**Amarnath arrives**  
Sports Reporter

Former Indian Test cricketer Mohinder Amarnath arrived yesterday to train the Bangladeshi cricketers for the forthcoming ICC trophy championship to be held in February next year in Kenya.

Better known as one of the architects of India's surprising victory against the overwhelming favourites West Indies in the final of the 1983 Prudential World Cup limited over cricket championship and his exemplary courage while handling the best of fast bowlers, this Delhi-based cricketer was earlier expected to come on July 2 but could not make it owing to other preoccupations.

This happens to be Amarnath's second visit to Bangladesh as a coach since his agreement with the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board.

Earlier Amarnath had been in Dhaka for a short time to help BCCB make a primary selection of players for the ICC trophy.

Amarnath, a fitness fanatic, will start with 45 players already chosen by BCCB.

**Ansars edge Azad**  
Sports Reporter

Ansars beat Azad Sporting Club by two goals to nil in the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Ansars, who now have 11 points from as many matches, led the first half one-nil.

On a day that saw some unfancied teams of equal strength sweat it out before the barren terraces Azad enjoyed an edge over their fortuitous opponents. However poor marksmanship let them down as none of the four penalty corners was utilised.

Ansars on the other hand got only one penalty corner and Abu Bakr Siddique sounded the board from that in the 25th minute of the match (1-0).

The winners sealed the fate of the match eight minutes from time when Babul Hossain scored a field goal from a counter attack (2-0).

The first match of the day ended in a goalless draw as neither Wanderers nor Police failed to find the mark for even once.

In a very lack-lustre display Wanderers looked shade better having forced two penalty corners in the run of the play.

With yesterday's one point Wanderers raised their tally to four from eleven matches while Police, slightly better off, took their tally to six from eleven outings.

**OFFICIALS TO GO TO MALAYSIA**

National coaches Pratap Shankar Hazra and Hossain Imam Chowdhury will leave Dhaka today for Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to take part in the "FII" preliminary coaching courses for Asia, scheduled to be held from July 7 to 10.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Bangladesh Sporting vs Railway (2:30)  
Mohammedans vs Warri (4:15)

**Raquib off to Lahore**  
Sports Reporter

Abdur Raquib, a former footballer and presently associated with Mukhtodha Sangsad as a coach, has been selected for an IOC Olympic solidarity coaches course scheduled to be held in Pakistani city of Lahore from August 1 to 15.

**Ctg soccer**

CHITTAGONG, July 4: Friends Club beat Bengal Club 2-0 in the third quarter-final match of the CJKP Second Division football league at the local stadium this afternoon, reports BNA.

Masum scored the first goal at the 10th minute of the first half and Jamal scored the second one in the fifth minute of the second half.

Muktha Bihanga will play against Regency Club in the last quarter-final tomorrow.

**Victoria crawl out of pit**  
Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club, languishing at the bottom of the Star Premier Division football league points table, with four defeats in a row, finally opened their account when they managed a point from Mukhtodha Sangsad at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Playing positively in the first half of the match they created three good scoring chances but poor marksmanship set their ambition of a win at naught and with Mukhtodha proving equally inept when their turn came along the match inevitably headed for a goalless draw.

Not really as bad as their track record might suggest Victoria took the field yesterday with the memory of a four-nil battering at the hands of reigning champions Abahani Krira Chakra in the previous match far from being healed.

Victoria suffered similar setbacks in the matches against Mohammedans and Brothers Union, the other two major forces of local football. Harassed by others Brothers took it out on Victoria putting four goals past them in a belated burst.

Mohammedans were too strong for Victoria and last year's runners-up also blanked

them by four goals to nil. With four defeats, three of them rather heavy, Victoria once known for their unsung characteristic of presenting players like Sheikh Md Aslam and Khoshid Alam Babul started yesterday's match in right earnest.

They were some neat moves down the flanks early on and their forwards Hero, Rubel and Masih were poised with excellent opportunities but goal-scoring habit apparently lost for having remained in disuse for so long undid all the flutter.

Mukhtodha, who made their presence felt in the first match of the Star Premier Division football league this year holding title aspirants Mohammedans to a one-all draw, tamed Victoria's spirit in the second half. The men in red created a couple of fairly positive chances but goalkeepers goaded up everything and Mukhtodha reconciled well with their fate of second consecutive draw having drawn one-all with giant-killers Wari in the previous match.

The freedom fighters now have four points from five matches.

Promotees Bangladesh Boys notched their second successive win when they beat Adamjee Sports Club by the odd goal in three in the Star

First Division football league match held earlier at the same venue yesterday.

The winners, who had beaten Sadharan Bima Krira Sangatha by the same margin in the previous match, led the first half one-nil yesterday.

In an open, entertaining game Bangladesh Boys, who won promotion to Senior Division football league only this year along with East End Club, shot into the lead in the 19th minute of the match when Mintu headed home a cross by Swapan, (1-0).

Former Brothers player Badal Das paved the path for Bangladesh Boys' second goal when he set up Bayezid with a tricky pass and the latter made no mistake to find the mark 18 minutes into the second half (2-0).

Adamjee rallied round strongly and Majed pulled one back for the vanquished in the 26th minute (1-2).

They came close to restoring parity but erratic shooting coupled with some determined display by the Boys defenders and the goalie forced them to leave the field empty-handed.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Youngmen's Fakirerpool Vs Eskaton (4:30)  
Abahani Vs Agrani Bank (6:30)



A midfield tangle in the Green Delta First Division hockey league match between Dhaka Wanderers and Police Athletic Club at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. The match ended in a goalless draw. — Star photo

**Wins for Aussies, FRG, Dutch**

KUALA LUMPUR, July 4: Australia scalped Pakistan 2-1, Germany defeated Spain 2-0 and the Netherlands beat Malaysia 2-1 in the opening round of the Champions Trophy hockey tournament Saturday, reports AFP.

The Australians provided the match of the day with their remarkable speed and skill. They scored early into the game and in the final minute to subdue the energy and determination of the Pakistanis.

Australia got their first strike at the Pakistani goal in the fifth minute when Mark Hager drove home a penalty corner by Jay Stacy.

Pakistan managed to break even in the 57th minute through a penalty corner by Tahir Zaman but the joy was shortlived.

David Wansbrough silenced the celebration of the Pakistani camp by squeezing in the ball past keeper Shahid Ali Khan from a goalmouth melee six minutes after Zaman's goal.

Favourites Germany opened their campaign for the trophy with a thunderstorm.

Play was halted for more than an hour after a drizzle at the start of their game became

heavy and made the pitch at the Tun Razak Stadium in Kuala Lumpur unmanageable.

The Germans, who fielded a fairly young side with only five players from their gold-medal winning 1992 Barcelona Olympics team, opened score in the ninth minute when Bjorn Michel slammed home a penalty corner.

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**Seniors World Cup**

KLAGENFURT, Austria, July 4: Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Karl Heinz Forster and Toni Schumacher were back on the international beat at the weekend as Germany's former World Cup stars beat some Uruguayan veterans 2-0 in the Copa Pele, reports AFP.

The Seniors World Cup has bought some big name out of retirement from Brazil, Italy, Argentina and England. Peter Barnes of England, Kempes of Argentina, Rivelinho of Brazil, Rossi, Gentile and Altobelli of Italy are all former stars of the World Cup taking part.

In the first Group B matches Germany beat Uruguay with a goal in each half from Hrubesch and Raducanu, while group hosts Austria fought back for a 1-1 draw with Argentina.

**Antlers stay atop**

TOKYO, July 4: Brazilian Alcindo outshot Ramon Diaz of Argentina last week to widen his individual scoring lead as the Kashima Antlers remained at the head of Japan's new football league with nearly half the first season gone, reports AFP.

The 25-year-old former Gremio forward scored twice and powered the Antlers to a 3-1 win over nearest rivals Yokohama Marinos at Kashima Saturday for their 12th win against three losses.

As the Marinos slid to 9-6 with three more matches to play in the first half of the two-stage season, the Antlers needed one more win to seal the half-season title of the 10-team J-League.

The Antlers are to meet the bottom club Urawa Reds on Wednesday.

The home side, who beat JEF United Ichihara 2-0 Wednesday, relied on Alcindo and another forward Hisashi Kurosaki for the three goals that all but crushed the slim title chances for the Marinos.

Diaz, who pulled off a hat-trick when the Marinos mauled Urawa Reds 5-1 in mid week, failed to score at the weekend before a tight Antler defence.

**Benjamin blazes**

LONDON, July 4: West Indies pacesman Winston Benjamin took seven for 83 as Leicestershire trounced Lancashire by an innings and 58 runs on the third day of their County Championship match at Leicester on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Benjamin's haul helped to bundle out Lancashire for 204 in their first innings.

Following on 251 behind, Lancashire were dismissed for 193 in their second innings as spinner Andy Pierson wreaked havoc with six for 87.

At one stage they were 87 for seven but Graham Lloyd weighed in with 75 off 82 balls, hitting 12 fours.

South African Allan Donald's best championship performance for nearly at year put Warwickshire on course for victory despite a first century for Yorkshire by West Indies captain Richie Richardson.

Donald took seven for 98, including five of the seven wickets which fell for 75 after tea, as Yorkshire collapsed to 282 in their second innings.

Richardson's 112 from 245 balls included 14 fours and two sixes. Warwickshire, set 115 to win, were 11 for one by the close.

England discarded Mike Gatting (173) and John Emburey (123) shared a 262 partnership for the third Middlesex wicket as they chased Glamorgan's 562 for three declared in a table-topping clash at Cardiff.

Leaders Middlesex closed at 477 for five. Emburey, who came in as night watchman on Friday, reached his century from 275 balls. Gatting hit 21 fours and two sixes.

A thrilling century by Kent's West Indian Test player Carl Hooper was the highlight of fine day's cricket at Maidstone.

Kent closed on 230 for three in their second innings, with Hooper 108 not out for a lead of 235 over Essex. It was Hooper's first hundred of the season and came off just 99 balls.

**BCCSL plans tight security**

COLOMBO, July 4: Sri Lanka is to deploy scores of extra police to boost security for the five-week cricket tour by India commencing later this week, officials here said Sunday, reports AFP.

Plain-clothes police will be posted at match venues while special security arrangements are also being drawn up to protect the visiting side, police officials said.

"There will be tight security at all times, everywhere. We are not taking any chances. All spectators will be thoroughly searched before they enter the grounds," a senior police official said.

He also said elite police units would guard hotels where the Indian side would stay.

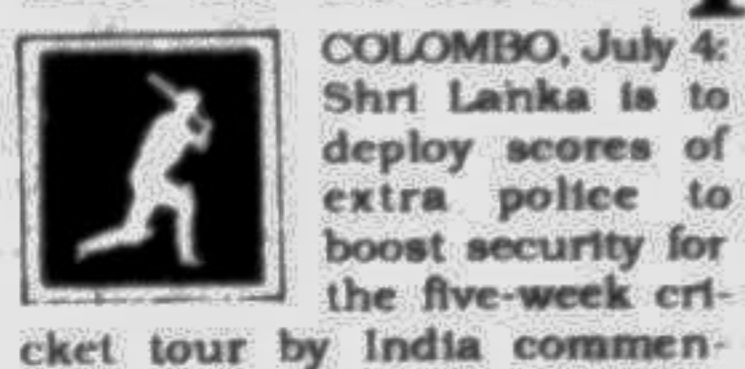
The Indians are due here July 9 to play three Tests, three one-day internationals and a three-day game.

The state-run Sunday Observer said cricket board president Tyrone Fernando had banned fire crackers from venues because it was "very difficult to differentiate between the sound of crackers and any other weapon."

"Since India and Sri Lanka were 'very close neighbours,' extra security measures were needed as there were 'various factors involved,' the newspaper quoted Fernando as saying.

Observers here saw the remarks as a reference to Sri Lanka's dominant guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), which is suspected of carrying out huge bomb attacks in Colombo in the past.

New Zealand almost cancelled the tour following the explosion but later agreed to continue to play with a reduced itinerary and after flying in replacements for five players who decided to return home after the blast.



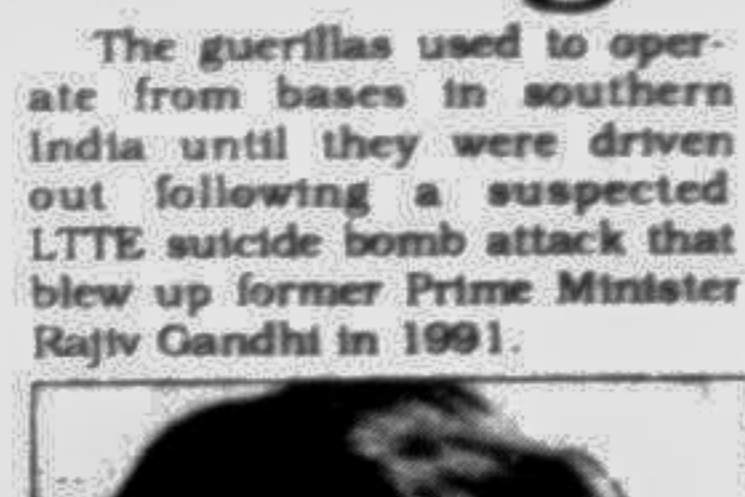
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Security has been a main concern for visiting teams since the LTTE stepped up its violent campaign for a separate state in the island's northeast ten years ago.

A bomb set off by suspected LTTE guerrillas in the capital Colombo in 1987 forced the New Zealand cricket team that was here to abruptly abandon their tour, and kept away foreign sides from the island for the next five years.

Australia ended the boycott by foreign teams with a tour in August last year but three months later a Tamil guerrilla suicide bomber blew up Sri Lanka's navy commander opposite a hotel where a New Zealand cricket team was staying.

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Meanwhile, skipper Arjuna Ranatunga has vowed to lead Sri Lanka to victory against India and said the team was not alarmed by big names in the Indian side.

"We are in a positive frame of mind. We are determined not to let up in any department. The entire team is ready to go flat out to win. This will be our number one priority," the Sunday Observer quoted Ranatunga as saying.

However, in an interview with the Sunday Times, Ranatunga admitted that the series against India was going to be one of Sri Lanka's toughest assignments.

The Indian side will feature top names like skipper Mohammad Azharuddin, all-rounder Kapil Dev and batting sensation Sachin Tendulkar but Ranatunga said Sri Lanka's performance would not be affected by their presence.

"I would say that unlike in the past, we do not go by the names of cricketers. My theory is that even the best batsman in the world could get out in the very first ball that he faces," said Ranatunga.

Cricket manager Duleep Mendis, who led Sri Lanka to their only Test win over India in 1985, rated his side's chances in the series as 50-50 and said they had been doing their homework to map out a strategy to counter the visitors.

**McCague maybe a bit too late**

NOTTINGHAM, England, July 4: Martin McCague may have arrived too late on the Test scene to threaten Australia's possession of the Ashes, reports Reuter.

But the 24-year-old fast bowler showed England on Friday that there can be light at the end of their long, dark tunnel.

And in Merv Hughes, he has a role model to study and hopefully learn from during the rest of this season.

McCague's lion-hearted performance on the second day of the third Test was just what England have been crying out for all summer.

While Hughes has continually made opposition batsmen hop about and hurry their shots, the Australians have looked at ease from the moment they landed in England.

But that changed just a little at Trent Bridge when McCague's extra pace made

players such as Michael Slater and Mark Taylor appear dividedly uncomfortable at times.

His reward was to claim the wickets of Taylor and Steve Waugh, both caught behind, and England are desperate to see more of the same today from their Australian import.

"I don't think anyone has bowled faster for us since Bob Willis," said manager Keith Fletcher.

"Martin looks a very good bowler and a man for the big occasion. Bearing in mind it was his first day's Test cricket action, I think he did superbly."

The pitch gave McCague virtually no help, but Hughes has shown throughout this series that sheer determination can win through even on the flattest track.

England badly need McCague to follow Hughes' five-wicket haul — his first in England — if Australia are to be held in check.

They finished the day on 262 for five, just 59 behind,

with David Boon only 12 runs away from a second consecutive Test century and may never sufferer Allan Border still to come.

Boon simply keeps on churning out the runs with relentless efficiency.

His partnership of 123 for the third wicket with Mark Waugh threatened to bury England under an avalanche of boundaries. But McCague played a part in ending that stand as well.

Waugh hoisted spinner Peter Such high and wide of mid-on but McCague — an old boy of the Australian Cricket Academy in Adelaide — made a difficult catch look simple.

The fired-up pacesman then got rid of the other Waugh while fellow debut-maker Mark Ilett's reward for a promising evening spell was the wicket of a Ian Healy.

"I think all our guys stuck to the task well," said Fletcher. "Australia are still favourites but we've just got to fight on."

**Australians take the reins**

NOTTINGHAM, England, July 4: Leg-spinner Shane Warne delivered late blows to England's hopes of fighting their way back into the Ashes Series on the third day of the third Test on Saturday, reports Reuter.

At the close England held a tenuous 70-run lead over Australia with six second-innings wickets left.

When play resumes on Monday much will depend on the example of captain Graham Gooch who ended unbeaten on 12.

A major innings from the much-maligned skipper could give the home team bowlers something to play with. But bookmakers on Saturday night rated England a 10-1 chance against pulling off a victory.

English prospects were dented in the final session after tea when Robin Smith (50) and Mark Lathwell (33) were both removed by dangerous Warne after looking set for greater things.

Then the hostile pace of Merv Hughes added Alec Ste-

wart (6) to the earlier wicket of opener Michael Atherton (9).

England closed at 122 for four after earlier dismissing the touring side for 373, a first innings lead of 52.

Gooch will be looking for support from Test rookies Nasser Hussain and Graham Thorpe at crunch-time on Monday, probably hoping to set a target in excess of 300.

But England will need to bat much better than they have so far against the high-class duo of Hughes and Warne.

If Gooch and company fall, Australia will leave Nottingham 3-0 ahead and celebrating retention of the Ashes.

Another win for Allan Border's men would also condemn England to a world record-equalling eighth consecutive Test defeat.

It would also probably and Gooch's captaincy three matches ahead of schedule.

Warne, who is having an outstanding tour, had earlier thwarted England with the bat, hitting an unbeaten 35 to help Australia build a useful lead.

Hughes also weighed in

with an entertaining 17 but major honours of the morning went to David Boon who completed his second successive Test century.

Boon made 101 after re-summing on 88 but immediately fell to Martin McCague who ended his Test debut with creditable figures of four for 121 from 32.3 overs.

Boon faced 177 balls and batted for almost 4-1/2 hours.

Border, who went in at number eight because of a bad hay fever attack on Friday, was caught off the bowling of Peter Such for a plucky 38.

Unhappy England manager Keith Fletcher said: "Michael Atherton played a poor shot to a ball going down the leg side, while Mark Lathwell and Alec Stewart were both out because of not exactly great batting."

But Fletcher felt all was not lost. "We could do with another 200 runs on Monday and then this would be an interesting Test match," he said. "I believe that a target of 270 would take some getting for Australia and even 240 might be too much."



South Korean World Boxing (WBC) super-flyweight Moon Sung-Kil lands a left on his Argentine challenger Carlos Salazar (R) during their title bout in Seoul on July 3. Moon was stretched to his limit by his challenger before finally winning the fight on a split points decision. It was Salazar's fourth defeat at the hands of the Korean champion. — AFP photo