

Usha third
Sports Reporter

Independence Day Cup winners Usha Kripa Chakra ensured third position in the Green Delta First Division hockey league when they beat Sadharan Bima Sangatha by a solitary goal in their penultimate league encounter at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Usha, who surprised local fans when they beat traditional super powers Mohammedans and Abahani on their way to winning the Independence Day Cup, have so far earned 22 points from 14 matches and will take on Dhaka Ansars in their last match. They are fourth points clear of Dhaka Mariner Young's Club and even if they lose their last match and Martners win theirs it wouldn't make any changes in the standing.

Abahani Kripa Chakra, who are yet lose a point in the league, top the table with full 28 points from 14 matches, one point more than Mohammedan Sporting Club, who have 27 from 14.

In yesterday's second match, Rafiqul Islam Kamal scored the winner for Usha in the 58th minute.

The first match between Bachelors Sporting Club and Bangladesh Railway ended in a dull draw as both sides appeared keen to come out with one point.

The goalless draw takes Bachelor's tally to nine from and Railways' to seven with both sides playing 14 matches.

BAYAZID BANNED

Meanwhile, the disciplinary committee of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation has decided to ban Bayazid Haider of Ajax Sporting Club for three years for unsportsmanlike behaviour during his side's match against Usha Kripa Chakra on Friday.

Bayazid, a former national player, hit umpire Maqsoodur Rahman with the hockey-stick following a dispute over a decision. He was later sent off.

Bayazid's teammate Mohtuddin Arif Mahi has also been suspended for one year for his part in the scuffle.

Another Russian booter for MSC

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Roman Sefkhin, a 22-year-old Russian defender arrived in the city yesterday to play for Mohammedan Sporting Club.

He is the latest addition to Mohammedan's collection of Russian booters, following the recent recruitment of Oleg Jivotnikov and Taguve Mourat from Arkhova Club of Moscow.

Schools TT results

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Dhaka DSA and Gabbandha DSA won the boys team and girls team title respectively in the Green Delta schools table tennis championships at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

Dhaka beat BCSIR School in straight sets in the final. Tuhin beat Shahed 21-18, 21-11; Mahub outplayed Babon 21-12, 21-14, and Nabi took care of Biplob 21-14, 21-19.

In the girls' team final Gabbandha received very little resistance from Narail DSA on their way to winning in three sets. Jamie and Sumi defeated their respective singles opponents in straight sets and then teamed up to win the doubles, again in straight sets.

Besides, 64 matches of the boys' singles and 16 of the girls' were also held.

SAF Games mascot revealed

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'Adanya' (Indomitable), the mascot for the sixth SAF Games, finally came out of the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) cage.

Noted cartoonist Rafiqun Nabi made the sketch of the Royal Bengal Tiger.

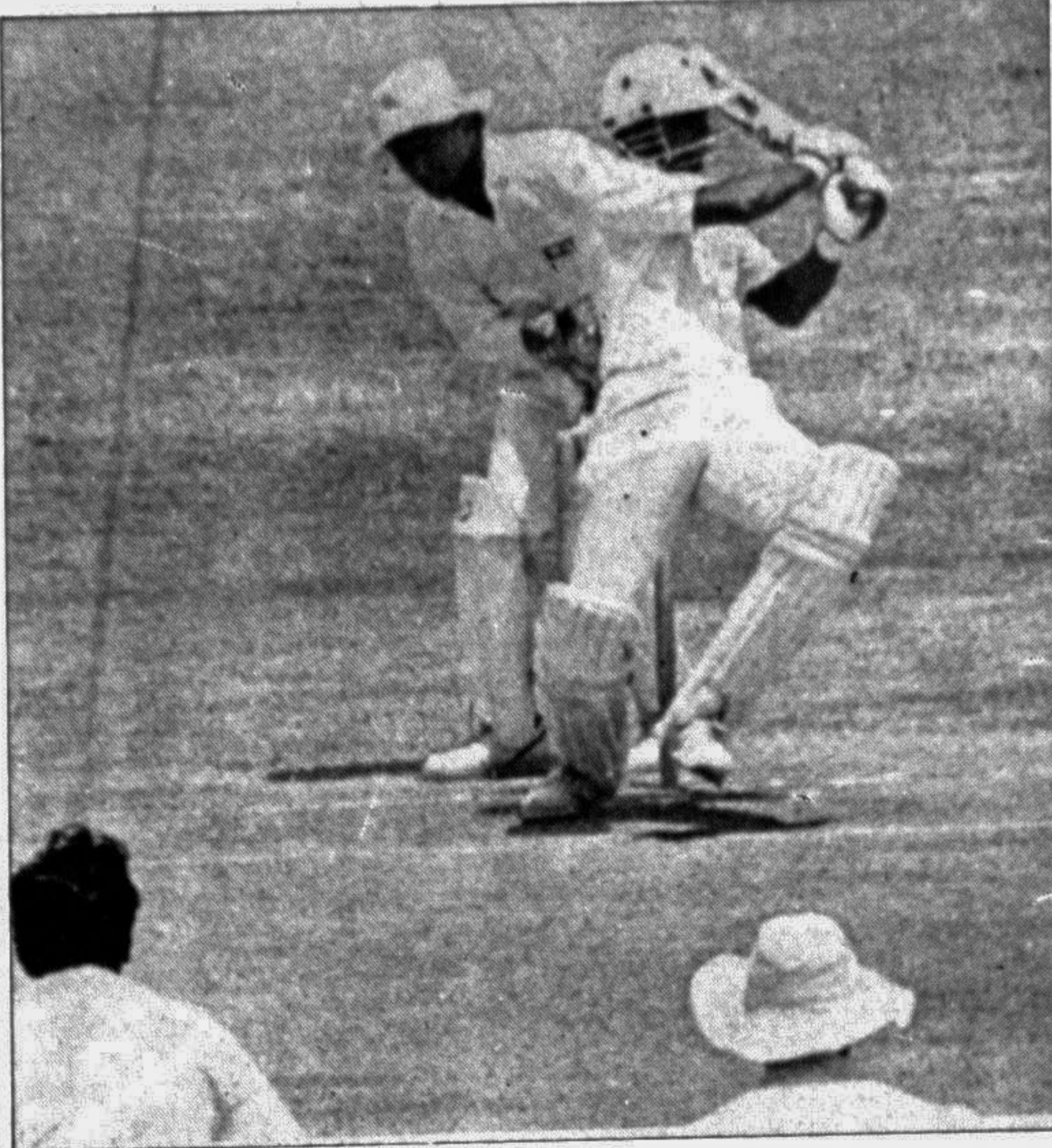


The sixth SAF Games is scheduled to be held in Dhaka from December 20 to 27 in Dhaka, this year.

Alcindo suspended

TOKYO, Aug 9: Forward Alcindo Sartori, the best scorer in Japan's professional football league, has been suspended from playing in four matches for allegedly insulting the referee, league officials said Monday, reports AFP.

In protest against a warning given to Kashima Antlers teammate Zico, the Brazilian import shoved referee Hitoshi Yamada during a match with the Yokohama Marinos on Saturday, the officials of the Japan's professional football league said.

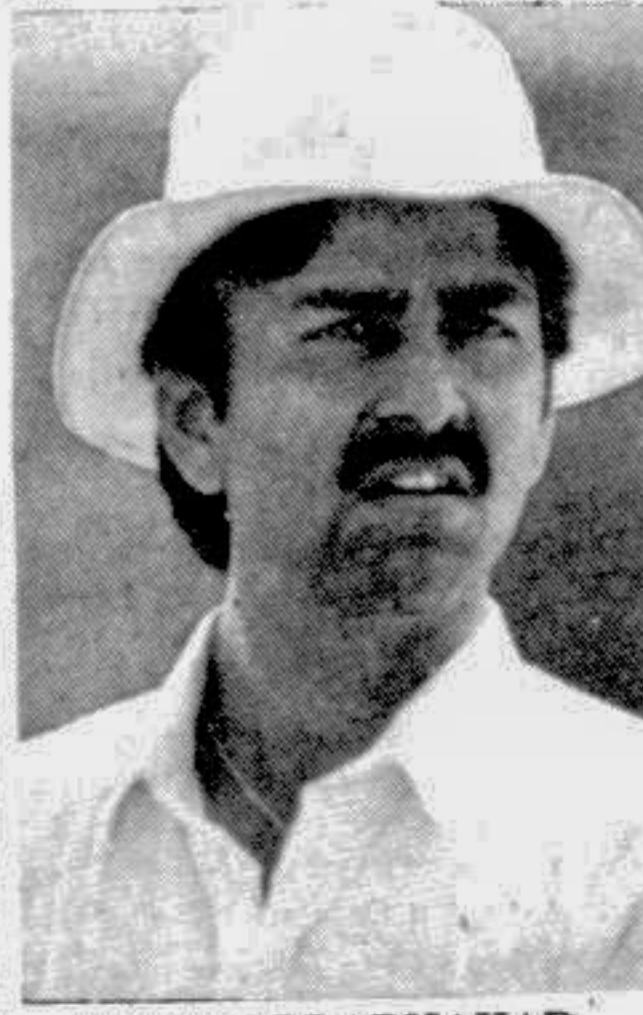


Shri Lankan Roshan Mahanama pulls one from Indian Rajesh Chauhan to the mid-wicket fence during his marathon knock of 151 in 520 minutes on the third and final Test in Colombo yesterday. Mahanama was later adjudged the man-of-the-match. — AFP photo

Mahanama compiles marathon 151 but

Indians take home series

COLOMBO, Aug 9: Shri Lankan opener Roshan Mahanama made a marathon 151 as the third Test against India petered out into a tame draw here Monday giving the tourists their first series win on foreign soil in seven years, reports AFP.



MANOJ PRABHAKAR

After insulting themselves from defeat with some defiant batting during the first two sessions of the fifth and last day, Shri Lanka used the final session for valuable batting practice for their coming series against South Africa.

When play was brought to a close after Hasan Tillekeratne was out for 86 in the second ball of the 13th mandatory over of the last hour, Shri Lanka had made 353 for 6 on a wicket that remained a batting paradise to the end.

Tillekeratne's 315-minute innings contained 10 boundaries.

Mahanama, who had fared poorly in the first two Tests, spearheaded Shri Lanka's battle to save the match with a marathon innings that began shortly before lunch on the fourth day.

He was finally out 30 minutes after tea when he tried to hook pace bowler Manoj Prabhakar after occupying the crease for 520 minutes and scoring 19 fours.

His 362-ball knock, two runs short of his Test best of 153 against New Zealand in December, won him the man-of-the-match award.

The draw allowed India to take the three-test series, 1-0 by virtue of their 235-run win in the second Test. The first Test was abandoned as a draw due to rain.

The Indians last won a series overseas when they scored a 2-0 triumph over England in

Khulna First Division soccer

KHULNA, Aug 9: RRF and Mongla Port shared points when their match in the Khulna Star First Division football league in a one-all draw of the local stadium this afternoon, reports BNA.

RRF led 1-0 in the first half through a goal from Zillur.

Salam equalised in the second half for Mongla.

Rabul and Zillur of RRF and Harun of Mongla received the yellow card for rough game.

Victoria will play against Moheswarpasha tomorrow.

Akram, Waqar to play for Abahani?

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Wassim Akram and Waqar Younis, two of the hottest properties of world cricket, will play for Navana Premier Division cricket league champions Abahani Kripa Chakra in the forthcoming season.

The revelation was made yesterday in a press release issued by the club. Wassim Akram, the left-arm fast bowler and captain of the Pakistan cricket team, will be accompanied by his deputy Waqar Younis, reputedly the quickest bowler in the world.

Syed Ashrafu Hui, the former general secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), is learnt to have struck the deal for Abahani. Asif Iqbal, the former Pakistan captain and a supremo of 'desert cricket', reportedly worked as the go between.

Although the two superstars have only verbally agreed to play for the Bangladesh club, the news itself is likely to generate interest among the club fans and cricket lovers in general.

This happens to be Abahani's second attempt to rope in Pakistani Test cricketers. Few years back Abahani were all set to play Rameez Raja and Salim Malik when the two toured Bangladesh along with the Omar Qureshi Eleven. But the move fizzled out at the last moment as the Pakistan embassy vetoed the proposal for security reasons.

The viability of Abahani's recent project is no less flimsy than it was six years ago. Because apart from the indispensable onus of national duties the pace duo has its yearly engagement in the county cricket in England. Akram is the king pin of Lancashire's attack while Waqar Younis, reportedly the highest paid cricketer in the circuit, is Surrey's most potent threat to its opponents.

Way back in 1988, Abahani had signed Indian Test cricketers Kapil Dev and Ravi Shastri. Although their footholds were being heard neither of them ultimately turned up to play for the Dhanmondi outfit.

Whether the two top cricketers would be able to spare time for Abahani or the tale of the star recruiting would end up as another bam, only time would tell.

Supporters, meanwhile, will have plenty to indulge in speculation and keep their fingers crossed over the arrival of the Pakistani pair.

Bad start for Mike Atherton

BIRMINGHAM, Aug 9: England captured two early wickets but Mark Waugh and David Boon steered Australia to an eight-wicket victory in the fifth cricket Test at Edgbaston Monday as the tourists made it 4-0 in the series, reports AP.

Chasing only 120 to win, Australia made it easily despite the loss of both openers for 12.

England were in with a chance of a stunning upset when lefthander Mark Taylor was out for four and Michael Slater for eight.

Taylor pushed a delivery from Peter Such to Graham Thorpe at silly point. And, after two maiden overs from the spinners, Thorpe made his second catch of the morning when Embury got Michael Slater to play forward and was taken off bat and pad.

But Waugh seemed able to handle the spinners with ease and picked up boundaries off both Such and Embury while Boon played with less aggression.

With the victory total only 16

away. Boon increased the tempo with two fours in one



MARK WAUGH ... 62 n.o.

over from Such. And the Tasmanian hit the winning runs with a boundary off the same bowler.

"Everything we touch is turning to gold," Australian captain Allan Border said.

"We want a 5-0 now and Australia vs England is the most important thing in our cricket lives. We play with ferocity, it's up to England to match that."

It was a losing start for Michael Atherton in his first match as England captain and the defeat came amid news that Ted Dexter is stepping down six months earlier than usual as chairman of the team selectors.

"Sadly, we were 100 runs short in the first innings, which has been a pattern throughout the summer," Atherton said.

"We are in a rebuilding stage. We have to identify a group of young players and stick with them."

The result was England's ninth defeat in 10 games, the other being drawn. They have not won a game for a year and now have lost to Pakistan, India (three times), Sri Lanka and Australia (four times).

Next Winter they face one of the strongest teams in the world, West Indies.

Play began 15 minutes late at Edgbaston after heavy rains in the area stopped only a half-hour before the scheduled start. Umpires John Hampshire and David Shepherd inspected the field and announced it fit for play.

Australia took a first innings lead with 408 in reply to England's 276. England were dismissed in their second innings for 251.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the fifth cricket Test between England and Australia at Edgbaston on Monday:

ENGLAND: First innings 276 (M. Atherton 72, J. Embury 55 not out; P. Reffel 6-71).

AUSTRALIA: First innings 408 (M. Waugh 137, I. Healy 80, S. Waugh 59).

ENGLAND: Second innings 251 (C. Thorpe 60, S. Warne 5-82, T. May 5-89).

AUSTRALIA: Second innings (overnight 9-0)

M. Slater c Thorpe b Embury 8
M. Taylor c Thorpe b Such 4
D. Boon not out 38
M. Waugh not out 62
Extras: (b-3, lb-5) 8
Total: (For two wickets) 120
Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-12.

Dexter will resign after Ashes series

LONDON, Aug 9: Ted Dexter, under fire for England's recent poor performances in international cricket, will resign as chairman of the team's selectors after the Ashes series, reports AP.

parably. Dexter, a former England captain, replaced Peter May as the selectors' chairman in 1989.

Since then, England won only nine of 44 Tests, with 21 defeats and 14 draws. The team has not won a Test in over a year, losing eight of nine against four different countries. Much of the blame for the losses has been placed on poor team selection.

Calls for Dexter's resignation have been mounting all summer. Last week, Derbyshire chairman Chris Middleton wrote to the other 17 first class counties urging them to exert more pressure on the chairman.

The resignation means the 58-year-old Dexter will not oversee the selection of the team that will tour the West Indies this winter.



TED DEXTER

The TCCB will begin discussions concerning a successor at its meeting next week.

Gurusinha 56, H P Tillekeratne 51, Chauhan 3 for 59)

INDIA: 1st innings — 446 (V G Kambl 120, S R Tendulkar 71, M Prabhakar 55, M Azharuddin 50, Wickramasinghe 3 for 95, Muradkhan 4 for 136)

SRI LANKA: 2nd innings (132 for 1 overnight) R S Mahanama c



ARAVINDA DE SILVA

Chauhan b Prabhakar 151
U C Hathurusinghe c (sub) Raman b Raju 22
A P Gurusinha c (sub) Raman b Kumble 35
P A de Silva c Kambl b Kumble 02
A Ranatunga c Tendulkar b Prabhakar 13
H P Tillekeratne c and b Kumble 86
S T Jayasuriya not out 31
Extras: (b-6, lb-4, nb-1, w-1) 12
Total: (6 wkts) 352
Fall of wickets: 1-75; 2-142; 3-144; 4-157; 5-289; 6-352;

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Kapil	24	11	33	0
Prabhakar	31	14	59	2
Kumble	38.2	7	108	3
Raju	27	5	66	1
Chauhan	33	5	76	0

Man-of-the-match: Roshan Mahanama (Shri Lanka)
Man-of-the-series: Manoj Prabhakar (India)
Man-of-the-series: Aravinda de Silva (Shri Lanka)
Result: Match drawn.
Umpires: B C Cooray and P Manuel

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the fifth day of the third Test between India and Shri Lanka at the P. Saravanamuttu Stadium here Monday:

SHRI LANKA: 1st innings — 351 (P A de Silva 148, A P

Neutral umpires for Afro-Lankan three-Test series

COLOMBO, Aug 9: A neutral umpire will be used in the three-Test series between Shri Lanka and South Africa starting later this month, local sources said on Monday, reports Reuters.

The decision follows strong criticism from several players and officials about the standard of umpiring in the second Test of the current Shri Lanka-India series.

The neutral umpire will stand in the middle with a local one during the South African series.

The International Cricket Council in London indicated on Monday the identity of the official would be disclosed on Tuesday.

South Africa arrive in the island on Wednesday and play their first Test on August 25.

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Colombians make President happy

LIMA, Aug 9: Colombia, boosted by the visit of President Cesar Gaviria the previous day, defeated Peru 1-0 Sunday in a World Cup qualifying match and moved one point behind Argentina in South American Group A, reports AP.

Richardson reasons it out

LONDON, Aug 9: West Indies skipper Carl Hooper struck his sixth Sunday league half-century of the season to help leaders Kent to their ninth win — by 54 runs over Surrey.

Second-placed Glamorgan chalked up their ninth successive win by beating Warwickshire by four wickets. A fine half-century by Adrian Dale and 46 by skipper Hugh Morris steered them home after Warwickshire were restricted to 163 for eight.

Gloucestershire tied with Lancashire by snatching three wickets in the final over.

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American eyes win CONCACAF soccer title

NEW HYDE PARK, Aug 9: Joy Fawcett scored in the 29th minute to lead the US women's national team to a 1-0 victory Sunday over Canada in the finals of the CONCACAF soccer championship, reports AP.

The US team outshot Canada 24-2 and outshot its opponent 63-6 in three games. The US also beat New Zealand 3-0, and Trinidad and Tobago 9-0.

The Americans have beaten Canada three times this year. Earlier scores were 7-0 in Cincinnati and 3-0 in Detroit. The US team improved its record this year to 13-4-0.

Fawcett's second goal of the tournament came on a deflection off a Canadian defender after teammate Kristine Lilly took a shot inside the penalty area.

US coach Anson Dorrance was expelled in the 35th minute of the match after disputing a foul call on Michelle Akers-Stahl. "The call was well within the right of the referee," said Dorrance. "I have no complaints."

New Zealand finished second in the tournament, followed by Canada and Trinidad and Tobago.

Bad news for Canada

SYDNEY, Aug 9: Canada flew in for their World Cup qualifying soccer match against Australia without key forward Paul Peschisolido, who coach Bob Lenarduzzi said is expected to miss the match, reports AP.

The Canadians arrived early Monday morning at Sydney Airport to allow themselves six days to adjust to Australian conditions. The match will be played Sunday at the Sydney Football Stadium.

Birmingham City Winger Peschisolido missed Canada's 2-1 first leg victory over Australia in Edmonton on July 31 through suspension, but now is troubled by a pelvic injury.

"Right now, Paul is doubtful," said Lenarduzzi. "We got a fax from Birmingham just when we were leaving Vancouver to say he was having a problem with his pelvic muscles, and at this point in time he is not coming."

Canada need only to draw the match to advance to the final qualifying round against a South American team for the right to play in the 1994 tournament in the United States.

Lenarduzzi said his squad was basically the same as the one that defeated Australia in Edmonton, although Fortuna Sittard defender Randy Samuel has returned after missing that match through suspension.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division hockey league match between Bachelors Sporting Club and Bangladesh Railway at the Hockey Stadium. The match ended in a goalless draw. — Star photo