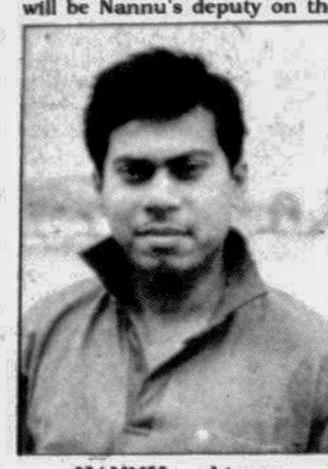
Sports Reporter The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board yesterday announced a 15-member squad for the Moin-ud-Dowlah Gold Cup invitational cricket tournament, scheduled to begin from September 4 in the Indian

city of Hyderabad. Minhazul Abedin Nannu, who plays for Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Navana Premier Division league, has been named the skipper of the team, to be called BCCB XI.

Enamul Hoque Moni, the skipper of Bangladesh Biman, will be Nannu's deputy on the



NANNU ... skipper

The other members of the side are: Wahidul Gant, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Nastr Ahmed Nasu, Akram Khan, Athar Ali, Golam Nawsher Prince, Jahangir Talukdar Dulu, Saiful Islam Khan, Jahangir Alam, Abu Hamid, Mizanur Rahman, Mahbubur Rahman and Habibul Bashar Sumon.

Twelve teams, split into four groups, are taking part in the nine-day competition. The BCCB XI have been placed in Group D along with the Hyderabad Cricket Association President's (HCAP) eleven and Chemplast.

The other teams are: Group A - AIPSSCB, Services and the Cricket Association of Bengal

Group B — Hyderabad Cricket Association, BCCI and

Group D - SBI, Escorts and KSCA

The Bangladeshi side plays their first match on the inaugural day of the meet against HCAP XI and then goes up against Chemplast on September 8.

The two semifinals are slated for September 10 with Group A leaders taking on Group C champions at the Lala Bahadur Stadium and Group B top-finishers fighting it out with Group D winners.

The final will be held on September 12. The champions will pocket

one lakh rupees while the runners-up will be richer for fifty thousand rupees. The Bangladesh contingent

will leave Dhaka for India on September 2.

#### Eagles in Fed Cup b'ball final

Eagles Club moved into the final of the Purabi General Insurance 6th Federation Cup basketball championship eliminating Josephites Club 61-51 in the second semifinal at the wooden floor gymnastum yesterday, reports UNB. They will take on defending

champions Angels Club in the final tomorrow at 5:00 pm at the same venue.

State Minister for Youth and Sports and the chairman of the National Sports Council Sadek Hossain will be chief guest in the final while chairman of the sponsors Purabi Insurance Company Abdullah Al Haroon Chowdhury will be present as a special guest.

In the day's semis, Eagles Club cleanly dominated the first half with a 39-23 edge.

Jamil scored 17 and Lincoln 15 for the winners while Sajed caged 16 and Mujib 12 for the

#### Rakib stays atop

National player Abdullah Al Rakib of Narayangani High School maintained his solo lead in the 8th schools chess tournament securing full seven points after the completion of the seven round matches at the NSC chess room yesterday, reports UNB.

He defeated Saiful Kabir Shifat of BUET School in his seventh round encounter.

Tipu Sultan of Dhaka Collegiate School is in the second place with six points. Yesterday he beat Ruhul Islam Boby of Monipur School.

Nine players have secured five points each at the end of the seventh round. They are: Hossain Arif (Green Herald), Saiful Kabir Sifat (BUET School), Ruhul Islam Boby (Monipur School), Monwar Noor (Motifheel Govt High), Anwar Kabir (Narayanganj High School), Enamul Hossain (Saint Gregory), Jasim Gani (Dhanmondi International School) Adnan Faisal (Shaheed School), and Yanur Rahman Royal

(Jhenidah GK School). The match between Mafuzur Rahman Imon and Abu Sufian was still in progress when this report was filed. Both of them have earned four and a half points each after six matches.

## SA-SL Test begins today

# Procter in selection fix

COLOMBO, Aug 24: South Africa are rethinking their bowling attack for Wednesday's historic first Test against Shri Lanka here,

reports AFP. Coach Mike Procter and manager Cassim Docrat are convinced South Africa must make full use of spin in a bowling line-up hitherto dominated by pacemen like Allan Donald.

"One must understand that wickets here are much slower than in South Africa. For the first time we will have to rely not only on seam but also on' spin, said Docrat.

The spin candidates are leftarmer Clive Eksteen and newcomer Pat Symcox, a burly offspinner who bowled well in the rain-affected first one-day international on Sunday.

Procter, however, put off picking the final eleven until late Tuesday after being unable to make up his mind on the slow pitch at the Tyronne Fernando Stadium in southern Muratuwa.

"The wicket looks a turner. It is difficult to say now who will play. But definitely we will tackle Shri Lanka with both pace and spin," said Procter after a morning inspection of the

It will be South Africa's sixth Test since they were re-admitted to the world cricket scene after the expiry of a 21-year old ban imposed by the International Cricket Council.

"It is a very important Test. Not only is it historic but also a forerunner to the first overseas series for South Africa. It is important for us to stabilise ourselves in international cricket," said Docrat.

South Africa have so far beaten India 1-0 in a four-Test series at home and lost to West indies in a one-off Test in the

West Indies. Along with skipper Kepler Wessels and deputy Hansie Cronje, opener Andrew Hudson, veteran Jimmy Cook, Darryl Cullinan and Jonty Rhodes are expected to form the backbone

of South Africa's batting. Shri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga said he was delighted to lead the side in the historic first Test which is Shri Lanka's 47th since the island nation achieved Test status in



MIKE PROCTER

Ranatunga, 29, who is also the sole survivor of the team that played England in the inaugural Test in 1982, said: "We are confident. It's very difficult comment on the South

Africans because we have not

seen much of them... But we

The tourists have so far played two three-day games against a Shri Lankan Board XI. winning one and drawing the other while the first one-day international was abandoned due to rain.

will go flat out to win."

But Shri Lanka's confidence could be shattered even before a ball is bowled. In-form opener Roshan Mahanama is a doubtful starter due to a recurring toe injury that has nagged him from the third Test against

India earlier this month. "It is doubtful if he will play We have to wait and see," said Shri Lankan cricket manager Duleep Mendis after a final practice session Tuesday.

Mahanama, 27, is expected to decide later in the day if he is to undergo an operation to remove the toe nail and miss the match or risk aggravating the

injury by playing in the Test.

Mendis said that it would be "a big disadvantage" if Mahanama was to miss the Test and "very difficult" to find a partner for the other opener Chandika Hathurusinghe.

The right-handed Mahanama scored 151 against India in the third Test. Mendis said that without

Mahanama Shri Lanka will have to bring in another opener from outside the 15-man squad. Chaminda Mendis and Dulip Samaraweera, who opened the batting in the two three-day

games against the tourists, have been placed on alert. Shri Lanka may go in with four front-line bowlers with the emphasis being on spin which is expected to be the homeside's

chief weapon in the three-Test

SOUTH AFRICA (from): K C Wessels (capt.), W J Cronje, A C Hudson, S J Cook, D Cullinan, N J Rhodes, B M McMillan, D Richardson, R P Snell, A A Donald, P L Symcox, B Schultz, C E Eksteen, F de Villiers, S J Palframan.

SHRI LANKA (from): A Ranatunga (capt), P A de Silva, R S Mahanama, U C Hathurusinghe, A P Gurusinha, H P Tillekeratne, S T Jayasuriya, M Muralidharan, P Dasanavake, P Wickramasinghe, R S Kalpage, C P Ramanayake, P Wijetunga, K P J Warnaweera, U Chandana.

#### Glamorgan's chances fade Even if Glamorgan won their LONDON, Aug 24:



Glamorgan's chances of winning the English county cricket championship suffered a major blow when

they were bowled to defeat by Hampshire at Swansea on Monday, reports Reuter.

The Welsh County, needing 326 to win on the fourth and final day, slumped to 227 all out as off-spinner Shaun Udal captured five for 75 and West Indian paceman Malcolm Marshall took three for 31 to clinch victory by 98 runs.

Second-placed Glamorgan are now 58 points behind unbeaten leaders Middlesex, who romped to their 10th win in 14 games when they beat Northamptonshire on Saturday.

last three games and collected a maximum 72 points, Middlesex would need only 15 points in their remaining three matches to ensure they took the title.

Udal had been a doubtful starter in the morning, having damaged his forearm when crashing into a boundary board during the previous day's Sunday League match.

But he proved fit enough to spin out Glamorgan, whose main resistance came from captain Hugh Morris (60) and David Hemp (63).

Former England opener Wayne Larkins blasted Durham to their first home championship win of the season, beating injury-hit Warwickshire by nine wickets at Darlington.

Larkins hit an unbeaten 113, including 17 fours and a loss of 16 overs to rain to reach a target of 240 with 4.3 overs to

opener, Graeme Fowler (72).

overnight, were dismissed for 327 with West Indian paceman Anderson Cummins finishing with five for 83.

bowled Yorkshire to a 19-run victory over arch-rivals Lancashire at Old Trafford. Robinson grabbed six for 62

short with 314 all out.

six, as Durham overcame the

Larkins, who went from 50 to 100 in 44 balls, share a Durham championship record first wicket partnership of 202 with another former England

Warwickshire, 226 for five

Paceman Mark Robinson

as Lancashire, chasing 334 for what would have been a record winning total in matches between the teams, fell narrowly

### **Prof Deodhar** passes away

PUNE, Aug 24: Prof D B Deodhar, the grand old man of Indian cricket, passed away in a private hospital here this morning due to old age. He was 101, reports PTI.

Prof Deodhar, who was admitted to a city hospital yesterday following complaints of chest congestion and dehydration, died in his sleep this morning. The centenarian, who spoke

in clear voice, had a cup of coffee this morning and looked cheerful till the end, doctors

Prof Deodhar is survived by a son and four daughters. The Maharashtra chief min-

ister Sharad Pawar visited the hospital and placed a wreath on the body of Prof Deodhar whose "life century" on his completion of 100 years age was celebrated on a grand scale.

Though he could never don a Test cap for his country, Prof Deodhar was one of the most respected and famous cricketers in the world for his skills of the game. Born at Andlagaon on January 14, 1892, Deodhar started his cricket career in the N M V School in Pune in 1905 at the age of 13 years. He progressed so fast that he scored his first century in the Pune inter-school cricket tournament next year and also played for the PYO Gymkhana.

His devotion to the game made him tour Bombay between 1907 and 1910 and he played against the Hindu Gymkhana and Parsi Gymkhana.

His batting skills led to his inclusion in the Hindu Gymk hana team for the quadrangular tournament in Bombay and he played for the team for nearly 23 years.

In 1933, the English MCC team under the captaincy of Arthur Gilliagan came to India to play at various centres and though it had most of the best players of England 17 could not be an official tour.

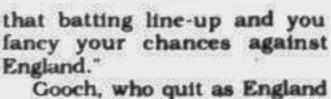
Deodhar scored the first cen tury for the All-India team against the visiting MCC team at Bombay, hammering 147 runs and bringing a famous victory to his side.

He gave a similar brilliant performance by scoring 118 runs for the Maharashtra Eleven against Lord Tennyson's team in 1937 which was applauded by the English visitors.

Deodhar captained the Hindu team in 1929, 1934 and 1935 and made memorable contributions to ensure five consecutive championship wins in All-India tournaments.

#### M United edge past Villa

LONDON, Aug 24: Manchester United beat Aston Villa 2-1 (half-time 1-1) in an English Premier league match played at Villa Park on Monday, reports



Australian skipper Allan Border holds aloft the replica of the Ashes at the Oval after the sixth

and final Test against England on Monday. England won the last Test but Aussies clinched

final Test on Monday ended a barren spell, reports Reuter. Border could hardly have the event of injury.

LONDON, Aug 24:

Australian captain

Allan Border

praised England

after their victory

in the sixth and

been more magnanimous in defeat, praising rival captain Mike Atherton's men and refusing to make excuses for his side's 161-run beating at the England's success ended a

the series 4-1.

sequence of nine defeats and a draw in their previous 10 Tests.

Looking ahead to England's tour of West Indies early next year, Border said: "I'd like Graham Gooch to be going to the Caribbean. If someone could persuade him to go you will have a sniff (of a chance) over

"Graham has been awesome this summer. Take him out of

captain after the fourth Test, has said he will not tour West Indies, though he suggested during the Oval Test he might consider stepping in to play in

Australia confirmed their respect for Gooch by naming him England's man-of-the-series.

Coach Bobby Simpson said: "Graham did his country proud and he was the only batsman who looked totally comfortable against Shane Warne."

Atherton said: 'Goochie has been outstanding this summer and a great help to me. It would be nice if he was in the West Indies but it wouldn't be right if

his heart wasn't fully in it." England's victory here was their first in 19 Tests against Australia, and Atherton said: "It

lot of heavy defeats against Australia and it's nice to get one

Border added: "England have outplayed us in every facet of the game during this match. They needed a victory and good luck to them.

We didn't bat or bowl to anywhere near the level we produced in the previous five Tests. But I don't believe in making

question of us easing back. We had the incentive of trying to win the series 5-0. I've no com-

"We've played superb cricket on this tour and the overall feeling is one of great satisfaction."

# Shri Lanka had the last laugh



the recently concluded series of three Tests and three one-dayers during India's

visit emerald island, the home team had the final satisfaction. Having lost the Test series 0-1, they clinched the one-day series 2-1 by winning the last two matches. Their victories were majestic and convincing.

Rain dictated the outcome of the first Test - only 12 overs could be bowled during which Kapil Dev advanced to 421 Test wickets in his 125th Test. In the second Test India registered their first overseas win in seven years with a massive 253-run victory. Kapil's mission of reaching the coveted figure of 432 wickets furthered only by two with two Shri Lankan second innings wicket. The third Test ended in a draw — the Lankans battled for 610 minutes to crawl to 352 for 6 in their second innings to save the match. India had earlier taken a 95-run lead after having scored 384 in their first innings. Mohammed Azharuddin must have been a very happy man having finally etched a victory away from home. Kapil got only one wicket, thereby bringing his tally to 424 - 432 ap-

pears so near, yet still so far. However, Azharuddin's elation did not last long. After winning the first one-dayer by the narrowest possible margin of one run, Azhar must have expected tough contest in the last two. Tough it was and by clinching victories in both, Shri Lanka had the last laugh.

Last one year was very eventful for Shri Lankan cricket. International cricket returned to the strife-torn island after a lapse of six years, when Allan Border's Australians visited in August-September, 1992. Since then successive tours by New Zealand (December, 1992) and England (March, 1993) have done a great deal to boost up the morale and confidence of the Lankans. During this period they played

By A M Chowdhury three Tests against Australia losing the first one and drawing

the other two.

In the first Test, the result could have been the opposite. Chasing a modest total of 181 for victory in 58 overs, Shri Lanka were coasting comfortably when they were 3 for 127. But due to the lack of temperament, they crumbled to 164 all out, mainly to the guiles of Greg Matthews (4/76) and Shane Warne (3/11). In the next two drawn Tests, Shri Lanka matched admirably to

the prowess of Australia. In the

instant variety of the game, the



ROSHAN MAHANAMA

won the first two and in the third, Australia reduced the margin.

Against the Kiwis, who, of course, were not in their full strength due to the return of five players after the Colombo blast, the Lankans, after the rain-affected drawn first Test. won the second Test comfortably. Of the three one-dayers, the first was washed away by rain, and in the next two, magnificent Mahanama laid the bulwark for the Lankan triumph.

After England's pathetic Indian tour, Shri Lanka gave them the final whipping; they won the one-off Test and raced to victory in both the one-day-

ers. By the time the Indians arrived, the Lankans have won two Tests and lost one since last August. During the period they registered six one-day victories, lost only one while one was abandoned. Their confi-

Shri Lanka's batting looked

dence was sky high.

fairly solid with Roshan Mahanama, Asanka Gurusinha, Aravinda de Silva and Arjuna Ranatunga forming formidable and fiery quartet. Their bowling wore a new look with the inclusion Warnaweera and Muralidharan and Promodaya Wickremasinghe. The allround ability of Sanath Jayasuriya, Chandika Hathurusinghe, Ruwan Kalpage and, of course, Asanka

Gurusinha added tremendous strength to the Lankan line-up. In one-day cricket, Shri Lanka had come to be recognised as an emerging force. With 2-1 victory against Australia, 2-0 against New Zealand and England and their 2-1 victory against India, the Lankans have emphatically established that they are to be taken seriously. Against India it could have been 3-0, had they not panicked towards the end in the first match. Lankan batting prowess made the Indian attack look very ordinary in the

one-davers. Shri Lankan fielding improved to a great extent. That they could restrict the Indians to 212 in the first and 227 in the last and could run through them in 49.2 overs for only 196 in the second endorsed this

In the last match, they were never in doubt of reaching 228. Mahanama batted with ease and majesty for an undefeated 92; when he had to retire with a painful injury, Lankans were minutes away from victory. Only one over before his exit, he was let off by Anil Kumble, who failed to grab a not too difficult top-edge-skier. Azharuddin called upon Kumble to bowl the next over, as if Kumble was given the chance to amend his fielding lapse. Nervous Kumble

was not on the mark and Mahanama hit two magnificent fours before retiring and made Shri Lanka's victory almost certain.

Mahanama clearly showed that he has matured into a fine batsman. In the last Test against India, his marathon 151 ensured a draw. He missed the second one-dayer due to injury and came back in the third to lead them to victory. Mahanama had averaged 61.10 (total 611) in the seven Tests that he played since last August and against the Indians he added another 188 at an average of

In the second one-dayer, India had the match almost in their pocket at 175 for 4. When Prabhakar was out having contributed a very well-made 86 in the 42nd over they needed 30 to win in 8 overs — not too difficult a task. But the fall of three quick wickets changed the complexion of the game dramatically and in no time India slumped to 180 for 7. Nevertheless, the victory target of 205 was not beyond their reach as long as Sachin Tendulkar was around. An unnecessary second run by Tendulkar cost India the match. When he turned for the second run, Hathurusinghe, fielding at mid-wicket, had the ball in his hand and a perfect throw left

Sachin inches out of his crease. Indian middle order did not really come off in the limited over matches despite valiant efforts from Azharuddin and Prabhakar.

The series must have done a

great deal to pep up the morale of the Lankans. In the drawn third Test, they showed that they have matured to withstand pressure as they had shown against the Aussies last year. It was clearly proved that they have mastered the one-day variety of the game quite well and they are now a recognisable force. On the other hand, India have a lot to pore on. The glory of their first ever Test series victory in Shri Lanka was to some extent overshadowed by their defeat in the one-day series.

## ICC sets up independent umpires' panel

LONDON, Aug 24: The International Cricket Council has decided to set up a panel of independent umpires to handle Test matches, reports AP.

Under the present system, the host nation provides the two officials. But the ICC hopes that an overseas umpire-standing with a host nation official will reduce the potential for biased decisions.

It hopes the panel will be formed by October or November when India play Pakistan and

#### Australia meet New Zealand. Atherton to lead England on Caribbean tour

LONDON, Aug 24: Michael Atherton has been named as captain of England for their tour of West Indies starting next January, reports Reuter.

Atherton's appointment as

tour captain was announced af-

ter he led England to a 161-run victory over Australia in the sixth and final Test at the Oval on Monday Australia took the Ashes series 4-1 but England's win in Atherton's second match as

previous 10 Tests. Atherton, who took over after Graham Gooch resigned at the end of the fourth Test, said: "] hope we will take a young and spirited side to the West Indies to carry on the good work we have started here.

their captain ended a run of

nine defeats and a draw in their

"I want to build a successful England side by the time we go to Australia in 15 months' time to try to regain the Ashes.

"We played here with a lot of young guys, but we showed a lot of spirit and a lot of fight. "That's the type of side I hope to see in the West Indies. Despite the series defeat, this team was high on confidence and self-belief before this Test."

#### Border eulogises England gone through a year when we've lost a lot of games and this was a morale-boosting victory. "We can only hope it will be a turning point. It certainly gives me a lot of satisfaction as a player because we've taken a

"Perhaps a few of our guys were jaded but there was no

was a vital win for us. We've

# Ashes averages

LONDON, Aug 24: Final averages in the six-Test Ashes series between England and Australia which ended at the Oval on

England batting: (Tabulate under Tests, innings, not out,

runs, highest	score	e, avera	ige, le	00s, 50s	);	SCHOOLS IN		
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M Atherton	6	12	0	553	99	46.08	0	•
G Thorpe	3	6	1	230	114+	46.00	1	
G Hick	3	6	0	256	80	42.67	0	2
A Stewart	6	12	0	378	78	31.50	0	5
N Hussain	4	8	2	184	71	30.67	0	
R Smith	5	10	0	283	86	28.30	0	_ 2
M Gatting	2	10	. 0	91	59	22.75	0	
M Lathwell	2	4	0	78	33	19.50	0	
A Gaddick	4	8	1	101	25	14.43	0	. (
C Lewis	2	4	0	52	43	13.00	0	(
M Maynard	2	4	0	39	20	9.75	0	. (
P Such	5	9	3	56	14+	9.33	0	(
M Ilott	3	5	1	28	. 15	7.00	0	(
M McCague	2	3	0	20	11	6.67	0	(
M Bicknell	2	4	0	26	14	6.50	0	. (
P Tufnell	2	4	2	3	2+	1.50	0	(

Played in one Test: P DeFreitas 5, 7, N Foster 16, 20, J Emburey 55+, 37, M Ramprakash 6, 64, A Fraser 28, 13, S Watking 13, 4, D Malcolm 0+, 0+.

England bowling: (Tabulate under overs, maidens, runs, wickets, avge, 5 wkts in inns, 10 in match, best figurers): 5-87 Fraser 16.38 152 25.33 Watkin 4-65 Malcolm 28.33 33.81 6-67 Such 240.5 64 541 Emburey 50.00 2-119 3-161 51.50 1-80 DeFreitas 63.00 Tufnell 2-129 63.80 3-99 65.75 Bicknell 13 73.50 4-121 McCague 79.3 28 Caddick 153 97.60 3-32 Australia batting: S Waugh 157+ 83.20 555 164+ D Boon 69.38 M Waugh 550 137 61.11 l Healy 102+ 59.20 A Border 200+ 433 54.13 M Taylor 10 124 42.80 M Slater 416 41.60 S Warne 113 37 37.67 B Julian 30.50 P Reiffel 20.67 M Hughes 15.20 23 11.50 C McDermott 8.00 Australia bowling: 140.4 0 6-71 440.5 0 5-82 296.2

Note: + Indicates not out.

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