

BCCB XI named

Sports Reporter
The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board yesterday announced a 15-member squad for the Moyn-ul-Dowrah Gold Cup invitational cricket tournament...



NANNU ... skipper

The other members of the side are: Wahidul Gani, Anisul Islam Bulbul, Nasir Ahmad Nasu, Akram Khan, Athar Ali, Golan Nawsher Prince, Jahangir Tahukdar Dulu, Saiful Islam Khan, Jahangir Alam, Abu Hamid, Mizanur Rahman, Mahbubur Rahman and Habibul Bashar Sumon.

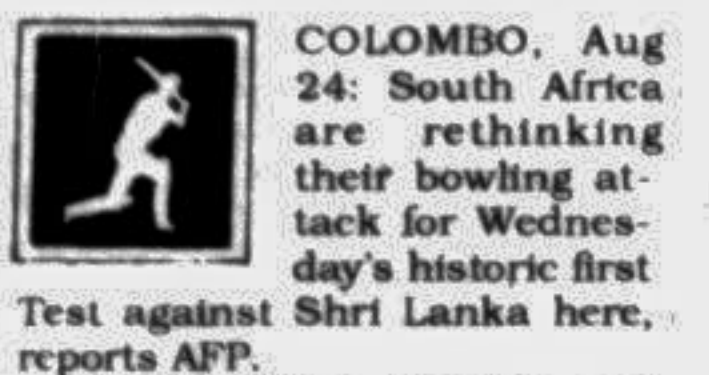
Twelve teams, split into four groups, are taking part in the nine-day competition. The BCCB XI have been placed in Group D along with the Hyderabad Cricket Association President's (HCAP) eleven and Chemplast.

Eagles in Fed Cup b'ball final
Eagles Club moved into the final of the Purabi General Insurance 6th Federation Cup basketball championship...

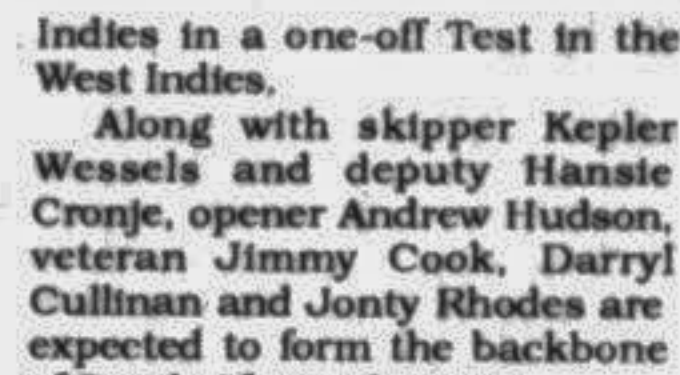
Rakib stays atop
National player Abdullah Al Rakib of Narayanganj High School maintained his solo lead in the 8th schools chess tournament...

SA-SL Test begins today

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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 to comment on the South Africans because we have not seen much of them... But we will go flat out to win.'

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

Glamorgan's chances fade

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.

Even if Glamorgan won their 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.

Larkins, who went from 50 to 100 in 44 balls, share a Durham championship record first wicket partnership of 202 with another former England opener, Graeme Fowler (72).

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.

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



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 the series 4-1.

Border eulogises England

LONDON, Aug 24: Australian captain Allan Border praised England after their victory in the sixth and final Test on Monday, ending a barren spell, reports Reuter.

that batting line-up and you fancy your chances against England. Gooch, who quit as England 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 the event of injury.

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.'

England's success ended a 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 there.'

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 was a vital win for us. We've gone through a year when we've lost a lot of games and this was a morale-boosting victory.'

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 Reuter.

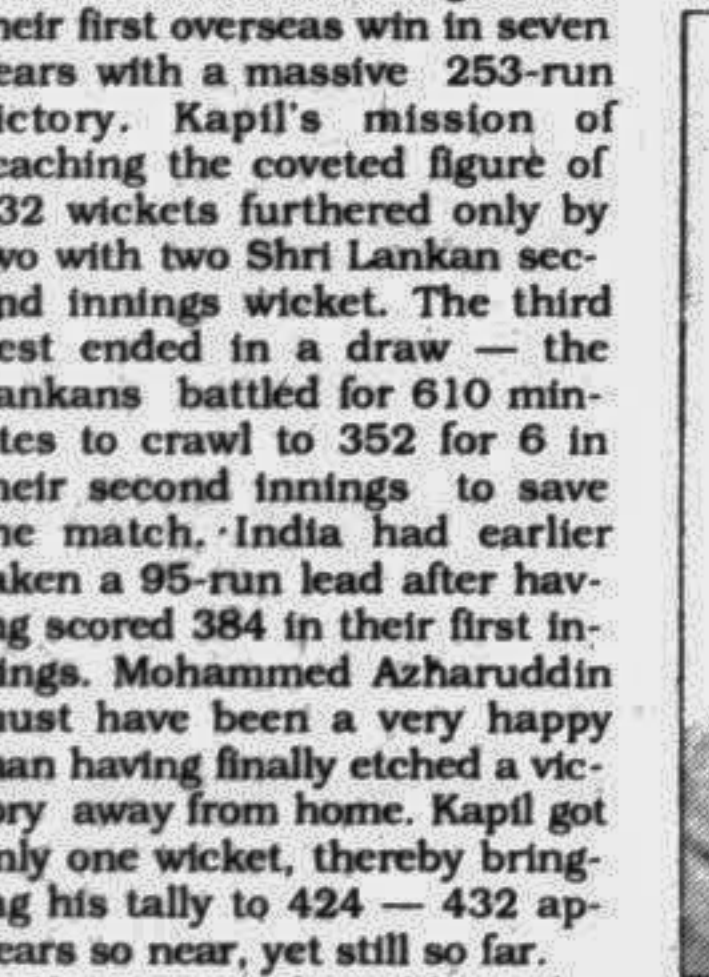
Shri Lanka had the last laugh

By A M Chowdhury

In the recently concluded series of three Tests and three one-dayers during India's visit to the 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.

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, Sri Lanka were coasting comfortably when they were 3 for 127.

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 confidence was sky high.



Roshan Mahanama
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.

In the second one-day, Sri Lanka matched admirably to the prowess of Australia. In the instant variety of the game, the Lankans had the upper hand.

Shri Lanka 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 fact.

In the second one-day, 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.

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Atherton to lead England on Caribbean tour
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ICC sets up independent umpires' panel

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Ashes averages

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

Table with columns for batsman, runs, wickets, and averages for both England and Australia.