

### \$3,000 AFC fine for Mohammedans

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has imposed a fine of 3,000 US dollars on Dhaka Mohammedan SC for their refusal to play the return-leg of the second round in the Asian Cup Winners Championship in Male, reports UNB.

The return-leg match of the competition between Mohammedans and New Radiant Club of Maldives was scheduled to be held in the Maldives capital on August 28.

Mohammedans, who almost assured their third round berth of the championship crushing the Maldives team by 8-0 goals in the first-leg match on Sunday in Dhaka, Tuesday informed AFC that they will not be able to play the remaining match in Male.

The Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday received a message from AFC who imposed an initial fine of 3,000 dollars on the Mohammedans and also warned that the matter will be placed in the next AFC meeting for a final decision.

Meanwhile, the participation of league champions Abahani Krira Chakra in the Asian Club Championship has become uncertain due to their engagement in the Premier Division league and also the likely inclusion of some of their star players in the national squad for the 6th SAF Games.

### Halim, Alam to attend boxing courses in FRG

Abdul Halim and Sheikh Mohammad Alam, well-known boxing coaches of the Bangladesh National Boxing Federation, will attend a five-month international training course for boxing coaches at the University of Leipzig in the Federal Republic of Germany starting in September, a German Embassy press release said yesterday, reports UNB.

Halim has won the national boxing champion five times. Both have worked as boxing trainers for years and in this position have taken part in many boxing championships all over Asia.

### Bangladesh Bank kabaddi ends

Sadarhat office team became champions in the Bangladesh Bank inter-departmental kabaddi tournament beating the Cash and Motijheel office team by 39-34 points in the final at the kabaddi court of the Outer Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

The city unit of the bank was adjudged the most disciplined outfit of the competition.

Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation general secretary Monir Hossain witnessed the final match as chief guest and distributed prizes.

### Al Rakib half a point away

National player Abdullah Al Rakib of Narayanganj High School drew with Tipu Sultan of Dhaka Collegiate School in the eighth round encounter of the eighth schools chess tournament at the NSC chess room yesterday, reports UNB.

Despite the draw, Rakib maintained his solo lead securing seven and a half point from eight matches and needs a draw in his ninth and final round match today to clinch the championship.

Tipu Sultan is one point behind with six and a half point, also from eight matches.

Three players — Monwar Noor of Motijheel Govt High, Enamul Hossain of St Gregory's school and Jasin Ghan of Dharmadity International School — are jointly in the third place collecting six points each.

Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Imon of Magura Govt High, Yanur Rahman Royal of Jehnidah GK School and Mahbul Alam Sumon of Nakhla para Hossain Ali High bagged five and a half point each to remain at the fourth place jointly.

In the day's eighth round matches, Abu Sultan beat Shakil, Enamul Hossain defeated Saiful Kabir Sifat and Sumon overcame Adrian Kaiser. Jasin was declared the winner against Bobby who failed to continue the game due to illness. Imon drew with Royal in the day's other engagement.

The match between Anwar Kabir and Hossain Arif was in progress when the report was filed late last night.

Finance secretary and Bangladesh Chess Federation president Nasimuddin Ahmed will be the chief guest in the closing ceremony to be held at the NSC conference room at 5 pm today.

Fraser no gambler

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug 25: Australian team captain Neale Fraser will be taking five players to India for next month's Davis Cup tennis semifinal as a precaution against injury and illness, reports AFP.

# BSPJA serves ultimatum

Sports Reporter

With the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, the biggest sporting meet of the seven South Asian countries, scheduled to be held in Dhaka from December 20 to 27, only months away, the lensmen, compilers of visual document, have sounded off the warning to boycott the bonanza as a part of their ongoing crusade against the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA).

In a press release issued yesterday the Bangladesh Sports Photo Journalists Association (BSPJA), a newly floated forum of sports photographers, served the ultimatum as their wrangle with DMFA, the organisers of the Senior Division football league show no signs of abatement.

Photographers have been avoiding the visual coverage of

the Star Premier and First Division leagues from the beginning of this month to protest the slighting remark of DMFA general secretary and president about photographers as a sequel to lensmen's objection to DMFA's unilateral decision of introducing apron for photographers.

The move was initiated according to a DMFA press release to 'minimise trouble' during the match hours. A mandatory measure that barred all photographers from entering the ground without the prescribed apron.

A new dimension was added to the two-party row when sports reporters announced their solidarity with photographers and ensured a total black out of any news regarding the Senior Division football league.

Signed by general secretary,

A K M Mohsin, the BSPJA press release expressed its concern and sorrow for the inconvenience of the sports loving readers caused by the provocative recalcitrance of the DMFA. Laying down three conditions before any putative talks to solve the deadlock it criticised DMFA's recent gimmick of publishing brief results in some of the newspapers in the form of classified ads, adding that it only added fuel to a possible flare-up.

The three conditions as a prelude to any rapprochement are, unconditional and public apology for the offensive comments made by DMFA president and general secretary, expulsion of the two from the DMFA and the annulment of the mandatory order for the uniform which has turned out to be the proverbial Pandora's box.

## Tapie gets breathing space



PARIS, Aug 25: Embattled soccer club owner Bernard Tapie took heart Wednesday from a leaked

deposition showing that a coach who claims Tapie tried bribing him had a poor memory of the encounter, reports AP.

Extracts obtained by the weekly *Le Canard Enchaîné* were published two days before France's soccer league opens hearings on a match-fixing scandal involving Tapie's team, European champions Olympique Marseille.

The investigative and satirical journal reported that investigators improperly took the deposition from Boro Primorac, former coach of Valenciennes, and that it would not likely stand up in court.

The deposition shows Primorac, asked to describe Tapie's office, said nothing about obvious objects like a model of the politician-tycoon's yacht, a golden trophy or a huge painting.

"I can tell you, nobody comes into my office and doesn't remember what it looks like," Tapie said. "His claims aren't worth a package of peanuts."

*Le Canard Enchaîné* said that investigating judge Bernard Befly, prosecutor Eric de



BERNARD TAPIE

Motgolfer and Primorac signed the deposition.

However, it can serve neither

as a legal complaint nor as admissible evidence due to the lack of a clerk's countersignature, the journal said.

Primorac says Tapie met him June 17 to confirm an intermediary's offer of money and a job if he agreed to take the blame for Marseille's alleged bribe offer to three Valenciennes players to throw a match.

Five people are charged with offering or taking bribes so that Marseille could coast through a May 20 league match, saving energy for the European Champions Cup final six days later. Tapie's team won both matches.

Primorac's allegations of the attempted cover-up fueled a massive police effort to establish whom Tapie met June 17.

The alibi put forward by socialist lawmaker Jacques Mellick, an ex-cabinet colleague of Tapie's who claims they met during the hour in question, has been undermined by witnesses who place Mellick elsewhere.

A member of the small leftist party Tapie represents in parliament has since come forward to say he briefly saw Tapie and spotted neither Mellick nor Primorac.

The league's disciplinary committee Friday and Saturday will interview principal figures in the scandal, including Tapie and Primorac, to determine what sanctions to impose.

They could include banishment from the sport for life. No immediate decisions are expected. League president Noel Le Graet has not ruled out provisional punishments pending the outcome of the criminal investigation.

Others to be interviewed are former Marseille general manager Jean-Pierre Bernes, charged with orchestrating the bribe, and midfielder Jean-Jacques Eydelie, charged as the middleman.

Christophe Robert, a Valenciennes striker who admits taking 250,000 francs (dfrs 43,000), and whistle-blower Jacques Glassmann, who refused the bribe, will also be interviewed.

### J-Leaguers warned to stay off gangsters

TOKYO, Aug 25: Japanese soccer players, the country's newest breed of sports superstars, have been warned to guard against approaches from gangsters, a police official said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Police have advised players and coaches of the Yokohama Marinos, part of the newly formed and wildly popular J-League, to report overtures from the mobsters, the Kanagawa prefecture police official said.

They urged the athletes and coaches to contact police as soon as gangsters requested favours such as fixing matches.

"As you know, gangsters have tried to fix games in the past," the official said. "Precautions are important to avoid gang-related incidents."

## Gunners, Rovers get everything their way



LONDON, Aug 25: Blackburn and Arsenal both registered their third

wins of the season to move back among the English Premier League leaders on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

An own goal from John Newsome after just two minutes put Arsenal on course for a 2-1 home win against Leeds and their third successive victory, which lifted them into joint second place with four other teams.

England striker Paul Merson added their second in the 57th minute, before veteran Scottish midfielder Gordon Strachan gave Leeds a hope of snatching a point when he pulled a goal back in the 70th.

Leeds, who have gone 17 months since winning an away league match, could have equalised when, with six minutes left, Gary Speed's cross deflected off substitute David Hillier but unmarked striker Brian Deane headed straight at keeper David Seaman.

Blackburn won 2-0 at Manchester City with goals from Mike Newell and Kevin Gallacher, but the score could have been even more convincing had Newell not squandered a penalty.

Even without England striker Alan Shearer, who played only the last 10 minutes as he is eased back after a long injury, Blackburn were far too good for a Manchester City side already in trouble after taking just one point from four games.

Coventry City game back from 3-1 down at Oldham to snatch a 3-3 draw with a late equaliser from the penalty spot

and preserve their unbeaten record.

Oldham, with just one goal from their three previous games, rediscovered their scoring touch through Paul Bernard, Ian Olney and a penalty from Andy Ritchie after John Williams put Coventry ahead.

But Peter Ndlovu pulled a goal back in the 74th minute and Roy Wegerle grabbed the equaliser six minutes from time when Craig Fleming pulled down Ndlovu to concede the penalty.

Norwegian international Jostein Flo, signed as a replacement for Brian Dane, had a dream home debut when he scored the opening goal as Sheffield United beat Wimbledon 2-1.

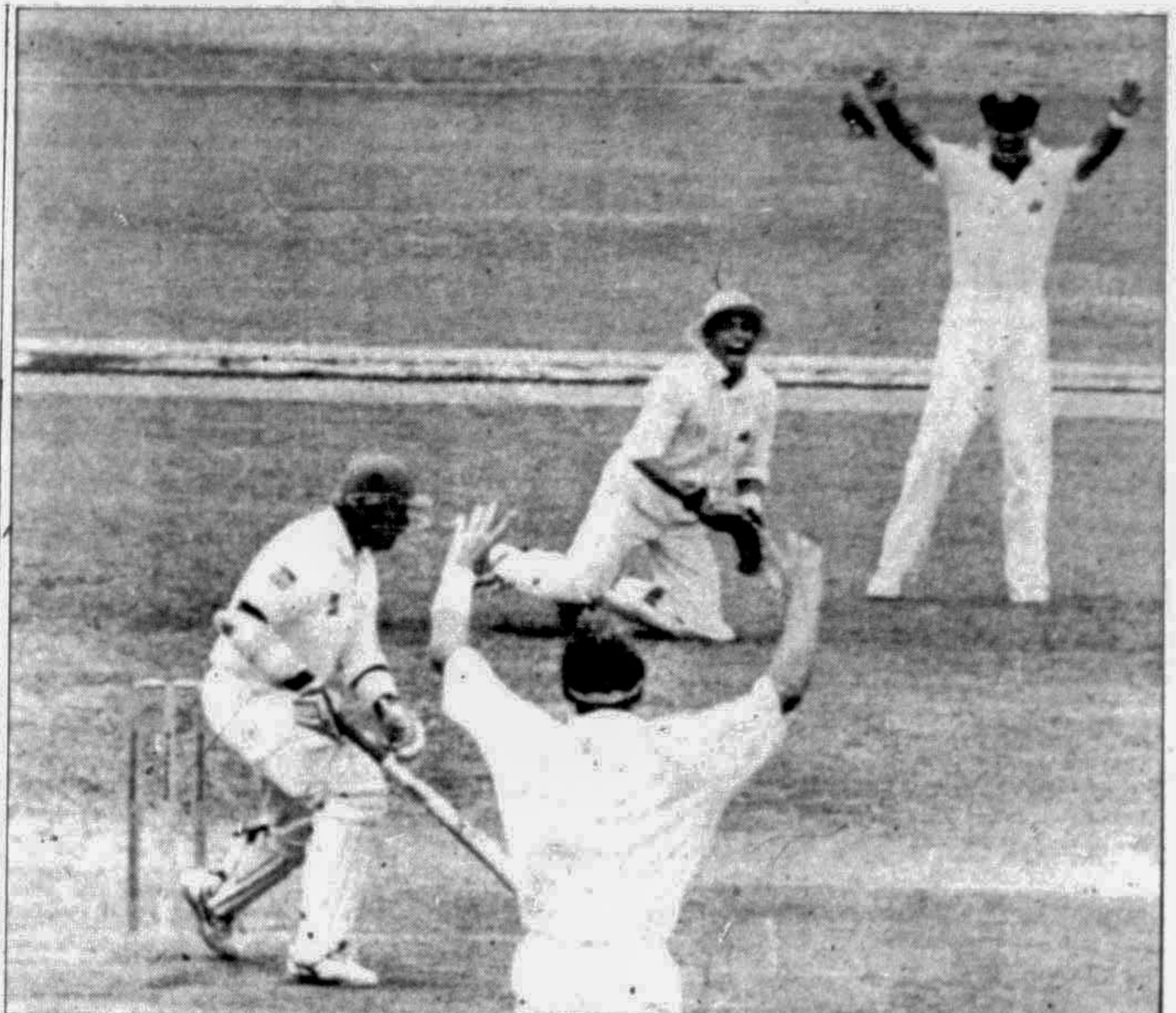
### Gazza powers Lazio past Inter

ROME, Aug 25: England midfielder Paul Gascoigne scored the final goal in Lazio's convincing 3-0 victory over Internazionale, one of the Italian title favourites, in a pre-season friendly on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Lazio were 2-0 ahead when, in the 66th minute, Gascoigne headed home a cross from a few metres in front of goal. Coach Dino Zoff substituted him shortly afterwards.

The England international, his long hair held back in a pony tail, left the pitch triumphantly to the cheers of the crowd in Rome's Olympic Stadium.

New signing Pierluigi Casiraghi opened the scoring for Lazio in the 35th minute and Dutchman Aron Winter put them further ahead in the 62nd.



Dave Richardson (C), skipper Kepler Wessels and Allan Donald appeal after Sri Lankan batsman Asanka Gurusinha's edge landed safely into the South African wicketkeeper's gloves on the opening day of their first Test in Moratuwa, Colombo — AFP photo

### Umpires' panel

LONDON, Aug 25: A panel of independent umpires able to take charge of Test cricket matches around the world could be in place by October, reports Reuter.

Leading umpires from the nine-Test playing nations have already given their blessing.

Now former top players like Sunil Gavaskar, Colin Cowdrey and Clyde Walcott are pushing hard for the panel to be operational before the end of this year.

The idea is for one overseas umpire to stand with a home-based official in every Test, so reducing the potential for allegations of bias.

"I'm hoping the panel can be in place by October or November," said International Cricket Council chief executive David Richards on Tuesday.

If so, the upcoming Test series between India and Pakistan and Australia and New Zealand would be the first to call on panel umpires.

But, even if there are stumbling blocks, it now looks almost certain that overseas officials will stand in company with umpires like Dickie Bird and David Shepherd when England play New Zealand and South Africa at home in 1994.

The ICC's new cricket committee, made up of internationally respected figures like Gavaskar, Cowdrey and Walcott, backed the scheme during their first ever meeting at Lord's.

Richards said: "We must now try to short out a number of matters, such as how many umpires should be on the panel, how they are appointed, for how long and rates of pay."

Richards's other main task is to finalise a sponsorship package to help pay for a scheme which would have been introduced several years ago but for lack of finance.

### Bruce Reid plans a comeback

PERTH, Australia, Aug 25: Injury-plagued Australian pace bowler Bruce Reid will make a comeback to international cricket when he plays two exhibition matches in South Africa next month, reports AP.

The left-arm seamer will play for a World XI against a South African select team as part of a series of testimonial events planned for Springbok captain Kepler Wessels.

Reid said Wednesday that he hoped impressive performances in the matches could put him in contention for selection of Australia's Test series against New Zealand in November and December.

"There will be a lot of good players in those one-day matches and it will be a good test for me because most of the South Africans will come here for a series later in the season," Reid said.

"Just being able to compete in two highly-competitive matches is a bonus for me."

Reid, 30, has been considered one of Australia's most potent bowlers since he made his Test debut in 1985, but his career has seen him dogged by shoulder and back injuries.

He played in the first Test against the West Indies in November last year before tendonitis in his left shoulder forced him to miss most of the season and cost him a place in the Ashes squad.

## Reesty rear to SL rally



COLOMBO, Aug 25: An unbroken sixth-wicket stand of 73 between Hashan Tillekeratne and Ruwan

Kalpage lifted Sri Lanka to 241 for five on the first day of their first ever cricket Test against South Africa on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

At the close, Tillekeratne was unbeaten on 37 with Kalpage on 39.

South Africa's fast bowler Allan Donald struck in each of the three sessions to finish the day with three for 44 off 17 overs.

Left-armer Brett Schultz, also used in short spells by skipper Kepler Wessels to keep the bowlers fresh under oppressive heat, captured the other two wickets for 59 off 21 overs.

Medium-pace Hansie Cronje played a fine supporting role, yielding only 18 runs off 19 overs of which 11 were maidens.

Sri Lanka were restricted to totals of 65 and 74 in the first two sessions but broke the stranglehold of the tight South African bowling by scoring 102 runs in the final session.

Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga won the toss and elected to bat on a pitch which is expected to get difficult for batting as the match wears on.

Tillekeratne and Kalpage started to play some attractive shots after seeking off the second new ball which was taken after 75 overs.

Kalpage hit seven fours in his unbeaten 39 which was made off 68 balls.

South Africa's fast bowlers twice broke threatening partnerships.

After Chandika Hathurusinghe was caught behind off Donald for one in the fifth over of the innings, Roshan Mahanama and Asanka Gurusinha

put on 72 for the second wicket. Their partnership was broken when Donald struck in the seventh over after lunch, forcing Gurusinha (26) to edge a catch to wicketkeeper Richardson.

Mahanama, who declared himself fit only hours before the Test after surgery on a big toe, hit five fours in his seventh Test fifty.

Ranatunga hit a six off left-arm spinner Clive Eksteen and also struck seven fours.

De Silva did not look comfortable in his innings and finally succumbed to Schultz for 27 when he gave Wessels an easy catch at second slip.

Both teams had two Test debutantes — Pubudu Dassanayake and Piyal Wijetunga for Sri Lanka and Eksteen and Pat Symcox for South Africa.

Scoreboard at the end of the first day of the first cricket Test between Sri Lanka and South Africa at Moratuwa near Colombo on Wednesday.

**SRI LANKA:** First innings  
RS Mahanama b Schultz 53  
Hathurusinghe c Richardson b Donald 1  
Gurusinha c Richardson b Donald 26  
A de Silva c Wessels b Schultz 27  
Ranatunga c Richardson b Donald 44  
Tillekeratne not out 37  
Kalpage not out 39  
Extras: (lb-9, nb-4, w-1) 14  
Total: (for five wickets) 241  
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-77, 3-100, 4-157, 5-168.

To bat: P Dassanayake, G P Wickremasinghe, M Muralidharan, P K Wijetunga.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Donald 17 3 44 3  
Schultz 21 6 59 2  
Eksteen 14 4 44 0  
Cronje 19 11 18 0  
Symcox 19 3 67 0

**SOUTH AFRICA:** KC Wessels, AC Hudson, WJ Cronje, SJ Cook, DJ Cullinan, JN Rhodes, DJ Richardson, P L Symcox, CE Eksteen, BN Schultz, AA Donald.

DONALD... 3 for 44  
Schultz dismissed Mahanama for 53, made off 134 balls, with a slow yorker that clipped the leg ball.

Sri Lanka's two most experienced batsmen, Aravinda de Silva and Ranatunga, then came together in a fourth-wicket partnership of 57 before Donald and Schultz provided South Africa with another breakthrough.

Ranatunga moved to 44 by hitting three fours in 12 balls

## A glitzy run ends in marsh



SEATTLE, Aug 25: Don James, one of the United States' most successful college football coaches, resigned as coach of the University of Washington last weekend after his team was severely penalized for violating rules including illegal loans to players, reports AP.

He quit hours after the football programme at the school was placed on probation and banned from post season play for two years and forced to give up scholarships and dfrs 1.4 million in television revenue.

James's letter of resignation was read by athletic director Barbara Hedges at a campus news conference.

"I have decided I can no longer coach in a conference that treats its players and coaches so unfairly," the letter said.

Washington was penalized by the Pacific-10 Conference, an athletic conference consisting of major schools in the western United States including UCLA, University of Southern California (USC), and Stanford.

James, who did not attend the news conference, said he was displeased there was no chance to "cross-examine" those players and recruits whose allegations contributed to the sanctions.

James, 60, has won more Pac-10 games than any coach in the league's history. He led the Huskies to a 12-0 record and a share of the national championship in 1991.

He is the winningest coach in Washington history with a 153-57-2 record in 18 seasons, leading the school to 13 bowls in the last 14 years.

The Huskies, who have appeared in three straight Rose Bowls — a post-season game, will not be able to go for a fourth this season because of the Pac-10 penalties announced outside San Francisco.

Washington won't be eligible for the conference title following the 1993 and 1994 seasons.

The Huskies remain eligible for national championship consideration in the Associated Press media poll, but not in the CNN-USA Today coaches' poll.

Washington is ranked 12th in pre-season by the AP.

The Pac-10 also limited Washington's football scholarships and recruiting visits, and prohibited the university from sharing in 1993 television rights fees. The team can appear on television, but will lose about dfrs 1.4 million in TV revenue.

Washington is the second major football programme to be placed on probation in the last week. Auburn was hit with a two-year probation and one-year television ban by the NCAA last Wednesday.

The penalties are the most severe ever levied by the Pac-10 against a member school.

"We are shocked and stunned," Hedges said. "We believe this sets a precedent and a higher standard that is unheard of in the NCAA."

Among the violations found by the Pac-10 were improper loans to athletes, free meals provided to recruits and improper employment of athletes by boosters. The conference also cited a lack of institutional control over funds provided to students hosting recruits.



Scene from yesterday's eighth round matches of the eighth schools chess championship at the National Sports Council chess room. The nine-round meet ends today. — Star photo