

Vital win for Kalabagan Sports Reporter

Kalabagan alleviated their relegation fears to some extent when they crushed fancied Gulshan Youth by seven wickets in a Navana Premier Division cricket league match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

TODAY'S MATCH Brothers vs Victoria (Mirpur) Div II cricket Sports Reporter

DOHS and Wari K C recorded emphatic wins in their respective matches on the inaugural day of '93 Second Division cricket league at different city venues yesterday.

DU cricket Sports Reporter

A half-century by Mahmud helped the IER record a seven-wicket victory over the department of Psychology in the Dhaka University inter-department cricket competition at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday.

Punchers to do well in SAF Games

Bangladesh may perform better in this year's SAF Games boxing competition compared to previous ones, officials said in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Aussies wrap up series 2-0

Warne wins Tests, rests



BRISBANE, Dec 7: Leg-spinner Shane Warne guided Australia to a crushing victory in the third Test against New Zealand today and now faces the axe, reports Reuter.

Man-of-the-match Warne took four crucial wickets as the tourists crashed to an innings and 96-run defeat when they were dismissed for 278 in their second innings on a rain-interrupted final day at the Gabba.

Despite his achievement in helping wrap up the series 2-0, Warne is almost certain to be dropped for an upcoming one-day competition.

Australian captain Allan Border wants to rest the blond-haired bowler for a limited overs tournament involving South Africa and New Zealand.

Warne took an impressive 18 wickets in the three Test series, a record for an Australian against New Zealand.

But he is almost certain to be left out of the Australian side to play South Africa in the first one-day clash in Melbourne on Thursday.

Border wants to save Warne for the Test series against the South Africans starting in Melbourne on Boxing Day, fearing that if he is smashed around in the one days it will lessen his impact as a Test match strike bowler.

"I don't think it is sensible at this stage to expose Shane in the one-dayers. I don't want to show him to the South Africans," Border told reporters.

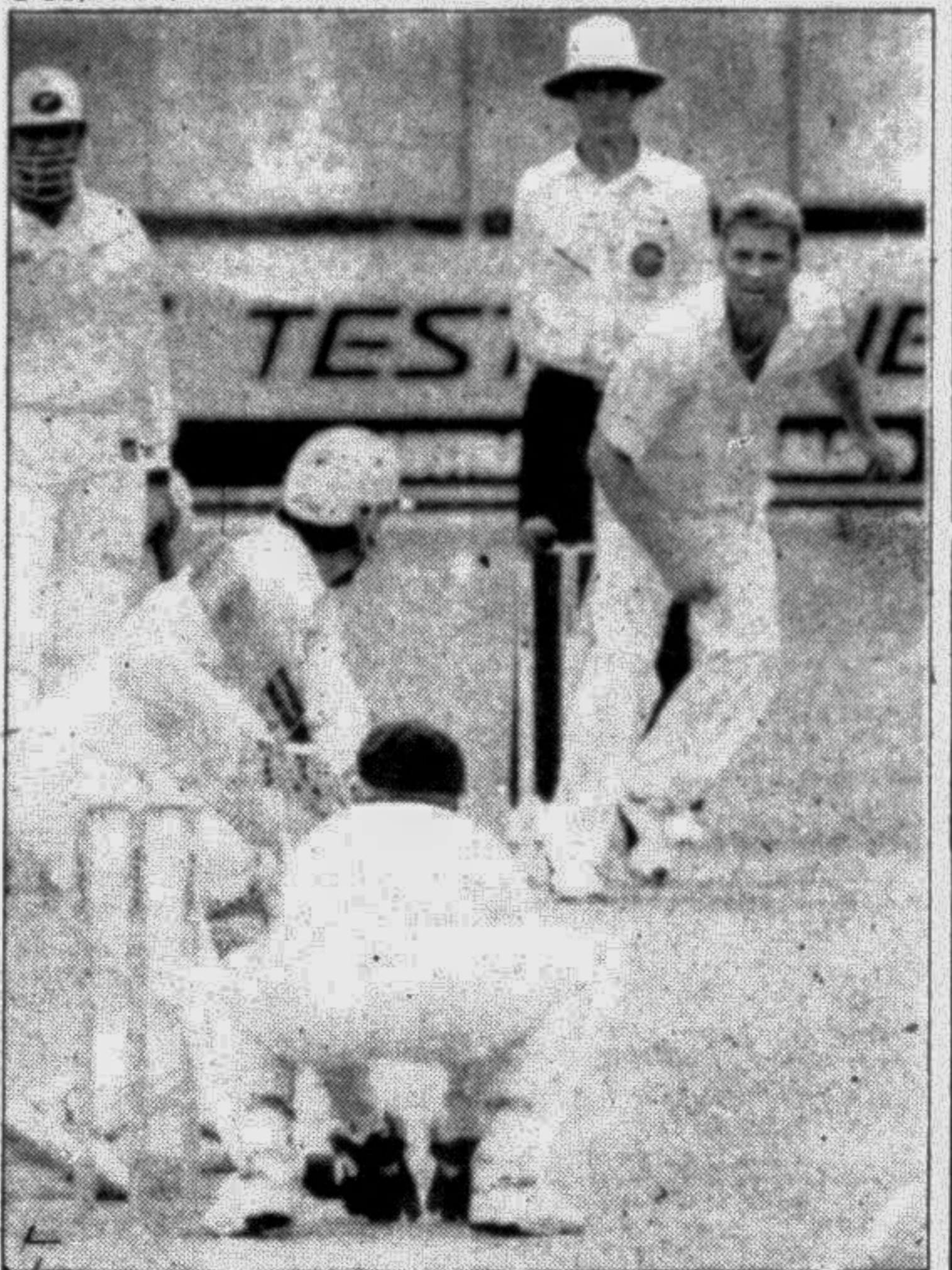
Border said leg-spinners Mushtaq Ahmed and Abdul Qadir were less effective in Tests after bowling in limited over matches.

"When batsmen, desperate for runs, start to hit spinners around the ground they can quickly gain the upper hand," he said.

"All of a sudden things can turn around for leg-spinners when that happens. They can turn into stool bowlers."

The Australian captain, who scored a century in Brisbane to mark his record 150th Test appearance, said Warne was vital to Australia's Test side.

Table with 4 columns: Player, Runs, Wickets, and Extras. Includes players like Pocock, Healy, McDermott, Warne, Jones, Border, Rutherford, McGrath, Greatbatch, Cairns, Blain, Patel, Morrison, Doull, De Groen, and May.



New Zealand captain Ken Rutherford prepares to play a watchful defensive stroke against Australia's Shane Warne's well flighted delivery on the last day of the third and final Test between Australia and New Zealand in Brisbane yesterday.

Aussies-NZ Test avg

Table showing batting and bowling averages for Australia and New Zealand. Columns include player name, matches, innings, runs, and average.

FIFA breaks its promise

ZURICH, Dec 7: FIFA, going back on a mid-year decision, said on Monday the World Cup Organising Committee alone will decide whether teams should be awarded three points for a win in first round group matches at the 1994 finals, reports Reuter.

Blatter said that a proposal which envisages a third substitute for an injured goalkeeper would be put to the International Football Association Board, FIFA's law-making arm which is due to meet in Switzerland next March.

BU retain title Sports Reporter

With one more round still to go, Brothers Union defended their First Division chess league crown.

Ignorance or indifference LONDON, Dec 7: Almost two-thirds of Americans are still unaware that their country is hosting the World Cup soccer finals in six months' time, according to a FIFA survey, reports Reuter.

DU basketball Sports Reporter

Department of English came back from behind to beat department of Management in a low-scoring tie of the inter-department basketball championship of Dhaka University at the university gymnasium yesterday.

Div II soccer Sports Reporter

Mahakhali Eleven and Jurain Janata Club won their respective Sonal Bank Second Division football league matches at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Richardson wants no rest day

MORATUWA, Sri Lanka, Dec 7: West Indies' captain Richie Richardson proposed Tuesday scrapping the rest day for the historic one-off Test against Sri Lanka, as more rain was forecast before the start of the five day game, reports AFP.



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While the pitch at the Moratuwa Stadium, on the outskirts of Colombo, was well covered, the outfield was very damp due to frequent showers.

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S Africa, beware of Warne

MELBOURNE, Dec 7: South African batsmen would be destroyed by Shane Warne in the coming Test series with Australia if they didn't learn from New Zealand's mistakes against the spinning scorer, Victorian skipper Dean Jones warned here Tuesday, reports AP.

South African coach Mike Procter said his players recognised the dangers against leg-spin and welcomed the opportunity to face Howard.

Sadyrin calls it a set-up

MOSCOW, Dec 7: The coach of Russia's national soccer team accused his predecessor Monday of masterminding a letter demanding his ouster and signed by 14 players, reports AP.

Most of the players signed the letter, believing it mainly contained financial demands and were unaware of the fact it also demanded the replacement of the coach, Pavel Sadyrin told The Associated Press.



Pakistan captain Waqar Younis takes a bite of cake from former national skipper Hanif Mohammad (R) after his team's resounding victory in the one-off Test against Zimbabwe in Karachi on Dec 6.