

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Shane Warne

(Australian spin wizard)
"Cricket has been very kind to me so far. I have had some tremendous experiences and a great deal of luck. I travel from one country to another, stay at good hotels, meet famous people and get paid for playing a wonderful game."

It's a fabulous life. I only hope I'm lucky enough to keep doing it for a long time to come.

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That the Iroquois Indians of lower Ontario and upper New York state were playing a game called *baggataway* long before Columbus reached the continent. The game was played with a ball, made of hide stuffed with grass or hair, and propelled by sticks equipped with raw hide pouches or else it was kicked.

The first white men to see the game were the early French settlers, sometime in the first half of the eighteenth century. Because of the similarity of the stick to a Bishop's crozier, they named it in French meaning just that — *la crosse*.

La crosse today is the same rugged, exciting game it was hundreds of years ago. However, the image of *la crosse* was probably irretrievably damaged in Britain by its wholesale adoption in girls' schools — something which gave it a "cissy" connotation.

Sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN
(The rules are published every Saturday).

Sports WHIZZ KID

competition-20

✓ Tick the Correct Answer

(Competition closes 8 p.m. Jan 5, 1996)

- Who was the captain of the Bangladesh hockey team in the 7th SAF Games?
Alamgir Mamun Haroon
- How many teams are scheduled to participate in the soccer World Cup '98?
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- Penalty-corner is a term usually associated with
Hockey Football Handball
- Boca?
Seniors Juniors Champions
- The governing body for international athletics is called
IAAF AAF AFA

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Salem Open intriguing

HONG KONG, Jan 3: World number one Pete Sampras and Asia's favourite tennis player, Michael Chang, have been confirmed for the Salem Open in Hong Kong in April, reports AFP.

Chang had his greatest success in Asia last year, winning the Hong Kong tournament and the Salem Open in Beijing and Tokyo indoor championships.

Hong Kong's only ATP event has been brought forward to start on April 8 so that it precedes the Japan Open. Organisers hope the move will attract a stronger field.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Premier Division cricket league

Kalabagan KC vs GMCC (DS)

Yamaha First Division cricket league

Surjo Tarun Club vs Dhanmondi Club (DCS)

Acme Second Division cricket league

Azad Boys Club vs Kakrail Boys (MOS)

Shantinagar 'A' vs Young Pegasus 'B' (DCG)

Kathalagan CC vs Lalbagh Anwar SC (DCS)

WI breathe a new life



HOBART, Jan 3: West Indies finally broke their World Series limited-overs drought with a 70-run victory against Sri Lanka today as spinner Muttiah Muralitharan survived an examination of his controversial bowling technique, reports Reuters.

Richie Richardson's side recorded their first win in five matches since the World Series began last month after dismissing Sri Lanka for 124 in 37.4 overs.

Muralitharan, playing his first game since being banned seven times for throwing during last month's second Test against Australia, claimed two wickets for 46 as West Indies scored 194 in 48.2 overs after being sent in to bat.

Australian umpires Terry Prue and Steve Davis took no action against the 23-year-old off-spinner during his ten-over spell at Bellerive Oval.

The tourists are now equal on two points from one win each in the competition, although West Indies have played five matches in the series and Sri Lanka three.

Both teams are well behind leaders Australia, undefeated on a maximum eight points from four matches.

The West Indies had hinted at a return to form during Monday night's match against Australia when they were defeated on the last ball.

That promise appeared short-lived early in the West Indies' innings as opener Phil Simmons was dismissed for a duck.

Shivnarine Chandepaul steadied the innings with a brave 77, before the West Indies lost their last seven wickets for 33 runs.

Tight bowling and smart fielding enabled West Indies to keep Sri Lanka in check.

West Indies fast bowler Ottis Gibson finished with five wickets for 42 from 8.4 overs while two run outs contributed to Sri Lanka's downfall.

Asanka Gurusinha, a century-maker in the second Test against Australia, top-scored for Sri Lanka with 48.

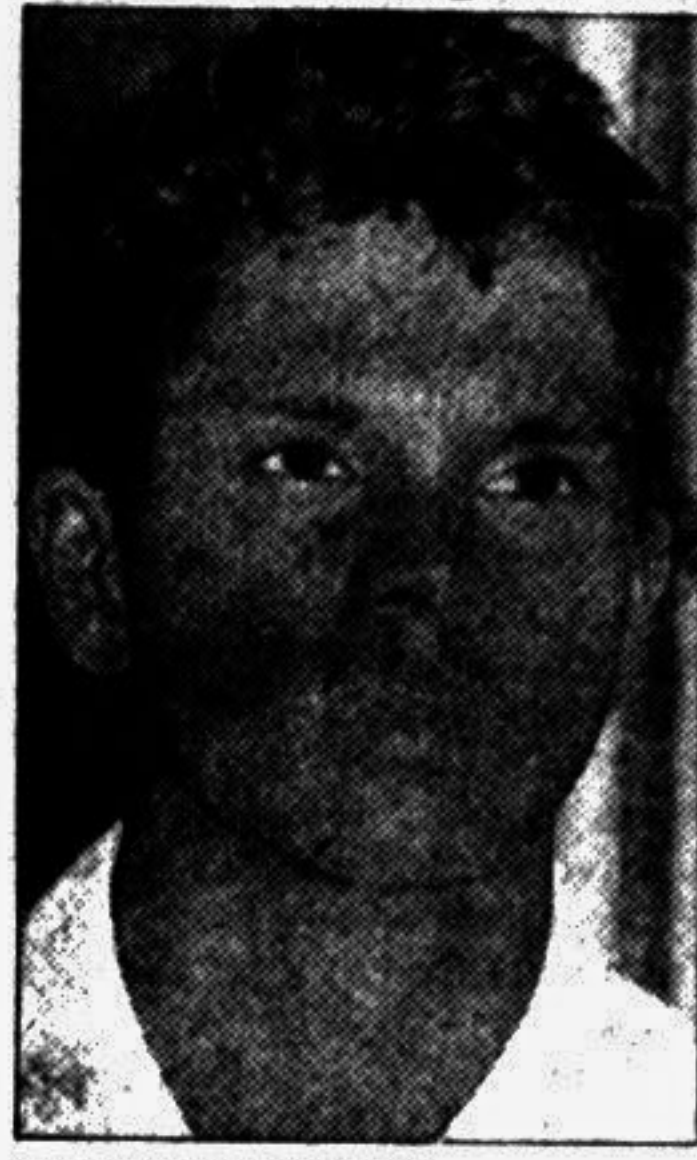
Richardson said the narrow defeat by Australia and

the win over Sri Lanka showed his side were finally breaking a disastrous start to their Australian tour that saw them lose five and draw two of their first seven matches.

"We realised that we are playing better," Richardson said.

"We went into this match with a very positive attitude. Even though we didn't get enough runs, we were determined to bowl them out."

Richardson was again troubled by a hamstring injury which kept him out of Monday's match against Australia and said he was unsure whether he would play in the next World Series game, also



CHANDERPAUL ... m-o-m

against Sri Lanka, in Brisbane on Friday.

"It could get worse and I really wouldn't like it to get worse," Richardson said.

"We've got a lot of cricket ahead of us, so I've just got to get as much rest and as much treatment as possible."

The slightly-built Chandepaul batted with a runner for the last seven overs of his innings after suffering cramps because the straps on his batting pads were too tight.

"Chandepaul was too small for the pads, that's why he had to do the straps up so tight," Richardson said.

Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga, who injured a finger during the second Test against Australia last week, and fast bowler Pramodya Wickremasinghe, both missed the match.

Team manager Duleep Mendis said it was unlikely either would be able to play in Friday's game.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the one-day World Series Cup match between the West Indies and Sri Lanka at the Bellerive Oval today:

WEST INDIES

Simmons c Kaluwitharana b Vaas	0
Campbell c Kaluwitharana b Hathurusinghe	38
Chandepaul c Vaas b Muralitharan	77
Richardson c Gurusinha b Dharmasena	18
Hooper c De Silva b Vaas	36
Harper b Muralitharan	1
Gibson c De Silva b Hathurusinghe	6
Browne not out	4
Bishop run out	3
Ambrose c Tilakaratne b Vaas	0
Walsh b Munasinghe	1
Extras (lb-3, w-7)	10
Total (all out, 48.2 overs)	194

Fall of wickets: 1-0: 2-83; 3-125; 4-161; 5-168; 6-179; 7-187; 8-193; 9-193.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Vaas	9	2	21	3
Munasinghe	8	2	21	1
Hathurusinghe	10	1	50	2
Gurusinha	3	0	14	0
Muralitharan	10	0	46	2
Dharmasena	6	0	30	1
Jayasuriya	2	0	9	0

SRI LANKA

Mahanesa c Campbell b Gibson	10
Jayasuriya c Ambrose b Walsh	3
Gurusinha run out	48
De Silva c Campbell b Gibson	6
Tilakaratne c Brown b Gibson	5
Kaluwitharana run out	8
Hathurusinghe c Richardson b Bishop	3
Dharmasena c Brown b Gibson	12
Vaas c Campbell b Harper	10
Munasinghe c Simmons b Gibson	0
Muralitharan not out	2
Extras (lb-2, w-5, nb-10)	17
Total (all out, 37.4 overs)	124

Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-39; 3-47; 4-74; 5-89; 6-94; 7-100; 8-121; 9-121.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Ambrose	6	0	13	0
Walsh	8	1	22	1
Bishop	8	1	28	1
Gibson	8.4	0	42	5
Harper	7	0	17	1

Result: West Indies won by 70 runs.

STANDINGS

Standings in the World Series Cup (WSC) one-day cricket competition after today's match here (games played, won, lost, points):

Australia	4	4	8
West Indies	5	1	4
Sri Lanka	3	1	2

Reception for 7th SAF gold winners

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Sports Writers Association (BSWA) will honour Bangladeshi sportspersons, who won gold in the seventh SAF Games at Madras, tomorrow afternoon at 4 pm at the conference room of National Sports Council.

Besides the reception, the BSWA will also celebrate the silver jubilee of country's independence in the same programme.

ASM Hannan Shah, Jute Minister and president of the Bangladesh Shooting Federation, will attend the reception as chief guest.

The following are the Bangladeshis who won gold in the seventh SAF Games:

Free rifle (prone individual): M Nasiruddin Johy.

Air pistol (individual): Saiful Alam Chowdhury Rinki.

Air pistol (team): SA Chowdhury Rinki, Firoz Hossain and Syed Abbas Ali.

200m sprint: Mahbub Alam.

200m breaststroke: Karar Mizanur Rahman.

Free rifle (three positions, individual): GM Haider.

Free rifle (three positions, team): GM Haider, M Nasiruddin Johy and SA Chowdhury Rinki.

Rinki rewarded

Saiful Alam Chowdhury Rinki was presented a cheque as reward for his success in the recently Seventh SAF Games in Madras by the Chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed at the air headquarters yesterday reports UNB.

A member of the Bangladesh shooting squad Corporal Rinki bagged three gold and one bronze medals.

Rinki, a physical instructor in the Bangladesh Air Force had bagged two gold medals in the Dhaka Games in 1993.

Sun shining on Murali?

HOBART, Australia, Jan 3: Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan got a major boost on Wednesday when he took two wickets without being stopped by the umpires even though his side were beaten in the World Series Cup match by West Indies, reports AFP.

Sri Lanka had the satisfaction of seeing Australian umpire Darel Hair, who set off the latest controversy by calling Muralitharan seven times for throwing during the second Test last week, increasingly isolated.

Both umpires in Hobart, Steve Davis and Terry Prue, stood their ground during Muralitharan's 10 overs in which he took 2-46.

Sri Lankan manager Duleep Mendis said Muralitharan's action was no different Wednesday than what it was in the Melbourne Test.

"We came into the game hoping that Murali would go through. We always thought that his bowling was okay," Mendis told reporters after Sri Lanka went down by 70 runs.

He said Sri Lanka would keep playing the quirky off-spinner on a game-by-game basis.

"Hopefully, we'll play him in the next game and so we'll just take it by each game and see," he said.

Mendis said the fact that Muralitharan came through Wednesday's game had given him more confidence, but the Sri Lankan team would see whether to bowl the 28-year-old in any game Hair was umpiring.

"That is something we'll have to think about," he said.

West Indies captain Richie Richardson said he had never considered Muralitharan a "chucker." "In my mind, he doesn't chuck, so I'm not really playing it any mind," Richardson said.

Muralitharan claimed West Indies' man of the match Shivnarine Chandepaul, who was caught in the gully by Chaminda Vaas for 77. He later bowled Roger Harper for one.

Kenny comes up with plea

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Jan 3: West Indies pace bowler Kenny Benjamin has appealed against a fine of 10 per cent of his England tour fee for breaching the dress code, reports Reuters.

Benjamin, Curtly Ambrose, Brian Lara and Carl Hooper were all fined by West Indies Cricket Board of Control's (WICB) disciplinary committee recently for misconduct during last year's tour of England.

In a letter to the WICB, Benjamin said that "at no time during the tour of England did I receive from the WICB the necessary clothing stipulated in the contract arranged between the board and myself."

Benjamin added he travelled to England in trousers borrowed from Winston Benjamin, a shirt borrowed from Junior Murray and a blazer made for Ian Bishop.

Cullinan wags in time



CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Jan 3: Darryl Cullinan pounded 46 runs in the morning session Wednesday to put South Africa in position to dominate the fifth and final Test against England, reports AP.

The home side was 109 for three at lunch on the second day of play after bowling England out for 153 the day before.

Cullinan prevented a possible collapse by spraying seven fours en route to his ninth half-century, combining

caught after compiling only 12 runs. Then Cullinan and Kirsten steadied the batting and continued to play patient shots in the morning.

All four of the previous Tests in England's first tour of South Africa in three decades ended in draws — two because of weather and two due to stubborn English batting in the second innings.

If the final Test also ends in a draw, it would complete only the fourth five-Test series in history to fail to yield a result.

On Tuesday five-star South African pace bowler Allan Donald put England on the

rain Mike Atherton without a run on the board.

He eventually fell to 18-year-old wrist spinner Paul Adams. Atherton, Graham Thorpe, Graeme Hick, Dominic Cork and Paul Martin, however, all fell to Donald.

Thorpe and Hick were the key wickets, falling as Donald charged in for his first over after lunch.

The left-handed Thorpe sparred at a loosener to be caught by Brian McMillan at second slip and two balls later.

Hick followed, from an almost identical shot to a lifting delivery to be again snatched up by McMillan at slip.

McMillan had been getting a considerable amount of movement off the seam and it was this which did for Alec Stewart. The England opener got an inside edge onto his stumps and joined his captain in the pavilion for an early lunch.

Donald's other victims came from sheer pace. Cork the victim of a finely-judged yorker and Peter Martin getting a glove, taking evasive action to a lifting delivery to be caught by Hudson.

It was left to young Adams of wrap up the innings in the first Test he has played on his home ground.

The first was by far the most important for the South Africans and memorable for Adams.

He got Smith, who had copped well up to that stage, to chop one back onto his stumps.

Smith was at the crease for just over four hours and hit eight boundaries in face-saving knock. It also looks as if Smith could find himself drafted into the No.3 position on a more permanent basis.

England hit back in copy-book fashion as Andrew Hudson departed, an lbw victim to Dominic Cork, in the third ball of their first innings.

Like Donald, Cork had managed to extract some telling lift and bounce from the Newlands wicket.

But it was a perfectly judged in swing yorker which undid Hansie Cronje for Cork's second wicket. The South African captain, on 12, half survived a confident lbw appeal only to get an edge through to Jack Russell two balls later.

It was Russell's 24th dismissal of the series, bettering Alan Knott's England record in the six-Test series against Australia in 1970-71.

At a press conference after the close, Donald and Smith engaged in a war of words over the state of the Newlands pitch.

Donald was adamant that hard work by the South African bowlers rather than the condition of the wicket led to England's collapse.

"There is a bit of a turn and a bit of uneven bounce but there are no demons," he said.

But Smith argued the pitch was full of cracks and that it would not last the next four days.

"There are cracks at both ends and they were certainly wider when we left the field tonight," he said. "I think South Africa will struggle to make 200."

After the match, England paceman Dominic Cork went for X-rays to his left finger, injured early in South Africa's innings.



England all-rounder Dominic Cork on his way to bowl Darryl Cullinan of South Africa during the second day of the fifth and final Test against South Africa in Cape Town on Jan 3.

ing with opener Gary Kirsten for 60 runs in a third wicket partnership.

Kirsten was caught by Mike Atherton off a Mike Watkins delivery and finished with 28 runs, while Cullinan remained unbeaten on 53 teamed with Jonty Rhodes, who had nine at the lunch break.

Claims by England batsman Robin Smith that cracks in the pitch would hold down scoring appeared unfounded as Cullinan waited for balls to hit instead of chasing questionable offerings.

South Africa's innings started precariously with opener Andrew Hudson failing to score Tuesday and captain Hansie Cronje getting

rack as the tourists began the last Test in disastrous fashion. Donald lived up to his nickname of "white lightning" in front of a 23,500 Newlands capacity crowd as he took five wickets for the sixth time in his Test career to help dismiss Mike Atherton's side for 153.

The home side then steadied their innings after a shaky start that saw them lose two wickets for 19, before Gary Kirsten and Darryl Cullinan reached the close on 44 without further damage.

Only Robin Smith, filling England's problematic No 3 spot, really stood up against the South African attack, scoring 66. Smith's innings was made more meritorious by the fact that he came to the crease with England reeling through the loss of cap-

Craig to cook the books



BRISBANE, Australia, Jan 3: Australia, spurred by memories of past West Indian domination in international cricket, are determined to go through the World Series Cup unbeaten, reports AFP.

Fast bowler Craig McDermott emphasised Australia's new found confidence and the team's desire to inflict another humiliation on the struggling West Indians ahead of next month's World Cup.

"I don't really care too much for their problems or their form," McDermott said. Clive Lloyd's West Indians

won all eight preliminary WSC matches in 1984-85, when they lost the first final to Australia but went on to take the tournament.

"We'd love to get eight from eight," McDermott said Wednesday with the team already halfway there with four victories.

McDermott and batsman Steve Waugh have been on the receiving end of enough punishment from West Indies in recent years.

"Steve Waugh has been through the same sort of thing as I and the other guys have. That happens in international cricket but maybe it's our turn."

"They haven't played as well as they would have liked, but I don't really care too much for their problems or their form."

"I'm sure if we were in the same situation the West Indies wouldn't be too concerned about us. We've got to look after ourselves, not them. Their form is their concern and their problems are their problems."

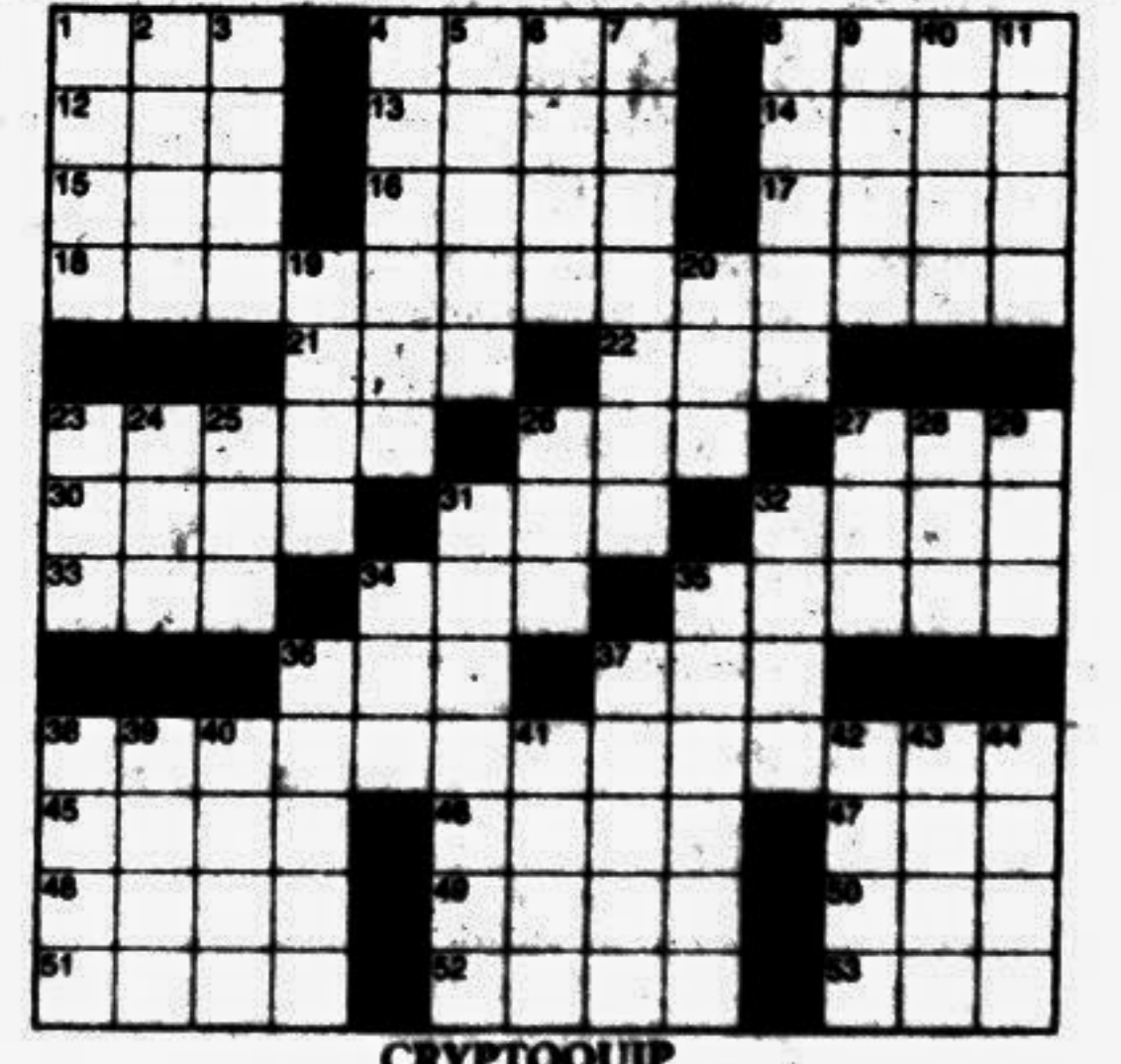
Australia and West Indies renew hostilities here on Sunday. On New Year's in Sydney, Michael Bevan stole the match from Richie Richardson's men with a last-ball boundary.

McDermott, rested for that match on the pace bowlers rotating roster, will return to the side in his home town on Sunday.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptogram: THE GARDEN CENTER IS OFFERING TOPSOIL FOR SALE. IT'S DIRT CHEAP.
Today's Cryptogram clue: 5 equals L.

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.