(The Professor does)

HAT one of the most "logical" explanations of failure was given by Ireland's Rugby Union player, Mike English. Asked how he had missed a tackle on England's Phil Horrocks-Taylor, which cost Ireland the match. Mike explained, "Well, I went in for the tackle. The Horrocks went one way and the Taylor went the other, and I was left holding the hyphen.



Goran Ivanisevic

(Ace Croat tennis star) "They can't slow the game down here. Wimbledon is grass and that means it is always going to be fast. If they want to see slow tennis they should go to the French Open or watch women's tennis."

(On moves to slow down the game using balls of lower pressure)

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Gabon, Ghana in Nations' Cup qtrs DURBAN, Jan 20: Gabon

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produced the first major upset of the African Nations' Cup with a fine 2-0 win over one of the pre-tournament favourites Zaire on Friday to book a place in the quarterfinals, reports Reuter. After losing their opening

game in the three-team Group C to Liberia on Tuesday. Gabon had to win to have any chance of reaching the last eight. They responded with a spirited and skilful performance which brought first half goals for Brice Mackaya and Aurelien Bikogo-Zolo.

After a dreary opening passage, the game burst into life in the 20th minute when Gabon were awarded a penalty when the lively Guy Roger Nzamba was apparently brought down in the area by Zaire goalkeeper Pangi Merikani. Replays suggested that he may have dived but Mackaya made no mistake from the spot.

Fourteen minutes later Gabon went further ahead with a goal of genuine quality. Nzamba jinked past several defenders into the penalty box and instead of going for the shot himself, he unselfishly passed inside to Bikogo Zolo who calmly slotted home from eight yards.

Zaire must now beat Liberia by two goals in the remaining pool match next Thursday to avoid the embarrassment of falling at the first

hurdle. Ghana were also assured of a place in the quarterfinals

with an impressive 2-1 win over Tunisia in a Group D match in Port Elizabeth. Second-half from Italy-

based striker Abedi Ayew Peole and Germany based Charies Akonnor subdued a spirited Tunisia who replied through substitute Imed Ben Younes.

Despite going two up, Gabon kept up the pressure and had a couple of chances to make it 3-0 before the interval.

Zaire struggled to find any sort of cohesion in a physical game which brought three yellow cards in the first half.

Column One Biman survive V-scare

Sports Reporter

Zafar Iqbal, in an object lesson for wilting local bowlers like Dulu, smartly ran over the Victoria tail much to the relief of Biman.

BRIEF SCORES

BANGALDESH BIMAN:

VICTORIA SC: 277 for

Former champi-

ons Bangladesh Biman staved off

a tough challen-

ge from Victoria

Sporting Club to

eight in 50 overs (Sajid 81, Rajendar Singh 42, Chetan Sharma 37, Nahid 33)

stick around in the top flight

of the Premier cricket league

when the national airline

outfit recorded a shaky ten-

run win at the Dhaka Stadium

ing affair at the big-bowl. Bi-

man, who were defending a

commanding total of 287 for

seven in their share of 50

overs, survived a scare before

eventually managing to re-strict Victoria to 277 for

eight for their sixth win in

joined joint-holders Mo-

hammedan Sporting Club and

Abahani Krira Chakra at the

top of the table, all three

collecting 12 points from

man, thanks to some intelli-

gent pieces of bowling from

Pakistani pacer Zafar Iqbal

and tall national all-rounder

Athar Ali Khan, shattered

Victoria's hopes of yet an-

other intriguing finish after

their sensational three-

wicket win over Abahani in

runs from the last fifteen de-

liveries of the innings and

Chetan Sharma, who plun-

dered 19 runs off the last six

balls to pull off a memorable

win against Abahani last

Tuesday, ready to enact an-

other late thunderstorm, Za-

far lqbal, sprinkled ashes on

the soaring spirit when he

dismissed the former Indian

Test cap to swing the pendu-

pressive with the cherry in

his first appearance on the

day. Zafar Iqbal, who had

Chetan caught behind the

stumps, struck the vital blow

to steer his side home and

The fall of Chetan eventu-

ally ended Victoria's hopes of

a late resurgence which was

further diluted when experi-

enced Athar Ali Khan, bowl-

Although not quite im-

lum Biman's way .

hand.

49.4 overs

With Victoria needing 26

their previous match.

In an exciting finale, Bi-

With this win Biman

In yet another high scor-

287 for seven in 50 overs

(Athar Ali 87, Rupom 65, Nasir Khan 37, Rafique 33;

Timir 3/56)

vesterday.

the league.

seven matches.

Despite the defeat, Victoria, facing a daunting task of scoring a little less than 6 runs per over, had fought gallantly with opener Sajid Hassan and Rajinder Singh playing sensibly.

Among the two, Sajid, son of former national skipper Raquibul Hassan, scored a brilliant 81 off 117 balls to build the Victoria innings. The diminutive right-handed bat, who brought back memories of his illustrious father's flare with some delicate shots and pulls, struck four fours and a massive sixer in



his polished inning. Off those, two successive cover drives off Zafar Igbal and a sweetly-timed pull over midwicket for a six off Athar was a treat to watch.

Sajid, who hardly flashed with the willow since the infamous Kenya ICC tour of Bangladesh where he was a surprise non-playing mem-

TODAY'S FIXTURES Premier Division cricket

Wari Club vs Dhaka Wanders (DCS) Yamaha First Division

cricket league: Sadharan Bima KS vs Ajax Acme Second Division

cricket league: Young Pegasus 'A' vs East End Club (MOS) Orient SC vs PWD SC

Amor Joti Club vs Lalbagh Anwar SC (DCG)

Division football league, (Venue: Mirpur*Stadium) Dhaka Wanderers vs

ing the penultimate over, gave away only four runs, Avijatrik Malibagh (2 pm) Muslim Institute vs Basabo leaving Victoria to score an improbable 16 from the last TS (3:30 pm) six balls with two wickets in City Club vs Lalbagh SC (5

Sonali Bank Second

knock. On the other hand, Rajinder, the genial Sardarji, who shared 76 runs for the fourth wicket with Sajid, hammered a quick-fire 42 off 47 balls before being caught at longon by Athar off off-spinner Rupom.

ber, showed signs of a come-

back with this confident

Among the other Victoria willow-weilders, Chetan chipped in with 37 and Nahid, who fought a lost battle, scored 33 off 25 balls before being run out in the last over of the innings.

For Biman, Zafar Iqbal, skipper Rupom and Rashed finished with two wickets

Earlier. Biman, sent into bat by Victoria skipper Azhar Hossain Shantop in the morning, compiled a mammoth total. Athar Ali Khan, who missed his side's previous match due to injury. returned to action with a swashbuckling 87 to structure the backbone of the Biman total

In his 110-ball knock Athar, who himself was only to be blamed for failing to score what would have been a well-deserved century. clubbed nine four before being caught at mid-on while going for the tenth which was not there. Athar shared a vital 104 runs for the second wicket with Rupom before he was dismissed by seamer Babu, leaving Biman at a commanding 186 for two in 35.3 overs.

Rupom scored a dazzling 65 off 78 balls followed by an aggressive 33 off only 18 deliveries by unorthodox Mohammed Rafique.

Rafique, the national leftarm spinner and a very useful long-handled bat, clouted two sixes and as many fours in his bionic inning. Among the two towering over-boundaries. both against new-ball bowler Tanveer Ahmed Timir. one unbelievably over the point region landed in the eastern Timir, who conceded 45

runs in his expensive second spell of four overs, however, returned most successful with three for 56 in his seven overs.

It was Victoria's fourth defeat from eight league matches.

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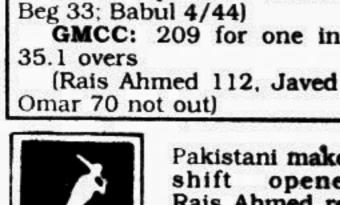
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GMCC freeze Bank account

Sports Reporter

cricket-lovers this season, if AGRANI BANK: 207 in not one of the most enter-(Azam Iqbal 59, Akbar

(Rais Ahmed 112, Javed



Pakistani makeshift opener Rais Ahmed reigned supreme at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday as greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) raced to a flattering

nine-wicket victory over Agrani Bank in their Premiership encounter. Rais batted as if he had a plane to catch as he clubbed a blistering century to enable GMCC to reach their target

of 209 runs in only 35.1

overs and, on top of that, for the loss of only one wicket. Rais' hurricane knock of 112 came off only 76 balls and was undoubtedly the most entertaining display of batting enjoyed by local

Brian Lara, a pi-

Indies cricket te-

am and one of th-

selectors prepare to include

eir most embattled members.

will return to World Cup play

as West Indies cricket

him in the team for next

month's World Cup in Asia,

West Indies Cricket Board of

Control are expected to an-

nounce the 14-man roster for

the Feb 14-March 17 event

handed batsman from Tri-

nidad and Tobago and

renowned as one of the

world's best players, abruptly

left the West Indies team in

November after the WICBC

imposed a fine on him during

this summer's tour of Eng-

wrongfully branded him as a

troublemaker, left the squad

just as it was getting ready

for a three-team tournament

in Australia. With Lara out of

the roster, the West Indies

was badly beaten by Australia

and Sri Lanka - sparking a

call from fans for Lara's re-

record in scoring, said he is

ready to return to the squad,

much to the delight of the

WICBC selectors, who ac-

Lara, holder of the world

Lara, who said the fine

Lara, a 26-year-old left-

The selectors from the

reports AP.

on Tuesday.

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taining ever seen in Dhaka. In the 117-ball blitzkrieg inning, the experienced campaigner blasted an unbe-

lievable number of sixteen. ves sixteen, boundaries and, believe it or not, six massive blows over the rope. After reaching his 50 at an imaginable (!) rate, taking 42 balls to do so, Rais needed only 26 more deliveries to complete his century. The most remarkable part

of his pyrotechnic inning was when he lofted three successive deliveries from fellow Pakistani Nasir Ali Khan over the boundary — enough to show how easily he toyed with the Bank attack (if you can call it so!).

Rais was ably supported at the other end by national opener Javed Omar Belim Golla, finding his touch at last after a long barren spell. Golla, determined not to miss out on the fun, hit twelve boundaries - although many of them after Rais' departure (incidentally, he was

Brian on his way back

Richie Richardson captain

"We didn't bat as consis-

BRIAN LARA

tently as we are capable of

doing and that's where we'

fell short," said Richardson,

speaking after the trouncing

the team received in Aus-

tralia. "We have got to im-

prove in all areas, especially

selectors - chairman David

Holford of Barbados, Ja-

maica's Easton McMorris and

Guyana's Joe Solomon -

agreed and are ready to name

The rest of the WICBC

our batting."

one of the WICBC selectors.

said Lara is a key member of

BRIDGETOWN, knowledged that the team

llar of the West of the West Indies team and

the squad.

Barbados, Jan 20: was in dire need of offense.

caught by Nasir Ali!). Even with Golla's seem-

ingly massive share of boundaries, the enormity of his fellow opener's knock was illustrated by his contribution in their huge first-wicket partnership - Rais scored 112 of the 161 runs they put together. Golla remained at the

crease till the end, safely taking his side to victory with a laughable 14.5 overs to spare. He was unbeaten on 70 off 99 balls.

Earlier, put into bat, the Bankers felt the heat of the GMCC pacers as they crumbled to 207 all out in 49.4

Skipper Mizanur Rahman Babul was the wrecker-inchief taking four wickets for 44 from his ten overs. Manzurul Islam chipped in with two for 37 from 8.4.

The victory was only GMCC's third in eight matches while Agrani Bank has done one worse having played one game less than their victors.

Lara to the team in time for

the Jan 31 training camp

the Trinidad and Tobago

Cricket Board of Control said

Lara is "hungry to return" to

Brian little time to get back

into the stream. But his

hunger and desire have re-

turned, especially with the

international exposure and

stars around. He will be

especially keen on maintain-

ing his position as the

world's number one bats-

sence from the West Indies

team, Lara has remained ac-

tive as captain of the

Trinidad and Tobago team,

which is preparing for the

Red Stripe Cup, a regional

matches, he has looked like

ing the first trial match and

last weekend in the annual

Trintoc Classic - between

North and South teams on

the island, he hit 79 in the

second inning, though his

north team was badly beaten.

still recuperating from a

knee injury. is expected to

make his first start in Fri-

day's match against Barbados

at Guaracara Park in

Lara, who is reportedly

In several domestic

He lashed a century dur-

During his two-month ab-

Alloy Lequay, president of

"At that level, it may take

slated for Barbados.

first-class cricket.

man," Lequay said.

tournament.

Trinidad.

he's in top form.

Yamaha Div I cricket

Sports Reporter

Surjo Tarun Club recorded their fourth win in the ongoing Yamaha First Division cricket league when they handed Bangladesh Railway a narrow 13-run defeat at the City Club ground yesterday.

Put in to bat, Surjo Tarun piled up 209 for six in their stipulated 45 overs. One down Mahbubul Alam

Shaon scored highest 46 off 91 balls inclusive of 3 boundaries while former Indian Test all-rounder Sanjeev Sharma (33), Sanchoy (24) and Dear (24) were the other leading Surju Tarun batsmen. Railway's new-ball bowler

Mithu grabbed two wickets conceding 43 runs in 9 overs. In reply, Railway were restricted to 196 for eight in their allotted 45 overs with opener Iftekhar Hossain playing a brilliant but vain knock of 71 off 82 balls which included ten bound-

Among others. Ahmed Arif scored 64 runs facing 109 balls.

Sanjeev Sharma earned two wickets for Surjo Tarun giving away 34 runs in 9

BRIEF SCORE **BURJO TARUN: 209 for**

six in 45 overs (Shaon 46. Sanjeev Sharma 33) BANGLADESH RAILWAY: 196 for eight in 45 overs

Acme Div II cricket

(Iftekhar 71, Arif 64).

Sports Reporter

Uttara Sporting Club, Mariner Young Club and Nabin Sangha won their respective Acme Second Division cricket league matches on Saturday. Uttara, recorded a big

eight-wicket victory over Gandaria Cricketers at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium while Mariner defeated Nirman Eleven by 7 wickets at the Mirpur Outer Stadium. In the day's other en-

counter at the Dhanmondi Club ground, Nabin Sangha handed Rainbow Club a 530run defeat.

BRIEF SCORE GANDARIA CRICKETERS:

101 for nine in 40 overs (Mozaffar 33 not out, Pappa UTTARA SC: 103 for 2 in

18.3 overs (Mridul 58 not out. Nadeem Ahmed 39 not

RESULT: Uttara SC won by eight wickets. NIRMAN ELEVEN: 84 in 26.1 overs (Rana 5/11, Lunik 3/16)

MARINER YOUNG CLUB: 85 for three in 18 overs (Asad 34 not out, Lunik 14 not out). RESULT: Mariner won by

7 wickets. NABIN SANGHA: 225 for five in 40 overs (Habib 60,

Sheian 57, Shaheen 3/53). **RAINBOW SC: 172 in 37.2** overs (Lipon 32 not out, Zahid 24, Akhinoor 3/30). RESULT: Nabin Sangha won by 53 runs.

All behind Murali

COLOMBO, Jan 20: Sri Lankan ericket officials are trying to ensure that the country's star off-spinner Muthiah Muralitharan is not called for throwing the ball in future games, specially in the 12-nation Cricket World Cup beginning Feb 14, reports AP Besides being a good off-

spinner. 23-year-old Muralitharan is the only Tamil in the team and an important symbol of ethnic harmony in a country engulfed by civil war for 12 years.

Muralitharan's career is in jeopardy after he was called for throwing with an illegal bowling action by two Australian umpires during Sri Lanka's ongoing tour of Australia. "I am concerned about the

future of Muralitharan, who is a very popular and important player," said Sumanaweera Dissanayake, the sports min-

"Muralitharan is the only Tamil player in the national cricket team, and is a peace symbol. Under no circumstances can we lose his services," Dissanayake said in a letter to the Sri Lankan Cricket Board.

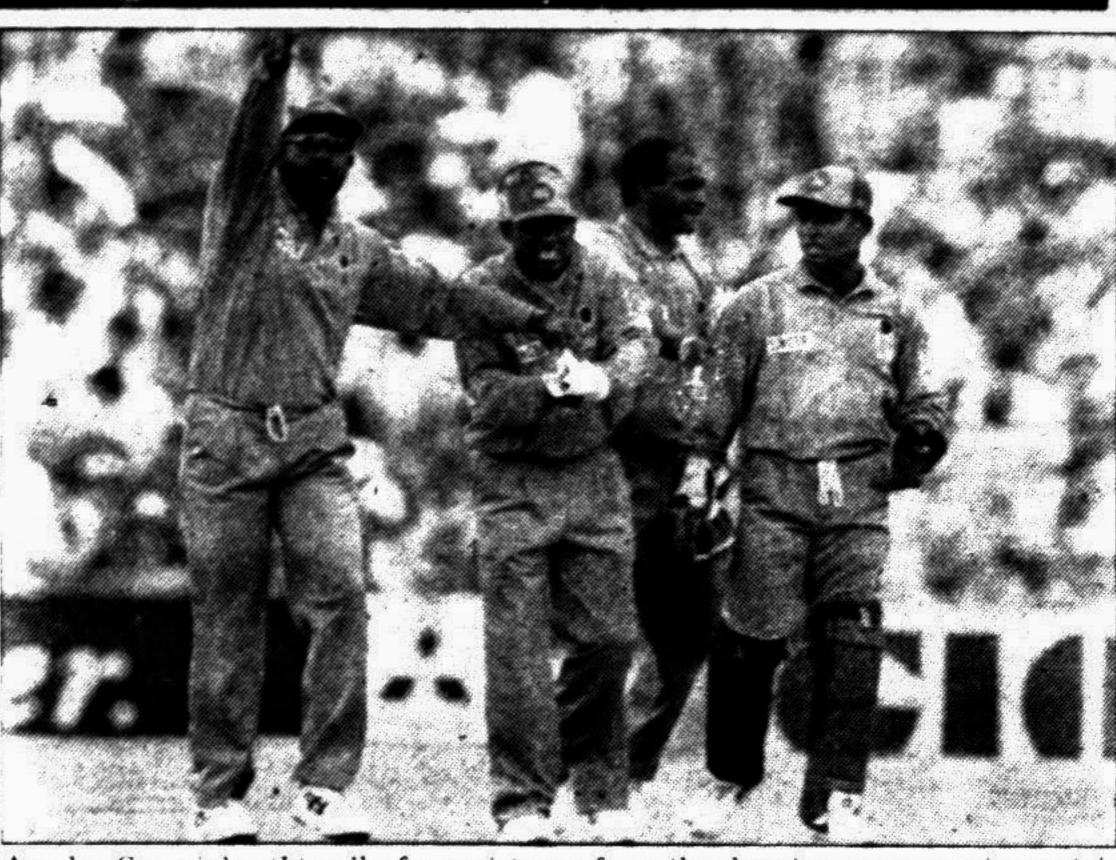
Tamil rebels have been fighting for a homeland in the north and east for minority Tamils since 1983, alleging widespread discrimination by majority Sinhalese. More than 39,000 people have been killed in the fight-

Dissanayake said the cricket board will send an appeal to cricket organizations and the International Cricket Council, the sport's governing body, to give its opinion on Muralitharan's bowling action. Many umpires have defended his action. Muralitharan would be

sent for bowling training in Britain or Australia, in case the appeals failed, said Dissanayake. Medical experts from

Hong Kong University and the Sri Lankan Institute of Sports Medicine and Australian doctors would submit a detailed medical report on whether Muralitharan is handicapped and unable to straighten his arm, contrary to the umpires rulings.

Fearful of his being called for throwing again, Sri Lankan cricket officials have omitted Muralitharan from the team since he was last called on Jan 7.



Asanka Gurusinha (L) calls for assistance from the dressing room as vice-captain Aravinda de Silva (2nd L) grimaces after injuring his left hand attempting to cling on to a catch offered by Australian Michael Bevan during the second World Series finals between Australia and Sri Lanka at the SCG on January 20. Wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana (R) and Sanath Jayasurya looks on. - AFP/UNB photo

Aussies win World Series Cup

Favouritism fazes SL? caught by Paul Reiffel at midpick of the bowlers with 1-47

Warne held a good catch

off for six after the seamer

dropped a tough chance

to dismiss Asanka Gurusinha

for 24 and Taylor did like-

wise to Ruwan Kalpage (9) to

make it 5-87 in the 13th

denied cramping captain Ar-

juna Ranatunga runner after

the Sri Lankans brought out

Randell about close attention

from wicketkeeper lan Healy.

then Jayasuriya emerged to

run for the portly Ranatunga

82 balls by Mark Waugh and

an equally punishing 82 off

96 balls by Taylor set up Aus-

tralia's formidable 5-273 -

the fourth highest limited

overs for the first wicket

after being sent in. They took

full toll of a lightning-fast

outfield, a loose line from the

Sri Lankan bowlers and some

sloppy fielding to notch the

Taylor and Waugh gleaned

highest score of the series.

They put on 135 in 25

overs total at the SCG.

more unscheduled drinks.

Umpire Steve Randell

Ranatunga complained to

Earlier, a majestic 73 off

over.

after all

when Jayasuriya was eight.

SYDNEY, Jan 20: Australia clinched the World Series one-day cricket finals 2-0 in drama tic circumstances here Saturday after Sri Lanka

failed by eight runs in a rainshortened frantic chase at the Sydney Cricket Ground. reports AFP. Australia's 5-273 from 50 overs looked impenetrable but a thunderstorm during

the dinner break left the visitors chasing a revised target of 168 from 25 overs at 6.72 per over. They had the luxury of only two men outside the fielding circle for 15 overs and made a flying start but

lost wickets regularly to poor

At 5-135, Sri Lanka needed 33 off five overs but leg-spinner Shane Warne returned to get captain Arjuna Ranatunga for 41 and Kumara Dharmasena for seven, and Mark Waugh ran out Hashan Tillekarante for 25 to make it 8-146.

With 22 needed off 11 balls and 17 off the last over, Sri Lanka ended on 8-159. Had rain intervened again.

the match would have been rendered null and void and replayed Sunday.



Players-of-the-finals: M Taylor (L), S Warne

Warne finished with 3-20 from his five overs to claim a joint player-of-the-finals award after his 2-29 from 10 overs proved the turning point in Australia's 18-run win in Melbourne Thursday. Captain Mark Taylor shar-

"Our guys have played tremendous cricket in the last 12 months and won a few trophies, and none finer than this." Taylor said afterwards. For Sri Lanka, opener Sanath Javasuriya hammered

ed the award with Warne.

30 from 26 balls but lofted a long hop from Warne straight to Glenn McGrath at deep mid-wicket. Lanky paceman McGrath gave Australia the ideal start

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by trapping dasher Romesh Kaluwitharana, the player-ofthe-series from the preliminary rounds, IBW for a firstball duck.

Off-spinner Mark Waugh then had Aravinda de Silva

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second century stand of the competition in 87 minutes. Waugh was spectacularly caught and bowled by offspinner Kalpage for 73 to take his tournament tally to 357 runs at 35.70. The middle order lost its

way as Kalapage (2-47) and

fellow off-spinner Dharmasena (2-45) applied the brakes and brought the run rate back below five per over. From a healthy 1-170 in the 32nd over Australia lost 4-40 to be 5-210 in the 43rd Left hander Michael Bevan

and wicketkeeper Ian Healy

then smacked 63 runs in 34 minutes from 47 balls. Bevan finished with 32 not out to take his series to--tal to 389 at the phenomenal average of 194.50 while Healy chipped in with an unbeaten 40 from 28 balls to follow his

50 not out at the MCG.

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Left-tarm paceman Chaminda Vaas was again the after opening spells of 0-12 from four and 0-20 from six. The two sides haven't

seen the last of each other the third test starts in Adelaide on Friday - and they meet again in their opening World Cup match in Colombo on February 14.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the second

match of the best-of-three

limited overs World Series finals between Australia and Sri Lanka at the Sydney Cricket Ground Saturday. AUSTRALIA Taylor c Kaluwitharana b Kalpage 82

M Waugh c and b Kalpage 73 Ponting c Vaas b Dharmasena 17 S Waugh c Kalpage b Dharmasena 2 Law b Vaas Bevan not out Healy not out Extras: (lb-5, w-1) Total: (for five wickets, 50

overs) Fall of wickets: 1-135; 2-170; 3-176; 4-184; 5-210. MRW Bowling 47 Pushpakumara 8 39 Munasinghe 33

SRI LANKA Jayasuriya c McGrath b Warne 30

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Dharmasena 10

Kalpage 10

Javasuriya



Player-of-the-qualifiers: Romesh Kaluwitharana

Kaluwitharana lbw b McGrath 0 De Silva c Reiffel b M Waugh 6 Gurusinha c Warne b Refiffel 24 Ranatunga c Law b Warne 41 Kalpage c Taylor b McDermoot 9 Tillekeratne run out Dharmasena c S Waugh b Warne 7 Munasinghe not out Vaas not out Extras: (w-3, lb-3)

Total: (25 overs, 8 wkts) 159 Fall of wkts: 1-1: 2-22: 3-49; 4-66; 5-87; 6-135; 7-146; 8-146.

Bowling 0 36 McGrath M Waugh 0 31 Warne 0 14 S Waugh 0 Reiffel McDermott 0 33 Result: Australia won by

eight runs to clinch series 2-0. Player-of-preliminary-

Joint players-of-the-finals - Shane Warne, Mark Taylor. series; Romesh Kaluwitharana.

CRYPTOQUIP

Today's Cryptoquip clue: Y equals G

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TO BUCK THE TRENDS.

PDMIPMZ Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHENEVER UN-DAUNTED BRONCOS INVEST, THEY ALWAYS LIKE

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