

# Column One

## SPORTS TALK



**Hansie Cronje**  
(South Africa captain)  
What the Indians missed was a third and fourth seam bowler on this pitch.  
After the first Test in Durban.



**Whizz Kid**  
COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

**Sports Whizz Kid competition-62**  
Tick the Correct Answers  
Competition closes: 8 pm Jan 31, '97

- The name of Imran Khan's son is  
Soliman Bilawal Usaid
- The current South African cricket coach is  
Marshall Woolmer Wessels
- The captain of PIA hockey team participating in the ongoing invitational international tournament is  
Kamran Khalid Qamar
- The number of hat-tricks recorded in ODI cricket till now are  
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- Which team won the Bangabandhu Cup football trophy early this month?  
Malaysia Red Uruguay Pandine East Bengal

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## Another Munna cameo for BU's cause

# MSC deeper into mire

Sports Reporter

Motizur Rahman Munna with a cameo innings of an unbeaten 49 pulled off a sensational two-wicket win for Brothers Union as defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club made a premature exit from the title race even before the start of the six-team super league conceding their fourth consecutive defeat at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The Brothers new-ball bowler, who came into bat at number nine with his side reeling at 148 for seven in reply to a fairly defendable Mohammedan total of 240, led a spectacular rescue operation in harness with Halim Shah. Together they put on 88 runs from 76 balls to pose Brothers on the verge of a tantalising finish before

### BRIEF SCORES

**MOHAMMEDAN SC: 240 for eight in 50 overs** (Arjuna Ranatunga 79, Sanwar Hossain 47, Hasibul Hossain Shanto 23, Saifullah Gem 4/53, Motizur Rahman Munna 2/36, Amir Hanif 2/41)  
**BROTHERS UNION: 243 for eight in 49.5 overs** (Halim Shah 62, Motizur Rahman Munna 49 n.o., Amir Hanif 38, Morshed Ali Khan Sumon 3/29, Khaled Mahmood Suljan 2/29, Aminul Islam Bulbul 2/29)

hammedan fielders' cordon. Brothers reached 243 for nine with one ball to spare.



Brothers' Munna (R) and Halim Shah show victory sign after their side defeated Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

A host in himself in Brothers' exciting one-wicket win over Abahani Krira Chakra with an unbeaten 62, Munna was once again in the thick of things exactly after a week for his side's ninth win and a place atop the table along with Kalabagan, Bangladesh Biman on completion of the first phase yesterday.

The last match of the 12-team first phase, which attracted a huge crowd at the big bowl mainly due to the presence of Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and his explosive opener Sanath Jayasuriya, turned out a great disappointment for Mohammedans. The dear defeat for the Motizur outfit, not only effectively threw them out of gear for retaining the league title but also marked the end of yet another



A VIEW THRU' THE SIGHTSCREEN: The torn sight screen in yesterday's Mohammedan-Brothers Premier Division cricket league tie stands as the mute witness to the vandals who throng the sports grounds in the garb of fans.

futile attempt by their hired Sri Lankan duo.

In his second appearance this season, Jayasuriya scored 12 while his skipper Arjuna Ranatunga finally lived up to his reputation with 79, the highest individual score in the match. But together their effort hardly seemed to have served Mohammedan's cause. At the end of the day, an arithmetical analysis showed the Sri Lankan pair in deficit having conceded 97 runs from 15 costly overs against their joint contribution of 91 to the Mohammedan account as batsmen.

Jayasuriya's left-arm spin went for 61 runs from nine overs without any success while Ranatunga was equally dubious over the course of his 6-0-38-0.

Skipper Aminul Islam Bulbul, who had to rely heavily on the two Sri Lankans all the more because of the non-availability of Minhazul Abedin Nanuu as a bowler due to injury expressed his dissatisfaction over the performance of the Sri Lankans in no uncertain terms. "They bowled badly", said the Mohammedan captain after the match. In a rather untidy and unimaginative Mohammedan attack, only Morshed Khan Sumon was an exception. The gangling left-arm seamer took three wickets for 29 from his nine economic overs.

## Lankan umpires in city

Sports Reporter  
Two Sri Lankan umpires, EKG Wijewardane and SGC Amarasinghe, arrived in the city yesterday to officiate the Super League matches of the Premier Division cricket.

Both the umpires will get down to their job from today's tie, the first match of the Super League between Brothers Union Club and Wari Club at the Dhaka Stadium, a CCDM official said last night.

Another Lankan umpire JG Pushpasinghe is expected arrive tomorrow.

## Div 1 cricket results

Sports Reporter  
**BRIEF SCORES**  
**DHAKA WANDERERS: 225** for eight in 45 overs (Rownak 53, Sagor 47 n.o., Rahman 35, Sizen 35, Shyamol 3/24)  
**ESKATON 88: 192** all out in 44.4 overs (Asad 59, Babu 56, Sagor 3/33, Tareque 2/24)  
**Result:** Dhaka Wanderers won by 33 runs.

**UTTARA SC: 195** for seven in 45 overs (Siddique 54, Ratan 38 n.o., Mridul 32, Titu 4/45)  
**BANGLADESH BOYS CLUB: 196** for seven in 44 overs (Khalid 44, Rabbani 40, Akber Beg 28, Ashraf 24 n.o., Pijush 2/26)  
**Result:** Bangladesh Boys Club.

Dhaka Wanderers Club recorded their sixth win in the First Division cricket league defeating Eskaton Sabuj Sangha by 33 runs at the City Club ground yesterday.

Electing to bat first, Wanderers piled up an imposing 225 for eight in their share of 45 overs with opener Rownak hammering highest 53 off 68 balls. Pakistani middle-order batsman Sagor Abbas scored an unbeaten 47 while Rahman and Sizen provided some useful contributions to the total.

In reply, Eskaton were bowled out in 44.4 overs with the scoreboard reading 192.

After scoring a run-a-ball 47, Sagor, who is enjoying his second successive season with Wanderers, played a key role in destroying Eskaton's batting line-up, scalping three in expense of 33 runs. He was equally supported by Tareque and Sentu who captured two wickets each.

With yesterday's win, Wanderers completed their first round of the league and joined the crowded top slot with Ajax Sporting Club, Dhanmondi Club and Sadharan Bima, each having collected 12 points. On the other hand, it was the eighth defeat for Eskaton in nine matches which kept them at the bottom of the table on completion of the first phase.

In the day's other match at the eastern strip of Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Bangladesh Boy Club handed Uttara Sporting Club a three-wicket defeat.

Chasing a target of 195 runs to win in a 045-over-a-side match, Boys reached the summit in the last ball of the penultimate over with three wickets in hand.

Openers Khalid (44) and Golan Rabbani (40) gave the Boys a flying start blasting 44 and 45 respectively.

Earlier, put into bat, Uttara were restricted to 195 for seven with middle-order Siddique scoring highest 54, Ratan and Mridul added 38 and 32 runs respectively.

Badaruzzaman Babu was the most successful Bangladesh Boys bowler with four wickets for 45 runs in eight overs. Zahid, Rashid and Sayeed took one wicket each.

## BUET picks 27

Sports Reporter  
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) called up 27 cricketers for the team which will participate in the forthcoming national and inter-university cricket championships.

The players listed below have been asked to report coach Golan Faruque Suru on February 16 at 2 pm at the BUET ground: Riad, Sanaul, Tapu, Joy, Mamun, Sujun, Kafil, Swapan, Sajjad, Sumon, Hiran, Iqbal, Selim, Tanvir, Anwar, Rumi, Shuvo, Hiran, Nipu, Manik, Miftah, Rana, Ishaiq, Reaz and Sayem.



THE CUSTOMARY RANATUNGA DAB: Mohammedan's Sri Lankan recruit Arjuna Ranatunga who finally found his bearings yesterday scoring a polished 79 here searches a single of Amir Hanif. But the portly, celebrated cricketer's knock served no good to the Premier League holders as they lost the thrilling encounter at the Dhaka Stadium by two wickets.

## Auckland Test begins today

# Rixon rises to the bait

AUCKLAND, Jan 23: The tussle for cricket's wooden spoon opens here Friday as besieged England meet perpetually rebuilding New Zealand in the first of three Tests, reports AFP.

England go into the match having just drawn a Test series against Zimbabwe and lost all three one-dayers there.

New Zealand's build up includes a Test win over Pakistan. Kiwi coach Steve Rixon is certain the Test will produce a result.



LEE GERMON

"Unless the pitch changes dramatically the bowlers will dominate the Test," he said.

"From what I have seen from the English camp, and what I know about our side, our bowling is our main strength, and England look the same."

Rixon also disputes talk of the match being the wooden spoons' Test.

"I can't see the logistics behind that talk. We have just beaten a side possibly the best in the world. Not so long ago England went two-all with West Indies."

In New Zealand, England have had a solid lead-up to the

Test, winning their two four-day games well inside the distance, and captain Mike Atherton believes his team can complete the turnaround in the Test rubber.

"Our game is in pretty good order all round," he said.

"We've bowled in the right areas, caught some good catches and got totals on the board. But we realise there are going to be tougher matches against New Zealand."

"We've done well so far and naturally I'm confident we'll do well in the Tests and one-dayers here."

He said his team would not underestimate the New Zealanders and believed there would be a positive attitude from both captains in the series.

Knowing (New Zealand captain) Lee Germon a little bit, he'll want his side playing positive cricket and if both sides go out with that attitude it should be a good series."

Atherton said he would be putting some thought into the New Zealand side's capabilities but his main attention was on his own players.

"We're not underestimating them at all. We want to plan well and get our strategy right as regards the opposition. Our main focus must be on our own performances," he said.

Germon, going into his fifth Test campaign as captain, said it would be wrong to read too much into England's modest results in Zimbabwe.

"My perception has always been that they're a strong side and Zimbabwe was maybe an anomaly," he said.

"Perhaps they weren't enjoying themselves there, now they've come here, won two games and had a pretty good time."

"I've always thought they'd be a tough side - but I've always thought we'd beat them, so that hasn't changed."

England, who have not won



MIKE ATHERTON

**NEW ZEALAND (from):** Lee Germon (captain), Blair Pocko, Bryan Young, Adam Parore, Stephen Fleming, Nathan Astle, Chris Cairns, Justin Vaughan, Dipak Patel, Simon Doull, Danny Morrison, Mark Haslam.  
**ENGLAND (from):** Mike Atherton (captain), Nick Knight, Alec Stewart, Nasser Hussain, Graham Thorpe, John Crawley, Craig White, Robert Croft, Darren Gough, Chris Siliverdov, Alan Mullally, Phil Tufnell, Andrew Caddick, Dominic Cork.

## All's well if Lara's well

SYDNEY, Jan 23 (Reuters): Brian Lara's resurgence has been overdue, precious and ultimately mysterious.

So precious, in fact, that West Indies are refusing to comment. Almost as if they fear his recaptured form will disappear just when they need it most.

Lara, himself, and captain Courtney Walsh will not talk. And manager Clive Lloyd said Lara, like many other great players, had simply needed time to work his way through a slump.

"Well he's a great player," Lloyd said, "you know everybody goes through these problems, these form reversals. He's had a slump and now he's through it."

Whatever the reasons, the new year has produced the old Lara. With the Trinidadian left-

hand set to play a leading role in the crucial fourth Test against Australia starting in Adelaide on Saturday.

Australia lead the series 2-1 and need only a draw in Adelaide to retain the Frank Worrell Trophy they won in the Caribbean 19 months ago.

West Indies must win the Test for the series to remain alive when the two teams meet again in the fifth and final Test in Perth starting on February 1.

Lara, who was unable to make more than 50 in his first 10 innings on tour, scored successive centuries in World Series Cup limited overs matches against Australia and Pakistan in the first 10 days of the new year.

His return to form coincided with West Indies coming from last to force their way into the World Series final against Pakistan, who clinched the best-of-three match finals 2-0 on Monday.

The West Indians are reluctant to speculate on the reasons for the remarkable form reversal of their prime player, who holds world records for the highest scores in Test and first-class cricket.

Lara has yet to prove on tour that he can carry his limited overs form into Test cricket. While West Indies thrashed Australia by six wickets in three days in the third Test in Melbourne last month, Lara's failure in that match hampered the touring team's celebrations.

Despite scoring 295 runs in three innings of 102, 103 and 90 in the World Series tournament, Lara has not produced a major score in the Test series.

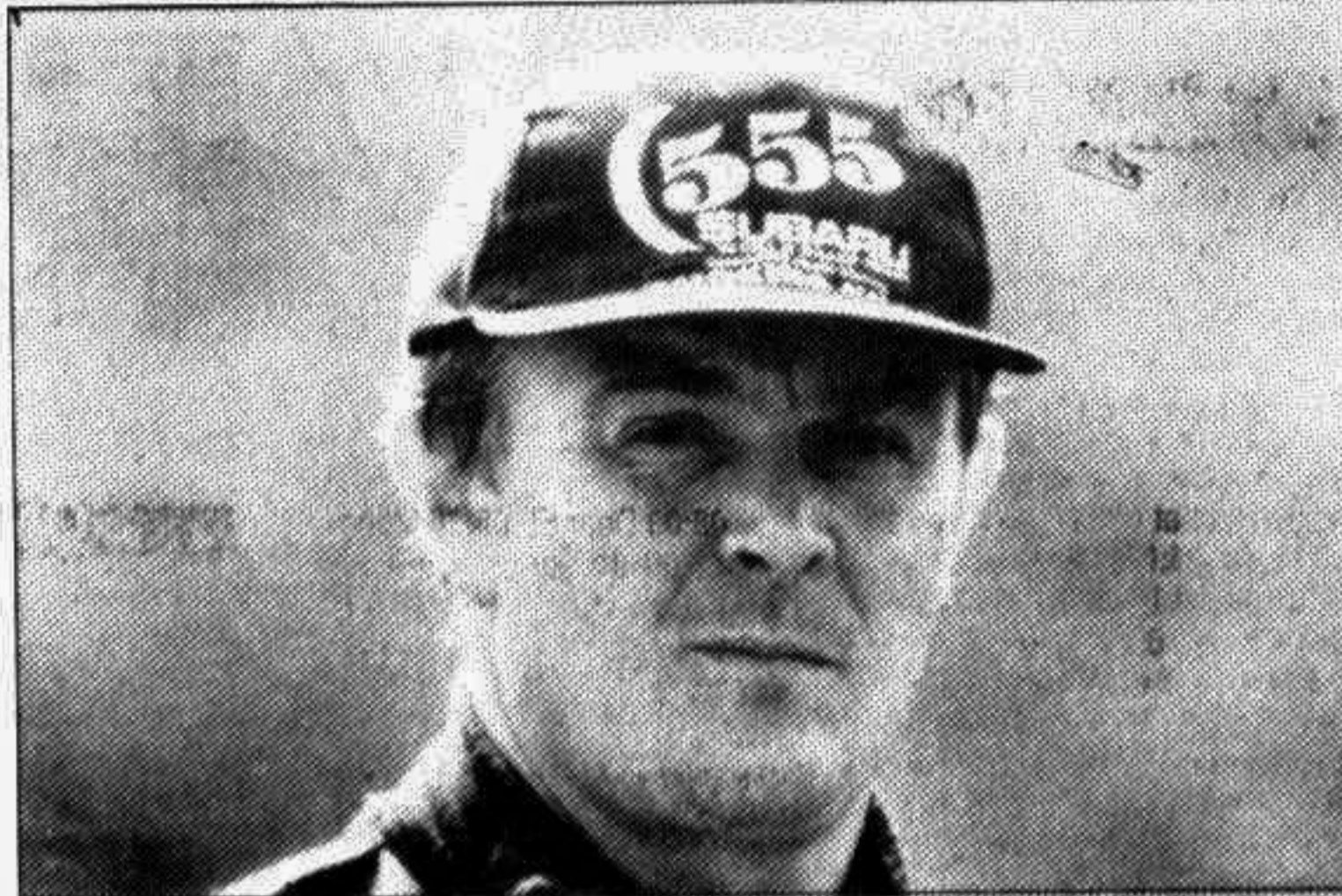
Lara has made just 77 in his six Test innings on tour, with Glenn McGrath emerging as his nemesis, taking his wicket five times in the three Tests.

## Liatti tastes victory

Piero Liatti and the 555 Subaru World Rally Team stormed to a convincing victory on the historic Rally of Monte Carlo — the opening round of the 1997 FIA World Rally Championship. In doing so, Piero took his first-ever World Championship rally win and handed Subaru their debut victory in the all-new Subaru Impreza 555 WRC97, says a press release.

Liatti started the day on a charge, winning the opening stage of the Leg — the longest and toughest of the rally — by a clear 9 seconds to pull out a 12 second advantage over Carlos Sainz. Three further stage wins gave the Italian and lady co-driver, Fabrizia Pons, a 59 seconds lead before the start of the final super special stage in Monte Carlo and an unassailable lead as they raced their way around the famous Grand Prix circuit in the Mediterranean resort.

"It's a wonderful way to start the season with a new car and a



victory in Monte Carlo," said David Richards, Team Director. "Piero drove perfectly under extreme pressure with two ex-World Champions hard on his heels. One thing is for sure, this year is going to be one of the most competitive ever, and it's only two weeks before the next round in Sweden." Commenting on the success of the Subaru Impreza 555 WRC97 on its debut outing, Mr Kuzze, President of Subaru Tecnica International said, "We are very pleased to continue our string of victories. Today Fuji Heavy Industries launched our 2-door WRX Impreza STI version in Japan. This is the base car of the World Rally Car so this win is a very good promotion for the new car."

Piero Liatti and co-driver, Fabrizia Pons, now lead the FIA World Rally Championship for Drivers and Co-drivers, and Subaru head the Manufacturers' Championship as the teams now head to the snow in Sweden for the second round of the series.

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### SPACE TO LET

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(1) From 2nd to 5th floor: 22000 sq ft in each floor.  
(2) From 6th to 8th floor: 3600 sq ft in each floor.

**Terms**  
(a) Only the Govt. Office, Semi Govt office, Autonomous bodies, reputed National and Foreign Companies (except Travel Agents) and National & Foreign Bank can submit offer.  
(b) Offer for minimum one complete floor is to be submitted.  
(c) Interested parties should mention which floor they want to take rent.  
The parties who are interested are requested to submit their offer mentioning the rent per sq ft in sealed envelope to the undersigned by 06th February, 1997 by 1400 hours.  
Biman Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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## Cancellation of International Tenders

This is for information of all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances, the following International Tenders as floated in the national English dailies are hereby cancelled:

- International Tender No BGSL/FP/CFE-50/96 published in the Bangladesh Times on 17-11-96 and the New Nation, the Bangladesh Observer, the Daily Star on 18-11-96 and subsequent amendment notice published on 30-12-96 in the Bangladesh Times, the Bangladesh Observer, the New Nation and the Daily Star for procurement of Line Pipes.
- International Tender No BGSL/FP/CFE-54/97 published in the Bangladesh Times, the Bangladesh Observer, the Independent and the Daily Star on 16-1-97 for procurement of Valves & Fittings.

We are thankful to the bidders for having shown their interest in the above tenders.  
We are sorry for the inconveniences caused to the bidders.

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**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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**Solution time: 26 min.**

**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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HPRO L KJMY ROMJLR?  
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHY, HE WAS SO RICH HE BOUGHT A NEW YACHT BECAUSE HIS OTHER ONE GOT WET.  
Today's Cryptoquip clue: R equals T  
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.