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Nelson Mandela (President of South Africa) "Sachin, I am honoured to shake hands with you."

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2 Which nation lifted the World Series Cup cricket title this year? Australia Pakistan West Indies
3 Who won this year's Frank Worrell Trophy? Australia W Indies England
4 Which team clinched the invitational international hockey title? PIA Abahani SL Army
5 Who won the 18th national junior chess championship title? Tipu Imon Shakil

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JU cricket team named

Sports Reporter Hosts Jahangirnagar University named a 16-member team for the forthcoming Coca-Cola inter-university cricket championship...

SQUAD

Sanwar Hossain, Timir, Mukul, Al-Amin (senior), Sala-uddin, Hasanuzzaman, Manju, Lipu, Raju, Rinku, Ullash, Al-Amin (junior), Shuvo, Sabbir, Mahfuz and Baglu.

Shaun spells S Aussies doom

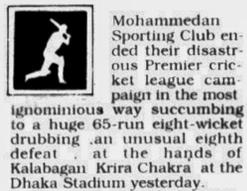
SYDNEY, Feb 4: All-rounder Shaun Young on Monday tore through a brittle South Australia batting line-up to hand Tasmania an emphatic 10-wicket victory over defending Sheffield Shield champions South Australia...

TODAY'S MATCHES

- Premier Division cricket league: (Super League) Brothers Union vs Biman (DS) (Religion League) Lalmeta Club vs Surjo Tarun (BKSP) Victoria SC vs Gulshan Youth (DCS) First Division cricket league: (Super League) Azad SC vs Dhanmondi Club (JHG) (Religion league) Bangladesh Boys vs Eskaton SS (CCG) Acme second division cricket league: PWD SC vs Utdity Club (T & T) Khatrabari KC vs Rupali Bank (MOS) Kathalbagan GCC vs Mariner Youngs Club (Uttara) Gendaria Cricketers vs Indira Road KC (DCS, West) Kakrall Boys vs Amarjoti Club (DCG)

MSC's nightmarish eighth

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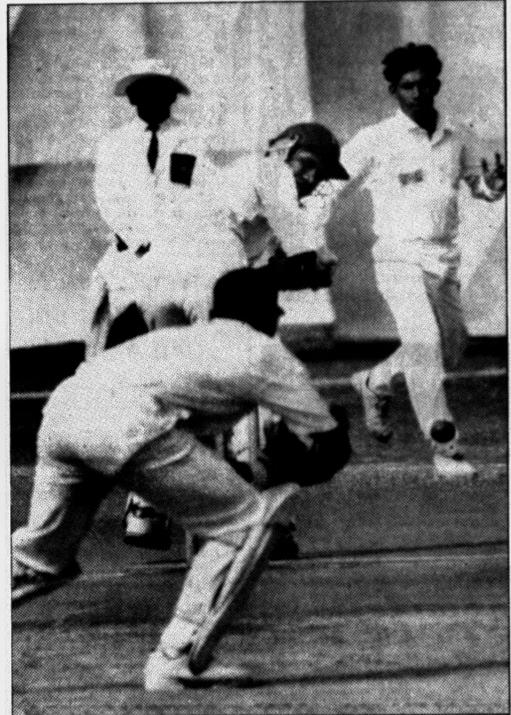
Mohammedan Sporting Club ended their disastrous Premier cricket league campaign in the most ignominious way succumbing to a huge 65-run eight-wicket drubbing...

Mohammedan bowler who survived the slugs of the marauding Pakistani duo. In reply, a demoralised Mohammedans could manage a face-saving 222 before being all out in 47.4 overs...

With this win Kalabagan completed their otherwise impressive campaign with 24 points, eight points clear from Mohammedans...

SCORE BOARD

Table with columns: KALABAGAN KC, HR Lalon c Azim b Al-Amin 6, Selim Shahed c Azim b Al-Amin 10, JH Mona c Al-Amin b Sumon 33, Atiar st Azim b S Mahmood 21, Shahid Saeed c Bulbul b Sumon 119, Zakaria run out 29, Manjoor Elahi not out 51, Extras: (lb-6, nb-2, w-10) 18, Total (for six wickets in 50 overs) 287, Fall of wickets: 1-10; 2-32; 3-71; 4-97; 5-178; 6-279.



Mohammedan batsman Sanwar Hossain glances Kalabagan's Saiful Islam during yesterday's Premier Division super league engagement at the Dhaka Stadium. -Star photo

Mike feels optimistic

WELLINGTON, Feb 4: England cricket captain Mike Atherton, was confident today his team would have no difficulty regrouping for this week's second Test against New Zealand...

The tourists were emphatically beaten by New Zealand A by 90 runs in Wanganui last weekend, but Atherton said that would have no bearing on their prospects in the second Test...



MIKE ATHERTON He pointed out that after a draining first Test, England had one travel day before a tough four-day fixture...

Chris Silverwood was ruled out of action for about a week by a hand injury. He split the webbing between his left thumb and forefinger while doing fielding drills at the Basin Reserve...

New Zealand physiotherapist Mark Plummer gave Cairns some encouragement and said there had been significant improvement over the past 24 hours...

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Ishtiaq hammered a dazzling 74 off 66 balls as Lancashire, electing to bat in the morning, piled up a commanding 233/7 in the stipulated 50 overs...

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Div I cricket Ajax dump Dhanmondi

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GOPIBAGH FA: 209 for five in 45 overs (Mustafa 46, Soppu 38 n.o., Ripon 21 n.o., Sentu 3/35). DHAKA WANDERERS: 184 all out in 43.4 overs (Omar Sharif 55, Sagir 42; Babu 3/45). Result: Gopibagh FA won by 25 runs.

An all-round display by Aminul Islam Vola steered Ajax Sporting Club to an impressive 147-run victory over Dhanmondi Club in one of yesterday's two First Division cricket super league matches held at the Jagannath Hall ground.

With the win Ajax maintained their joint lead in the six-team super league along with Azad Sporting Club having 18 points each from 13 matches while the defeat threw Dhanmondi out of the title race as they remained struck to their previous collection of 16 points on completion of 13 matches.

Wins for GMCC, Surjo Tarun

Sports Reporter

GMCC: 206 for nine in 50 overs (Ferdous 47, Mohammad Ali 32, Torab Ali 28; Shahid Iqbal 3/33, Shahid Mahboob 2/34). AGRANI BANK: 200 for eight in 50 overs (Shahid Iqbal 50, Nahid 37 n.o., Azam 34, Qamrul 27; Al-Amin 3/35, Don 2/20). Result: GMCC won by six runs.

SURJO TARUN CLUB: 185 all out in 50 overs (Ehsan 54, Shumit 30, Tutul 27; Timir 4/33, Babu 3/31). VICTORIA SC: 78 all out in 26.3 overs (Pappu 21, Shumit 19; Rafiqul 3/10, Talha 2/15, Rehan 2/18, Zafar Ali 2/21). Result: Surjo Tarun won by 107 runs.

Surjo Tarun Club and Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club won their respective Premier Division relegation league matches at different venues yesterday.

At the BKSP ground in Savar, Surjo Tarun handed Victoria Sporting Club a crushing 107-run defeat.

On the other hand, the bankers were restricted to 200 for eight in their share of 50 overs with Pakistani middle order bat Shahid Iqbal scoring a half-century.

Taylor's trial by fire?



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the West Indies he struggled to make 153 runs at a meagre average of 17. He has only one half-century to his name in his past 25 first-class knocks.

His form in one-day internationals this summer was equally poor, with eight knockings yielding 143 runs for an average of 17.87.

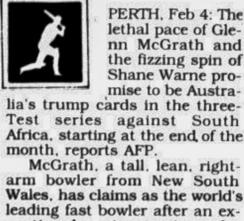
During a period in which Australia's selectors have been notoriously unsympathetic to failure, 32-year-old Taylor - a veteran of 77 Tests in which he has notched up 14 centuries - has survived because of his outstanding captaincy flair.

Taylor said. "If you work on the physical side, the mental side comes with it." Taylor said he was looking forward to arriving in South Africa, where he could escape from the extra pressures of being a captain in a home series.

"I hope to spend the first three weeks of the tour working on just Mark Taylor for a while, and hopefully I can turn it around," he said.

Taylor can gain little comfort from his last visit to South Africa three years ago when he was vice-captain to Allan Border for the three-Test series, which was drawn 1-1.

Aussies rely on lethal guns



PERTH, Feb 4: The lethal pace of Glenn McGrath and the fizzing spin of Shane Warne promise to be Australia's trump cards in the three-Test series against South Africa, starting at the end of the month, reports AFP.

McGrath, a tall, lean, right-arm bowler from New South Wales, has claims as the world's leading fast bowler after an exceptional series against the West Indies which netted him 26 wickets at a marvellous average of 17.42 - a performance which earned him the man-of-the-series award.

Not only did McGrath, 27 this Sunday, collect the wicket of champion left-hand batsman Brian Lara, five times in nine innings, he outgunned teardrop West Indies paceman Ian Bishop (20 wickets) and Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh (19 each).

Warne was Australia's top bowler during the last South African tour, capturing 15 wickets at an average of 22.40 in three Tests.

But he clashed with officialdom for his on-field behaviour. "He had trouble there then and will be mindful of that," Taylor said. "He will be better prepared this time."

Supporting Warne in the slow department is left-arm wrist spinner Michael Bevan, from New South Wales, who snatched a remarkable 10 wickets in the fourth Test in Adelaide, finishing the series with 15 wickets at 17.67 apiece.

Australia's pace attack will be completed by Victorian Paul Reffel, Queenslanders Andrew Bichel and Jason Gillespie, from South Australia.

Reffel, 30, who took 12 wickets at an average 25.42 in three Tests against the West Indies, played in one Test in South Africa three years ago, but Bichel, 26, and Gillespie, 21, will be making their first senior tour.

Both have been slow to find their feet at the top level, with Bichel having one wicket and Gillespie two from two Tests each.

Australia's batting has much potential, but can also be brittle, illustrated by major collapses in the third Test in Melbourne and the fifth in Perth, both lost by heavy margins.

Taylor's lost form at the top of the order is the heart of the problem, and unless he can soon rediscover his best touch tour he can expect to be overlooked, making way for left-handers Matthew Hayden and Matthew Elliott to face the new

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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