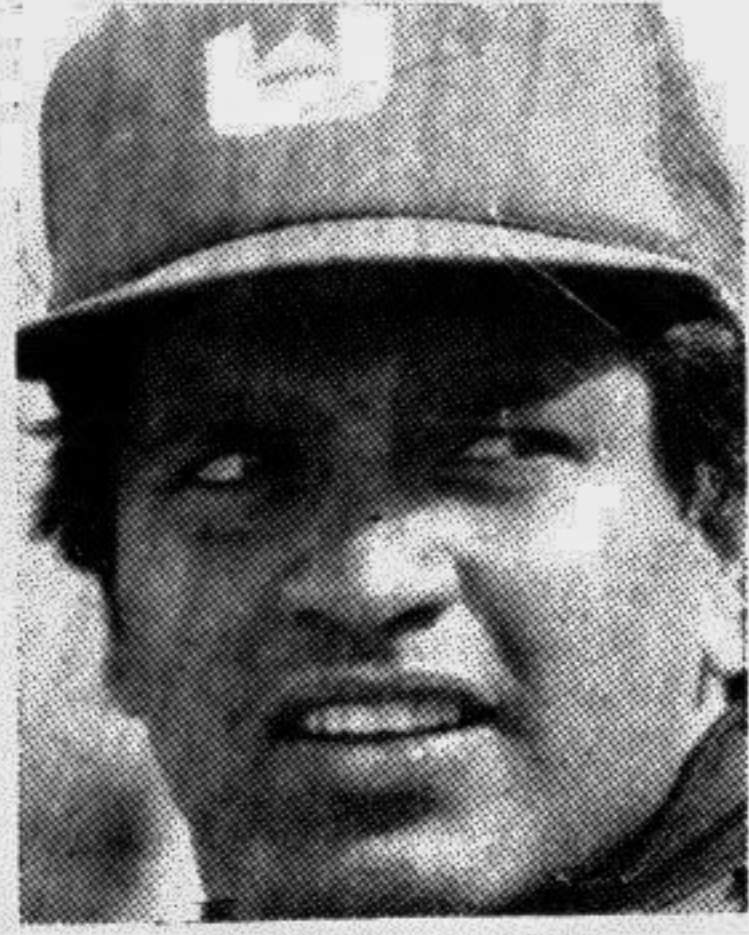


Sport

World champions' ordeal

AUCKLAND, Mar 21: Sri Lanka, holders of cricket's World Cup, face a resurgent New Zealand here Saturday in the first of three limited-over matches...



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The Kiwis enter the game with a moderate one-day record this summer, having won four, lost seven and tied two of their 13 matches.

three players without international one-day experience, including teenager wonder left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori. New Zealand fast bowler Heath Davis is battling knee and achilles tendon injuries...

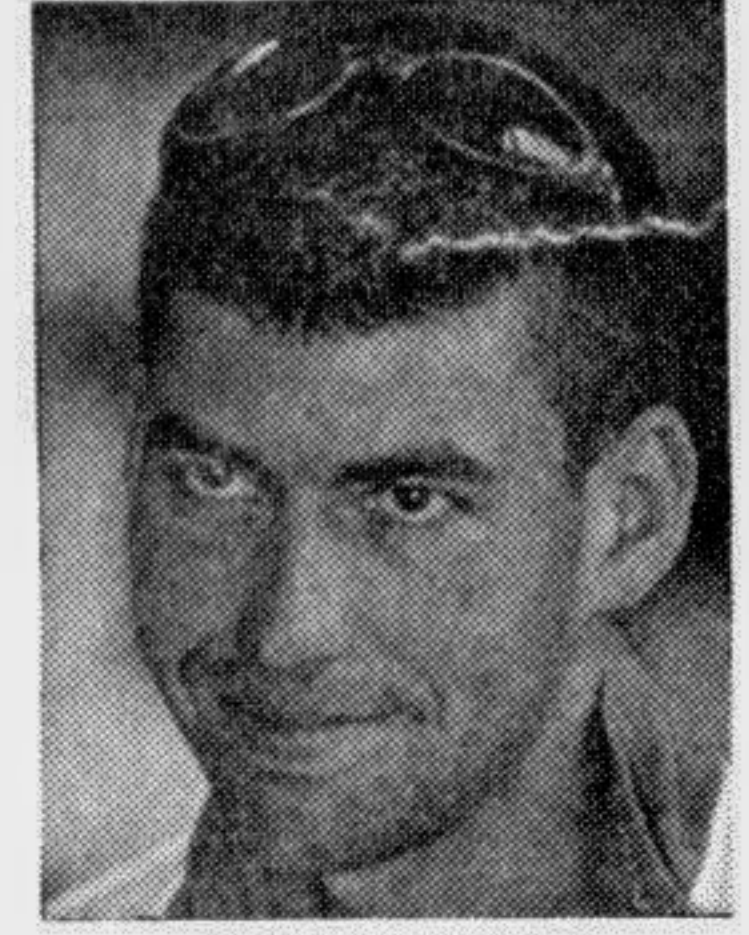
Sri Lanka, buoyed by a fine six-wicket win in their one-day match against Central Districts in Napier on Thursday...

Their batsmen, with hard-hitting openers Sanath Jayasuriya and Romesh Kaluwitharana a constant threat...

Sri Lanka's blowing attack is not as menacing, but left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas and Sajewea de Silva...

SQUADS NEW ZEALAND (from): Stephen Fleming (captain), Bryan Bishop, Nathan Astle, Matt Horne, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Chris Harris, Dipak Patel, Gavin Larsen, Simon Doull, Heath Davis, Andrew Penn and Daniel Vettori.

SRI LANKA (from): Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Sanath Jayasuriya, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Roshan Mahanama.



S FLEMING

Marvan Atapattu, Aravinda de Silva, Hashan Tilakaratne, Upul Chandana, Kumar Dharmasena, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Sajewea de Silva and Nuwan Zoysa.

Pretoria Test Aussies 64/2 at lunch

PRETORIA, Mar 21: Australia were 64 for two at lunch on the first day of the third and final Test against South Africa today, report agencies.

Earlier, South African captain Hansie Cronje won the toss and decided to send Australia into bat.

TEAMS AUSTRALIA: Mark Taylor (captain), Matthew Hayden, Matthew Elliott, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Greg Blewett, Michael Bevan, Ian Healy, Shane Warne, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath, Twelfth man: Paul Reffel.

SOUTH AFRICA: Gary Kirsten, Adam Bacher, Brian McMillan, Daryll Cullinan, Hansie Cronje (captain), Jacques Kallis, Lance Klusener, Dave Richardson, Allan Donald, Brett Schultz, Pat Symcox. Twelfth man: Herschelle Gibbs.



Liverpool defender Mark Wright (R) thwarts S K Brann attack during their European Cup Winners' Cup quarterfinal second leg clash in Liverpool on Mar 20. The hosts defeated the Norwegian side 3-0.

Boer brothers Ajax's till 2004

AMSTERDAM, Mar 21: Twins Ronald and Frank de Boer will stay with Dutch champions Ajax until 2004, the Dutch news agency ANP said, reports Reuters.

Midfielder Ronald and defender Frank, 26, extended their contracts on Thursday, a day after Ajax reached the semifinals of the European Cup by beating Atletico Madrid.

ATP's top 20

- UNDATED, Mar 21 (AP): Player Points 1. Sampras (United States) 5,684 2. Muster (Austria) 3,719 3. Chang (United States) 3,601 4. Kafelnikov (Russia) 3,207 5. Ivanisevic (Croatia) 3,003 6. Krajcek (Netherlands) 2,601 7. Enqvist (Sweden) 2,312 8. Moya (Spain) 2,188 9. Rios (Chile) 2,168 10. Ferreira (South Africa) 1,940 11. Becker (Germany) 1,863 12. Costa (Spain) 1,857 13. Agassi (United States) 1,749 14. Martin (United States) 1,711 15. Mantilla (Spain) 1,681 16. Henman (Britain) 1,611 17. Edberg (Sweden) 1,533 18. Rosset (Switzerland) 1,474 19. Berasategui (Spain) 1,462 20. Gustafsson (Sweden) 1,450

Dutch-German showdown

KARACHI, Mar 21: Hosts Pakistan failed to find the winning way as their crucial match in the five nation hockey tournament against Germany ended in a 3-3 draw here today, reports AFP.

European champions Germany with seven points from the final along with the Netherlands who also have seven points from three matches.

The final of the tournament, being played to celebrate the golden jubilee celebrations of Pakistan's independence, will be played on Sunday.

The crucial nature of the match made the tussle absorbing right from the start. Pakistan, needing a win to remain in contention for the final, dominated the first half but a calculated game by Germans outlasted the hosts in front of a 10,000 strong vociferous crowd.

India in for a tough trial

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Mar 21: India are likely to have a tough assignment in their three-day first-class cricket tour match which opens at Kensington Oval on Saturday with no less than eight West Indies internationals selected for Barbados, reports AFP.

They would have had to face nine if a slight hamstring injury had not ruled out Roland Holder.

The most recognisable names among the Barbados squad are Sherwin Campbell, the West Indies opening batsman, and Courtney Browne, the wicketkeeper whose time behind the stumps for West Indies has been shared by Junior Murray.

Other internationals selected are opening batsman Philo Wallace, the Barbados captain, who has played 12 limited overs internationals; Adrian Griffith, the left-handed opening batsman, who played one Test in the preceding series against Australia along with fast bowlers Patterson Thompson, Otis Gibson and Vasbert Drakes, who plays for Sussex in the English county championship.

India are likely to field the five players who have not had the chance to play so far on the

tour, which has seen both Tests finish in a draw. With opportunities for a match outside of the Tests limited, opening batsman Ajay Jajodia all-rounder Robin Singh, wicketkeeper Saba Karim, fast bowler Dadda Ganesh and off-spin bowler Noel David have not had any cricket since arriving in the Caribbean.

As India might opt to give a few of the regular players the

match off, the forgotten five will long for this chance to push themselves into contention for the third Test that starts next Thursday.

The Kensington pitch had the reputation of offering much to the bowlers. It's not been the case in the last few years, but there were signs in a couple of the Red Stripe Cup matches that have been contested this year that the groundsman might just be getting it right.

If the pitch rolled out for this match offers much to the bowlers, it might be an indication of what can be expected for the Test match, starting next Thursday, and India will be glad for this match against a strong Barbados side.

Captains slam Queen's Park

BRIDGETOWN, Mar 21: Both West Indies captain Courtney Walsh and India captain Sachin Tendulkar have slammed the state of the Queen's Park Oval pitch where the second cricket Test was contested, reports AFP.

The drawn second Test, like the first in Kingston, was played on a lifeless pitch, and both Walsh and Tendulkar have said there will be no results in the series unless the state of the pitches change.

"I think the pitches are hampering the cricket," said Walsh, adding, "Sabina Park and Queen's Park Oval restricted strokeplay and hampered bowling and consequently cricket was hampered."

SQUADS

BARBADOS (from): Philo Wallace (cap), Sherwin Campbell, Adrian Griffith, Floyd Reifer, Stanton Proverbs, Courtney Browne, Vasbert Drakes, Otis Gibson, Dave Marshall, Hendy Bryan, Patterson Thompson, Ryan Hurley, Pedro Collins.

INDIA (from): Sachin Tendulkar (cap), Venkata Laxman, Navjot Sidhu, Rahul Dravid, Mohammad Azharuddin, Sourav Ganguly, Nayan Mongia, Anil Kumble, Sunil Joshi, Abey Karayvillu, Venkatesh, Prasad, Ajay Jajodia, Robin Singh, Syed Karim, Dadda Ganesh, Noel David.

Youth cricket Khulna, Rajshahi in semis

Last year's runners up Khulna and Rajshahi moved into the last four of the Gazal Tank 17th national youth cricket championship after winning their respective opening matches at different venues in the city yesterday.

On the second day of the eight-team final round, Khulna recorded a four-wicket victory over Mymensingh on the eastern strip of the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium.

Chasing 174 to win in 45 overs, Khulna lost six wickets before reaching home (176) with five balls to spare.

Middle order and captain Uzal scored an unbeaten 39 off 71 balls while Babu (37) and Sherif (34) were the other notable run getters for the winners.

Earlier, opting to bat first, Mymensingh collected 173 for nine in the stipulated 45 overs with middle order Sumon hammering highest 59 off 61 balls. Shahjada and Imran added 17 runs each.

For Khulna, Shaon and Uzal shared four wickets while Tushar, Turky, Taj and Sadiq took one wicket apiece.

The winners will play in today's second semifinal against Rajshahi who registered a comfortable eight-wicket win over Sylhet in yesterday's other match at the City Club ground.

Electing to bat first, Sylhet were all out for 108 in 34.3 overs with opener Mahubb scoring highest 22.

Tony was the most successful Rajshahi bowler with four for 17 while Ralfhan, Tito, Ripon and Nazmul captured one wicket each.

In reply, Rajshahi reached home (109) in 24.3 overs with eight wickets in hand.

opener Marutza collected highest 55 off 80 balls while his partner Shiplu added 19 runs. Nazmul and Tony were not out on 15 and 6 respectively.

Barcelona in semis

STOCKHOLM, Mar 21: Brazilian star Ronaldo kept embattled Barcelona coach Bobby Robson's hopes of lifting the Cup Winners' Cup trophy alive here on Thursday scoring his fourth goal of the campaign against AIK Stockholm as the quarterfinal second-leg match ended 1-1. Barcelona going through 4-2 on aggregate, reports AFP.

The 20-year-old Brazilian hammered home the ball in the 12th minute after veteran Bulgarian Hristo Stoichkov had broken down the left wing and put in a low cross.

Barcelona dominated the match, completely outplaying their Scandinavian hosts, but a moment of laziness in front of goal allowed in Pascal Simpson who netted his fourth goal of the competition, to bring the sides level in the 73rd minute.

"We realised that the only way we were going to score was when they stopped playing like gods and became mere human beings," Simpson quipped afterwards.

For Robson, who had said earlier that he was not playing the martyr by avoiding questions from the media, it was welcome relief from the constant barracking from supporters and press alike who have been demanding his sacking.

Barisal Govt College sports

BARISAL, Mar 21: The 32nd annual sports of Government Barisal College was held here at its playground yesterday, reports BSS.

A total of 65 students split into three groups participated in 28 events.

Biplab Baroi emerged champion in the senior group while Md Habibur Rahman in the junior group, the women's group championship went to Sharmin Akhtar.

Prof. Sultan Ahmed Mina gave away prizes.

Morrison arrested

FORT SCOTT, Kansas, Mar 21: Boxer Tommy Morrison was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, violating the terms of a suspended sentence for carrying a loaded handgun, reports AP.

He said he had been speaking to a group of high school students about HIV and AIDS the day before.



Bangladesh captain Jewel Rana (L) and Obied S Al-Dosary of Saudi Arabia run after the ball during their World Cup Asia Zone qualifying match at Shah Alam Stadium in Kuala Lumpur on Mar 20. Bangladesh lost 1-4.

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha, Dhaka Tender Notice

No-20/96-97 Sealed tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 are invited from the contractors of the following categories for the undermentioned works.

Table with 8 columns: Sl No, Name of work, Estimated amount, Earnest money, Place of availability of tender paper, Date of receiving tender, Time for completion of work, Eligibility for submitting tender. It lists four construction projects in Dhaka.

Tender schedule may be obtained from the office of the tender supplying officers and managers of concerned banks as mentioned in Col No 5 on payment of Tk 750/- (Tk seven hundred fifty) per set of works in Sl No 1, 2 & 3 and Tk 400/- (Tk four hundred) for works in Sl No 4 to Cashier, Rajuk, Manager, Sonali/Janata/Agrani Bank Branch, Rajuk Bhaban, Dhaka (non-refundable) on all working days up to 1-00 PM showing the renewal of enlistment for the financial year 1996-97.

No tender paper will be sold after 1-4-97.

Chairman Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha Dhaka

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Saturday 22nd March (All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in group programmes.) BTB 3:00pm Opening Announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary 3:20 Movie of the Week 4:00 The News 5:25 Banteh 6:00pm Angkor 6:30 Nebadon 7:00 News in English 7:05 Gonolantir Abhijatra 7:25 Maali-o-Manush 8:00 News in Bangla 8:30 71 Dirlipi 8:40 Degarito 9:10 Abhimo 10:00 News in English 10:30 Film Show: Chicago Hope 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Tomorrow's Programme Summary 11:40 Close Down

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STAR SPORTS 6:30am ISU Skating The Finals 7:30 India Tour Of West Indies 2nd Test Match Day 1 HL 8:30 World Wrestling Federation Raw 9:30 NBA-Inside Stuff 10:30 Cricket World 10:30 The Asian Football Show 11:30 Sports India

STAR MOVIES 7:30am Comedy: Car 54, Where Are You? 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 9:30 Family: Angel Square 11:30 Oscar Winner - Best Costume

ZEE TV 5:30 Jagran 6:00 The News 6:30 Ru-Ba-Ru 7:00 ZED 8:30 Dream Merchants 9:00 Disney Hour 10:00 Gassne Anjane 10:30 Parmpara 11:00 Saibab 11:30 Banerji April Beat 12:00 Philips Top Ten 1:00 Casper Kya Scene Hai 1:30 Asian Sky Shop 2:00 Lakme Khubsurat 2:30 Yeh Kaha Aa Gaye Hum 3:00 Kodak Kilk Kilk 3:30 Jhatpat Khana 4:00 TVS Sa Re Ga Ma 5:00 Hathi Cement Aashiana

EL TV 12:30 Hindi Feature Film 01:30 Kinetic Pride Haseen Pal 1:40 V3- 2:00 Nukkad 2:30 Shatranj 3:00 Anjani 4:00 It's My Choice 4:30 Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi maskar 6:00 Chalti Ka Naam Gaadi 7:00 Scandal 7:30 Dear EL 8:00 Hindi Feature Film 09:00 Gurraj Band Repeat 12:00 Bengali Band Original 1:00 Sigma 1:30 Mr Yogi 2:00 Gurraj Band Original 3:00 Shatranj 3:30 Yumkennest Must Show 4:00 Top Of The Taps 4:30 Stand-By 4:40 Rajni 5:00 Real Count-

PTV 08:00 Tilawat aur Tarjuma/HAM/Naal/ 08:20 Cartoon 08:30 Khabran 08:45 Visitors Book 09:10 Phool Khushboo 09:25 Dastarkhwan 09:40 Mehman 10:05 Aap Ki Anwar Maqsood 10:30 English Film: Taran 10:55 Mill Naghma 11:00 Khabran 11:10 Meri pasand 11:35 Janun 12:55 Duran-E-Haheem 01:02 Bismilla 01:15 Grind 02:05 Lazwal 'Ep-67 (Drama Serial) 02:55 Husool-E- Insaaf & Sports Coaching 03:20 TV Encyclopedia 03:40 Sports Time 04:05 Daastakar (Drama) 05:05 Medicine 05:25 Computers 06:20 Aloo Course 07:00 English News 07:20 PTV Music Library 07:30

SONY ET 8:30 Khoya Khoya Chand 9:00 Pehli Mulakat 9:30 Humse Badkar Gof 10:00 Chamatkar 10:30 Taj Maha Takitadhin Count-down 11:30 Take Five 12:00

ZEE CINEMA 6:30 Songs 8:00 Myth/ His/Devil/ug Jai Baba Amar Nath (Shahab M. Rajasekar) 10:45 Box Office 11:15 Aap Ki Khatir (Vinod K. Rekha) 2:00 Movies Masti Magic 2:30 Kudrat Ka Kanon (Lakie S. Radhika) 5:15 Cinema Cinema 5:30 First Take 6:00 Parvashri (Amiatah Bachhan, Neetu Singh) 8:45 Cinema Cinema 9:00 Hit Hi Hi Hai 9:30 Chaalibaaz (Sridevi, Sunny D, Rajnikant) 12:15 Fillers 12:30 Mera Haque (Sanjay D, Anita R) 3:15 Zandu Film Bazaar 3:45 Awara Gardi (Aditya P. Kiki Kalkar).