

Column One

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- 1. The current New Zealand cricket captain is... 2. Brazilian star Ronaldo's new Italian club is...

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SPORTS TALK



Mohammad Azharuddin (Indian batsman) 'Though I have experienced ticklish moments, this was some strange experience.'

Marseille ride on Blanc

PARIS, Aug 9: France defender Laurent Blanc rekindled Marseille dreams of a return to past glories as his third goal in two matches gave them a 1-0 home win over Nantes in the French First Division on Friday, reports Reuter.

Paris St Germain are second after their 3-2 away win over Auxerre on Thursday, ahead of Marseille, Bastia and promoted Toulouse, who both won 1-0. Champions Monaco had to come from behind to win their first point in two matches in a surprise 2-2 draw at home against Chateauroux after striker Didier Martel scored twice in nine minutes for the Second Division champions.

Dhaka Club swimming

A swimming competition for the members of the Dhaka Club to celebrate the 86th foundation day of the club, was held on Friday, reports BSS.

Le Saux rejoins Chelsea

LONDON, Aug 9: Chelsea splashed out a club-record five million pounds (8 million dollars) on Friday to sign England defender Graeme Le Saux from Blackburn, reports Reuter.

Aravinda holds the fort

COLOMBO, Aug 9: Aravinda de Silva hit a fifth successive century on home soil today to lift Sri Lanka to 316 for seven on the opening day of the final cricket Test against India here, reports AFP.

to put Sri Lanka in under over-cast conditions paid off despite a rollicking start by Jayasuriya and Marvan Atapattu, who hammered 53 runs in the first hour.



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Mohanty, coming on as first change, struck in his third over as Jayasuriya edged a wild drive to Tendulkar at first slip. In the next over, Atapattu edged a head-high catch off Venkatesh Prasad to Mohammad Azharuddin at second slip to make Sri Lanka 59 for two.

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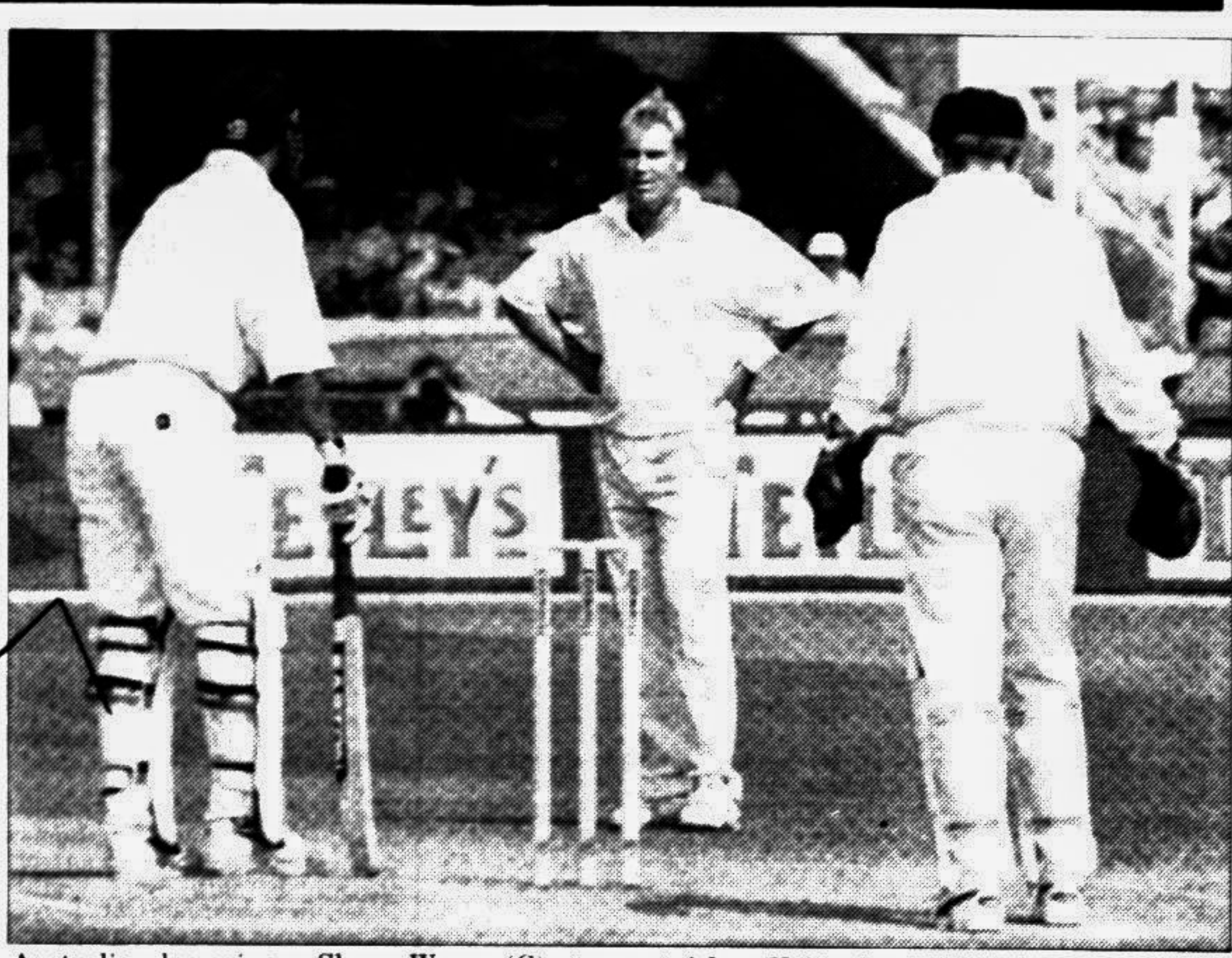
Mohammedan Sporting Club suffered a 1-0 defeat at the hand of Pohang Steelers Club of South Korea in their opening match of the two-tier 17th Asian Club Cup first round in Pohang, South Korea yesterday, according to a Bangladesh Football Federation press release.

Jayasinghe's moment of joy

Susanthika Jayasinghe became the first ever Sri Lankan to win a track medal at the World Championships when she won the 200 metres silver in Athens on Friday.



The gangling Sunantha, whose career suffered a severe jolt a couple of years back when she tested positive in a dope test and was almost stripped of her Jakarta Asian track and field 200 and 100 gold and silver respectively, with this fantastic feat at the highest level enhances the growing reputation of the country in the world of sport after the tremendous success of her cricket team.



Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne (C) stares at Adam Hoolioake (L) after being hit again to the boundary on the third day of the Trent Bridge Test against England yesterday.

Aussies 114 runs ahead

NOTTINGHAM, England, Aug 9: Australia grabbed a 114-run first innings lead after Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne took four wickets each to bowl out England for 313 runs in the fifth cricket Test at Trent Bridge on Saturday, reports AP.

The fifth wicket pair came together with England somewhat in trouble. After a 106-run stand between skipper Michael Atherton and Alec Stewart, who scored 87, the home side crashed against leg-spinner Shane Warne.

England scored freely, adding 84 runs in the post-lunch session despite losing three wickets. Thorpe, dropped on 31 by Steve Waugh at gully off McGrath, duly reached his first half-century since his 138 in England's nine-wicket win in the first Test.

The devil has arisen

By Nizamuddin Ahmed in England

Part 1: England seem to have taken to heart their recent successes in one-day cricket against Australia. This is amply evident in the radical changes proposed by England and Wales Cricket Board chairman Lord MacLaurin and chief executive Tim Lamb.

The most exhilarating. The hitherto conservative Englishmen are learning a rope or two from Las Vegas and introducing American-style conference system. The county championship will be divided into three conferences of six counties each.

Chandrika greets Sunantha

COLOMBO, Aug 9: Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga today congratulated Sunantha Jayasinghe who won silver in the women's 200 metres to bring the country its first medal in World Championships in nearly 50 years, reports AFP.



Two Uzbek footballers Haly Yalim Rifad (R) and Matriev Anatoly, who arrived in the city on Friday to play for Abahani Krira Chakra.

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Another Hingis statistic

MANHATTAN BEACH, California, Aug 9: World number one Martina Hingis playing so well she joked about joining the men's circuit, raced past seeded Anke Huber 6-3, 6-0 Friday night to gain entry into the semifinals of the 450,000 dollars Acura Classic, reports Reuter.

When asked if she could rally against the likes of Thomas Muster and Michael Chang, she replied: 'They would kill me. They play with so much power, I would rather play someone like Boris Becker, someone who likes to have short rallies. But he would have to have one serve.'

Cloud still hangs over 'em

LONDON, Aug 9: Bruce Grobbelaar, John Fashanu and Hans Segers, cleared after two trials of fixing English soccer games for cash, still face large legal bills and a possible worldwide ban, reports AP.

from Dutch goalkeeper Segers for 65,000 pounds in costs — the judge cast doubts over the not-guilty verdicts that came Thursday and Friday in the long-running trial.

Borg, McEnroe in last eight

PURCHASE, New York, Aug 9: John McEnroe and Bjorn Borg advanced Friday to the quarterfinals of the 200,000 dollars ATP-sanctioned Citibank Championships 35-and-over tennis tournament at Manhattanville College, reports AP.

Dhaka Club swimming



Members of the victorious Dhaka Club team (L-R) Prof Rashiduddin, Mashuk, Habib, Neaz (standing) and Dilip, Bakhtiar (sitting) who won the double crown of the Weekend Tennis Classic on Friday.

Crossword By Eugene Sheffer

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The judge in the 46-day retrial that ended Friday, Sir Charles McCullough, ruled that Fashanu must pay his own court costs, estimated at 650,000 pounds (1 million dollars). Fashanu, 34, the former Wimbledon striker and television personality, intends to appeal.

Crossword puzzle grid and Cryptopquip section with clues and solution.