

Sport

Column One

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

Competition for School Children... Tick the Correct Answers

- 1 Who is leading Warwickshire county this season? 2 The second man to score 8,000 runs in One-Day International cricket is...

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SPORTS TALK



Ian Healy (Australian wicket-keeper) When I look back I am happy with my one-day record...

Nat'l junior snooker on Sports Reporter

SM Sajjad gave host Dhaka Club a flying start in the third Ashok Leyland national junior snooker championship yesterday.

In the first round clash, Sajjad, the top seed, registered a convincing 3-0 (11-16, 85-12, 89-5) win over Navin Anwar of Dhaka Billiards Centre.

In the day's other matches, Ripto of Narayanang Club beat KF Anif of Gulshan Club...

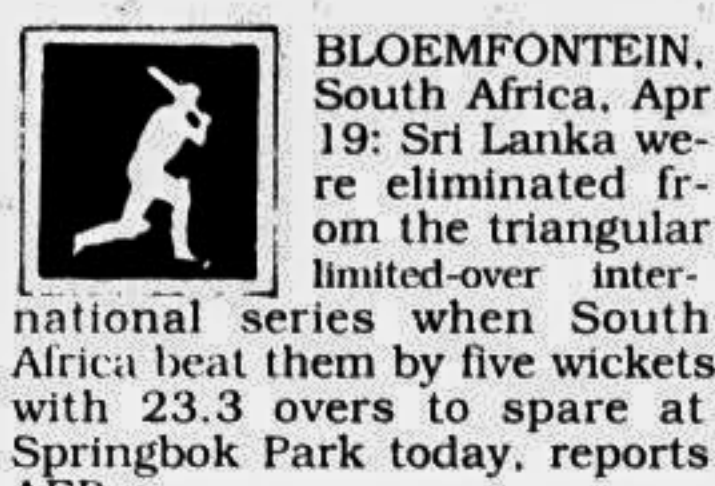
Khulna cricket

KHULNA, Apr 19: Abul Kashem Smriti Sangsad defeated Shapla Kriya Chakra by seven wickets in the Senior Division cricket league played at the Khulna Stadium on Saturday, reports BSS.

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SA kill off SL hopes



BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Apr 19: Sri Lanka were eliminated from the triangular limited-over international series when South Africa beat them by five wickets with 23.3 overs to spare at Springbok Park today, reports AFP.

On a pitch that helped the South African fast bowlers, Sri Lanka were bowled out for 105 in 36 overs after being sent in to bat.

Although South Africa lost five wickets before getting the required runs, the result was never in doubt, with Sri Lanka having only two seam bowlers to take advantage of conditions.

Opening bowlers Shaun Pollock and player-of-the-match Roger Telemachus both gained bounce and swing as Sri Lanka crashed to 26 for four in the first nine overs, Pollock took three for 21 and Telemachus two for 23.

The world champions' hopes of a respectable score were virtually ended when skipper Arjuna Ranatunga was caught down the legside off Allan Donald with the total on 50.

Two more excellent catches hastened Sri Lanka's downfall. Jacques Kallis held a sharp overhead chance at slip as

Dharmasena slashed at Pollock, while Gary Kirsten dived far to his right at wide slip to catch Upul Chandana off Jacques Kallis, who took five for 16 in six overs despite bowling five wides.

It was the second successive match in which South Africa had bowled out their opponents within the scheduled 50 overs. At Centurion on Friday, they dismissed Pakistan for 145 in 41.5 overs on the way to a seven-wicket win.

The South Africans had to face six overs before lunch and the home side lost both openers before the break to some fiery bowling by Pramodaya Wickramasinghe, who gained prodigious swing in a spell of two for 22 off eight overs.

Gary Kirsten was bowled for nought and Herschelle Gibbs caught behind for 10, having survived a confident appeal for a similar catch and a missed chance at gully off the same bowler.

Kallis and Daryll Cullinan put on 50 for the third wicket before Kallis was caught off bat and pad at silly mid-off when he edged an attempted big hit.

Mark Boucher was promoted up the order but was run out after a mix-up, and Cullinan was caught and bowled by Dharmasena when he checked a drive.

South Africa finished the round-robin section with five wins from six matches, while Pakistan and Sri Lanka won two matches each. Pakistan went through to the final because they won two of their three matches against the Lankans.

SCOREBOARD Table with columns O, M, R, W for South Africa and Sri Lanka.

South Africa meet Pakistan in the final in Cape Town on April 22.

India 90/3

India were 90 for three in 17 overs chasing 265 for victory against Australia in the Coca-Cola Cup tri-series cricket tournament in Sharjah yesterday.

Earlier Steve Waugh's Australians batting first after winning toss, scored 264 for nine in the stipulated overs.

SCOREBOARD Table with columns O, M, R, W for Australia and India.

Charlim memorial cricket final Apr 24 Sports Reporter

The final match of the third Charlim memorial cricket tournament between Sheikh Russell Smriti Sangsad and Super Star Eleven will be played at the Faridhat Stadium on April 24, Bangladesh national coach Gordon Greenidge will witness the game and distribute prizes.

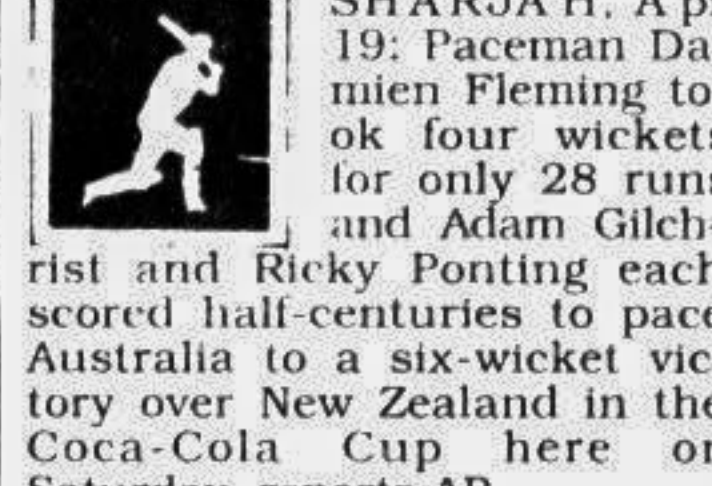
Both finalists are likely to field a few national cricketers. The rate of tickets has been fixed at Tk 10 and 20.

Officers' Club bridge today Officers' Club monthly duplicate pair bridge tournament will be held today at 6:00 pm, reports BSS.

Cricketers of West Bengal in city Sports Reporter

Agragami Sangsad, a juvenile cricket team from Shilliguri, India has arrived in the capital yesterday to play a series of exhibition matches against different local selections.

Kiwis suffer second loss



SHARJAH, Apr 19: Pacerman Damien Fleming took four wickets for only 28 runs and Adam Gilchrist and Ricky Ponting each scored half-centuries to pace Australia to a six-wicket victory over New Zealand in the Coca-Cola Cup here on Saturday, reports AFP.

After limiting New Zealand to 159 all out in 48.4 overs, Australia reached the target of 160 for four in 36.5 overs.

Opener Gilchrist highlighted Australia's first victory in the competition with a tidy 57 off 89 balls. Ponting contributed 52 off 71 deliveries.

Australia, who gave New Zealand their second defeat, lost opener Mark Waugh for 11 with the score at 35.

Gilchrist and Ponting shattered New Zealand's hopes with their 90-run, second-wicket stand in 21 overs.

Gilchrist struck three fours and a six while Ponting had two sixes and four boundaries, leaving the field with the Aussies 29 runs short of victory.

Earlier when fielding, pacerman Damien Fleming took four wickets in 9.4 overs to eventually earn the player-of-the-match award.

The Kiwis, defeated by India by 15 runs in Friday's opening match, lost opener Nathan As-

tle on a run out for only seven after only 3.3 overs with the total at 20.



FLEMING... p-o-m in a superb 10-over spell.

The Australian bowlers were backed by some superb fielding which put further pressure on their Pacific neighbours.

The dismissal of skipper Stephen Fleming, who led with 59 from 94 balls, by spinner Gavin Robertson triggered a collapse of the New Zealand in-

nings.

In the 41st over, New Zealand was 143 for 5. The other five wickets collapsed while adding only 16 runs.

Saturday's win leaves Australia and India level on two points from one victory each. The two teams face each other Sunday for the last match of the first round.

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Scorecards of the limited-over match between Australia and New Zealand in Sharjah Saturday:

NEW ZEALAND: 159 all out in 48.4 overs (S Fleming 59, C Harris 26, D Fleming 4/28)

AUSTRALIA: Gilchrist c Asle b Harris 57, M Waugh c Fleming b O'Connor 11, Ponting c Horne b Harris 52, Bevan not out 15, S Waugh lbw b McMillan 3, Lehmann not out 11, Extras: (lb-6, w-3, nb-2) 11, Total (for 4 wks, 36.5 overs) 160

Fall of wickets: 1-35; 2-125; 3-131; 4-134.

Bowling: O M R W O'Connor 5 0 31 1 Cairns 5 0 24 0 Nash 4 1 15 0 Harris 10 2 31 2 Priest 9.5 1 42 0 MacMillan 3 0 11 0

Result: Australia won by six wickets. Player-of-the-match: Damien Fleming

Durham get on Lara's nerves



LONDON, Apr 19: Brian Lara suffered more frustration in his new role as captain of Warwickshire on the second day of the county championship season on Saturday as his side let lowly Durham off the hook in spectacular fashion, reports Reuters.

Having totalled 336 in their first innings despite the West Indian skipper's embarrassing duck, Warwickshire reduced their visitors to 45 for 5.

But a stand of 194 between Tasmanian David Boon and 21-year-old local boy Paul Collingwood allowed Durham to reach 292 for seven by the close.

Boon, in his second season as captain, made 107 and Collingwood was not out on 105, just two runs short of his career-best.

The vastly experienced Boon, who once played in 60 successive Test matches for Australia, pledged to improve Durham's fortunes after the English championship's newest recruits finished bottom of the table three times in their first five seasons.

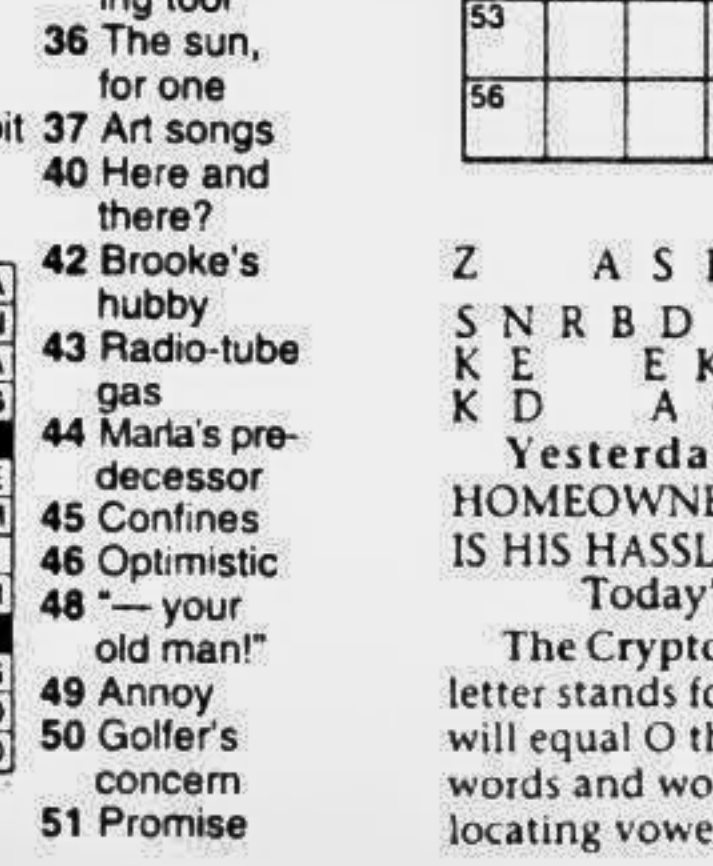
Last year they were 17th out of 18, but showed greater resolution than in the past, and in this first match of the new

campaign, they are in a position to take a first-innings lead over a team widely regarded as potential champions.

On another day of cold, damp weather, reigning champions Glamorgan dismissed Gloucestershire for only 144 for a useful first-innings lead of 92.

Former England pacer Steve Watkin took three wickets for no runs in one spell of 10 balls.

England's leading strike-bowler Darren Gough, who



missed the recent tour of the Caribbean with hamstring trouble, demonstrated his fitness by thrashing 89 of Yorkshire's 383 against Somerset, then taking two wickets.

Teammate Chris Silverwood, who replaced him on the tour, weighed in with three

wickets to leave Somerset in serious trouble at 160 for seven.

Derbyshire did not miss their injured Australian recruit Michael Slater as Tim Tweats celebrated his birthday with 161 out of 358 for six and a big lead over Nottinghamshire.

Play of only seven overs have been possible so far because of rain in the eagerly awaited match between leading contenders Kent and Middlesex.

All matches resume on Monday after the first round of Sunday league games.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Apr 19: Mohanagar Clinical Club moved into semifinals of the Hasan Imam and Ali Imam Pintu Smriti cricket tournament today at Rajshahi Medical College playground.

Mohanagar defeated Lotus Sporting Club (Green) by three wickets.

Winning the toss, Lotus batted first and scored 140 runs for all in 21 overs.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled letters.

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