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1 National cricket team captain Aminul Islam will play this season for

2 Biman | Mohammmedan | Surjo Tarun

3 Who won the Premier league cricket title last season?

Mohammmedan | Kalabagan | Abahani

4 How many teams play in the Premier cricket league?

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5 How many overs will be played per side in the Premier league this season?

50 80 100

6 How many venues will be used for the Premier league this year?

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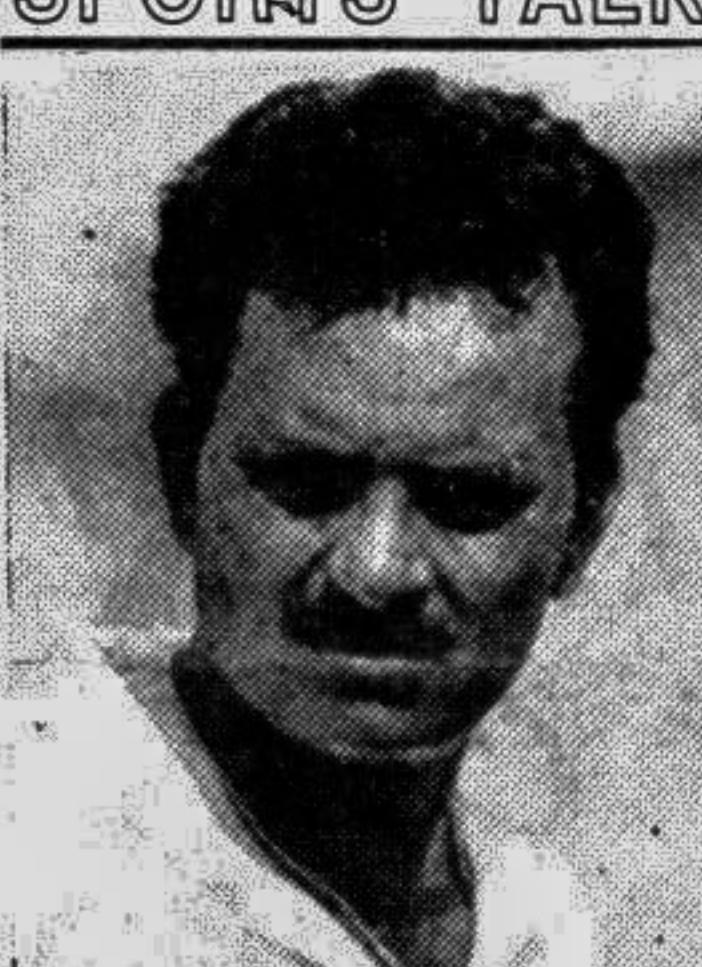
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SPORTS TALK



Madan Lal

(Former India cricket coach)
"We need two or three Test dulkars for the 1990s."

Sohail quits captaincy

LAHORE, Dec 10 (AFP/Internet): Pakistan cricket captain Aamir Sohail stepped down as Pakistan captain before the start of the second Test against Zimbabwe Thursday, but officials denied suggestions he quit following a row with selectors.

Sohail withdrew after arguing with selector Salahuddin Ahmed over the choice of players after Salim Malik, who has been accused of match-fixing, was recalled for the Test, sources said.

On Wednesday Sohail argued with coach Javed Miandad at practice, witnesses said quoting him as saying: "You should look after the team practice and I do not know anything about it."

But Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Khalid Mahmood and Sohail's mother cited health reasons for the player failing to take the field when



the second Test began.

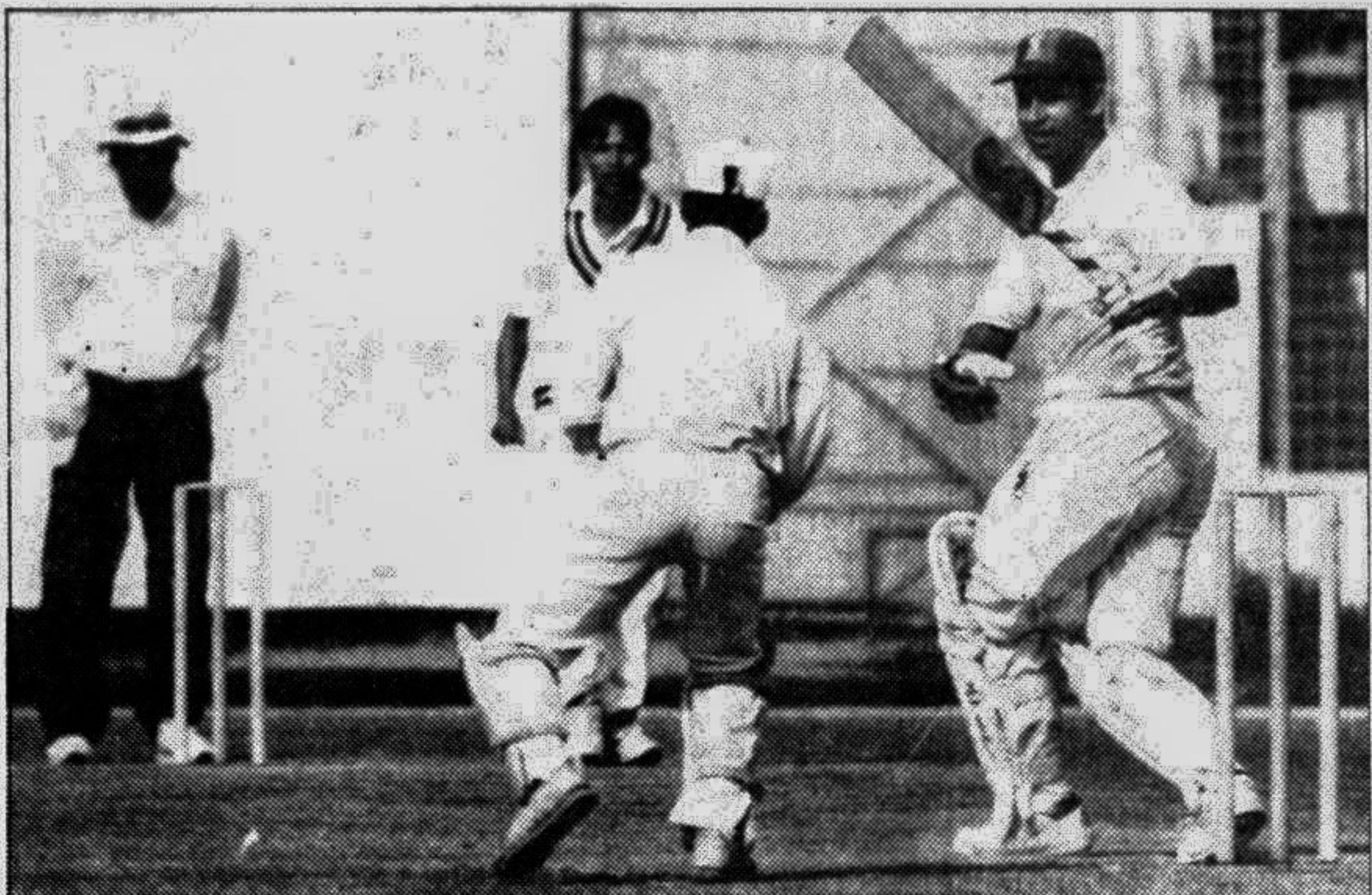
"We took him to the hospital as he vomited and had severe headache. He is now sleeping," Sohail's mother told the news agency.

Sohail's position had been in doubt after Pakistan lost a three-Test home series against Australia and were then beaten by seven wickets in the first Test against Zimbabwe.

But the Pakistan Cricket Board voted 9-3 at a meeting Wednesday to retain him.

Sohail, who did not want Malik back in the side and had pushed for two other players, quit when his demands were not met, a source said.

Sohail was fined and banned for two months in 1997 after a bitter row with the cricket board chief executive Majid Khan.



Kalabagan's Pakistani batsman Shahid Saeed looks back at Victoria wicketkeeper Kamu as the latter tries to collect the ball during their Janakantha Premier Division cricket league match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

— Star photo

Brothers strongly poised Bagan, MSC recover well

Sports Reporter

A century partnership between opener Ehsanul Haque and one-down Jahangir Alami helped reigning runners-up Brothers Union to pile up a huge total against promoted Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha in one of the three Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches, which began at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

In the other two matches, Kalabagan Krira Chakra scored a fighting total of 292 against Victoria Sporting Club before they were all out in the last ball of the stipulated 80 overs at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Title aspirants Mohammad Sporting scored 279 against Wari Club at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan (BKSP) ground in Savar.

In the BU-Bima match, Ehsan and Jahangir shared a 138-run partnership for the second wicket as Brothers, electing to bat first after skipper Khaled Mahmud won the toss in their league opener, reached a mammoth total of 341 before they were all out in the final over of their allotted 80.

Brothers lost their first wicket on 50 in the 17th over when national opener Shahriar Hossain was trapped leg before by 20 Bima's new ball bowler Ali Jaki.

However, the early loss of Shahriar was well covered by Ehsan and Jahangir, who took the scoreboard to 190 before the earlier was out on 70 in the 38th over.

Jahangir, who scored 69 of 78 balls, followed him after adding another 25 runs with Sanwar in a third-wicket stand.

Wickets kept on falling at regular intervals after Jahangir's departure. But skipper Khaled Mahmud single-handedly throttled the Gopibagh outfit to pass the 300-mark with a breezy 66 of 40 balls.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, a brilliant 63 from middle-order Jubayer Ishaque propelled Kalabagan Krira Chakra to 292 before they were all out in the last ball of their innings.

Coming in to bat at number six with Kalabagan reeling at 100 for 4 in the 36th over, Ishaque added 91 runs in the fifth wicket stand along with Pakistani batsman Shahid Saeed to help the lakeside outfit reach a respectable total at the end of the day.

The partnership was broken on 191 in the 60th over when Saeed was bowled by another Pakistani, off-spinner Shawkat Ali, after scoring exactly 50 off 96 balls inclusive of a huge six and two boundaries.

Ishaque then added another 46 runs for the sixth wicket along with Mushfiqur Rahman before being bowled by Pakistani offie Ayaz Zilani. In his 114-ball innings, Ishaque hammered three boundaries.

Among others, one-down Sher Ali and lower middle-order Mushfiqur Rahman contributed with 37 runs each.

Victoria's new-ball bowler Zakir Hasan and left-arm spinner Mustadur Litu evenly shared six wickets. Zakir gave away 60 runs in 16 overs for his three wickets while captain Mustadur conceded 29 runs in seven overs for his three.

At the BKSP ground, Mohammad, aided by a dazzling 88 from Kenyan Maurice Odumbe, posted a moderate 279 against their long standing nemesis Wari Club before being all out in 79.5 overs.

Odumbe, who arrived in the city along with Steve Tikolo on Wednesday, faced 130 balls. The Kenyan international clubbed four fours and three sixes, including a massive heave over mid-wicket that travelled all the way to the adjacent pond.

Mohammad were in deep trouble with two down for 30 before Odumbe came to the rescue.

His compatriot Tikolo, who

NBL v'ball

Sonali Bank tasted their first win in the National Bank Limited Premier Division volleyball league defeating Bangladesh Police by straight sets (15-3, 15-13, 15-10) at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday, reports UNB.

In the First Division league, Brothers Union defeated East End Boys by 15-10, 16-14, 15-12 sets.

On Wednesday, Bangladesh Police beat Power Development Board by 16-14, 12-15, 12-15, 15-11, 15-6 points in the Premier Division while in the First Division Fire Service beat Nabagarani Sangha by 15-6, 15-4, 15-7 sets.

Friday's Premier Division matches: Bangladesh Police vs Wari Club (2:30 pm), Titas Club vs Power Development Board (4 pm).

First Division matches: Dilkusha SC vs Jibon Bima (2:30 pm), East End Club vs Fire Service (4 pm) and Nabagarani Sangha vs Shantibagh Welfare Association (5:30 pm).

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Bangladeshis at the Asiad

BANGKOK, Dec 11: Bangladeshi swimmer Mohammad Niaz Ali was eliminated from the Asian Games' swimming competition when he finished 18th out of 19 in the men's 200-metre breaststroke heats at the Thammasat University Aquatic Centre today, reports BSS.

He clocked 2:39.82 minutes, which was worse than his previous timing of 2:35.26.

GOLF

In golf, Bangladesh finished last out of 14 countries scoring 291 in the team event. Shawkat Zaman, Sadiq M Quddus and Saad Rahim Chowdhury scored 94, 95 and 102 respectively.

AB Bank TT Super League

Sports Reporter

The six-team Super League of the AB Bank First Division Table Tennis will start at the Wooden-floor Gymnasium from today.

Three matches will be held on the opening day. Uttara Club will take on Wari Juniors; Engineers' Club will face Angels Club; and Swamibagh TTS will meet Dilkusha SC.

The five-team Senior Division Super League will commence from tomorrow.

Besides, the First Division Women's Table Tennis League, involving six teams, will commence at the same venue from tomorrow.

Rajshahi cricket

RAJSHAHI, Dec 10: Shahid Zia Smriti Cricket team advanced to the semifinal of the 2nd Mayor Gold Cup tournament beating Friends Sporting Club by 85 runs at the local stadium today, reports UNB.

Opting to bat first after winning the toss, Shahid Zia Smriti scored 194 runs for eight in stipulated 45 overs.

In reply, Friends were all out for 109 in 45 overs losing 9 wickets.

Bidyut of the winning team was adjudged man-of-the-match.

Friday's 2nd quarterfinal: Provati Sangha vs Upashahar Cricket Club.

Nike stands by Warne

SYDNEY, Dec 10 (Reuters/Internet): Australian cricketer Shane Warne's major sponsor Nike said on Thursday it did not condone Warne's actions in accepting money from an Indian bookmaker, but added that it stood by the tarnished star.

"In response to the recent revelations regarding cricketer Shane Warne we will continue our ongoing support of the Australian spin bowler," the U.S.-based sporting goods giant said in a statement.

"We do not, however, condone these actions in any way," Warne's sponsorship deal with Nike is believed to be worth an estimated \$620,000.

"We believe this was a serious misjudgement on Shane's behalf, however, he has been disciplined and subsequently fined by the Australian Cricket Board for his misconduct," Nike said.

"Following discussions with Shane we believe and we believe he has matured and learnt from his mistake," the company said.

"Throughout our relationship Shane has displayed loyalty and support. We will continue our partnership with him as he makes his way back into the Australian XI following his recent injury."

Shane Warne must have seriously jeopardised his chances of becoming Australia's captain," wrote cricket writer Malcolm Conn in the national newspaper.

"One of Australia's best players may have sacrificed that special privilege by taking tainted money from an illegal Indian bookmaker four years

Furore over 'cricket-gate' scandal

'The Don' disappointed



ADELAIDE, Dec 10 (Reuters/AP): Sir Donald Bradman was disappointed by news that Shane Warne and Mark Waugh had accepted money from an Indian bookmaker, Australian captain Mark Taylor said today.

"I think he was a little disappointed, yes," Taylor told reporters after meeting Bradman. "But typical Don Bradman, he did not make any rash statements."

Australian cricket is in turmoil after Warne and Waugh admitted being paid thousands of dollars for giving a bookmaker information on weather and pitch conditions during a 1994 tour of Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Warne and Waugh were fined by the Australian Cricket Board in early 1995, but a cover-up of the incident has sparked calls for the players to be banned and for a full inquiry. The ACB has rejected any further action.

Taylor met Bradman, who turned 90 in August, at his home in Adelaide on Wednesday to talk about Taylor's record batting form against Pakistan.

Taylor earned a tribute from "The Don" regarded as the world's best batsman, for passing up a chance to beat Bradman's 68-year-old record for Australia's highest Test score.

"He thanked me for not going past the score," Taylor said.

Taylor smashed an unbeaten 334 against Pakistan in October to match Bradman's 334 against England in 1930.

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister suddenly appeared on nationwide television, standing somberly in front of an Australian flag, to say "something that's going to deeply disturb Australians."

Though John Howard's demeanor was solemn enough for an announcement of the death of the Queen, he spoke of something far deeper and more dear to Aussies than Her Majesty — the scandal engulfing Australian cricket.

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The aspect that enraged most people even more though, was

that the Australian Cricket Board kept the matter secret until this week — a case of cricket-gate.

The Australian Cricket Board is guilty of hypocrisy in its attitude to cricket's gambling problem. The board has pressed for an inquiry into allegations of match-fixing in Pakistan while engaging in a concerted cover-up of its own betting scandal," the Australian national newspaper said in a front-page editorial.

"Australia mourns as the game falls from its pedestal," cried the Sydney Morning Herald Thursday.

The Australian team has bashed Britain for years, but this scandal turned two of the top Aussie players from "heroes

to zero overnight" in the eyes of most people, the Australian Broadcasting Corp said.

The Prime Minister, an avid cricket fan, was stunned by the disclosures.

"I would imagine that, given the great passion that Australians have for cricket, there's an intense feeling of disappointment about the whole issue," Howard said.

"Australians love their cricket and anything that looks as though it's knocking cricket off its pedestal is something that's going to deeply disturb Australians."

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that the whole morality of the game, the concept of what is and is not cricket," Engel wrote.

"So what happened in 1817?" Engel wrote.

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