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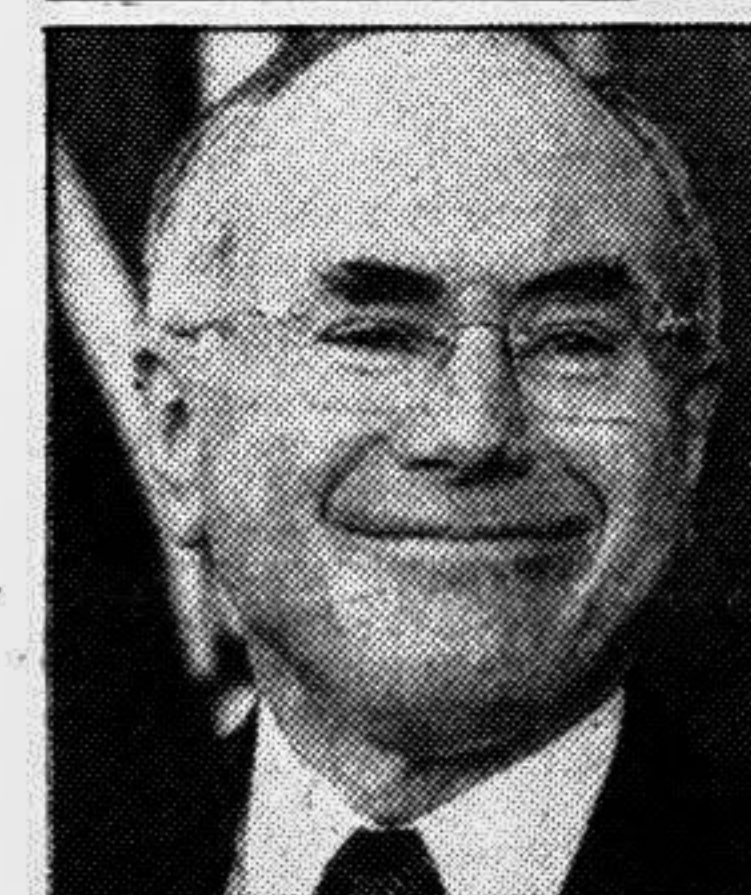
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SPORTS TALK



John Howard

(Australian Prime Minister) "I would imagine that, given the great passion that Australian have for cricket, there's an intense feeling of disappointment about the whole issue."

On the bribe taking scandal involving Australian Test stars Mark Waugh and Shane Warne.

Warne gets the sack

LONDON, Dec 11 (AFP): Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne has been sacked as a columnist by English tabloid newspaper The Mirror.

The newspaper took the action following revelations that Warne had accepted money from bookmakers for pitch and weather information during the tour of Pakistan and Sri Lanka in 1994.

Warne, who has missed the first three Tests of the current Ashes series with a shoulder injury, had been employed by The Mirror to act as a columnist throughout the series and next year's World Cup in England.

Sports editor Des Kelly decided to terminate the contract after it was disclosed that Warne and teammate Mark Waugh had been fined by the Australian Cricket Board for what both players deemed a "naive and foolish act."

"Shane Warne's reputation will remain irrevocably tarnished in the eyes of the public after the revelations of the past 48 hours," said Kelly.

It could be the first in a number of financial bombshells for Warne, although sportswear giants Nike have said they will stand by him.

Nike said Thursday they would continue to pay Warne to promote their products despite his admissions.

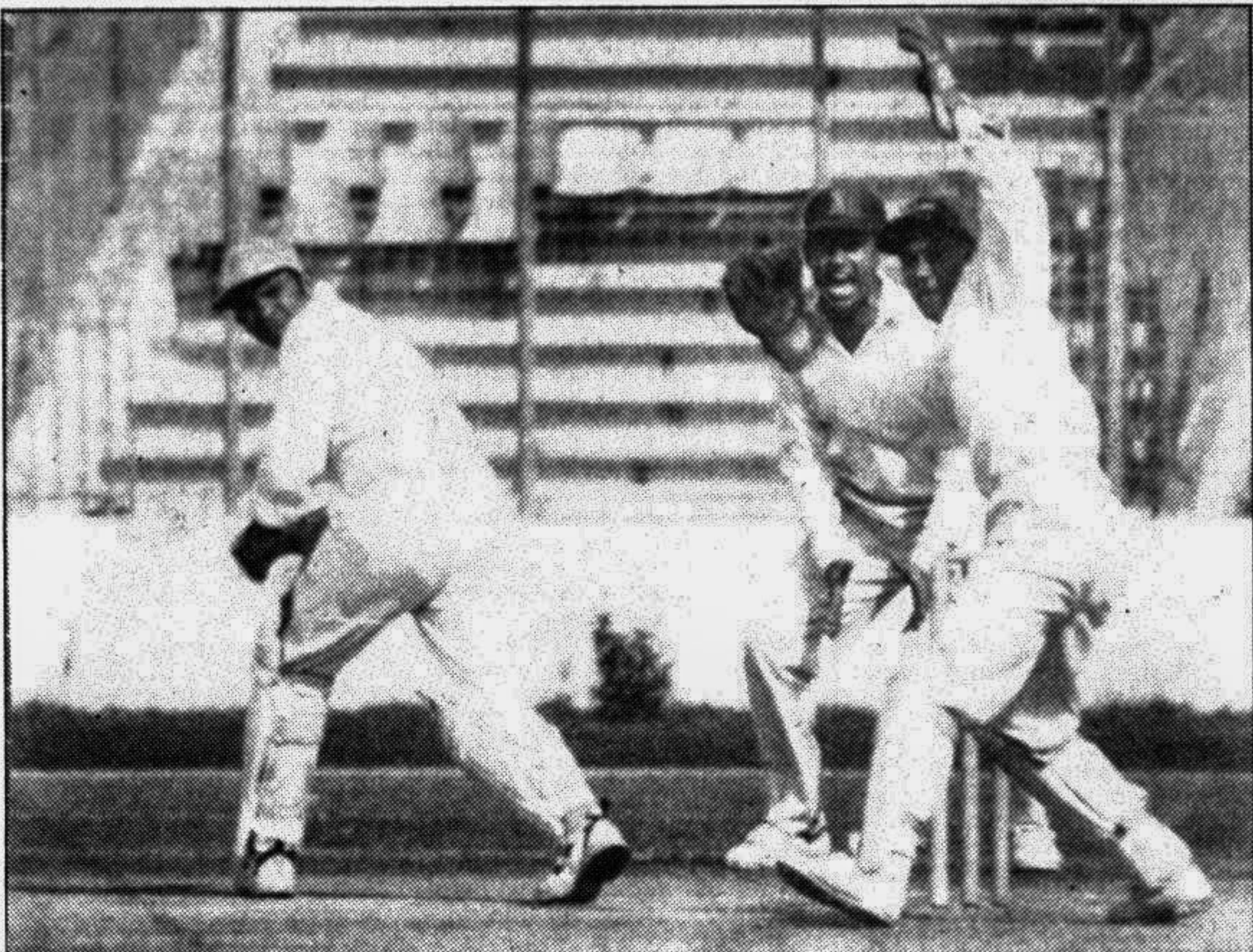
Warne had made a serious misjudgement in 1994 but it believed the leg-spinner had matured in the past four years and learnt from his mistake.

Warne makes more money from endorsements - reportedly worth 1.1 million dollars (670,000 US) a year - than any other player in Australian cricket history. His terms with Nike were not disclosed.

Warne, the current Victorian captain, had been earmarked as Mark Taylor's replacement as national skipper and has already led Australia to one-day level.

But Australian Cricket Board chief executive Malcolm Speed refused to be drawn on the impact the controversy would have on Warne's leadership ambitions.

"I'm not involved in team selection so I can't comment," he said.



Victoria Sporting Club's Pakistani middle-order Shawkat Ali sweeps on way to scoring the first century of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league against Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Shawkat scored an unbeaten 114. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Shawkat Ali knocks season's first ton Big wins for BU, Mohammedan Kalabagan safely through

Sports Reporter

Bowlers ruled the second day's play in the three Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches, propelling title-aspirants Brothers Union, Mohammedan Sporting and Kalabagan Krira Chakra to their first wins in their respective league openers which concluded at different venues yesterday.

However, a consolation for the batsmen, Victoria Sporting's Shawkat Ali scored the maiden century of the season but in vain.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, brilliant bowling by right-arm seamer Shafiuddin Ahmed guided reigning runners-up Brothers Union to a facile 105-run victory over promoters Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha.

On the other hand, left-arm spinner and Mohammedan's new captain, Mohammad Rafique, took four wickets to help his side post a huge 148-run win over Wari Club.

In the third match, Kalabagan Krira Chakra handed Victoria Sporting a 59-run defeat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

In the BU-Bima match, national seamer Shafiuddin Ahmed captured five wickets as Brothers, defending a commanding total of 341 in 80 overs, shot out the new comers to the 12-team elite league for 236 with more than five overs to spare.

Shafiuddin, the tall medium-pacer drew the first blood by dismissing three Bima top order batsmen in the first session. He then ripped through the tail to finish with a match-winning five-wicket haul for 31 runs in 13 overs.

Shafiuddin was ably supported by his skipper and right-arm medium-pacer Khaled Mahmud, who took two wickets for 42 runs from his 15 overs. Off-spinner Sanwar Hossain took one wicket for 34.

Only two Victoria middle order batsmen—Indian Rajinder Singh (79) and S Islam (71) showed some temperament and faced the Brothers attack with some courage, putting on a 171-run partnership for the fifth wicket.

Away at the BKSP ground, Mohammedan, defending a not-so-impressive total of 279 in 80 overs, were successful in dismissing Wari for only 131 in 57.1 overs, thanks to skipper Mohammad Rafique for his leadly tweakers.

Rafique, who scored 41 runs off 36 balls in the previous day to help his side reach 279, also shone with the cherry by claiming four wickets for only 25 runs from his tight 12.1 overs.

After new-ball duo Zakir Hossain and Morshed Ali Khan, who shared three wickets among themselves, ripped through the Wari top order, Rafique took charge to shoot out the tail.

Kenyan all-rounder Maurice Odumbe, who scored highest 88 in the Mohammedan innings, also took two wickets.

At the Bangabandhu National Stadium, an unbeaten century from Pakistan middle-order, Shawkat Ali could not prevent Victoria Sporting from a 59-run defeat at the hands of Kalabagan Krira Chakra.

Shawkat, who got no support from any of his ten batting partners, single-handedly faced the Kalabagan attack and scored an undefeated 114 to help his side cross the 200 mark. But at the end of the day, the ton proved futile as Victoria could manage only 233 in the stipulated 80 overs with three wickets in hand.

In his more than three-hour stay at the crease, Shawkat faced 197 balls, during which he

hit eleven sweetly-timed hits across the rope.

Among others, Sabbir Khan, who scored 23, was the lone man to cross the 20 mark.

Three Kalabagan bowlers—Pakistani, Shahid Saeed, off-spinner Fahim Muntasir and Mukul— even shared six wickets.

SCOREBOARDS

Brothers Union v Sadharan Bima KS

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zakir	10	2	25	1
Morshed	11	4	22	2
Tikolo	9	2	26	1
Salahuddin	5	2	6	0
M Rafique	12	4	25	4
Odumbe	10	4	22	2

Result: Mohammedan SC won by 148 runs.

Kalabagan KC v Victoria SC (Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)

KALABAGAN KC: Over-night 341 all out in 78.1 overs (Ehsanul 70, Jahangir 69, K Mahmud 66, Sanwar 38; Ali Jaki 3/65, Moin 3/68, Hadi 3/46)

SADHARAN BIMA INNINGS

Moin c H Hasan b Shafiuddin	2
K Ahmed c Jahangir b Shafiuddin	12
Garry c H Hasan b Shafiuddin	0
M Rahman run out	12
R Singh c Jahangir b Sanwar	79
S Islam lbw b K Mahmud	71
T Islam c Sanwar b K Mahmud	3
T Shahriar b Shafiuddin	7
Tariqul c S Sharma b Shafiuddin	9
Hadi not out	3
Extras: (b-2, lb-9, nb-3, w-24)	38
Total: (All out in 74.1 overs)	236

Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-23; 3-33; 4-36; 5-207; 6-213; 7-216; 8-230; 9-236; 10-236.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
S Sharma	15.1	4	42	0
Shafiuddin	13	2	31	5
K Mahmud	15	2	42	2
Mahid	2	2	0	0
Sanwar	10	1	34	1
T Hossain	9	1	31	0
H Hasan	4	0	20	0
Ehsanul	6	0	25	0

Result: Brothers Union won by 105 runs.

Mohammedan SC v Wari Club (Venue: BKSP)

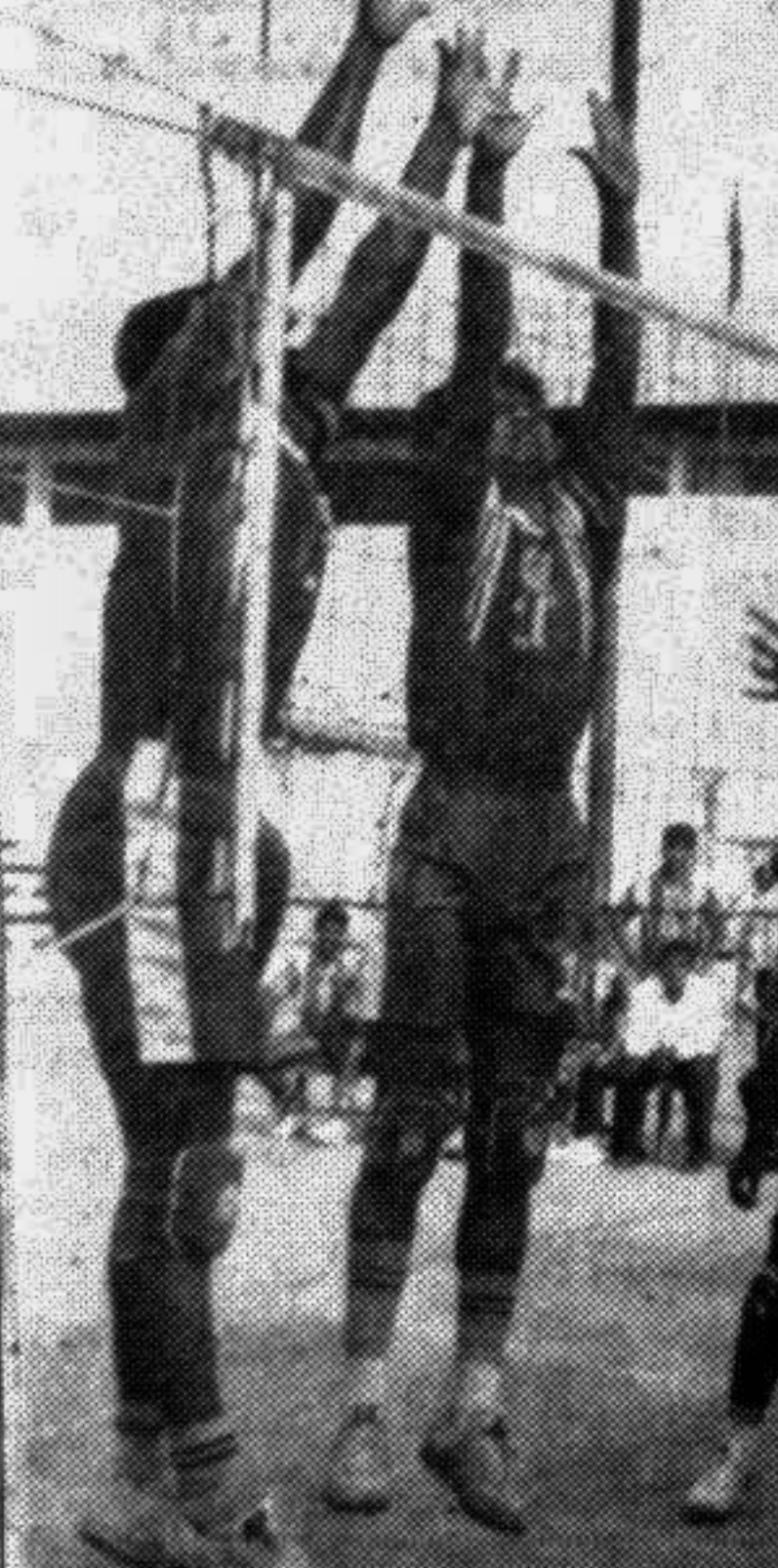
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TODAY'S MATCHES

Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League (Day One)

Biman v Agrani Bank (BNS)

Surjo Tarun v Ajax SC (BKSP)



Action from yesterday's Premier Division volleyball league encounter between Wari Club and Bangladesh Police at the volleyball court. —Star photo

Asian hockey

'Lucky' seven for Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

Neighbours India routed Bangladesh by seven goals to nothing in their pool B clash of the 13th Asian Games hockey competition played in Bangkok yesterday.

Some consider yesterday's result fortunate for Bangladesh because they conceded a 0-14 defeat to South Korea in their previous match.

According to Doordarshan TV monitored here yesterday, the winners led the first half 3-0.

India skipper Dhanraj Pillay, who played club hockey in Dhaka for Apahani Krira Chakra last year, put the Indians ahead with two field goals, while his attacking partner Baljeet Singh sealed the first-half through a short corner conversion.

Buoyed by the first-half lead, the Indians continued with their offensives against the lowly-rated Bangladesh and added four more to their account with Pillay, Anilन्द्र, Mohammad Riaz and Dilip Tirkey netting one each.

With yesterday's defeat, Bangladesh conceded 23 goals in their three group matches and scored only one. They will face Singapore in their final group match tomorrow.

Division I Chess

Leonine win, Biman keep up the chase

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Leonine Chess Club kept their sole lead intact in the First Division Chess League with a comprehensive 4-0 win over West Jatrabari Krira Chakra after the fifth round held at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the day's round, Leonine's Latvian GM Igors Raussis beat Farashganj's Sohel, Belarus GM Yuri Suleman beat Renuu, Khandker Kayes Hasan beat Prosenjit while Abu Sufian Shakil won his board against Moniruzzaman.

Leonine, with their fourth win in five rounds against a draw have 18 points, 1.5 points ahead of last year's runners-up Biman, who also posted a 4-0 victory over Narayanganj Daba Khelewar Samity in the fifth round.

Biman's three International Masters Ziaur Rahman, Rezaul Karim and Abdullah Al-Rakib won their respective boards against Narayanganj's Raktim Banerjee, Monir Hossain and Murad while FIDE Master Tahmidur Rahman won the last board against Monirul Islam.

Titas Club remained third in the table with 14.5 points at the end of Friday's round. They registered a 3-1 win over Brothers Union.

In the day's other matches, Kamalapur SKKS beat Dhaka University by 3.5-5 points, Ansars defeated Sonali Bank by 3-1 points, Anushilion Daba Krira Chakra beat Nakhapara Juba Kalyan Samity by 2.5-1.5 points while the other match between Farashganj Sporting and Mahakhali Prodeep Sangha ended in a 2-2 draw.

TODAY'S MATCHES

(Round Six)

(NSC Chess Room)

Brothers Union v Biman

Dhaka University v Narayanganj DKS

Ansars v Kamalapur SKKS

Farashganj SC v Sonali Bank

West Jatrabari KC v Mahakhali PS

Leonine CC v Anushilion DKC

Titas Club v Nakhapara JKS

NBL v'ball

Bangladesh Police registered their seventh win in the National Bank volleyball league defeating Wari Club by straight sets (15-2, 15-8, 15-1) at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday, reports UNB.

In the First Division league, Dilkusha SC beat Jiban Bima Corporation 15-10, 15-4, 15-5 at the same venue.

Earlier, on Thursday, East End Club defeated Nabajatak Majlish 15-4, 15-10, 15-3 in the first division league.

Saturday's matches

Premier Division

Bangladesh Rifles vs Power Development Board (2-30 pm), Water Development Board vs Azad Sporting Club (4 pm)

Acme nat'l youth hockey

Dhaka Education Board and Dhaka DSA won their opening engagements of the 17th Acme national youth hockey tournament at Moulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday, reports APB.

Dhaka Education Board trounced Khulna DSA 8-0 in the one-sided affair after dominating the first half 6-0.

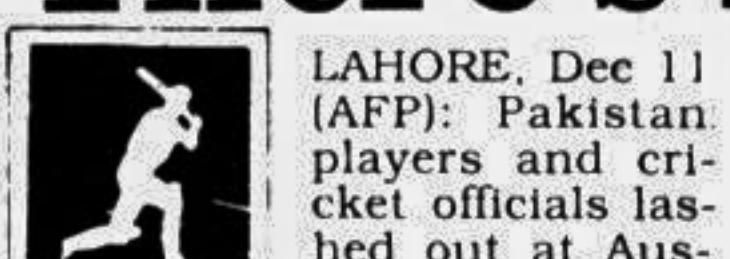
Raihan struck three goals, Shakil netted twice followed by Imran, Selim and Imon who scored one goal each.

In the other match of the day, Dhaka DSA defeated Comilla DSA 3-1 and led the first half 1-0.

Asif, Reaz and Samad found the net once each for the winners. Shahed scored the consolation goal for the vanquished.

'Cricket-gate' scandal

There's more to it: Imran



LAHORE, Dec 11 (AFP): Pakistan players and cricket officials lashed out at Australian players

Shane Warne and Mark Waugh on Thursday demanding action against the pair following their confession they took money from a bookmaker.

Former Pakistan cricket hero Imran Khan said that the admissions had been blown out of all proportion.

Imran said the whole episode was "trivial" and added: "I think the only confusion is that why it has been declared so late. It's the Australian Cricket Board which is responsible for creating all this fuss."

Imran said he believed that what the Australian players had done did not even amount to a "fineable offence."

"They have created further confusion and doubt but I think what they told bookmakers was mild information and not even a fineable offence. There is something more to it," told Imran.

He said the belated disclosure of the affair could be an attempt to rekindle bribery allegations against former Pakistani captain Salim Malik, who was accused in 1994 by Waugh and Warne of offering them bribes.

But he declined to speculate what impact the confessions would have on an ongoing Pakistani inquiry into match-fixing allegations.

Another former Pakistan captain Javed Burki said, "I am not at all surprised because it was bound to come one day."

"I think disclosures will come from other countries also, it's not bad to have an inquiry and penalties the players," Burki said.

Burki was the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board's ad-hoc committee in February, 1995 when Waugh, Warne and a third Australian, Tim May, claimed Malik offered them 200,000 US dollars each to lose matches during the Australian tour of Pakistan in October, 1994.

"This shows that our stance

in 1994 was right as we wanted to penalise the players silently but we could not handle the local media which wanted to pub-

lish the matter," Burki said.

Arif Abbasi, a member of that ad-hoc committee, criticised the governing body of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in this context.

"In 1994 ICC chief executive David Richards and ICC match referee John Reid were in Pakistan but they kept the allegations secret which was wrong," Abbasi said.

The ICC admitted it knew about the Australian players.

The Pakistan board has yet to issue a statement, but chairman Khalid Mahmood slammed the "unethical" conduct of the Australian cricketers and said his board would take up the issue with the Australian board as well as the ICC.

Mahmood told Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio from Lahore he was disappointed the ACB had not contacted him since the bookmaker scandal erupted on Tuesday.

"We would like the Australian Cricket Board to place all the cards on the table, which would mean we would like to know exactly what happened."

Alam blamed Warne and Waugh for violating the ethics of cricket.

"It's their guilt that has come out and we are investigating the allegations in our country, they had a double standard," Alam said.

Haroon Rasheed, former cricketer and Pakistan coach in 1997, believed more revelations were to come.

Sports writer Intiaz Sipra was harsher. "The Australians are far from being gentlemen in flannels."



Farashganj Sporting Club's Protul Chandra Basu making a move against Mahakhali Prodeep Sangha's Ahmed Majumder during their fifth round clash of the First Division chess league yesterday. —Star photo

ACB to form probe body

ADELAIDE, Dec 11 (AP/AFP): Australia's top cricketers will be called before an independent inquiry into players' links with bookmakers following revelations that two Test players sold information to an Indian book-

maker. The ACB was forced to go public this week and reveal it had fined Waugh 10,000 Australian dollars (US 6,400) and Warne 8,000 Australian dollars (US 5,100) over the matter, and had asked the International Cricket Council (ICC) to keep it quiet.

The revelations have shaken the cricket world and are almost certain to force the ICC to address the subject of illegal betting in the sport at its meeting next month in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Waugh was a crucial witness in a judicial hearing against former Pakistan.

Captain Salim Malik, who Australian players have claimed approached Waugh, Waugh and Tim May to play badly in 1994, Malik has denied the claims.

Rogers, speaking publicly on the issue for the first time, defended the ACB's silence on the matter for almost four years but said if he had been chairman it may have been handled differently.

"I want to apologise to the Australian public, especially the kids," Rogers said.

However, Prime Minister John Howard today ruled out a government inquiry into the scandal.

The Age newspaper meanwhile reported today that the ACB was considering a wide-ranging inquiry to examine the possible involvement of other Australian cricketers with bookmakers.

Board chief executive Malcolm Speed refused to confirm or deny the report.

they were "naive and stupid" for taking the money, but have denied any involvement in match fixing or bribery.

He also declined to comment on rumours that two other players may have been involved in dealings with Indian bookies around the same time as Waugh and Warne.

Money also offered to Morrison?

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Dec 11 (Reuters): Former New Zealand Test cricketer Danny Morrison has said he was asked to sell information during a match in Hamilton against India four years ago. The Dominion newspaper reported on Friday.

But while Australian Test players Mark Waugh and Shane Warne have admitted they took money from an Indian bookmaker in return for pitch and weather information, Morrison said the approach to him came from an Indian player.

The player's offer of \$1,000 for the New Zealand to take a phone call and provide information was declined, Morrison said.

"I just looked at him and said: 'Are you serious?'"

The Test match ended in a draw.

Also on Friday, in a report in the New Zealand Herald, Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin, in this country with his national squad, called for a swift inquiry into recent scandals.

"It is hurting the game, this sort of thing. It [an inquiry] might be necessary but it needs to be finished quickly so we can put it in the past. It's being going on for ages it seems and there's no end in sight," he said.