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1	Which country topped the medals table in the 13th Asian Games?	China	India	Japan
2	How many medals did Bangladesh clinch at the Asian Games?	None	One	Two
3	Who scored the first century in this year's Premier cricket league?	Azam	Shawkat	Selim
4	Where will the 14th Asian Games be held?	Paris	Pusan	Pyongyang
5	Which team won the AB Bank Senior Div TT title?	Jatrabari	Ansars	Biman

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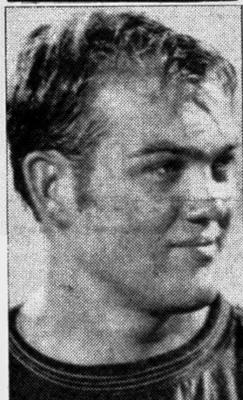
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SPORTS TALK



Jacques Kallis
(South African cricketer)
"I'll always be a batsman before a bowler."

Mymensingh cricket

MYMENSINGH, Dec 30: Holders Shapla KC outplayed Golden Future Boys Club by eight wickets in the inaugural match of the First Division cricket league here today, reports APB.

Batting first, Golden Future scored 123 for seven wickets in the stipulated 32 overs at the Circuit House ground, with Noor Mohammed scoring an unbeaten 40 runs.

In reply, Shapla KC reached 124 losing 2 wickets with 9 overs to spare. Nadim topscored with 50 followed by Shihan who remained not out on 35.

Earlier, Deputy Commissioner Rafiqul Islam formally inaugurated the meet.

Obaidul's gesture

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader yesterday assured of a Tk 2 lakh donation and a suitable ground to Kabadi Federation, reports APB.

The assurance came when Asian bronze medal winning squad made a courtesy call on the State Minister at the NSC.

Newly appointed president of Bangladesh Olympic Association and Army chief Lt General Mustafizur Rahman, Kabadi Federation president Habibur Rahman, MP, were present.

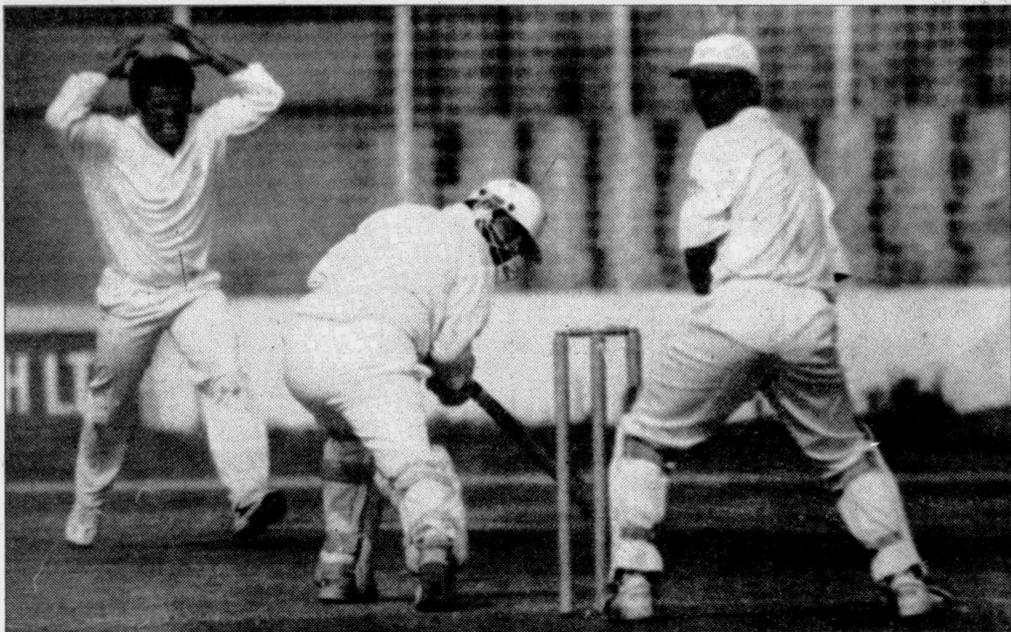
New Russia plans big

MOSCOW, Dec 30: (Reuters/Internet): Oleg Rotnansky, head coach of Russian champions Spartak Moscow, took charge of the national team for the second time on Monday.

He succeeded Anatoly Byshovets, sacked this month after just five months in charge.

Romantsev, 45 next week, was named Russia's sixth coach in as many years at an executive board meeting of the Russian Football Union. He previously led Russia to Euro 96 but was dismissed after the team performed poorly in the finals.

Romantsev, who remains Spartak boss, was picked ahead of two other candidates - Alania Vladikavkaz coach Valery Gazzaev and Lokomotiv Moscow chief Yuri Syomin.



Mohammedans' Pakistani leg-spinner Shahed Mahmood is frustrated as Biman's centurion Manzoor Akhter barely escapes being bowled during their Janakantha Premier League match yesterday. — Star photo

Centuries mark big scores Manzoor Akhter for Biman Tareque Mahmood for Wari

Sports Reporter

An unbeaten century from discarded Pakistan all-rounder Manzoor Akhter helped title aspirants Biman pile up a fighting total against Mohammedans in a crucial Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The right-handed middle-order batsman scored 124 as Biman, batting first after winning the toss, amassed a huge 329 for eight in the stipulated 80 overs.

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, another Pakistani Tareque Mahmood slammed his second century to guide Wari Club to 322 against promotees Sadharan Bima.

Way at the BKSP, Victoria Sporting scored 267 against Orient Sporting.

Manzoor, who came to bat at number five with Biman tottering at 88 for four in the 26th over, put on a century partnership with Habibul Bashar for the fifth wicket.

The duo took Biman to 199 before Habibul, the discarded national middle-order batsman, edged an intended cut to wicketkeeper Mortuza after scoring 69. Habibul clubbed four boundaries in his 102-ball knock.

Manzoor, who was left off by his compatriot Shahed Mahmood while on 56, added another 48 runs for the sixth wicket with Hasanuzzaman (13). He then took Biman past the 300-mark, putting on an invaluable 51-run for the eighth wicket with stumper Atiar Rahman.

In his almost four-hour stay, Manzoor hammered eleven sweetly-timed hits across the rope.

Earlier, Biman, the only unbeaten team in the fray, seemed to have lost their way after a sound start. Openers Javed Omar and Ziaur Rashid put on 53 runs in 16 overs.

Javed scored 24 with the help of six boundaries before being trapped leg before by Rafique.

Once Javed departed, Biman lost three more wickets in next ten overs with the addition of only 33 runs.

Rafique captured his second wicket when Ziaur (13) miscued an attempted sweep straight to the waiting hands of substitute fielder Ashfaq Ali at the square leg.

National captain Aminul scored only one run before being caught at slips by Tikolo off leggie Shahed Mahmood, who played his first match of the season in place of Maurice Oduibe. Skipper Faruque edged an Manzoor Islam outswinger to Tikolo at the same place.

At the Dhanmondi Stadium, Wari's handsome total of 322

for nine in 80 overs was built around a superb 128 from Pakistani middle-order Tareque Mahmood.

Tareque, who scored 105 against Kalabagan Krira Chakra two weeks back, remained on the crease for more than three hours and smote 19 fours and a

huge six in his 187-ball innings. It was the twelfth in the league and the eighth by a Pakistani.

Shamim Hasan with 36 and Nasim Ahmed, who scored a run-a-ball 34, were the other

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Morshed	10	3	59	0
Manzurul	16	1	65	1
Tikolo	16	1	52	2
S Mehmud	16	2	49	3
M Rafique	16	2	49	3
S Shahed	6	0	32	0

Wari Club vs Sadharan Bima
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

WARI INNINGS

Mushtaq c Rajinder b Nakib 24
Sadek b Ismail 27
A Wasim c Mizan b Rajinder 9
Shamim c Nakib b Tasriq 36
T Mahmood b Hadi 128
Sajib c Nakib b Tasriq 3
Asadullah c Mizan b Hadi 18
Nasim not out 34
Zahid b Ismail 2
Mukhter not out 8
Monir not out 3
Extras: (b-1, lb-2, w-27) 30
Total: (for 9 wks in 80 overs) 322
Fall of wickets: 1/40; 2/40; 3/95; 4/137; 5/162; 6/232; 7/290; 8/299; 9/309.

Bowler O M R W
Nakib 7 0 48 1
Saiful 2 0 13 0
Ismail 9 3 52 2
Rajinder 16 4 34 1
Moin 15 3 45 0
Tasriq 15 3 54 2
Hadi 16 2 73 2

Victoria SC vs Orient SC
(Venue: BKSP)

VICTORIA SC INNINGS

Imran b M Islam 58
Moni lbw b Mizan 3
Rezaul st Azim b Sohail 49
Shawkat c Asif b A Islam 0
R Hanif c Azim b Sohail 30
Sabir Khan b A Islam 0
Jewel c Miridul b Mizan 68
Mustadir c & b M Islam 1
Russell c Sohail b Riaz 16
Aftab not out 6
Zakir c Azim b Mizan 0
Extras: (b-2, lb-2, nb-1, w-32) 37
Total: (All out in 72.1 overs) 267

Fall of wickets: 1/20; 2/104; 3/105; 4/147; 5/148; 6/195; 7/235; 8/236; 9/266; 10/267.

Bowler O M R W
Mizan 13 5 2 38 3
Topu 15 1 30 0
Sohail 15 1 55 2
Rizwan 2 0 10 0
Riaz 15 3 53 1
M Islam 11 0 45 2
A Islam 11 2 32 2

SCOREBOARDS

First day's scoreboards of the three Janakantha Premier Division cricket league matches began at different venues yesterday.

Biman vs Mohammedan SC
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
BIMAN INNINGS
Javed lbw b Rafique 24



Members of Bangladesh's bronze-winning Asiad kabadi team which called on State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader yesterday.

McMillan, Cairns flay tourists New Zealand go one up

WELLINGTON, Dec 30 (Reuters/AP): A super aggressive century partnership between Craig McMillan and Chris Cairns took New Zealand to a comfortable win over India in the second Test here today.

New Zealand win, completed 23 minutes after lunch on the last day, gave them a 1-0 lead in the series, rain forced the first Test to be abandoned without a ball being bowled. The last begins on Saturday in Hamilton.

Compared to the excitement of Tuesday, when eleven wickets fell, the end was tame. India claimed the fourth wicket, of nightwatchman Paul Wiseman who was lbw for a duck, in the morning's first over.

But then Cairns and McMillan powered ahead, adding 137 runs before Cairns was caught just two runs short of the win driving to cover.

Shutting their minds to the nerve-racking memory of the first 67 runs falling for just 67 runs and undaunted by the fact that India held a slight edge at the start of the day, McMillan and Cairns both played positively taking advantage of a pitch continued to play very true.

Playing positively was something we had talked about at the team meeting last night and we put it into practice. We knew one good partnership could swing the balance," said McMillan who carried his bat after scoring 74 runs.

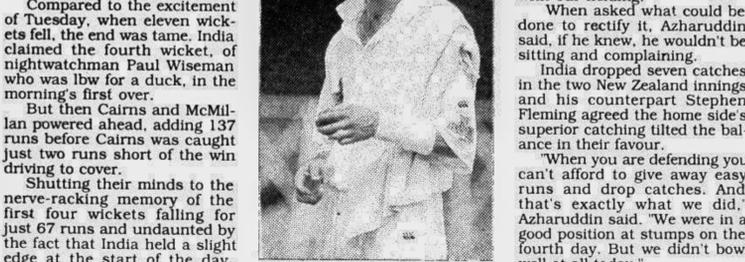
All-rounder Cairns was under pressure coming into the innings.

"I had had a poor match so far and I knew this innings was my last shot," he said, the all-rounder reached his 50 off just 71 balls, with seven fours and a six, to reach 61 before falling to Jadeja with just two required

for victory.

McMillan's innings was not quite as robust as Cairns's but he wore his heavy responsibility lightly and he knocked six fours and a five off his 121 balls.

The partnership between



Simon Doull... m-o-m

McMillan and Cairns exceeded by 50 runs the previous highest sixth-wicket stand for New Zealand against India, between John Guy and Tony MacGibbon in the first-ever Test match between the two countries, in 1955-56.

The Indians, although more experienced, were undermined by the tight situation at the start of the day. Their fielding was ragged and captain Mohammed Azharuddin seemed to lack faith in any of his bowlers other than Srinath and Kumble.

They both strained themselves to justify Azharuddin's confidence, but lacked a cutting edge. Srinath claimed night-

watchman Wiseman quickly, but then had to wait for Cairns to play a loose shot to gain further reward.

Azharuddin blasted his teammates for a lack of commitment at the end of the match.

"The effort on the field was not good enough," said an angry Azharuddin. "Our problem area is the fielding and unless that changes we are not going to win Test matches. I don't know when we will wake up and realise that there is a problem with our fielding."

When asked what could be done to rectify it, Azharuddin said, "If he knew, he wouldn't be sitting and complaining."

India dropped seven catches in the two New Zealand innings and his counterpart Stephen Fleming agreed the home side's superior catching tilted the balance in their favour.

"When you are defending you can't afford to give away easy runs and drop catches. And that's exactly what we did," Azharuddin said. "We were in a good position at stumps on the fourth day. But we didn't bowl well at all today."

India's last series win outside the sub-continent was a 2-0 win over England in 1986 and other than beating Sri Lanka by 235 runs in Colombo in July 1993, India have failed to win a Test abroad in 18 attempts.

Fleming described the Test as the "most mentally demanding" in his 38-match career and said the post-lunch session on the fourth day was the "most pivotal" in his side's push for a result.

"Both teams had equal chances in the Test and I think at the end we won more sessions than them," Fleming said.

Fleming said beating a top side like India was a sweet feeling.

"In the past we have beaten Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe at home. It is good to win a Test against a team like India," Fleming added.

"When it came to the crunch I think we handled the pressure better than them. I think McMillan and Cairns responded to the challenge remarkably."

Fleming registered his sixth win in 14 games as captain.

Swing bowler Simon Doull who took a career-best 7-65 in a nine-wicket match haul was voted the man-of-the-match.

New Zealand have replaced Nathan Astle with left hander Roger Tiose for the final third Test starting in Hamilton on Jan 2. Astle suffered a broken hand during this match.

Div I cricket Wanderers begin in style

Dhaka Wanderers began their First Division cricket league campaign with a five-wicket win over Uttara Sporting Club at the City Club ground yesterday, reports APB.

Batting first, Uttara SC scored a meagre 145 for five in a 46-over match due to fog.

Rana top-scored with Unayun, Ajanta and Intiaz who made 25, 23 and 12 runs respectively for the Uttara SC.

Paltu and Zafar captured two wickets each for 28 and 36 runs.

In reply, Dhaka Wanderers cruised to 147 losing five wickets in 39 overs.

Paltu and Zafar remained not out on 33 and 15. 37 runs came from extras.

England conceded three wickets conceding 32 runs while Ajanta bagged one wicket.

Hollooakes shine in English win

BRISBANE, Dec 30 (Reuters/Internet): The Hollioake brothers scored half centuries as England's one-day team cruised to a 53-run win over Queensland Country on Wednesday.

England plundered 281 for seven and then restricted the Country side to 228 all out in 49.5 overs.

Adam Hollioake struck 81 from 78 balls while younger brother Ben, who has had a miserable tour with the test squad, made 51 from 76 deliveries.

Wednesday's match was the first warm-up for England's specialist one-day players ahead of the triangular series with Australia and Sri Lanka.

They will be joined by six of the players already in Australia for the test series which ends with the fifth test starting in Sydney on January 2.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND

N Knight run out 6
V Wells c W Smith b B Smith 26
B Hollioake b Toohy 51
J Crawley c Frakes b W Smith 19
N Fairbrother b W Smith 0
A Hollioake c Jesburg b B Smith 81
M Alleyne not out 52
M Ealham c Else b B Smith 12
R Croft not out 12
Extras: (b-5, lb-14, w-9, nb-5) 33
Total: (for 57 wickets in 50 overs) 281

Fall of wickets: 1-26; 2-49; 3-83; 4-83; 5-146; 6-236; 7-238
Did not bat: A Giles, G Hamilton

QUEENSLAND COUNTRY

D Todd c Hamilton b Giles 42
D Else c Crawley b Hamilton 59
B May st Crawley b Drott 0
D Frakes lbw b Croft 9
S Rynne not out 44
C Window lbw b Alleyne 6
C Jesburg c Crawley b Alleyne 7
P Toohy c Crawley b A Hollioake 7
W Smith c B Hollioake b Alleyne 22
G Schossow c Giles b Wells 7
B Smith b Wells 0
Extras: (lb-14, w-7, nb-4) 25
Total: (All out in 49.5 overs) 228

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-86; 3-112; 4-139; 5-150; 6-160; 7-167; 8-197; 9-226

Bowler O M R W
B Hollioake 5 1 20 0
Hamilton 5 0 18 1
Ealham 9 1 35 0
Giles 9 0 26 1
Croft 7 0 28 2
Wells 5 5 0 31 2
Alleyne 5 0 31 3
A Hollioake 4 0 25 1

Result: England won by 53 runs.

Indians just not up to it

WELLINGTON, Dec 30: (AP): Batsmen-friendly pitches at home and infrequent Test scheduled outside the subcontinent, observers said Wednesday.

In the second cricket Test against New Zealand this week, India found themselves in familiar territory, losing a one-time lead in the match to be beaten by an inexperienced Kiwi side.

While they have won 18 of their last 31 Tests at home, India hasn't won a Test overseas since beating Sri Lanka in July, 1993, in Colombo 18 matches ago.

"The real problem is the batsmen-friendly wickets," said Ayaz Memon, a senior cricket writer and editor of Bombay based Mid-day newspaper.

"We get completely false idea of our strength and when you encounter pitches that do a little bit we are badly exposed," he said.

Memon said the at-home wins came easily in conditions good for spin bowling. This was the case when India thrashed Australia 2-1 early this year.

He said Indian cricketers weren't mentally prepared for overseas Tests and suffer from short attention spans. This was reflected in the seven dropped catches that let New Zealand slip away.

India's last win outside the subcontinent was a 2-0 success over England in 1986. The team then lost a one-off Test to Zimbabwe.

Twose takes Astle's place

WELLINGTON, Dec 30: New Zealand made one change today in their squad of 12 for the third Test against India, bringing in left-hander Roger Tiose for injured middle-order batsman Nathan Astle, reports Reuters.

Astle fractured his hand while batting in the second Test, which the home side won by four wickets earlier today. He will be out for almost four weeks.

NEW ZEALAND: S Fleming (captain), M Horne, M Bell, R Tiose, C McMillan, C Cairns, A Parore (wicketkeeper), D Nash, D Vettori, S Doull, G Allott, P Wiseman.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA: First innings 208 (Azharuddin 103, Tendulkar 47; Doull 7-65)

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 352 (Nash 89, Vettori 57; Kumble 4-83)

INDIA: Second innings 356 (Ganguly 48, Tendulkar 113, Azharuddin 48; Nash 3-20)

NEW ZEALAND: Second innings

Bell c Dravid b Srinath	0
Horne lbw b Kumble	31
Fleming b Kumble	17
Astle retired hurt	1
McMillan not out	74
Parore run out	1
Wiseman lbw b Srinath	0
Cairns c Jadeja b Srinath	61
Nash not out	4
Extras: (b-9, lb-9, nb-8)	26
Total: (For six wks in 60.3 overs)	215

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-42; 3-51; 4-67; 5-74; 6-211.

Bowler: O M R W
Srinath 19 3 1 82 3
Prasad 10 3 26 0
Kumble 23 5 70 2
H Singh 5 1 11 0
Tendulkar 3 0 8 0

Result: New Zealand won by four wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Simon Doull.

Umpires: Eddie Nichols (West Indies), Evan Watkin (NZ).