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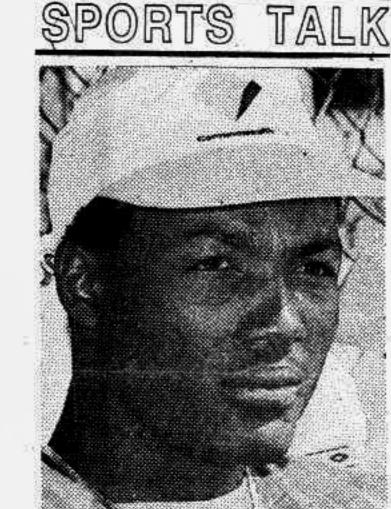
The final of the 1st Asian Test Championship will be held in Calcutta Colombo Dhaka 4 The eighth SAF Games will be held

Sri Lanka How many teams are taking part in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?

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Brian Lara

(West Indies captain) "It is a major challenge to. not only me, but the entire team management. If we can somehow lift ourselves. I still believe the talent is there. All we need is the belief in ourselves."

Div III cricket qualifiers

Royal Cricket Association. West End Boys Club and Battala Chhayanaut won their respective inaugural matches of the Third Division qualifying cricket tournament at different city grounds yesterday, reports

At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Royal Cricket Association registered a facile fourwicket victory over Discovery Cricket Club.

Discovery, opting to bat scored 150 for nine in allotted 35 overs with opener Wahidul scoring the highest 43 runs off 63 balls including four fours followed by middle-order Shakhawat and Sumon who added 30 and 22 runs.

Shamim claimed three wickets for 11 runs while Nazmul took two for 13.

In reply, Royal CA cruised to 151 losing six wickets in 31.5 overs. One-down Billat made an unbeaten 59 runs in 85 balls hitting four fours while Shamim and Shafiq were the other notable scorers with 30 and 15 runs respectively.

Azhar captured two wickets conceding 31 runs for Discov-

quickfire 88-run by Ahkamul Haq helped West End Boys Club posted a narrow eight-run margin victory over Sheikh Kamal Nagar KC at the lor ground.

West End Club, electing to bat made 168 for nine in stipulated 35 overs. Ahkamul faced 89 balls hitting six fours and spectively.

three sixes. Rajib and Saifur Reza contributed 30 and 25 re-Abu Zafar and Kamrul snapped up two wickets.

In reply, Sheikh Kamal KC managed 160 for eight in 35 overs with number-four Mahbub top-scored with 53 off 61 deliveries featuring seven fours. Opener Arif made 20 while 44 runs came from extras.

Ashraful Haq of West End Club took three wickets conceding 20 runs.

In the other match at the Uttara Friends ground, Battala Chhayanaut outplayed Hazaribagh FSC by 84 runs.

Battala scored 189 for nine in 35 overs. Fifty two runs came from extras. Iftekhar knocked 51 off 52 balls that featured four fours and a six while Kashem and Probal were the other contributors with 22 and 18. Rafiq and Abdul captured

three wickets. In reply. Hazaribagh were all out for 101 in 31.5 overs with Faizu scoring the highest 39 | quoted as saying.



THAT WAS CLOSE: Surjo Tarun's Pakistani recruit Parvez Ahmed makes a desperate dive to escape being run-out against Abahani. - Star photo by Anisur Rahman.

Orient smile in seventh outing

Tarun dig their own grave Sports Reporter

Holders Abahani Krira Chakra sha-ttered the dreams of big-spending Surjo Tarun when they posted an impressive 51 run win over their next-door Dhanmondi neighbours in a crucial Janakantha Premier League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yes-

terday. Surjo Tarun, who went on a spending spree in a bid to clinch their maiden league title, desperately needed a win in their seventh league engagement. But their chances to stay affoat in the title race were left in the lurch when their so-called star cricketers, chasing a fighting Abahani total of 286, perished for 235 in 75 overs.

As far as mathematical propositions are concerned. Tarun can still hope against hopes, but with three defeats against four wins their chance of a comeback looks rather bleak.

On other hand, with this win Abahani crossed a major hurdle in their chase for a hat trick of league titles. The popular Dhanmondi outfit with six wins against a single defeat now take the solo lead in the 12team fray.

Surjo Tarun was the talk of the town when they roped in as many as six national players in a sensational inter-club cricketers' transfer this season. But the success for the mediocreturned-aspirants never matched their expectations when bad selection procedure coupled with injudicious foreign recruits signed their doom. They possess a handful of individual talents, but they lack co-

hesion as a team. Their indiscreet and wayward approach was once again evident in yesterday's match when Al-Shahriar, considered as a talented batsman, threw away his wicket at a stage when Surjo Tarun were strongly placed at 96 for one.

Surjo Tarun were off to a slow but steady start with openers Athar Ali Khan and Parvez putting on 94 runs in 35 overs. Athar was the first to go after scoring a patient 44 off 97 balls

which included six fours. But an itchy-feet Al-Shahriar, coming in to bat at number three, stayed at the wicket for only three minutes. The gangling right-hander was so focused on playing his shots instead of first settling that his BKSP-mate Naimur needed only four deliveries to dislodge the bail over the leg and middlestump.

If Al-Shahriar is held responsible for digging his own grave, his captain Minhazul

Fines for fouls

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan 10: The Sao Paulo state soccer federation will fine players for each yellow or red card received in the 1999 Paulista championship, a newspaper reported Saturday, reports AP.

The fines — 210 dollars (250 reals) for a yellow card and 420 dollars (500 reals) for a red will replace suspensions common in almost every other soccer league throughout the world, said the O Estado de Sao Paulo daily. Suspensions will only be imposed if a disciplinary tribunal rules it necessary.

Traditionally, players in Brazil are suspended one game for each red card or three accumulated vellows.

The new rules are receiving mixed reactions from referees. "If a player has to pay, he will be more careful before committing a foul," referee Paulo Cesar de Oliveira was

was equally guilty. The experienced campaigner, on 23. made an ambitious attempt to go over the top of the packed onside field but was caught by his

Abahani counterpart Akram Khan at wide mid-on. Opener Parvez scored his



first league half-century this season. But he was more concerned about self promotion rather than the Tarun cause. He scored 55 off 169 balls in his painstaking 202-minute stay at the wicket, only to increase the run-rate at five per over.

Naveed Newaz, Surjo Tarun's latest foreign recruit, scored an unimpressive 41 off 71 balls. The Sri Lankan lefthander hammered two fours in his chancy innings.

It was all over for Surjo Tarun when their in-form allrounder Enamul Haq and wicketkeeper Khaled Masood ran themselves out in quick succession after the tea break. In that session Tarun lost their last five wickets with the addition of only 29 runs.

Abahani with their limited bowling resources never appeared at the receiving end in defence of a defensible total. Besides, their ploy to field an additional spinner put paid when their tweaker-duo of

Enamul run out

Ridwan run out

Saidul Islam and Naimur Rahman evenly shared six wickets among them.

Saidul finished with three for 47 in his 16 overs. Off-spinner Naimur, after a disappointing spell in the last three matches, bowled a tight line and length to finish with fantastic figures of 14-2-29-3. The dapper all-rounder had earlier contributed an invaluable 44

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, promotees Orient Sporting registered their first win after six defeats at the expense of Wari.

Orient, chasing Wari's 243 in the stipulated 80 overs, reached the victory mark -- 244 for seven -- with two balls to spare. The unlikely hero of Orient's triumph was former national right-arm seamer Mizanur Rahman, who scored an unbeaten 54 after the old towners were reduced to 144 for six.

Mizan put on 95 runs for the seventh wicket with Mazharul, who scored a priceless 41 off 96 Manzoor for Victoria

It was learnt late last night

that Victoria may field Manzoor Elahi in their match against Ajax after obtaining the Pakistani cricketer on mutual transfer from Kalabagan Krira Chakra. The hard-hitting World Cup-

per, who played for Bagan in the last two seasons, arrived in the city yesterday. TODAY'S MATCHES

Biman vs. Brothers (Bangabandhu National Stadium) Ajax vs. Victoria (Dhanm-

SCOREBOARDS

ondi Cricket Stadium)

Scoreboards of the two Janakantha Premier League matches played at different city venues yesterday:

Abahani vs Surjo Tarun (Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)

ABAHANI: 286 all out i: 78.3 overs (Ejaz Junior 81, Naimur 44; Nazar 4/65, Enamul 3/23] SURJO TARUN Athar c & b Naimur Parvez c Hasibul b Saidul Al-Shahriar b Naimur Navid c Ejaz b Saidul Minhajul c Akram b Saidul K Masood run out

Rafiqul c Azam b Naimur Anis c Tuhin b Hasibul Nazar not out Extras: (b-3, lb-4, nb-5, w-22) Total: (All out in 75 overs) Fall of wkts: 1/96; 2/98; 3/150; 4/188; 5/201; 6/206; 7/211; 8/229; 9/232

Bowler: Hasibul Hossain 34 Neeyamur Rashid Masud Rana 30 Saidul Islam 47 29 Naimur Rahman Ejaz Ahmed (Jr) 58 12 Azam Iqbal

Result: Abahani won by 51 runs. Wari vs Orient

(Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium) WARI: 243 all out in 72.4 overs (A Washing 86, Ariful 36 not out; Sohail 4/38, Aminul 3/31)

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Mofijul b A Wasim				31
Jewel lbw b Ariful			á	31 0 51 39 3
Narayan st. Mukter b	Nasim			51
Rizwan st. Mukter b A	Wasim			39
Sohail c Tariq b Nasi	m			~3
Reaz Sheikh c Mukter	b Nasim			ŏ
Mazahar b Sajib				41
Mizanur not out			=	54
Azim not out				54 2
Extras: (lb-2, nb-6, w-	15)			23
Total: (For 7 wkts in 7		244		
Fall of wkts: 1/3; 2/	78; 3/126; 4/1	33; 5/139;	6/144: 7/2	39
Bowler:	0	m	R	W
Ariful Islam	4	0	18	1
Mushtaq Munna	4	0	14	0
Aamir Wasim	16	2	37	0 2 0 0 3
Tariq Mahmud	14.4	1	53	0
Monirul Islam	16	0	52	0
Nisim Ahmed	16	1	40	3
Sajib Das	9	0	28	1

Result: Orient won by 3 wickets.

Sub-junior chess Boby regains top spot

Defending champion Ruhul Islam Boby regained the lead in the 19th national sub-junior chess tournament collecting seven points at the NSC chess room, reports APB.

Boby who lost it dropping half a point in the third round, outwitted Mehdi Hasan Parag in the crucial penultimate round tie to earn his sixth win. His lead was confirmed when Ejaj suffered his maiden

defeat to Golam Mostafa. Ejaj shared the second position with his conqueror Mostafa who bagged 6.5 points

Tanur Rahman, Nayeem Arefin, Nakibul Haq and Arif Hossain are third with 6 points

Yanur beat Abdul Bari, Nayeem won over Maksudul Monir, Nakibul Haq defeated Farhad Imam while Arif Hossain got rid of Obaidul Haq in this round.

The last round will begin today at 10 am. Leader Boby will play against Yenaur Rahman.

Akram wants tour of India to go ahead

KARACHI, Pakistan, Jan 10 (Reuters/ Internet): Pakistan captain Wasim Akram said on Sunday he wanted the controversial tour of India to go ahead, but added the decision was up to the government and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

"I want the tour to go on, the team wants the tour to go on," Akram said during a break in training at Karachi's National Stadium.

"It's entirely up to the government and the PCB to decide what they want us to do. If they tell us to go play, we would like to go play.

Pakistan's first Test tour of India in almost a decade was thrown into doubt last week by threats from a right-wing Hindu party which also dug up the pitch to be used for the opening Test. PCB officials said they

would send a representative to India either on Monday or Tuesday to discuss security arrangements. India on Friday promised Pakistan "fool-proof security"

after Shiv Sena activists dug up the pitch in New Delhi and vowed to prevent the January 28 Test from starting. Pakistan's local media is

split on whether the tour should proceed, with the Dawn newspaper publishing an editorial on Sunday which said: "If we give in to blackmail by a lunatic fringe in Indian politics. it will set a bad example."

But the Lahore-based Nation newspaper ran a column that said because of the threats "the logical thing would be to cancel the tour". Pakistan tours to India have

been called off in the past because of threats by Hindu militants. Shiv Sena activists dug up a pitch in Bombay in 1991 to sabotage one planned tour.

Nuremberg sign Juskic

NUREMBERG, Jan 10: Struggling Bundesliga club FC Nuremberg on Saturday signed Yugoslav midfielder Zivojin Juskic from Obilic Belgrade, reports AP.

Nuremberg said Juskic was taken on a 350,000 mark (207,000 dollars, 180,000 euro) loan until the end of the season. By paying another 350,000 marks, Nuremberg will obtain the transfer rights for the 29year-old midfielder.

Mullally blows Aussies away

BRISBANE, Jan 10 (AP/AFP): England paceman Alan Mullally took career-best figures of 4-18 to set up a victory over Australia in a rain-hit limited overs cricket

international Sunday. Rain between innings reduced Australia's target from 179 off 50 overs to 153 off 36 and they fell eight short at 145-

Man-of-the-match Mullally dismissed the top four in Australia's batting order as the hosts slumped to 4-48. Australia's top limited overs

batsman Michael Bevan, batting at six, put the team in contention with an unbeaten 56 but didn't get enough support.

Australia's opening bowlers Glenn McGrath and Adam Dale tied down England's top order

as the visitors struggled to 178 for eight off their 50 overs. Tailenders Robert Croft and Darren Gough added an unbroken 42 in the final nine overs to give England's total some re-

spectability. England captain Alec Stewart won the toss, after losing all five in the 3-1 Ashes defeat, and celebrated by punching the air. But he was out first ball when he came out to open the innings, trapped lbw by Dale. Nick Knight with 30 and Neil

Fairbrother with 47 scored some valuable runs, but the ball dominated. McGrath had 2-24 off his 10

overs and Dale finished with 2-25, including three maidens. Australia started with a flurry but fell apart after a brilliant spell by Mullally, who took 4-12 in the space of 27 deliveries, his best figures in oneday cricket after 3-29 against

Zimbabwe in Harare two years

Mullally started the slide by bowling Adam Gilchrist off his pads for 13. Mark Waugh fell for 23 off 22 balls, when he misjudged Mullally's and gave an inside edge through to Stewart. Mullally added Ricky Ponting and Damien Martyn while Greg Blewett fell to Mark Ealham.

Bevan added 46 with Brendon Julian to put Australia back in the frame before Julian advanced at off-spinner Croft and was bowled by a straight ball for 22. Shane Warne was run out by Mark Alleyne, making up for an earlier embarrassment in the field when he slipped after the ball and was unable to pick it up.

Croft, bowling an excellent line and length, forced a poor shot to dismiss Damien Fleming to a catch at mid-off, Mullally making the grab despite having both eyes shut.

After the eighth wicket fell, Bevan and Adam Dale needed · Dale 21 off the final two overs and then 13 from the last, bowled by Gough

Dale turned a full toss to fine leg for two and Gough complained about a damp ball. After giving it an extensive wipe Gough got his control back and sent Dale back with a yorker. McGrath came out needing

11 off four balls and stole a single from the first, but Bevan could only manage two off the last three balls. Bevan, unable to get a Test

start during the recent Ashes series maintained his reputation as a limited-overs specialist. When he reached 28 he made his 3,000th run in 89 one-day internationals at the commanding average of 58.84.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the one-day cricket international between

ENGLAND: Knight c Gilchrist b McGrath 30 Stewart lbw b Dale Wells b Dale Hick c Gilchrist b Fleming Fairbrother b McGrath A Hollioake c Gilchrist b Fleming

Australia and England at the

Gabba on Sunday:

Alleyne run out

Ealham c Ponting b Julian Croft not out Gough not out Extras: (lb-4, w-8, nb-1)

Total: (for 8 wkts in 50 overs)178 Fall of wkts: 1-0; 2-29; 3-42; 4-72; 4-72; 5-87; 6-93; 7-122; 8-Bowler: McGrath

01 23 3 25 0 33 Fleming Julian 29 42 Warne Blewett AUSTRALIA: A Waugh c Stewart b Mullally 23 Gilchrist b Mullally

Ponting c A Hollioake b Mullally Martyn b Mullally Blewett c Stewart b Ealham Bevan not out Julian b Croft Warne run out Fleming c Mullally b Croft Dale b Gough McGrath not out

Extras: (lb-2, w-5) Total: (for 9 wkts in 36 overs)145 Fall of wkts: 1-24; 2-46; 3-47; 4-48; 5-48; 6-94; 7-117; 8-129; 9-

Bowler: Gough Mullally Ealham A Hollioake Alleyne Result: England won by 7

Australian target reduced to 153 from 36 overs when rain reduced their innings by 14 Man-of-the-match: Allan Mullally.

TRI-SERIES FIXTURES

Jan 11: England vs Sri Lanka at Brisbane.

Jan 13: Sri Lanka vs Australia at Sydney. Jan 15: England vs Australia at Melbourne.

Jan 17: England v Australia at Sydney. Jan 19: England vs Sri Lanka at Melbourne.

Jan 21: Sri Lanka'vs Australia (day) at Hobart. Jan 23: England vs Sri Lanka at Adelaide.

Jan 24: Sri Lanka vs Australia at Adelaide. Jan 26: England vs Australia at Adelaide.

Jan 29: England vs Sri Lanka at Perth. Jan 31: Sri Lanka vs Australia (day) at Perth. Feb 3: England vs Sri Lanka at Sydney.

Feb 5: England vs Australia at Sydney. Feb 7: Sri Lanka vs Australia at Melbourne.

Finals

Feb 10: First final at Sydney.

Feb 12: Second final at Melbourne. Feb 14: Third final at Melbourne.



Neil Fairbrother of England sweeps during the opening match of the Carlton and United tri-series match against Australia yesterday. - AFP photo

Shiv Sena threatens to turn on diplomats

rity has been tightened in the

area," joint commissioner of

been taken for the security of

the diplomats and we are trying

to track down the people who

have signed the pamphlets," he

Sena supporters and arrested

eight of them overnight as a

"preventive measures," other

chief of the Shiv Sena Party

along with some other leaders

had gone underground to evade

government's order to ensure

"fool proof" security for the

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of

Prime Minister Atal Behari

Vajpayee said the Pakistan

team should go ahead with its

programme following the

government's pledge to protect

"After the assurances, Pak-

The police action followed

The ruling Hindu nationalist

A police official said the

"Appropriate measures have

Police also swooped on Shiv

Police, Y S Dadwal said.

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said today.

NEW DELHI, Jan 10 (AFP): A Hindu militant group which has vowed to disrupt Pakistan's first cricket tour on Indian soil in 12 years has threatened Pakistani diplomats in New Delhi, reports

police found pamphlets in front of the Pakistani embassy here written in Hindi and English by militants warning that diplomats would be targetted if Pakistani team arrived in India. Supporters of firebrand Hindu leader Bal Thackeray's

The Statesman daily said

Shiv Sena Party dug up a cricket pitch in New Delhi late Wednesday. A police officer said the twopage pamphlet was signed by the "acting president" of Delhi's Shiv Sena unit and a former

chief of the party. Police beefed up security at the embassy following the threats, a police official said. "We will not allow any untoward incident in the area, secu-

Canberra win CANBERRA, Jan 10

Haddin 133) from 43 overs.

berra 231-6 (Brad

(Reuters/ Internet): Canberra of people" in India and Pakbeat Victoria by four wickets in a Mercantile Cup limited-overs cricket match on Sunday. Scores: Victoria 226-4 (Brad Hodge 118) from 50 overs; Can-

istan should go ahead with their tour of this country later this month," BJP spokesman K L Sharma said. Vajpayee blamed "a handful

istan of trying to sabotage efforts to normalise relations between the two countries. "Some people are adamant they will not let the tour take ring to any person or group by

"It is time for the Shiv Sena supporters to make preparations for Pakistanis arrival . . . get ready to welcome them in a big way," militant leader Thackeray was quoted by the Pioneer newspaper as saying.

Prasad cautioned

NAPIER, New Zealand, Jan 10: Indian cricketer Venkatesh Prasad was issued with a warning Sunday after clashing with New Zealand's Craig McMillan in Saturday's limited-over international in

Prasad was found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute when he switched ground in his follow through to impede the path of McMillan, who was attempting a quick single in the sixth over of the innings. The two players clashed and

Taupuo, reports AP.

the incident was subsequently reported by umpires Brent Bowden and Doug Cowie to match referee Talit Ali, from Pakistan. Prasad was reprimanded for

his actions but no further penalty was imposed. New Zealand won the first

match of a five-game series, after a power failure forced officials to recalculate the home place," he said, without referside's scoring target.