

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Susanthika Jayasinghe

(Star Sri Lankan athlete)
"I have been harassed for a long time, and I can't take it anymore."
Why she doesn't want to train in Sri Lanka.

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1	The margin of Australia's recent Ashes series win was	3-1	4-1	4-0
2	Who is the number one player in women's tennis at the moment?	Hingis	Lindsay	Venus
3	The final of the 1st Asian Test Championship will be held in	Dhaka	Calcutta	Colombo
4	The eighth SAF Games will be held in	India	Sri Lanka	Nepal
5	How many teams are taking part in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?	10	12	14

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Bologna stun Juventus

TURIN, Jan 14: Swedish midfielder Klas Inngesson converted a penalty kick in second-half injury time to give Bologna a 2-1 upset victory against league champions Juventus in a postponed first-leg match of the Italian Cup quarterfinals Wednesday, reports AP.
Bologna rallied from a 0-1 first-half deficit to stun the favoured home team at Delle Alpi arena and bid for a semi-final berth in the competition.
Young substitute striker Simone Perrotta kicked in the only goal for the Turin team in the 12th minute, with a powerful diagonal shot from 8 metres.
Perrotta, 21, was started in the place of regular Juventus centerforward Filippo Inzaghi.
Bologna fought back with a more aggressive tactic in the second half, scoring the equaliser with defender Nicola Boselli and then the unexpected game winner with Inngesson.
Boselli made it 1-1 with a header from a few metres in the 74th. Inngesson converted the penalty in the 94th, after French World Champion Didier Deschamps fouled Jonathon Binotto close to Juventus net to stop a fast counter-attack by the visitors.
The game winner for Bologna, who have already upset La Juve 3-0 in a league match, came as the visiting team was one player down following the expulsion of Swedish centerforward Kennet Andersson in the 87th.
Andersson was given a red card for elbowing an opponent, Juventus, who are struggling in seventh place in the league standings, controlled the match at ease during the first half but faded out in the last 20 minutes of play.
Uruguay forward Daniel Fonseca had the opportunity to score Juventus' second goal in the 35th but his lob was saved by keeper Francesco Antonioli.
During the game, groups of Juventus fans shouted slogans against the planned signing of Turkish striker Hakan Sukur.

BCB names WC probables

Sports Reporter

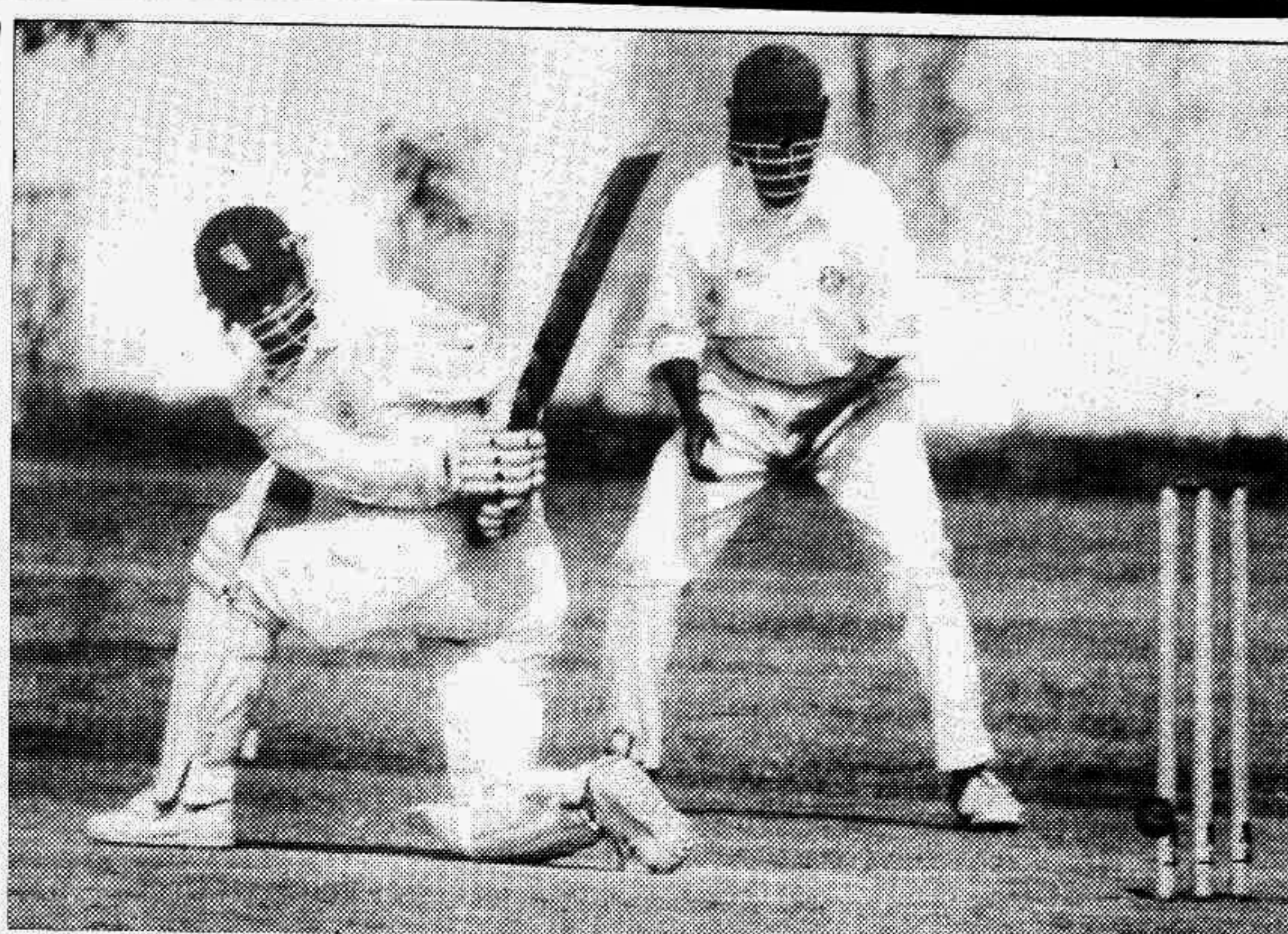
Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday named a 30-member primary squad for the World Cup 1999 to be held in England in May and June.
The team included all the sixteen players of the victorious ACC squad and a few freshers. Besides, veteran campaigners like former national captain Minhajul Abedin and Mahbubur Rahman Selim have also been recalled due to their outstanding performances in the on-going Premier League.
Minhajul, left in the cold following the disastrous tour of New Zealand in 1997, could eventually win the selectors' vote after a hard work with the bat currently. The prolific run-getter in domestic cricket but an enigma at the highest level of the game, is the leading scorer with 385 runs among the local batsmen. His tally includes two centuries so far.
Mahbub on the other hand signalled his come back to the main fray after a long absence. A brilliant century along with a match-winning fifty for his team Kalabagan brought the right-handed batsman from the blur. He put on the national cap in the Singapore South Asian cricket championship way back in 1992. Although Mahbub was initially included in the 1994 ICC team but he was left out of the final tour party which had

eventually returned home with the experience of sheer humiliation from Kenya.
Also bracketed in the list of WC probables are all-rounder Naimur Rahman, Mehrab Hossain, Sanuar Hossain, Mofizur Rahman, Manjural Islam and Jahangir Alam.
Naimur, who got the chop after the Commonwealth Games last September, has finally got the mercy of the selectors from the unofficial disciplinary measure taken by the Board following a report of tour manager Tanvir Haider.
Wicketkeeper-batsman Jahangir Alam, one of the few Bangladeshi batsmen with a lot of knowledge of playing in English conditions, earned a lucky break. Playing at number three for Brothers Union, the gutsy stroke-maker scored 222 runs in seven matches.
The selectors have also drafted in six rookies. They are Brothers' opener Ehsanul, Mohammedan's middle-order batsman Nasirul Alam, Victoria's opener Imran Ahmed, Ajax's right-arm seamer Aminul Islam, Abahani's all-rounder Neeamur Rashid and Mohammedan's wicketkeeper Golam Murtoza.
Of them Victoria's opener Imran Ahmed compelled the think-tank to pen him in their list with a series of solid batting

display. The unheralded youngster scored a staggering 320 runs in seven matches including a century against Ajax. He also scored half-centuries against big guns like Abahani and Brothers.
Ehsanul Haque, who is also a useful off-spinner, scored 222 runs for Brothers. Aminul Islam Vola is the leading wicket-taker among the local bowlers. The intelligent medium pacer took 16 wickets so far in the league including a couple of four-wicket haul.
Neeamur, who came with a lot of promises but lost his way in the wilderness, finally got back on the track making his willow shine consistently.
LIST OF THIRTY
Aminul Islam, Shahriar Hossain, Ehsanul Haq, Khaled Mashud, Hasanuzzaman, Javed Omar, Nasirul Alam, Al-Shahriar, Faruque Ahmed, Sanuar Hossain, Mehrab Hossain, Akram Khan, Imran Ahmed, Safiuddin Ahmed, Morshed Ali Khan, Khaled Mahmud, Naimur Rahman, Fahim Muntasir, Hasibul Hossain, Mofizur Rahman, Mushfiqur Rahman, Mohammed Rafique, Enamul Hoque, Manjural Islam, Aminul Islam Vola, Neeamur Rashid, Mahabubur Rahman, Minhajul Abedin, Jahangir Alam and Golam Murtoza.

Warne still in charge

MELBOURNE, Jan 14: Shane Warne will lead Australia onto his home Melbourne Cricket Ground for the first time Friday after skipper Steve Waugh was ruled out of his third successive limited-overs match, reports AP.
Waugh's hamstring strains has still not improved sufficiently to enable him to play against an unbeaten England in the triseries match, ensuring the fulfillment of a childhood dream for Warne.
And the star leg spinner could hardly have asked for a bigger stage on which to captain Australia, with a crowd of 80,000 expected at his home ground.
"It's great to get the opportunity to do it but I'll be handing it back to Steve when he is ready," Waugh, who plays for Victoria state, said Thursday.
That scenario will occur on Sunday as Waugh confirmed Thursday he would definitely be fit for the clash against England in Sydney.
Australia go into the Friday match revitalised following Wednesday night's eight-wicket win over Sri Lanka in Sydney in which it successfully chased 260 thanks to a brilliant 131 off 118 balls from opener Adam Gilchrist.
England are tipped to make one change to their lineup with batsman Nasser Hussain likely to come in at the expense of an all-rounder, probably Mark Allen.
AUSTRALIA: Shane Warne (captain), Michael Bevan, Greg Blewett, Adam Dale, Damien Fleming, Adam Gilchrist, Brendon Julian, Darren Lehmann, Glenn McGrath, Ricky Ponting, Mark Waugh.
ENGLAND: Alec Stewart (captain), Robert Croft, Mark Eatham, Neil Fairbrother, Darren Gough, Dean Headley, Graeme Hick, Adam Hoolioake, Nasser Hussain, Nick Knight, Alan Mullally.



Sadharan Bima's Mintu sweeps on his way to scoring a gritty 92 against Surjo Tarun yesterday.

Tarun back on track

Sports Reporter

After two successive defeats Surjo Tarun Club returned to winning ways with an emphatic 119-run win over Babes Sadharan Bima in their Janakantha Premier Division cricket league encounter at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.
Chasing a mammoth Surjo Tarun overnight total of 428, the insurancemen could muster 309 for the loss of eight wickets in the stipulated 80 overs, thanks to one-down Mintu who hammered highest 92.
Coming to bat at number three, Mintu shared in a 115-run partnership for the fourth wicket with Indian middle-order Rajinder Singh to help his side to respectability after they lost three quick wickets inside 20 overs with the scoreboard reading 59.
The partnership was broken when Rajinder fell one run short of what would have been a well-deserved half-century. The Delhi-based all-rounder crossed 500 runs in the league before being caught behind off a left-arm spinner. Enamul Haque delivery. In his 67-ball innings, Rajinder, who has two centuries and as many fifties under his belt, hit six fours.
Three overs later Mintu's stubborn three-hour vigil fi-

nally ended when he was given leg before to Pakistani leg-spinner Nadeem Nazir. Mintu faced 139 balls hammering two huge sixes and 13 boundaries.
Even some lusty blows by lower middle-order Totam (58 off 22 balls) that included eight boundaries, could not raise Bima's spirits as they fell well short of their target.



For Surjo Tarun, Enamul and veteran all-rounder Athar Ali shared six wickets conceding 41 and 64 runs respectively.
It was Surjo Tarun's fifth victory in eight matches while Bima suffered their sixth defeat from the same number of outings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division cricket league match between Surjo

Tarun Club and Sadharan Bima yesterday.

SURJO TARUN: Overnight 428 for 6 in 80 overs (N Nawaz 173, M Abedin 112, Al-Shahriar 76; Tarek 1/9)

S BIMA

M Rahman	lbw b Rafiqul	10		
Mintu	lbw b N Nazar	93		
Saiful	c Rafiqul b Enamul	5		
Rajinder	c K Masood b Enamul	49		
Babu	c M Abedin b Enamul	4		
Tarek	lbw b Athar	24		
Totam	b Athar	58		
Anwar	not out	25		
Faruque	not out	3		
Extras:	(b-3, nb-3, w-19)	25		
Total:	(For 8 wks in 80 overs)	309		
Did not bat: M Ali.				
Fall of wickets: 1/19; 2/53;				
3/59; 4/174; 5/182; 6/186;				
7/228; 8/304.				
Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Anis	13	3	36	0
Athar Ali	15	1	64	3
Rafiqul	10	0	51	1
Enamul	16	5	41	3
N Nawaz	4	0	24	0
M Abedin	7	0	32	0
N Nazar	15	1	58	1

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Juninho knows nothing about it

MADRID, Jan 14: Unsettled Atletico Madrid striker Juninho on Wednesday denied he had any contact with English Premier League side Aston Villa over a possible transfer, reports Reuters.
"I don't know anything about this," Juninho said. "Neither me nor my father (his official representative) have had any contact with Aston Villa. I don't know if they have spoken to Atletico."
The former Middlesbrough player, who relegated to the substitutes' bench for the recent league victories over Racing Santander and Extremadura, admitted he expected to be disappointed again when Arrigo Sacchi named his side for the Derby against Real Madrid on Sunday.
"I always want to play but I don't think I'll be in the team for Sunday. The team have won and played well in the last two games and I think the coach will stick with the same starting line-up."
"But even though I'm not playing I've got to retain my spirit for when I do get an opportunity."

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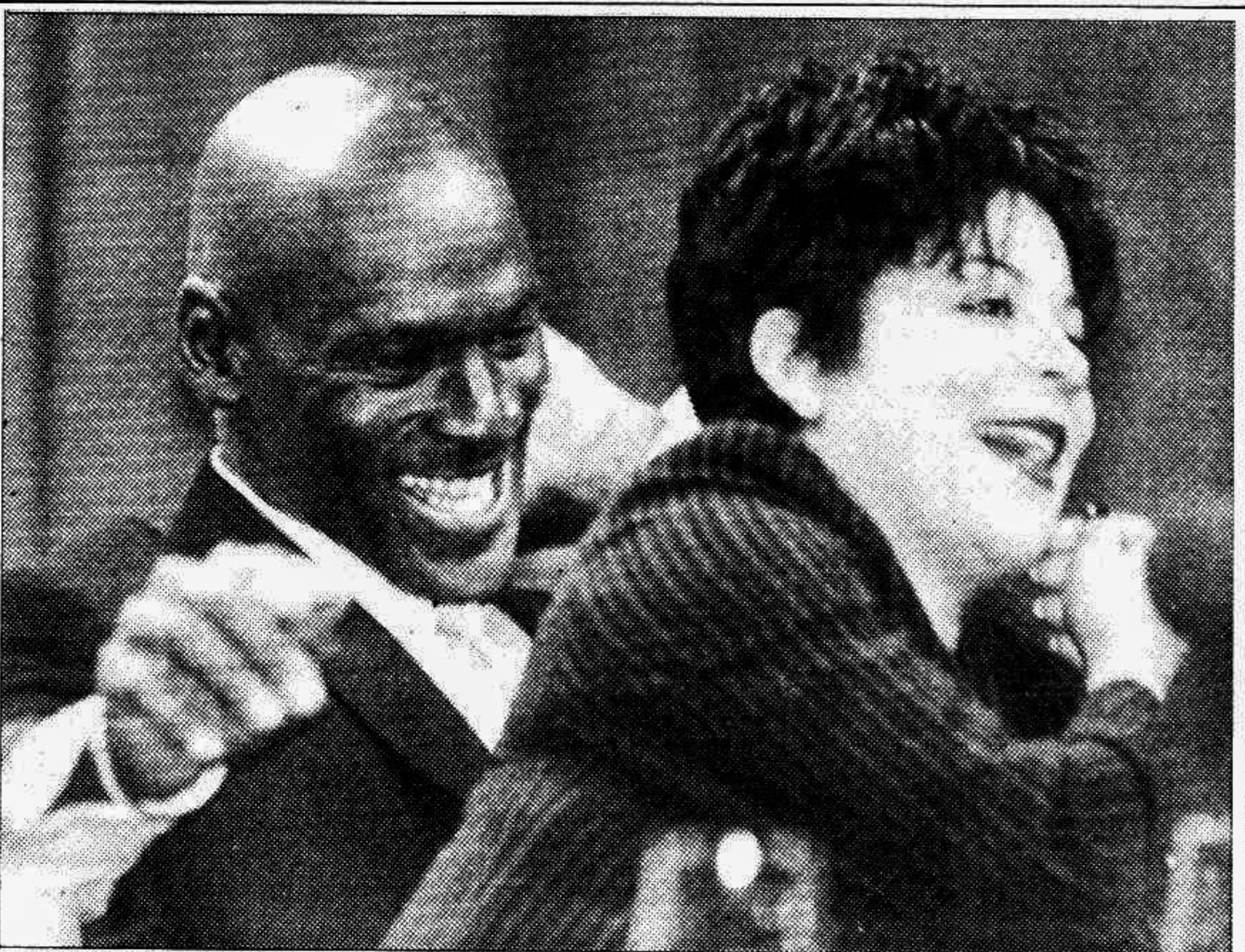
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"Now, though, if one player misses a pass another player won't run after it. We're thinking too much on an individual basis and not about the team."
"At times it's inorganic, when one player is thought better than another on the team then certainly there are problems. You can't lose a ball and then just walk after it."



HE CAN AFFORD TO LAUGH: Basketball legend Michael Jordan of Chicago Bulls jokes with wife Juanita during the press conference at United Centre in Chicago where he announced his retirement from the on January 13. Jordan said he was leaving as a satisfied person and without regrets.

Big Bull makes it official

CHICAGO, Jan 14 (AP/Internet): The NBA's greatest player made it official Wednesday. Michael Jordan retired from the Chicago Bulls after 13 seasons, six championships and countless scoring dunks. But he left open the slightest possibility that he might return one day.
"Mentally, I'm exhausted. I don't feel I have a challenge," Jordan said at a news conference at the United Centre, where a bronze statue of him stands outside. "Physically, I feel great."
"This is a perfect time for me to walk away from the game. I'm at peace with that."
Jordan said he was "99.9 percent" sure he would never return and added, "You can read that for what it's worth. ... I'm very secure in my decision."
When pressed why he wouldn't say he was 100 percent certain, Jordan said: "Because it's my 1 percent and not yours."
Word of Jordan's retirement broke late Monday, but he had refused to comment until today. After leading the Bulls to three straight championships in June, Jordan said he would make an announcement on his future only once the NBA lockout ended.
The players and owners reached a deal last week to save what's left of the season, and everyone's next question was whether Jordan would return.
The Jordan era included five MVP awards, 10 scoring titles, 12 All-Star appearances and many magic moments, from last-second shots to phenomenal scoring outbursts. More important, Jordan had charm and a nice guy image that earned him multimillion-dollar sponsorship deals and reached even non-sports fans.
"I tried to be the best basketball player I could be," said Jordan, who was joined by his wife, Juanita, Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and NBA commissioner David Stern. "I've had a great time."
Jordan alluded to his first retirement in 1993, when he briefly pursued a professional baseball career before returning late in the 1994-95 season.
"Well, we do this again, a second time," he said to open the news conference.
At one point, the Bulls unveiled a banner in the rafters from Jordan's first retirement. It said "Jordan 1984-1993" but it will now have to be updated.
Asked if he had lost his desire to play, he said: "The desire

is always going to be there." But he said he wanted to make sure that the desire was there "not one-fourth of the time I step onto the court, but every time."
Jordan, who had a bandage on his right index finger, said he severed a tendon while trying to cut a cigar and would need surgery.
But he said he had already decided to retire before the accident.
"I'm just going to enjoy life and do things I've never done before," he said.
He said he looked forward to being a parent and would "live vicariously through my kids," whether or not they played basketball.
"My life will take a change," said Jordan, adding that he also would tend to his many business interests. He makes an estimated \$45 million US dollars a year from endorsements.
Added his wife: "I see Michael doing a lot more carpooling."
Reinsdorf called Jordan's announcement "a tough day for basketball fans all over the world."
"This is a day I hoped would never come," he said.
Counterpoint: Stern: "I disagree with Jerry. This is a great day. The greatest basketball player

Div I cricket Saifullah City's hero

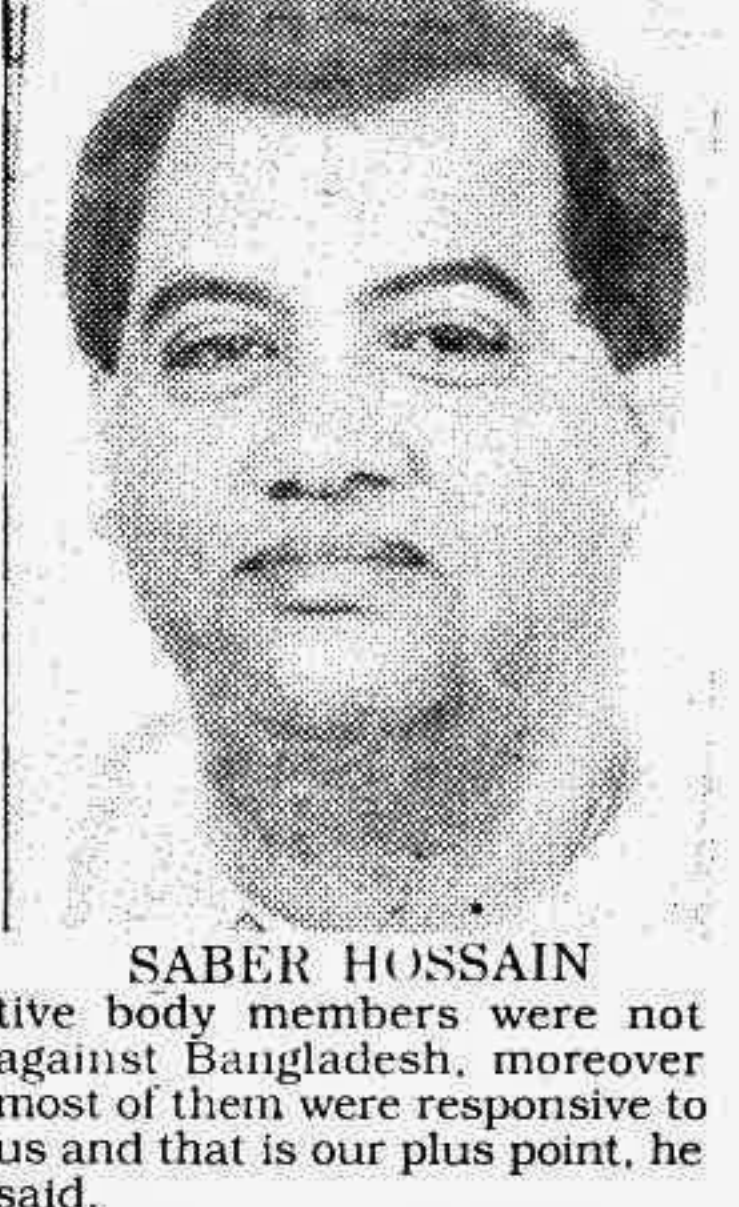
An all-round performance by Saifullah enabled City Club to beat Dhanmondi Club in a First Division cricket league match at the Mirpur City Club ground yesterday, reports UNB.
Dhanmondi batted first and were all out for 176 in the stipulated 50 overs.
In reply, City Club also scored 176 losing eight wickets in 50 overs to win the match by virtue of losing fewer wickets.
Saifullah played a vital role for City Club. He captured four wickets conceding 27 runs and later scored highest 95 runs off 132 balls hitting five fours and a six.
BRIEFSCORES
DHANMONDI CLUB: 176 all out in 50 overs. Anisul 33, Taj 24, Sajjadul 23, Towhid 22, extras 31. Maasi 4/27, Ujjal 3/21 and Sentu 2/47.
CITY CLUB: 176 for 8 in 50 overs. Saifullah 95, Mashuk 19, extras 24 and Tamim 2/21.

Saber remains optimistic about Test prospect

Introduction of three-day matches a must

International Cricket Council (ICC) plans to establish a new cycle of fixtures for Test series to ensure the small Test nations get a chance to face countries like Australia, England, West Indies and South Africa, ICC executive committee member and president of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and Deputy Minister for LGED Saber Hossain Chowdhury said yesterday.

The planned cycle will be drafted keeping 10 nations in mind and the idea will definitely brighten Bangladesh's chance in getting Test status at the next ICC annual conference on June 23 and 24 in London, the BCB president told BSS.



SABER HOSSAIN

After the decision for drafting the new tour cycle after receiving a mounting pressure from New Zealand, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka who did not get enough Test cricket, Saber Hossain said after returning home from attending the ICC executive committee meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Regarding Bangladesh's appeal to get Test status, the executive committee member and president of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and Deputy Minister for LGED Saber Hossain Chowdhury said yesterday.

The three-member fact-finding commission — Andy Pycroft (Zimbabwe), Bob Simpson (Australia) and Nasimul Ghani (Pakistan) — will visit Bangladesh in the third week of March to inspect cricket facilities.
"But before that we must fulfil the other terms and conditions. The foremost condition is to introduce a domestic first-class competition. Bangladesh's national championship is being played under first-class format — three and four-day matches," he said.
To experience more three-day first-class matches for our national pool players, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka have extended their support. A BCB Eleven will visit Pakistan.
Similar tours will be organised for India and Sri Lanka this year.
The ICC commission will also witness at least one match of the three-nation tournament among Zimbabwe, Kenya and Bangladesh in Dhaka beginning on March 19, he added.

Third ODI restarts today

Zealand and India on Thursday.

INDIA
Ganguly c Drum b Nash 0
Tendulkar st Parore b Larsen 45
David c two b Larsen 68
Azharuddin c Larsen b Cairns 52
Jadeja not out 26
Robin Singh 10
Extras: (lb-2, w-3, nb-2) 7
Total: (For four wickets in 32 overs) 208
Did not bat: Mongia, Srivastha, Chopra, Kumble, Prasad.
Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-84, 3-138, 4-195.
Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Cairns 7 1 30 1
Nash 6 0 26 1
Drum 6 0 46 0
Larsen 6 0 56 2
Harris 7 0 48 0
NEW ZEALAND
Horne c Mongia b Prasad 4
Young not out 52
McMillan c David b Srivastha 14
Twose not out 12
Extras: (b-4, lb-2, w-1) 7
Total: (For two wickets in 12.1 overs) 89
Did not bat: Cairns, Parore, Harris, Vettori, Larsen, Drum.
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-45.
Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Srivastha 4 0 22 1
Prasad 3 0 28 1
R Singh Sr 2 0 19 0
Kumble 2.1 0 9 0
Chopra 1 0 5 0
Match abandoned because of rain, to be replayed on Friday.

without scoring, to just 15 runs from the first seven overs.
A downpour interrupted play, and the allotment of overs was reduced to 32 when the rain ended.
After play restarted, Tendulkar and David added 69 in the next nine overs before Tendulkar, having skipped down the pitch to lift Gavin Larsen for a second straight six, was stumped. That gave Larsen his 100th wicket in his 104th one-day international.
Although not as aggressive as Tendulkar, David scored quite freely and he and Mohammed Azharuddin added 54 from eight overs. David made 62 from 71 balls with five fours and a six before he top-edged a pull.
Azharuddin should have gone two overs later, but Cairns dropped him at midwicket. Soon afterwards, he missed him again in the same position and the Indian captain and vice-captain Ajay Jadeja put on 57 for the fourth wicket.
Cairns made amends for his fielding lapses by having Azharuddin caught at long-on. Jadeja and Robin Singh Sr then took 13 runs off the seven remaining balls.
SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the third one-day international between New