

# Star Sport

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## Column One

### Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### Competition-110

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Competition closes at 8 pm

Jan 29/99 and draw shortly afterwards

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

Name .....

Class ..... Roll No. ....

School Address .....

Phone: (If any) .....

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### SPORTS TALK



#### Hansie Cronje

(South African cricket captain)

"We set our goal to play 25 good days of Test cricket during the summer and we were just fortunate to have come out on top in all five matches."

After completing a 5-0 whitewash against West Indies.

#### Taylor taking his time

SYDNEY, Jan 23: Australian Test captain Mark Taylor said today there was a chance he might go on the cricket tour of the West Indies next month, reports AFP.

"There's a chance of that but I've said I've got to do some serious thinking," Taylor said during New South Wales Sheffield Shield match with Tasmania here.

"One thing that not playing the one-dayers has done is given me a chance to get away from the game and make a good value decision rather than a hasty one."

"I've always said I'll keep playing as long as I'm enjoying the game."

The game has given me a lot of good times, no doubt about it."

"The Ashes series was good although I didn't finish off as well myself."

"I've had a very good career as a player and a very enjoyable one as a captain. I've had a good time, it's just whether I want to go do the tours that come up during the year — West Indies and Sri Lanka."

"That's what I've got to make a decision about."

Taylor intended to retire after the recent Ashes series, with the final Test at his home Sydney Cricket Ground being his 50th as captain.

But when the murky Shane Warne-Mark Waugh bookmaker affair surfaced last month, after being covered up for four years, he was prompted to review those plans.

The 34-year-old Test skipper subsequently told the selectors and the Australian Cricket Board he was available for the Caribbean, if required, and that remains the situation.

"I've still got a week to make a final decision so I'll be discussing that further with the people who spend most of the time in my life, mainly my family, particularly my wife," said Taylor.

It appears the constant demands of touring on a player with a wife and two young children is weighing heavily on his mind.

Australian's 15-man squad will be named on February 8 and Taylor will advise the selectors of his availability next weekend.

#### REGENTS

Due to space constraint our regular item CROSSWORD could not be accommodated.

— Sports Editor

## Premier League resumes on January 26 Four in the race, but...

Sports Reporter

With two-third of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League completed, holders Abahani, runners-up Brothers Union, Biman and Mohammedan Sporting are now in contention for the title.

Of the four, last season's runners-up Brothers Union are leading the table with six wins against a defeat from their seven outings. Holders Abahani and aspirants Biman also have six wins but they lost two matches, each having played eight matches.

However, Biman, who are now left with three matches against minor teams - Sadharan Bima, Victoria Sporting and Wari, looks well-poised to win the title if they can manage to win those matches.

On the other hand, Brothers Union will have to face Mohammedan, Kalabagan, Orient Sporting and Abahani in their remaining four matches. Although they are favourites against babes Orient, the remaining three matches against the big clubs will be evenly balanced. If they lose two out of those three, they will be out of the race.

Abahani, who also left with three matches, have a daunting task ahead of defeating Mohammedan, Kalabagan and Brothers Union and lift the title for the third successive season.

Apart from the three, Mohammedan Sporting have also chances to clinch the title after two barren seasons if they can manage to win their remaining four matches. Out of the four, they have two big matches -- that against Abahani and Brothers -- while the other two encounters are against babes Sadharan Bima and lowly-rated Victoria Sporting Club.

The other two teams in the 12-team elite league - Kalabagan and Surjo Tarun -- are virtually out of the race. Kalabagan have lost three matches

out of seven while Surjo Tarun, the star-studded side, have also three defeats against five wins in eight matches.



### REMAINING FIXTURE

Date	Match	Venue
Jan 26-27:	Brothers Union v Mohammedan SC	BNS
	Surjo Tarun v Victoria SC	BKSP
	Kalabagan KC v Orient SC	DCS
	Biman v S Bima	BNS
	Ajax SC v Wari Club	BKSP
	Abahani v Mohammedan SC	BNS
	Agrani Bank v Orient SC	DCS
	Brothers Union v Kalabagan KC	BNS
	Surjo Tarun v Wari Club	DCS
	Mohammedan SC v S Bima	BNS
	Biman v Victoria SC	DCS
	Agrani Bank v Ajax SC	BKSP
	Abahani v Kalabagan KC	BNS
	Brothers Union v Orient SC	DCS
	Mohammedan SC v Victoria SC	BNS
	Biman v Wari	BNS
	Surjo Tarun v Agrani Bank	BKSP
	Abahani v Brothers Union	BNS
	Kalabagan KC v S Bima	DCS
	Ajax SC v Orient SC	BKSP

### POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	L	Pts
Brothers Union	7	6	1	12
Abahani	8	6	2	12
Biman	8	6	2	12
Mohammedan SC	7	5	2	10
Surjo Tarun	8	5	3	10
Kalabagan	7	4	3	8
Agrani Bank	8	4	4	8
Wari Club	8	3	5	6
Victoria SC	8	3	5	6
Sadharan Bima	8	2	6	4
Orient SC	7	1	6	2
Ajax SC	8	1	7	2

## World champs prove a point



ADELAIDE, Jan 23 (Reuters/AP): Despaigne turned to delight for Sri Lanka off-spinner Chaminda Vaas for 39.

### SCOREBOARD

#### ENGLAND

Knight and Alec Stewart put on a partnership of 64 off 62 balls before Stewart was caught by Chaminda Vaas for 39.

**KNIGHT**

Knight run out

44

Stewart c Ranatunga b Vaas

39

Hick not out

126

Fall of wkt: 1-64; 2-139; 3-

148

**BOWLER**

O M R W

Waas 10 0 76 1

Wickramasinghe 9 0 72 0

Jayawardene 4 0 24 0

Muralitharan 7 0 45 0

Jayasuriya 10 0 43 1

Chandana 10 0 40 0

**SRI LANKA**

Maheba Jayawardene b Gough 51

Kalutwetharana run out

Atapattu c Fairbrother b Mullally 3

Tillekeratne b Croft

Fairbrother not out

78

Extras: (lb-2, w-4, nb-3)

9

Total: (For 3 wkt in 50 overs)

302

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148

**BOWLER**

O M R W

Gough 10 1 68 1

Mullally 10 0 61 1

Hollooake 5 0 45 0

Elaham 10 1 48 0

Croft 10 0 42 1

Wells 4.4 0 30 2

**STANDINGS**

Standings in the tri-series

one-day cricket match after Sri

Lanka's win over England on

Saturday (matches, wins, losses, points).

England 6 4 2 8

Australia 5 2 3 4

Sri Lanka 5 2 3 4

**Result:** Sri Lanka won by one wicket.  
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**JAYAWARDENE ... m-o-m**

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