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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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Mark Taylor

(Australia Test captain)
"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."

SAF tourney

BFF picks 31

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday announced a list of 31 players to prepare for the forthcoming SAF tournament, reports UNB.

The tournament will be held in the Indian city of Goa in March-April.

The training camp will begin on January 31 at BKSIP in Savar under Iraqi coach Samir Shaqir. The players have been requested to report to the BFF office on January 30 at 4 pm.

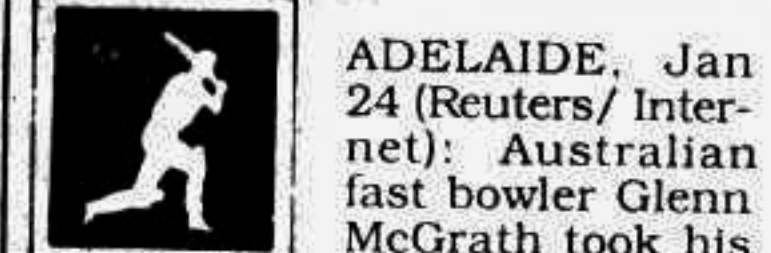
The players are: Aminul Haq (Muktijoddha), Biplob (Abahani), Tony (Arambagh), Shimul (Victoria), Hasan A Mamun, Jewel Rana, Rajony (Muktijoddha), Prodip (Abahani), Masud Rana (Muktijoddha), Parvez Babu, Lajuk (Badda Jagarani), Gobinda (Brothers), Nazrul, Alfaz (Mohammedan), Iqbal (Muktijoddha), Zakir Hossain (Abahani), Rakib (Muktijoddha), Matur Rahman Munna (Mohammedan), Masud Haider, Pavel (Badda Jagarani), Monwar (Fakirerpool), Aman (Mohammedan), Shourav Rayu (Abahani), Tushar (Arambagh), Nakib (Muktijoddha), Don (Mohammedan), Amin Rana (Abahani), Walid (Badda Jagarani), Moni (Fakirerpool), Tipu (Abahani) and Khokon (Badda Jagarani).

Holder defends Samaranch

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan 24: International Olympic Committee (IOC) member Marc Holder defended IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch of Saturday over his handling of the Salt Lake City corruption crisis that has rocked the movement, reports AFP.

Holder, who first exposed the bribery scandal that has implicated at least 13 members of the IOC, said Samaranch should stay in his role.

McGrath clips Lankan wings



ADELAIDE, Jan 24 (Reuters/Internet): Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath took his one-day best of five for 40 to send Sri Lanka sliding to an 80-run defeat in their tri-series match on Sunday.

McGrath produced a fiery display of pace and bounce as Sri Lanka were dismissed for 190 in 41.4 of their 50 overs in reply to Australia's 270 all out at the Adelaide Oval.

The lanky paceman dispatched five of the top six batsmen in the order in his 10 overs, helping to reduce Sri Lanka to 53 for six at one stage.

McGrath won the man-of-the-match award for firing Australia to their third win in the sixth of their 10 qualifying games in the series.

England lead the standings on eight points from six games, with Australia on six points.

Sri Lanka, who won their previous two matches, including Saturday's controversial victory over England, have four points from six fixtures.

The top two ultimately qualify for the best-of-three finals.

Sri Lanka were back on the Adelaide Oval for the second straight day, with off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan, who was sensationally called for throwing against England on Saturday, taking his place in the side.

But this time McGrath and not the Sri Lankan bowler who was in the spotlight.

McGrath was irresistible, finding consistent line and length to add to his disconcerting lift as he tore through the Sri Lankan top order.

His figures passed his previous limited-overs best of five for 52 against Pakistan at Lahore in 1994-95. At one point on Sunday, he had five for 19 off 40 balls.

McGrath drew first blood when opener Ramesh Kaluwitharana was caught by wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist for nine.

One run later he had Marvan Atapattu caught by captain Shane Warne for a duck. Then followed opener Sanath Jayasuriya for 12, caught by Brendon Julian, to leave Sri Lanka reeling at 30 for three after 6.2 overs.

The slide continued as paceman Adam Dale, providing effectively economical support, removed Mahela Jayawardene

for nine.

Jayawardene had hit a superb 120 as Sri Lanka beat England by one wicket on Saturday.

McGrath continued to inflict damage by dispatching captain Arjuna Ranatunga (0) and Hashan Tillekeratne (10) to leave Sri Lanka at 53 for six after 15 overs.



McGrath ... m-o-m

Sri Lanka fought back, however, as Upul Chandana (38) and Roshan Mahanama, top scorer with 55, put on 90 for the seventh wicket.

Their resistance was broken when Shane Lee took two wickets with successive balls in his first over of the day-night encounter.

Lee's brisk medium pace had Chandana lbw and then Chandianda Vaas caught behind for a duck to leave Sri Lanka at 143 for eight, with Greg Blewett taking the final two wickets.

Australia, put into bat and playing without the injured Steve Waugh and Michael Bevan, looked set for a big score after openers Mark Waugh (57) and Adam Gilchrist (41) shared a quick-fire stand of 86 off 83 balls.

Blewett (40) and Darren Lehmann (40) put on 68 for the fourth wicket before the world

champions fought back by taking the last seven wickets for 67.

Muralitharan bowled his 10 overs and took one for 51, capturing the wicket of Mark Waugh.

Australia play England in the next match here on Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in Sunday's tri-series limited-over match between Australia and Sri Lanka at the Adelaide Oval:

AUSTRALIA				
A Gilchrist c Muralitharan				41
b Wickremasinghe				
M Waugh c Chandana				57
b Muralitharan				21
B Julian b Chandana				0
G Blewett c Kaluwitharana				40
b Jayasuriya				
D Lehmann c Muralitharan				40
b Chandana				
D Martyn not out				33
S Lee b Vaas				8
S Waugh c Tillekeratne b Vaas				20
A Dale b Jayasuriya				0
G McGrath c Mahanama b Vaas				2
Extras: (lb-2, w-3, nb-3)				8
Total:				270
Fall of wks: 1-86; 2-116; 3-135; 4-203; 5-208; 6-233; 7-258; 8-259; 9-261				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	10	0	63	3
Wickremasinghe	7	0	45	1
Muralitharan	10	0	51	1
Jayasuriya	10	0	48	2
Chandana	10	0	44	2
Jayawardene	3	0	17	0

SRI LANKA				
S Jayasuriya c Julian b McGrath				12
R Kaluwitharana c Gilchrist				9
b McGrath				
M Atapattu c Warne b McGrath				0
H Tillekeratne c Warne b McGrath				10
M Jayawardene c Lee b Dale				9
A Ranatunga c Julian b McGrath				0
R Mahanama b Blewett				55
U Chandana lbw Lee				38
C Vaas c Gilchrist b Lee				0
P Wickremasinghe not out				21
M Muralitharan b Blewett				11
Extras: (lb-3, w-4, nb-18)				25
Total:				190
Fall of wks: 1-26; 2-27; 3-30; 4-40; 5-60; 6-53; 7-143; 8-143; 9-177				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	10	0	40	5
Dale	10	2	31	1
Julian	5	0	37	0
Warne	9	0	53	0
Lee	6	0	20	2
Blewett	1.4	0	6	2

Result: Australia won by 80 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Glenn McGrath.

SAARC bridge entry invited

Sports Reporter

The 2nd SAARC bridge tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Bridge Federation, will begin from February 4 at the Hotel Sheraton Ballroom. The competition will be held in pair duplicate bridge.

Fourteen men's and eight women's teams from India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and hosts Bangladesh will take part in the six-day meet, the first international tournament being organised by the federation. Bangladesh will be represented by four men's and two women's teams, and approximately forty pairs.

Interested pairs have been invited to enter the tournament by contacting Sakahuddin (Phone 9347567) by January 31; entry fee Tk 1000 per pair.

Ranatunga in hot water

ADELAIDE, Jan 24: Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga is to face an international Cricket Council (ICC) code of conduct hearing on Monday, reports Reuters.

A spokesman for the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said today the hearing would be held in Adelaide.

It was not known what charges Ranatunga would face.

The hearing will be in front of match referee for the triangular limited over tournament Peter van der Merwe, the spokesman said.

It follows Saturday's controversial limited over match between Sri Lanka and England in which Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was called for throwing.

Ranatunga led his players off the Adelaide Oval in protest after Australian umpire Ross Emerson no-balled Muralitharan on the fourth ball of his second over.

Play was halted for about 12 minutes and a visible angry Ranatunga and Emerson could be seen pointing fingers at each other. Ranatunga also pointed his finger at Van der Merwe during the delay.

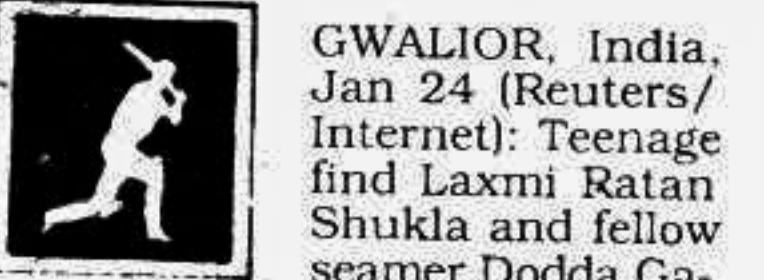
Sri Lanka went on to post a one wicket win in a match that also featured several clashes between players from the two teams.

Emerson has been listed for Sri Lanka's game against England in Perth on Friday and the ACB spokesman said that was still the case.



Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram catching India A batsman Sitangshu Kotak during their tour match at Gwalior yesterday.

Pakistan lead by 165 runs



GWALIOR, India, Jan 24 (Reuters/Internet): Teenage find Laxmi Ratan Shukla and fellow seamer Doda Ganes

nesh ripped through Pakistan's top half as India A had the tourists struggling on the second day of their opening match of the tour on Sunday.

Pakistan, looking for a morale-boosting win ahead of the first test beginning on Wednesday, were 107 for five at the close in their second innings, a lead of 165, after losing their first four wickets for just eight runs.

Inzamam-ul-Haq, who made an unbeaten 98 in the first innings, dug in again to be 60 not out.

Earlier, India A, helped by a 72 from Jacob Martin, were all out at tea for 276 in reply to Pakistan's 334 for six declared.

When Pakistan batted a second time Ganes trapped Saeed Anwar in the first over, caught behind for four.

In the next over, Shukla, a 17-year-old student who has been named by India in the 14-man squad for the first test, bowled Wajahatullah Wasti for his second duck of the match.

Reaping a harvest with short, rising deliveries, Shukla then removed Yousef Youhana, who had scored 124 in the first innings. Youhana edged the ball to the wicketkeeper and was out without scoring.

Ganes dismissed Moin Khan, promoted in the order, for two and Shukla induced nightwatchman Mushtaq (8) to find an edge as Pakistan reeled at 23 for five. But Inzamam and Salim Malik (22 not out) batted through without further loss, Shukla ending the day with 3-17 in 10 overs.

Earlier, Martin hit 10 fours and a six, as India A steadily built up their total from 63 for two overnight. Martin gave the Indian selectors a reminder with some fine off-drives. In one over he whacked paceman Waqar Younis for three boundaries.

Pakistan's bowling struggled to find rhythm with the exception of skipper Wasim Akram who took five for 55.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day tour match between India A and Pakistan at the Roop Singh Stadium on Sunday.

PAKISTAN: First innings

334-6 declared

INDIA A: First innings

(overnight 63-2)

Laxman c Wasti b Akram 2

Sanghi 5

W 2

R 3

M 4

O 17

H 31

S 0

Extras: (w-10, nb-3) 13

Total: (For nine wickets in 50 overs) 292

Fall of wks: 1-0; 2-5; 3-46; 4-272; 5-273; 6-275; 7-276; 8-288; 9-290

Bowler

O M R W

Pollock 10 2 35 6

Kallis 6 0 51 0

Williams 8 0 55 0

Kluseener 10 1 41 1

Boje 8 0 45 0

Cronje 5 0 37 0

Rindel 3 0 28 0

SOUTH AFRICA: G Kirsten

M Rindel, J Kallis, D Cullinan

H Cronje, J Rhodes, S Pollock

M Boucher, L Kluseener, N Boje

H Williams

Swimming pool, billiard room for N'ganj

NARAYANGANJ, Jan 24: A modern swimming pool and a billiard room, constructed under private initiative at a cost of Tk 1.85 crore, was opened here today, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Affairs and president of National Sports Council Obaidul Quader inaugurated the swimming pool and billiard room at Narayanganj Club.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the West Indies innings at Buffalo Park in East London on Sunday:

WEST INDIES

P Wallace c Boje b Pollock 0

S Chanderpaul b Pollock 150

N McLean c Rindel b Pollock 0

B Lara c Rhodes b Pollock 3

C Hooper c Pollock b Kluseener 108

National & U-21 snooker from February 25

The 15th national snooker championship and the 4th national under-21 snooker championship will be held at Dhaka Club from February 25, 1999, says a press release.

Interested participants have been requested to send their entries along with required entry fee within February 10, 1999 to the BBSF through their respective affiliated clubs.

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Jan 24: Four-H Cricket Club outplayed Sher-e-Bangla Sabuj Sangha - O-Pathagar by 263 runs in the First Division cricket league at the local stadium here today.

Four-H Cricket Club scored 349 for the loss of six wickets in 40 overs. In reply, Sher-e-Bangla Sabuj Sangha were shot out for 86 in 30 overs.

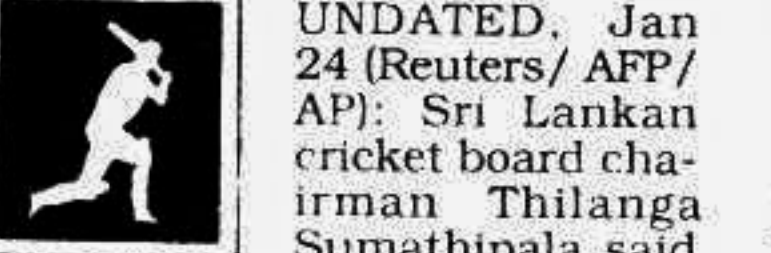
Mymensingh cricket

MYMENSINGH, Jan 24: Gulkibari Krira Chakra crushed Nil Komol by 102 runs in the First Division cricket league at the Circuit House playground today, reports UNB.

Batting first, the winners piled up 225. Moni scored highest 90 runs while Upol 38 for the winners.

Nil Komol scored only 123.

Tour not in danger



UNDATED, Jan 24 (Reuters/AFI/AP): Sri Lanka cricket board chairman Thilanga Sumathipala said today controversial bowler Muttiah Muralitharan was being treated like "a criminal" after the player was called for throwing in the match against England.

But Sumathipala reiterated that Sri Lanka would stay for the remainder of the triangular one-day series, which also includes Australia.

"We do know what he's (Muralitharan's) going through. It's like he's a criminal. It's not fair what people are doing to him," Sumathipala told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

"I can't see how anybody has any doubt about his action," Australian umpire Ross Emerson called Muralitharan's fourth ball of his second over in Saturday's match at the Adelaide Oval.

It reignited the furore that arose when Muralitharan was similarly no-balled by three umpires on Sri Lanka's 1995-96 tour to Australia and prompted captain Arjuna Ranatunga to lead his players off the field.

The players returned and won Saturday's match by one wicket but a senior official of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka told Reuters in Colombo that the team had wanted to pull out of the tournament.

Sri Lankan team manager Ranj Fernando told reporters after the match that the players would stay.

Sumathipala said the issue would be discussed at a meeting of the Sri Lankan cricket board, expected to be held today (4:30 GMT).

"I can assure you the tour will go on but the subject will be discussed at the meeting," Sumathipala told ABC.

"There is a huge question mark, who is controlling the game? The International Cricket Council (ICC) or a few umpires?"

"If a few individuals feel they're above the game, it's a bad day for world cricket," he said.

He said Sri Lanka had put a proposal for a change in the rules on throwing to the ICC at their recent meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand.

He expected it to be passed at the ICC meeting in London in June.

"A bowler who passes x number of overs or wickets should not be called in the middle because if he is, there can be serious penalties that can be resolved outside the game," he said.

"It is very bad for the reputation of the game and it's not fair for the players. We can't go on like this, it's a torture for this

boy."

Meanwhile, Ranatunga said the players had discussed the drama surrounding Muralitharan at team meetings but wanted to look ahead to the next match.

"For this game we want to forget about what was happening in our last game, rather than the good chase we had and good play," Ranatunga said in a television interview before the clash against Australia at the Adelaide Oval.

Muralitharan has won widespread support from commentators and former players.

Sydney Morning Herald cricket columnist Peter Roebuck was scathing in his criticism of Emerson, a former policeman.

"Never in its 122 years of existence has Australian umpiring stood lower than it did last night," Roebuck wrote.

He said the throwing law was there as "a check against rogue deliveries from aggressive bowlers."

"It is not retained for some umpire to condemn as illegitimate the action of a visitor with more than 2000 Test wickets to his name, a bowler whose work has been given the seal of approval from men