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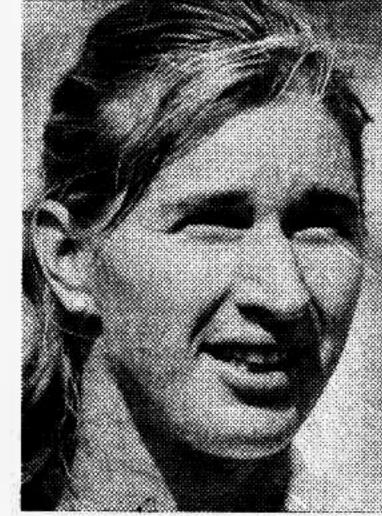
Sri Lanka Nepal How many teams are taking part in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS



Steffi Graf

(German tennis star) "He's not involved in my tennis or my business affairs, he is just my father now."

PWCCA decides not to tour India

LUCKNOW, Jan 26: Pakistan's Women's Cricket Control Association (PWCCA) has cancelled a scheduled tour of India because of security fears, officials said on Monday, reports Reuters.

They were scheduled to play in a seven-match triangular series that also involves Sri Lanka.

The series had been organised by the Uttar Pradesh Women's Cricket Association (UPWCA) to mark 25 years of women's cricket in the state and was to begin on Wednes-

UPWCA secretary Mohammad Nawab said she had received a letter from her counterpart in Pakistan calling off the tour on the grounds of fears for the safety of the

The tournament will go ahead with just India and Sri Lanka taking part.

The Pakistan men's team last week began a tour of India under heavy security after demands by the right-wing Hindu Shiv Sena party that it should not take place.



Mohammedan's Kenyan recruit Maurice Odumbe square-cuts.

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Kalabagan, Surjo Tarun mince opponents

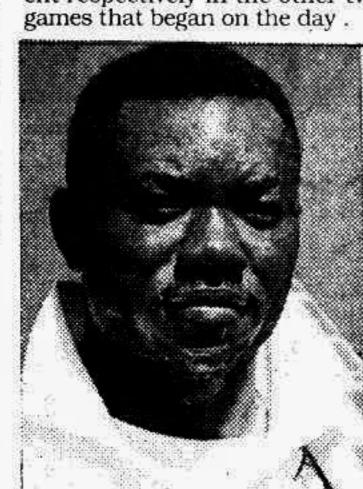
BU vie to scale Kenyan peak

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting wagged long their tail to put up a fighting total against Brothers Union in a crucial Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The otherwise fragile Mohammedan tail produced an invaluable 44 runs as the popular Motifheel outfit recuperated from a vulnerable position to a respectable 294 before being all out with two balls to spare in their stipulated 80 overs.

While Mohammedan set Brothers a tough task for today, Surjo Tarun and Kalabagan Krira Chakra ensured an unscheduled rest-day as they made light work of Victoria and Orient respectively in the other two games that began on the day .



TIKOLO ... 63 At the BKSP in Savar, Surjo

Tarun made a mockery of a contest when the star-studded Dhanmondi outfit shot Victoria out for 68 in 24.4 overs, the lowest total in the league this season. Thanks to a five-wicket haul from right-arm seamer Sajal Chowdhury.

In reply, Surjo Tarun reached 72 in 16.2 overs with eight wickets in hand.

On the other hand, Kalabagan, aided by a five-wicket burst from their Pakistani recruit, Shahid Saeed, also recorded an identical eight-wicket win over promotees Orient Sporting at the Dhanmondi Cricket Sta-

But the excitement on the resuming day after the nine-day Eid break was provided at the big bowl where the two Kenyan recruits of Mohammedan, Steve Tikolo and Maurice Odumbe, scored half-centuries, much to the delight of a few hundred (unofficial) holiday makers.

The eventful day, which saw Brothers conceding a staggering 56 runs as extras, was also marked by an early lunch break after the northern breeze carried the agonising stench of tear gas from the Purana Paltan area at around 11:30 am. Apart from that stray incident, the match progressed smoothly during the hartal day.

Mohammedan won the toss in the morning and opted to bat first. But table-leaders Brothers wrested an early initiative when they removed openers Rashedul Haq and Imran Hamid in 40 minutes with the board reading only 22.

One-down Selim Shahed and Kenyan Steve Tikolo repaired the damage, putting on 42 runs for the third wicket. The partnership was broken at 64 when Selim Shahed edged a delivery from Khaled Mahmud to wicketkeeper Jahangir Alam after scoring 13.

Then came the biggest partnership of the Mohammedan innings between Tikolo and young Nasirul Alam, which added 62 runs for the fourth wicket to see Mohammedan cross the hundred mark in the 24th over.

Tikolo hammered a strokefilled 63 off 69 balls. The prolific Kenyan right-hander took only 48 balls to complete his sixth fifty in eight league matches. He smote a huge sixer and seven disdainful boundaries in his polished knock. But Tikolo departed in an unfortunate manner when he dragged the ball into his stumps while trying to hook a snorter from Aamir Hanif.

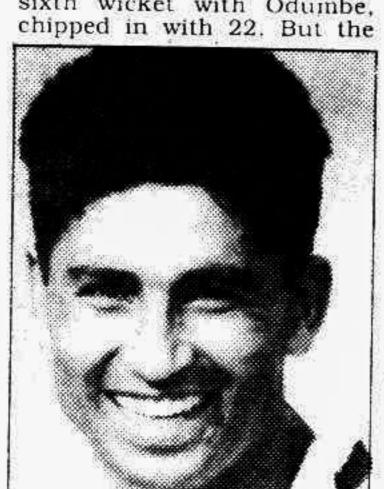
The former Pakistan inter-

national also captured the wicket of Tikolo's compatriot Odumbe, who scored a workmanlike 55 off 93 balls. It was Odumbe's second half-century after his match-winning 88 in the inaugural game against Wari.

Skipper Mohammad Rafi-



que, who put on 43 runs for the sixth wicket with Odumbe,



S SAEED ... 5for 58

southpaw, who hammered a sweetly-timed straight six off off-spinner Sanuar, threw away his wicket at a stage when more responsibility was expected of him. Rafique, carried away by the sudden rush of blood, holed out at deep mid-wicket while attempting a big hit against Sanuar Hossain.

After Rafique's departure, Odumbe took the score to 250. sharing an invaluable 53-run partnership with wicketkeeper Golam Mortuza for the seventh wicket.

In the remaining six overs, Mohammedan scored 44 runs. thanks to Mortuza, who chipped in with a patient 30 off 86 balls.

The match will continue to-Away at the BKSP ground Victoria, put into bat, were bundled out for 68 in the face of some fired-up bowling from Sajal Chowdhury, who finished with magnificent figures of five for 24 from his 9.4 overs. He was ably helped by his senior new-ball partner left-arm pacer

three wickets for 33. In reply, Surjo Tarun raced to 72 for two in 16.2 overs with Khaled Mashud remaining undefeated on 26. Opener Parvez, who scored 25, was the other notable run-getter.

Anisur Rahman, who took

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, opener Sajid Hassan scored an unbeaten 59 as Kalabagan, chasing a paltry Orient total of 141, reached 143 in 32.4 overs with eight wickets to spare.

Earlier, Kalabagan's Pakistani all-rounder Shahid Saeed also returned with five for 58 as Orient, sent into bat, were all out for 141 in 50.4

SCOREBOARDS BROTHERS VS MOHAM-

MEDAN (Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium) MOHAMMEDAN

Reshedul b S Kabir Imran c S Kabir b Safiuddin Shahed c Jahangir b K Mahmud Tikolo b A Hanif

Faridpur cricket , FARIDPUR, Jan 26: Cricket

league '99 organise by Faridpur District Sports Association was inaugurated yesterday at the local stadium, reports BSS. In the inaugural match Shahid Sufi Club beat Sheikh Kamal Smriti Club by six wick-

ets. Batting first Sheikh Kamal

Smriti scored 147 runs in stipu-

lated 35 overs.

Nastr b Zahid Maurice b A Hanif Rafique c sub b Sanwar Mortaza c Safiuddin b Imran Salahuddin not out Ashfaq c Shahriar b Imran Monjurul c S Kabir b Zahid Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-13, w-35) Total: (All out in 79.4 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-8, 2-22, 3-64, 4-126, 5-154, 6-197, 7-250, 8-

280, 9-281 Bowler Shanewaz Kabir 18 Safluddin Ahmed 12 2 38 Khaled Masud Zahid Ahmed Amir Hanif Sanwar Hossain 13 Imran Rahim 8.4 1 37

KALABAGAN VS ORIENT (Dhanmondi Cricket Sta-



SAJAL ... 5 for 24 Mofizul b Mushfig Jewel c Ishtiaq b S Saeed Narayan lbw b Mushfiq Rizwan b Masudur Sohail run out Reaz lbw b S Saeed Mizanur c & b Fahim Mridul b S Saeed Azim lbw b S Saeed Neaz not out Aminul b S Saeed Extras: (lb-1, nb-3, w-9) Total: (All out in 50.4 overs) 141

Fall of wkts: 1-5, 2-25, 3-43, 4-51, 5-67, 6-77, 7-88, 8-118, 9-Bowler Shahid Saeed Mushfigur Rahman 10 9 3 Masudur Rahman 9 2 19 Mahim Muntasir 7 3 17 Abul Hasan 2 0

KALABAGAN Harun c Mofizul b Neaz Salid not out Gulam Ali b Sohail Mushfig not out Extras: (lb-1, w-7) Total: (For 2 wkts in 32.4 overs) 143 Fall of wkts: 1-81, 2-104

M R V Bowler Mizanur Rahman Aminul Islam Sohail Islam 32 Neazuddin Raez Sheikh

Result: Kalabagan won by eight wickets.

SURJO TARUN VS VICTO-(Venue: BKSP) VICTORIA Imran b Anis Moni c Enamul b Sajal Rezaul c Anis b Sajal M Elahi b Anis R Hanif c K Mashud b Anis Sabbir c K Mashud b Sajal Mustadir not out Jewel b Athar Rakib c Sajal b Enamul Kamu c Parvez b Sajal Jakir c K Mashud b Sajal Extras: (nb-1, w-3)

Total: (All out in 24.4 overs) 68 Fall of wkts: 1-16, 2-26, 3-26, 4-35, 5-51, 6-51, 7-61, 8-62, 9-68 OMRW Bowler Anisur Rahman 33 Sajal Chowdhury 9.4 24 Enamul Hoque SURJO TARUN Athar c Kamu b Jazir Parvez c Kamu b Mustadir K Mashud not out Minhajul not out Extras: (lb-1, nb-6, w-6) Total: (for 2 wkts in 16.2 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-9, 2-57 OMRW Bowler

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Result: Surjo Tarun won by

Press confce

today

Bridge tournament will be held at the Dhaka Club today at 5

The date for the press conference was mentioned as February 27 in the Bangla invitation letters, an official of the tournament said last night.

Arjuna relieved for the moment

ADELAIDE, Jan 26: The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on Tuesday it had postponed its hearing into allegations of misconduct against Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga, reports

ICC match referee Peter van der Merwe said in a statement the hearing was adjourned after two hours and would be reopened at a date to be fixed.

quoted as saying on Australian television: "Certain points were raised by Mr Ranatunga's legal representatives and I thought that was the best thing to do."

appear before the disciplinary panel after he was cited during Saturday's controversial limited-overs match against Eng-

with conduct unbecoming an international player, showing dissent, intimidating an umpire and using abusive language, local media reported. A charge was also added by Van der Merwe relating to a captain being responsible for upholding the spirit of the laws.

Ranatunga led his players off the Adelaide Oval in protest after Australian umpire Ross Emerson called Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan for throwing.

12 minutes and a visibly angry Ranatunga and Emerson could be seen pointing fingers at each other. Ranatunga also pointed his finger at van der Merwe during the delay.

On Tuesday, Emerson was stood down by the Australian Cricket Board when it was discovered he was on stress leave from his regular job.

one-wicket win last Saturday's match that also featured several clashes between players from the two teams. Ranatunga declined to

speak with local media after Tuesday's hearing was post-

Sri Lankan team manager Ranjit Fernando also refused to comment when the team arrived in Perth ahead of Friday's limited-overs match against England.

"Our lips are sealed", Fernando told reporters. Asked when the hearing would be, he shrugged his shoulders and said: "Ask the

Susantika may be banned for two years

COLOMBO, Jan 26: Sri Lanka's top sprinter, Susantika Jayasinghe who is training in the United States, is likely to face a two-year ban for drug abuse, but could still compete at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, a state-run newspaper reported Tuesday, reports AP.

two years from the date she tested positive for a prohibited

An official at the AAA reached by The Associated Press confirmed the Daily News report, but declined to give details. AAA's chief was

The panel, scheduled to meet soon, would make a final decision, the reports said.

Bichel blows S Australia away

BRISBANE, Jan 26: Fringe Australian pace bowler Andrew Bichel took six for 54 today to lift Queensland to a 50-run win over South Australia in a Sheffield Shield match at the Gabba ground, reports Reuters. Bichel's haul, a first-class

at nine for no wicket. South Australia scored 266 in their first innings, in reply It remains to be seen to Queensland's 364. Queenswhether Emerson's decision to land were all out for 177 in

in Perth.

Hick's hundred fails

26 (Reuters/Internet): Graeme Hick cracked 109, his third century games, but failed to prevent Australia beating England by

16 runs in their tri-series match on Tuesday. Glenn McGrath and Shane Warne took three wickets apiece, while Brendon Julian grabbed another two, in an Eng-

land total of 223. England were 162 for two at one stage but lost their last

eight wickets for 61. Leg-spinner Warne gave his best display since returning from shoulder surgery and took three for 39 off 10 overs. Paceman McGrath finished with three for 40, after collecting five for 40 in Australia's win over Sri Lanka on Sunday. Australia had lost their pre-

vious two one-day matches against England but joined them on eight points after seven of 10 matches. Sri Lanka have four points from six games.

Hick earned man-of-thematch honours after his innings, which came of 119 balls, but it proved in vain as the England batting crashed. "It was just a fantastic per-

formance," said Australian captain Warne, taking the role in the absence of the injured Steve Warne, who used eight bowlers in the match, said he

had been annoyed by his performance against Sri Lanka on Sunday, when he failed to take a wicket. "I wanted to make amends. and the wicket was turning a bit

more today," Warne said. It was a bitter finish for the gallant Hick, who scored an unbeaten 126 against Sri Lanka in Saturday's controversial match only to finish on the losing

"I'd rather get nought and win the game," said Hick, whose innings included six fours and two sixes. Warne and Julian were in-

strumental in the England slide after the visitors appeared to be in a commanding position after Hick and Nick Knight (42) put on 80 for the second wicket and Hick and Nasser Hussain (21) added another 64 for the third. After Neil Fairbrother was bowled by McGrath for 10.

Warne and Julian shared the next four wickets to leave England needing 30 with eight wickets down.

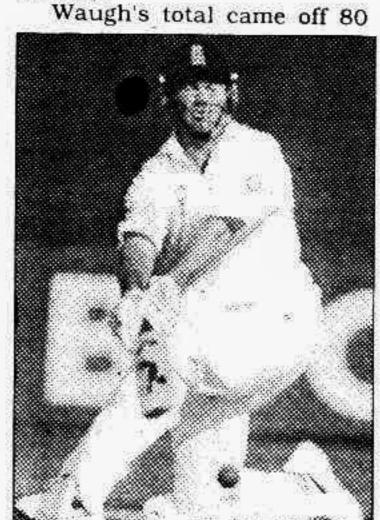
Julian brilliantly caught and bowled John Crawley (11) and then repeated the feat against Robert Croft (O). Warne also caught Mark Ealham (4) off his own bowling and had Dar-ren Gough caught by Adam Dale for two.

Hick was the next to go, run out after advancing down the pitch and failing to remake his McGrath then dismissed

Dean Headley (2) to complete a home win on the Australia Day public holiday. Australia's 239 for eight was achieved by partnerships of 93

by Mark Waugh (65) and Darren Lehmann (51) and 90 from Damien Martyn (59 not out) and Lee (41).

Headley



HICK ... m-o-m balls and was his sixth consecutive half-century of the one-day

Headley was on a hattrick when he dismissed Lee and Julian (O) in successive balls but Warne denied him.

. England captain Alec Stewart paid tribute to the bowling of Warne, Julian and McGrath, which he said had limited Hick's ability to get the strike towards the end of the match.

"We all know what a world class player he (Hick) is, I think he is just underlining that," he

him and for us is that he has got

"What's disappointing for

On the strength of the Pak-

istan team, Akram said they

had two talented openers in Wa-

jahatullah Wasti and Moham-

mad Naveed. "We are building

our team for the World Cup, we

have a fairly balanced side."

two back-to-back hundreds and we lost both games."

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the tri-series match between Australia and England at the Adelaide Oval on Tuesday:

AUSTRALIA M Waugh C Hussain b Croft Gilchrist b Gough Blewett b Gough Lehmann b Croft Martyn not out Law c Stewart b Ealham Lee c Fairbrother b Headley Julian b Headley Warne run out

Extras: (lb-4, nb-1) Total: (For eight wickets in 50 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-1; 2-25; 3-118;

4-131; 5-134; 6-224; 7-224; 8-Bowler: OMRw Gough 51 Mullally 39

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Croft **ENGLAND**

Ealham

Knight c and b Warne Stewart c Gilchrist b Dale Hick run out Hussain Ibw McGrath Fairbrother b McGrath Crawley c and b Julian Ealham c and b Warne Croft c and b Julian Gough c Dale b Warne Headley b McGrath Mullally not out Extras: (lb-7, nb-7, w-2) Total: (All out in 48.3 overs) Fall of wkts: 1-18; 2-98; 3-162; 4-176; 5-193; 6-202; 7-204; 8-210, 9-223

Bowler	0	M	R	V
McGrath	9.3	0	40	
Dale _	10	1	35	
Lee	3	0	23	
Julian	10	0	44	- }
Warne	10	0	39	- 12
Martyn	3	. 0	15	- 8
Law	2	0	8	- 6
Lehmann	1	0	12	- ji
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Man-of-the-match: Graeme Hick.

STANDINGS Standings in the tri-series

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Akram, Miandad upbeat



CHENNAL, Jan 26: thing." Pakistan cricket team captain Wasim Akram today said his team would play posi-

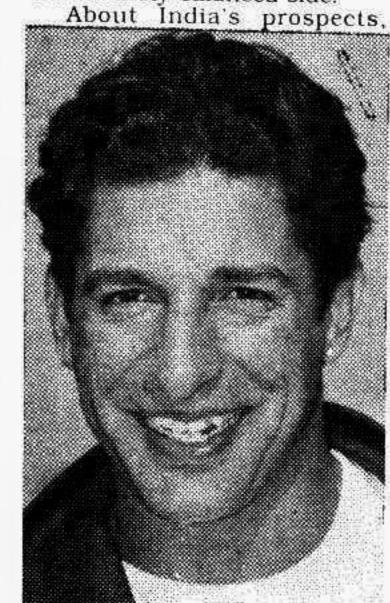
tively and were looking ahead to India's tour to Pakistan in 2001, reports PTI. Akram and team coach Javed Miandad were speaking to newsmen after a three-hour

strenuous session at the nets for their first Test match against India, beginning on January 28. Expressing happiness over their visit to India after a 12year gap, Akram said, "One of the countries had to break the

ice and Pakistan has done it

Miandad and Akram said both India and Pakistan had done badly in Test matches in recent times. "India have lost to New Zealand in the Test series last month and that is a good sign for us. India always played well on home ground and Pakistan did well whenever we

played abroad," Akram said. On playing a two-Test series between the two countries for the first time, Miandad said, "it cannot be termed as a two-Test series as we will be playing in the Asian Championship. Such schedules are always a welcome



WASIM AKRAM Akram said India's batting

have our bowlers to take care of

Akram said he was not unduly worried about the tight security provided for the players. Once the team was on the field, they concentrated only on playing the game and were not bothered about anything else, he

Asked why opener Alain

Aqued was dropped from the

tour, Akram said, "he did not do too well in the domestic season and that was the reason he could not find a place in the On some youngsters fading away from the game after show-

ing promise initially, Akram said even those in the present team could get the axe if they failed to perform. On being made captain for the fourth time and whether anyone was being groomed for

the top slot, he said, "We are

grooming people. Moin Khan is

only 27 years old and is presently vice-captain. After me (perhaps) he can take over. Asked for his opinion on the pitch, Miandad said it is difficult to judge the behaviour of the pitch before the first ball is bowled. The pitch looks hard

and true and might help bats-

ranks. Considered an honest

policeman, he was eventually

appointed to investigate corrupt

gusto but one which ultimately

cost him his career when death

threats forced him to leave Syd-

ney and resign from the police

piring career in Sydney after a

broken ankle kept him off the

field but proved such a success

officiating that he decided to

stop playing and concentrate on

piring career in 1982-83 when

he was appointed to his first

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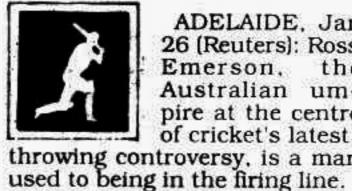
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panel.

It was a job he took on with

officers in his own workplace.

Firing line nothing new for Emerson



ADELAIDE, Jan 26 (Reuters): Ross Emerson, the Australian umpire at the centre of cricket's latest throwing controversy, is a man

Emerson is at the centre of a crisis after no-balling Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan for throwing during a limited-overs match between England and Australia. Emerson's decision to call Muralitharan in the triangular

series game at Adelaide Oval on

Saturday prompted Sri Lanka

captain Arjuna Ranatunga to

lead his players to the boundary in protest, stopping the match for 12 minutes. A hearing into allegations of misconduct by Ranatunga was opened and adjourned on Tuesday to a date to be fixed.

no-ball Muralitharan will affect his umpiring career. The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) announced on Tuesday that he had been stood down from Friday's match between England and Sri Lanka

The ACB said their decision had nothing to do with the Muralitharan incident but was made after the board discovered

that Emerson had been umpiring while on stress leave from his regular job.

ment on the matter when asked about it on Tuesday but is unlikely to take a backward step.



ROSS EMERSON

A former fast bowler in the

Now 44, Emerson is Australia's most experienced firstclass umpire although he is yet to officiate in a Test. Emerson made headlines during Sri Lanka's last tour of Australia in 1995-96 when he

was one of three umpires to call

Muralitharan for throwing.

- There was speculation Emerson would call Muralitharan again this season after Darrell Hair, Australia's most senior umpire who had also noballed the spinner, stood down

from matches involving Sri

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2nd SAARC Bridge

Sports Reporter
A press conference in connection with the 2nd SAARC

Reuters.

Van der Merwe was later

Ranatunga was ordered to

Ranatunga was charged

Play was halted for about

Sri Lanka went on to post a

match referee."

The Daily News said Sri Lanka's Amateur Athletics Association has been informed by the International Amateur Athletic Federation it was recommending to its International Arbitration Panel that Jayasinghe be banned for

substance.

out of the country.

career-best, saw South Australia dismissed for 225 in their second innings after resuming

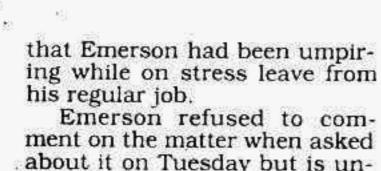
their second on Monday. Brad Young (36) and Brett Swain (36 not out), batting down the order, were joint topscorers for South Australia. The win lifted Queensland to the top of the Sheffield Shield table on 22 points. Ahead of

Western Australia on 20, Victo-

ria on 18 and South Australia

on 16.

might be a shade better, "but we





Sydney first-grade district competition, Emerson has never shirked his responsibilities. After joining the New South Wales police force, Emerson

quickly progressed through the

Lanka.