

## Column One

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the most catches in an innings is seven by Michael Stewart for Surrey against Northamptonshire at Northampton on June 7, 1957, a record equalled by Anthony Stephen Brown of Gloucestershire against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, on July 26, 1966.

The record for most catches in a match lies with Walter Hammond, who held ten (four in the first innings and six in the second) for Gloucestershire against Surrey at Cheltenham on August 16-17, 1928.

The record for most catches in a Test match is held by an Australian, an Indian and a Sri Lanka. All three held seven catches — Greg Chappell against England at Perth from December 13-17, 1974; Yuvraj Singh against England at Bangalore from January 28 to February 2, 1977; and Hashan Prasantha Tilakaratne against New Zealand at Colombo from December 7-9, 1992.

I have to suspect the sagacity of the opposing coach. All he had to do was tell his batsmen to avoid that particular fielder.

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- The final of the 1st Asian Test Championship will be held in  
Dhaka Calcutta Colombo
- The eighth SAF Games will be held in  
India Sri Lanka Nepal
- How many teams are taking part in the Janakantha Premier cricket league?  
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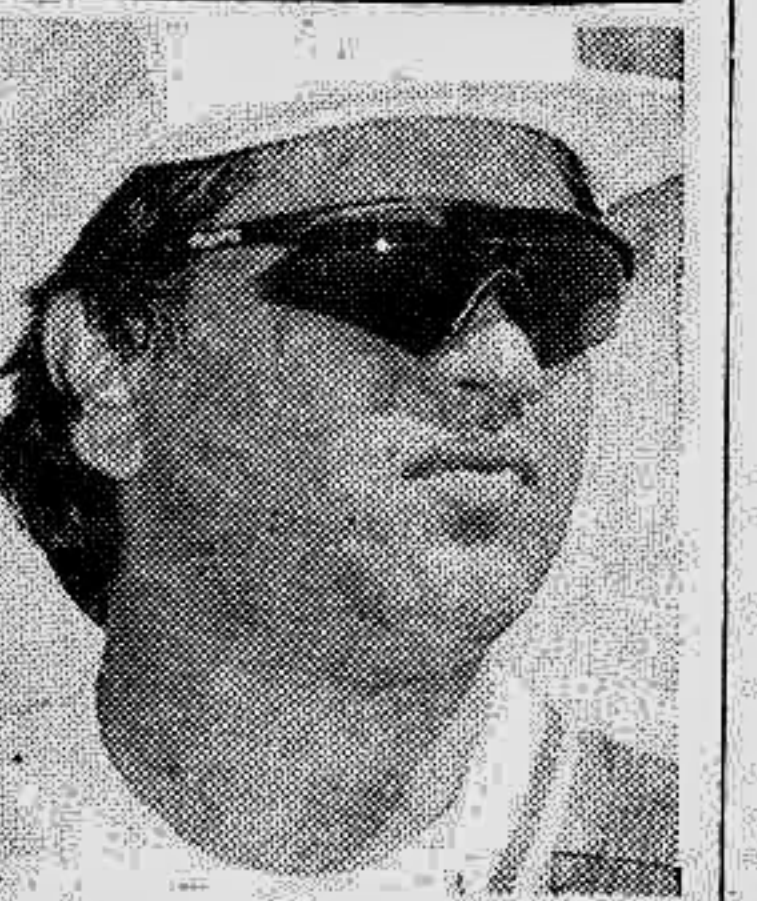
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## SPORTS TALK



**Arjuna Ranatunga**  
(Sri Lankan captain)  
"If I was Murali I would never come back to Australia."  
On Murali Muralitharan.

## India remain the same

MADRAS, India, Feb 1: India will play an unchanged team in the second and final cricket Test against Pakistan in Delhi which starts on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Pakistan beat India by 12 runs in the first Test which ended on Sunday.

Team: Mohammad Azharuddin (captain), Sadagopan Ramesh, V V S Laxman, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Saurav Ganguly, Nayan Mongia, Sunil Joshi, Anil Kumble, Javagal Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad.

## Cannes goalie taken to hospital

CANNES, Feb 1: Cannes goalkeeper Sebastien Chabert was under observation in hospital on Sunday after being struck on the head by a missile thrown from the crowd during Saturday's French Second Division derby clash with Nice, reports Reuters.

The match was abandoned after Chabert was taken to the hospital. The visitors' section full of Nice fans behind his goal.

## Enamul guides Surjo Tarun over Wari Brothers-Bagan fifty-fifty

Shahriar Hossain scored his first ton in the Janakantha Premier League to help title-aspirant Brothers Union muster a defensible total against Kalabagan Krira Chakra in a crucial match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Away at the Dhanmudi Stadium, left-arm spinner Enamul Haque returned with a five-wicket haul to inspire remaining three wickets fell in the next three overs for the addition of only 17 runs.

For Kalabagan, Fahim took three wickets for 58 runs from his 14 overs while Shahid Saeed claimed two wickets for 46 runs.

In the other match of the day, Surjo Tarun, chasing a paltry Wari total of 176, reached 177 for two in 32.1 overs.



Surjo Tarun to an emphatic eight-wicket win over Wari with a day to spare.

Shahriar, the in-form national opener, scored a defiant 101 as the Gopibagh outfit, surprisingly sent in to bat by their Dhanmudi counterparts, recovered from a horrible start to a moderate 261 before being all out in 78 overs.

Kalabagan skipper Saikat surprised the audience in the morning when he opted to chase a set target after winning the toss.

Brothers lost their first wicket in the fourth ball of the day when opener Ehsanul Haque failed to negotiate a delivery from Pakistani seamer Shahid Saeed that kept low and was trapped leg before.

One-down Jahangir Alam, who mainly supported Shahriar in a 47-run second-wicket stand, fell next in the 14th over after scoring only 11 runs. He was bowled by off-spinner Masudur Rahman.

Middle-order Sanuar, who scored only six runs, joined Jahangir in the dressing room in a similar fashion after five overs when he failed to defend a straight ball from left-arm spinner Sharfuddin Inbe Shahid.

Brothers were on 61 for three when Aamir Hanif joined Shahriar at the crease. The duo repaired the innings with a 79-run partnership that saw brothers going to lunch on 105 for three in 37 overs.

The partnership was broken on 140 when Hanif played down while trying to flash Shahid Saeed. The ball was too wide which the right-hander dragged in with an inside edge. In his 86-ball vigil, the Karachi-based cricketer scored 44 with four boundaries.

Shahriar then partnered left-handed veteran Pakistani Zahid Ahmed to put on a valuable 63 runs for the fifth wicket before the latter was caught by Harun at backward square leg off Fahim Muntasir.

After Zahid's departure with the scoreboard on 203 in the 64th over, Shahriar single-handedly took Brothers near to the 250-mark during which he completed his century.

The national opener, who took 128 balls for his fifty, took another 98 balls to complete his hundred, which included seven boundaries. He was unfortunately run out when Brothers were on 246 in the 75th over while trying to take two runs off seamer Saiful Islam, thanks to Shahid Saeed who acted promptly from the wide mid-off region.

With his 101, Shahriar, who earlier slammed five fifties in the league, scored 453 runs in nine matches.

Brothers hopes of reaching the three-hundred mark came to an end at that point as the

Sports Reporter

Total: (all out in 78 overs) 261  
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-48; 3-61; 4-140; 5-203; 6-232; 7-244; 8-246; 9-261

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shahid Saeed	15	1	46	2
Saiful Islam	10	1	34	0
Masudur Rahman	14	2	41	1
Saikat	15	3	27	1
Fahim Muntasir	14	0	58	3
Mushfiqur Rahman	10	2	27	0



Brothers Union's prolific opener Shahriar Hossain drives off the back foot. —Star photo

thanks to an unbeaten 146-run partnership between skipper Minhazul Abedin and Pakistani recruit Akhter Sarfaraz.

Minhajul, the former national skipper, was undefeated on 77 while Akhter, who joined the Dhanmudi outfit on Saturday, remained not out on 63.

Earlier, opting to bat in the morning, Wari were shot out in 60.3 overs. National all-rounder Enamul Haque, the wrecker-in-chief, finished with five for 31 from 15 overs. He was ably helped by another tweaker Arshad Khan of Pakistan, who took two wickets for 29 runs.

For Wari, Pakistani recruit Tareque Mahmood top-scored with 33 while his compatriot Aamir Wasim scored 29.

## SCOREBOARDS

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

**BROTHERS VS KALABAGAN**  
(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)

Brothers run out 101  
Ehsanul b S Saeed 11  
Jahangir b Masudur 6  
Sanuar b Saikat 6  
A Hanif b S Saeed 44  
Zahid c Liton b Fahim 20  
Mahmud c G Ali b Fahim 20  
Towhid c S Saeed b Fahim 12  
Shahnewaz run out 9  
Safuddin run out 9  
Inran not out 0  
Extras: (b-5, lb-13, nb-2, w-18) 38

Kalabagan run out 176  
Anup c Anis b Enamul 20  
Tariq c Anis b Enamul 33  
A Wasim c Sajal b Minhajul 29  
Tuhin c Sarfaraz b Enamul 3  
Bijlob c Minhajul b Enamul 24  
Nasim not out 7  
Sajib c K Mashud b Enamul 1  
Mukter c Sarfaraz b Arshad Ariful b Arshad 0  
Extras: (b-7, lb-5, nb-2, w-6) 20  
Total: (all out in 60.3 overs) 176  
Fall of wickets: 1-34; 2-53; 3-96; 4-109; 5-133; 6-158; 7-172; 8-174; 9-175

## Bevan fit to return

PERTH, Feb 1: Despite the recurrence of a groin injury, batsman Michael Bevan is expected to be fit to play this week's one-day tri-series match against England, Australian captain Shane Warne said today, reports AFP.

Bevan made a successful return from the injury Sunday to spearhead Australia to a 45-run defeat of Sri Lanka at Perth's WACA ground.

Criticism in recent weeks for his perceived inability to hit boundaries, Bevan found the fence on four occasions on his way to a match-winning 72 not out off just 65 deliveries.

Bevan late felt a twinge in his groin while fielding and had to leave the field, Warne said. But the captain was confident Bevan would be back for Friday's crucial match against England.

"He'll be fine for Friday," Warne said. "He just felt a little bit of twinge. We don't play until Friday, and having four days off helps him."

Australia's win ended Sri Lanka's hopes of making the finals of the triangular series after the reigning world champion's innings finished on 229 with 21 balls remaining.

While loathe to change a winning formula, Warne said there could be experimentation during the remaining two games before the best of three finals series.



**MICHAEL BEVAN**  
bowler Michael Kasprovicz) and those sort of guys will probably get a game. Casper deserves a chance, he's been bowling well."

Warne also praised the performance of Ricky Ponting, whose all-round performance was the critical factor in the match.

## Suhrawardy Cup soccer

Twelve district teams won their respective zonal matches of the Keya Cosmetics Suhrawardy Cup youth under-19 football tournament yesterday, reports APB.

The winners are: Narayanganj, Gazipur, Khulna, Bagerhat, Cox's Bazar, Kushtia, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Chittagong, Chandpur, Mymensingh and Chuadanga.

Narayanganj trounced Munshiganj 4-1 and Gazipur beat Manikganj 3-1 in Dhaka-B Zonal matches at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

In Jessore zonal matches, Khulna defeated Madaripur 3-1 and Bagerhat also posted 3-1 victory over Magura.

Cox's Bazar beat Bandarban 3-1 in a Noakhali zonal match. Nilphamari won 4-1 against Jaipurhat and Gaibandha blanked Thakurgaon 5-0 in Kurigram zonal matches.

In Sylhet zonal matches, Chittagong crushed Habiganj 6-0 and Chandpur overwhelmed Laxmipur 8-0.

Mymensingh outplayed Netrakona 5-1 in a Sirajganj zonal match. The other match of the zone, between Naogaon and Pabna ended in a goalless draw.

Chuadanga got walkover as Meherpur did not turn up in a Chapainawabganj zonal match.

## Nat'l jr chess

Enamul Hossain Rajib of Titas Club took solo lead in the 20th National junior chess championship securing full five points after beating Firoz Ahmed in the fifth round at the NSC chess room yesterday, reports UNB.

Three players — Ruhul Islam Bobby Ansar, Debraj Chatterjee of Barisal and Abdul Bari of Tangail — followed the leader with four and half points.

Firoz, Udas, Aminur, Saddam, Malek and Khaled earned four points after the fifth round.

In the day's round, Bobby beat Monir, Debraj beat Mustafa, Bari beat Zahid, Udas beat Jewel, Malek beat Ratul, Khaled beat Arman, Saddam beat Imran and Aminur beat Karim.

Meanwhile, Zakia Sultana and Masuda Begum jointly lead the table of the 20th National women qualifying chess championship securing four and half points after the day's fifth round at the same venue.

In the fifth round matches, Zakia of Ansars drew with Masuda of Barisal.

Four players — Nazrana Khan, Farzana Khan, Afsana Parveen Nira and Ferdous Sultana — followed the leaders with four points.

The sixth round matches of both championships will be held today at the same venue.

## Jayasuriya out of action

SYDNEY, Feb 1: Sri Lankan opening batsman Sanath Jayasuriya will be out of cricket for at least six weeks after undergoing surgery on his broken arm in Melbourne on Monday, reports AP.

While his teammates arrived in Sydney to prepare for Wednesday's one-day international against England, Jayasuriya flew from Perth to Melbourne after his break compounded an unhappy and tumultuous tour for the Sri Lankans.

Controversial spinner Muralitharan is doubtful for Wednesday's match after injuring his groin Sunday, while Sri Lankan officials were hopeful of a quick return for Jayasuriya from a calf injury.

Jayasuriya suffered the injury when hit by a delivery from paceman Brendon Julian in Australia's 45-run win on an uneven WACA pitch which knocked the Sri Lankans out of contention for the tri-series finals.

As well as a below-par performance on the field by the world champions, Sri Lanka has carried a cloud of controversy on the tour.

Muralitharan was no-balled for throwing and captain Arjuna Ranatunga was handed a suspended six-match ban after clashing with umpire Ross Emerson over the call.

Sri Lankan team manager Ranjith Fernando said the players had tried to ignore the controversy and carry on with their cricket.

But he said the Sri Lankan board would hold a thorough investigation into Muralitharan's treatment by Australian crowds, media and umpires and Ranatunga's code of conduct hearing.

"We could have done without all the controversy, but I can't really comment on that, I'm bound by a code of conduct," said Fernando.

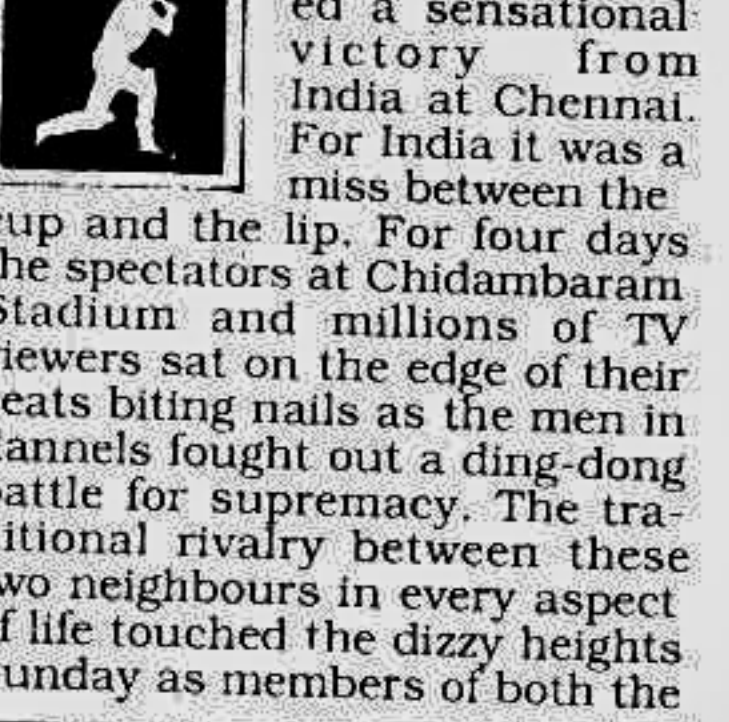
"It's a matter which will be under the authority of our board, they will address what exactly went wrong. They have to find the root cause and find out why things like that do happen."

Sri Lanka needed to beat Australia on Sunday to have any chance of staying alive for the finals. After Wednesday against England, it plays Australia in Melbourne on Sunday to close out the tour.

"It's very disappointing," Fernando said. "We thought we were in with some sort of chance when Sanath had us ahead of the rate, but unfortunately incidents continue to plague us. He was the key."

## A match to remember

Tawfiq Aziz Khan



**SHAHID AFRIDI**



**SACHIN TENDULKAR**

teams were hell-bent to wrench victory. The competition was so fierce that neither side asked for quarters as they knew no quarters would be given.

As it is, the normal rivalry or attempts to come out on top in any sporting contest between these two countries draws tremendous interest and attention of people all over the sub-continent. And a cricket match between the two in either country is the apex of their dream.

For four eventful days all eyes were glued to the Chennai stadium (once known as Chepauk), where the Pakistanis first played against India in the 1952-53 series under Abdul Hafiz Kardar and almost brought about their second Test victory had not rain intervened.

But the experts who predicted a lot of runs on this wicket and harped on winning a 'good toss' were soon proved wrong to the extent that the help the bowlers got from the surface made life miserable for the batsmen. This was no batsman's paradise. Except for the second session of the fourth day, the picture was different, have passed since. Pakistan played their last Test on Indian soil, that at Bangalore when they won by a narrow margin of 16 runs.

Proving the pundits wrong, the match took an interesting turn right from the first day. Dravid and Mongia toiled hard for survival and refused to be intimidated as bowlers held the whiphand. The contest was very dramatic and, at times so uneven, that only 1036 runs were scored in four days at a

cost of 40 wickets. So, the pitch was no featherbed.

In the first session Anil Kumble, who can hardly turn the ball, became unplayable. Saqlain Mushtaq, dubbed by the experts as arguably the finest off-spinner in the game today, used his skill and wit accounting for half the Indian side that included the little master Tendulkar in both innings. When everything looked rosy in the garden, Venkatesh Prasad, an unseemly customer, upset the Pakistanis. Even a quickfire century by Shahid

his career-best bowling figures and India were comfortably placed to achieve a win in more than two days. A sudden rush of blood saw both Mongia and Tendulkar committing grave mistakes and the rejuvenated Pakistanis picked up the last four wickets for only four runs. A historic win for the spirited Pakistanis after their dismal showing in recent Tests against Zimbabwe and Australia.

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## A tale of two nations

UNDATED, Feb 1 (AFP/Reuters/Internet): Indian cricket fans nursed their battered pride today, following a heart-breaking 12-run loss to Chennai's Pakistan in the first Test in Madras on Sunday.

But bitter disappointment was partly soothed by the knowledge that while Pakistan took match honours, the match was finished without trouble erupting.

A Test match that almost never took place because of the threats of Hindu militants, ended with Pakistan running a lap of honour and receiving a standing ovation from the capacity crowd at the Chepauk Stadium.

"Only a Test match of such exciting proportions was required to celebrate the revival of the Test series between India and Pakistan," wrote the Hindu newspaper.

Former Indian cricketer Kirti Azad said he was glad that the game of cricket had won. "Sport is our religion and it should be kept away from caste, creed, religion or nationality."

"The way the crowd supported the Pakistani cricketers demonstrated that there are no enemies in sport. Within our hearts we know that we are brothers," Azad said.

However, it was altogether a different story in Karachi as thousands of cricket fans thronged the streets to celebrate Pakistan's win.

Many confectionery shops distributed free sweets and former Test cricketers termed the success an "historic" one.

Crowds of fans roamed about holding life-size posters of Wasim Akram, coach Javed Miandad, Shahid Afridi and Saqlain Mushtaq.

They danced and sang and some fired into the air. Traffic jams were seen at several points in the city.

Firecrackers exploded in the Punjabi capital, Lahore, moments after the last Indian wicket fell while Pakistan's players embraced each other in jubilation in Madras.

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Qasim's partner in the Bangalore win Tauseef Ahmed described the Madras win as nerve-tlinging.

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Hindu militant threats and simmering political tensions between the two countries would derail the tour and even spark communal violence.

In the end those fears proved unfounded. The Chepauk saluted the visitors after one of the most thrilling matches in the history of Test cricket between the two countries.

"I take my hat off to the behaviour and discipline that was shown by the people of Madras, who came here to watch this Test," said Pakistani coach Javed Miandad.

"They were absolutely splendid, friendly and understanding," added that former Test star.

The Test was won on the fourth day, which saw the game swing wildly from Pakistan's favour to India, and then finally back to Pakistan.

The man-of-the-match award went to India's star batsman Sachin Tendulkar, whose masterful 136 had brought India to within 17 runs of victory when he lofted an easy catch to mid-off.

The remaining three wickets fell for the addition of just four runs.

Akram described Tendulkar's seven-hour innings as "the best I have seen under pressure," but even such stirring praise failed to lift the Indian hero's spirits.

From a purely cricket