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"I like to work hard to make it look easy."

Lankans won't bite Aussies!

COLOMBO, Feb 10: Sri Lankans will not retaliate against the behaviour of Australian cricket fans when Australia visits Sri Lanka later this year, Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga said Wednesday.

"Just because a dog bites the man, the man should not bite the dog," he was quoted as saying when asked whether Sri Lankan crowds should jeer Australian cricketers when on tour in Sri Lanka.

"We should show them what our culture is, what sort of people we are," he told The Island newspaper Wednesday.

Ranatunga, who has said he will not tour Australia again after his experience there on and off the field during the just concluded one-day series, rebuked Australian crowds for what he called their bad behaviour and jeering of off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan.

"Australia and England, whenever they tour the Indian sub-continent, complain about unruly crowd behaviour there. I must say the conduct of Indian and Pakistan crowds is a thousand times better than the Australian crowd," he was quoted as saying.

"The way they treated a bowler who has taken 200 Test wickets was disgusting and proves there are more civilised people in India and Pakistan," he said.

The Sri Lanka captain received a six-match suspended ban for leading his team off the field after Muralitharan was called by Australian umpire Ross Emerson for throwing during a limited-overs match against England at the Adelaide Oval on January 23.

"The 1995-96 tour of Australia and this tour are the most forgettable," said Ranatunga, who led his country to win the 1996 Cricket World Cup in Lahore, Pakistan.

He said he had no regrets over the Adelaide incident and denied he had become angry after Emerson, who had called Muralitharan for throwing during Sri Lanka's 1995-96 tour to Australia, called him again.



Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad handing over the champion's trophy of the second SAARC Bridge Championships to the captain of the Pakistan A team on Tuesday.

Chopra carves Bima's win

Sports Reporter

Indian middle order Kamol Chopra scored a back-to-back century to inspire Babes Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha to a stunning two-wicket win over Kalabagan Krira Chakra in their final Jharkhand Premier Division cricket league match played at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The Delhi-based right hander, who scored a match-winning 107 against Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last week, smashed a scintillating 151, as Bima, chasing Kalabagan's commanding total of 283 in 80 overs, reached 287 in the 77th over with two wickets to spare.

Chopra came to bat with Bima totalling 27 for four in the 18th over and without their suspended Indian all-rounder Rajinder Singh Chawla, then repaired the damage by sharing a 43-run partnership with Saiful (9) for the fifth wicket before Saiful was sent back on 70 in the 28th over.

Another Bima wicket fell on the same score in the next over when Tashriqul was trapped leg before by occasional bowler Sajjad Ahmed.

Then came the match-winning 181-run stand between

Chopra and number eight Shafiqul Islam that took the insurance team to 251 in 68 overs.

The pair were finally separated once Shafiqul offered a return catch to Kalabagan skipper Saiful Islam. Shafiqul contributed a 128-ball 64 which included only five boundaries.

Chopra added a further 32 runs with Tashriqul (11 not out). He was out with Bima two runs short of victory caught by Mahub off a Sajjad delivery.

The marathon four-hour vigil by Chopra lasted 163 balls and featured a dozen or so boundaries.



Bima completed their league engagements with four wins against seven defeats. Kalabagan, on the other hand, suffered their sixth defeat from the same number of outings.

Away at the BKSP, Orient Sporting Club handed Ajax Sporting Club a crushing 148-run defeat.

Chasing a mammoth Orient total of 370 which included a double hundred from Pakistani opener Rizwan Omar, Ajax lost their eighth wicket at 222 in 50 overs. Ajax remaining batsmen Suman Biswas and Ibrahim did not turn up.

It was the second win for Orient which enabled them to finish the league in ninth spot ahead of Ajax, who have won only once. Both teams have already been relegated to the First Division.

The last match of the league between Abahani and Brothers Union Club starts tomorrow at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboards of the two Jharkhand Premier Division Cricket League matches concluded at different venues yesterday:

Team	M	W	L	Pts
Bima	11	9	2	18(123)*
Abahani	10	8	2	16(61)*
Brothers Union	10	8	2	16(50)*
Surjo Tarun	11	8	3	16
Mohammedan	11	6	5	12
Kalabagan	11	5	6	10
Agrani Bank	11	5	6	10
Wari Club	11	5	6	10
Victoria	11	4	7	8
S Bima	11	4	7	8
Orient	11	2	9	4
Ajax	11	1	10	2

*Net run-rate

PREMIER LEAGUE CENTURIORS

Batsman	Team	Against	Runs	Balls	4s	6s
1. Shaukat Ali (Pak)	Victoria	Kalabagan	104*	197	11	-
2. T Mahmood (Pak)	Wari	Kalabagan	105	140	10	2
3. Minhazul Abedin	St	Orient SC	117	171	9	-
4. S Shahed	MSC	A Bank	102	232	7	-
5. Azam Khan (Pak)	AKC	Victoria	100*	143	7	1
6. Nasirul Islam	MSC	Ajax	111	201	11	-
7. M Rahman Selim	Kalabagan	A Bank	105*	190	11	-
8. Riaz Sheikh (Pak)	Orient	S Bima	104*	99	13	-
9. Shahid Saied (Pak)	Kalabagan	Ajax	127*	148	7	2
10. Shahed Mansoor (Pak)	Ajax SC	BU	122*	176	7	3
11. Manzoor Akhter (Pak)	Biman	MSC	124*	163	11	-
12. T Mahmood (Pak)	Wari	S Bima	128	187	19	1
13. Rajinder Singh (Ind)	S Bima	Wari	112	133	10	-
14. Naimur Rahman	Abahani	Ajax SC	101	160	5	1
15. Shahed Mansoor (Pak)	Ajax SC	Abahani	120	160	11	2
16. Rashed Hanif (Pak)	Victoria SC	Wari Club	101	181	8	1
17. Mukhter Siddique	Wari Club	Victoria SC	129	181	15	2
18. Rajinder Singh (Ind)	S Bima	A Bank	111	130	12	-
19. Inanur Ahmed	Victoria SC	Ajax SC	103	187	7	-
20. N Nawaz (SL)	Surjo Tarun	S Bima	173	153	20	2
21. Minhazul Abedin	Surjo Tarun	S Bima	112	153	15	-
22. Sajjad Kadir	Agrani Bank	Wari Club	102	164	13	-
23. Manzoor Akhter (Pak)	Biman	Abahani	111	132	13	-
24. Aminul Islam	Biman	Abahani	107*	163	9	-
25. M Akhter	Biman	S Bima	104	104	10	-
26. Rajinder Singh (Ind)	S Bima	Biman	110	145	8	-
27. Shahriar Hossain	BU	Kalabagan	101	226	7	-
28. Javed Omar	Biman	Victoria SC	111	168	10	-
29. Kamol Chopra (Ind)	S Bima	MSC	107	141	19	-
30. Rizwan Omar (Pak)	Orient SC	Ajax SC	214	182	33	1
31. Kamol Chopra	S Bima	Kalabagan	151	163	12	-

(As on Feb 10) *not out

BKSP, Jessore earn full points

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) and Jessore won their second successive matches in the final round of the Keya Cosmetics Suhrawardy Cup national under-19 football championship held at the Rangpur Stadium yesterday.

In the day's first match, BKSP, who defeated Rangpur by a lone goal in their Group B opener on Monday, registered a 2-1 victory over Nilphamari.

Sakib put BKSP ahead in the 54th minute and Hasnat doubled the margin 29 minutes later. Nazrul grabbed a consolation goal for Nilphamari seconds before the final whistle.



Jessore defeated Sirajganj by an identical margin.

The Group A clash was also locked goalless after 45 minutes.

Jessore's Azim broke the deadlock in the 50th minute and his team-mate Masum added another goal in the 63rd minute.

Azam pulled one back for Sirajganj after four minutes. BKSP and Jessore lead their groups with maximum points.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Tangail v Rangamati (1:15 pm)
Rangpur v Chittagong (3:15 pm)

Varsity hockey

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MYMENSINGH, Feb 10: The inter-university hockey championship, organised by Bangladesh Agricultural University, began here at the University Stadium today, reports UNB.

In the opening match, star-studded Dhaka University blanked Chittagong University 5-0 with Mohammar Salam scoring a hat-trick.

Earlier, Vice-Chancellor of the Agricultural University Prof Mohammad Hossain inaugurated the five-day meet.

The other three participating teams are: BUET, Rajshahi University and host Agricultural University.

ECB, Gough thinking on the same lines

LONDON, Feb 10: English cricket chiefs on Tuesday admitted there was a case for resting Test players to save them from unnecessary rigours on increasingly long tours, reports AFP.

Reacting to comments from Australia by England's Premier pace bowler Darren Gough, England and Wales Cricket Board spokesman Andrew Walpole conceded such concerns were already in the minds of the decision-makers.

"I think that all the selectors are aware of the importance of giving players proper rest periods," he said.

"We acknowledge that it is a long tour for the players, but I am afraid it comes with the territory," he said.

"We know there is a need to give players proper rest periods when we can — and no doubt it is something the committee is looking into. The introduction of central contracts of players may consider," said Walpole.

Gough became the first player to publicly complain about the length of tours as he contemplated the final stretch of a 16-week trip to Australia that has seen him produce arguably his best-ever form with the ball for England but also finally succumb to a hamstring injury last weekend.

The tour down under began, after early preparation matches, with a hard-fought, five-Test Ashes series.

But it was the run of 10 one-day matches in less than a month — before the forthcoming best-of-three final — that caught out Gough, who limped out of England's 'dead' match against Australia in Sydney on Sunday.

Yorkshire paceman Gough will face a short rest before the start of the busiest ever English summer but fears that short of break will not suffice to keep international players fit and ready to compete at their best.

He told Sky TV: "International cricket is getting harder and harder."

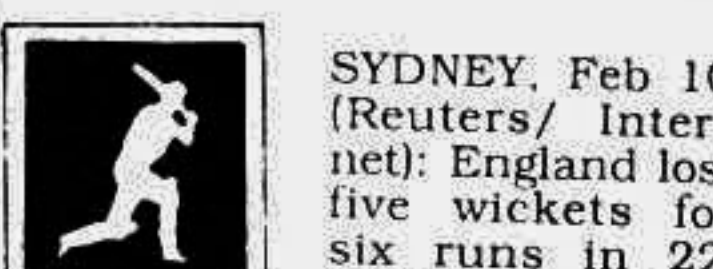
"It would be nice if we could go in and out of places rather than spending 16 weeks in a country playing a series. I think it is too long."

"Next year (in South Africa) is even longer, which is a joke."

Annual sports deferred

The annual sports competition of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College, scheduled for today, has been postponed, says a press release.

Wheels fall off English cart



SYDNEY, Feb 10 (Reuters/Internet): England lost five wickets for six runs in 22 balls to hand Australia victory in the first final of the World series triangular tournament on Wednesday.

Australia won by 10 runs after England, apparently cruising to victory on 198 for four in the 42nd over, lost the plot.

They were all out for 222 in 49.2 overs. Australia had made 232 for eight from their 50 overs.

Leg-spinner Shane Warne triggered the England collapse when he took two wickets off successive balls.

Top scorer Nasser Hussain was first to go. He came down the wicket to Warne, swung across the line and was comfortably stumped by Adam Gilchrist for 58.

Adam Holoake fell next ball leg before.

Paceman Glenn McGrath

past, rescued his side with an unbeaten 69 off 74 balls after they looked to be heading towards a much more modest total.

Although runs were hard to come by after two days of heavy rain had softened the outfield, Australia were forced to change their arm in the initial stages to ensure they maintained a decent run-rate in the event the match was shortened by more showers.

The result was that while Australia were able to score heavily in the first few overs they lost a number of crucial wickets along the way.

Gilchrist, who made 154 in Australia's win over Sri Lanka on Sunday, went for 29, Ricky Ponting for 10, Mark Waugh for 42 and Darren Lehmann for 19.

All-rounders Vince Wells and Mark Ealham each took three wickets as England slowly began to take control before Bevan swung the match back Australia's way with a typically

boundaries that caused Bevan's injury. Fielding at mid-wicket, he stuck out his hand in a desperate attempt to catch a full-blooded shot.

Graeme Hick and Hussain added 47 for the third wicket following Nick Knight's dismissal for 22. After Hick had been run out for 42 by Ponting's direct hit, Hussain and Wells turned the match England's way with a stand of 67.

But Hussain's lapse of judgement added yet another twist.

The second final will be played in Melbourne on Friday. A third match, if required, is scheduled for Melbourne on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the first limited-overs final between Australia and England at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday:

AUSTRALIA

M Waugh c Stewart b Wells	42
Gilchrist c Gough	29
Ponting c Stewart b Wells	10
Lehmann c Mullally b Wells	19
Martyn c Stewart b Ealham	21
Bevan not out	69
Lee c Fairbrother b Ealham	12
Julian c (sub) B Holoake b Ealham	12
Warne b Gough	9
Dale not out	1
Extras: (lb-6, w-1, nb-1)	8
Total: (For eight wks in 50 overs) 232	
Fall of wickets: 1-40; 2-67; 3-98; 4-115; 5-139; 6-176; 7-199; 8-222	

Did not bat: Glenn McGrath.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gough	10	0	43	2
Mullally	7	0	42	0
Wells	10	2	30	3
Ealham	10	0	45	3
Croft	5	1	28	0
A Holoake	8	0	38	0

ENGLAND

Knight b Dale	22
A Stewart c M Waugh b Dale	27
Hick run out	42
Hussain st Gilchrist b Warne	58
N Fairbrother c Gilchrist b McGrath	8
Wells c Julian b Lee	33
A Holoake lbw b Warne	0
Ealham c Gilchrist b McGrath	4
Croft not out	12
Gough b McGrath	0
Mullally b McGrath	7
Extras: (lb-3, w-2, nb-4)	9
Total: (All out in 19.2 overs) 222	
Fall of wickets: 1-34; 2-67; 3-114; 4-131; 5-198; 6-198; 7-198; 8-204; 9-204	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	9.2	1	45	4
Dale	10	0	33	2
Lee	7	1	29	1
Warne	10	0	40	2
Julian	4	0	28	0
Martyn	6	0	27	0
Lahearn	3	0	17	0

Result: Australia won by 10 runs.

REMAINING MATCHES

Second match: Melbourne (Saturday)

Third match (if needed): Melbourne (Sunday)

Australian skipper Shane Warne (C) lifts Glenn McGrath after the ace paceman had dismissed England's last batsman at Sydney yesterday.

cavalier display.

With the threat of rain still hanging over the match, England's batsmen also set about chasing quick runs.

Stewart smashed 27 from just 18 balls, including four boundaries in succession off McGrath, before he was caught by Waugh at short mid-wicket off Adam Dale.

It was the second of three

Stewart blames batsmen



SYDNEY, Feb 10 (Reuters/Internet): England captain Alec Stewart said his players had only themselves to blame after blowing a winning position in Wednesday's 10-run loss to Australia in the opening final of the triangular series.

Stewart said England should have won the 50 overs day-night match after reaching 198 for four chasing 233.

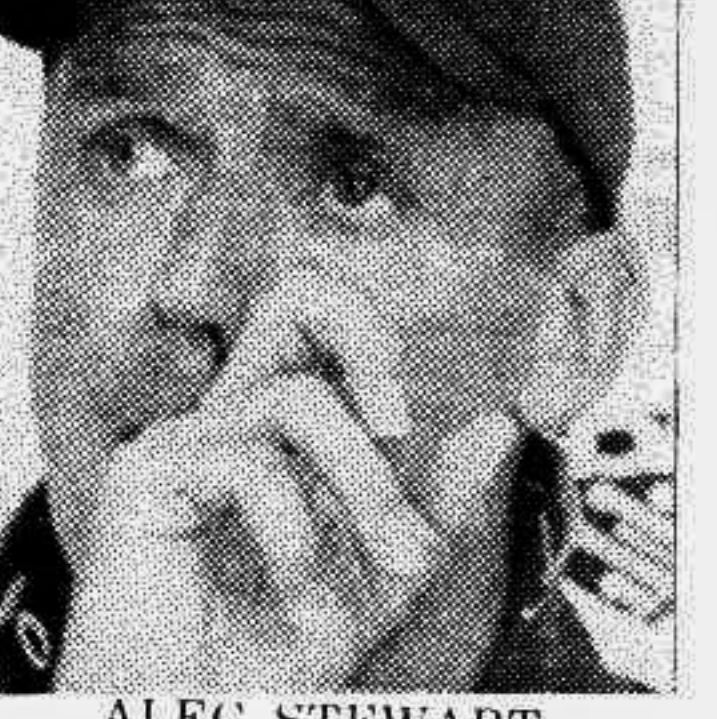
But Australia turned the game around by taking five wickets for six runs in 22 balls to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three finals.

"We did very well to lose it," Stewart said. "We shouldn't have lost that game. We needed 35 runs off eight overs with six wickets in hand. It was definitely a game we should have won."

Australian captain Shane Warne said he was relieved to have won the match but paid

tribute to his bowlers for the way they fought back.

"They looked like they were going to coast home when they



Alec Stewart needed less than a run a ball," Warne said. "But I think we just created the pressure and forced

them into bad shots.

"That's the beauty of this current Australian side. We seem to be able to pull something out of the bag when we need to."

The only dismal note for Australia was that Michael Bevan, top scorer with 69 not out, will miss the rest of the series after dislocating a finger while fielding.

An Australian team spokesman said Bevan would be replaced by Stuart Law for Friday's second final in Melbourne. The third game, if required, will be in Melbourne on Sunday.

Although England have lost five of their last six one-day matches, Stewart said he was confident his players could still win the series.

"Eighty per cent of what we did was good but the other 20 per cent cost us the game," Stewart said. "If we can fix that 20 per cent up we can definitely win back-to-back matches."