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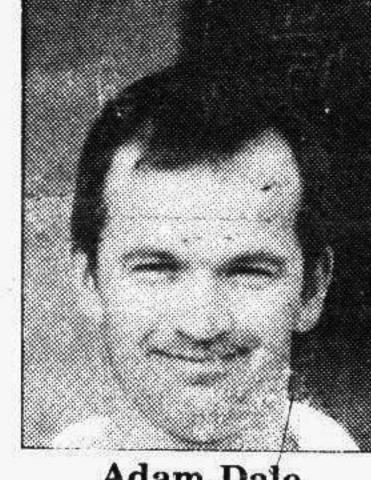
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Adam Dale

(Australian cricketer) "I would have loved to play in the one-dayers at the moment but now I'm looking forward to getting back for the World Cup."

Pallabi MI, South Breeze win

ANZ Grindlays National School Cricket

Pallabi MI Model High, South Breeze and Motijheel Government High won their respective matches in the ANZ Grindlays Bank 17th national schools cricket championship at different city venues yesterday, reports UNB.

Pallabi MI Model earned a massive 98-run victory over Al-Amin International School at the Kalabagan ground.

Al-Amin were all out for 132 in 24.3 overs in reply to Pallabi's 230 in 25.4 overs. At Mohammadpur Eidgah

ground. South Breeze defeated Junior Laboratory School by four wickets. Batting first. Junior Lab

scored 156 all out in 25.2 overs. In reply, South Breeze made 157 for six in 23.2 overs.

Motifheel Govt beat Muradpur Adarsha High School by one wicket at Orient Club

Motijheel made 230 for nine in reply to Muradpur's 226 for five in 35 overs.



Mohammedan Sporting Club and Mariner Youngs' Club. -Star photo

Mariner hold Mohammedan

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club's title hunt suffered a major jolt when Mariner Young's Club held them to a 2-2 draw in their Green Delta Premier Division hockey league return leg clash played at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday. The result left the popular

Motificel outlit two points adrift of their archrivals and leaders Abahani in the elite eight-team league table. MSC are on 29 points from 12 matches. Abahani have 31 playing one match less. Mariner raised their tally to

17 points from 12 games. Back to the match, Mariner led the first half 2-1.

Forward Javed put Mariner ahead deflecting a short corner hit from their Pakistani recruit Ghulam Ghaus in the 14th minute. But it lasted only three minutes as Mohammedan equalised through Razu's angular hit from the right side. However, Mariner regained

control through Biaka Lusai in the 30th minute when the lanky tribal stick wielder placed the ball after being brilliantly fed by Ghaus.

Trailing the first session 1-2. Mohammedan went flat out in search of an equaliser after

the couch for counselling ahead

of defending the World Cup title

the cricket board here, Dham-

mika Ranatunga, said setbacks

at recent tournaments and last

month's management crisis

was seriously affecting team

morale and they desperately

session from today and it is

conducted by a Pakistan psy-

chologist, Omar Khan," Rana-

tunga said as players brushed

aside a previously scheduled

press conference and rushed off

fought elections to the Board of

Control for Cricket last month

has created uncertainty among

players and they needed profes-

sional help to focus on the

Khan prior to the cricket board

elections." Ranatunga said.

"Even before that we thought

the players needed to be better

"We had arranged with Omar

Ranatunga said the bitterly

"We have started a three-day

The chief executive officer of

next month in England.

needed fresh motivation.

for counselling.

game.

COLOMBO, Apr 17

(AFP/ Internet):

Sri Lanka's out of

form cricket team

went off the field

Friday and on to

the lemon break and it paid off when veteran Zahid Biswas flicked the ball past the keeper after receiving a Ramiz pass in

the 52nd minute. in the other match of the



day, 'Azad Sporting Club and Ajax Sporting Club split points with a 1-1 draw.

Defender Rajib put Azad ahead through a short corner in the 38th minute while forward Habul levelled with a field goal in the 56th minute.

Both teams have played 12 matches each so far. Azad have nine points while Ajax trail one point behind. Meanwhile, the crucial

match between Abahani and Usha Krira Chakra, which was

SL's soul-searching session

motivated before they go for the

Dulip Mendis, however, played

down the crisis at the cricket

board which has now gone be-

fore a Colombo district court

following allegations of mal-

practice at the elections held

affected the players because we

tried to keep them away from

the management side and got

them to concentrate on cricket.

Mendis said adding that they

were better prepared to defend

say that the crisis did not a lect

the morale of the team, then I

squad led by skipper Arjuna

Ranatunga will have a "new

strategy" to defend the World

champion title. "The new strat-

egy will be revealed when we go

criticism that Sri Lankans were

only good at chasing a target

and had done little to change

their tactics since winning the

finals against Australia in

March 1996 to clinch the World

There had been widespread

Ranatunga disagreed: "If 1

Mendis said the 15-member

"I don't think the elections

Sri Lanka's team manager

World Cup in May.

last month.

the World Cup.

am telling you a lie."

to England," he said.

scheduled for a 4 pm start this afternoon, has been deferred for

The first match between Sadharan Bima and Farashganj Sporting Club will start at 2:15 pm.

Reefat keeps solo lead Sports Reporter

International Master Reefatbin-Sattar was leading the qualifying round of the 25th National Chess Championship at the end of Round Ten. In the penultimate round of the 11-round Swiss league

played at the NSC chess room yesterday. Reefat defeated International Women Master Rani Hamid to raise his tally to eight points from ten matches.

Enamul Hossain Rajib. Reazaul Haque, Tayebur Rah-man Sumon, Showkat Hossain Pallab and Saifuddin Lovlu were sharing second spot half a point back while seven others shared third place with seven points.

The top 14 players will join International Masters Ziaur Rahman and Abdullah Al-Rakib in the finals.

Championship title although

they were considered underdogs

confident of making it again

and felt that the main chal-

lengers were Australia, Pak-

Ranatunga, who is an elder

brother of skipper Arjuna

Ranatunga, said he was hopeful

Sri Lanka would make it to the

semi-finals. "It is the team that

is good on that day that will

has seen a marked improve-

ment in their fielding following

the induction of former Aus-

tralian player Trevor Chappell

when we tried new players we

did not too well and we were bet-

ter off with the more experi-

enced players," Ranatunga said.

"That is why we have very se-

nior and experienced players in

squad are those who played in

the 1996 world Cup but critics

say that the ageing team was

unable to meet the challenges of

younger players fielded by rival

Most of the players in the

"What we found was that

He said the Sri Lankan team

Cricket Board CEO

istan and South Africa.

Mendis said Sri Lanka was

at the time.

win," he said.

the squad.

to coach the team.

Booters off to Goa

Sports Reporter

A 19-member Bangladesh national team, led by Jewel Rana, left for Bombay yesterday evening to take part in the sec-ond South Asian Football Federation Championship. The six-nation tourney involving all the SAARC member countries except Bhutan, will kick of in Goa with Bangladesh taking defending champions India in

the inaugural match.

Pencilled in Group A,

Bangladesh will play their next and last group match against Pakistan two days later. The other group comprises Maldives. Sri Lanka, and

The team were scheduled to stay in Bombay last night. They will fly to Goa in the afternoon

Four move into boys' semis

Sports Reporter Mihir of Jessore, Tirtha of Narail, Babu of Dhaka and Parag of Narail moved into the boys' singles semifinals of the MRF 16th National Schools Table Tennis Championships after they qualified for their respective group finals at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yes-

terday. In the Group A semifinals. Mihir edged past Sohel of Rang-pur Al-Hera 21-20, 21-9, 21-13 while Tirtha handed Nurul of Habiganj a 21-11,21-11,21-13

The two winners will now face each other today to determine the group champion. In the Group B semis, Babu

beat Mehdi of Narail 21-13, 21-19, 20-22, 21-14 while Parag ousted Showkat of Dhaka 21-4. 22-20, 21-13. The winner of today's match

between Babu and Parag will face the loser of Mihir-Tirtha match in the semifinals. In the girls' division, Rumi

of Narail, Sima of Jessore, Lopa of Patuakhali and Ratna of Jessore moved into the last four winning their respective matches.

Dhaka bids to host knock-out WC again

Sports Reporter Bangladesh has made its official bid to host the knock-out World Cup for the second time in Dhaka.

This was disclosed yesterday by Syed Ashraful Huq, the general secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCBI, on his return home after attending the International Cricket Council ICC's executive committee meeting, held in Sharjah from April 11-13.

We have officially proposed to the ICC to organise the tournament in case Dysneyworld falls out of favour." said Ashraful.

Bangladesh hold the first knock-out gala, which was participated by all the nine Testplaying nations, last October. The ruling body of world cricket decided to hold its fundraising tournament from Octo-

ber 5-15, 2000. As part of its globalisation programme, the ICC, however, is still inclined to take the cricket caravan to the United States.

The BCB general secretary also disclosed that the next World Youth Cup will be held in Sri Lanka from January 7-30 in the year 2000.

Meanwhile, Ashraful, who missed an extraordinary meeting of the BCB following his departure for Sharjah, said that he would have stayed back had he had the slightest idea about the BKSP meeting that went far beyond his wits.

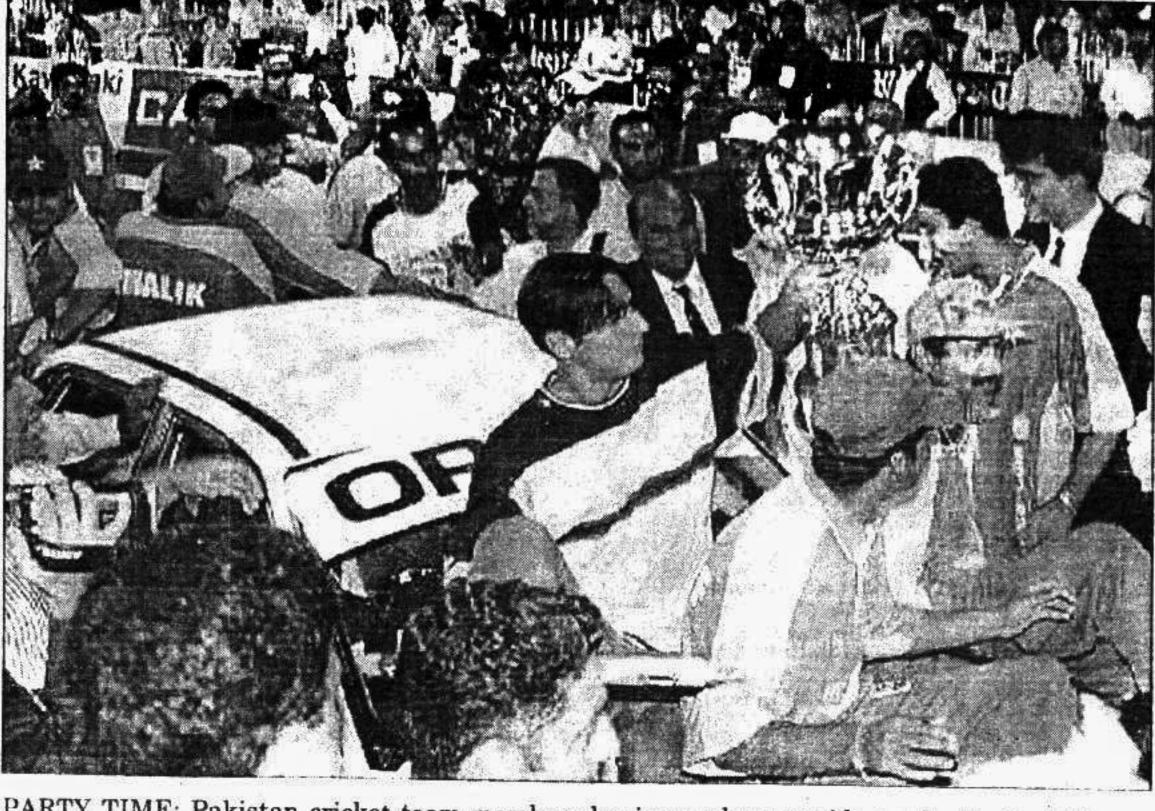
That meeting, without the BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury and Ashraful, dissolved the selection committee and decided to include Minhajul Abedin, the experienced allrounder who was not in the original 15-man Bangladesh World Cup squad.

"Since this was decided in a board meeting I have to accept it. But if I knew that such an important thing would be discussed, than I would have made every effort to attend the meeting", said Ashraful.

committee of the board such as specified. It is not in the national interest to disband such committees periodically", claimed Ashraful.

Australia **242** for

seven off the allotted 50 overs in the third one day international against the West Indies at Port of Spain, Trinidad yesterday. Opening batsman Mark Waugh top scored with 74. Windies off spinner Nehemiah Perry took three wickets.



PARTY TIME: Pakistan cricket team members having a pleasure-ride on the Opel which was presented to man-of-the-series Shoaib Akhtar after the Champions' Cup final in Sharjah on April 16. -Internet photo

Pakistan win with ease



SHARJAH, Apr 17: Veteran skipper Wasim Akram led superbly Friday to see Pakistan outclass India by eight wickets in a lowscoring final and win the Cup at

reports AP. Akram shattered the Indian innings with two wickets in his opening over, before finishing with 3 for 11 from eight overs as India were shot out for 125 in 45

the flood-lit Sharjah Stadium,

Pakistan overtook the modest target in 28 over for the loss of two wickets after a 53-run stand between Saeed Anwar and Shahid Afridi in 12.3 over gave them a solid platform.



WASIM AKRAM ... m-o-m

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble posed some trouble for Pakistan, snapping up both Afridi (24 form 41 balls) and Anwar (30 from 49) in consecutive overs making them 65 for 2.

But Pakistan reached 129 for two to clinch their 50th win and 10th title in Sharjah on the backs of their experienced duo. ljaz Ahmed and Inzamam ul

Inzamam spanked six

boundaries in his 39 off 38 balls, while Ijaz had one four in his 21 off 49 balls with Indian paceman Ajit Agarkar being the most costly, conceding 52 runs from five overs. "The Pakistan team really

wanted to win the final." said Akram after receiving the cup and 50,000 dollars first prize. "The whole team has worked hard for the tournament and

this makes us confident for the World Cup next month," added Akram who also picked up the man-of-the-match award Friday for his superb bowling per-

Losing skipper Mohammad

Azharuddin conceded that India had lost the initiative when they were 14 for 3 by the sixth over.

"Pakistan played better than us and had us in trouble early in the innings," he said. Pakistan's newest speedstar.

Shoaib Akhtar, who picked up one for 31, won himself an Opel Astra for the player-of-the-series award in addition to taking the best-bowler-of-the-match prize. Later some of the Pakistan

team, roared on by an overflowing crowd of over 24,000, drove around the pitch in the Opel with Akram in the driver's seat. India, with Azharuddin.

Javagal Srinath and Saurav Ganguly back in the side after recovering from their injures were never really in the game after left-arm paceman Akram took two wickets in the first over. The veteran fast bowler, who

was running a temperature. dismissed opener Sadagopan Ramesh and No 3 Rahul Dravid, both leg before wicket and both for no score, with the third and forth balls of the first over of the innings. Akram also clean bowled

tailender Ajit Agarkar for 20 to see the end of Indian innings in the 45th over. The Indians never recovered

from the double blow in the first over as Akhtar followed up with the dismissal of Azharuddin (2) with a simple catch in the slip to Azhar Mahmood. Mahmood added to India's misery having Ajay Jadeja (14)

nath (3) dismissed in successive over as India sank to 46 runs for four by the 19th over. Only opener Saurav Ganguly looked remotely comfortable against Pakistan's pace attack,

and pinch-hitter Javagal Sri-

contributing 50 runs in 96 balls, as India made a total mess of their decision to bat first on a bland pitch. India, who have beaten Pakistan only five times in Sharjah against 16 defeats, found the innings, in tatters when all-

rounder Robin Singh and wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia were both run out within six balls of each other. India slipped to 84 for 7 but

avoided their lowest-ever score of 79, posted against the same opponents 21 years ago. The tail did not stand a chance with Ijaz Ahmed run-

ning out Anil Kumble and

Agarkar being bowled by

Akram.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the Champions' Cup final between India and Pakistan on Friday:

INDIA Ramesh lbw b Akram Ganguly c Youhana b A Khan 50 Dravid lbw b Akram Azharuddin c Mahmood

Akhtar Jadeja c Anwar b Mahmood 14 Srinath c Moin b Mahmood R Singh run out (Afridi) Mongia run out (Youhana) Agarkar b Akram Kumble run out (Ijaz)

Extras: (nb-9, w-4) Total: (All out in 45 overs) 125 Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-0; 3-14; 4-46; 5-50; 6-82; 7-84; 8-104;

Prasad not out

9-122



SHOAIB AKHTAR ... m-o-s

Bowling Akram 11 3 S Akhtar 31 Mahmood 31 2 Saglain Mushtag 7 20 0 0 Arshad Khan 0 24 1

Anwar c and b Kumble Afridi e Ganguly b Kumble Ijaz Ahmed not out Inzamamul Haq not out Extras: (lb-1, w-5, nb-9) Total: (For two in 28 overs) 129

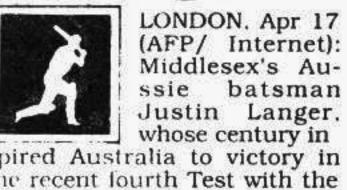
PAKISTAN

Did not bat: Wasim Akram, Moin Khan, Azhar Mahmood, Yousuf Youhana, Saglain Mushtaq, Shoaib Akhtar, Arshad Khan. Fall of wickets: 1-53; 2-65.

Bowling Srinath Venkatesh Prasad 6 5 Ajit Agarkar 0 Anil Kumble 9 1 28 Result: Pakistan won by

eight wickets. Man-of-the-match: Wasim Akram. Man-of-the-series: Shoaib

Langer sets county alight



(AFP/ Internet): Middlesex's Aussie batsman Justin Langer. whose century in spired Australia to victory in the recent fourth Test with the West Indies, gave English cricket fans firsthand evidence of his class on Friday as he rattled off an unbeaten 241.

The sparkling performance by the 28-year-old Western Australian, who also scored two half centuries in the 2-2 series draw with the West Indies. was all in vain as the match with Kent petered out into a draw. Langer became the first man

to hit a double century in the new championship season. reaching the mark off 239 balls while dominating the scoring as Middlesex powered to 381 for four having been 32 runs behind on the first innings. Mark Ramprakash showed

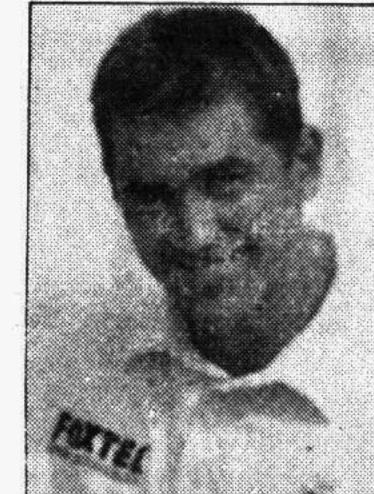
his growing maturity as a captain when he shied away from the temptation to set Kent a target to chase. Last season he did just that

at Canterbury and the home side reached their target with time to spare. Meanwhile a former Eng-

land teammate of Ramprakash's Chris Lewis, nicknamed the Enigma for his inconsistent performances despite his huge talent, inspired defending champions Leicestershire to a convincing victory

over Essex by an innings and 22

Leicestershire bowled out Essex for 150, but this was the day's only positive result as the miserable spring weather



JUSTIN LANGER

proved an overwhelming winner in the opening round of four-day fixtures.

Lewis, who scored 139 to top the scoring in Leicestershire's impressive 424, followed up by claiming three for 49 in 15 hostile overs and also held two smart slip catches as he confirmed that when he feels like it he is a superb all-rounder.

Essex had resumed the day

170 runs behind with all their wickets intact but slumped to 65 for seven and were eventually all out on the stroke of tea as Jon Dakin and Australian paceman Mike Kasprowicz also claimed three victims. Elsewhere Durham came closest to matching Leicester-

scored an unbeaten 58 - his maiden half-century - for Worcestershire to help deny the hosts. Worcestershire were staring at defeat as they slipped to 68 for six needing to reach 151 to make Durham bat again, but

shire's win but Elliott Wilson

Wilson dug in and piloted his side to 137 for seven at the close. Durham had earlier declared at 303 for six having pushed on from 153 for four overnight,

veteran Aussie skipper David Boon (54) and Paul Collingwood (56) leading the way.

Matt Windows was denied a century as he finished unbeaten on 98 after helping deny Surrey victory at The Oval as Gloucestershire recovered from 144 for five to finish on 209 for five having been set an improbable 359 to win.

overnight 156 for five to 229 for seven before declaring. England opener Mark Butcher scored the two runs he needed to complete his 13th first-class ton before becoming left-armer Mike Smith's fifth wicket, having scored 101.

Surrey extended their

International Women's Master Rani Hamid ponders her next move against Reefat-bin-Sattar during their tenth round engagement in the 25th national chess qualifiers at the NSC yesterday. -Star photo'

seven Australia scored 242 for

Source: Star Sports

"I personally feel that the tenure of any standing subselection committee should be