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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Boris Becker**

(German tennis legend)  
"For a tennis player it's hard to compare any other feeling than going onto Centre Court, especially if it's in a final, being out there and having the chance to win Wimbledon."

When he was asked what he would miss most.

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1	How many matches have been scheduled for the World Cup 99?	40	41	42
2	Pakistan beat New Zealand in the semifinal by	9 wkt	10 wkt	53 runs
3	How many wickets did NZ bowler Geoff Allott capture in the World Cup?	18	21	20
4	Saqib Mushtaq scored his hat-trick against which country?	Kenya	Zimbabwe	Bangladesh
5	How many runs did Minhazul Abedin score in the World Cup?	120	140	140

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#### Notice

For unavoidable reasons draw of the WHIZZ KID-117 competition could not be held last night. It will now take place on July 9.

**Kumble, Srinath no longer bachelors!**

BANGALORE, July 2: Star cricketers Jagaval Srinath and Anil Kumble yesterday entered into wedlock at separate functions here, reports PTI.

Indian pace spearhead Sri Lanka tied the 'Mangalsutra' (Nupital knot) to Jyotsna, an alumnus of the lady. Srinath College, Delhi, at the bride's residence on the city outskirts between 1100 hrs and 1115 hrs.

Leg-spinner Kumble married Chetana from Mysore at his residence in the early hours. The couple later hosted a reception.

The marriages were conducted in a simple manner and the media and photographers were kept out of both functions.

Only family members and close cricketing friends including Rahul Dravid, D. Ganesh, Venkatesh Prasad and Sunil Joshi attended the weddings.

Kumble's brother Dinesh said: "The function went off well."

#### Probe commission

**Miandad must appear July 8**

ISLAMABAD, July 2: The Pakistan judicial commission probing the betting and match-fixing allegations against some leading national cricketers has expanded its purview to look into such charges levelled against the World Cup squad after the defeat in the final against Australia, reports PTI.

The one-man panel headed by Lahore High Court judge, Justice Malik Muhammad Qayyam, has summoned veteran batsman Salim Malik and former coach Javed Miandad to appear before it in its next sitting on July 8.

The commission has directed the authorities concerned to provide any information it had on allegations against the World Cup squad as it begins what is considered its final round of hearings.

## Alfaz MSC's saviour

In the only match of the Keya Premier Division football league, Mohammedan SC defeated Rahmatganj MFS 1-0 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Mohammedan skipper Alfaz Ahmed scored the only goal in the 26th minute of the second half.

National striker Alfaz shot home with a left-footed shot after Anwar Hossain's lob was weakly fisted by opposition custodian.

The match was marred by an unsporting incident when Kamruzzaman Selim of Mohammedan assaulted the referee in the 15th minute of the second half for rejecting a goal by Don who was called offside by the linesman.

However, the game resumed after five minutes without penalising the offending player.

Replies to a question after the match, referee Rakib told the newsmen, "You saw what happened in the field ... I will mention everything in my match report."

The match began 20 minutes late when both teams protested the "unplayable condition" of

the field and it was interrupted thrice — once because of the ugly incident and twice for the bad ground condition.

Mohammedan got several chances to score. They squandered three golden opportunities in the first half alone.

In the 9th minute, Rahmatganj custodian Himu saved an Anwar Hossain shot from Alfaz pass. After 12 minutes, Matir Munna missed a close chance

from a Ruhul Amin through.

In the 32nd minute, Anwar Hossain failed to properly connect the ball from a Ruhul Amin cross.

In the second half, the black and whites launched a series of attacks.

Five minutes into the half, national striker Mizanur Rahman Don's header from a Matir Munna cross just sailed over the bar. In the 10th minute a Matir Munna shot whistle

past the post.

In the 14th minute, an Anwar header went out with the goalkeeper helplessly looking on.

Title contenders Mohammedan collected seven points from three matches while Rahmatganj have only one point from same number of outings.

Yellow cards: Matir Munna (Mohammedan) and Tipu (Rahmatganj).

#### TEAMS

**MOHAMMEDAN SC:** Ponir, Faisal, Ruhul Amin, Rezaul, Matir Munna, Alfaz, Rakib, Jahanir, Anwar, Selim, and Don (Babu).

**RAHMATGANJ MFS:** Himu, Biplob, Din Mohammed, Kamal, Shafiq, Monir, Nayan, Nurul Islam (Saiful), Raju (Zaman), Milon and Tipu.

#### TODAY'S MATCHES

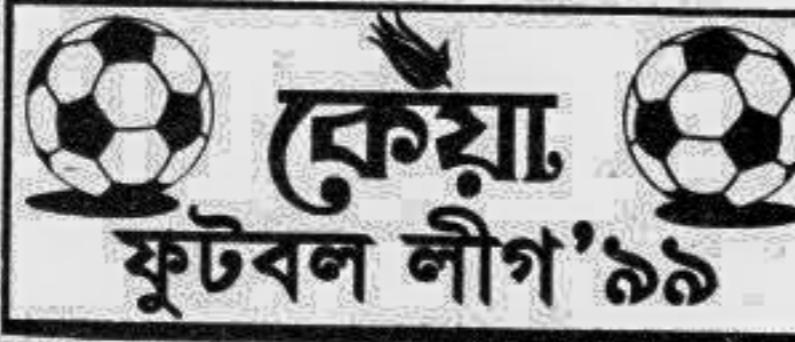
Premier Football League:

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Abahani vs Fakirapool YMCA 5.30 pm

First Division Football League:

Shantinagar Club vs Victoria SC 3.30 pm



—Star photo

## Ranatunga relieved?

COLOMBO, July 2: Sri Lanka have axed skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and his deputy Aravinda de Silva after the country's humiliating exit from the World Cup, a statement said Friday, reports AFP.

Either master-blaster Sanath Jayasuriya or Roshan Mahanama would lead Sri Lanka in next month's triangular series with Australia and India while Mahela Jayawardena is tipped as deputy, the Daily News said.

The appointments were expected to be officially announced on Monday.

The need for a change at the top became apparent following Sri Lanka's dismal run in the last five one-day tournaments beginning with the mini-World Cup in Dhaka in October last year and culminating with their unsuccessful attempt to defend the World Cup in England last month," the Daily News said.

Ranatunga, who is due to return home this weekend, will be asked to quit his captaincy so he could leave honourably.

The Daily News, which until the World Cup debacle had fully backed Ranatunga, said the 35-year-old captain would be admired by fans if he quit on his own rather than leaving the decision to the selectors.

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Ranatunga. He likes to do things his way and to a certain point he succeeded. Now the cookie has crumbled," the report said adding that both Ranatunga and de Silva may still be retained in the team.

Ranatunga has been Sri Lanka's most successful captain leading the country in 193 one-day matches in all 11-year career that saw the country be-



ARJUNA RANATUNGA

come world champions in 1996.

Under his captaincy, Sri Lanka won 89 matches, 95

matches, eight ended with no

result and one tie.

Shortly after the recent

World Cup, the Daily News de-

manded the expulsion of

Ranatunga from the team.

"Ranatunga should not only forsake the captaincy, but quit (the team) altogether," the paper said in a commentary by its senior writer Sadiq Thawfeek. "To have him in the team would only make life overbearing for the ensuing captain."

The Daily News suggested that among other players who should be shown the door were de Silva, Roshan Mahanama, Hashan Tillakaratne, Romesh Kaluwitharana and Pramodya Wickremesinghe.

The paper said former coach Dav Whatmore, who groomed the side to win the 1996 World Cup, was ousted because he tried to build a young team after that victory.

Sri Lanka has begun talks with Whatmore to try to woo him back again.

The scathing attack by the state-run newspaper followed remarks by Sports Minister S B Dissanayake that he did not see Ranatunga as a future captain.

Dissanayake, in an interview with the BBC, said Ranatunga "got many things wrong in the tournament... He made several bad decisions... in future I believe he will play in the team but not as a captain."

Sri Lanka's miserable World Cup ended with an unconvincing 45-run win over Group A minnows Kenya. Sri Lanka had earlier lost to England, South Africa and India, and won against Zimbabwe.

"What Kapil Dev has said I am sure the board will agree to it, and most Indians too."

On Wednesday, Indian

cricket Board president Raj Singh Dungarpur was quoted by Indian news agencies as saying that India might sever cricketing ties with Pakistan.

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