

## Column One

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— Sports Editor

## SPORTS TALK



**Michael Jordan**  
(American basketball legend)  
"It's a hundred (per cent). It's a hundred right now."  
How sure he was that he would not return to basketball.

### Kiwis 40 for none

MANCHESTER, England, Aug 6: Mark Ramprakash, a half-century as England set New Zealand a respectable first innings target of 199 in the third Test at Old Trafford on Friday, reports AFP.

### Kambli gets yet another recall

BARODA, India, Aug 6: India's cricket selectors on Friday recalled left-hand batsman Vinod Kambli for two upcoming one-day tournaments in Sri Lanka and Singapore, reports AFP.

Kambli, 27, replaces former captain Mohammad Azharuddin, who did not want to be considered because of the slow recovery of his recently-operated right shoulder.

Young wicketkeeper M S K Prasad takes over from the injured Nayan Mongia in the only other change from the World Cup squad, which failed to make the semifinals in June.

Ajay Jadeja has been retained as vice-captain of the 15-man squad, led by Kambli's childhood friend Sachin Tendulkar.

India take on newly-crowned world champions Australia and hosts Sri Lanka from August 22 to 31. The Indians then meet Zimbabwe and the West Indies in another three-nation tournament in Singapore from September 2 to 7.

**TEAM**  
Sachin Tendulkar (captain), Ajay Jadeja (vice-captain), Sadagopan Ramesh, Saurav Ganguly, Rahul Dravid, Amay Khurasia, Vinod Kambli, Robin Singh, MSK Prasad, Anil Kumble, Nikhil Chopra, Ajit Agarkar, Javagal Srinath, Venkatesh Prasad, Debashish Mohanty.  
Coach: Anshuman Gaekwad



England batsman Mark Ramprakash sweeps during the third Test at Old Trafford yesterday. — AFP photo

## England off on wrong foot

MANCHESTER, England, Aug 6: England were facing a new crisis here on Thursday after another first-innings batting slump at Old Trafford in the third Test against New Zealand, reports AFP.

The top order, which failed to fire in the nine-wicket defeat at Lord's, struggled again as England, who opted to bat, finished a rain-affected day on 108 for five.

The Old Trafford pitch, however, did not help.

England manager Graveney said: "There's been lots of debate about the wicket."

"They bowled well and we must do the same thing, and make sure we get the ball in the business area and exploit the bounce with the hardness of the new ball. Wickets will fall on a regular basis and runs will be at a premium."

From the moment play finally began, an hour late after early-morning rain, it was clear the wicket was suspect.

Mark Butcher, standing in as captain for the injured Nasser Hussain, has gone 13 Test innings without reaching 50 since his century at Brisbane in November and this time he lasted just 20 minutes before edging a lifting delivery from

Chris Cairns low to Stephen Fleming at slip.

Alec Stewart looked equally uncomfortable, making 23 in almost an hour-and-a-half before edging Cairns behind to make it 54 for two.

Four overs later a heavy downpour suspended play for a further two hours.

Michael Atherton, recalled to the team following injury with the series standing at 1-1, battled for over two hours for his 11 with just five scoring shots.

He took 69 deliveries just to reach double figures — a testament not only to the pitch but the high standard of New Zealand's attack — and he took 35 minutes to move from six to nine.

The slow pace prompted chants of "boring, boring England" from the smattering of supporters in the ground.

Atherton finally fell to Cairns, the fatal delivery pitching and ending in wicketkeeper Adam Parore's gloves.

Atherton's departure saw the return of the enigmatic Graeme Hick to international cricket. He managed to pass 3,000 Test runs by pulling Cairns for the second of his three boundaries but soon left for 12, leg before as the wickets continued to fall.

Graham Thorpe was the last

front-line batsman to go. He put on 21 with Mark Ramprakash before left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori prompted him to mis-time a drive, the chance being snapped up by Matthew Bell at short leg.

Fleming said: "I was very pleased with our patience and discipline. It may be called boring but it was perfect Test match bowling on a wicket that is a little bit inconsistent in bounce."

### SCOREBOARD

Score at close of play on the first day of the third Test between England and New Zealand at Old Trafford on Thursday:

|  |     |    |    |   |
|--|-----|----|----|---|
| <b>ENGLAND: First innings</b>                  |     |    |    |   |
| Butcher c Fleming b Cairns                     | 5   |    |    |   |
| Atherton c Parore b Cairns                     | 11  |    |    |   |
| Stewart c Parore b Nash                        | 23  |    |    |   |
| Thorpe c Bell b Vettori                        | 27  |    |    |   |
| Hick lbw b Nash                                | 12  |    |    |   |
| Ramprakash not out                             | 12  |    |    |   |
| Headley not out                                | 17  |    |    |   |
| Extras: (B-6; lb-6; w-5)                       | 1   |    |    |   |
| Total: For five wickets in 61 overs            | 108 |    |    |   |
| Fall of wickets: 1-13; 2-54; 3-60; 4-83; 5-104 |     |    |    |   |
| To Bat: C Read, A Caddick, P Such, P Tufnell   |     |    |    |   |
| <b>Bowler</b>                                  |     |    |    |   |
| Cairns   | 20  | 12 | 36 | 2 |
| Nash   | 22  | 13 | 36 | 4 |
| Astle  | 9   | 4  | 10 | 0 |
| Vettori  | 10  | 3  | 14 | 1 |

## Marauding Saqlain, Murali

LONDON, Aug 6 (AFP/Reuters): English County Championship favourites Surrey, despite missing their top batting stars, crushed Glamorgan on Thursday to draw away from their rivals at the top of the table.

Surrey, who held a 34-point advantage over second-placed Leicestershire before this match at The Oval, won by an innings and 84 runs, earning another 19 points.

Their star was Pakistani off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq, who took five for 18.

Despite the absence of Alec Stewart, Mark Butcher and Graham Thorpe who are playing for England against New Zealand at Old Trafford, Surrey were always in command.

With a 208-run lead, thanks to big-hitting Alistair Brown's 124 laced with 13 fours and two sixes, after dismissing Glamorgan for 101 in their first innings, Saqlain helped decimate the Welsh side again as they were bowled out for 84.

With Leicestershire, last year's champions, not starting their match against Warwickshire until today, Surrey extended their lead to 54 points with five games left.

They have won eight of their last nine matches, including five in succession.

However, Saqlain was not the only spinner on form.

Sri Lankan Muttiah Muralitharan, a sensation at Lancashire during his first season there despite having a disappointing World Cup in England, took four for 22 on a day of fluctuating fortunes as Derbyshire were dismissed for 132 at Derby.

England seamer Peter Martin did the rest of the damage,

with five for 51.

That gave Lancashire a first-innings advantage of 92 runs and that was extended to 183 by the close, with five second-innings wickets standing. Pace-man Paul Aldred took all five wickets.

Yorkshire all-rounder Gavin Hamilton, meanwhile, further advanced his claims to an England call-up with another career-best innings against Worcestershire at Headingley.

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### Coca-Cola TT Linu, Rinu clinch doubles title

Sports Reporter

Jobera Rahman Linu and her partner Rinu clinched the women's doubles title in the Coca-Cola 23rd national table tennis championships with an straight set win over Ansars' Shamima and Salma yesterday.

In the final held at the NSC Wooden Floor Gymnasium, Linu, the veteran shutler, and her doubles mate Rinu outplayed their opponents by 21-15, 22-20 and 21-9 points.

In the boys' doubles, Parag and Mehdi of Narail won the title defeating Tirtha and Mishu of the same district by 21-14, 21-14 and 21-13 points.

In the remaining final of the day, Ratna and Rumi of Binan bagged the girls' double crown handing Lopa and Shila of Patuakhali a 23-21, 21-23, 21-18 and 22-20 defeat.

Meanwhile, Rochi of Biman and his teammate Hamlet reached the men's singles final which will be held on league basis.

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### Pybus stands by Akram

CAPE TOWN, Aug 6: Suspended Pakistan captain Wasim Akram has received a vote of confidence from the man who helped the side reach the World Cup final in June, reports Reuters.

Richard Pybus, 35, the English-born South Africa-based coach who was given a short term contract as assistant to Mushtaq Mohammed, has lashed out against suggestions that Pakistan "threw" some matches, including the final.

"I can only speak with certainty about the World Cup, but during the two months that I was with the team I had and still have absolutely no doubt whatsoever that everything was above board and beyond reproach," Pybus told Reuters today.

The team were completely focused throughout the tournament. The schedule was tight — travel, practice, play, sleep and move on.

"If there had been the slightest suggestion of anything unusual then I am certain I would have become suspicious. It just never happened."

"Any notion that Pakistan 'threw' the World Cup final is pure science fiction as far as I'm concerned, completely ridiculous," said Pybus.

### NBL badminton concludes

The closing ceremony of National Bank First Division badminton league held yesterday at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium under the auspices of Bangladesh Badminton Federation, reports BSS.

Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader distributed prizes among the successful players as the chief guest.

M Nurul Islam, chairman of the National Bank and president of Bangladesh Badminton Federation was present.

Surjatarun Club became champions in the men's group while Bangladesh Biman clinched the title in the women's group.

### Pallima Cricket Centre launched

A new cricket club, Pallima Cricket Centre, was inaugurated yesterday to enrich country's cricket, reports UNB.

The cricket centre has launched its activities with 40 young trainees.

On the occasion Pallima Sangsad organised a function in its premises, which was presided over by chairman of the advisory committee of the Sangsad Hafizur Rahman.

Deputy Minister for LGED and Cooperatives Saber Hossain Chowdhury was present as the chief guest while captain of the national team Aminul Islam, general secretary of BCB Sayed Ashraf Huda and secretary general of Cricketers' Forum Shakil Kashem as the special guests.

Members of the national team also attended.

## Mahanama calls it a day



COLOMBO, Aug 6 (AFP/AP): Sri Lankan batsman Roshan Mahanama retired from international cricket Friday, a day after he was sacked from two national squads.

Mahanama, 33, wrote to the Sri Lankan cricket board saying he was leaving international cricket and immediately received appreciation for his contributions.

Chief of the Sri Lankan cricket board, Rienzie Wijetilleke, said Mahanama had cited personal reasons for his retirement.

"This must necessarily be a sad occasion for me to take what is a difficult decision and sever my connections with a game which has been nothing less than a passion for me from childhood upwards," he said in his retirement letter.

Mahanama was an opening right-hand batsman but was later moved to the middle order keep his place through his brilliant fielding.

Since making his debut in the 1985/86 season in a home Test against Pakistan, he has played 213 one-day matches at an average of 30 runs.

During these matches, he has taken 109 catches. He has also played in 52 Test matches and taken 56 catches during those matches. He was part of the squad that won the World Cup in 1996.

He holds the joint record for the highest fourth-wicket stand of 576 runs with fellow team-mate Sanath Jayasuriya, during a Test in 1997 against India.

Mahanama was dropped Thursday from the one-day and Test squads announced by cricket selectors for a three-nation tournament this month and for a Test series against Australia.

Also dropped from both squads announced was Hashan Tillekeratne, the team's reserve wicketkeeper and left-hand middle-order batsman.

There was no immediate word from Tillekeratne about his plans.

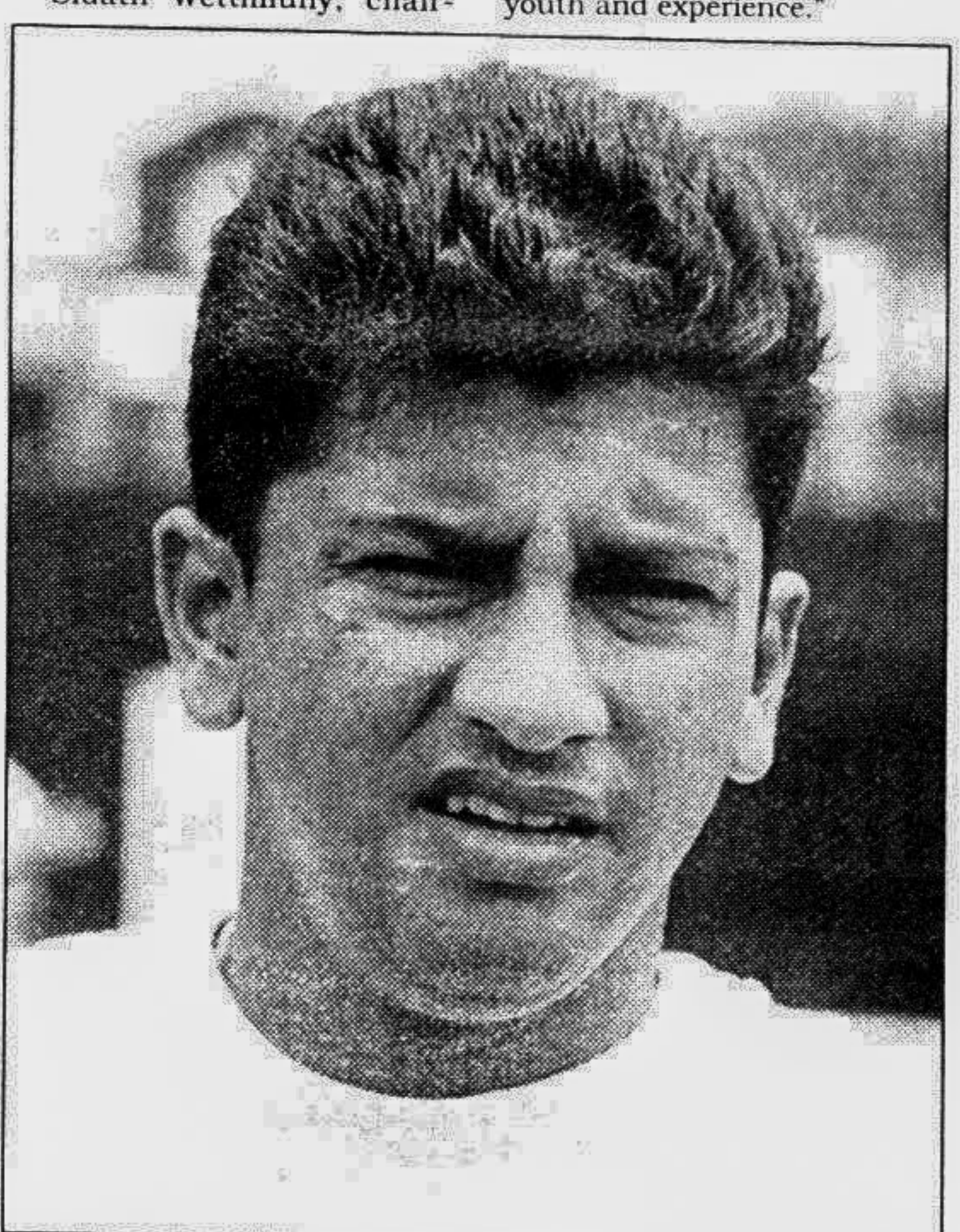
Sri Lanka's dismal performance in this year's World Cup in England forced several changes in the team. Former skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and his deputy Aravinda de Silva were dropped from the one-day squad that will play a triangular series with India and Australia.

However, both senior play-

ers have been retained in the squad which will play three Tests against Australia in September.

Sidath Wettimuny, chair-

man of the selection committee, while announcing the new team rosters on Thursday said, "The team's reflected a blend of youth and experience."



ROSHAN MAHANAMA

### FACTFILE

Born: 31 May 1966 Colombo.  
Major Teams: Sri Lanka, Colombo Cricket Club.  
Known As: Roshan Mahanama.  
Pronounced: Roshan Mahanama.  
Batting Style: Right-Hand Bat.  
Test Debut: Sri Lanka v Pakistan at Colombo (COG), 2nd Test, 1985/86.  
Latest Test: Sri Lanka v South Africa at Centurion, 2nd Test, 1997/98.  
ODI Debut: Sri Lanka v Pakistan at Kandy, 1st ODI, 1985/86.  
Latest ODI: Sri Lanka v Kenya at Southampton, World Cup, 1999.  
Statistical Record  
Tests (including 27/03/1998)

| Batting | M  | I  | NO | Runs | HS  | Ave   | 100 | 50 | Ct | St   |
|---------|----|----|----|------|-----|-------|-----|----|----|------|
|         | 52 | 89 | 1  | 2576 | 225 | 29.27 | 4   | 11 | 56 |      |
| Bowling | O  | M  | R  | W    | Ave | Best  | 5   | 10 | SR | Econ |
|         | 6  | 0  | 30 | 0    |     |       |     |    |    | 5.00 |

One-day Internationals (including 30/05/1999)

| Batting | M   | I   | NO | Runs | HS  | Ave   | SR | 100 | 50 | Ct    | St |
|---------|-----|-----|----|------|-----|-------|----|-----|----|-------|----|
|         | 213 | 198 | 23 | 5162 | 119 | 29.49 |    | 4   | 35 | 109   |    |
| Bowling | O   | M   | R  | W    | Ave | Best  | 4W | 5W  | SR | Econ  |    |
|         | 0   | 2   | 0  | 7    | 0   |       |    |     |    | 21.00 |    |



Winners of the National Bank First Division badminton league.

## Bad knee may bowl Doull



AUCKLAND, Aug 6 (Internet report): Injured New Zealand cricketer Simon Doull should find out next week whether he still has an international future.

The Kiwi swing-bowler arrived home from the England tour yesterday morning after aggravating an injury to his right knee, and is scheduled to be assessed by surgeon Barry Treloar early next week.

The disconsolate Doull - who turns 30 today - confirmed on his arrival that there was doubt not only over his availability for next month's tour of India, but also over his chances of playing again.

"Right now it's just bone-on-bone," he said of the troublesome knee, which he injured during the first Test at Edgbaston and then again in the dressing room at Grace Road - following his comeback game against Leicestershire this week.

"I'm not sure whether I can come back or not. I don't know what will happen. I'm supposed to see the specialist next week and I guess I won't know exactly what the story is until after then."

The blow caps an injury-plagued career for Doull, who, after making his Test debut against Zimbabwe in 1992, was forced out of the tour by injury soon after and had to wait a further year to play at the top level.

He was also invalided out of the 1994 tour of England (before he even played in first-class match), and last year's tour of Sri Lanka.

The Hamilton-based medium-fast bowler has not had

much better luck on the injury front at home either.

Missing the Centenary Test against South Africa and two home Tests against Sri Lanka in 1995, before being overlooked for selection during Glenn Turner's eight-Test reign in 1995-96.

However, in the time he has managed to play Doull has emerged as the best swing-bowler in New Zealand, and for a lengthy stretch was ranked in the top-10 Test bowlers by the respected Wisden Monthly magazine.

Second only to Chris Cairns (of the present team) in terms of Test dismissals, Doull has taken 97 wickets and is within reaching distance of becoming the 10th New Zealander to take 100.

He said the question of

whether he would eclipse the milestone was not one that kept him awake at night.

"It's not something I think about; I don't let it play on my mind," Doull said from Auckland International Airport.

"Naturally, it's something which would be nice to achieve but I've never really been too caught up in stats, so it's not worrying me."