

## Column One

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#### Competition-118

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Aug 13 '99 and draw  
shortly afterwards

- 1 Who is the new England cricket coach?  
Fletcher Hussain Marsh
- 2 Brazilian footballer Rivaldo plays for  
Lazio Barcelona Arsenal
- 3 Who is the captain of Argentina soccer team?  
Simeone Batistuta Ayala
- 4 How many Grand Slam titles has Steffi Graf won till now?  
22 23 24
- 5 Who is ATP's top ranked player right now?  
Sampras Moya Agassi

Name .....

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#### SPORTS TALK



#### Arjuna Ranatunga

(Former SL cricket captain)  
"Right now my interest is in cricket. But after my retirement I might enter the political arena. After all, my father and brother are politicians. And my father's blood runs in me too."

#### SL hit back at Emerson

COLOMBO, Aug 11: Sri Lankan cricket chiefs have hit back at Australian umpire Ross Emerson, after his comments about off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan's action, reports Reuters.

Emerson, who called the Sri Lankan slow bowler for throwing earlier this year, said in a television interview on Monday that many players around the world believed he threw.

Sri Lanka's cricket board said in a statement today: "Emerson's comments come at a time when there are serious questions about his future career as an international umpire and publicity might be just a means of getting attention."

"Murali has been enjoying a spectacular season in England and is without question a great spin bowler."

Muralitharan has taken 66 wickets in six county championship matches for Lancashire, whom he joined after the recent World Cup in England.

Emerson said during the television interview: "I was told by a member of the Australian team that if a secret poll was taken of cricketers around the world, it would be 100 per cent in support of the idea that he should be appointed as state skipper."

Emerson called Muralitharan in a limited-overs match against England in Adelaide last January.

The umpire, who had been on stress leave from his regular job at the time, was subsequently stood down by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB). He has been overlooked for the forthcoming season's tests in Australia.

Emerson said he did not regret no-balling Muralitharan and believes his forthright manner cost him his job.

ACB chief executive Malcolm Speed has written to his Sri Lankan counterpart saying Emerson's views were his own.

Emerson's comments come ahead of Australia's tour of Sri Lanka starting on August 19.



Arambagh defenders trying to stop an airborne Monwar Munna of Mohammedan during their Premier League 'Super Four' fixture yesterday. — Star photo

## Breather buoys Mohammedan

Sports Reporter

**A second-half rally** enabled title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting to come from behind to post a comprehensive 3-1 win over neighbours Arambagh Krira Sangha in their second of three super four clashes of the Keya Premier League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Mohammedan, who suffered a downright degrading defeat (1-4) to holders Muktijoddha Sangsad in their previous match last Sunday, were trailing 0-1 at the breather against a spirited Arambagh side, who dominated the first half.

However, Mohammedan bounced back in the second session with three goals to return to winning ways.

The black and whites appeared as yet unable to overcome the shock and humiliation of their earlier defeat as

they were quite disorganized in the first session, failing to produce any notable move. They also missed the services of their two regulars -- midfielders Rakib Hossain and Matiur Rahman Munna.

Arambagh, who lost the first

failed to grip Ritu's shot, and the ball returned to Ritu, who made no mistake this time with a left-footer (1-0). This was Ritu's seventh goal of the season.

Arambagh had two more chances in the 28th and 29th minutes, but thanks this time

to Ponir, whose quick reflection saved Mohammedan.

After the breather, Mohammedan made a drastic change in their approach and took command of the match within ten minutes with two goals from two corners.

Defender Monwar Hossain Munna levelled the match placing home a Ruhul Amin corner in the very first minute of the second-half, while striker Mizanur Rahman Don headed home an Alfa corner eight

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#### Aussie tour to SL faces fresh threat

## Warne loses state captaincy

**MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug 11 (AP):** Australian star spinner Shane Warne was shocked to lose the captaincy of the Victorian Sheffield Shield team for next season.

Warne, vice-captain of Aus-

tralia, is expected to be suc-

ceeded as skipper by retired Test

pacer Paul Reiffel.

Warne's international pro-

gramme would make him

available for just one Shield

game and three domestic one-

dayers but he said Wednesday

he was disappointed at being

dropped as state skipper.

He said he would like to have

been told who the new captain

was so he could wish him well.

But Warne said he would ac-

cept this decision. "I'll cop it on

the chin and get on with it. I'm

looking forward to the tour of

Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe."

Warne is getting used to dis-

appointments but I'll bust my gut

as always playing for Victoria,"

he said.

"Whoever's captain has got

my full support and I'll con-

tinue to love playing for Victo-

ria," he said.

Warne has ambitions to lead

Australia and does not believe

being axed as state skipper will

damage his chances. "I don't

think it will have any effect re-

ally," he said.

"I'm vice-captain of the Test

side and the one-day side at this

stage."

"Myself and Steve Waugh have been getting along very well."

Waugh said his bowling form, post-shoulder operation, was now back to where it had been for the past eight years.

The Australian team leave

for Sri Lanka next week.

But another report from Colombo says, the fate of tour

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The escalation of violence

comes in the wake of tour

planned to be held in Colombo

on August 17 and will

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Two days after the Aus-

tralian team leave for Sri

Lanka on August 17 and will

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The government move is to

be a show of strength but police

said it would require tight secu-

rity at a time when there were

reports of suicide bombers in-

filtrating the capital.

Organisers of the three-na-

tion cricket tournament were

assured five days ago that the

Australian tour would go-ahead

as planned but cricket officials

privately said that they were

nervously watching the devel-

opments.

Travelling Australian sup-

porters have been warned to

stay away from the war zone in

the north of the island, where

the Tamil Tiger rebels are fight-

ing for an independent home-

land. More than 55,000 people

have been killed in fighting in

the past 27 years.

Fedorov was winning hand-

ily but played inaccurately.

Movsesian, the 27th seed, was

able to build a fortress and sal-

ivate the draw.

In fact, the selectors will be

working overtime with a policy

meeting set for Thursday before

the regular Saturday team dis-

ussions.

Hussain is 'aware' of the

need for change, saying: "It's

something I've thought through

for the last couple of weeks and

now I've got a blank piece of

paper and myself and Duncan

will work from that.

The other selectors have

been thinking it's time to look

to the future for a while, but

there's always the importance

of winning the next game - that

was what the case was in the

last Test and that will be the

case in the next.

The next one is a bit of a wa-

tered with myself and Duncan

Fletcher being at our first

selection meeting together and I

think for