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4 Who is the Bangladesh
cricket captain?

Minhazul Akram Aminul

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final of 2002 World Cup?

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SPORTS TALK

Gianluca Vialli

(Chelsea football team man-
ager)

"I don't judge a striker on the
number of goals he scores but
on the way he works for the
team."

Board bars

Shoaib to sign

3-year deal

KARACHI, Aug 25 (Internet
report): Pakistan's sensational
fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has
been refused permission by his
Board to play on a three-year
contract with English county,
Nottinghamshire, says a report
of The News.

Mujeeb-ur-Rehman, chair-
man of the Pakistan Cricket
Board (PCB) ad hoc committee,
confirmed on Monday about it.
Shoaib, who gained instant
prominence and fame in the re-
cent World Cup because of his
searing pace and is seen as one
of the rising stars of world
cricket, had approached the
Board to play for the English
county starting from next sea-
son.

"Yes we have refused him
permission to play on a three-
year contract, but I am flexible
in this regard. For the time be-
ing I have asked him to show us
a copy of the agreement he has
entered into with the county."

"Initially we will allow him
to play on a one-year contract,
which can then be extended for
another year. But we will not al-
low him to flatterly play on a
three-year contract. It does not
go in favour of Pakistan
cricket," stated Mujeeb.

Mujeeb pointed out that
while the Board had not for-
malised any policy on crick-
eters wanting to play for over-
seas clubs, but the basic idea
was that they should enter into
flexible contracts.

"Our idea is that while some
of our players require to be pro-
tected from the daily grind of
playing county or overseas do-
mestic cricket, it is good for our
youngsters to get this exposure,
but only for training purposes.
We don't want them to suffer a
premature burn-out and develop
injury problems."

Shoaib's agent Mark Mas-
carenas, the chief executive of
the television production com-
pany WorldTel, had promised
earlier that he would make the
exciting fast bowler a multi-
millionaire in few years.
Among his clients is Indian
cricket captain Sachin Tendulkar,
who remains one of the few crick-
eters in the million dollar
earner's bracket.

Nottinghamshire had also
signed on another young Pakis-
tani fast bowler Muhammad
Zahid for the 1997 season, but
he developed back problem af-
ter playing just a few matches
for them.



Members of the Ghana Olympic soccer team at the ZIA yesterday afternoon. —Star photo

Gala opening of Bangabandhu Cup tomorrow

Ghana ooze with confidence

Sports Reporter

Ghana Olympic team has
come to win the Bangabandhu
Cup, team leader YA Ibrahim
said yesterday. The tall member
of the Ghana Football Associa-
tion was talking to a host of re-
porters at a press briefing yes-
terday evening. The team ar-
rived in the city earlier in the
afternoon.

"We are here to beat every
team and win the cup," said a
confident Ibrahim. Team coach
Ali Akenteng and captain Shila
Al Hassan were also present at
the briefing.

Placed in group C for the
first round with Nepal and
Uzbekistan, Ghana, the first-
ever African football side
playing in Bangladesh, will
take on Nepal in their first
match on August 28.

Speaking on the occasion,
Ibrahim said that their Bangla-
desh tour was part of
Ghana Football Association's
plan to gain Asian exposure.

"We know a little about
Bangladesh as we have read in
the school books. We also know
about Mohammedan Club,
which is very popular here,"
said Ibrahim.

When asked about the team
strength, coach Akenteng said
it was a good and balanced side
with players aged between 20 to
23 years.

He also revealed that four
players who played in the
Olympic qualifiers against
Tanzania last March have come
with the team.

"I have no idea about
Nepal and Uzbekistan because
we have not played against
them before. Whatever the case,
we will observe our opponents
first and then decide on our own
tactics," said Akenteng, who
coaches Okwaw United, a Pre-
mier Club from eastern Ghana.

"I don't have any stars in my
team. Everyone in the team is of
the same importance. We will
play as a team and we will not
depend on any individual," Ak-
enteng added.

Akenteng, the ever-smiling
coach, also disclosed that two
players—Issa and Hamza—from
the senior national team, known
as "Black Stars", will
join the Olympic team next
Monday. They are now prepar-
ing for a match against Nigeria

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of the semifinal.

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Goodbye Nannu!

Sports Reporter

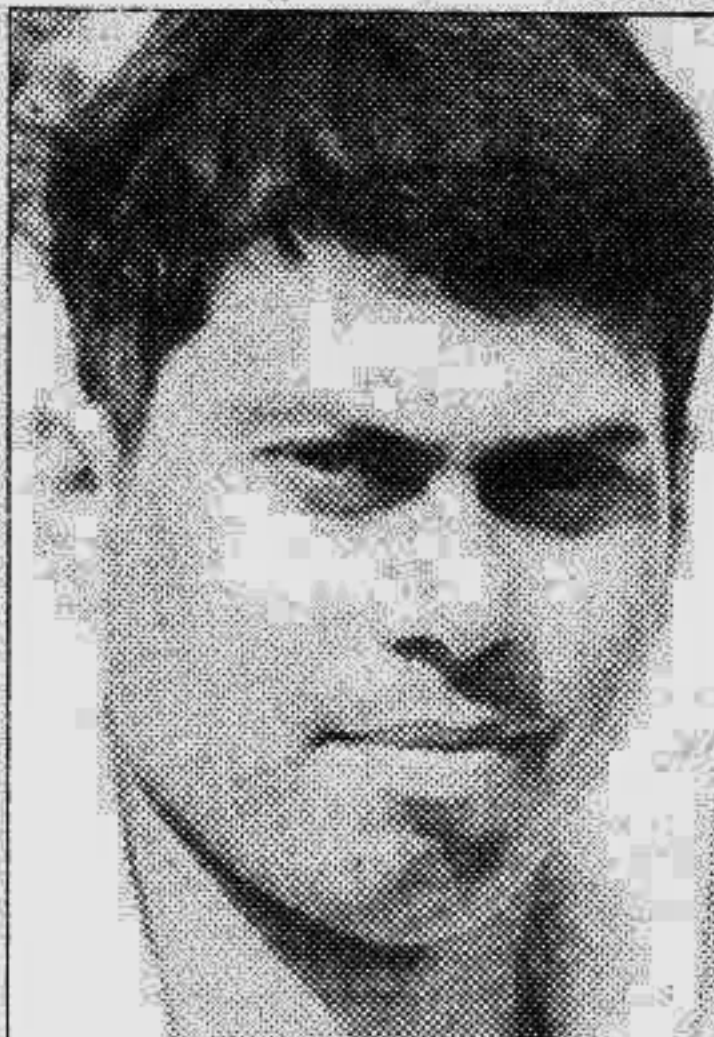
Former national captain
Minhazul Abedin, affection-
ately called Nannu by the
cricketing fraternity, an-
nounced his retirement from
international cricket yester-
day.

The gutsy cricketer from
Chittagong, who started his
luminous career way back in
1983, however remained enig-
matic for long. But he could not
hope for a better time to call it a
day, especially after his excel-
lent showing at the World Cup,
where he scored two half cen-
turies including a match-win-
ning unbeaten 68 against Scot-
land.

Included by BCB at the last
moment in the World Cup squad
under pressure from the press,
Minhazul certainly enjoyed the
finest moment of his career
spanning over 17 years in the
big show at England this sum-
mer.

Born on September 25, 1965
at Chittagong, Minhazul made
his one-day debut in the Asia
Cup against Pakistan in 1985.
He scored 453 runs in his 27 in-
ternational matches averaging
18.87. A solid right-hand bats-
man, Minhazul was also a very
useful slow-medium bowler. He
captured 13 wickets averaging
39.30.

He played his last and the
most memorable one-day
match against Pakistan at
Northampton, which



Bangladesh won by 62 runs.

"I could have played for an-
other couple of years. But I want
to quit with dignity and pride. I
had to go through a strenuous
time in the past due to the non-
cooperation from a vested quar-
ter. I will however play in the
domestic cricket for a few more
years. But I seriously want to
help cricket in a different ca-
pacity," said Minhazul in a
written statement released yes-
terday.

Akopian prevails in third match

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Aug 25:
Armenian Vladimir Akopian,
playing whites, won the third
round of the international
Chess Federation (FIDE) World
Chess Championship against
Russian Alexandre Khalifman
in 84 moves, reports AFP.

After Tuesday's match, the
two finalists were in a dead heat
with 1.5 points each.

Khalifman won the first
game in 57 moves on Sunday.
The second, on Monday, ended
in a draw. The fourth will take
place Wednesday.

Four get jail term

LONDON, Aug 25: Four men
were jailed for a total of 12
years Wednesday for plotting to
sabotage an English Premier-
ship match in a multi-million
pound Far Eastern betting
scam, reports AFP.

The gang, who plunged top
English games into darkness by
tampering with stadium flood-
lights, were convicted of a plot
to sabotage a match between
Charlton and Liverpool last
season.

The overseas syndicate was
also thought to be behind the
abandonment of two other
matches which netted Far East-
ern organised crime gangs up to
60 million pounds (90 million
dollars) when the lights went
down unexpectedly during
games.

The fate of the suspended
players depends on the findings
of the commission which will
submit its report to Pakistani
President Muhammad Rafiq
Tarar, who is also a patron of
the cricket board.

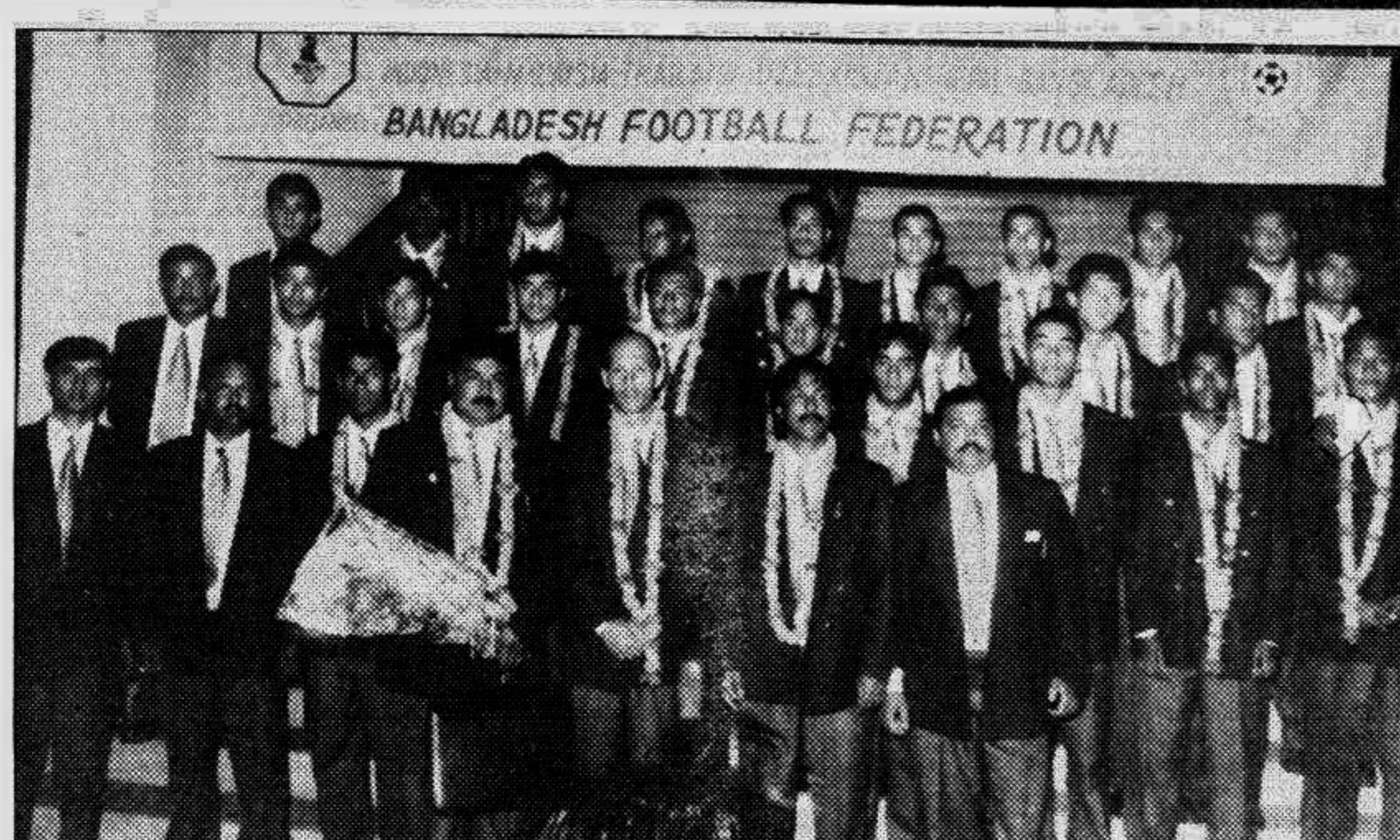
Elina and Nuri reached the
final of the women's singles in
the Summer Open badminton
tournament beating their re-
spective rivals at the Wooden
Floor Gymnasium on Tuesday,
reports UNB.

Elina beat Momo 11-7, 11-0
in the first semifinal while
Nuri beat Ruma 11-2, 11-5 in
the second semis.



Ajay Jadeja of India sweeps during their Aiwa Cup match against Sri Lanka at Colombo yesterday.

— AFP photo



Players and officials of the Nepal soccer team, which will take part in the Bangabandhu Cup, on their arrival at the Zia International Airport yesterday evening.

—Star photo by Anisur Rahman

BCB selects for Barlow's first camp

Surprises in thirty-eight

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced a list of 38 players for international matches against the visiting West Indies and the England A team.

Although BCB included all the 16 members of the Bangladesh World Cup squad, except Faruque Ahmed, who earlier retired from international cricket, the board's inclination of counting on experience suffered a setback when Minhazul Abedin followed in Faruque's footsteps.

The former national captain called quits to international cricket immediately after the board released the list of 38 players.

But, while Minhazul Abedin, who turns 35 next month, decided to hang up his national cap, his contemporary Athar Ali Khan celebrated his recall to the national team after being ignored for the World Cup.

Also recalled surprisingly to the national team after a long gap were right-arm seamer Saiful Islam and top order batsman Selim Shahed.

The national camp will start at the BKSP from September 1 under the tutelage of the newly appointed coach Eddie Barlow. The South African is scheduled to arrive in the city the day before.

Bangladesh will play a couple of ODIs and a three-day



ATHAR ALI KHAN

match against the West Indies. The Caribbean team, led by Brian Lara, is scheduled to arrive in Dhaka on October 1.

The second string England team will arrive in the city on October 17. The visiting English side will play three three-dayers and four four-day matches against the national team. They will also play a number of limited-over matches against different local selections.

The selected 38, including Minhazul Abedin, Aminul Islam, Khaled Mahmud, Mehrab Hossain, Shahriar Hossain, Akram Khan, Enamul Hoque, Khaled Mashud, Mohammed Rafique, Naimur Rahman, Safiuddin Ahmed, Neeayamur Rashid, Monjurul Islam, Mahabubur Rahman, Al Shahriar, Aminul Islam Bhola, Jahangir Alam, Javed Omar, Belim Hasanuzzaman, Nasirul Islam Nahid, Mushfiqur Rahman, Gollam Mortuza, Habibul Bashar, Harunur Rashid Liton, Athar Ali Khan, Sajid Hasan, Ridwan Hasan, Saiful Islam, Rashidul Haq, Salim Shahed, Anisur Rahman, Atiar Rahman, Ehsanul Hoque, Moshed Ali Khan, Ahmed Kamal and Zakir Hossain.



SAIFUL ISLAM

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"More importantly, we understand that we can play it now and we don't want to slip back into mediocrity."

"That was our weakness, we were up and down a lot in the last 12 months and we're really conscious of keeping our standards high."

Happy dilemma for Waugh

who to leave out. "I'd like to give everyone a go," Waugh said after a three-hour training session in scorching heat and sapping humidity at the Sinhalese Sports Club here today.

"There's 14 bloskes in the squad and if we change I don't think it will affect the stature of the side or the way we play, we are a pretty well balanced 14 guys."

"It's hard to know how the side is going to pan out for the last couple of games - whether we play three quicks or stick to two quicks and a couple of medium pacers, that's probably going to be our hardest decision."

"The hardest thing at the moment is picking the side and

leaving three guys out."

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India make 205/8

COLOMBO, Aug 25: Sri Lanka were left chasing a modest target of 206 off 50 overs to beat India and secure their first points in the Aiwa Cup tri-nation tournament in the day-night match at Colombo's R. Premadasa Stadium Wednesday, reports AFP.

India who elected to bat first after winning the toss, made 205 for eight in their 50 overs. They were given a good start by openers Sourav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar who put on 49 off 37 balls.

Ganguly's contribution was only nine in the partnership dominated by his captain. The left-hander became the first to be run out and three others followed him thanks to Sri Lankan fieldsmen and their accurate throwing.

Rahul Dravid who joined Tendulkar added 34 for the second wicket before both batsmen fell within 10 runs of each other.

David attempting to glide the ball edged it to wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharana for 22, and Tendulkar was run out for 37 failing to beat Muralitharan's throw from mid-off.

Ajay Jadeja and Anwar Khuraisiya somewhat steadied the innings with a stand that produced 62 for the fourth wicket.

The Sri Lankan fielders made the pair work hard for the runs allowing only three fours and a six during the valuable

partnership for India.

Khuraisiya's innings of 29 came to an end when he pulled Chandana to deep mid wicket where Indika de Saram held the catch.

Sri Lanka bounced back soon afterwards to capture four wickets for 13 runs -- two of them through run outs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Indian innings in the Aiwa Cup day-night match against Sri Lanka on Wednesday:

INDIA				
Ganguly run out				9
Tendulkar run out				37
Dravid c Kaluwitharana b Vaas				22
Jadeja c Jayawardene b Chandana				49
Khuraisiya c De Saram b Chandana				29
Singh c Vaas b Muralitharan				4
Prasad run out				0
Chopra not out				12
Kumble run out				3
Smith not out				28
Extras (b-4, lb-3, w-13, nb-8)				28
Total: (Eight wickets in 50 overs)				205
Fall of wickets: 1-49; 2-83; 3-93; 4-155; 5-169; 6-170; 7-173; 8-182.				
Did not bat: V Prasad				

Bowler				
Vaas	8	0	46	1
Zoysa	8	0	25	0
Perera	5	0	32	0
Muralitharan	10	1	31	1
Jayasuriya	9	0	29	0
Chandana	10	0	35	2

TODAY'S MATCH
Australia vs Sri Lanka (D/N)
Colombo