

## Column One

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3 What is the name of Sir Stanley Matthews, father?

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5 Who is the captain of Biman cricket team?

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SPORTS TALK



**Javed Miandad**

(New appointed Pakistan cricket coach)

"It's a challenging job and with an eye on the World Cup 2003 we want to develop the team."

International Masters Chess

### Rajib makes winning start

Sports Reporter

Norm aspirant Enamul Hossain Rajib got off to a good start in the 5th United Insurance International Masters Chess Tournament-2000 with a win against Shahidul Amin in the first round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Playing with black pieces, Rajib, who is vying for his second International Masters norm, took French defence against Shahidul and won the board after 21 moves.

In the other matches of the opening round, Saifuddin Lovlu beat top seeded Hrun Lynn Kway of Myanmar, International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib beat Aminul Islam, Ye Win Aung of Myanmar beat Monir Hossain, Indian Dipanjan Das beat Syed Ejaz Hossain, Suvarjit Saha beat Abdul Kashem Bhuiyan, Taibur Rahman beat Feroz Ahmed, Sohail Chowdhury beat Sawkat Hossain Polab and Aminul Islam Palash beat Nazrana Khan Iva.

International Woman Master Rani Hamid of Biman drew with Roktim Benerjee of India, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu drew with Mohammed Javed and Rezaul Haque drew with Moniruzzaman Khan.

Top Bangladesh International Masters Ziaur Rahman and Rezaul Haque will face each other in the only first round fixture today.

31 rated players from India, Myanmar, Uzbekistan and hosts Bangladesh are taking part in the 11-round Swiss league meet which will end on March 16.

The second round will start at the same venue today at 2 pm.

### Matthaeus future Bayern coach?

BERLIN, Mar 6: Lothar Matthaeus, who played his 464th and last German league game for Bayern Munich on Saturday, would like to return to the club as coach, reports Reuters.

## Faruque goes flying

Sports Reporter

### Premier League

#### S Bima vs Biman



**FARUQUE ... 52**

Blessed with a son only a few days back, Aminul celebrated his fatherhood with his first fifty in the league off 93 balls. The dapper right-hander clubbed a couple of fours in his workmanlike innings. Aminul took his side close to victory, putting on enterprising 70 runs for the fourth wicket with Manzoor Elahi before becoming the last Biman casualty on the day. Manzoor, the linchpin of

Biman's success story last year, remained unbeaten on a run-a-ball 34 that included three hits to the fence. The useful Pakistani recruit of Biman was also the wrecker-in-chief with the ball earlier on the day.

The leggie captured three wickets giving away only 36 runs in his ten overs that included the prized scalp of Salim, the highest scorer in the match with a defiant 101-ball 69.

The young wicket-keeper batsman, who was a member of the national youth team in Sri Lanka, hammered half a dozen fours in his polished knock.

Salim shared 67 runs for the second wicket with Ismail after Biman lost their opener Kamal for a duck in the very fourth ball of the innings.

Salim added 62 runs for the third wicket with Biman's Indian recruit Rajinder Singh. But once Salim departed at the score of 129, Biman suffered a sudden slide, losing their last seven wickets with the addition of only 62 runs.

It was Biman's fourth defeat on a trot.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League match between Bangladesh Biman and Sadharan Bima at the BKSP in Savar yesterday:

**SADHARAN BIMA**  
Kamal lbw b Aminul Jr 0  
Ismail run out 28  
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## Giant-killers ground down

Sports Reporter

### Premier League

#### AKC vs Victoria SC

in the early morning wicket removing both Victoria openers Moniruzzaman and Sajid Haasan in opening two overs. After he got rid of middle-order batsmen Nuruzzaman and Ziaul Haque the Motiheel club was reeling at 45 for five.

Mohammad Hussain and Hasibul Hossain made quick work of the lower-order batsmen. In fact Hasibul, the right-

arm national seamer, who wrecked Sadharan Bima with a five-wicket haul, enjoyed another good day with the leather. He claimed three for 25. It took his season's tally to ten wickets so far. Pakistani left-arm slow bowler had to be satisfied with two for 31 from ten tidy overs.

Rashid Hanif was one of the two Victoria batsmen to cross double figures. He top-scored with 29.

Abahani made rollicking reply smashing 42 runs in six overs, thanks to make-shift opener Mohammad Hussain's run-a-ball 25. He hammered four boundaries.

They lost Azam Iqbal (12) on the same score in the next over and then Mehrez Hossain (7) on 55 in the 11th over. Pakistani Ijaz Ahmed and Asadullah Khan blasted 30 runs in the next 17 balls to carry their team to victory.

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## India invincible no more



**BOJE ... m-o-m**

BANGALORE, Mar 6: South Africa won the second cricket Test against India by an innings and 71 runs here Monday, to take the series 2-0 and end India's 13-year unbeaten home record, reports AFP.

The tourists, who took a 321-run first innings lead, bowled out India for 250 runs in their second innings.

Man-of-the-match Nicky Boje, who scored 85 runs as nightwatchman in South Africa's first innings, proved equally devastating with the ball, taking five of India's second

innings wickets. It was India's first loss in a home series since 1987, when they went down to Pakistan 0-1, and the latest in a string of defeats that have decimated the side's morale.

Sachin Tendulkar who had announced earlier that he would step down as Indian captain after the series, appealed for understanding from supporters.

"We want people to be patient and back us through the bad times," said Tendulkar, who admitted that his team had played well below their best.

"We lacked team work. We went for individual performance and did not build enough decent combinations," Tendulkar said.

"Twenty and thirty-run partnerships do not help in a Test match," Tendulkar said.

Boje sent back Kumble who

adding that too many catching chances had been spilled in the field.

Jubilant South African skipper Hansie Cronje said it was one of the team's best performances since returning to the international fold in 1991-92.

"For the last two years we had a string of victories. Our players are playing fantastically."

"We played some long innings and that was the key to the series," Cronje said, highlighting two 150-plus partnerships in the Bangalore Test.

Play resumed Monday with India on their overnight score

fought for 122 minutes for his 28 runs and then Murali Kartik caught at deep square-leg by Herschelle Gibbs for two runs.

With wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia opting not to bat because of a high fever, the last man out was Nikhil Chopra, snapped up by wicket-keeper Mark Boucher off Allan Donald for three.

The result gave South Africa the match and the series 2-0, after an equally comprehensive victory in the first Test in Bombay.

Both teams will now play a series of five one-day matches beginning Friday.

"It's going to be a good series. India is an excellent one-day side with some exciting play-makers," Cronje said.

Tendulkar, meanwhile, rejected suggestions that his decision to step down as captain was linked to the recall to the team of Azharuddin and a reported rift between the two players.

"It is my decision. My stepping down has nothing to do with my relationship with other players," Tendulkar said.

"I have just removed my captain's blazer. Let me support the team. That is most important. It is very important to support the team when it is not doing well."

Indian coach Kapil Dev partly attributed the defeat to the relative inexperience of a

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### Nitol-Tata league Lone goal win for Dhaka MSC

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA: Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded their second win in the Nitol-Tata National Football with a solitary goal victory over Rajshahi Abahani Krira Chakra at the local stadium here today.

Midfielder Rakib Hossain scored the match winner 22 minutes into the first half. Rakib was later awarded with the man-of-the-match prize of Taka 5000.

Although, the black and whites dominated the whole match and produced a good number of chances against the lowly rated Rajshahi Abahani, poor marksmanship by strikers Allaz and Matir Rahman Munna denied them more goals.

With yesterday's match, the second phase of the first round ended in Khulna. The last round will be played at Rajshahi from March 10.

### TEAMS

**Mohammedan SC:** Nizam, Faisal, Ruhul Amin, Jahangir, Sayeed, Matir Munna, Selim, Anwar, Rakib, Mizanur Rahman and Allaz Ahmed.

**Rajshahi Abahani:** Saidul, Roman (Ed), Shamim, Mamun, Malek, Nayan, Azim, Palash, Kamal, Tota and Rubel.

Referee: Abdur Rakib.

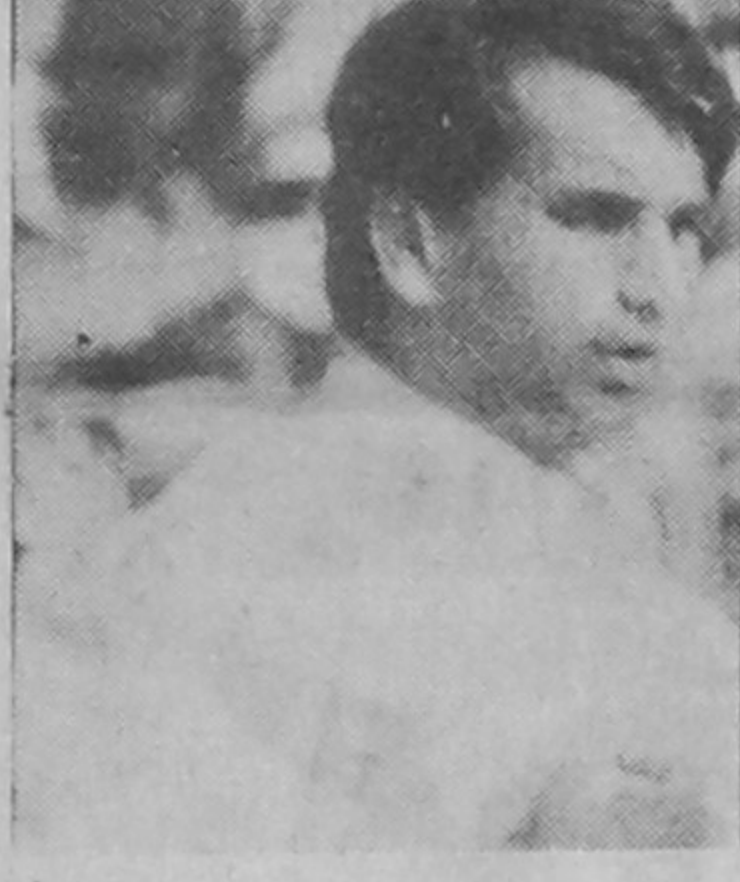
### Chauhan joins Tarun

Sports Reporter

Former India off-spinner Rajesh Chauhan arrived in the city last night to play for Surjo Tarun Club in the Premier Division cricket league.

The discarded Indian Test cap will be featured in today's crucial match against Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Rajesh will join Mohammad Ramzan and Zafar Sarfraz of



Pakistan.

Zafar has replaced his younger brother Akhtar Sarfraz who returned to Pakistan on Sunday after playing three matches for Surjo Tarun.

### Bang A take on Malaysia March 17

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh A cricket team will take on hosts Malaysia at Kilat Aman ground in the inaugural match of the tri-nation one-day tournament to be held Kuala Lumpur from March 17 to 23.

In the double-league format, Bangladesh will meet Namibia in their next match the following day.

Bangladesh will meet Malaysia again on March 20 and Namibia on March 21 to complete their first round engagements.

The final between the top two teams from the first round is scheduled for March 23.

Although, USA were supposed to take part in the invitational tourney as per a previous announcement made by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB). But the Americans confirmed their non-availability.

BCB has announced a 14-member Bangladesh team with all-rounder Naimur Rahman as captain.

**FIXTURES**

Date	Match	Venue
Mar 17	BD v MAL	Kilat Aman
Mar 18	BD v NAM	RSC
Mar 19	MAL v NAM	RSC
Mar 20	BD v MAL	RSC
Mar 21	BD v NAM	Kilat Aman
Mar 22	MAL v NAM	Kilat Aman
Mar 23	Final	RSC

### Ponting awaits ankle surgery

SYDNEY, March 6 (AFP): Australian Test batsman Ricky Ponting will have surgery on his injured right ankle here on Thursday.

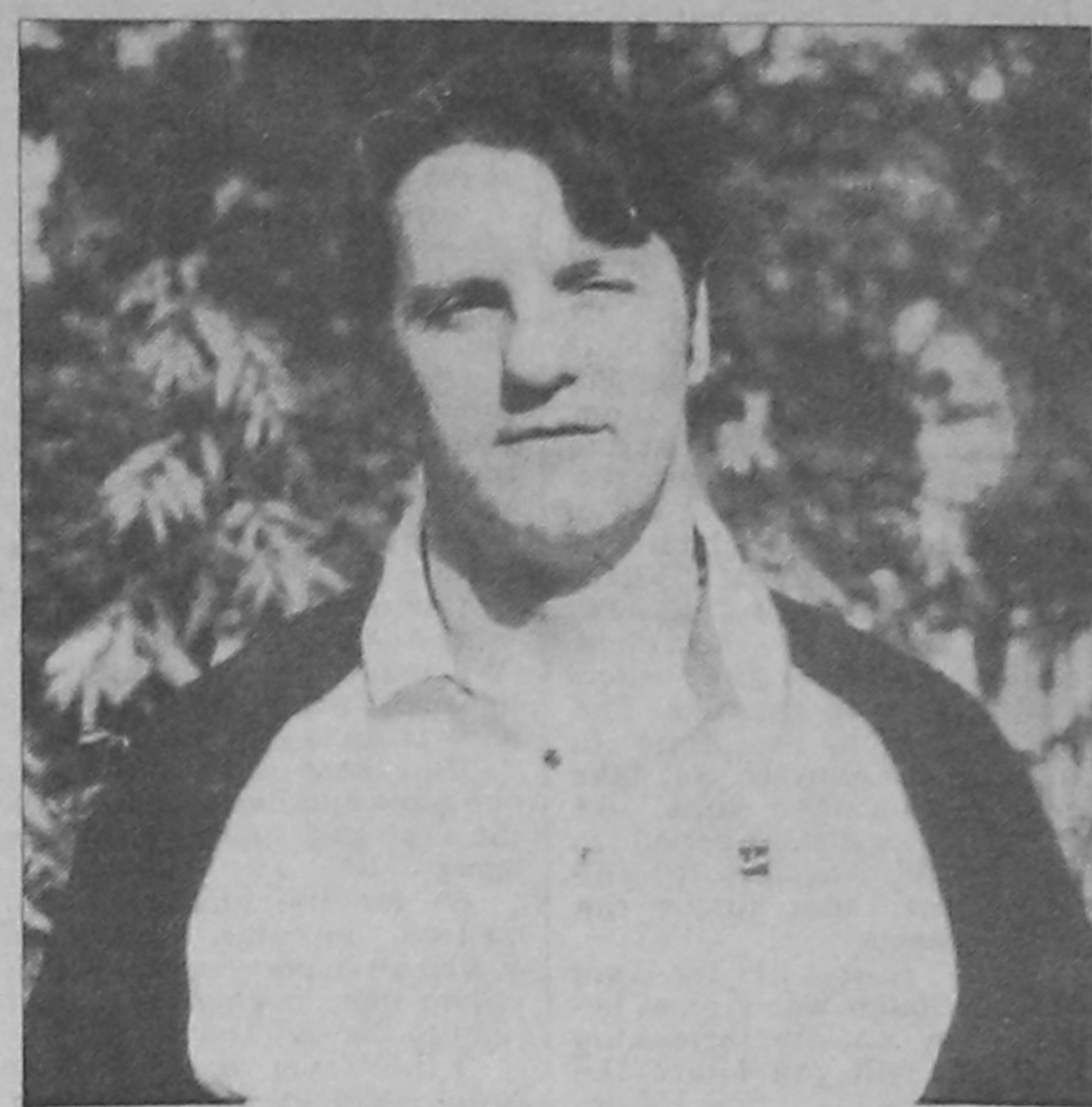
The ankle was damaged in a fielding mishap during the second final of the tri-nations one-day series against Pakistan here early last month.

Ponting will have arthroscopic surgery on the injured ankle to repair cartilage damage, his surgeon said Monday.

At the same time the surgeon will remove a bone fragment from the ankle and repair damaged ligaments.

## From England with vision

Lenin Gani



Dear Daily Star readers, This is my proudest moment in football to be named Bangladesh National Coach and I will give everything I can to make this a successful period in Bangladesh football.

MARK SIMON HARRISON

But I feel that I'm pretty open-minded and always game for something different. I've been coaching in England for the last eight or nine years. And so I fancied a change to be frank. Obviously any coach wants to work at international level. I have been given a great opportunity and I am going to take it with both hands.

DSS: In your contract did you put in any specific clauses? Is there any 'opt out' clause?

MH: There were no special clauses in it. The contract, which was drawn up by the Asian Football Confederation, was a pretty standard one and I was happy with it. We sat down and discussed a few things. There were a lot of questions I had to ask and needed answers for. To be fair, ninety per cent of the answers I got were what I wanted to hear and ten per cent

wasn't. But I had to outweigh the good and the bad and in the end the contract was acceptable.

DSS: How much freedom has the BFF allowed you to run the team?

MH: I have total control of the team selection. People can say anything they like but I'm not bothered. Anybody can say what he or she likes. They can pass comment, judge me. In the end I'll put my hands up and take complete responsibility for the team. The squad I select and the team that walks onto the pitch will be mine.

DSS: What are your plans for the players in the short and long run?

MH: Okay short term. I've just been sitting in my room now drawing up a training

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## Shoaib burst shatters SL



**PESHAWAR, March 6 (AFP):** Speed king Shoaib Akhtar took 5-75 as Pakistan gained the upper hand on the second day of the second cricket Test against Sri Lanka here Monday.

Pakistan, having lost their last four Tests, finished the day at 67-1 with skipper Saad Anwar on 37 and Yousef Youhana on three.

Earlier Sri Lanka's innings was wrapped up for 268 with Marvan Atapattu topscoring with a four 75, scored in 348 minutes from 254 balls.

Speedster Shoaib, warned twice by umpire Mohammad Nazir for running onto the pitch in his follow through before lunch, struck a vital blow after the break by bowling Atapattu through sheer pace.

The 24-year-old speedster was playing his first Test after being banned for having an illegal bowling action in December. He was later cleared by the International Cricket Council (ICC) in February.

Shoaib bowled with venom and took three wickets in 21 deliveries to put the brakes on Sri Lanka.

He snared two wickets in consecutive overs with Romesh Kaluwitharana caught behind off his glove for four and Pramodya Wickremasinghe was bowled for a duck.

Chaminda Vaas, who remained unbeaten on 17, stood firm to add 45 runs with Ravindra Pushpakumara and Muttiah Muralitharan later in the visitors' innings.

Muralitharan hit an enterprising 22, including three fours and a six off 13 balls, before becoming Shoaib's fifth victim. The batsman had taken 13 off one Abdur Razzak over, including a straight six.

Shoaib's only previous five-wicket Test haul was his 5-43 against South Africa at Durban in 1997-98.

"I put in my wholehearted efforts and was rewarded for that. Any performance that helps my team is pleasing for me," Shoaib said.

Sri Lanka had resumed the day at 88 for two and added 91 in the first session -- extended for half an hour because of a rain-affected Sunday -- for the

loss of one wicket. Atapattu and Aravinda de Silva took the total to 121 before left-arm Aamir Sohail came on and trapped De Silva leg before for 33. De Silva, who hit a polished 112 in his team's narrow two-wicket win in the first Test, hit three boundaries.

Atapattu reached his fourth Test fifty in 241 minutes.

Sri Lanka lost five wickets after lunch for just 37 runs and slumped to 223-8 from a comfortable 186-3.

Jayawardene partnered Atapattu in a stand of 65 for the fourth wicket and looked set to build their team's innings. At 186, Jayawardene hit a wild

drive off Sohail and was well caught above the head by Shalid Afridi for 36, which included six fours.

Tillekeratne Dilshan made 13 before being bowled by off-spinner Arshad Khan. Razzak and Sohail finished with two wickets apiece.

Anwar and Sohail gave Pakistan a sound start of 54 before Sohail played casually against part time bowler Mahela Jayawardene and was caught in the slips for 22.

Anwar was in good touch and hit seven delightful boundaries.

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IN HIS ELEMENTS: Pakistan pace superstar Shoaib Akhtar (C) being congratulated by teammates after getting one of his five Sri Lankans wickets at Peshawar yesterday.

—AFP photo