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(Cricket commentator) "Lara is a great cricketer but may be not a great leader of

On Brian Lara.

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CCC clinch 6-a-side title

Sports Reporter Commonwealth Cricket Club (CCC) of Dhaka, led by national captain Aminul Islam won the 16th RBSC international six-a-side tournament which concluded in Bangkok vesterday.

In the final. CCC handed ICC-1 of Delhi a convincing sixwicket defeat.

Chasing a paltry 31 of ICC-1 of Delhi, CCC scored 35 without loss in just three overs. Masudur Rahman scored highest 24 not out while Saiful Islam added an unbeaten 11.

Earlier, CCC beat Cavaliers Cricket Club in the quarterfinals by 28 runs and defeated Little Masters of India by 24 runs in the semifinals. In the quarterfinal, Aminul

Islam scored 25 as CCC piled up 76 for two after batting first. Among others. Neeyamur Rashid added 23.

In reply, Cavaliers Cricket Club were restricted to 48 for

In their semifinal, CCC Masters with Neeyamur Rashid | or July. notching up highest 19. Rafiqul scored 15 while Aminul Islam added 11.

restricted to 48 for three.

JPC spade trump The Independence Day spade

trump competition of the Jatiya Press Club began at the club yesterday, reports BSS.

Press Club president Khondoker Monirul Alam, general secretary Swapan Kumar Saha and convenor of sports subcommittee Kamal Uddin were present in the inaugural func tion. Nearly fifty persons took part on the first day.

Saiful Islam, Amirul Islam Kagozi, Nurul Hasan Khan and Modabber Hossain entered third round while Eamul Huq Chowdhury, Akhtaruzzaman Nawab, Khondoker Monirul Alam, Kazi Abdul Hannan, Feroz Mahmud, Monoj Kanti Roy, AKM Raouful Hasan and Mohammad Kamalur Rahman entered the second round.

Back to the Premier League

sumes this morning after a

three-day break because of the day-night exhibition match be-

tween Asia Eleven and Rest of

In the day's other match,

Kalabagan Krira Chakra will face Sadharan Bima Krira

Sangstha at the Dhanmondi

for holders Biman who, along

with last year's runners up

Abahani, remain the only un-

beaten sides so far in eight out-

top spot with Abahani having

16 points each, will definitely

be looking forward to main-

mixed fortunes in the elite 12-

team league. The Gopibagh out-

fit which has won only half of

their eight fixtures lie in sixth

place with eight points.

The perennial bridesmaid in

domestic sport will rely heav-

ily on their inform Sri Lankan

recruit Athula Samarasekera,

who scored a dazzling half-

century against Abahani. Be-

sides, they will have at their

disposal Indian left-arm spin-

ner Sunil Joshi and Pakistani

have Sri Lankan star batsman

Roshan Mahanama in their

ranks along with Pakistani

Biman, on the other hand,

leggie Shahed Mehmud.

taining their winning streak.

Biman, who are sharing the

Brothers have endured

This will be a crucial match

the World held on Saturday.

Cricket Stadium.

Biman-BU battle today

Sports Reporter

Abahani will meet Surjo Co-leaders Biman Tarun Club in tomorrow's will take on Broopening match at the Bangathers Union Club bandhu National Stadium. at the Bangaban-Victoria Sporting Club will play City Club at the Dhanmondi dhu National Stadium as the Cricket Stadium. Janakantha Pre mier Division cricket league re-

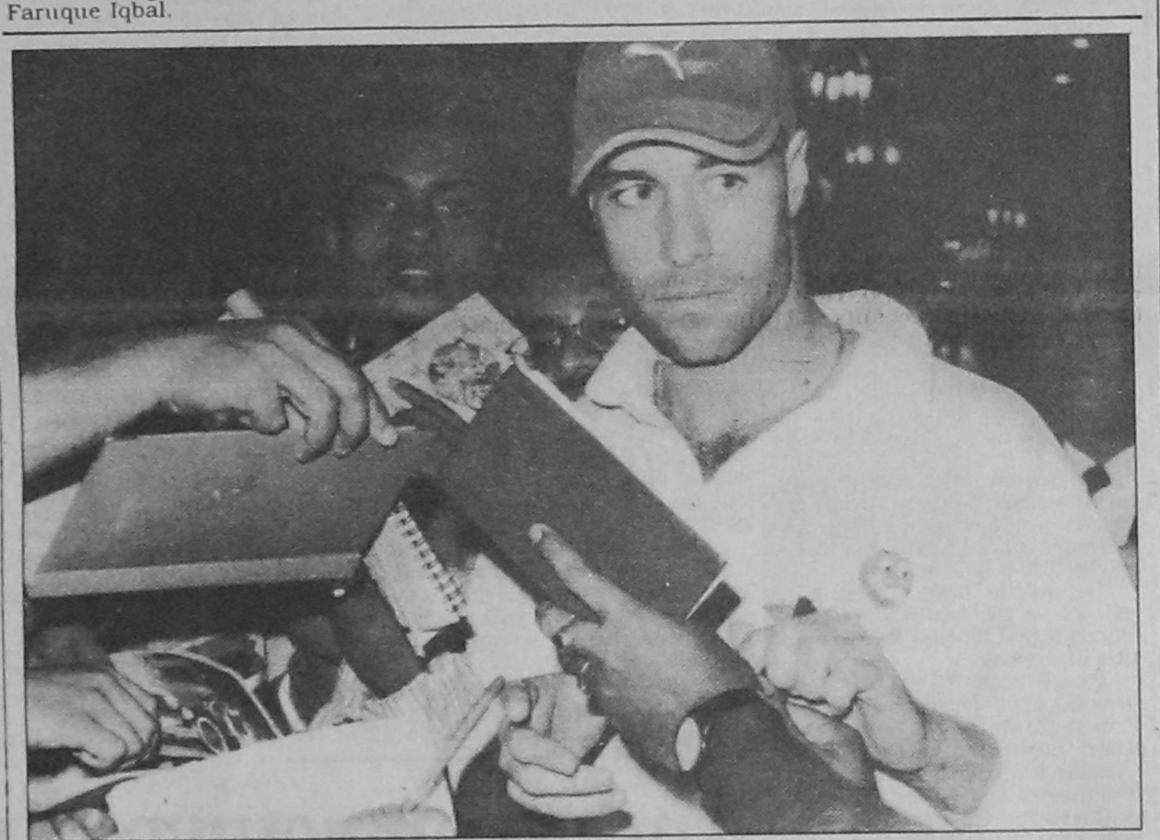
Surjo Tarun and Kalabagan with six wins and two defeats have collected 12 points respec-

Mohammedan Sporting Club are on ten points from nine matches.

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Zahoor Elahi	Kalabagan Surjo Tarun	105	Victoria	BKSP	March 4
M Ramzan Zahoor Elahi	Kalabagan	110*	Suro Tarun	BNS	March 7
Javed Omar	Biman	102*	Victoria	BKSP	March 9
Saffullah Magsi	City Club	136*	Wari Club	BNS	March 11
Ijaj Ahmed	Abahani KC	101*	Agrani Bank	BKSP	March 12
Javed Omar	Biman	100	Agrani Bank	BNS	March 29
Fahad Khan	Victoria SC	100	Gopibagh	DCS	March 29
Kamol Chopra	S Bima	108*	Wari	DCS	March 30
Saifullah Magsi	City Club	107	S Biman	DCS	April 1
D Ramanayeke	Wari Club	142*	Agrani Bank	DCS	April 6

Bowler Hasibul Hossain Zahoor Elahi Aminul Islam Jr	Team Abahani Kalabagan Biman	Figure 5/35 (8.2) 5/36 (9) 5/34 (8.1)	Against S Bima Abahani Victoria	BNS BNS BKSP	March 9
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Australian Michael Bevan, who captured the spotlight in the CricketNext.Com Cup with scintillating performance on Saturday, is surrounded by fans at the lobby of Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

Our footban necus neroes, healthy rivalry & success

OOTBALL is the world's most popular sport. It is the I number one game in countries such as Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, England. Germany, Iran, Iraq, Italy, North and South Korea, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Spain and Uruguay.

Indeed it was once also the most popular game in Bangladesh. In the late 60s, I remember entering the stadium at around 12 noon for a 5 PM clash between, if I recall rightly, Mohammedan and scored 72 for four against Little | EPIDC. It must have been June

Dhaka Stadium, as Bangabandhu was known then, was In reply. Little Masters were | always tearing at the seams whenever a clash of the local never could agree on how many people the stadium could accommodate. Journalists would give the figure at seventy thousand, eighty, and even a lakh. Only when the BFF announced the gate gross did we come to know that merely 35,000 or so watched the Mohammedan-Abahani clash the day before. The gap between the two sums

always remained a mystery. From pre-independence Mohammedan-Wanderers rivalry to post-independence Mohammedan-Abahani war, the hostility between opposing fans served very well the cause of

football. Such was the elation in triumph and frenzy in defeat among the rivals that postmatch clashes were as much in- fall of football's popularity. evitable as the final whistle. As Televising all the matches of

football match at the Dhaka Stadium. Thankfully we don't hear of any more such bloody scuffles. But sadly, we also do not hear of any football any more. Well, almost. Gone are the days when in-

numerable flags of competing clubs flew atop buildings on any 'big match' day. Legend has it the price of meat fluctuated in the Old Dhaka depending on whether Mohammedan Sporting won or lost a match. Judging by today's escalating price we have not had a football hero

related to football. soccer giants took place. We devoted BFF officials and others connected to football for their ceaseless and untiring efforts in trying to put the game back on its pedestal as the country's No.1 sport. But, alas! They have more red lights than

> If last Thursday's muchhyped Abahani-Mohammedan clash for the chopper-dropped Nitol-Tata trophy was anything to go by, we need more than a helicopter, 75 kartal beating schoolgirls and a services band to lure back blackers around a football match. In the end, the so-called 'clash of the giants' predictably petered out into no more than a brawl between two mahallas.

Television has been the number one cause of the downa result there have been several the first National League may

unfortunate deaths centring a have done more harm than good. The inefficiency, unfitness, inadequacy and disinterest of the footballers were exposed in slow motion even at normal speed. Owing to the channel invasion, people nowadays see so much of World class football on telly that they are compelled to switch channels even when Asian football comes on. And we all know where we are in Asia. I don't mean geographically.

Another cause for concern is

of beef and mutton, one would for a long time. Sporting rivalbe wrong to blame Mo- ries of the nature between su-After independence, the hammedan because a different perstars Enayet and Salahudclass of economics has over- din, among brothers Nannoo taken the market. And, it is not and Manjoo, between the strike-power of Aslam and My heart goes out to the very Salam, the skills of Protap and Tipu, midfield domination of Amalesh and Kaikobad, the commitment of Badal and Chunnu, had all helped to take football to celestial heights in the 70s and 80s. I am certain older men can name many more champions of earlier periods. They were there to mesmerise the people who flocked to the stadium in thousands. They were there to occupy any conversation at the office and

> at home days before and after a match. We also need healthy results internationally. The SAF gold last year was more like an artificial respirator. It has helped football from going into a deep coma but the effect of the drug will run out soon. We need a wonder drug, quick.

> > BFF should definitely pool See page 14

yesterday.

Dhaka takes deserted look

Sports Reporter As the curtain fell on the first ever ICC Cricket Week with the day-night exhibition match between Asia Eleven and Rest of the World Eleven on Saturday, players, high officials of International Cricket Council (ICC) and other guests have started

leaving the capital. Five India cricketers --Sachin Tendulkar, Anil Kumble, Saurav Ganguly, Ajay Jadeja and Robin Singh -- were the first party to leave Dhaka yesterday morning followed by Four Sri Lankans -- Sanath Jayasuriya, Aravinda de Silva, Chaminda Vaas and Muttiah Muralitharan -- who left in the

Three Pakistanis -- Wasim Akram, Moin Khan and Abdul Razzak -- were the last among the Asians to leave the capital for London in the evening. They will join the touring Pakistan team in the West Indies.

Among the Rest of the World cricketers, New Zealand's Chris Cairns left the city first yesterday early morning. Andrew Caddick and Phil Tuffnel of England, Andy Flower and Neil Johnson of Zimbabwe and Franklyn Rose of West Indies also left the capital for London in the evening.

Australians -- captain Mark Waugh, Michael Bevan and Adam Gilchrist -- and three South Africans -- Lance Klusener, Jacques Kallis and Nantie Hayward -- were schedule to leave the city last night. ICC president Jagmohan

Dalmiya also left Dhaka for Calcutta yesterday. Former Pakistan captain and the event manager of the

exhibition match Asif Iqbal is scheduled to leave for Pakistan today

Home sweet home for CWAB

Sports Reporter The Cricketers' Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB) has finally got a permanent address at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The CWAB office at the eastern end of the Hockey Stadium, was formerly known as the press box.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader inaugurated the room at first floor in the afternoon amidst cheers from about one hundred crick-

"This is certainly an eventful day for the cricketers. We are very happy", exclaimed the general secretary of CWAB Faruque Ahmed. The former national captain also said that CWAB. which came into being only a few months back, would also be registered within the next couple of days.

JU cricket

From JU Correspondent Department of Government and Politics moved into the inter-department cricket final of Jahangirnagar University with a six-wicket win over Department of Geography and Environment at the University playground yesterday.

Chasing Geography and Environment's 152 in 35 overs, Government and Politics reached 155 in 31.3 overs with four wickets to spare.

Firoz scored highest 39 for the winners followed by Sajal and Kabir who added 20 and 18

Earlier, batting first, Geography and Environment were all out for 152 in 34 overs with Rana hammering highest 60.



Former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram, who came here to lead Asia Eleven against the Rest of the World in Saturday's exhibition cricket match, obliging autograph hunters at - Star photo by Anisur Rahman Hotel Sheraton yesterday.

Sarwar shines for Maple Leaf

Sports Reporter

ANZ Grindlays National School Cricket

Maple Leaf International rode on a virtuoso performance from Sarwar to record a comprehensive 99-run win over Shaheed Nabi School in one of the five Dhaka zone matches of the ANZ Grindlays Bank 18th National Schools cricket championship at different city venues yesterday.

ground, Maple Leaf piled up a huge 222 for nine in the allotted 35 overs with Sarwar hammering a swashbuckling 81-ball 83 studded with 15 boundaries. The one-down batsman, af-

At the Uttara Police Lines

ter the good work, captured three wickets for only 17 runs to bundle Shaheed Nabi out for 123 in 21.4 overs.

Saurav Smriti High School also posted a facile 93-run win over Daffodils KG High School at the Uttara Friends Club ground.

ammased 258 for seven in 35 balls. Nasir scored a breezy 38 overs with opener Kiron and off 27 balls with the help of one-down Humayun notching 65 and 58 respectively. Humayun, the more aggressive of the two batsmen, clubbed a dozen fours in his 39-ball blitz.

wickets for 32 runs. At the CCG ground, Schools Cricket League played

an exciting one-wicket victory over Mastermind thanks to a staggering 54 extras, conceded by the wayward English medium bowlers, that eventually decided the fate of the match. In a high-scoring affair, Nabakumar, chasing a fighting 193, reached 197 with nine balls to spare. At the Dhanmondi Club

Nabakumar Institute pulled off

ground, Rashudul bowled BADC High School to a four-wicket win against Ideal School. Rashedul captured five wickets for 22 runs as Ideal, opting to bat, were skittled out

for 109 in 21.3 overs. In reply, BADC stormed to 112 for six in only 18.5 overs with Sadek scoring an unbeaten

Away at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Green Herald International handed down a tenwicket defeat on Dhanmondi International.

Green Herald shot Dhanmondi out for meagre 90 with Huraira claiming four wickets. Openers Savio and Nasir then Batting first, Saurav Smriti rattled up 91 runs off only 54 seven fours while Savio hammered a quartet of fours and a sixer in his 28-ball 35.

Our Rajshahi Correspondent adds: Loknath High School and In reply, Daffodils were bun- Rajshahi University School dled out for 165 in 34.1 overs won their respective matches in with Robin claiming three the Rajshahi Regional leg of ANZ Grindlays Bank National

at Rajshahi Stadium yesterday. In the first match of the day, Loknath defeated Masjid Mission Academy by 58 runs. Loknath batted first and col-

lated 25 overs. Ilias made the highest 54 runs followed by 22 from Mukta. Shamim bagged four wickets for 23 runs.

lected 182 for nine in the stipu-

In reply, Masjid Mission made 124 all out in 19.1 overs. Rabby made the highest 56 runs followed by 31 runs from Shamim, Mamun and Mamin bagged three wickets each.

In the second match the same venue Rajshahi University School trounced Rajshahi Court Academy by 143 runs. The winners won the toss

and batted first. They scored 220 for four in the stipulated 25 overs. Plas made the highest 59 followed by 43 from Ranjon. Alam captured four wickets.

In reply, Court Academy were all out for 77 in 15.1 overs. Sajal made the highest 21 runs. Hiro captured four wickets giv ing away 2 runs.

BRIEF SCORES

Saurav Smriti HC vs Daffodils KG HC Venue: Uttara Friend Club ground

SAURAV SMRITI: 258 for 7 in 35 overs (Ripon 65, Babu 44, Humayun 58, Faruq 3/60, Sohle 3/48).

DAFFODILS: 165 all out in 34.1 overs [Iqbal 28, Robin See page 14

Delhi police turn to Interpol

Kalra appears in court



West Indies fast bowler Franklyn Rose poses for a

photograph with a lady admirer at Sheraton Hotel lobby

NEW DELHI, Apr 9 (Reuters/ AFP): Indian businessman Rajesh Kalra, arrested in connection with match-fixing in vestigations against four South

- Star photo

African cricketers, was remanded in police custody for four more days on Sunday for further investigations.

"Considering the totality and facts and circumstances of the case I am of the opinion that at this stage sufficient ground is made for four days' custody," metropolitan magistrate Barkha Gupta said in her order. "Kalra is remanded to police custody until April 13.

Kalra was arrested on Friday and originally remanded in custody for two days. Kalra arrived for the 30minute court hearing escorted by a posse of policemen, his face

covered with a yellow towel. Kalra's counsel, S.A. Hashmi, said his client had been charged with "cheating with common intention and criminal conspiracy", but did not elaborate. Tax officials said they wanted to question Kalra

eign exchange transactions. Meanwhile, New Delhi police that the series "was fixed at Sunday widened its inquiry into the scandal by sending investigators to three Indian cities and sought Interpol's help in tracking down a key suspect.

about allegations of illegal for-

New Delhi deputy commissioner of police P.K. Srivastava told the Press Trust of India that the action followed police interrogation of New Delhibased businessman Rakesh Kalra.

"We have sent our teams to Bombay, Bangalore and Cochin to collect vital information relating to the case based on the disclosures made by Kalra," he

New Delhi police on Friday said charges of a criminal conspiracy had been registered against South African skipper Hansie Cronje and his teammates Herschelle Gibbs, Nicky Boje and Pieter Strydom for fixing matches during last month's one-day series here.

Similar charges have been filed against two Indians -- New

Delhi businessman Kalra and Sanjiv Chawla, a London-based expatriate.

Police official Srivastava said: "We have written a letter to (India's federal investigating agency) requesting them to track down Chawla through the Interpol," Srivastava said. "So far no Indian player's

name or involvement of any underworld mafia has come to light," he added. Police said they were also trying to interrogate the latest

suspect, former Bombay film actor Krishan Kumar, who was cited by Kalra as "directly involved" in the scandal. Kumar, the younger brother of a pauper-turned-music baron. Gulshan Kumar, got

himself admitted in a private

nursing home here for angina

on Saturday. His doctors on Sunday said he was under sedation and unfit for questioning. Kalra alleged in a magazine interview published Sunday

400,000 - 500,000 dollars." Cronje has vehemently denied the charges. South African junior Foreign Minister Aziz Pahad has said his government would seek an explantion from India about players' telephones being tapped while they were

touring India. A top Indian cricket board official, meanwhile, turned against the tide and gave a clean chit to South African cricketers

Saturday. "This is not fair, the players they have mentioned. (Pieter) Strydom and (Henry) Williams, You know (they played) one match each, they played in the last match at Nagpur and the series was not at stake at all," India's Secretary of the Cricket Board, Jaywant Lele, told the Star TV network.

"Where is the question (of fixing the match)? This is all rubbish," Lele said. "Hansie Cronje has made runs in every

match." See page 14