Competition-128

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Competition closes at 8 pm April 14, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

Who is the number one women's tennis player? Hingis Davenport Who won the United Insurance IM

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Who was adjudged man-of-theseries in the West Indies-Zimbabwe Test? Walsh

Who are the First Division cricked champions? Dhanmondi Y Cricketers | Khelaghar

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Saurav Ganguly

(India cricket captain) "We could have done much better but that's history now. Let's forget about it". About India's poor showing

in Sharjah.

Restaurant to abandon him

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 12: A South African restaurant chain said on Tuesday it was ending a multi-million rand advertising contract with disgraced cricket captain Hansie Cronje, reports Reuters.

Allen Ambor, executive chairman of Spur restaurant group, said he was saddened by Cronje.

"We are going to have to end our relationship and probably end it permanently, and end it with great sadness and in the hope that he (Cronje) can come out of this with something for his future," Ambor told Reuters.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) said Cronje had accepted \$10,000 to \$15.000 from bookmakers during the triangular home series with Zimbabwe and England in January.

The UCBSA said it had withdrawn Cronje from the national team for the threematch limited overs series against Australia starting in Durban on Wednesday.

Vice-captain Shaun Pollock will lead the side instead.

Australia 238 for nine

DURBAN, Apr 12: Australia scored 238 for nine off 50 overs in the first one-day international against South Africa at Kingsmead today, reports Reuters.

Nat'l athletics begin today

The 26th national athletics championship, organised by Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation, begins at the Shere-Bangla National Stadium in

Mirpur today, reports UNB. State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader will inaugurate the three-day meet at 3 pm while State Minister for Shipping Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury Maya will be the chief guest at the closing function on Saturday at 5 pm.

Column One MSC's squeaky win

Sports Reporter

Premier League

Mohammedan

Sporting Club

survived yet an-

other top order

collapse to regis-

ter a five-wicket

victory over min

nows Wari Club in a Premier

Division cricket league clash at

of 127 in 50 overs, the popular

ets for only 56 runs in 8.1 overs

before veteran Sri Lankan

Tillekeratne and young Nasirul

Alam shared a 74-run unbeaten

partnership for the sixth wicket

whirlwind start by notching up

24 runs in the first two overs,

but once Sri Lankan opener

Duleep Samaraweera, who

scored 18 off 13 balls with four

boundaries, was bowled by War-

i's right arm seamer Zakir

Hasan in the third over, Mo-

hammedan four more batsmen

before in the same Zakir over

while his new-ball partner

Montu then dismissed one-

down Rafique(5), also lbw, in

Rashid(11) and Sri Lankan

middle order Ruwan Kalpage

(12) gave some steadiness to

Mohammedan innings with a

26-run stand. But when both

were dismissed in successive

overs. Mohammedans were in

broken stand between left

handed Tillekeratne and right

handed Nasirul which pulled Mohammedan out of danger.

Tillekeratne remained uncon-

qured on 44 inclusive of eight boundaries. On the other hand,

Neeyamur scored 27 off 47 balls

Earlier, electing to bat, Wari

were bundled out for 127 in the

face of some inspirational

bowling from captain Athar Ali

Khan who returned with four

for 14 from his ten excellent

overs. He was ably helped by left

arm spinner Mohammad

Rafique who took two wickets

For Wari, middle order

Mahbubur Rahman scored an

unbeaten 41 followed by opener

Anup Kumar Biswas who added

raised their tally to 12 points

while Wari suffered their eighth

defeat in the league against two

today because of the opposition

In tomorrow's matches, Bi-

man will take on Surjo Tarun

Club at the Bangabandhu Na-

tional Stadium while Brothers

called day-long hartal.

No matches will be played

It was Mohammedan's sixth

Then came the timely un-

In his 75-ball patient knock,

Crisis man Neeyamur

Rashedul (2) was trapped leg

Mohammedan made a

Motijheel outfit lost five wick-

Chasing a paltry Wari total

the Bangabandhu National Sta-

dium yesterday.

to guide them home.

in next six overs.

the following over.

no mans land.

with three fours.

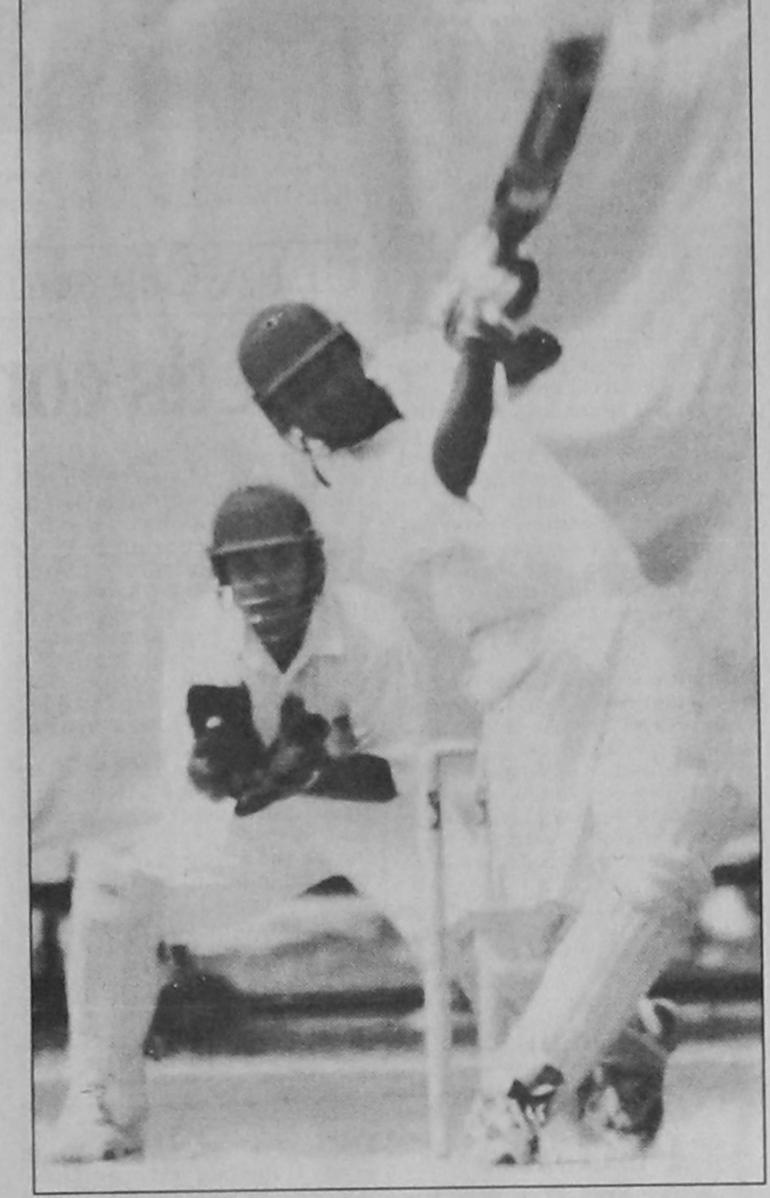
for 28 off nine.

32 runs.

wins so far.

MSC v Wari

Shahidul	4	0	24
Neeyamur	3	0	13
Athar	10	3	14
Kalpage	10	2	22
Rafique	9	0	28



Neeyamur Rashid of Mohammedan plays a lofted off-drive during their Premier Division Cricket League encounter against Wari at the Bangabandhu National Stadium -Star photo yesterday.

Division Cricket League match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Wari Club at the Bangabandhu National Sta-

dium yesterday: WARI CLUB

Anup c Mortuza b Athar win in ten matches which Ramanayeke lbw b Shahidul Sharfuddowla run out Mapatuna lbw b Athar Halim Shah c Mortuza b Athar Mahbub not out Omar Ibw b Athar Nasim b Rafique Gamagee lbw b Kalpage

Montu st Mortuza b Rafique Zakir run out Extras: (lb-3, nb-1, w-4) Total: (All out in 44.2 overs) 12

Union Club will face Gopibagh Fall of wickets: 1-10: 2-48: 48: 4-63: 5-64: 6-77: 7-78: 8-116 Friends Association at the 9-127 Bowler Monjurul

Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the Premier

MOHAMMEDAN SC Samaraweera b Zakir

Rashedul Ibw b Zakir Rafique lbw b Montu

Neeyamur c Mapatuna b Sharfuddowla Kalpage lbw b Montu Nasirul not out Tillekeratne not out Extras: (nb-6, w-5) Total: (For 5 wkts in 28 overs)

Did not bat: Athar Ali Khan, Golam Mortuza, Monjurl Islam and Shahidul Islam

Bowler	0	M	R	V
Zakir ·	5	0	31	
Montu	7	0	45	
Sharfuddowla	6	3	11	
Mapatuna	2	0	10	
Nasim	4	1	19	
Halim Shah	4	0	14	

Scholastica win a thriller

Sports Reporter

ANZ Grindlays National School Cricket

Scholastica School pulled off a sensational tie-match victory over Jatrabari Bidyut Unnayan Board (BUB) High School by virtue of losing fewer wickets in one of the three Dhaka Zone matches of the ANZ Grindlays 18th National Schools Cricket Championship at different city venues yester-

The reputed Englishmedium school, defending a fighting total of 183 for seven in the stipulated 35 overs, were almost docked by a determined BUB captain Nuruzzaman, who set the Mirpur Outer Stadium alight with a power-packed unbeaten 42. But his effort only enabled BUB to level the scores at the end of their share of 35 overs, for the loss of one more wicket than Scholastica.

With BUB needing 31 runs from the last 12 deliveries, Nuruzzaman almost pulled off an intriguing finish when he clubbed a couple of sixes in the penultimate over that produced 21 runs. BUB needed four runs from the last two deliveries for a win but could only manage three to tie the scores.

But the BUB captain alleged that the umpire disallowed

ERRATUM

what he said was his third sixer

It was mentioned in the Star Sport yesterday that Abahani recorded their tenth successive win in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League on Tuesday. In fact, that was Abahani's ninth victory in a row. The inadvertent mistake is regretted. -Sports Editor

in the second last over and thus claimed that the scorer also robbed them the victory. "It was certainly a six. The the winning target. ball fell outside the rope as a

fielder on the edge of the boundary failed to take it," said the class ten student of BUB. was a six or a four. The BUB students, who

staged protest in front of the BCB office last evening for what they termed biased umpiring. BRIEF SCORES.

Scholastica vs Jatrabari **BUB High School** Venue: Mirpur Outer Sta

SCHOLASTICA: 183 for 7 wickets in 35 overs (Shamser 31, Faruque 30, Ryan 24, Azimul 16 not out; Tutul 3/26, Nuruzzaman

2/36.) JATRABARI BUB: 183 for 8 wickets in 35 overs (Babu 49. Nuruzzaman 42 not out; Fahadur 3/31, Labib 3/28.) Result: Scholastica won by virtue of losing fewer wick-

Willes Little Flower vs City Laboratory. Venue: Dhanmondi Club

ground. CITY LABORATORY: 141 all out in 33.2 overs (Raihan 23, Amir 20, Salim 20, Extras 47; Rakeeb 3/18, Rubel 2/9). WILLES LITTLE FLOWER 142 for 6 wickets in 24.5 overs (Mehrab 34, Rajib 34 Shah Alam 4/49, Mamun

Result: Willes Little Flower school won by 4 wickets. Naila Memorial School vs West Dhanmondi School. Venue: Uttara Friends Club

ground WEST DHANMONDI: 97 all out in 27.4 overs (Riaz 15; Sohel 4/26, Ali 2/21). NAILA MEMORIAL: 103 for 2

wickets in 20.2 overs (Farhad 35 not out, Rony 19; Shajib 2/16). Result: Naila Memorial School won by 8 wickets.

misled them regarding setting

Meanwhile, Imran Sarwar, the coach of Scholastica said The Daily Star over telephone that he was not sure weather it "It was a tough call for the

umpire to judge because there was no rope on the boundary line. Besides, a lot of students were crowding along the boundary at that time. More importantly, it is impossible for the two umpires to control such volatile situation now being created even in a school-level match. I think the Board should send a representative to look after such situations.

Meanwhile, the umpires reported that the students of BUB have misbehaved with them on the field. They also reported the match.

Meanwhile, in the other matches of the day, Willes Little Flower School recorded a fourwicket win over City Laboratory at the Dhanmondi Club ground and Naila Memorial thumped down an eight-wicket defeat on West Dhanmondi School at the Uttara Friends' Club ground.

Our Rajshahi Correspondent adds: Rajshahi Collegiate School became champions in the Rajshahi Regional leg. Played at Rajshahi District Stadium on Tuesday, the win-

ners defeated Loknath High School by six wickets. Winning the toss, Loknath batted first and collected 44

runs for all in 12 overs. Bikash made the highest 12 runs followed by 9 from Nirala. In reply, Rajshahi Collegiate international cricket and made 47 for four wickets in 9.1 overs. Ratul made the highest

not-out 17 followed by 10 from Jony of the winners team was adjudged man-of-the-

Sports Reporter Favourites Biman maintained their domination in the local table tennis arena when they lifted three team titles in the silver jubilee table tennis tournament at the NSC wooden

floor gymnasium yesterday. Biman won the men's team final 3-0 against Dhaka, the women's team final 3-0 against Narail and the boy's final against Narail also by an identical margin.

Biman will have a chance to make a clean sweep if they can win the boy's team final against Narail at the same venue today.

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, Apr 12: Western Club outplayed Mukta Bihanga Pathagar by 9 wickets while Baidyapara Probaha Club defeated Iqbal Smriti Cricket Club by six wickets in the First Division Cricket League here at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today.

Winning the toss, Mukta Bihanga decided to bat and scored 106 runs losing all the wickets in 22.2 overs.

In reply, Western made 110 losing only one wicket in 23.1 overs.

Nayan took 5 wickets giving only 16 runs and was adjudged man-of-the-match. In the other match, batting

first Iqbal Smriti collected 153 runs losing all the wickets in 32.1 overs. In reply, Baidyapara scored 158 runs for 4 wickets in 28.1

overs. Fakirbari Club will face Young Stars Club and New Rising Stars to face Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Students Union Club at the same venue tomor-

JU cricket

JU Correspondent

Department of History moved into the final in the inter-department cricket tournament of the Jahangirnagar University defeating Department of Archaeology by 65 runs at the university central playground today.

Winning the toss, History decided to bat first and collected 132 runs losing all wickets in 27 overs

Dipak scored 47 and Shamim 28. Mukti bagged three wickets

for 29 and Japan two for 32. Chasing a target of 133, Archaeology were bundled out for 67 runs. Japan contributed the highest 17.

Dipak bagged three wickets for 10 while Chayon and Subhra two wickets each for 13 and 12 runs respectively. Dipak of History was ad-

judged man-of-the-match. History will face Department of Government and Politics in the final.

Barry suggests life bans for match fixers

SYDNEY, Apr 12: South African cricket great Barry Richards has called on the International Cricket Council (ICC) to impose life bans on players found guilty of matchfixing, reports Reuters.

Richards said he was stunned by South African captain Hansie Cronje's admission that he accepted money from an Indian bookmaker. Cronje has denied match

fixing but Richards said the scandal had seriously tarnished the game's international image and it was up to the ICC to take action. "It's hard to know where to

go from here from a cricket point of view and a South African cricket point of view, Richards who now lies in Australia told reporters today. "If anybody is found guilty of

fixing cricket matches, there is nothing else that the world body can do except ban that person for life." Richards was considered one

of the world's outstanding batsmen of the 1960s and 70s but was restricted to just four that some of the BUB players | test match appearances when manhandled the scorer after | South African teams were banned from world sport because of the government's racist policies.

He spent the remainder of his career playing first-class cricket mostly in England and | Australia

He had retired by the time South Africa were readmitted to world cricket in 1992 and said the Cronje affair had thrown South African cricket into turmoil.

"Obviously it is going to put them in a bit of disarray because there are other players involved and nothing has been said about those as yet," he said. "At this point in time, to my knowledge, they are still

members of the team so that's going to be a difficult one in "The impact is serious on cricket and sport as a whole I

"I suppose we all view sport and sports people as relatively squeaky clean. I'm not sure that that's exactly right because everybody is a human being."

Biman rule Silver Jubilee TT Sports Reporter Tareq inspires Bima

Sports Reporter

Premier League

An all-round per-

formance from

Taregur Rahman

steered Sadharan

Bima Krira

Sangstha a three-

wicket win over

Agrani Bank in a Premier

Division cricket league en-

Cricket Stadium yesterday. Tareq, the Delhi based all-

counter at the Dhanmondi

rounder, took three for 40 in the

morning session to help his

197 in 44.5 overs. The right

then smashed a brilliant 64 as

match winning knock which

Singh before he was caught be-

former Ranji Trophy player

scored 44 of 62 balls with one

six and five fours. Among oth-

ers, opener Mintu also scored

44(79 balls) inclusive of six

Bank mustered 197 before being

hind off a Mridul delivery.

for seven in 44.5 overs.

boundaries.

boundaries.

all out in 44.5 overs.

Agrani Bank v S Bima

Pakistani middle order Nakib Shahin Malik topscored with Faruk 70 off 87 balls with eight fours Hasan followed by skipper Ziauddin Rezwan Ahmed who chipped in with 45. Rajinder For Bima, Tareq apart Tareq Rezwanul also bagged three wickets for 30 runs while Hasan Kamol

side bowl out Agrani Bank for captured two for 35. Bima, with yesterday's win handed middle order batsman raised their account to eight points from ten matches. On the the insurance-men reached 201 other hand, it was the ninth defeat for the bankers in ten Tareq faced 65 balls for his matches.

SCOREBOARD

included a huge six and six Scoreboard of the Premier Coming to bat at number five Division Cricket League match between Sadharan Bima Krira with Bima on 84 for three in Sangstha and Wari Club at the 21.1 overs, Tareq shared a 75run fourth wicket partnership Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

with compatriot Rajinder yesterday. AGRANI BANK Faisal c Kamol b Nakib Rajinder, the right handed A Hanif c Kamol b Hasan Sailad lbw b Rezwan Mofizul b Rajinder S Malik c Kamol B Hasan Mridul c & b Tareq Ziauddin c Kamol b Tareq Imran lbw b Rezwan Earlier, put into bat, Agrani Mofizur c Gary b Tareq Mosaddek Ibw b Rezwan Russell not out

Extras: (lb-5, nb-5, w-8) Total: (All out in 44.4 overs) 197 Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-33; 3-37: 4-82: 5-89: 6-169: 7-189: 9-

Tashriq SADHARAN BIMA KS Ismail c Mofizur b Russell Faruk lbw b Mofizur Selim c & b Mosaddek

Tashriqul c Imran b Mosaddek Kamol c Mofizul b Russell Rezwan not out Hasan not out Extras: (lb-1, nb-2, w-5) Total: (For 7 wkts in 44.5 overs) 201

Rajinder lbw b Imran

Tareq st Sajjad b Mridul

Did not bat: Gary and Nakib Haider. Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-44; 3-84: 4-159: 5-179: 6-192: 7-197. Bowler Mofizur S Malik Mosaddek Imran Russell Mridul

Result: Sadharan Bima won by three wickets.



THE PICTURE SAYS IT ALL: The front pages of some South African newspapers yesterday.

From glory to gutters



Apr 12 (AFP): If ever there was a cricketer thought to be the unlikeliest player to admit to being

"dishonest" it would have been South African cricket captain and devout Christian Hansie Cronje.

image was shattered when he the allegations. was sacked by the United Cricket Board (UCB) for the upcoming home one-day series against Australia for being 'dishonest' with them over his activities in India last month.

Coming in the light of match-fixing allegations levelled at him and three teammates by the New Delhi police last Friday it will send shockwaves round world cricket because Cronje was considered to be a paragon of virtue.

Thus it will be with profound shock that not just South African cricket fans and teammates but his international opponents and their supporters must be feeling at his sacking.

Conflicting immediate reports muddled the waters after a press conference on Tuesday by UGC chief Ali Bacher who said Cronje had been paid between 10.000 and 15,000 dollars during a triangular series in South Africa for "providing information and forecast but not match-fixing."

However Cronje himself said in a statement issued through Sports Minister Ngconde Balfour in Cape Town that "I never received any financial re-

The allegations about Cronje, whose position had looked in doubt after a series of disappointing batting performances and criticism that he was too cautious a captain, and three other South African players came to light in New Delhi last Friday following a recent one-day international series in

India. New Delhi Additional Police Commissioner K.K. Paul said charges of criminal conspiracy had been filed against Cronje and teammates Herschelle

Gibbs, Nicky Boje and Pieter Strydom.

The South African team completed a tour of India last month, winning both matches of a Test series but losing a oneday series 3-2. Paul claimed the one-day matches had been "-

"Cronje is known for his unquestionable integrity and honesty," said Bacher had said However, on Tuesday that in the immediate aftermath of

Bacher, who has continually stood behind Cronje despite the criticism of his captaincy style. must be the most disappointed man of all after he received the early morning call on Tuesday from Cronje to tell him that he had not been totally straight with him about his behaviour on the tour of India.

Cronje is the longest-serving captain in international cricket and was poised to become only the second captain in world cricket history to lead his year. team to 100 wins in international limited-overs matches. Cronje has led South Africa

to 99 wins against only 35 dematch tied and three others abandoned without a result. Former Australian captain Allan Border gained 107 wins

from 178 matches. Cronje, 30, has also been South Africa's most successful Test captain, with 27 wins and only 11 defeats from 53 matches. A highlight of his career was the series victory in India, a feat not achieved by a

visiting side for 13 years. Brought up in an Afrikaansspeaking home in Bloemfontein, the capital of the central Free State province, Cronje is known for his religious convictions - and his appetite for

winning. In an interview in the South African Sunday Times in December 1998, Cronje said South African players had too much pride in their own performance to contemplate accepting bribes to influence results.

Cronje admitted that he was approached in Mumbai at the end of the 1996-97 tour of India with an offer 'for me and the team to make a lot of money."

The South African captain received a telephone call in his hotel room on the eve of a benefit match for Mohinder Amarnath. Cronje told the caller he

"To be honest, I'm not sure

whether he was a bookmaker or just a member of the public. We didn't get to the point of discussing any details. Cronje raised the issue at a team meeting. "We basically laughed it off," he said, "but we

was not interested.

did agree as a team that we would never be open to any such "One of the things that makes me proud to play for South Africa is the team spirit and the knowledge that every member of the side will always try his best to win for his coun-

Cronje admitted to sleepless nights after South Africa were eliminated in the World Cup semifinal against Australia in Birmingham, Englacid, last

The match ended in a tie after a mix-up led to a run-out of the last South African batsman, Allan Donald, with two feats in 138 matches, with one balls still remaining. Australia went through to the final on run rate, taking the trophy

when they beat Pakistan. There was controversy at the start of the 1999-2000 season when Cronje was put on probation by the selectors, who appointed him for only half the

In retaliation, he accepted an offer to coach Glamorgan in the English county championship during the 2000 season, which would have meant missing South Africa's tour of Sri Lanka in July and August. After discussions with

Bacher, Cronje decided to back out of the Glamorgan deal and he was subsequently appointed for the full season. He has been offered a new two-year deal by the UCB. In his most recent comment on Cronje's captaincy, selection

convenor Rushdi Magiet said earlier this month: "We are very happy with our captain.

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