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## Column One

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- Who is South Africa's cricket captain?  
Kirsten Gibbs Pollock
- Who was the man-of-the-match in the Asia vs World Eleven cricket match?  
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### SPORTS TALK



**Anna Kournikova**  
(Russian tennis star)  
"I never said I was engaged or was planning to get married, because I have no such plans."

### Second day washed out

LONDON, Apr 29: Rain completely washed out the second day of Zimbabwe's first tour match of England against Hampshire at Southampton on Friday, reports AFP.

Zimbabwe pace bowlers Pom Mbangwa and Neil Johnson each took four wickets on the opening day Thursday.

Weakened Hampshire, without Shane Warne and four other first-team regulars, were shot out for just 131 in the 54th over after their captain Robin Smith had lost the toss.

Mbangwa was the most successful of the Zimbabwean bowlers, taking an impressive four for 19 from 16 overs while Johnson also gave little away, ending with four for 28.

### Dalmiya to sue Aggarwal

CALCUTTA, Apr 29: President of the International Cricket Council Jagmohan Dalmiya yesterday decided to file a criminal defamation suit against Prasara Bharati's former financial expert Arun Aggarwal for accusing him of striking "dubious deals" while awarding telecasting rights and threatening to "expose the persons hiding behind him".

My solicitors have been advised to go ahead with criminal and other proceedings against Arun Aggarwal," Dalmiya told a press conference here.

The ICC president, however, decided not to take legal action against Prasara Bharati.

### Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent  
RAJSHAH, Apr 29: Diganta Prasari Sangha defeated Alide Club 5-0 in the Rajshahi First Division Super League football at the local stadium today.

Royal scored twice in the 15th and 65th minutes.

Ripon made a hat-trick in the 25th, 34th and 48th minutes.

Diganta Prasari collected six points from three matches and Alide earned two points from four matches.

Abahani Krira Chakra will take on Helonabad Colony tomorrow.

## Pakistan power prevails

Sports Reporter



Mohammed Hussain bowled International XI to a comprehensive five-wicket win over CCDM (Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan) XI in an exhibition match to mark the centenary celebration of Wari Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Pakistani left-arm spinner claimed five wickets for only 19 runs as the virtual Bangladesh team, electing to bat after winning the toss, capitulated after an inspiring start only to finish with a moderate total of 182 for nine in the reduced 38-over-a-side affair.

The overseas selection made up of mainly Pakistani cricketers then rattled up 184 for five with three overs to spare. Any thought of a contest was dashed after a terrific assault from discarded Pakistani opener Selim Elahi, who scored a blazing 66 off only 39 balls.

The match turned out to be a disappointment for a few thousand home supporters, who thronged at the big bowl. It was also equally disappointing for Akram Khan, who led Abahani to record 12 consecutive wins in the Premier League but failed to motivate the national team after being entrusted with the responsibility ahead of regular captain Aminul Islam.

Although intended as a friendly fixture the performance of the national cricketers ahead of the Asia Cup against a professional, and to some extent a strong Pakistan selection, only exposed their regular trait.

CCDM got off to a promising start with opener Shahriar Hossain and one-down Habibul Bashir producing 91 runs for the second wicket. But then they suffered a spectacular collapse after Shahriar departed for a fluent 66 off 98 balls.

Shahriar hammered three fours and a couple of sixes in one expensive over of Pakistani leg-spinner Manzoor Elahi.

Although Shahriar's wicket brought together veterans Aminul and Akram, but both fell playing rash shots; interestingly they were dropped on nought and eventually trudged back to the dressing room, offering comfortable catches in the deep.

National vice-captain Khaled Mahmud scored an aggressive 21 off 19 balls unfortunately it was too short to enjoy.

Rafique, promoted ahead of in-form batsman Khaled Mahmud, hit Rajesh Chauhan's first ball for a six but the Indian off-spinner clean bowled him with the next delivery.

While the batting department lacked a disciplined effort, the bowling looked ordinary when up against quality batting despite an early breakthrough.

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National right-arm seamer Hasibul Hossain sent back pinch-hitter Mohammed Hussain for a first-ball duck, but Selim Elahi quashed any sniff of victory with a flurry of shots at the other end.

The right-hander was so hostile against the left-right combination of Hasibul and Monjurul it forced Akram to bring on Mahmud in the fifth over. But the Elahi thunder continued and the medium-pace conceded 16 runs in his first over and was never asked to bowl again.

Off-spinner Naimur Rahman should have had the marauding Pakistani caught twice in his opening over. But that was not to be happen as clumsy Safiuddin Ahmed and experienced Enamul Hoque spilled chances in the space of three deliveries.

When Enamul dropped Elahi at mid-on and looked upped in a way as if the sun was there.

In fact, it was a case of all the Bangladeshi fielders suffering from butter-fingers as two more catches went a begging. Akram, who led the way by dropping a sharp chance at point, said later: "It is a catch for only Jonty Rhodes."

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Gazi Tank exhibition match between CCDM Eleven and International Eleven at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

**CCDM XI**

Sahriar b M Hussain	66
Naimur c Imran b M Elahi	12
Bashir c Salim b Imran	37
Aminul c sub b M Hussain	9
Akram c Imran b M Akhter	1
K Mahmud c Rehman b M Hussain	21
Rafique lbw b Chauhan	13
K Masood b Hussain	3
Enamul not out	1
Hasibul st Abid b M Hussain	2
Monjurul not out	1
Extras: (b-3, lb-2, nb-1, w-10)	16
Total: (For 9 wickets in 38 overs)	182
Fall of wickets: 1/21; 2/112; 3/135; 4/140; 5/141; 6/166; 7/175; 8/179; 9/181	

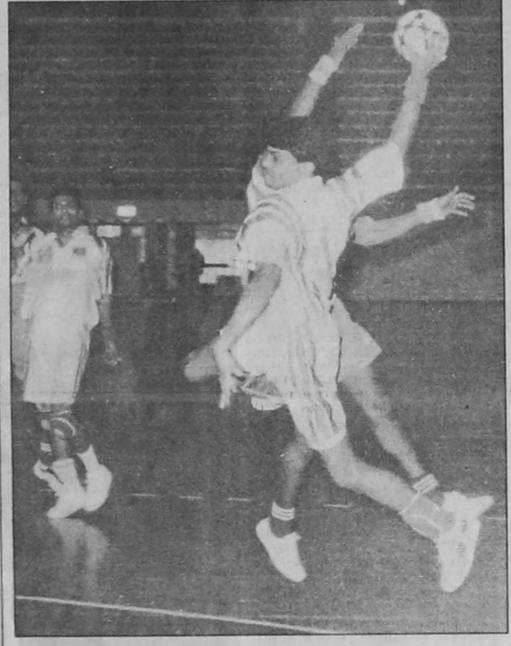
**Bowler**

Sahid Nazir	5	0	24	0
Manzoor Elahi	5	0	21	1
R Chauhan	6	0	23	1
A Rehman	5	0	25	0
Manzoor Akhter	8	0	54	1
Imran Farhat	2	0	11	1
M Hussain	7	3	19	5

**INTERNATIONAL XI**

S Elahi c Rafique b Enamul	69
Hussain c Rafique b Hasibul	0

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A Bangladesh attack in front of the Indian goal during the men's encounter of the second South Asian Handball Championships at the National Indoor Stadium yesterday.

## No hard feelings for Lewis



LONDON, Apr 29: Leicestershire all-rounder Chris Lewis said Friday that he had no regrets about pitching England into the match-fixing scandal, reports AFP.

Lewis was criticised by English Cricket Board chairman Lord MacLaurin after it was decided that there was not enough evidence to substantiate Lewis' claims that three England Test stars had taken money from an Indian businessman.

While accepting the findings of the inquiry, the Lewis camp were stunned by MacLaurin's statement which implied that the player had refused to cooperate when the allegations first came to light last August.

Lewis' agent Gareth James challenged the ECB to release notes made during a meeting between the two parties at the start of the investigation -- where it was claimed that an agreement was reached that Lewis should not name the men involved.

Lord MacLaurin on Friday defended international teams director Simon Pack -- whose conduct during the saga was

condemned by James -- as a man of integrity, adding that the notes of the meeting were private and would not be released.

Lewis however remains tainted by the events of the last two weeks, but is adamant that his actions were correct.



**CHRIS LEWIS**  
"I told the truth and whether people choose to believe that is up to them," he told the Press Association.

"I am extremely comfortable with what I have done but it seems as though people want to play politics."

"I have said my piece and told the authorities exactly what happened at the time.

"Really, there is nothing more to add now other than get into name calling and I do not see the worth in that."

MacLaurin said that no action would be taken against Lewis for his public pronouncements, although the ECB clearly with the player had kept his mouth shut.

A Scotland Yard investigation into the approach made to Lewis and New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming is proceeding. And, unless MacLaurin relents and releases the evidence which James believes will clear his client's name, it seems this part of the match-fixing scandal will be laid to rest.

"I am not disappointed about what has been said, it is life," shrugged Lewis as he prepared for the third day of his county's championship clash against Derbyshire.

"What people do now is up to them."

"I am not concerned about what the ECB are doing. I have told my story as it happened, I am happy with my conduct and there is nothing else to add."

## Lucky Lions, Bafana Bafana

ZURICH, Apr 29: Cameroon and South Africa were the winners and Morocco the losers when the group draw for the World Cup African zone qualifying competition was made here Friday, reports AFP.

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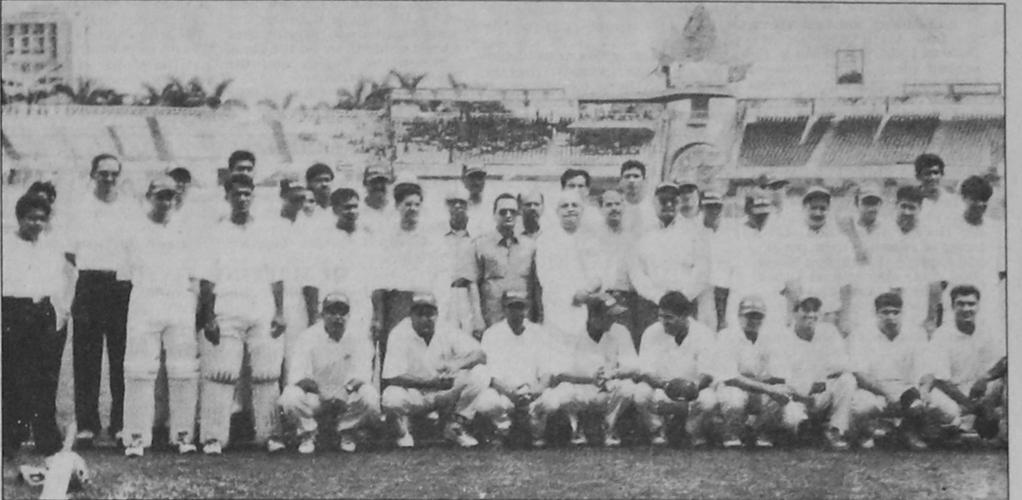
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Players of both CCDM Eleven and International Eleven along with guests and officials pose for a photograph before the start of the exhibition cricket match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

### Cricket from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League, scheduled for resumption today after a six-day recess, suffered yet another setback.

According to a press release issued late last night, the League will now resume on May 1. The decision to defer the League for one more day came as a result of heavy rain that lashed the city last night.

The League came to a grinding halt on April 24 after showers washed out the scheduled match between Kalabagan and Brothers Union.

Kalabagan and Brothers will start afresh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow. While Agrani Bank will take on City Club in a Relegation League fixture at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

### India dictate Day Two

Sports Reporter

Holders India ruled the court on the second day of the 2nd South Asian Handball Championships at the Mirpur National Indoor Stadium yesterday.

But not before a tough challenge for hosts Bangladesh, who gave their more colourful neighbours a scare before going down fighting 23-26 in the men's section.

India got off to a flying start with a crushing 43-4 goal defeat on Nepal, who also conceded a heavy 17-4 defeat on the women's side against India.

After an easy sail against the unimpressive team from the Himalayan kingdom, India needed to flex their muscles to the extreme in a keenly-contested game with a spirited Bangladesh side.

Bangladesh held India to 12-12 at the breather. But experience eventually prevailed over exuberance with India winning the thriller by the scruff of the neck.

### Match-fixing meeting

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### Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAH, Apr 29: Rajpara Club defeated Ogrudut Club by 20 runs in the second Siraj Memorial Kishor cricket tournament at Medical Campus ground today.

A sparkling 82 by Zubair paved Rajpara's way to earn this thrilling victory. The winners made 159 for six in the stipulated 25 overs while taking strike first.

Simon took three wickets for 13.

In reply, Ogrudut made 139 for nine in 25 overs.

## CBI, police probes different



NEW DELHI, Apr 29: Sports Minister Sukhdev Singh Dinda yesterday clarified that the CBI probe into match-fixing in cricket ordered by the government earlier in the day will be separate from the Delhi police investigation already on into the Hansie Cronje affair, reports PTI.

The CBI inquiry will be different from the one being conducted by Delhi Police. CBI will look into allegations of match-fixing in Indian cricket while Delhi police is investigating the Hansie Cronje affair. They are both separate," Dinda told reporters after a meeting of the 2006 Asian Games Bid Committee at the National Stadium here.

The minister called on all players, present and past, to provide all the information they have regarding match-fixing in India to CBI and said the government will provide protection to those giving information.

Regarding time frame for the CBI probe, Dinda said no such period could be set as the probe would be extensive. "But we would like it to be completed at the earliest possible," he said.

Asked about his meeting in the morning with Manoj Prabhakar, who first raised the issue of match-fixing by alleging that a teammate had offered him 25,000 dollars to play poorly in a match, Dinda said he told the former India all-rounder it was high time he came out with names and offered full protection in case Prabhakar feared for his life.

"Though I did not tell him anything about the CBI inquiry, he offered his cooperation for any probe into the matter Dinda said," skirting a direct question whether Prabhakar had told the name of the player who made the offer to throw the match.

Asked whether the former and present India players, whom he met here yesterday, had given him any information about any approach to them by



**SUKHDEV DINDA**

bookies. Dinda said they only talked about ways to improve Indian performance.

Regarding former BCCI president Inderjit Singh Bindra's statement about receiving threatening calls after his allegations of Indian players' involvement in match-fixing, Dinda said government will provide protection to all those people who come up with evi-

### MUTHIAH FOR FAST INVESTIGATION

Indian cricket board chief AC Muthiah yesterday said the CBI probe into match-fixing allegations in cricket was in keeping with the board's demand and hoped Sports Minister Dinda would fix a time-frame for the investigations to be completed.

Welcoming the government decision announced yesterday, Muthiah said BCCI's demand at the meeting called by Dinda in New Delhi on Thursday was also for CBI to conduct the probe.

"BCCI's demand in the meeting was a CBI inquiry and I had pledged at the meeting to the minister that BCCI would cooperate to the hilt with the government and its agency inquiring into the allegations. We want to put an end to these (allegations)," he said in Chennai.

"I also welcome the minister's statement in parliament that those who make ill-founded allegations must be exposed," Muthiah said.

He said fixing a time-frame to the inquiry would help bring culprits to the book speedily and also enable the players perform without any pressure.

"I hope the minister would fix a time-frame for the CBI inquiry soon as it would help bring the culprits to book and relieve the innocents sooner and also get the cloud over the issue cleared."

"Above all, a time-frame would give our players the freedom and strength to perform to their potential unhindered," he added.

## Tourists have an edge



GEORGETOWN, Apr 29: An 86-run third-wicket stand between Sylvester Joseph and Azeemul Haniff led a West Indies Under-23 lightbulb against Pakistan at the Uvltugut on the second of their four-day, first-class cricket match here on Friday, reports AFP.

Joseph has so far topped scored with 45 and Haniff was un-

beaten on 38 as the Windies Under-23s reached 119 for four at the close on a rain-shortened day, replying to Pakistan's first innings total of 299.

The entire period between lunch and tea was lost to rain that cut more than three hours playing time. It was enough time however, for Pakistan to bowl themselves into a favourable position after they lost their last four wickets for 38.

Left-arm fast bowler Pedro Collins, who has played three Tests for West Indies, captured overnight batsmen Yusuf Youhana (81) and Mushtaq Ahmed (39) to end their seventh-wicket stand of 74.

Fast-medium bowler Kerry Jeremy was the Under-23s' best bowler with three wickets for 46 runs from 18.1 overs. Collins, off-spin bowler Ryan Cunningham and leg-spin bowler Camillus Alexander all ended with two wickets.

The Under-23s suffered an early setback when captain Darren Ganga, who has four Tests for West Indies, was caught behind off Mohammed Akram and were 29 for two when Runako Morton was lbw to leg-spin bowler Mushtaq Ahmed.

Joseph and Haniff added substance to their side's innings in the final period of the day, but the wickets of Joseph and left-hander Ryan Hinds in the space of one run hurt the Under-23s.



Scene from the Bangladesh-India women's match of the second South Asian Handball Championships yesterday.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day first-class cricket match between the West Indies Under-23s and Pakistan at the Uvltugut Community Centre on Friday:

**PAKISTAN:** First innings (overnight 261/6)

Wastu c Phillip b Cunningham	26
Younis lbw b Jeremy	3
M Wasim c Joseph b Jeremy	59
Youshana c Samuels b Collins	81
Afridi c Hinds b Samuels	10
Nazir lbw b Alexander	26
Saqin lbw b Alexander	20
Mushtaq c Samuels b Collins	39
Arshad b Cunningham	1
M Akram lbw b Jeremy	6
Shabbir Ahmed not out	38
Extras: (b-14, lb-2, w-2, nb-10)	28
Total: (All out in 104.1 overs)	299

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-102, 3-112, 4-136, 5-187, 6-193, 7-267, 8-273, 9-273

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Collins	20	2	63	2
Jeremy	18.1	4	46	3
Joseph	8	1	27	0
Alexander	16	1	48	2
Cunningham	26	8	58	2
Samuels	14	3	28	1

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