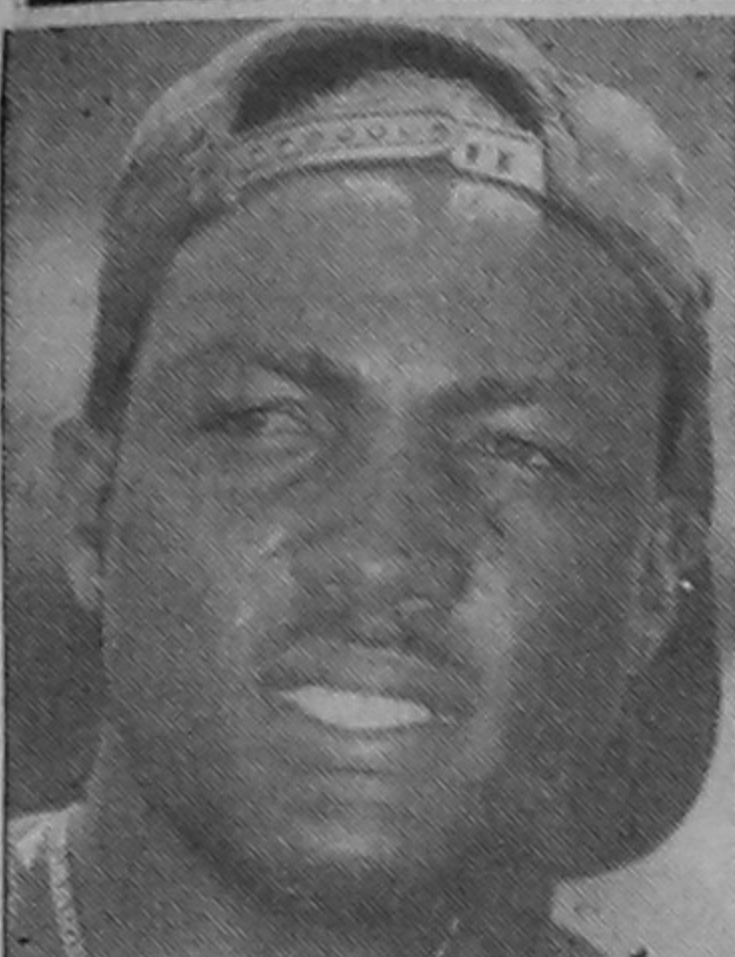


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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Brian Lara

(West Indies master batsman) It is completely false to state that I have been paid additional money as an inducement to tour England with the West Indies team.

Denying a newspaper report that said extra money was paid to tour England this summer.

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- Which Kiwi batsman hit 214 on his Test debut against West Indies?
Sinclear Fleming Crowe
- Which country won the four-nation football tourney in Maldives?
Sri Lanka Bangladesh India
- Who won the national chess title this year?
Refaat Zia Tipu

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Lanka confirm SA schedule

COLOMBO, May 16 (Internet): Sri Lanka will play six one-day internationals and three Tests in South Africa in December this year.

ITINERARY

- Dec 12-14: vs Eastern Province
- Dec 17: vs Kwa Zulu-Natal
- Dec 19-21: vs Kwa Zulu-Natal
- Dec 26-30: First Test, Durban
- Jan 2-6: 2nd Test, Cape Town
- Jan 9: 1st ODI, Paarl
- Jan 12: 2nd ODI, Port Elizabeth
- Jan 14: 3rd ODI, East London
- Jan 19-23: Third Test, Centurion
- Jan 26: 4th ODI, Johannesburg
- Jan 28: 5th ODI, Bloemfontein
- Jan 31: 6th ODI, Cape Town

RU football

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, May 16: Finance and Banking Department defeated Enamul Hoque 2-1 in the Rajshahi University inter-department football tournament played today at RU Stadium.

Magura cricket

From Our Correspondent MAGURA, May 16: Rising Star Club beat Sonali Sanna Club by 17 runs in the Econo Cricket-League match at the Magura Stadium today.

BRIEF SCORES

RISING STAR CLUB: 144 for 7 in 25 overs (Mijan-31), Monirul 27, Tuhin 3/25, Uttam 2/14
SONALI SAPNA CLUB: 127 all out in 24.2 overs (Kajal 24, Biplob 9, Uzzal 3/17, Rajib 3/28)

Rajshahi Div II cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, May 16: Friends Ideal Cricket Club and Appolo Cricket Club won their respective matches of the Rajshahi Second Division Qualifying Cricket League played today at Rajshahi Stadium.

Nat'l Championship kicked off

Sports Reporter



The Sher-e Bangla 21st National Football Championship commenced at different venues across the country yesterday. Four matches were decided on the inaugural day of the biggest football event, if not the most attractive.

At Barguna, Barisal got off to a flying start with a 3-1 victory over the hosts. The clash of the two southern districts came as a disappointment for the expectant home supporters when Barisal led Barguna by 2-0 at the breather.

Striker Milton drew the early blood with a 17th minute strike before Parvez struck the second goal exactly after 20 minutes. Barisal took an unassailable lead when Zakir drove home the third midway through the second session.

Faruq pulled one back for Barguna at the stroke of the final whistle. Earlier, State Minister for Food Dhirandra Nath

Shambhu declared the meet open.

The victory put Barisal at the top of Group B. They will take on Patuakhali in their final group league match tomorrow. Pirozpur, Bhola and Jhalokathi are competing in the other group. The top finishers from each group will lock horns in the final and the winners move to the 12-team final round.

The Noakhali Zone witnessed a goal drought as both the matches at the Majde Stadium ended in a barren draw after the DC of Feni inaugurated the meet in a colourful ceremony.

In the first match of the day, Feni shared honours with Khagrachari in a goal less draw. The only notable incident of a dull and insipid encounter was the sending off of Khagrachari custodian Kritirash.

The other match between Chandpur and Laxmipur also failed to break the evening's duck. The outcome left all the

four teams of Group A with one point each.

Chittagong, Bandarban, Cox's Bazar and Rangamati are competing in the other group.

Away at Moulavi Bazar, Sunamganj came from behind to pull off an exciting 2-1 win over the hosts.

Moulavi Bazar led the first half by a 26th goal from Mahmud. But a rejuvenated Sunamganj rallied back in the second session with Ritan Lal and Hossain scoring one each in space of eight minutes during the last quarter of the see-saw game.

Ritan levelled the score in the 72nd minute before Hossain stunned the hosts with a 80th minute winner.

Habibur Rahman, the DC of Sylhet, inaugurated the meet.

A total of 67 teams splitting into ten zones are taking part in preliminary round from where the zonal champions will advance in the 12-team final phase that includes defending champions Dhaka University and the hosts Noakhali.



Workers repairing the outfield of the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday for the Pepsi Asia Cup. —Star photo

Javed, Shamsul best among locals

Sports Reporter



Biman opener Javed Omar Belm emerged as the highest run scorer among the local batsmen in the Premier Division Cricket League which concluded yesterday.

Javed, the right handed batsman amassed 643 runs in

has hit a century and seven (The most by a Bangladeshi batsman) fifties.

Mohammedan top order Nasrull Alam came in third with 555 runs (Three fifties) followed by Brothers Union opener Ehsanul Haque who accumulated 549 runs, 30 runs more than his more illustrious teammate Shahriar Hossain.

Gopibagh captain Selim Shahed scored 520 runs with four fifties while Surjotarun's national wicketkeeper Khaled Masood is the other local batsman who scored more than five hundred runs in the Premier League.

In the bowling department,

Gopibagh Friend's left arm spinner Shamsul Huda took highest 26 wickets among the local bowlers. His best figures are six for 42 against Wari Club in their last match yesterday.

Shamsul is seven wickets shy of Abahani's Pakistani spinner Mohammed Hossain who topped the overall statistics with 33 wickets.

Mohammed's left arm spinner Mohammad Rafique has taken 25 wickets while Naimur Rahman of Abahani and Surjo Tarun's Enamul Hoque have 24 wickets each to their name.

Kalabagan finished with 23

BEST LOCAL PERFORMERS

BATSMEN									
Player	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	100s	50s	Ave	
Javed Omar (Biman)	16	16	2	643	102*	2	4	45.92	
Halim Shah (Wari)	16	16	1	615	79	-	7	41.00	
Nasrull Alam (MSC)	16	16	1	555	90	-	3	37.00	
Ehsanul Haque (BU)	15	15	2	549	98	-	5	42.23	
Shahriar Hossain (BU)	15	15	2	529	89	-	5	40.69	
Selim Shahed	16	16	-	520	80	-	4	32.50	
Khaled Masood (ST)	16	15	6	509	73*	-	6	56.55	
Minhazul Abedin (S)	16	15	3	489	79	-	4	40.75	
Azam Iqbal (Abahani)	15	15	-	484	82	-	2	32.26	
Akram Khan (Abahani)	16	13	-	473	74	-	4	36.38	
BOWLER									
Player	O	M	R	W	BB	Ave			
Shamsul Huda (Gopibagh)	123.3	7	576	26	6/42	22.15			
Mohammed Rafique (MSC)	146	7	518	25	4/42	20.72			
Naimur Rahman (Abahani)	118.1	11	445	24	4/30	18.54			
Enamul Hoque (ST)	130.2	4	529	24	4/42	22.04			
Fahim Muntasir (Kalabagan)	135.1	10	545	23	4/43	23.69			
Hasibul Hossain (Abahani)	80.4	5	358	22	5/35	16.27			
Shariful Haque (Biman)	109	9	383	21	4/38	18.23			
Aminul Islam Jr (Biman)	102.2	13	387	20	5/34	19.35			
Rezwannul Islam (S Bima)	113.5	3	551	20	3/37	27.55			
Russell Khan (A Bank)	99	2	507	20	4/21	25.35			



Cricketers enjoying a light-hearted moment after reporting to Bangladesh Cricket Board office yesterday for the residential camp of forthcoming Pepsi Asia Cup. The camp begins at the BKSP this morning. —Star photo by Amran Hossain

13 report to Sarwar



Thirteen of the selected 18 players reported yesterday to coach Sarwar Inam at the BCB office for residential training camp at BKSP to form the national squad for the 7th Pepsi Asia Cup beginning on May 28.

Of the remaining five, captain Aminul Islam, Akram Khan, Hasibul Hossain and Khaled Masood directly reported at BKSP while all-rounder Naimur Rahman Durjoy will join on May 20 after his marriage ceremony.

Sarwar, who took charge in absence of ailing national coach Eddie Barlow, said the players would practice in two sessions — physical in the morning while bowling and batting in the afternoon.

He said this is his first national assignment and there is very little time for any major changes in the team. "I will just take care of fitness and try some small improvements in the technical aspect."

Sarwar said most of the players in the present squad have experiences of playing in the ODI. There is nothing to worry about the opening stand. "We have two experienced openers," he added.

Earlier, 18 players were selected out of the 25 named in the preliminary selection.

Aravinda to play in Dhaka meet



COLOMBO, May 16 (Internet report): Aravinda de Silva will be returning to one-day cricket in the forthcoming Asia Cup in Dhaka after missing the last two series against Zimbabwe and Pakistan.

De Silva last played one-day cricket in last year's Sharjah Cup final against Pakistan.

Having been selected for the Zimbabwe tour, he subsequently pulled out of the tour to take a rest from international cricket. He was the not selected for the one-day series in Pakistan in March but made a return to international cricket in the Test series.

The other surprise selection in the 14-man squad is the inclusion of 19-year-old Kaushalya Weeraratne who has been rewarded for some impressive performances for Sri Lanka 'A' in their current series against Zimbabwe 'A'. The young fast bowler and useful late-order batsmen has only played three first class matches and his still studying at school.

SQUAD

Sanaath Jayasuriya (Capt), Mahela Jayawardena (Vice-capt), Aravinda de Silva, Marvan Atapattu, Russel Arnold, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Indika de Saram, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul Chaudana, Nuwan Zoysa, Sanjeewa de Silva, Kaushalya Weeraratne

Gopibagh leave on a winning note

Sports Reporter

Gopibagh Friends Association beat Wari Club by five wickets in their last match of the Premier Division Relegation League at the Dhanomdi Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a fighting Wari total of 202, Gopibagh reached 205 in 45.4 overs with five wickets in hand.

Captain Selim Shahed scored highest 76 followed by Anwar who added 37.

Earlier, electing to bat, Wari were all out for 202 in 48.3 overs in the face of some superb bowling from Gopibagh's left arm spinner Shamsul Huda who finished with six for 42.

Opener Sadik hit the highest 93 for Wari.

The match did not have any impact as both teams have already confirmed their demotion to the First Division next season.

POINTS TABLE/Relegation League

TEAM	M	W	L	P
Victoria SC	16	8	8	16
City Club	16	7	9	14
Sadharan Bima	16	7	9	14
Agrani Bank	16	5	11	10
Wari Club	16	3	13	6
Gopibagh FA	16	2	14	4

Tourists praying for a fit Shoab

BRIDGETOWN, May 16 (Reuters): Pakistan said yesterday that they were still hoping to have Shoab Akhtar, one of the world's fastest bowlers, fit for the second Test against the West Indies.

"He's here, everybody can see him, and if he's all right and if he's fit, he will play," said team coach Javed Miandad, denying reports that the player had gone home.

Pakistan Dillonished



BRIDGETOWN, May 16 (AFP): Pakistan's cricketers, particularly their batsmen, got a horrifying

wake-up call just three days prior to the second Test of their current series against West Indies later this week here.

Fast bowler Mervyn Dillon, overlooked for West Indies' summer visit to England, captured a career-best six wickets for 40 runs from 15 overs to help the West Indies inflict a demoralising 65-run defeat on Pakistan at Kensington Oval on Monday.

Pakistan were dismissed for 145 in their second innings on the last day of their four-day, first-class match, after they were set a reasonable 211 to win, and Dillon ended with match figures of nine for 92.

Only three batsmen — top-scorer Mohammed Wasim (47), Imran Nazir (39) and Saqlain Mushtaq (12) — made double-figure contributions in a woeful Pakistan batting performance.

It was a remarkable comeback for the A team after they were dismissed for 160 in their first innings and were led by 186. Their fightback started with their batsmen — led by Ramnareh Sarwan, Daren Ganga, Mahendra Nagamootoo and captain Courtney Browne — the previous afternoon.

When Ganga, unbeaten on 63, and Nagamootoo, 59, carried their second innings total to 396 in the first hour on Monday, it was apparent the A team meant business and might have been taking the lead from their senior counterparts over the last two months.

As opening batsmen Imran Nazir in particular and Wajahatullah Wasti hurriedly gathered 34 for the first wicket, it looked like the home team might have been letting their chance slip away.

Bowling with a vigour so badly absent from his international career, Dillon overshadowed the rest of the bowlers in the match to rattle not only the nerves of the Pakistani batsmen, but the West Indies selection panel too.

Mike Findlay, Joey Carey and Joel Garner have been retained, along with coach Roger Harper and captain Jimmy Adams — to form the selection panel, but they might have felt differently after he outshone the other bowlers.

The other bowlers include

Corey Collymore, the 22-year-old Barbados fast bowler, for whom Dillon has been named standby for the June to September tour of England.

Only passed fit on April 21 following a serious back injury that kept him out of the game for a little over six months, Collymore will undergo a battery of tests from his doctors over the next few days to safeguard his readiness.

Dillon however, got bounce and movement from a hard, true pitch and once more exposed Pakistan's brittle batting. Apart from Inzamam-ul-Haq, who did not play, and a few flashes of brilliance from the others, there has been little consistency from the rest of the Pakistan batsmen on tour.

Though Wasim would have sealed his place for the upcoming Test opening on Thursday with his century in the first innings and his knock in the second, his partner could be a mystery, since Wajahatullah



DILLON... 6 for 40

again failed to produce before being bowled by Dillon for five.

Yousuf Youhana was run out by Collymore's direct hit at the striker's end from long-leg and Younis Khan was adjudged lbw to Dillon in the final half-hour prior to the lunch to leave Pakistan 63 for three at the interval.

When Dillon bowled Shahid Afridi in the first over after lunch and Collymore had im-

pan caught behind in the following over, Pakistan were 66 for five and the eventual outcome became more of a reality.

There was a stand of 65 between Wasim and Saqlain, but once they were separated, the last five wickets were dismissed for 14 runs either side of tea.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth and final day of the first-class cricket match between West Indies A and Pakistan at the Kensington Oval on Monday.

WEST INDIES A: 1st innings 160 (D Ganga 54; S Mushtaq 6-48)

PAKISTAN: 1st innings 346 (M Wasim 111; M Dillon 3-52)

WEST INDIES A: 2nd innings (overnight 365/9)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Wasim	8	1	30	1
M Akram	19.5	5	77	2
Saqlain	18	2	70	2
Shabbir	14	0	71	3
Arshad	22	3	64	0
Afridi	13	3	56	1
Younis Khan	2	0	6	1

PAKISTAN: 2nd Innings
Nazir c Browne b Collymore 39
Wasti b Dillon 5
Youhana run out 3
Younis Khan lbw b Dillon 9
M Wasim b Dillon 47
Afridi b Dillon 3
Saqlain c Samuels b Nagamootoo 2
Waqar c Sarwan b Dillon 0
Shabbir not out 6
Arshad b Dillon 3
M Akram c b Nagamootoo 5
Extras: (b-3, lb-1, nb-9) 13
Total (all out): 145

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-19; 3-70; 4-70; 5-161; 6-249; 7-270; 8-320; 9-355.

Fall of wickets: 1-34; 2-51; 3-63; 4-63; 5-66; 6-131; 7-131; 8-132; 9-140.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Dillon	15	3	40	6
Collins	9	3	39	0
Collymore	8	1	29	1
Samuels	9	3	15	0
Nagamootoo	7	1	18	2

Result: West Indies A beat Pakistan by 65 runs

Umpires: D Holder, M Jones.

Imran on inquiry report



KARACHI, May 16 (AFP/ Reuters): Pakistan's former cricket hero Imran Khan on Tuesday demanded immediate publication of a judicial report on match-fixing allegations and said any delay would further damage the country's image.

The report of judge Malik Abdul Qayyum, who concluded a year-long probe in September last year, should have been made public months ago, Imran told Reuters here.

"It (delay) has and is damaging Pakistan's cricket image and has given a chance to others to hurt anything they want at Pakistan," he said.

He said Pakistani cricketers currently playing in the West Indies "are disturbed," referring to leaks and speculation about the contents of the report.

"When they know things like some players are involved they come under pressure," said the cricketer-turned-politician, who now heads a political party, Movement for Justice, which was founded by him in 1996.

"Had the report come out when Hansie Cronje's case surfaced it might have formed a good image for Pakistan that here is one country which has done a comprehensive inquiry," he said.

The former Pakistan captain said he was told by Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Tauqir Zia when he met him on Monday that the report was about to be made public.

Khan also expressed surprise