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## Column One

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## SPORTS TALK



**Curtly Ambrose**  
(West Indies fast bowler)  
"I've said over the last couple of years that it is time for the youngsters to come through and take over the mantle but they're not ready yet."

### Expatriates Open Chess

Sports Reporter  
Five players crowded the top slot with four and a half point on completion of the fifth round of the Expatriates Open Chess tournament yesterday.  
International Master (IM) Ziaur Rahman, who is also the highest rated player of the meet, was sharing the lead with IM Abdullah-Al-Rakib. Fide Master Rezaul Huq, Aminul Islam and Shawkat Hossain Pallab.  
The quintet were closely followed by Lovely, Imon, Shafiq, Firoz, Labu, Mostafizur Rahman, Afzal Mithu, Malek and Kutubuddin — all having collected four points from five games.

### Ijaz called up to training camp

KARACHI, Aug 5: Experienced batsman Ijaz Ahmed, dumped earlier by selectors, has been summoned by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to join the national training camp ahead of the Singapore tri-series, officials said Saturday, reports AFP.  
Ijaz's return to the team would, however, depend on his showing in the camp, chief selector Wasim Bari said.  
"I am happy to be back as I was told to join the national training camp in Karachi by PCB chairman General Tauqir Zia," Ijaz told this news agency.  
"Hopefully I will be back in the team," he said, denying he had had any differences with coach Javed Miandad.  
Ijaz was dropped from Pakistan's tours of the West Indies and Sri Lanka earlier this year and was also not among the 42 probables currently training at the national camp in Karachi.  
"I was disappointed to be left out because everybody dreams of playing in the Caribbean. The last time I went there I was an amateur," Ijaz said.  
"I am fighting for my place and hopefully I will get my place," he said.  
The Pakistan squad for the tri-series in Singapore, also involving South Africa and New Zealand, is to be announced on Thursday.



An Ajax forward (M) trying to make his way through a couple of Farashganj defenders during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

## Muktis make most of it

Four-day bourse comes to an end  
Sports Reporter

The excitement that generated for the last four days during the inter-club booters' transfer came to an end yesterday. But not before a usual amount of hype and sensation that saw more than three hundred players changing their allegiance in a hectic bourse.  
Although the three heavyweights — holders Mohammed Sporting Club, Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra and Abahani Krira Chakra — dominated the transfer market for an umpteenth time, this year's trading also turned out to be a refreshing experience for the football organisers.

Cast in the doldrums for the last few seasons, most of the clubs were unwilling to invest in this sport. However with the return of Bangladesh National Stadium, football suddenly rediscovered its sense of purpose.  
Even before the official transfer kicked off on August 2 there was a drama. Muktiyoddha carried out a successful 'hijack' attempt at the Zia International Airport on the arrival of the national team from England on August 1.

The most talked-about switch was completed by national custodian Aminul Islam, who joined Muktiyoddha from Abahani.  
The manner in which Aminul changed hands revived

memories of the 80s and early 90s when football was the pre-occupation of the fans and officials alike.  
But in recent past the success story of cricket has pushed football down into the second grade.  
The scenario however changed with the Premier League Club deciding to spend handsome amounts to build strong teams for the upcoming season, beginning with the Federation Club on August 12.

Among the top three, Mohammedan managed to hold on to their desired side that won the coveted Premier league title last year.  
Unlike Abahani and Muktiyoddha, who fought tooth and nail for the possession of some key players, the black and whites enjoyed smooth outing mainly because of their major stars staying back in England for an upcoming tour.  
Besides, the Motiheel-based club have lured former national captain and reliable defender Jewel Rana and striker Imtiaz Ahmed Naqib from Muktiyoddha. To win Jewel Mohammedan had to sacrifice Anwar and Don, both of whom are bracketed in the national pool.

On the other hand their arch-rivals Abahani, starved of success for the last four years, suffered a stunning blow when Aminul deserted them.  
The last line in their defence, the country's number one keeper performed superbly time

and again last season.  
To fill the void created, Abahani turned to SAF Games hero Biplob.  
The popular Dharmodhi outfit retained the service of midfielder Iqbal. They have also roped in Mohammedan striker Don, Farashganj's hard-working forward Kanchan, defender Nazrul and Arambagh's young left-wing back Firoz Mahmud Titu.

But the balance in the front-line and defence was upset with the loss of Maksudul Amin Rana and Prodeep. Sidelined throughout the last season due to injury, both players have joined Muktiyoddha.  
Muktiyoddha, who broke the monopoly of Mohammedan and Abahani in 1996, have come out with some best purchases this year. They have formed a balanced side with Rajani, Hasan-Al-Mamun and Masud Rana in defence, Saurav Raju in the front and hard-working Arif Khan Joy in the midfield.  
Apart from the trio, Rahmatganj Muslim Frineds Society produced the best possible side among the pushovers.  
Badda Jagorani, who created sensation last year, nearly retained the same side. The lone casualty Badda suffered in the transfer was Parvez Babu, who switched to Brothers Union.  
But Brothers, considered as a traditional third force before the emergence of Muktiyoddha, remained quite inactive in this year's trading.

## Hurt Warne to battle on

LONDON, Aug 5 (Internet report): Shane Warne is bitterly disappointed at losing the Australian vice-captaincy, saying he could not believe his off-field activities had cost him the job.  
Warne said he was most upset that the decision to replace him with Adam Gilchrist had been taken by the Australian Cricket Board against the advice of the selectors. He believed his leadership role was not in question.  
The champion leg-spinner shed his feelings in a candid column in The Times, a day after being sacked in the wake of a phone-sex scandal in England during his time with county Hampshire.

After meeting Warne in June, ACB chief executive Mal Speed said the board expected irreproachable behaviour from its players, especially its leaders, on and off the field. But Warne is having trouble linking the two areas. Referring to Friday's 2am phone call, in which Speed broke the news, of his dumping Warne said: "At that point I thought I must still be in a dream. I always said that the matter had absolutely nothing to do with cricket."  
"I am only human and I would be lying if I said I was not hurt by the decision. Sometimes people forget that international sportsmen have feelings just like the bloke in the crowd."  
"Of course it was a huge disappointment. But I am determined to take it on the chin and keep giving everything I can to my country."  
"I have given my best every time, whoever I have played for, and nothing will change on that front. I thought that's what counted - my passion for my country and my leadership skills on the field."  
Warne said he found it hard to accept his dumping by the ACB executives, since his leadership skills were respected by selectors and his Australian teammates. "The selectors wanted me to continue as vice-captain, but they were overruled by the ACB. That is the most upsetting part of the whole business," he said.

"A successful captain needs to be a great communicator and has to ensure that the other guys are behind him through



SHANE WARNE

thick and thin.  
"He needs the respect of the team and, from the messages of support I received from a number of Australian players over the days and weeks leading up to the decision, I am confident



Abid of Mariner Young's playing against Barna TT Club's Krishna during their AB Bank First Division Table Tennis Super League engagement yesterday. —Star photo

### Green Delta Hockey Farashganj run on

Sports Reporter  
Farashganj Sporting Club recorded their second win in the Green Delta Hockey Premier Division Hockey League when they defeated Ajax SC 3-2 at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.  
Farashganj, who stirred up a sensation by defeating title-contenders Mariner Youngs in their second match by the odd goal in three, led the first half 2-1.  
Shariful gave the old town outfit a 14th minute lead before their Indian recruit Jagnohan Singh doubling the margin eight minutes later.  
Reza made it 1-2 for Ajax five minutes from half time. But Farashganj took an unsailable 3-1 lead midway through the second session with captain Mukti scoring a nice field goal.  
Ajax however gave Farashganj a late scare when their Pakistani recruit Akmol Naveed rocked the board with a powerful reverse shot ten minutes from the long whistle.  
It was Ajax's third successive defeat.  
Meanwhile, Bangladesh Railway thumped down a 6-0 defeat on Bachelors SC in the lone First Division match earlier on the day.  
Monturul, Zahidul and Gregory scored two goals apiece for the winners, who led the first half 2-0.

UNDATED, Aug 5 (Internet report): Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee has led the tributes to Lala Amarnath, the national team's first Test captain following independence, who has died today at the age of 88.  
The Prime Minister, describing Amarnath as "an icon", said he would remain an inspiration for generations of cricketers.  
"An all-rounder, he became an icon for a large number of Indians. I will remember him because he belonged to my generation," Vajpayee said in a message to the family.  
Former International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya, expressing his deep shock at the news, hailed him as an "institution", adding "he had the killer instinct which every cricketer and captain needs."  
Spin wizard Bishan Singh Bedi added: "Indian cricket literally took off from his shoulders."  
"He was a volatile and forceful character who always believed in himself, if anything, bordering on over-confidence."

### Vajpayee, Dalmiya mourn

AB Bank TT Biman keep cruising  
Sports Reporter  
Bangladesh Biman stormed into their second successive win in the AB Bank Metropolitan Senior Division Table Tennis Super League when they blanked Engineers Club three sets to nil at the NSC Woodcroft Gymnasium yesterday.  
Although the holders got off to a shaky start with Mostafa conceding the first game against Munna 19-21, but that was the only success the Engineers paddlers could have achieved in a rather one-sided affair.  
Mostafa eventually went on to beat Munna, winning the next two games 21-13, 21-17. Veteran national player Rochi won the second game against Badal 22-20, 21-15 while national number one Mahabub settled the issue, clinching the final encounter against Baban by 21-17, 21-14.  
The victory extended the national airline outfit's all-win record to nine. The lone unbeaten team in the fray are now only two wins away to establish their undisputed supremacy in the meet.  
In the other match of the day, Wari Club recorded their seventh win from ten matches when they defeated Inter Sports in straight sets. The victory of the Motiheel outfit in their penultimate League match almost ensured them a distant third place behind Armanitola JS, who conceded their only defeat against Biman in the first round.  
In the First Division League Dilkusha and Uttara Club posted identical 3-0 wins against ORCA and Angels' Club respectively.  
But it was Barna TT who pulled off an upset 3-2 win over title-contenders Mariner Youngs.  
The League will remain suspended till July 9 to accommodate the Women's Table Tennis League, which begins at the same venue today. The men's League will resume on July 10.

## Lala Amarnath (1911-00)

NEW DELHI, Aug 5: Lala Amarnath, the first cricket captain of independent India and one of the game's more flamboyant characters, died here on Saturday after a long illness.  
Amarnath, 88, was confined to bed for the past month after surgery to repair a hip fracture, family members said, reports AFP.  
He is survived by three sons, two of whom, Surinder and Mohinder, played Test cricket for India.  
The funeral will be held on Sunday.

A dashing all-rounder who bowled with a unique wrong-foot action, Amarnath played 24 Tests on either side of India's independence from British rule in 1947.  
He scored 878 runs and claimed 45 wickets, starting his career in 1933 with a superb 118 against England, the first three-figure knock by an Indian in Test cricket.  
Amarnath's tactical genius — his ability to read wickets was legendary — was matched by his ferocious temper and outspoken nature.  
Amarnath walked out of an England tour in 1936 after clashing with his captain, the

Maharaj Kumar of Vizianagaram, a mediocre player whose only claim to the captaincy was his royal ancestry.  
He returned as captain for the Australian tour in 1947 where he notched up a double century against Victoria.  
Amarnath led India to a 2-1 win in their first clash against Pakistan in 1952, before retiring at the end of that series.  
He later became a popular radio and television commentator while grooming his three sons for international cricket.  
Surinder, a stylish left-hander, emulated his father by scoring a century on debut against New Zealand at Auckland in 1976.  
Mohinder served India with distinction for several years and was voted the man-of-the-tournament when Kapil Dev's team won the World Cup in 1983.  
The youngest son, Rajinder was a first-class cricketer.  
"My father was my friend, philosopher and guide," Mohinder said. "I don't think anyone of us would have succeeded in cricket if he had not been around to guide us."



Mohinder sitting beside his father Lala Amarnath's body in New Delhi yesterday. —AFP photo

Statistical Record: Tests (career)

Batting		M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	St	
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		4241	195	1481	45	32.91	5-96	2	-	94.2	2.09

### Lanka recall De Silva

## Final Test starts today

COLOMBO, Aug 5: Sri Lanka have recalled experienced batsman Aravinda de Silva to their squad for the decisive third and final cricket Test against South Africa starting at the Sinhalese Sports Club here Sunday, reports AFP.  
De Silva was left out of the first two Tests due to poor form. He averaged just over 13 in the series against Pakistan earlier this year and has struggled throughout the season.  
De Silva or Tilkeratne Dilshan is likely to replace all-rounder Kumar Dharmasena in the final Sri Lanka line-up.  
With Nuwan Zoysa ruled out with a hamstring injury, the second seamer's berth will be decided between Dilhara Fernando and left-arm Ruchira Perera, who have appeared in one Test each.  
Sri Lanka missed a golden opportunity of clinching the rubber at Kandy, and now find themselves fighting to save the series.  
Having won the first Test convincingly by an innings and 15 runs at Galle, Sri Lanka gave South Africa a new lease of life when they lost the second Test, played at Kandy, by seven runs.  
Despite the loss, which was disappointing, our morale is very high. We are going to give it our best shot," said Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya.  
The SSC pitch usually helps seam bowlers, and it was at this venue that South Africa recorded an innings win seven years ago to clinch the series 1-0 (2 draws).

Staff at the ground said although the pitch has been shorn of grass, the wicket was firm and would last five days. The pitches at Galle and Kandy were tailor-made for spinners.  
South Africa captain Shaun Pollock said the Proteas were now determined to steal the series.  
The left-hander nearly carried Sri Lanka to victory at Kandy when he made a dashing 88 off 103 balls, becoming only the second Sri Lankan batsman after De Silva to pass 5,000 Test runs for his country.  
Ranatunga will be appearing in his 93rd Test match for Sri Lanka since making his debut as a substitute at the age of 18 against England in Colombo, 18 years ago.



ARAVINDA de SILVA

South African chairman of selectors Ruzhdi Magiet said the team may probably undergo one change depending on the state of the pitch.  
Left-arm spinner Paul Adams who struggled in the Sri Lanka second innings at Kandy may make way for an additional fast bowler David Terbrugge.  
Terbrugge bowled South Africa to victory over Pakistan in the Singer triangular series match at this venue last month with a spell of four wickets for

20 runs.  
The Test marks the final appearance of former Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga from international cricket, and his career ends on his home ground at the SSC.  
Ranatunga announced at the start of the first Test that he would be retiring after the series.  
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**TEAMS**  
**SRI LANKA** (from): Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Russel Arnold, Aravinda de Silva, Mahela Jayawardene, Arjuna Ranatunga, Kumar Sangakkara, Vaas Chandaana, Chaminda Uppal, Muttiah Muralitharan, Kumar Dharmasena, Tilkeratne Dilshan, Dilhara Fernando, Ruchira Perera, Dinuk Hettingerchi.  
**SOUTH AFRICA** (from): Shaun Pollock (captain), Gary Kirsten, Neil McKenzie, Jacques Kallis, Darryl Cullinan, Jonty Rhodes, Lance Klusener, Mark Boucher, Nicky Boje, Monantun Hayward, Paul Adams, David Terbrugge, Boeta Dippenaar.  
**Umpires:** Bulathsinghalage Gooray (Sri Lanka) and Ed Nicholls (West Indies)

### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- They're bored
  - Frances McDormand
  - Governmental council
  - Birds' tongue
  - Hard-working individual
  - 15WV II's "Desert Fox"
  - 16 Stallor (Abbr.)
  - 17 Donna of fashion
  - 19 Story of a lifetime
  - 20 Under-stands
  - 22 Knock (em) dead
  - 23 Last few notes
  - 24 Follow
  - 26 Bizarre tongue
  - 28 Pantheon member
  - 30 Longing
  - 31 Poolside structures
  - 35 Picked a target
  - 39 U.S.
- DOWN**
- 1 Unemotional
  - 2 Drops a cloth
  - 3 Abner's adjective
  - 4 Welsh emblem
  - 5 First Little Pig's building
  - 6 Somewhere there
  - 7 Shakespear's water
  - 8 Edge
  - 9 Cavort
  - 10 Lake near Syracuse
  - 11 Aspect
  - 13 Van Dyke's "Diagnosis Murder" role
  - 15 Unemotional
  - 16 "Drops a cloth"
  - 17 "Diagnosis Murder" role
  - 18 Transport for Sinbad
  - 21 Musical version of "Some Like It Hot"
  - 23 - Major (Sirius) constellation
  - 25 A billion years
  - 27 Afternoon affair
  - 29 Benin, once
  - 31 Hadden-das, et al.
  - 32 Grade in the upper 50s
  - 33 Scold
  - 34 Group of games
  - 36 Horse-manship school
  - 37 Cheers up
  - 38 Impressionist artist
  - 41 Change the chart
  - 44 Square
  - 45 Ranch visitor
  - 48 Payable
  - 50 Long, crosser

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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
Q J B I F M E O J F S  
L Q E G O H Y N F P S A O  
J D B O Y Q E S F N I ; Z ' P S F D H  
A O A Q H L S Z E G I Y Z M J O N L  
Yesterday's Cryptquip: I'M SURE THE WELDER WHO PURSUED ACTING WOULD OFTEN GIVE RIVETING PERFORMANCES.  
Today's Cryptquip Clue: J equals G

The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.