

## Brother sings Mark song

PERTH, Dec 3: Australian batsman Mark Waugh's performance showed he had more mental toughness than he had been credited with, his twin brother, Australian captain Steve Waugh, said here Sunday, reports AFP.

"Obviously, he has been under intense scrutiny, rightly or wrongly," Steve Waugh said, in an apparent reference to Mark Waugh's alleged involvement in providing information for money to an Indian bookmaker.

Mark Waugh was named in a recent report on match-fixing by India's Central Bureau of Investigation.

## Lanka need to talk to Gupta

COLOMBO, Dec 3: Sri Lanka was seeking help from an Indian bookmaker to probe charges that former skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and his deputy Aravinda de Silva were bribed to throw matches, an investigator said Sunday, reports AFP.

Desmond Fernando, who is investigating allegations against the two top Sri Lankan players, said he was keen to interview bookmaker, Mukesh Kumar Gupta, as his evidence would be crucial to the case.

"We have the Indian High Commission here to help with arranging an interview with Mr. Gupta sometime early this month," Fernando said, adding that he was unable to meet with Gupta during his visit to New Delhi last month.

Fernando, who had been given a one-month deadline by the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) to probe the allegations contained in a report by India's Central Bureau of Investigations (CBI), said he may need more time.

"I must first interview Mr. Gupta. What he has to say will be crucial... then I will talk to the two players concerned," Fernando said adding that the CBI had made available to him a translation of Gupta's testimony in Hindi.

Fernando, a lawyer by profession and Sri Lanka's representative in the ICC's (International Cricket Council's) Code of Conduct Committee, also travelled to London for talks with ICC officials.

## NSW face defeat

SYDNEY, Dec 3: Michael Bevan became New South Wales' highest run scorer in domestic cricket but it wasn't enough to save his state from probable defeat against Western Australia in their Sheffield Shield cricket match here Sunday, reports AFP.

WA were dismissed for 413 and a 187-run first innings lead early on Day Three before Bevan (57) and Greg Mail (92) produced a 104-run partnership to at least ensure the visitors would bat again.

But as Jo Angel dismissed first innings heroes Mark Higgs (1) and Brad Haddin (8) the Blues lost three wickets for 9 runs to be 246 for six at stumps, a lead of only 59 runs going into Monday's final day.

An outright victory for WA whose batting line-up contains Mike Hussey, Ryan Campbell, Simon Katich, Damien Martyn, Murray Goodwin, Tom Moody and Brendon Julian, is almost certain.

## Rajshahi sports

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Dec 3: Jaipurth moved into semifinals of the Rajshahi inter-district football tournament beating Nawabganj 3-2 today at the Shahid A H M Kamruzzaman Stadium.

Naogaon take on Rangpur in tomorrow's quarterfinal.

## CRICKET

Noahata Sporting Club defeated Millennium Club by 21 runs in the sixth Bir Shestra Captain Mohiuddin Jahanpur Sriniti Gold Cup cricket tournament at the Railway ground today.

Winning the toss, Noahata made 155 for nine in the stipulated 25 overs.

In reply, Millennium were bundled out for 131 in 23.3 overs.

## HANDBALL

Morning Star Club and Green Star Club won their respective matches of the Rajshahi First Division Handball League today at the Shaheed A H M Kamruzzaman Stadium.

In the first match, Morning Star defeated Abahani Krira Chaktra 45-11.

In the other match, Green Star defeated Cosmos Sporting Club 5-4.

## Barisal baffle

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Fall of wickets: 1/45, 2/91, 3/101, 4/117, 5/167, 6/187, 7/193, 8/202, 9/228.

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