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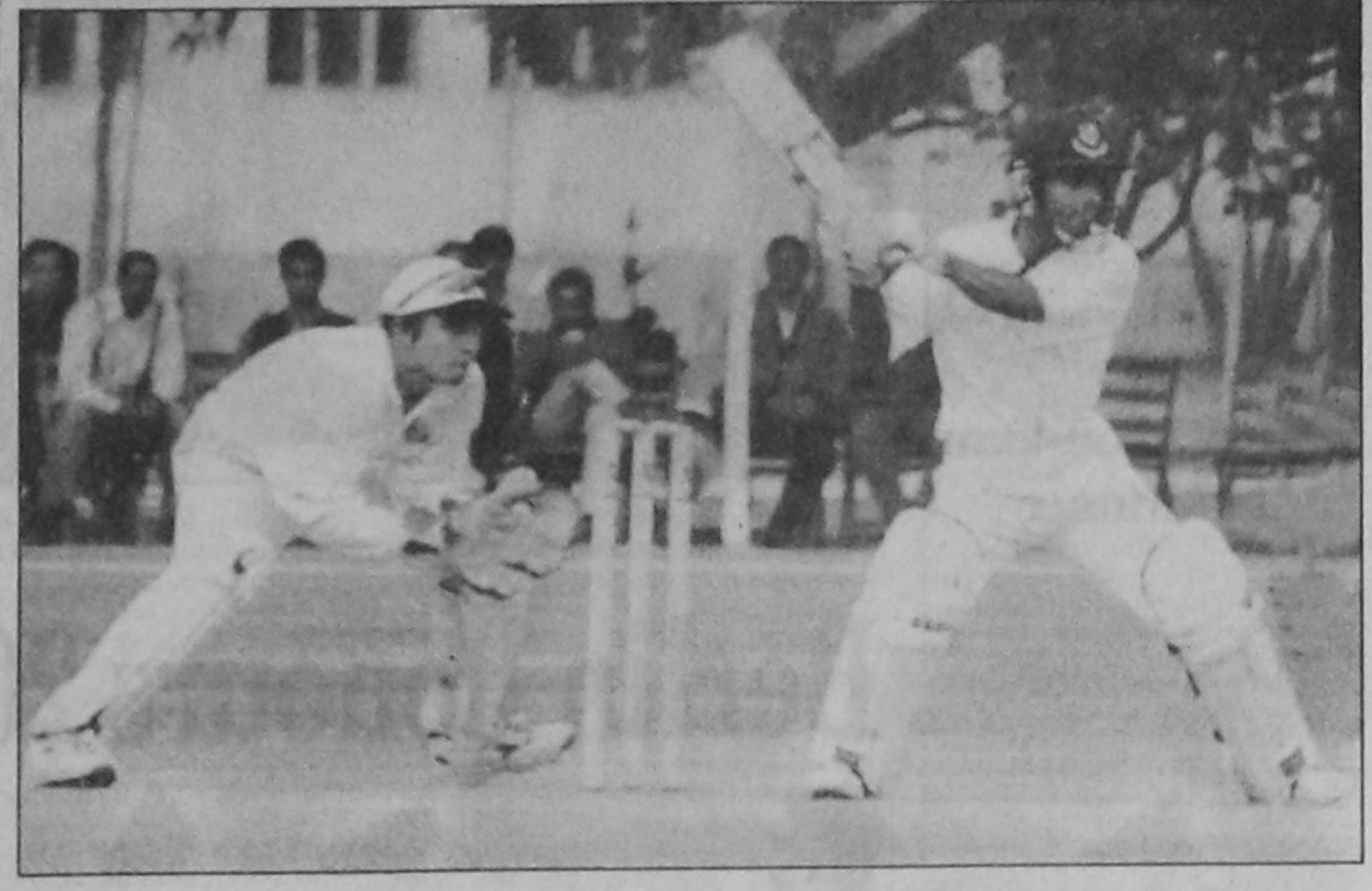
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Bangladesh U-21 number three batsman Rajin Saleh, who's 81 saved the match, shapes up for a cut. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Rajin denies CBCA

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Under-21 team forced a respectable draw against the visiting Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) of Australia in their three-day match at the Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) yesterday.

Set to score 306 runs in more than two sessions on the final day, the home side finished on 218 for five with Rajin Saleh notching a fine 81.

It was a better performance from the youths after a disappointing show in the first innings, when they were bundled out for 195 in reply to an impressive CBCA total of 273 for 4 declared.

The 12th man of Bangladesh's historic inaugural Test against India, Rajin held the innings together after opener Sajjadul Hassan departed for 31.

The diminutive right-hander hammered eleven fours in his 153-ball vigil at the crease. He was the last batsman out, but not before the home team successfully played out 71 overs.

Earlier, the visitors, resuming the day on 96 for two, sent the Bangladesh bowlers on a leather hunt. They rattled up another 131 runs in 26 overs with Adam Voges and Chris Hartley on fire.

Voges, unbeaten on 14 at stumps on the second day, smashed 75 with the help of 13 boundaries. Hartley hammered a 45-ball 50 that included half a dozen fours and a six.

The declaration of the CBCA came after Hartley got to his half-century.

But the desire of the visitors to enforce a result was deftly defied by the locals.

Ashraful and Sajjadul put on 53 runs for the first wicket before both were dismissed in quick succession. But Rajin was not ready to resign. He was ably supported by a portly Mazharul and Tushar Imran.

Mazhar scored 27 and Tushar followed up his first innings 45 with an unbeaten 25.

The reputed Adelaide-based academy, run by the legendary Rodney Marsh, will enjoy a break today before travelling to Rajshahi on Thursday. They will play their second three-day match at the northern head-quarter of the country against BCB's Under-25 selection. National vice-captain and local hero Khaled Masood will lead the home side.

The match will start on January 12 at the Rajshahi Stadium. Beside, the CBCA will also play a limited-over match

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the three-day exhibition match between BCB under-21 and visiting Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

CBCA: First innings 273 for 4 in 83.5 overs declared (S Marsh 106 n.o., S Stanton 88, Harris 25, Bikash 1/31, Sabbir 1/41, Sharif 1/43, Taposh 1/54)

BCB U-21: First innings 195 all out in 68.4 overs (Tushar 48, Mazharul 33, Sharif 31, McDonald 6/28, Voges 3/49)

CBCA: Second innings (overnight 96 for 2 in 26 overs)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bikash	10	1	37	1
Sharif	11	0	53	2
Taposh	6	0	33	0
Sabbir	15	5	46	1
Manzarul	7	0	41	1
Ashraful	7	1	16	0

BCB U-21: Second innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sajjadul c Welford b O'Brien	31			
Ashraful c Hartley b Hauritz	27			
Rajin c Hartley b O'Brien	81			
Selim c Harris b MacDonald	14			
Mazharul c Hauritz b O'Brien	27			
Tushar not out	25			
Manzarul not out	0			
Extras: (b-4, lb-6, nb-2, w-1)	13			
Total: (For 5 wks in 52 overs)	227			
Fall of wickets: 1/23, 2/78, 3/103, 4/135, 5/205				

BCB U-21: Second innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Welford	11	3	25	0
MacDonald	11	1	47	1
Hauritz	20	7	42	1
O'Brien	17	6	36	3
Stanton	2	1	6	0
Kenf	2	1	12	0
Voges	6	0	20	0
Hauritz not out	11			
Marsh	2	0	20	0
Extras: (b-1, nb-1)	2			
Total: (For 5 wks in 52 overs)	227			
Fall of wickets: 1/53, 2/64, 3/102, 4/163, 5/218				

Result: Match drawn.



Bangladesh U-21 players celebrate the fall of Adam Voges' wicket on the final day of the three-day match at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday. —Star photo

Manoj ready to return award

Madhavan questions Wadekar

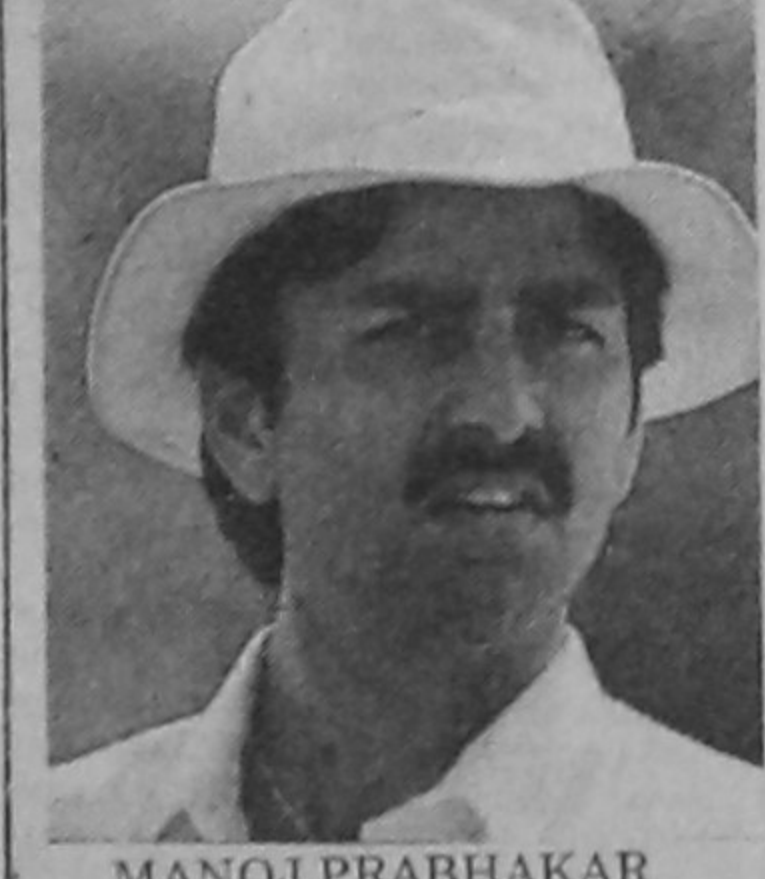
NEW DELHI, Jan 9: Former Indian Test cricketer Manoj Prabhakar, one of the accused in a match-fixing scandal, on Monday agreed to surrender the country's highest sporting award, reports AFP.

Prabhakar said he was willing to return the Arjuna award if the government so desired, but questioned the five-year ban imposed on him by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

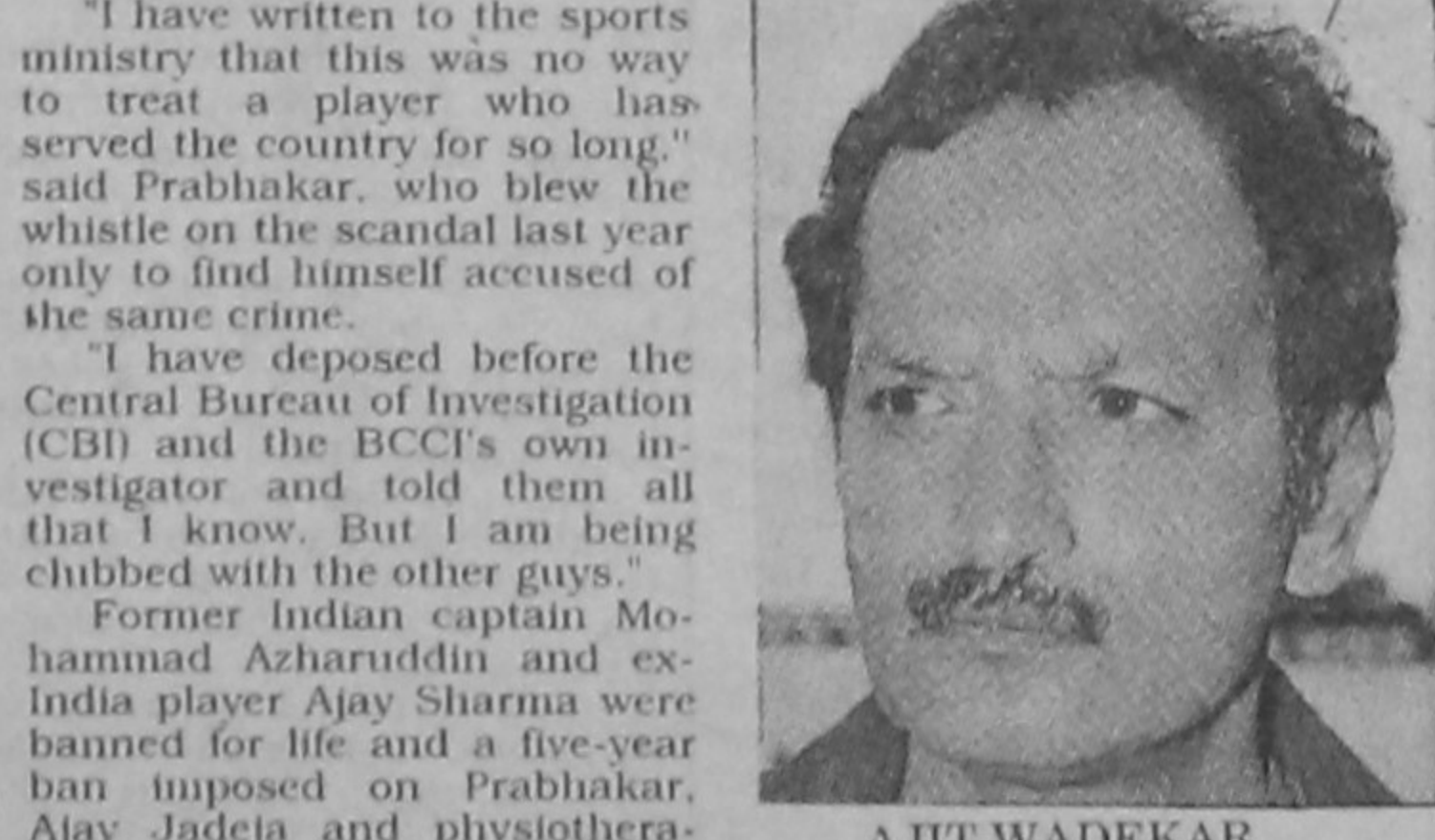
"I have written to the sports ministry that this was no way to treat a player who has served the country for so long," said Prabhakar, who blew the whistle on the scandal last year only to find himself accused of the same crime.

"I have deposited before the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the BCCI's own investigator and told them all that I know. But I am being chided with the other guys."

Former Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin and ex-India player Ajay Sharma were banned for life and a five-year ban imposed on Prabhakar, Ajay Jadeja and physiothera-



MANOJ PRABHAKAR



AJIT WADEKAR

BD booters in Cochin

Sports Reporter

The national football team reached Cochin last night there it will be lined up with European powerhouse Yugoslavia and Bosnia when the Shahara Millennium Cup begins from January 10.

The 16-nation meet, the biggest football show India has ever staged, experienced a turbulent day on Sunday when Iraq pulled out suddenly and the organisers were compelled to re-christening the name of event—originally called Millennium Cup.

Pencilled in Group A along with Bangladesh, fancied Yugoslavia and Bosnia, Iraq withdrawal suddenly citing non-availability of their key players.

The only team to field a full strength side, Bangladesh will take on Bosnia in their opening Group A match on January 12.

They will meet Yugoslavia, the top bet in the event, on January 14.

DD Sports will cover all the matches live.

Nat'l Sub-Jr Chess

Sports Reporter

Nayeen Arefin Ratul, Nazir Salehin and Minhasuddin Ahmed Sagar were jointly leading the table of the 21st National Sub-Junior Chess Championship after winning their respective fourth round matches at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Ratul defeated Moksedul Monir, Nazir checkmated Simon Soloviev while Sagar edged past Farzana Parveen Anny. They remain atop with maximum points.

Ziauddin Ahmed, who beat Surid in the round, trails the trio by half a point.

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PAARL, South Africa, Jan 9: Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya returned to form as his team set a weakened South Africa a challenging target in the third limited-overs international at Boland Park here on Tuesday, reports AFP.

Jayasuriya made 66 in a Sri Lankan total of 247 for four.

Malik thrown out of cricket

KARACHI, Jan 9: Former Pakistani captain Salim Malik, banned last year from international cricket, was also effectively ousted from the domestic arena Monday after being dropped from his employers' squad, reports AFP.

"We have not included his name in the squad of 25 for a premier first class event as per Pakistan Cricket Board's directive," Abdur Raquib, in charge of sport at Habib Bank, told AFP.

Pakistan's premier tournament for private organisations starts from January 26.

Malik was banned for life in May last year after an inquiry conducted by Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum found him guilty of match fixing.

He became the first former national cricket captain to suffer a life ban. A similar fate befell South Africa's Hansie Cronje and Indian Mohammad Azharuddin afterwards.

The Habib Bank team includes Akram Raza, who was fined in Qayyum's report.

But Raquib defended Raza's inclusion saying Raza was fined for not cooperating with the inquiry and "there is no ban imposed on him."

Meanwhile a Lahore court, which is hearing Malik's appeal against the life ban, adjourned the case until January 28.

"We are fighting against the life ban and are hopeful to win the appeal against the life ban," Malik's lawyer, Malik Shahid Hamid, told this news agency.

"My client is losing some precious cricket time," he said.

BCB goes hunting today

Sports Reporter

The first round of Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) age-group competitions for under-13, 15 and 17 gets underway across the country today. The month-long tournaments are part of the BCB's ambitious development programme.

As part of the competitions a total of thirty-eight teams will be taking part. Apart from the under-13s which will have twelve sides, the other groups both contain thirteen each. The teams will be split into two groups which will be held in six venues. They are: Dhaka and Chittagong for under-13, Satkhira and Rajshahi for under-15 and Mymensingh and Dhaka for under-17 respectively.

Two teams from Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Rajshahi Division, Dhaka Metropolitan and one from Barisal and Sylhet Division are featured in all the age-group tournaments.

On the other hand the Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) has been added to under-15 and under-17.

Milo, an energy drink brand, is sponsoring the under-13 and under-17 programme is being patronised by GrameenPhone.

With the aim of making their effort to unearth fresh talent a success, the Board has already appointed several coaches.

Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury, former national cricketer, Mainul Haq and Malcolm Pereira, one of four Sri Lankans hired to oversee the overall youth development programmes, will be keeping an eye on the Group A matches of under-17 competition in Dhaka. Nazmul Abedin Fahim of BKSP and former national coach Osman Khan will witness the matches of the other group at Mymensingh.

Former national captain Rouqibul Hassan and Sri Lankan coach Senarath will be in Satkhira for under-15 games of Group A. Sri Lankan coach Sumithra Warnakulasuriya and Dipu Rai Choudhuri will attend the Group B encounters in Rajshahi.

Former national skipper Shafiqul Haque Hira and ex-national cricketer Mashiuddin Ahmed Monir have been entrusted with the Group A matches of under-13 while Tanjeb Ahsan Saad and Rafiqul Alam will attend the matches of the other group in Dhaka.

After the tournaments which are scheduled to be over by the end of January, selected players from each group will be brought to the capital for further long-term training.

On the opening day there will be two matches in each of the six groups.

Following are the groups and fixtures:

Under-13
Group A (Chittagong) Khulna Tigers v Dhaka Colts
Rajshahi Padma v Metro Greens
Group B (Dhaka) Khulna Rupsha v Dhaka Rangers (Venue: Kalabagan Krira Chakra)
Rajshahi Gold v Metro Blues (Venue: Dhamondi Club)

Under-15
Group A (Satkhira) Khulna Tigers v Dhaka Colts
Rajshahi Padma v Metro Greens
Group B (Rajshahi) Rajshahi Tista v BKSP
Khulna Rupsha v Metro Blues

Under-17
Group A (Dhaka) Khulna Tigers v Dhaka Colts (Venue: Jagannath Hall)
Rajshahi Padma v Metro Greens (Venue: Dhamondi Cricket Stadium)
Group B (Mymensingh) Rajshahi Tista v BKSP
Khulna Rupsha v Metro Blues



Commonwealth Bank batsman Adam Voges in action yesterday. —Star photo

A Windies win at last

ADELAIDE, Jan 9: The West Indies cricket team ended a two-month winning drought with a comfortable win over Australia A in a one-day match at the Adelaide Oval late Tuesday, reports AFP.

The West Indies, who have endured a wretched tour, had failed to win a game since November after losing five Tests against Australia here for the first time.

But they finally broke through, comfortably accounting for Australia's second-string side by four wickets with more than eight overs to spare after bowling the home side out for 145 in just 42.3 overs.

Victory did not come without a scare after a late tumble of wickets threatened to make reaching the target hard work.

The West Indies have been notorious for their batting collapses on tour, and once again their middle-order unravelled in quick succession to former Test paceman Damien Fleming and Test leg spinner Stuart MacGill.

However, tour discovery Marlon Samuels steadied the tourists, winning man-of-the-match honours after top scoring with 45 and taking two wickets.

Ridley Jacobs remained not out on 15 and Laurie Williams was unbeaten on 11 as the West Indies cruised to 146 for six.

Australia A made an early breakthrough as the tourists started their run chase before the dinner break.

Paceman Paul Wilson had stand-in Windies skipper Sherwin Campbell (eight) caught by Michael Slater in his second over to have the tourists lurching at 14 for one.

Fleming, who continued his successful return after missing much of the summer with a shocking run of injuries, then claimed the crucial wicket of Brian Lara, caught by Shane Lee at first slip for nine.

Wavell Hinds and Samuels remained on 28 for two after the

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Cronje challenges ban

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 9: Sacked South African cricket captain Hansie Cronje is seeking a court order to review a life ban, claiming it unlawfully prevents him from promoting and coaching cricket among underprivileged children, according to press reports Tuesday, says AFP.

In papers filed at the Pretoria High Court against the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) which imposed the ban, Cronje says he does not dispute the termination of his contract or the playing ban, and does not intend to resume a professional playing career. The Citizen daily reported.

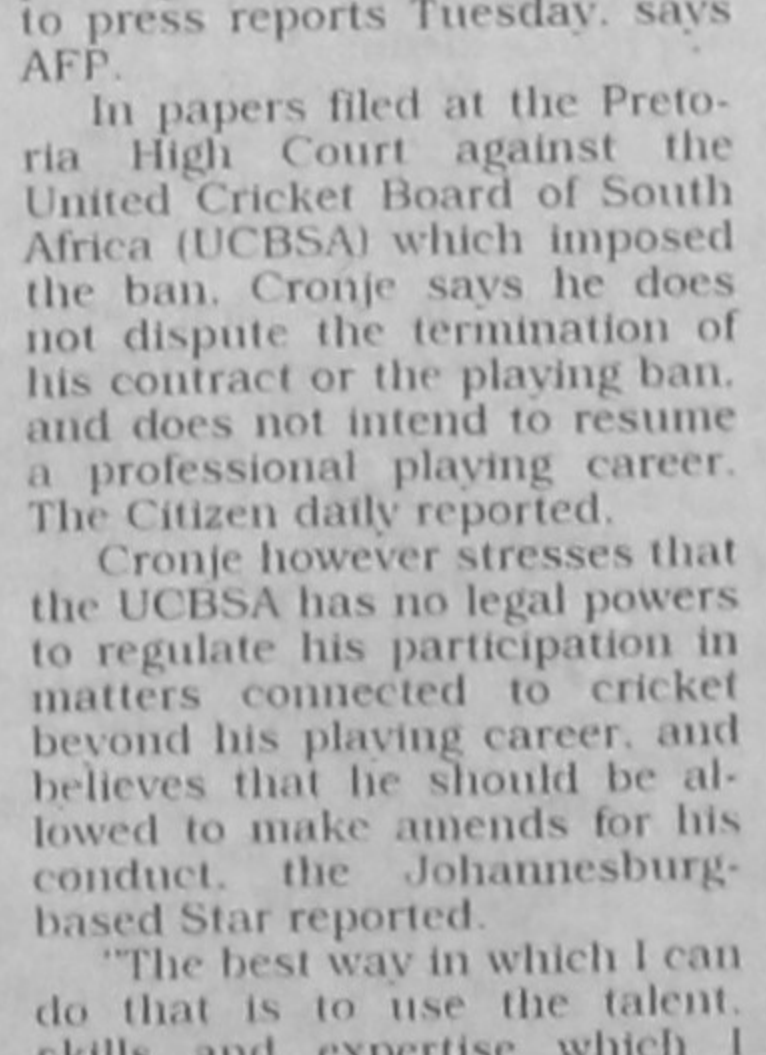
Cronje however stresses that the UCBSA has no legal powers to regulate his participation in matters connected to cricket beyond his playing career, and believes that he should be allowed to make amends for his conduct, the Johannesburg-based Star reported.

"The best way in which I can do that is to use the talent, skills and expertise which I thought best that he did not take part in these activities or attend the matches where he was invited, because of the ban."

"All these activities were undertaken on a purely voluntary basis, without remuneration... I wish very much to continue with these activities... If I obtain the (court) relief I seek in these proceedings, it is my intention to extend my activities along these lines," Cronje said.

In his application, Cronje also accuses the UCBSA of being motivated by a deep and abiding personal animosity toward him, and of trying to damage his future employment prospects in an utterly unreasonable and purely vindictive manner.

The UCBSA has said it would defend the ban in court against the application to have it overturned. No date has been set yet for a hearing.



HANSIE CRONJE