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Did U Know?

American pop star Michael Jackson created cricket history when he appeared at the Sydney Cricket Ground a few years ago.

Michael had been booked to appear at the home of New South Wales for two sell-out concerts and one of them clashed with a Sheffield Shield match against Queensland. To the horror of the cricket fans, the match was moved to nearby Bankstown Oval, the first time a Shield match in Sydney had not been played at the SC G.



Talk Turkey



Arjuna Ranatunga

(Former Sri Lanka cricketer)
"I have had no dealings whatsoever with any bookmakers or been offered or accepted any bribe from any bookmaker at any time."

Reacting to being named in CBI's match-fixing report.



What to Watch

- February 21
Star Sports
Boycs & Sunny Masterclass
Crickit Talk Show
8:30 pm
- West Indies vs Aussie PM's XI
One-day four match
11:00 pm (1hr highlights)
Primera Liga
8:30 am
ESPN
UEFA Champions' league
Repeat at 1:30 am and 9:00 pm
- February 22
BTV
Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka
Under-17 Asia Cup
Live at 9:30 am
Star Sports
New Zealand vs Pakistan
Second one-day international
11:00 pm (1hr highlights)
Asian Football Show
8:30 am
Futbol Mundial
4:00 pm
ESPN
New Zealand vs Pakistan
Third one-day international
Live at 6:55 am
Repeat at 7:00 pm
Football Focus
Live at 1:00 am
Repeat at 3:30 pm
UEFA Champions' League
Live at 1:30 am
Delayed match at 4:00 am

Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition 145
Tick the Correct Answers
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Win attractive prizes
Competition closes at 8 pm
March 2, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier.
2-0 3-2 3-0
- Who clinched the Paris Indoor Open title?
Huber Hings Mauresmo
- Sri Lanka won the one-day series against New Zealand.
3-2 5-0 4-1
- How many Tests will Bangladesh play in five years?
34 35 36
- Who lifted the national under-19 cricket crown?
Chitagoni Rajshahi BKSP

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India stoop to Lanka

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Sri Lanka finished their first round campaign in the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup with an all-win record after handing pre-tournament favourites India a huge 61-run defeat in their last Group A match at the number two ground in BKSP yesterday.

Defending a commanding 244 in 45 overs, the Lankans bowled out their opponents for 183 in 43 overs to register their fourth successive victory and ensure top spot in Group A.

The winners will now take on hosts Bangladesh in the semifinals at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow. On the other hand, second-placed India face arch-rivals Pakistan in the day's other semifinal at BKSP.

Sri Lanka, batting first, built their total around a superb 77 off 80 balls from middle-order batsman De Silva.

Opener Tharanga and one-down Gunawardana scored 47 and 42 respectively.

In reply, India never appeared capable of challenging the total as they kept on losing wickets at regular intervals.

Middle-order batsman Mishra offered some resistance with a 65-ball 54 while one down Varma (28) was the other notable run-getter.

Gunawardana took three wickets for 27 runs.

De Silva was later adjudged as the man-of-the-match.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup match (45-over) between Sri Lanka and India at the number two ground in BKSP on Tuesday:

SRI LANKA				
Tharanga c Patel b Shankara	47			
Gunawardana c Varma b Mohanty	6			
Wijeratne c Varma b Rathod	42			
De Silva not out	77			
Maharof c Rathod b Binny	21			
Indika run out	3			
Perera not out	26			
Dilshan not out	0			
Extras: (b-9, lb-6, w-5, nb-2)	22			
Total: (for 5 wks in 45 overs)	244			
Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-85, 3-132, 4-173, 5-182				
INDIA				
Patel run out	23			
Dilwan c Ratnakaye b Gunawardana	3			
Varma st De Silva b Nishantha	20			
Chougale lbw b Dilshan	11			
Mishra b Ratnakaye	54			
Binny c & b Ratnakaye	0			
Shankara run out	1			
Rathod c sub b Nishantha	19			
R Mohanty c sub b Gunawardana	4			
Rawat c Wijeratne b Gunawardana	23			
B Mohanty not out	3			

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Perera	7	1	27	0
Maharof	6	0	27	0
Gunawardana	6	0	27	3
Dilshan	8	0	20	1
Ratnakaye	9	0	32	2
Nishantha	7	0	48	2

Result: Sri Lanka won by 61 runs.

Man-of-the-Match: De Silva (Sri Lanka)



Bangladesh's Mohammad Sharif is elated after capturing one of his four Pakistan wickets in the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup yesterday.

Zia held by Reefat

SPORTS REPORTER

Norm-chasing Ziaur Rahman was forced to a draw by fellow International Master (IM) Reefat-bin-Sattar in the second round of the 5th United Insurance Grand Masters Chess Tournament at the NSC conference room yesterday.

On the second day of the 13-round robin league meet, Zia and Reefat battled for more than six hours before settling for a draw on the 139th move.

Despite the draw Zia managed to stay atop along with Grand Master (GM) Alexander Volzhin of Russia and IM Vakhidov Tahir of Uzbekistan, with each of them collecting one and a half points. Volzhin drew with GM Niaz Mureshed while Tahir shared the point with IM Abdullah Al-Rakib of Bangladesh.

In the day's other matches, FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib beat Indian IM Balagurathan Prakash, top-seeded GM Jaan Ehvest drew with GM Nigel Davies of England and IM Sandipan Chanda of India held GM Igor Raussis of Latvia.

The 3rd round will start at the same venue at 2:30 pm today.

Today's games are: Zia v Rakib, Prakash v Reefat, Barsov v Razib, Volzhin v Miezis, Ehvest v Niaz, Sandipan v Davies and Tahir v Raussis.



International Masters Reefat-bin-Sattar (L) and Ziaur Rahman are engaged in cerebral warfare in the United Insurance Grand Masters' Chess tournament yesterday.

BANGLADESH-PAK SCOREBOARD

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Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup match between Bangladesh and Pakistan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday:

PAKISTAN				
Salman c Zunnab b Sharif	36			
Khalid b Sharif	12			
Kashif run out	24			
Javed lbw b Sharif	0			
Altaf c Hasibul b Sharif	16			
Azhar c Talha b Shafiq	20			
Suleman c Sharif b Shafiq	74			
Azam not out	10			
Adnan c Mortaza b Shafiq	7			
Nadeem not out	1			
Extras: (lb-6, nb-6, w-17)	29			
Total: (for 9 wickets in 45 overs)	234			
Fall of wickets: 1/45, 2/81, 3/81, 4/91, 5/105, 6/193, 7/203, 8/228				
BANGLADESH				
Ashraf lbw b Nazaf	25			
Nefez lbw b Nazaf	0			
Shafiq b Nazaf	4			
Zunnab b Sulaiman	9			
Hasibul b Azam	17			
Sharif lbw b Azam	13			
Mortaza run out	0			
Rana not out	10			
Sharif st. Adnan b Azam	16			
Talha b Azhar	5			
Extras: (b-5, lb-12, nb-7, w-11)	35			
Total: (All out in 41.5 overs)	157			
Fall of wickets: 1/20, 2/24, 3/54, 4/83, 5/85, 6/115, 7/116, 8/122, 9/149				
Bowler				
Nazaf	9	0	29	3
Nadeem	1	0	31	0
Altaf	5	1	23	0
Azhar	5.5	0	22	2
Suleman	9	3	23	1
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Adnan abases Malaysia

FROM JU CORRESPONDENT

Adnan Ilyas was left one run short of a richly deserved double hundred as Oman cruised to a 141-run win over Malaysia in their final Group A match in the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup at the Jahanagimagar University ground today.

Oman's first victory in four matches enabled them to end ahead of Malaysia in the five-team group.

Adnan's hurricane 130-ball innings featured 29 boundaries and three sixes as Oman piled up a formidable 330 for eight in 45overs. Opener Shameel Kazmi chipped in with a 53-ball 60. It included a six and a dozen of boundaries.

In reply, Malaysia were restricted to 189 for seven in their allotted overs. Middle-order Vickynewar scored highest 44.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup match between Oman and Malaysia at the Jahanagimagar University ground on Tuesday:

OMAN				
Shameel c Mahyudin b Suhan	60			
Omar c Shukri b Vickynewar	1			



Pakistan's Sulaiman Qadir, who scored his side's highest 74, follows through on a lofted cover-drive.

Mongia, Hirwani chosen

Cricket

AFP, Bombay

India on Tuesday recalled wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia and ageing leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani for the first cricket Test against Australia starting here on February 27.

The 14-man home squad for the Wankhede Stadium Test includes two other spinners in off-break bowler Harbhajan Singh and uncapped left-arm Rahul Sanghvi.

Mongia, recently cleared of match-fixing charges, returns to

the Test arena after a year in which he missed a tour of Australia and the recent home series against Zimbabwe.

The seasoned wicketkeeper, who made 152 against Australia in a one-off Test in New Delhi in 1996, forced his way back with a defiant unbeaten 71 against the tourists at Nagpur on Sunday.

Mongia, a veteran of 42 Tests, replaces Delhi's Vijay Dahiya, who kept wickets in both Tests and one-day internationals since the start of the season in October.

"Mongia is the best wicket-keeper in India at present and we could not overlook that," chairman of selectors Chandu Borde said.

The most intriguing selection, however, is of 32-year-old Hir-

wani, who was resurrected out of the blue despite a sensational 16-wicket haul on his Test debut 13 years ago.

Hirwani last played for India against South Africa in 1996 and is now asked to step in for the injured Anil Kumble even though he has taken only 10 first-class wickets this season.

Hirwani hit the headlines as a chubby 19-year-old when he claimed 16 wickets on his Test debut against the West Indies at Madras in 1988, emulating the feat of Australian seamer Bob Massie.

But he managed just 52 wickets in his next 16 Tests before he was dumped from the national squad.

Borde said Hirwani was picked on the recommendation of coach

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WC 2002 qualifiers

Sujon saves booters' blushes

SPORTS REPORTER

Two goals from central defender Sujon saved Bangladesh from embarrassment against lowly Mongolia in their final Group Ten 2002 World Cup qualifier at Fahad Bin Abdul Aziz Stadium in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, on Monday.

Sujon scored one goal in each half as Bangladesh came from behind to settle for a 2-2 draw with the Central Asian minnows.

The young defender scored his first international goal in the 40th minute from a penalty to equalise after Mongolia's Bayarzorig gave his side a 36th minute lead.

Sujon struck his second goal eight minutes away from the final whistle. But Mongolia snatched their first point after five straight defeats when Buman netted in the last minute.

With this draw Bangladesh finished third in the Group with five points behind Vietnam, who earned 10 points.

Host Saudi Arabia, who advanced into the final round as champions of the group with six straight wins, defeated Vietnam 4-0 in the other match of the day.

FINAL STANDINGS

Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Saudi Arabia	6	6	0	0	30	0	18
Vietnam	6	3	1	2	9	9	10
Bangladesh	6	1	2	3	15	3	5
Mongolia	6	0	1	5	2	22	1

PHOTO: STAR



State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader inaugurating the Dutch-Bangla Bank Bangladesh Open golf tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

Bangladesh Open golf starts

SPORTS REPORTER

A symphony of golf was played when a day-long Pro-Am tournament, a prelude to the four-round Dutch-Bangla Bank Bangladesh Open, took place at the picturesque Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

The 18-hole competition gave 66 lucky amateurs mostly from Dhaka, not only the opportunity to partner 22 of the finest players currently on the Asian professional circuit, but a fabulous time on the lush green carpet.

After State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader inaugurated the prestigious event president of the Club and Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General M Harun-Ar-Rashid, tee-off in the morning.

Based on the best nett scores on each hole, the team comprising Rohtas Singh, Brigadier Daniel Islam Iqbal B Chowdhury, Mrs Jung Suk Jung won the Dutch-Bangla Bangladesh Open Pro-Am trophy with an aggregate score of 128.

Second place on a count back went to U.S Mundy, Maj General Hasan Masud, Larry Walden and

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New Zealand draw level

Cricket

AFP, Napier

New Zealand stormed back into the one-day cricket series with Pakistan Tuesday, winning the second match by six wickets after dismissing the tourists for just 135 here.

After losing the first match by six wickets in Auckland on Sunday, New Zealand cruised to the win in 30.3 overs before a crowd of 7,050. It was just their third victory from their last 15 matches.

A cool-headed unbroken partnership of 62 off 81 balls for the fifth wicket between Craig McMillan and Lou Vincent finished the job, to set up an intriguing third match in Wellington on Thursday.

New Zealand's chase was helped by an injury to fast bowler Shoah Akhtar, who only bowled 11 balls before straining his left quadriceps muscle and leaving the field.

The home side, thanks to big efforts from man-of-the-match Daryl Tuffey, Chris Harris and Daniel Vettori, did a professional

job of finishing Pakistan off for their lowest total against New Zealand of 135.

Pace bowler Tuffey took the last wicket off the final ball of the innings to end with career best figures of four for 21 off 10 overs in just his seventh one-day international.

Harris applied the brakes in the middle stages with the fourth-most economical one-day figures for New Zealand of one for 12 off 10 overs, while Vettori took two for 29 off 10.

Pakistan never got past first gear, staggering to 60 for five at the halfway point and not passing 100 until midway through the 42nd over, eight wickets down.

Abdur Razaq, batting at No 3, offered the only resistance of note to score 50 off 113 balls.

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming at last won a toss and put the tourists in to bat in cloudy, humid conditions.

Opener Saeed Anwar fell first ball of the match when Tuffey bowled him with a swinging yorker, then Imran Farhat and Inzamamul Haq followed in quick

succession to make it 21 for three.

Harris and Vettori then took over, Vettori removing the dangerous Younis before Harris claimed the New Zealand wicket-taking record when he removed Shahid Afridi.

Playing his 175th match, Harris moved ahead of Sir Richard Hadlee's mark of 158.

Wasim Akram boled out to Vettori on the boundary to make it 79 for seven in the 32nd over, then Razaq's 2-1/2 hour, 113-ball knock of 50 was finally over when he unsuccessfully tried to repeat a straight six off Chris Martin.