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## Did U Know?

Tennis player Billie Jean King was one of the organisers of the 1970 Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament, the first tournament for women professional tennis players. The following year she became the first female athlete in any sport to earn more than 100,000 dollars in a single season.



## What to WATCH

**ESPN**  
New Zealand vs Pakistan  
First Test, Day Three  
Live at 3:00 am  
Repeat at 6:30 pm  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
12:30 pm  
AC Milan vs Galatasaray  
UEFA Champions' League  
4:30 pm

**Star Sports**  
South Africa vs West Indies  
First Test, Day One  
Highlights at 6:30 am & 6:00 pm  
South Africa vs West Indies  
First Test, Day Two  
Live at 8:00 pm  
Primera Liga Highlights  
5:30 pm



## TALK TURKEY



**Martina Hingis**  
(Top women's tennis player)  
"I am tired of doubles. Now it's very nice to only play singles."  
While announcing recently that she would not play doubles this season.

**NOTICE**  
Owing to some unavoidable reasons, the draw of WHIZZ KID Competition-145 could not be held last night. It will now be held on March 16.

- Sports Editor

## Sports WHIZZ KID

**Competition 145**  
Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
March 16, 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    Hingis    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?  
Chittagong Rajshahi    BKSP

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PHOTO AKM MOHSIN

**READY TO ROLL:** The Bangladesh team loosening up during a practice session at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium on Friday. The hosts take on Japan in the opening fixture of the Prime Minister Gold Cup tournament today.

## Carnival commences today

### Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh take on Japan in the inaugural match of the nine-nation Prime Minister Gold Cup Hockey Tournament at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium this afternoon.

Finance Minister SAMS Kibria will inaugurate the biggest ever international meet since the Asia Cup held in 1985, in a brief opening ceremony at 3 pm.

The first round match between the two Asian sides penciled in Group A that includes mighty India and Scotland, will kick off at 3:30 pm. The other group comprises Asia Cup runners-up Pakistan, Malaysia, China, Ireland and Egypt.

Although, Bangladesh Television was supposed to telecast all the matches of the tournament live, but Media Committee secretary and Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) vice-president Shaheen Mahmood said on Friday, that BTV may be unable to show the opening match because it clashed with its scheduled Eid programmes.

However, he confirmed that the remaining matches would be aired.

Meanwhile, all the teams excepting Japan and India, who flew into the capital Friday night, have practised at the tournament venue over the last two days.

The tournament has been arranged by the BHF as part of the national team's preparation for July's World Cup qualifiers in Scotland, Japan, India, Egypt and Scotland, who will also feature in the qualifiers, have also taken this meet in the same line.

Bangladesh, who are playing direct in the qualifying round for

the first time, are attaching paramount importance to the tournament despite having very little chance of making it to the last four from their group.

Bangladesh have failed to record a victory against Japan in their four previous meetings.

Japan won the first match 3-1 at the 1978 Asian Games in Bangkok. The meetings between the sides in the 1985 and 1993 Asia Cups in Dhaka and Hiroshima respectively were both 1-1 affairs.

And in their last encounter, the Japanese defeated Bangladesh 3-2 in the 5th/6th position play-off during the 1999 Asia Cup held in Kuala Lumpur. The match ended 2-2 in regulation time before a golden goal decided the issue.

The home team, which for the past three months has been preparing under the supervision of German coach York Schumacher, was nevertheless pretty confident of beating their nemesis.

"We have to win the first match in order to reach the semi-finals and we are going to give our

### FIXTURES

Date	Match	Kick-off time
Mar 10:	Bangladesh v Japan	3:30 pm
Mar 11:	China v Pakistan	10 am
	India v Scotland	2 pm
	Egypt v Malaysia	4 pm
Mar 12:	China v Ireland	2 pm
	Bangladesh v Scotland	4 pm
Mar 13:	India v Japan	12 Noon
	Ireland v Malaysia	2 pm
	Egypt v Pakistan	4 pm
Mar 14:	Bangladesh v India	4 pm
Mar 15:	China v Malaysia	12 Noon
	Japan v Scotland	2 pm
	Ireland v Pakistan	4 pm
Mar 16:	Egypt v Ireland	2 pm
	Malaysia v Pakistan	4 pm
Mar 18:	1st Semifinal (A1 v B2)	1:30 pm
	2nd Semifinal (A2 v B1)	4 pm
Mar 20:	Final	3:30 pm

## Hosts under pressure

### Cricket

AFP, Auckland

Pakistan fought back from a shaky start to enjoy a measure of control at the end of a rain-abbreviated second day of the opening Test with New Zealand here on Friday.

The tourists recovered from a collapse early in the day to make 346. They then put New Zealand firmly on the backfoot with Waqar Younis and debutant Mohammed Sami removing the home side's opening pair with just a solitary

run on the board.

New Zealand ended the day on 65 for two with captain Stephen Fleming on 32 and Mathew Sinclair unbeaten on 28. The pair survived a testing examination from a four-pronged Pakistani attack and still have plenty of work tomorrow on a seemingly placid pitch.

Although rain wiped out about four hours' play the match ignited in gloomy conditions this afternoon with Pakistan duo Moin Khan and Mushtaq Ahmed adding 52 in eight overs to carry the tourists to the brink of 350.

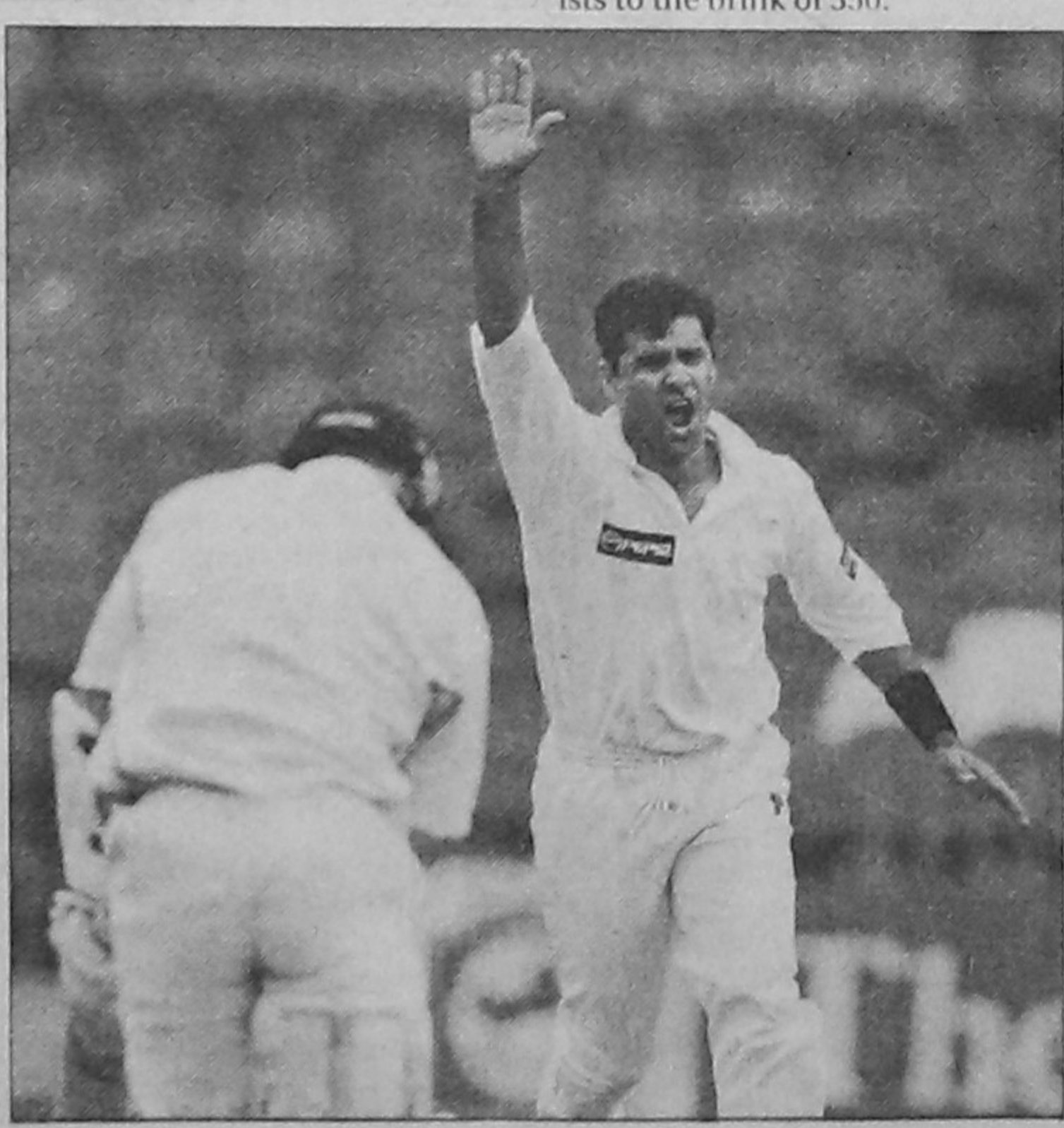


PHOTO AFP

Pakistan paceman Waqar Younis is ecstatic after having New Zealand opener Matthew Bell caught behind at Eden Park on Friday.

Waqar and Sami then took centre stage swiftly removing Matthew Bell and Mark Richardson to have New Zealand in disarray.

Bell, in his comeback Test after an 18-month break since a poor showing against India, was unlucky to be undone by a poor umpiring decision from the fourth ball of the innings.

New Zealand umpire Doug Cowie adjudged Bell caught behind first ball although replays indicated the ball had brushed his back pad en route to Moin.

However, there was no doubt surrounding the demise of Richardson, the appointed anchor of New Zealand's innings. Sami's fifth ball in Test cricket — a 140kmh (87.5 mph) yorker — sneaked under his defences on to the stumps.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the New Zealand v Pakistan first Test at Eden Park on Friday:

**PAKISTAN:** First innings (overnight 270-4)  
Farhat c Parore b Martin 23  
Elahi c Parore b Tuffey 24  
Misbah c Sinclair b McMillan 28  
Younis c Parore b Martin 51  
Younis c McMillan b Tuffey 91  
Iqbal c Fleming b Tuffey 42  
Moin c Parore b Tuffey 47  
Saqlain c Fleming b Martin 2  
Younis lbw b Martin 4  
Mushtaq c Parore b Franklin 19  
Sami not out 0  
Extras: (b-2, lb-7, nb-6) 15  
Total: (For 8 wks in 106 overs) 346  
Fall of wickets: 1-46, 2-52, 3-130, 4-138, 5-270, 6-271, 7-286, 8-294, 9-346

## Premier Cricket League from Mar 15

SPORTS REPORTER

The Premier Division Cricket League, which was scheduled to start from March 12, has been deferred by another three days, according to a Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) press release on Friday.

Signed by CCDM secretary Mahmud Ul Haq the press release said that the League had been delayed due to some unavoidable reasons and now would start from March 15.

Clubs have been asked to take preparations accordingly.

## India include Pillai

FROM PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Star forward Dhanraj Pillai returns to the national side and four promising junior national team players have been included as Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) announced a 16-member team for the nine-nation Prime Minister Gold Cup tournament.

The team, announced yesterday from 26 probabilities after a five-day training camp in Chennai (Madras), will be led forward Baljit Singh Saini.

Pillai, winner of India's highest sports honour Arjuna award, comes back to the team after returning recently from Malaysia where he had played in the domestic league and his inclusion definitely adds a cutting edge to the Indian attack. Pillai is the only player in the team to have represented India in three Olympics.

The four junior players who find a place in the squad for the Dhaka tournament are goalkeeper Bharat Chetri from Darjeeling in West Bengal state, Arjun Halappa, Inderjeet Singh and Radhakrishnan. Chetri will, however, be number two choice as the first choice is Jude Menezes.

The team of 16 booters, however, will miss the services of dependable Ghanajans Ghanaha and Kennedy as the British High Commission in Dhaka has denied their visas.

Former national footballer and the chief-of-mission of Abahani team Ashrafuddin Chunnu said this at a press conference at the club tent on Friday.

Assistant Coach C R Kumar expressed happiness with the composition of the team for Dhaka saying it is a blend of experience and youth. He felt it was the right time for the junior players to make their mark through a tournament like the one in Bangladesh.

Kumar said India would experiment with a new sequence of penalty corners and was hopeful the strategy would click in Dhaka.

### SQUAD

Jude Menez, Bharat Chetri, Lazarus Barla, Dinesh Nayak, Dilip Tirkey, Baljeet Singh Dhillion, Daljit Singh Dhillion, Baljit Singh Saini, Thirumavalavan, Dhanraj Pillai, Radhakrishnan, Bipin Fernandez, Prabhjot Singh, Deepak Thakur, Inderjeet Singh and Arjun Halappa.

## SAARC b'ball title India's

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh were handed a crushing 139-34 defeat by India in the final of the inaugural SAARC Men's Basketball Championship in Guwahati on Tuesday.

The hosts took a commanding 63-10 lead at half time.

Captain Parminder Singh led the Indian assault with 28 points. J. Muralimohan chipped in with 24 points.

For Bangladesh, Mohammad Raseduzzaman and Fazle Samad added 10 and 9 points respectively.

Earlier, Nepal claimed third place with 67-47 victory over Maldives.

## Windies 101-1 at lunch

AGENCIES, Georgetown

West Indies were 101 for one at lunch, after winning the toss and electing to bat against South Africa in the first test at the Bourda ground on Friday.

### TEAMS

**WEST INDIES:** Carl Hooper (captain), Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Brian Lara, Marlon Samuel, Ridley Jacobs, Nixon McLean, Mervyn Dillon, Dinanath Ramnarine, Courtney Walsh, Shivnarine Chandernepaul (12th man)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Shaun Pollock (captain), Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Daryll Cullinan, Neil McKenzie, Mark Boucher, Lance Klusener, Nicky Boje, Allan Donald, Makaya Ntini, Boeta Dippenaar (12th man)

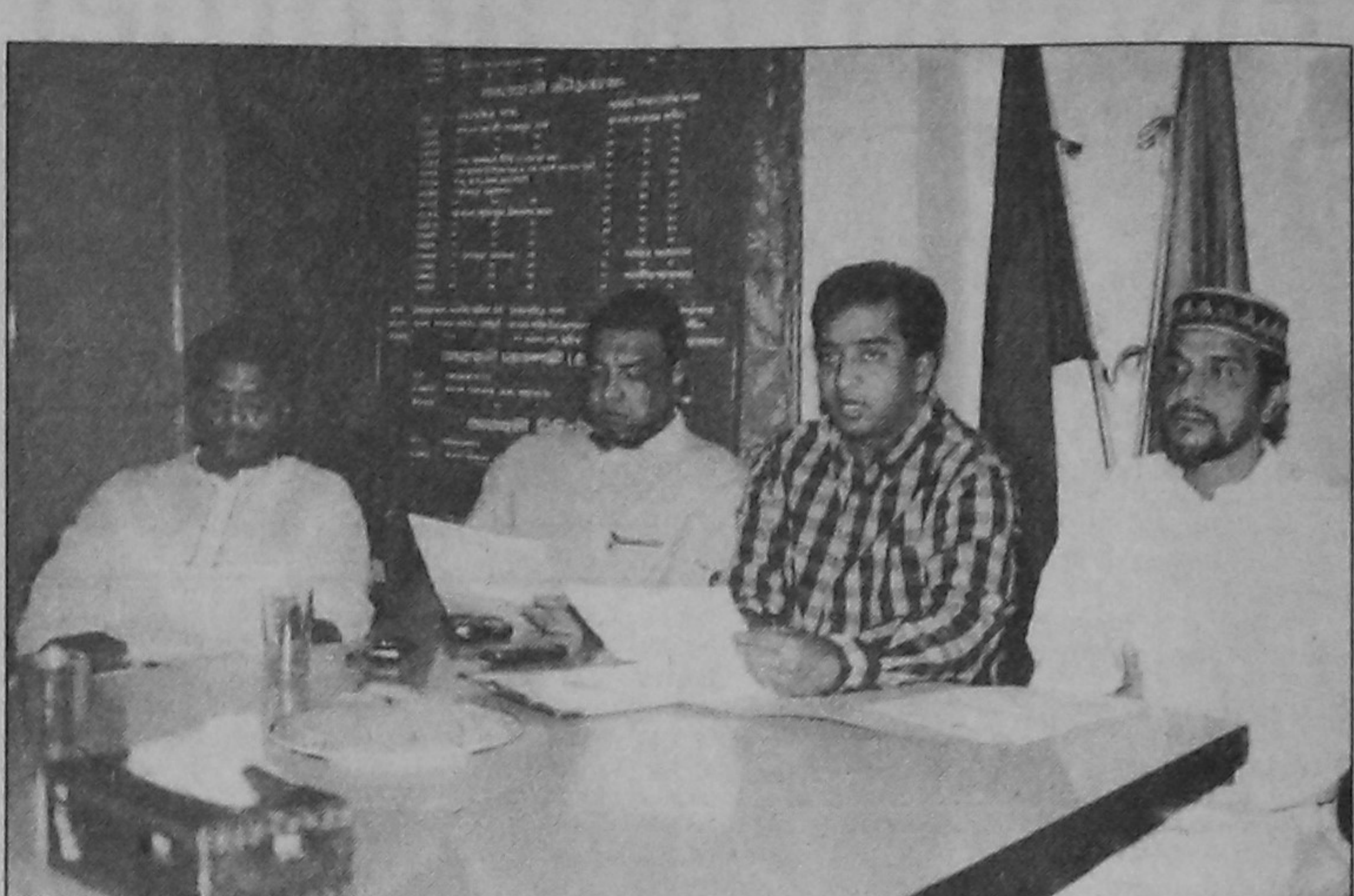


PHOTO STAR

Abahani's Chef de Mission Ashrafuddin Chunnu speaking at a press conference on Friday regarding the Dhaka giant's forthcoming football tour of England.

## Abahani Eng-bound

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

A 30-member Abahani football team leaves for London tomorrow on a maiden tour of England.

The popular Dhanmondi outfit are scheduled to take on Sporting Bengal United on March 14 in their first of two exhibition matches sponsored by Canary Wharf. Five days later they play an under-19 team of English Premier League West Ham United at Upton Park.

This will be the first time an Asian team would play at Upton Park.

The team of 16 booters, however, will miss the services of dependable Ghanajans Ghanaha and Kennedy as the British High Commission in Dhaka has denied their visas.

Former national footballer and the chief-of-mission of Abahani team Ashrafuddin Chunnu said this at a press conference at the club tent on Friday.

Director-elect of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and deputy leader of the team Dewan Shafiqul Arefin Tutul and team coordinator Shah Alam Chowdhury were also present.

Chunnu said that national striker Alfaz Ahmed would replace

Kennedy. But he couldn't confirm who would take the place of defender Ghanaha.

Besides, he also said that on way home from England on March 20, the team will spend two days in Uzbekistan. They might even play an exhibition match in the capital Tashkent.

The team would be accorded three receptions by Canary Wharf, Bangladesh Football Association in UK and Bangladesh Community on March 12, 15 and 17 respectively.

Canary Wharf, a UK-based company, will bear all expenses of the tour.

Last year Abahani's arch-rivals, Mohammedan Sporting Club, undertook a similar tour.

### SQUAD

Iqbal Hossain (captain), Biplab Bhattacharyya, Mattur Rahman Munna, Abdul Quayum Sentu, Partho Protim Kundu, Rakib Mahbub Apel, Arman, Tito, Sujon, Rokonuzzaman Kanchan, Nazrul Islam, Pavel, Tanveer Chowdhury, Alfaz Ahmed and Zakir Hossain Shahin.

Officials: Ashrafuddin Chunnu (Chief-of-mission), Bazul Haque Beg (deputy leader), Dewan Shafiqul Arefin (deputy leader), Shah Alam Chowdhury (coordinator), Momem Munna (manager) and Amalesh Sen (coach).

## Ranatunga rebuked

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's cricketing legend Arjuna Ranatunga has been castigated by a judge over allegations he assaulted teenage cricket players, seven of whom ended up in hospital.

Magistrate Kusala Weerawardhana said Ranatunga had committed a "very serious act" unbecoming of a celebrity and warned him to be better behaved.

Press reports here highlighted the judge's comments made late Wednesday after Ranatunga appeared before him following the cricketer's arrest at a local police station.

"As a respectable person in the country you should have behaved in a more decent manner."

## Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Shaheed Mintu Sangha lifted the Haider Akhter Banu Memorial Cricket Trophy with a six-wicket win over Babul Smriti Sangha in the final held at the Magura Stadium on Friday.

Batting first, Babul Smriti Sangha scored 113 all out in 26 overs. In reply, Shaheed Mintu Sangha reached 114 for four in 17 overs.

## SL stare at defeat

### Cricket

AGENCIES, Kandy

Sri Lanka were facing defeat in the second Test against England on Friday, closing eight runs ahead with four second innings wicket left after a day of fresh controversy and confrontation.

Their last front-line batsman, Kumar Sangakkara, was on 47 not out as the home side ended the third day on 98 for six.

The game threatened to spiral out of control after Sri Lanka, 90 runs behind after dismissing England for 387 at tea, collapsed to three for three after just 13 balls when they batted again.

Tempers flared as Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya was controversially given out, caught in the slips off Andy Caddick, by home umpire BC Cooray off what

appeared to be a bump ball.

When Aravinda de Silva followed moments later, gloving a Darren Gough bouncer to the slip cordon, Sangakkara and Michael Atherton exchanged words, the Englishman then remonstrating with umpire Rudi Koertzen.

Sri Lanka saw their last hopes of salvaging the match all but disappear when Mahela Jayawardene, a century-maker in the first innings, chopped Craig White into his stumps to make it 42 for four before Robert Croft snapped up two late wickets to expose the tail.

The off-spinner, who scored an invaluable 33 not out earlier in the day, ended with two for seven from five overs as Russell Arnold was given out lbw on the front foot and Tuwan Dilshan edged to Graeme Hick at slip for a duck.

The three-match series had already been poisoned in the first

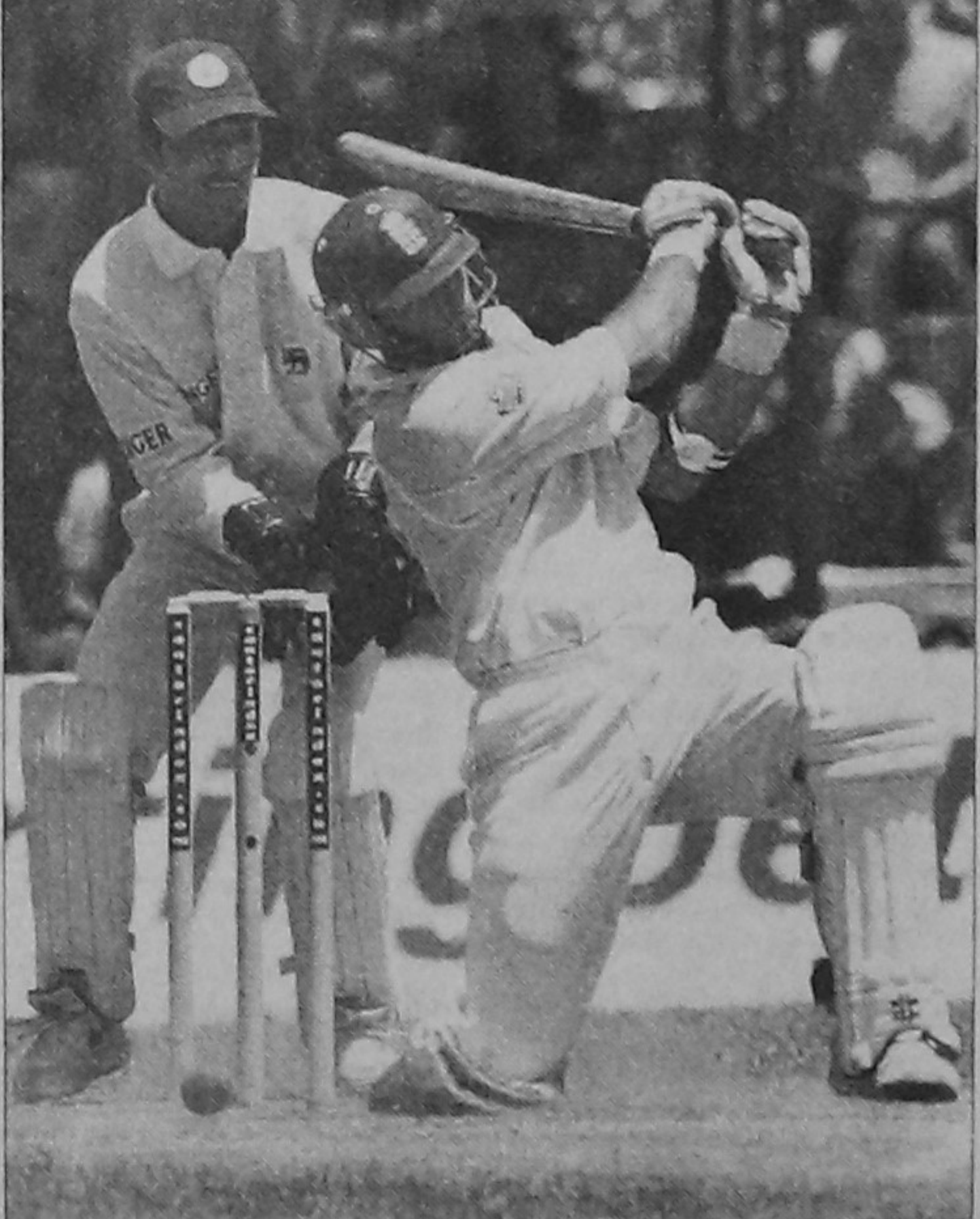


PHOTO AFP

England skipper Nasser Hussain in full flow Kandy.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second Test between Sri Lanka and England on Friday:

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 297 (M Jayawardene 101, R Arnold 65; A Caddick 4-55, D Gough 4-73)

**ENGLAND:** First innings (overnight 249-5)  
Atherton lbw b Vaas 7  
Trescothick c S'kara b D'sena 23  
Hussain b M'tharan 109  
Thorpe c Dilshan b J'suriya 59  
Stewart c Dilshan b J'suriya 54  
Hick lbw b M'tharan 0  
White st S'kara b J'suriya 39  
Giles b M'tharan 5  
Croft not out 33  
Caddick b M'tharan 7  
Gough lbw b Vaas 10  
Extras: (b-16, lb-20, w-1, nb-4) 41  
Total: (All out in 157 overs) 387  
Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-37, 3-204, 4-232, 5-236, 6-323, 7-330, 8-336, 9-346

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	23	7	39	2
Zoysa	10	2	35	0
M'tharan	63	21	127	4
D'sena	27	4	74	1
J'suriya	34	10	76	3

**SRI LANKA:** Second innings  
Atapattu c Stewart b Gough 2  
J'suriya c Thorpe b Caddick 0  
S'kara not out 47  
De Silva c White b Gough 1  
J'wardene b White 18  
Arnold lbw b Croft 22  
Dilshan c Hick b Croft 0  
D'sena not out 1  
Extras: (nb-7) 7  
Total: (For 6 wks in 31 overs) 98  
To bat: Vaas, Zoysa, Muralitharan.  
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-2, 3-3, 4-42, 5-81, 6-88

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gough	6	0	24	2
Caddick	8	2	29	1
White	6	2	20	1
Croft	5	3	7	2
Giles	6	3	18	0