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Aravinda sets BNS alight

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

Vintage Sri Lankan Aravinda de Silva led from the front as International Eleven clinched the Samsung-Coca-Cola Independence Day Challenge Trophy in style.

The master batsman smashed 74 off 48 balls to throttle his side to an emphatic five-wicket win over the BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) Eleven at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday.

The superlative effort of Aravinda in front of a near-packed audience not only ended the prospect of a real contest but also overshadowed a disciplined hundred by BCB opener Javed Omar.

The home supporters were on a high when the Naimur-led Board team posted a fighting 275 for eight in their share of 50 overs, thanks to a composed 102 from Javed. But the day-night exhibition match eventually offered no contest as the invitational team reached the summit with more than ten wickets to spare.

After taking three wickets for 44 runs, Aravinda gave his side an explosive start after Pakistani opener Imran Nazir fell for a duck in the very first over.

The Lankan 1996 World Cup hero clubbed nine fours and a sweetly-timed six. Aravinda ruthlessly took the full advantage of the let-off while he was on 15. He offered a straight forward catch at point off right-arm seamer Hasibul, but only to be floored by Rafique.

The missed catch proved too costly for the locals as the experienced batsman got into his usual aggressive stride to toy with the toothless attack. He was particularly harsh on Hasibul, who was sent for a staggering 46-run in three overs.

Dashing Pakistani opener Shahid Afridi also scored a whirlwind 23 off 11 balls before being brilliantly caught and bowled by young right-arm seamer Sharif. Bowled by a 'no-ball' from Hasibul on 22, Afridi went on to hammer four fours and a six.

Kanitkar and Hassan Tilkeratne, who had earlier took two outstanding catches, put on 112 runs for the undefeated sixth wicket to guide their side to victory.

Earlier, Javed scored a fine 102 off 130 balls to lay the foundation of the home total. The dapper right-hander struck nine fours and a six. Aminul Islam with an unbeaten 44 and Habibul Bashar, who chipped in with 41, were the other notable run-getters.

The match was organised by

the Bangladesh Cricket Board in celebration of the country's 30th year of independence.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecards of the exhibition match of the Samsung-Coca-Cola Independence Day Challenge Trophy between Bangladesh Cricket Board XI and International XI at the Bangabandhu National Stadium Tuesday:

BCB XI

Javed c Tilkeratne b De Silva	102
Al-Saharic c De Silva b Afridi	39
Bashar c Haldipur b I Nazir	41
Akram c Das b Kanitkar	8
Aminul not out	44
Naimur c Afridi b Kanitkar	2
Masood c Kanitkar b De Silva	4
Rafique c Haldipur b De Silva	12
Hasibul c & b Afridi	4
M Sharif not out	2
Extras:(b-1, lb-6, w-3, nb-7)	17
Total:(for 8 wks, 50 overs)	275
Did not bat: Enamul Haque.	
Fall of wicket: 1-91, 2-166, 3-193, 4-216, 5-219, 6-229, 7-255, 8-265.	

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Shabbir	5	0	44	0

Manjurul	7	0	35	0
Mushfiq	9	1	32	0
Afridi	8	0	44	2
Kanitkar	10	0	47	2
I Nazir	3	0	22	1
De Silva	8	0	44	3

INTERNATIONAL XI

Nazir c Naimur b Hasibul	0
Afridi c & Sharif	24
De Silva c Javed b Naimur	74
Rathore c Masood b Enamul	41
Haldipur c Aminul b Enamul	9
Tilkeratne not out	47
Kanitkar not out	56
Extras:(b-6, w-9, nb-10)	25
Total:(for 5 wks, 39.4 overs)	276
Did not bat: Mushfiqur Rahman, Shabbir Ahmed, SS Das, Manjurul Islam	
Fall of wicket: 1-2, 2-45, 3-126, 4-159, 5-164	

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Hasibul	5	0	61	1
Sharif	5.4	0	41	1
Rafique	8	0	58	0
Naimur	8	0	51	1
Enamul	9	0	38	2
Bashar	4	0	21	0

Result: Asia XI won by 5 wickets

Umpires: Shawkatul Rahman and Jahangir Alam



BCB Eleven opener Javed Omar acknowledges the crowd's applause after scoring century against International Eleven in the exhibition day-night match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday.

Lanka blank England

Cricket
AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka beat England by 10 wickets Tuesday to sweep the three-match one-day international series 3-0.

England made 165-9 from their allotted 50 overs. Sri Lanka replied with 166 without loss to avenge their 2-1 loss in the Test series.

Sri Lanka, skippered by the first time by Marvan Atapattu, needed just 34 overs to overhaul England's meagre total with Atapattu and century-maker Romesh Kaluwitharana sharing an unbroken opening partnership of 166.

"Because we lost the Test series, we badly needed to win the one-day series," said Sanath Jayasuriya, the Sri Lankan regular captain who was ruled out Tuesday with a knee injury.

Jayasuriya was delighted with the way his team have regrouped after losing the often ill-tempered Test series.

England's Graham Thorpe said his players had done well overall, despite the setback in the one-day matches.

"Sri Lanka deserved to win the series," Thorpe said. "It has been a tough series."

Thorpe paid tribute to the 10,000 English fans who have travelled to watch the matches — a degree of support that Sri Lanka coach Day Whatmore compared unfavourably with the poor home support for Jayasuriya's players in the Test series.

Kaluwitharana was in brilliant form hitting the England bowlers to all parts of the field to record his second one-day century. Atapattu said it was a pleasure to watch Kaluwitharana in full flow.

He finished unbeaten on 102 — off 117 balls with the aid of 20 fours — and was an easy pick for the man-of-the-match award.

England had one opportunity to get his wicket when he hit back a hard return catch while on 71. Bowler Robert Croft got both hands to the ball but failed to hold

final one-day international between England and Sri Lanka at the SSC grounds in Colombo Tuesday:

England	165
Trescothick b Vaas	16
Stewart b Vaas	14
Knight b Zoysa	7
Hick c De Saran b D'sena	46
Thorpe c S'kara b Zoysa	0
Hintoff c D'sena b S'weera	24
White b Arnold	4
Ealham c sub (Dilshan) b D'sena	28
Croft c J'wardene b Vaas	4
Gough not out	0
Mullally not out	8
Extras:(lb-4, w-10)	14

Total: (For 9 wks in 50 overs) 165
Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-36, 3-39, 4-39, 5-88, 6-105, 7-152, 8-156, 9-157

Bowler

O	M	R	W	
Vaas	8	5	13	3
Zoysa	7	1	39	2
D'sena	10	0	35	2
M'tharan	10	0	29	0
S'weera	7	0	26	1
Arnold	8	1	19	1

SRI LANKA

Atapattu not out	53
Kaluwitharana not out	102
Extras:(lb-2, w-3, nb-6)	11
Total: (For no loss in 33.5 overs)	166
Did not bat: K Sangakkara, M Jayawardene, R Arnold, I de Saran, T Samarawecera, K Dharmasena, C Vaas, N Zoysa, M Muralitharan	

Left-arm fast bowler Chaminda Vaas did most damage with an accurate and deadly spell that left him with figures of 3-13 off eight overs.

He claimed the scalps of both openers, Marcus Trescothick and Alec Stewart, to put England on the backfoot early in the innings.

Top scorer for England was Graeme Hick with 46 off 114 balls.

Mark Ealham, playing his first match of the series, made 28 useful runs off 40 balls. But England's total was never likely to trouble the Sri Lankans, even without Jayasuriya.

The Sri Lanka skipper was forced to sit out the match due to a knee injury.
SCOREBOARD
Final scorecard of the third and

MSC-Biman lock horns today

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

The Premier Division Cricket League resumes today after a two-day recess. Two matches will be played on the day.

In a crucial match, title contenders Mohammedan Sporting Club take on Bangladesh Biman at the Bangabandhu National Stadium while Surjo Tarun Club meet Brothers Union at the BKSP ground in Savar.

Both Mohammedan and Biman are unbeaten in the league so far. They have won four straight matches. The winners will join holders Abahani atop the table with five wins apiece.

BAGAN THE WINNERS

Meanwhile, the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), the organisers of the league, declared Kalabagan Krira Chakra winners of the abruptly-ended game against Victoria on March 25.

The match ended after only eleven overs in a fiasco when Victoria refused to face Pakistani off-spinner Tareq Mehmud on the grounds that he 'chucked the ball.'

According to the Section 11 (1) of the bye-laws of the league, Kalabagan were awarded full two points.

Alfaz, Nakib Bagan bound

Cricket
AFP, Hamilton

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Reefat Active chess champ

Cricket
AFP, Rio de Janeiro

Brazilian star Ronaldo is poised to make a gentle comeback from injury on Wednesday in a charity match to raise money for the United Nations children's fund (UNICEF).

The Inter Milan ace, who has not played competitive football since rupturing a tendon in his right knee during a comeback for the club in April last year, has agreed to take part in the game officials said.

He will line-up alongside other stars from the world of sport including racing driver Michael Schumacher - in Brazil ahead of Sunday's Grand Prix - and F1 colleague Jarno Trulli and Giancarlo Fisichella.

Several other footballers from past and present, including Bebeto, Renato Gaúcho, Zico, Juninho, Lairzinho and Branco will take part in the match.



The giant 'Good Luck Bat', sponsored by Coca-Cola Far East Limited, was handed over to the national cricket team on Tuesday. The bat, containing signatures of thousands of cricket fans, will accompany the team on its tour of Zimbabwe. Bangladesh go on their maiden overseas Test tour on April 1.

NZ early in control

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AFP, Hamilton

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Bell then dismissed the free-scoring Imran Farhat for 24 before claiming the valuable scalp of stand-in captain Inzamamul Haq for five.

Inzamam didn't offer a shot and was adjudged leg before-wicket by umpire Steve Dunne, a decision which clearly did not impress him.

Then Tuffey, after an average first spell, removed second Test double centurion Yousuf Youhana for nought before the only useful partnership of the innings.

Younis Khan and debutant Humayun Farhat both flayed at

Bell and Richardson reached their second century stand in 143 minutes, then passed Pakistan's total on their own before Richardson reached his seventh Test 50 in 156 minutes with a straight six off Saqlain Mushtaq.

Bell also achieved the rare feat of passing 1000 runs in a New Zealand season.

Pakistan suffered a double blow on the eve of the match, losing captain Moin Khan to an injured right knee then young pace bowler, Mohammad Sami to shin soreness.

MORE CRICKET MORE PEPSI

the bowling to add 50 off 55 balls but the last five wickets fell for 15 runs as Tuffey cleaned up the tail.

Younis played an entertaining knock but was last out for 36 off 57 balls when he found Richardson on the deep square leg boundary.

Adam Parore's four catches in his 70th Test, three of them off Tuffey, took him past Ian Smith's New Zealand record of wicket-keeping dismissals of 176 from 63 Tests.

Then Bell and Richardson continued to be a revelation as an opening pair with their fourth consecutive 50-plus stand in just their fifth innings together.

There was little to trouble them on the still bowler-friendly pitch as Waqar Younis, Fazle Akbar and Mohammad Akram rarely beat the bat.

Bell was the aggressor, carving the bowling square of the wicket for nine fours to reach his third Test 50 in just over two hours off 66 balls.

He hit 16 fours all up, with some vicious late pull shots off Younis.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the third cricket Test between New Zealand and Pakistan in Hamilton on Tuesday:

PAKISTAN: First innings
I Farhat c Astele b Martin 24
Ijaz c Parore b Martin 5
Iqbal c Bell b Martin 0
Inzamam lbw b Martin 5
Youshana c Parore b Tuffey 0
Younis c Richardson b Tuffey 36
I Farhat c Parore b Tuffey 28
Saqlain run out 0
Waqar c Fleming b Franklin 0
Akbar c Parore b Tuffey 0
Akram not out 1
Extras:(lb-3, nb-2) 5
Total:(All out in 26.5 overs) 104
Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-28, 3-29, 4-34, 5-38, 6-89, 7-89, 8-91, 9-103

Bowler O M R W
Tuffey 10.5 2 39 4
Martin 10 3 52 4
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Mohammed given WI nod

Cricket
AFP, Bridgetown

The West Indies cricket selectors have called up fast bowler Cameron Cuffy and left-arm spinner Dave Mohammed in a 13-man squad for the third Test against South Africa starting at Kensington Oval on Thursday.

Fast bowler Nixon McLean was dropped from the side that lost the second Test by 69 runs in Port of Spain, Trinidad, last week. Fellow fast bowler Reon King, who was a member of the squad for the first two Tests but did not play, was also left out.

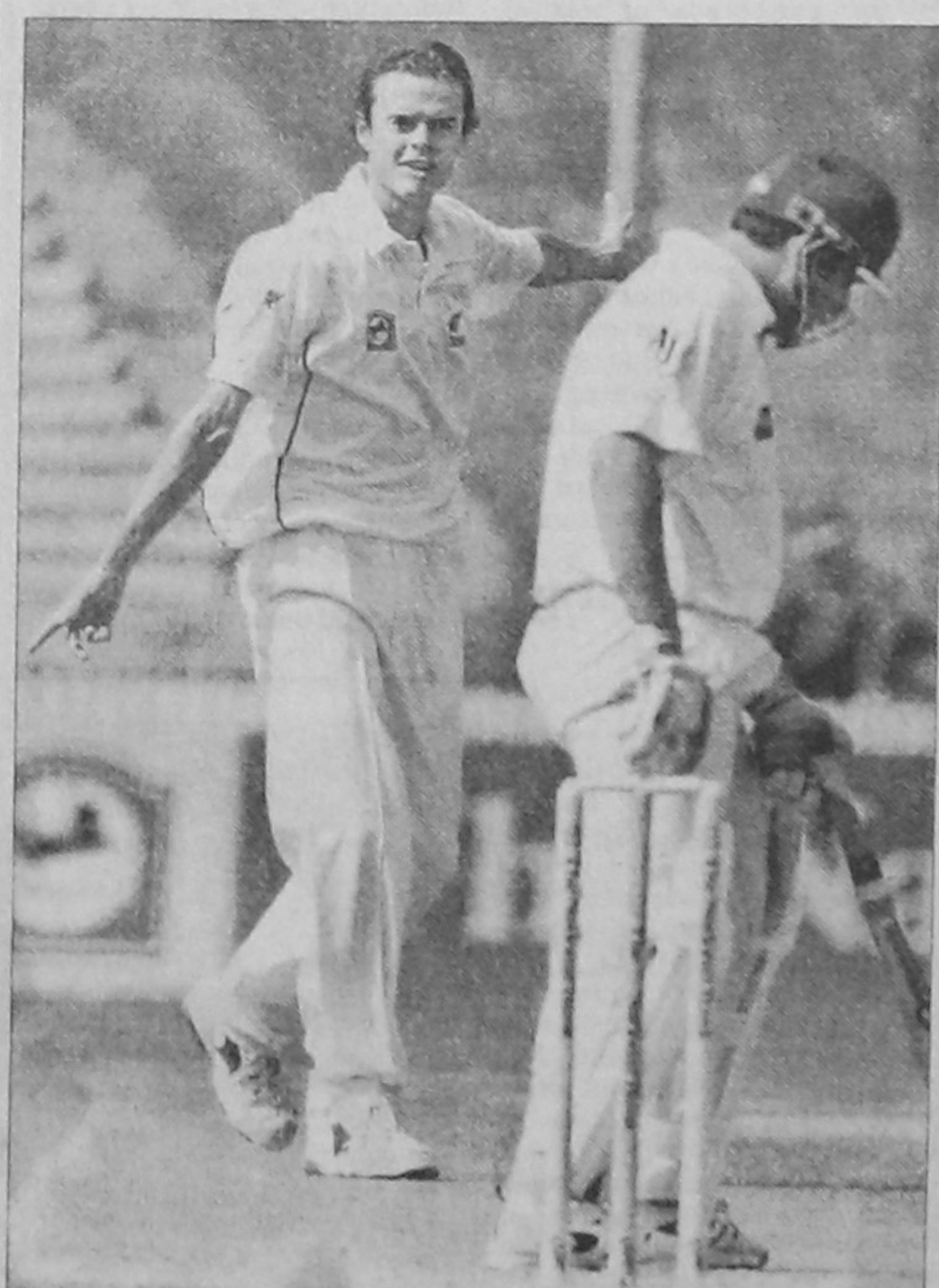
Cuffy, 31, from Windward Islands, bowled impressively in taking three for 38 for a West Indies Board XI in the first innings of a three-day match which ended in a draw in Bridgetown Monday. He has played in three Tests.

Mohammed, 20, an unorthodox left-arm spinner, has not played international cricket. He bowled tidily for the Board XI and took both wickets in South Africa's second innings.

Shivnarine Chandepaul, who did not play in the first two Tests, was retained in the squad despite modest performances during the Board XI match in which he scored 12 and 20 not out.

SQUAD

Carl Hooper (captain), Ridley Jacobs (vice-captain), Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Marlon Samuels, Brian Lara, Ramnareesh Sarwan, Dinanath Ramnarine, Mervyn Dillon, Courtney Walsh, Shivnarine Chandepaul, Cameron Cuffy and Dave Mohammed.



New Zealand paceman Chris Martin begins to celebrate after dismissing Pakistani batsman Inzamamul Haq on the opening day of the Wellington Test on Tuesday.

DAY'S EVENT

Premier Division Cricket League Mohammedan SC v Biman (Bangabandhu National Stadium) Surjo Tarun v Brothers Union (BKSP)