

**Afridi torments New Zealand**

AFP Sharjah

Pakistan rode on a scintillating start by Shahid Afridi and Imran Nazir to trounce New Zealand by eight wickets in the Sharjah tri-series here on Thursday.

The openers smashed 79 in the first seven overs during a 113-run partnership to help Pakistan surpass New Zealand's challenging 266-7 with 7.5 overs to spare.

Veterans Saeed Anwar (81 not out) and Inzamam-ul-Haq (71 not out) then added 157 for the unbroken third wicket to seal Pakistan's second successive win in preliminary league also featuring Sri Lanka.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard in the Sharjah Cup one-day triangular series match between New Zealand and Pakistan on Thursday:

**NEW ZEALAND:** 266 for seven in 50 overs (Sinclair 117)

**PAKISTAN**

Nazir lbw b Walker	35
Afridi c Franklin b Adams	70
Anwar not out	81
Inzamam not out	71
Extras: (lb-7, w-5, nb-1)	13

Total: (For two wickets in 42.1 overs) 270

Fall of wickets: 1-113; 2-113. Did not bat: Yousif Khan, Abdur Razaq, Shoaib Malik, Humayun Farhat, Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mohammed Sami.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Franklin	2	0	23	0
Oram	6	0	24	0
Bradburn	7.1	0	61	0
Adams	8	0	38	1
Walker	9	0	63	1
Harris	4	0	23	0
McMillan	6	1	31	0

Result: Pakistan won by eight wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Shahid Afridi (Pakistan).

**Tikolo calls**

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Mohammed-dan raised their tally to 18 points from ten games, two more than arch rivals Mahani. Biman occupy third spot with 14 points.

Sadhara Bima's eighth defeat keeps them at the bottom of the table with four points.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between Mohammedan SC and Sadhara Bima at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday:

**MOHAMMEDAN SC**

Rashed b Zakir	25
Harun st Chopra b Biplab	102
Tikolo not out	184
Sanwar b Zakir	18
Jamal c Hira b Zakir	7
Mustadir not out	3
Extras: (lb-8, nb-3, w-11)	22
Total: (For 4 wks in 50 overs) 361	

Fall of wickets: 1/71, 2/258, 3/282, 4/305.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tushar	7	0	80	0
Zakir	10	0	64	3
Tashriq	4	0	26	0
Biplab	10	0	65	1
Moin	6	0	38	0
Rezwan	10	0	52	0
Hashmi	3	0	28	0

**SADHARA BIMA**

Chopra c Sanwar b Jamal	82
Hira c Hayat b Shafiquddin	1
Biplab b Shafiquddin	16
Hashmi c & b Minhaz	31
Rezwan b Jamal	6
Moin c Sanwar b Mustadir	43
Tashriq c Rashed b Jamal	9
Jashim c Rashed b Mustadir	20
Zakir not out	4
Tushar not out	0
Extras: (lb-2, nb-1, w-13)	16
Total: (For 8 wks in 50 overs) 228	

Fall of wickets: 1/14, 2/36, 3/110, 4/140, 5/157, 6/188, 7/218, 8/218.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Taposh	6	0	28	0
Shafiquddin	7	0	25	2
Hayat	5	0	29	0
Minhaz	8	0	33	1
Mustadir	8	0	47	2
Sanwar	2	0	9	0
Jamal	10	0	34	3
Rashed	4	0	21	0

Result: Mohammedan SC won by 133 runs.

**Unchanged melody Aussie Ashes squad named**

**Cricket**

AGENCIES, Sydney

Australia sprang no major surprises on Friday when announcing the line-up for this year's Ashes Test series.

Left-arm paceman Nathan Bracken and left-handed batsman Simon Katich have been included for the traditional series against England in July and August.

Selectors named a 16-man squad, with Katich, Bracken and express bowler Brett Lee the only additions to the team, which lost last month's Test series in India.

Australia will play a five-Test series against England. A 14-man squad was announced for a preceding one-day tournament also featuring Pakistan.

Bracken, a 23-year-old from New South Wales, was sent to India for the one-day series which Steve Waugh's team won 3-2, impressing the selectors enough to be preferred to Michael Kasprovicz, who made the last Ashes tour in 1997.

He has captured 10 wickets at 30.30 in nine one-day internationals but has yet to play a Test. He will be the fifth fast bowler in the squad along with Glenn McGrath, Jason Gillespie, Damien Fleming and Lee.

"Nathan has come on in leaps and bounds since he came into the one-day side for the domestic series last summer and he was also really impressive in the one-day series in India," Trevor Hohns, the chairman of selectors, said.

"And being a left-arm bowler means he offers us a little bit of variety in the pace bowling department."

Katich, 25, has long been earmarked for Australian selection and was on the verge of making his Test debut in Sri Lanka in 1999 only to be diagnosed with chickenpox.

His success playing for Durham in last year's English county championship also influenced the selectors. He scored three centuries in compiling 1,089 runs in 16 matches at 43.56.

Katich and Bracken are the latest graduates of Australia's prolific cricket academy to progress to the Test squad.

"We see Simon as one of our outstanding younger players and we are confident he can fill a role anywhere in the order," said Hohns.

Gillespie and Lee have been included in the Ashes team subject to fitness tests.

Gillespie, who suffered a stress reaction in his left foot on the tour of India, is included in both the one-day and Test squads. He will have to prove his fitness by May 26, when the one-day squad leaves.

Lee, who is recovering from

surgery on his right elbow, will have his fitness checked before the Test squad flies out in mid-June.

"Brett is in the early stages of his comeback from injury and we are keen not to rush him back too quickly," said Hohns.

Despite below-par form in India, batsman Michael Slater, Justin Langer and Ricky Ponting were included in the Ashes team. No specialist third opening batsman was named.

Selectors decided to stick with Colin Miller as the second spinner



SHANE WARNE

with Shane Warne, meaning that wrist-spinner Stuart MacGill misses out despite taking 27 wickets at 17.70 in four Tests on England's last tour here in 1998-99.

Warne has taken 58 wickets at 25.06 in the last two Ashes series in England. He is already Australia's greatest wicket-taker with 376 in 87 Tests.

Australia's attack will again be spearheaded by Glenn McGrath, who is fast catching up to Warne's wicket tally and in 70 Tests has claimed 326 scalps.

Hohns said the selectors were aware of the potential workload on vice-captain Adam Gilchrist as the sole wicketkeeper named in both squads and they will continue to consider the situation over the coming weeks.

If the workload becomes too heavy, New South Wales wicket-keeper Brad Haddin, who is playing league cricket in England this summer, will be added to the squad.

Skipper Steve Waugh, a veteran of 135 Tests, is keen to return his Australian team to winning ways after their 2-1 series loss in India.

Before losing the second Test in Calcutta the Australians had won a record 16 consecutive Tests.

Australia have held the Ashes since 1989 and in their last three Ashes tours have won the series 4-0 (1989), 4-1 (1993) and 3-2 (1997).

The Australians will travel to Britain at the end of May with their opening match against Worcestershire starting on June 1. The tour concludes with the fifth Ashes test at The Oval in London in the last week of August.

**SQUADS**

**Test squad:** Steve Waugh (captain), Adam Gilchrist (vice-captain), Nathan Bracken, Damien Fleming, Jason Gillespie, Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Brett Lee (subject to fitness), Simon Katich, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Colin Miller, Ricky Ponting, Michael Slater, Shane Warne, Mark Waugh.

**One-day squad:** Steve Waugh (captain), Adam Gilchrist (vice-captain), Michael Bevan, Nathan Bracken, Damien Fleming, Jason Gillespie, (subject to fitness), Ian Harvey, Matthew Hayden, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Ricky Ponting, Andrew Symonds, Shane Warne, Mark Waugh.

**Itinerary**

Schedule of matches for the Australian cricket team's 2001 Ashes tour.

- June
- 1-3 - Australia v Worcestershire, Worcester.
- 5 - Australia v Middlesex, Lord's London.
- 7 - Australia v Northamptonshire, Northampton.
- 9 - Australia v Pakistan, Cardiff (one-day series).
- 10 - Australia v England, Bristol (one-day series).
- 14 - Australia v England, Manchester (one-day series).
- 16 - Australia v Pakistan, Chester-le-Street (one-day series).
- 19 - Australia v England, Nottingham (one-day series).
- 21 - Australia v England, The Oval, London.
- 23 - One-day series final, Bristol.
- 25-27 - Australia v Marylebone Cricket Club, Arundel.
- 29-1 - Australia v Essex, Chelmsford.
- July
- 5-9 - Australia v England, Birmingham (1st Test).
- 13-15 - Australia v Somerset, Taunton.
- 19-23 - Australia v England, Bristol (2nd Test).
- 28-30 - Australia v Hampshire, Southampton.
- August
- 2-6 - Australia v England, Nottingham (3rd Test).
- 8-10 - Australia v Sussex, Brighton.
- 12 - Australia v Ireland, Belfast.
- 16-20 - Australia v England, Leeds (4th Test).
- 23-27 - Australia v England, The Oval, London.

**Nat'l Schools cricket April 20**

SPORTS REPORTER

The first round of the Standard Chartered 19th National Schools Cricket Championship begins across the country from April 20.

A record 903 schools from 58 districts including Dhaka city, will take part in the first round that will be held in six divisions and Dhaka city.

Fourteen teams -- four from Dhaka city, two each from Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Khulna Divisions and one from Sylhet and Barisal Division -- will join last year's champions Mymensingh Zila School and runners-up Rajshahi Collegiate School in the final round, which is likely to be held next month.

A press conference in this connection was held at the conference room of Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday afternoon with Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Saber Hossain Chowdhury in the chair.

Mohammad A Ali, chief executive of Standard Chartered Group Bangladesh, head of External Affairs Badrul Ahsan and BCB director elect Dewan Shaiful Arefin Tutul were also present.

A cheque of Taka 18 lakh was handed over to BCB president by Mohammad A Ali at the end of the briefing as sponsorship money.

**Brig Hasan, Lee lift Japan Cup**

SPORTS REPORTER

Brigadier General Mahub Hasan and SN Lee lifted the respective men's and ladies' titles in the Japan Cup Golf Tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Friday.

About 280 golfers took part in the day-long event. Major General Jiban Kanai Das, vice-president of the KGC, teed-off in the morning.

Later, Chief of Army Staff Lt General M Harun-Ar-Rashid, who is also president of the club, gave away prizes.

The Japanese Embassy, Japanese Association in Dhaka and Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industries jointly sponsored the tournament.

**OTHER RESULTS**

Senior Winner: Maj Gen S Ameer Ali; Junior Winner: Ishtiaq; Best Gross: Sadiq Qudus; Ladies Best Gross: Mrs Kyung Sook Park; 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Gross: Gurmeet Shing; Runner-up: Arshi Haider; Runner-up Ladies: Mrs Jung Sook Park; 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up: Brig Gen Sakhawat Hussain; Front Nine Winner: Manzoor Ahmed; Back Nine Winner: Brig Gen Ahsan Habib; Near-end to Pin: Lt Col Shahriar A Chowdhury; Longest Drive: Raiyan Rab.

**Rakib's solo run over**

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Abdullah-Al-Rakib's impressive run came to an end when IM Ziaur Rahman handed him his first defeat in the seventh round of the Professor Abdur Razzak 27th National Chess Championship at the NSC chess room on Friday.

Playing with black pieces, Rakib fell short of time after 31 moves, and conceded defeat.

Both Zia and Rakib occupy the top spot with six points each.

Grand Master Niaz Murshed and FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib are jointly in the second position with 5 points.

"Niaz and Rajib drew their board."

**STANDINGS**

- 6 points-- Zia, Rakib
- 5 points-- Niaz, Rajib
- 4 points-- Reelat, Sumon
- 2.5 points-- Nasir, Sakil
- 2 points-- Maleq, Amin
- 1.5 points-- Imon, Rani

**Rizvi lifts nat'l snooker title**

SPORTS REPORTER

Refaat Hossain, Rizvi of Narayanang Club clinched the 17th National Snooker Championship title defeating Narayan Chandra Ghosh of the same club by 7-2 frames in the final held at the Narayanang Club snooker room on Friday.

A total of 45 players from nine clubs took part in the two-week long meet which began on March 30.

**Bangladesh**

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To Bat: Manjural Islam. Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-154, 3-164, 4-174, 5-179, 6-275, 7-289, 8-289.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Watambwa	25	4	68	4
Nkala	21	6	56	1
Mutendera	16.5	4	61	1
Olonga	15	5	49	2
Strang	9.1	1	27	0
Marillier	6	1	25	0

**ZIMBABWE A:** PA Strang (captain), H Masakadza, DA Marillier, MA Vermeulen, CB Wishart, GJ Rennie, DT Mutendera, J Galbra, ML Nkala, BT Watambwa, HK Olonga.



Vice-president of Kurmitola Golf Club Maj Gen Jiban Kanai Das (4th from R) is seen with the participants of the Japan Cup Golf Tournament at the KGC on Friday.

**WICB launches inquiry**

**Cricket**

INTERNET REPORT, undated

The West Indies Cricket Board on Wednesday has appointed a senior lawyer to carry out an independent inquiry into match-fixing allegations made against star batsman Brian Lara.

Elliott Mottley QC is a former Attorney General of Bermuda and president of the Organisation of the Caribbean Bar Associations.

He will investigate allegations made by bookmaker MK Gupta in a report produced by Indian police last year.

Gupta claims that Lara was paid 40,000 pounds (27,780 dollars) to under perform in two one-day internationals in India in 1994.

The former West Indies captain has denied the charges and has told the WICB that he supports any move to clear his name.

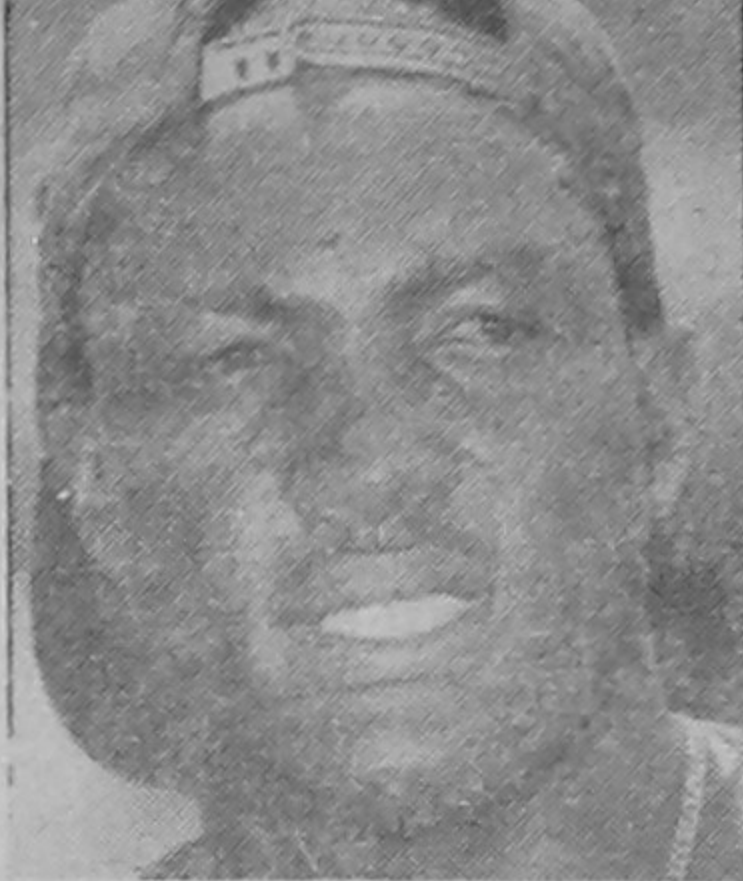
WICB president Pat Rousseau said no new evidence had been submitted, but Lara had not been

officially cleared and the Board wanted the matter brought to a close.

The term 'match-fixing' will, for the purposes of the inquiry, be defined in three ways.

They are:

- 1. Instances where an individual



BRIAN LARA

ual player or a group of players receives money individually or collectively to under-perform.

2. Instances where a player places bets in matches in which he plays with the intention of under-performing or having other players under-perform.

3. Instances where a player passes on information about team composition, team morale, pitch condition, weather conditions and probable result etc for monetary gain.

Lara, from Trinidad, was among eight non-Indian players, past and present, named in the report.

The others include Hansie Cronje, who has already been banned for life by South Africa, England's Alec Stewart and Australian Mark Waugh.

The International Cricket Council's Anti-Corruption Unit, headed by Sir Paul Condon, is also conducting an inquiry into the allegations.

**S Africa coast**

**Cricket**

AFP, Salem

South Africa beat a University of the West Indies Vice-Chancellor's XI by four wickets in a one-day which was as much about showcasing the volcano-ravaged island of Montserrat as it was about promoting a game of cricket.

With the still active Chance's Peak volcano billowing steam to the east and the sea to the west, Salem Park provided a picturesque setting to the biggest sporting event staged on Montserrat since a massive eruption destroyed the capital town of Plymouth.

Shivnarine Chanderpaul hit 70 to enable the Vice-Chancellor's team to reach a competitive total of 218 all out and South Africa had a mid-innings wobble before winning with two overs to spare.

South Africa seemed to be cruising to victory while Gary Kirsten (39) and Boeta Dippenaar (52) shared an 80-run second wicket stand.

But Kirsten, Neil McKenzie and Dippenaar were out in quick succession.

Lance Klusener then played his best innings of the tour, hitting 41, while skipper Shaun Pollock continued his outstanding batting form, making an unbeaten 37.

Chanderpaul, the only current West Indian Test player in the Vice-Chancellor's team, was in good form as he made his 70 off 72 balls with eight fours and a six.

South African fast bowler Allan Donald, who missed the recent fourth Test because of a hamstring injury, bowled eight overs off a full run and took two wickets for 36, including that of Chanderpaul.

The match also saw Curtly Ambrose open the bowling for the first time since retiring from international cricket last year. Although the legendary West Indian pacesman didn't get a wicket, he gave away only 17 runs from a tidy six-over spell.



CURLTY AMBROSE

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the one-day match between the University of the West Indies Vice-Chancellor's XI and South Africa at Salem Park on Thursday:

**VICE-CHANCELLOR'S XI**

D Ganga c Donald b Adams	45
L Garrick c Dippenaar b Kemp	29
S Chanderpaul c Dippenaar b Donald	70
D Williams lbw b Klusener	9

**S Joseph run out**

R Hinds c Dippenaar b Kemp	7
I Bradshaw c Dippenaar b Kemp	0
M Nagamootoo lbw b Donald	0
T Greenaway c Pollock b Nel	6
V Nagamootoo not out	3
C Ambrose c Kirsten b Adams	10
Extras: (lb-12, lb-7, w-15, nb-4)	38
Total: (All out in 47.5 overs)	218

Fall of wickets: 1-51; 2-99; 3-108; 4-128; 5-178; 6-178; 7-181; 8-186; 9-198.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Telemachus	8	0	31	0
Nel	10	2	39	1
Donald	8	1	36	2
Kemp	8	0	35	3
Adams	8.5	1	42	2
Klusener	5	2	16	1

**SOUTH AFRICA**

Kirsten c Garrick b Hinds	39
Gibbs b Bradshaw	9
Dippenaar run out	52
McKenzie b Hinds	2
Klusener c Ganga b Bradshaw	41
Kemp lbw b M Nagamootoo	4
Pollock not out	37
Telemachus not out	20
Extras: (b-2, nb-6, w-10)	18
Total: (For six wickets in 48 overs)	222

Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-92; 3-96; 4-117; 5-140; 6-183.