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Mutthiah Muralitharan
(Sri Lankan master spinner)
"People say cricket is a gentleman's game, but I think at the moment it is not a gentleman's game at all."

Butcher scare for England

BBC ONLINE, undated
England batsman Mark Butcher could miss the first Test against West Indies with a thigh strain.
Butcher hit a vital 60 for county side Surrey on Friday as they beat Kent by three runs in the Twenty20 Cup.
A Surrey spokesman on Saturday said Butcher had been advised to rest and more would be known on Sunday, when Butcher was set to play against Gloucestershire.
If he is laid-off, Butcher has less than two weeks to recover, with the first Test on July 22 at Lord's.
Butcher said BBC on Friday: "I've strained a quad muscle and I won't know the extent of the damage until Saturday."

Giants kept apart

SPORTS REPORTER



Abahani Krija Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club avoided an early head-on collision in the fourth Nitol-Tata National Football League after the number draw kept the two popular giants in separate groups yesterday.

any domestic silverware.
Last year's runners-up Mohammedan, on the other hand, formed a relatively strong group with a re-born Brothers Union and Premier League sensation Sheikh Russell Krija Chakra. The three first-round qualifiers in this group are Jhenaidah Mohammedan, Unmochon Club of Bagerhat and Bangladesh Air Force.
The 12-team finals will kick-off in Mymensingh, one of the four different venues of the first phase, on July 18.
Bangladesh Television will telecast all matches live from four venues and the final phase to be held in Dhaka unless the schedule collides with the Asia Cup fixture.
There was however good news for the big guns that the fast growing popular domestic football competition will commence four days behind the scheduled start on July 14.
The delayed start means the top footballers of the country will get some time to rest their tired legs after a hectic Chittagong League,

which concluded on Friday.
It will also give the title contenders a small window of time to prepare although they will not get the two-week break they had asked for.
"The ground at the Momenshahi Stadium has been badly damaged and it will take some time to repair it. Even if there are further rains, we would be able to prepare it for a July 18 start," said NFL tournament committee secretary Manzoor Hossain Malu at a press conference before the draw ceremony at Hotel Sheraton.
The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), which was severely criticised for spooling the number draw last year by ignoring footballers and introducing a bunch of film stars, this time gave it a pure football look.
State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman graced the brief but lively ceremonial as chief guest. The highlight of the occasion was the presentation of a first theme song of the National League.
BFF president SA Sultan, general

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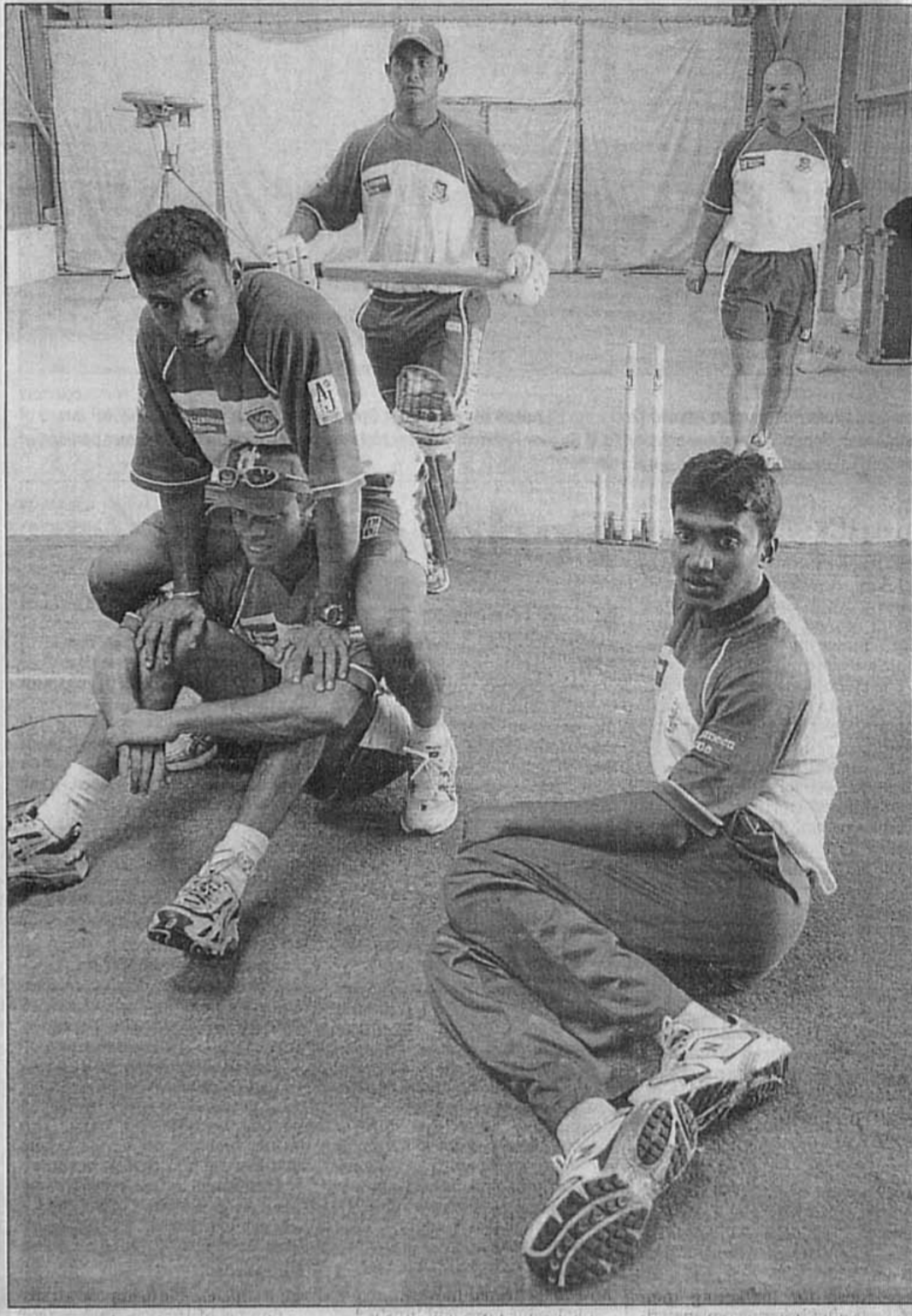


Former national striker Sheikh Mohammad Aslam picks the name of Panchagarh Brothers Union during the number draw of the fourth Nitol-Tata National Football League at a city hotel yesterday.

Bachchu song!

SPORTS REPORTER

Not long ago Sirajul Islam Bachchu was regarded as the father figure of the Nitol-Tata National Football League. Such was his influence that for the first two editions the tournament was fondly known as 'Nitol-Tata-Bachchu League'.
But after the former BFF assistant joint secretary was elected vice-president of the new committee, Bachchu dropped out of the scene and concentrated on his role as general secretary of the South Asian Football Federation.
However, Bachchu wanted to make a comeback in the national tournament. So, he must have been the proudest man in the room when the theme song written by him for the fourth edition "Football, football... Ball niye dour jhap..." was performed during the draw ceremony.
The lyrics impressed everybody including Matlub Ahmed, chairman of sponsor Nitel Group, who immediately announced Taka one lakh for the songwriter.
It was arguably the highest payment for a songwriter for just one piece, making the professional lyricists envy.
Mamun Chowdhury will receive Tk 50,000 as composer and a further Tk 25,000 as performer and his co-performer Tanjina Ruma Tk 25,000.



Bangladesh cricketers, under coach Dav Whatmore's (Back R) supervision, warm up before an indoor practice session in Colombo yesterday.

U-17s to play against MSC, Abahani

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Under-17 football team coach Shahidur Rahman Shantoo will get a chance to prove a point when his boys take on two local giants in practice matches at the Kamapur Stadium this week.
The youth coach earlier challenged that his boys could beat the national team on any given day.
Shantoo's young 'charges' will play Mohammedan Sporting Club on July 15 and meet giant Abahani on July 18.
"I still believe that my boys are capable of defeating their big brothers," said the confident former national custodian yesterday.
The Under-17 team is expected to fly to Thailand on July 20 to play four practice matches as part of its preparation for the AFC Under-17 Football Championship in Japan next September.
It will be an opportunity for the Dhaka heavyweights to see the condition of the squad after a long break ahead of the Nitol-Tata National Football League final rounds scheduled to start on July 18 at Mymensingh.

Khulna third

SPORTS REPORTER

Khulna Division finished third in the BKSP Cup Under-16 football tournament when they beat BKSP Red 5-4 in the tiebreaker in a play-off at the sports institute football ground in Savar yesterday.
The match rolled into a shootout after the regulation time ended 1-1.
Alim put Khulna ahead but Swapan netted an equalising goal for the second string hot team in the first half.
The final of the juvenile tournament between Chittagong Division and BKSP Green will be held today at the same venue.
Rannares Sarwan, with one-

SL show resilience

Cricket

AFP, Cairns

Sangakkara, relieved of the onerous wicketkeeping role in this Test to concentrate on batting at number three, hit a belligerent 74 off 114 balls with eight boundaries.
Atapattu raised his 13th Test half-century in 139 minutes and was still there at stumps defying Australia's all-star bowling attack.
"We can go forward from here and we're confident after doing well today that we may be in with a good chance if we continue to bat well," Chandana said.
Vice-captain Adam Gilchrist said Australia had blown a great chance to bat Sri Lanka out of the Test.
"It's a bit disappointing. We had the opportunity to close Sri Lanka out of the game, but all credit to them, they bowled a better line and length today, pitched the ball up a bit more," Gilchrist said.
"We're going to have to work very hard to try and win this Test."
The Sri Lankan innings began precariously with Sanath Jayasuriya brilliantly caught by wicketkeeper Gilchrist for 13 in the fourth over to be 18 for one.
Gilchrist flung himself to his left to glove the catch one-handed virtually

out of the hands of Warne at first slip to send Jayasuriya on his way.
It looked an ominous start for the Sri Lankans after they were bowled over for 97 and 162 inside three days in last week's Darwin Test, but Atapattu and Sangakkara injected new belief into the tourists in their bid to avoid a fifth consecutive loss to the Australians.
Australia, resuming the day at 370 for two, lost their last seven wickets for 63 to be all out 30 minutes after lunch with Chandana taking 5-37 off 11 overs to finish the innings with 5-109 from 26 overs.
Chandana claimed the wickets of Damien Martyn (97), Simon Katich (1), Darren Lehmann (50), Warne (2) and Michael Kasprovicz (9).
"I bowled a flatter trajectory with the aim of trying to contain the Australian batsmen today and I'm confident that I can flight the ball and extract more turn if the need arises in this Test," Chandana said.
Young speedster Lasith Malinga, who took six wickets on his debut Test in Darwin, finished with 4-149 and ended the Australian innings when he claimed the wicket of the

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Fleming lifts Kiwis

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Stephen Fleming lashed a superb half-century to take New Zealand to 266 all out against West Indies in the triangular one-day NatWest Series final at Lord's on Saturday.
New Zealand, playing in their first one-day match at Lord's, were bowled out in 49.2 overs and had looked set for over 300 at one stage but were slowed by rain stoppages, loose shots and more disciplined West Indies bowling.
Opener Fleming and Nathan Astle had dominated some wayward early bowling with Fleming striking nine fours in his 67 off 66 balls.
They shared in a 120-run opening stand with Astle playing more conservatively for his 57 from 81 deliveries. Fleming was undone by a loose cut stroke straight to Chris Gayle at backward point off the bowling of the lively Dwayne Bravo.
Astle was out in the same manner and was clearly annoyed with his choice of shot.
Rannares Sarwan, with one-

best figures of three for 31, and Dwayne Smith, one for 27, helped limit New Zealand after Tino Best in particular had been costly in the first 15 overs.
West Indies were continually poor in the field and Shivnarine Chanderpaul even collided with Ian Bradshaw in the deep when taking a catch off Best to dismiss Craig McMillan for a steady 52.
Chris Cairns was dismissed in bizarre fashion for five, a wide from Sarwan hitting wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs and rebounding onto the stumps with Cairns out of his ground.
Fleming rode his luck early on, Gayle dropping an easy chance when he was on seven and Astle cut to Ricardo Powell at backward point on 30 only for the third umpire to rule Powell had let the ball touch the ground.
The West Indies all-rounder left the field with an injured finger following the chance and did not bowl.
The match started in bright sunshine after Brian Lara won the toss and opted to bowl. The team winning the toss and chasing have won all six completed games in the series so far.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the New Zealand innings against West Indies in the triangular one-day NatWest Series final at Lord's on Saturday:

NEW ZEALAND

Fleming c Gayle b Bravo	67			
Astle c Sarwan b Bravo	57			
Marshall c Sarwan b Gayle	44			
Styris c Powell b Dwayne	1			
McMillan c C' paul b Best	52			
Cairns st Jacobs b Sarwan	5			
Oram c Jacobs b Best	15			
Harris c and b Sarwan	1			
Vettori c Dwayne b Sarwan	6			
Hopkins run out	0			
Butler not out	0			
Extras: (lb-8, w-9, nb-1)	18			
Total: (All out in 49.2 overs)	266			
Fall of wickets: 1-120, 2-143, 3-146, 4-217, 5-233, 6-249, 7-252, 8-265, 9-266				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Best	7.2	0	57	2
Bradshaw	6	1	28	0

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Pak coach for Indian state

AFP, New Delhi

Former Pakistan captain Intikhab Alam is set to become the first foreigner to coach a domestic Indian team.
Former Ranji Trophy national champions Punjab have announced Alam will be their full-time coach next season, subject to visa clearance.
Alam, 62, told the Indian Express newspaper on Saturday he was enthusiastic about the forthcoming assignment.
"I don't think there will be any cultural or language problem," Alam was quoted as saying.
"I thought about it (taking up the assignment) for three weeks before realising this was a challenge I couldn't pass up."
A former leg-spinning all-rounder, Alam was born in India before the partition of the two countries, and speaks the same language as his new team's players.
"I have not spoken to any former player like Bishan Bedi about it yet," said Alam, who coached the Pakistan team that triumphed in the 1992 World Cup in Australia.
Alam, whose contract runs from

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Lee eyes comeback

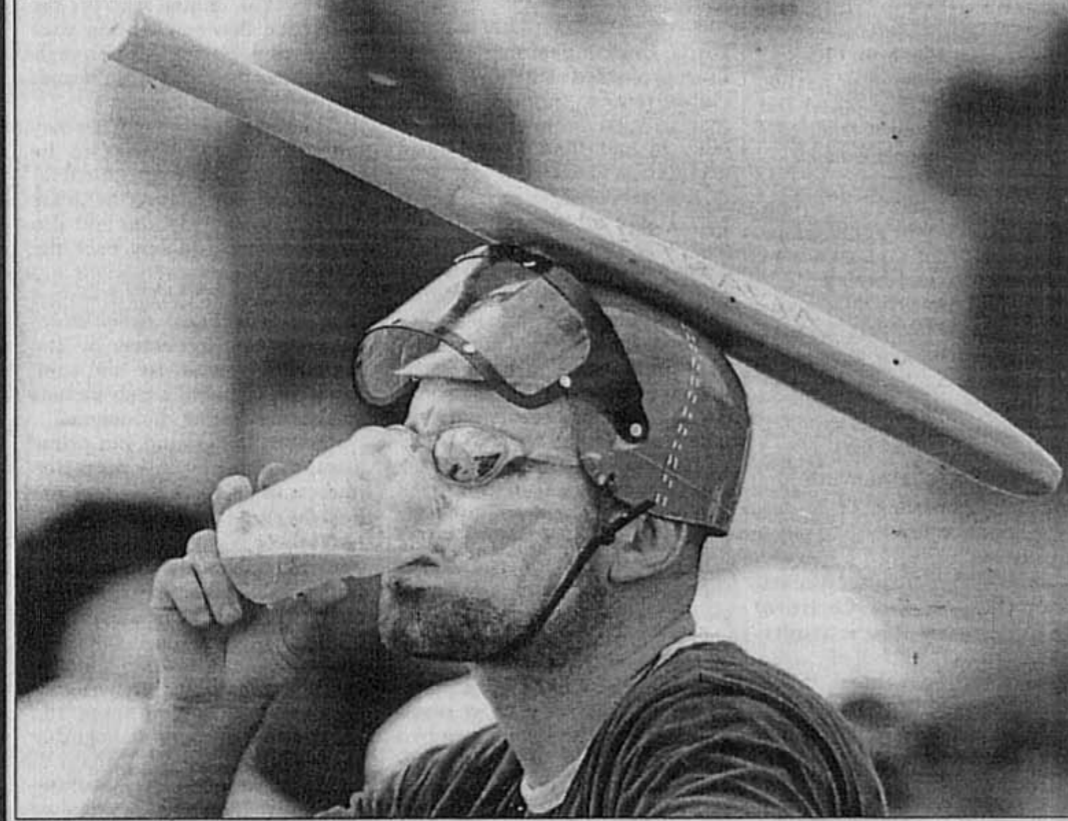
Cricket

BBC ONLINE, undated

Paceman Brett Lee is looking to spend some time in English county cricket in a bid to prove his fitness ahead of Australia's tour to India in October.
Lee has been out of action since suffering an ankle injury during a tour to Sri Lanka four months ago.
But he has been bowling in the nets and is due to spend some time working with Test legend Dennis Lillee.
"Hopefully, he will be able to play a few county matches as well," Lee's manager Neil Maxwell commented.
Australia lost 1-2 in India in 2001 and only managed a 1-1 draw against them on home soil during the winter.
And Lee has already acknowledged how difficult it will be to defeat them in the forthcoming series.
"Playing in India is a huge challenge and requires a lot of grit," he said.
He faces the prospect of having to scrap for a place in the Test side



BRETT LEE



An Australian cricket fan enjoys his time on the second day of the second and last Test between Australia and Sri Lanka at Cairns yesterday.

Pioneer football

SPORTS REPORTER

Abdul Hadi Lane Juba Sangha outplayed Nazirabazar Krija Chakra 6-0 in the east zone match of the Shinepukur Ceramics Pioneer Football League at the Dhophkhula ground yesterday.
Hizratul and Mamun struck twice, Sanwar and Nurul Islam scored apiece in the one-sided affair.
In the other match, Nasreen Sports Academy defeated Red Sun Krija Chakra 2-1. Johnny and Rajib netted for the winners and Shahin reduced the margin for Red Sun.
Premier squash
SPORTS REPORTER
The senior group semifinals of the Premier Division AP Access Squash tournament will be held today at the Dhaka Club Squash Court.
Asif Anwar will meet Sentu Chowhan in the first semifinal and Omar Bhui will face Gopal in the second semifinal.
In Group-B, Raju beat Tanveer 9-3, 9-4, Johnny Ram beat Arju 9-7, 5-9, 9-3 and Dulal beat Raiyan 9-4, 9-7.
In the under-18 group, Noor Mohammad defeated Sumon Lal 9-4, 9-5, Mohammad Sumon beat Ahmed 9-2, 9-0.