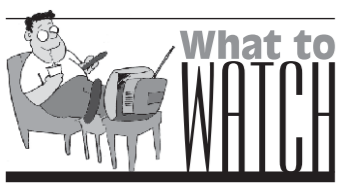




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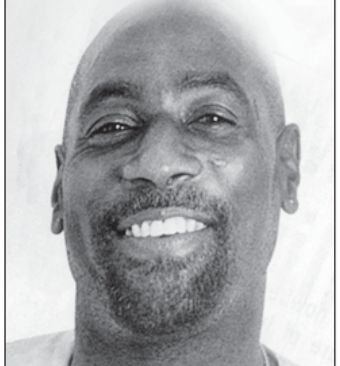


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## India's Pak 'masseur' sacked

CRICINFO, undated

A Pakistani masseur who accompanied the Indian team during the Asia Cup has been ordered to stay away by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), who had not authorised his appointment.

SK Nair, secretary of the BCCI, was furious with Sohail Abbas Khan for wearing the team T-shirt and travelling on the same bus with the side. Nair rebuked Sohail for his behaviour, and also cautioned MN Dorairajan, the team manager for the Asia Cup, for not dealing with the situation earlier.

Nair was speaking after his return to Trivandrum after the Asia Cup. "He [the masseur] got

# Russel hold Mohammedan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangpur



Younnes headed a late goal as new Goliath in country's football Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra came from behind to hold Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club to a 1-1

draw in the first big match of the Fourth Nitol-Tata National Football League at the Rangpur Stadium yesterday.

The lanky Moroccan striker broke thousands of Mohammedan hearts when he spectacularly headed home an 82nd minute equaliser after Kaiser gave the popular Black and Whites a 65th minute lead in the final match of the second leg.

The first big match drew a capacity crowd at the northern district. People of all ages and more interestingly a lot of female supporters thronged the 30,000 capacity stadium to join in the cheers.

But the game hardly fulfilled the exceptions until the final 25 minutes. It

only came when Kaiser made a probing run inside the box to get hold of a right-side cross from Faisal Ahmed. The nimble attacker then dodged past one Russel defender before unleashing a left-foot grounder that crashed into the net taking a slight deflection off the left-hand post of Russel keeper Apel.

But it only brought a sense of urgency into the Russel boys' game to try and find a way back into the game. Their captain Asif suddenly looked dangerous down the flanks. The lively midfielder came tantalisingly close to scoring an equaliser in the 70th minute

when he took a diving header but only to be denied by Mohammedan custodian Bijon Barua, who gripped the ball at the second attempt. Then Asif took a rasping shot after three minutes but this time the woodwork denied him.

Mohammedan defence finally cracked when Bulbul whipped in a nice cross from the left and an unchallenged Younnes made no mistake to score with a glancing header.

It was his fourth goal in the competition and also ensured that the fourth meeting between the two sides ended even after Mohammedan won the first

game in the Federation Cup last year 4-1.

But the outcome served Russel's cause better as they are now leading Group B with seven points from three games. Mohammedan on the other hand, slipped to third position with four points from two games, two points behind Brothers Union, who have maximum six points.

Mohammedan coach Abul Hossain was disappointed with the result and blamed his defence for conceding a late goal.

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PHOTO: STAR

An aerial Sheikh Russel keeper Apel (3rd from L) thwarts a Mohammedan attempt during their Nitol-Tata National Football League at the Rangpur Stadium yesterday.

# Giles prompts Eng win



REUTERS/AFP, London

Spinner Ashley Giles took another five-wicket haul to lead England to a 256-run victory in the second Test against West Indies at Edgbaston on Sunday.

England won with a day to spare and retain the Wisden Trophy after bowling out West Indies for 222 and taking a 2-0 lead in the four-match series.

Resurgent Giles, who took four for 65 in the first innings after scooping nine wickets in England's first Test win at Lord's, continued his remarkable form with five for 57 to give England their eighth win in nine Tests.

"It has been an impressive year so far," said England captain Michael Vaughan. "The way in which some of my players are playing makes my job very easy."

Giles' scalps included three bat pad catches to snare Brian Lara, Ramnaresh Sarwan and opener Chris Gayle, who offered some resistance with 82.

The slow left-arm armer also trapped Shivnarine Chanderpaul lbw for 43 and bowled Dwayne Bravo with a carbon copy of his dismissal in the first innings with a ball that pitched on leg and hit off stump.

James Anderson also took a memorable one-handed jumping catch at mid off to dismiss Ridley Jacobs for a pair off the bowling of Matthew Hoggard.

"The pitch got dusty and cut up," Lara said. "We are still batting well but we have just got to restrict England...we've got to get them under three runs an over."

Earlier Marcus Trescothick emulated Vaughan's feat at Lord's in the first Test by completing his second century of the match -- the first batsman to do so in a Test at Edgbaston.

England lost seven wickets for 100

runs in the morning session as off-spinner Gayle claimed five for 34 but West Indies were still set a mammoth 479 to win.

Opener Trescothick perished soon after reaching his century, run

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PHOTO: AFP

GILES' GUILF: England's Ashley Giles (R) is the toast of teammates after the spinner took his fifth wicket in West Indies' second innings in the second Test at Edgbaston on Sunday.

# Lee back in Aussie fold



AFP, Sydney

Brett Lee returned to the Australian cricket squad here on Monday for the first time in five months.

The express fast bowler was chosen in a 14-man Australian squad for one-day tournaments in the Netherlands and England starting later this month.

Lee was declared fit by Cricket Australia medical staff following ankle surgery after an early return from the tour to Sri Lanka last March.

Lee faces stiff competition for a start in Australia's fast bowling line-up for the two tournaments.

He was named along with Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath and Michael Kasprovicz.

Lee was injured on the tour of Sri Lanka in March after going for 2-129 off 23 overs in three one-day matches.

He had surgery that month and has since undergone more than four months of rehabilitation, including

strengthening and technical work with Australian fast bowling great Dennis Lillee.

"I have been working really hard," Lee said on Monday. "After the initial disappointment of that injury, I focused all my energies into getting back."

"The whole break has given me a chance to reflect on the past five years and assess where my career is at."

"The ankle feels fine, my body feels fresh and I just can't wait to pull on an Australian uniform again."

Chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said he was confident Lee was back to full fitness.

"We have... seen Brett go through his paces in Brisbane recently," Hohns said.

"He is a quality bowler who will give the pace attack some real depth and variety."

At 27, Lee does have age on his side. Gillespie is 29, Kasprovicz 32 and McGrath 34.

against Sri Lanka. Kasprovicz is enjoying an Indian summer in his career and has the advantage of strong recent performances.

The Australians will use a triangular tournament against India and Pakistan in Amsterdam on August 21-28 as a tune-up for the ICC Champions Trophy in England starting in mid-September.

Adam Gilchrist will miss the Netherlands leg because of the impending birth of his second child. New South Wales keeper Brad Haddin will fill in for him and Darren Lehmann will assume the vice-captaincy.

SQUAD  
Ricky Ponting (captain), Adam Gilchrist (vice captain), Michael Clarke, Jason Gillespie, Ian Harvey, Matthew Hayden, Brad Hogg, Michael Kasprovicz, Brett Lee, Darren Lehmann, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Andrew Symonds, Shane Watson (Brad Haddin to stand in for Gilchrist in the Netherlands' tournament).

## Nat'l hockey BAF outplay Comilla

BSS, Dhaka

Omar Ali scored five goals including a hat-trick as Bangladesh Air Force thrashed Comilla 7-1 in the ANAS Group National Hockey Championship at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 3-0. Maksudur Rahman joined the goal rush with two goals while Shaheenur Islam scored the lone goal for the losers.

Faridpur also went on a goal feast in the day's second match when they outplayed Dinajpur 12-2 at the same venue.

Faridpur led 4-1 at the breather. In the other matches, Bangladesh Navy blanked Jessore 2-0 and Magura defeated Jhenidah 4-2.

## Shoaib sings Bob song

REUTERS, Colombo

New Pakistan coach Bob Woolmer has received the thumbs-up from fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar after the team's Asia Cup campaign.

"He has certainly brought about a positive change in the team. There is now more focus on cricket and related issues," Shoaib told Reuters.

Pakistan won four out of five games in the Asia Cup, including a victory over India, but missed out on a place in the final by failing to earn a bonus point.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) brought in Englishman Woolmer, a former coach of South Africa, to replace Javed Miandad after a home series loss to India in April.

"I think the positive results will come soon but it will take some time. Bob has already got discipline in our nets, training and during matches," Shoaib said.

## Sumon stays on top

SPORTS REPORTER

Sumon Basu of Kolkata Madiyagram High School maintained his solo lead in the Class VI to X Group of the 6th Standard Chartered Bank School Chess tournament beating his compatriot Antarip Roy in the penultimate round at the federation hall-room yesterday.

Sumon secured 7.5 points after the end of the eighth round games while Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar of Shah Ali School beat Sayed to follow the leader with 7 points.

The ninth and last round games will be held today from 10:00am at the same venue.

The prize distribution ceremony will take place 5:00pm at the National Sports Council conference room on the same day.

## Sabura back to national duty

SPORTS REPORTER

Controversial Sabura Khatun returned to the national side after a two-year gap when the talented swimmer was included in the six-member Bangladesh team for the upcoming long-distance swimming competition.

The daylong meet will be held on the River Bhagirathi in Murshidabad, West Bengal, on August 29.

Sabura last toured with the national side in 2002 when she took part in the women's swimming competition in Iran. But after that she was ignored following a legal dispute with her then employer Ansar & VDP.

"We selected her because of her brilliant performances in the recently concluded age-group swimming competition in Bogra where she bagged all the 11 gold medals in the competition," said

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## Won't quit: Lara

AFP, Birmingham

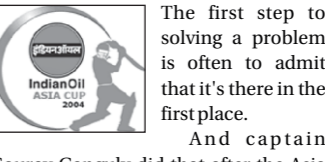
Under-fire West Indies captain Brian Lara defiantly insisted on Sunday that he would not quit despite his team suffering another crushing defeat.

England won the second Test by 256 runs at Edgbaston with more than a day to spare but Lara, in his second spell as skipper of the slumping Caribbean side, said he will stay on in the job -- at least until the end of the current four-match series.

"It's impossible to even think about that at the moment. I have the job to do as captain until the fourth Test at The Oval. My employers will decide whether or not I step down," said Lara.

# 'We cannot lose so many finals'

CRICINFO, undated



The first step to solving a problem is often to admit that it's there in the first place.

And captain Sourav Ganguly did that after the Asia Cup final when he admitted that India's performances in grand finals bordered on the unacceptable.

"I don't know what it is, but we're not doing something right," he said. "We cannot lose so many finals."

As the fireworks sparked over the Premadasa Stadium and Sri Lankan flags were waved joyously to the accompaniment of blaring klaxons, Ganguly cut a disconsolate figure in front of the media posse. But to his credit, there was no fumbling for excuses, the coward's way out.

"We didn't play to our potential right through the tournament," he said, alluding to two losses against the hosts and a drubbing at Pakistan's hands.

"Breaks are a part of international cricket, and we have to make sure that we pick up quickly when we come back from one," he added, when asked whether a long lay-off had left the team ill-equipped to meet the Asia Cup challenge.

Once again, the much-heralded batting misfired horribly when it mattered most, albeit on a pitch where batting had become a lottery by the end. "We didn't get partnerships going," said Ganguly.

"We needed someone to stay with Sachin [Tendulkar] and bat with him. We didn't rotate the strike well either. Even on a pitch where the ball was

stopping and turning, 228 was always gettable, and we could have put up a better show."

He stressed that it had been a good toss to win for the Sri Lankans, but was also full of praise for his bowlers who kept them down to 228.

"On pitches like this, you need them to do well. The main spinners on both sides [Muttiah Muralitharan and Harbhajan Singh] went for a few, but the part-timers [Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag, Upul Chandana and Sanath Jayasuriya] did really well. But we didn't expect the pitch to be so difficult."



SOURAV GANGULY

When asked to compare the mediocre displays in this tournament with the efforts of the previous season, he said, "We weren't as intense on the field, though the boys were committed enough off it. We have to get the thought process right. No matter how much talent you have, it's no use if the thinking isn't right."

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# Murali's time to go ahead



AFP, Galle

Sri Lankan spin wizard Muttiah Muralitharan is all set to take a lead over arch-rival Shane Warne when he returns to his favourite hunting ground Wednesday for the first Test against South Africa.

Muralitharan, who shares the world record of 527 Test wickets with Aussie leg-spinner Warne, is sure to sprint ahead after giving his rival a chance to catch up by missing a Test series in Australia.

The off-spinner has an astounding tally of 82 wickets in 10 Tests on the spin-friendly track at the Galle International Stadium, where his team have won six of 10 matches and lost just two.

It is also the venue where Sri Lanka registered their lone win in 13 Tests against South Africa, with whom they lock horns in a two-Test series.

The first Test starts in Galle on August 4 and the second in Colombo on August 11. The Tests will be followed by five one-dayers from August 20 to 31.

Records may favour South Africa, who have won eight Tests against Sri Lanka, but they have the feared Muralitharan to contend with even though he is not allowed to bowl the controversial 'doosra', his away-going delivery.

Muralitharan, who boycotted a two-Test series down under following comments from Australian Prime Minister John Howard that he was a

chucker, took 13 wickets in the Test win over South Africa four years ago.

Sri Lanka have done well to adjust to both forms of the game in the recent past.

They drew the second Test in Australia last month, and switching to the shorter format immediately on

Captain Graeme Smith struck an unbeaten 85 in the second innings after an unimpressive batting display in the first innings by his team while paceman Makhaya Ntini shone with a five-wicket haul in the first innings.

If Sri Lanka ensured they were not blanked in the series in Australia which ended 1-0 in the hosts' favour, South Africa too did well to draw a three-Test series against New Zealand 1-1.

Both teams are now hoping to use the series to prepare for the season ahead.

"A good tour here would give us a lot of confidence going forward," said Smith. "It certainly won't be an easy series but we are looking forward to the challenges."

Sri Lankan captain Marvan Atapattu hopes to carry forward his team's success from the Asia Cup which they won beating India in the final.

"We have been playing well and can continue winning if we stick to the basics and play well as a team," said Atapattu.

For South Africa, Herschelle Gibbs has been ruled out of the first Test because of a sprained ankle with young left-handed opener Andrew Puttick drafted in.

Puttick returns to Sri Lanka after having toured here for the under-19 World Cup in 1999.

Sri Lanka too have named an uncapped opener in Ian Daniel after his consistent performances for the under-19 and Sri Lanka Asides.



MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN

return, won the Asia Cup one-day tournament that ended on Sunday.

In less than three full days they have to once again play a Test against a side that is fresh, not having played international cricket since their tour of New Zealand in February-March.

South Africa had an opportunity to shake off their rust in a three-day side game against a Sri Lankan Board President's XI, which ended in a draw.

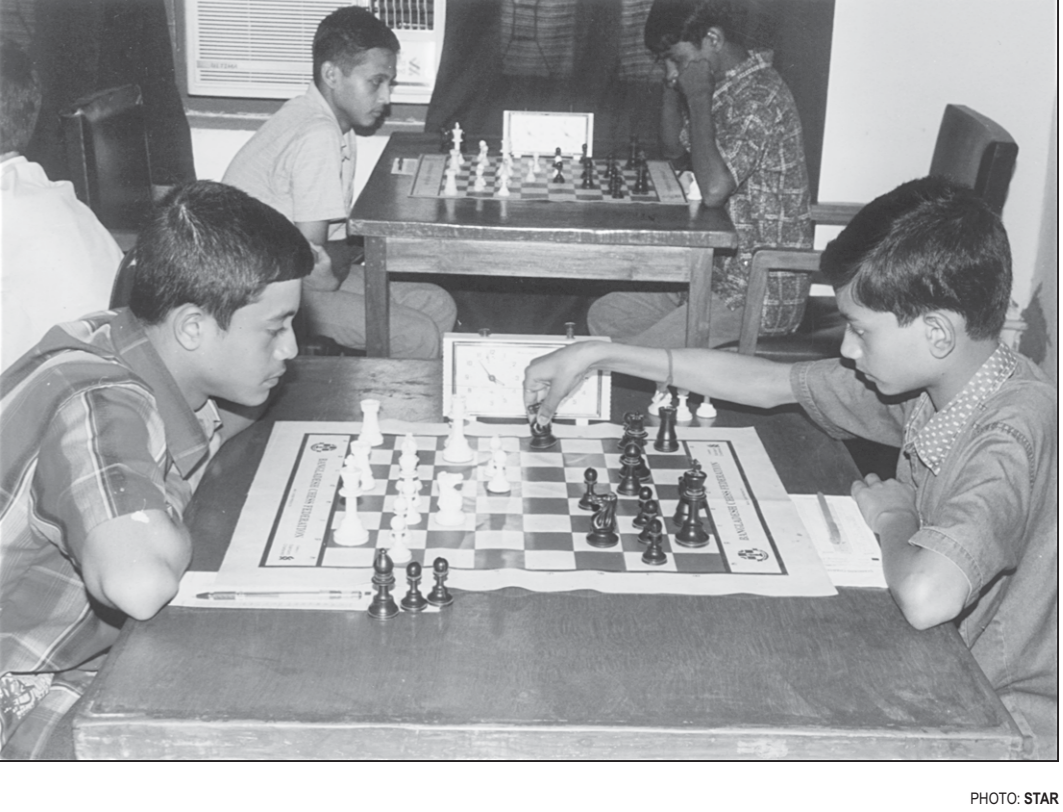


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Antarip Roy (R) of Kolkata Madiyagram High School makes a move against compatriot Sumon Basu during their eighth round engagement of the 6th Standard Chartered Bank School Chess tournament at the federation hall-room yesterday.