



Did U Know?

Giuseppe Lorenzo of Bologna was sent off after just ten seconds of the Italian League match with Parma in 1990 for striking an opponent.



Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Abul Hasan continued his happy hunting against the visiting Zimbabwe Under-19 team as the right-arm paceman claimed four wickets to ensure Bangladesh Under-19's 43-run victory in the fourth one-day at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra yesterday.

The home side stretched their lead to 4-0 and will go for a whitewash today when they play the fifth and final game at the same venue.

Abul followed up his four for 27 from the previous match with 4-38 as the visitors were bundled out for 207 in 48 overs in reply to a 251 run winning target. The young new ball bowler already captured 14 scalps in the previous four matches including one five-for.

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Tendai Chatara and Richard Muzhange took three wickets each.

SAAF squad down to 26

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Interim coach Shahidur Rahman Shantoo yesterday cut down his 32-member SAFF Championship squad to 26 after excluding six booters, mostly youth players.

Of six players, four -- defender Al Amin, midfielders Emon Babu, Monayem Khan Raju and Imtiaz Sultan Zitu -- were picked by sacked Brazilian coach Edson Silva Dido and the remaining two -- striker Mohammad Rony and midfielder Maruf Ahmed -- were chosen by the National Team Management Committee.

However, Al Amin, Emon Babu and Rony were dropped due to their injuries while others were not considered for the 26-member squad because of lack of maturity.

"They are still young and lack maturity," said coach Shantoo. "I have asked them to prepare for the SA (South Asian) Games at their respective clubs and continue the practice to be fit ahead of SA Games in February next year."

Having replaced Dido, the former national goalkeeper had started the camp on November 11 at the BSKP.

Shantoo informed that the final 20-member squad will be declared on November 26, the day Bangladesh will take on Korean Ulsan Hyundai Club in a friendly match at Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Meanwhile, speedy winger Zahid Hasan returned to action yesterday following the recovery from his quadriceps contusion and Shantoo hopes that Zahid would be able to make himself available in the final squad.

Salary BCB style

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) had increased the national cricketers salary by thirty percent last March but interestingly the players are yet to put their pen on the contract papers.

"We are drawing the increased salary although we are yet to sign the contract paper though it was announced seven months back," a cricketer said.

It had taken four months to settle the player's new payroll after the last one expired in November last year and now the concerned authority, the cricket operations committee, has to spend seven months to prepare the papers to place it in the next board meeting to be held on November 23.

It apparently seems that nobody is bothered with the go-slow approach in the board activities.

"Actually our lawyer was too much busy. We will place it in the next board meeting. You know we have decided to keep June-July next year as deadline for all the contracts, so there is time," was the explanation of Enayet Hossain Siraj, BCB's director and chairman of the cricket operations committee.

NSU inter-varsity football champs

SPORTS REPORTER

North South University emerged champions in the Mentor's Inter-Private University Football tournament when they handed a 2-0 defeat to Independent University in the final at Army Stadium in Banani yesterday.

Birol, the highest scorers in the tournament, put North South ahead in the 23rd minute before Izaz sealed the match one minute into the second half.

Birol was also named the match of the final while Hamim of losing Independent University was adjudged man of the tournament.

Gono University were awarded the fairplay trophy as Jahid Ahsan Rasel, the chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on Youth and Sports, distributed prizes among the winners.

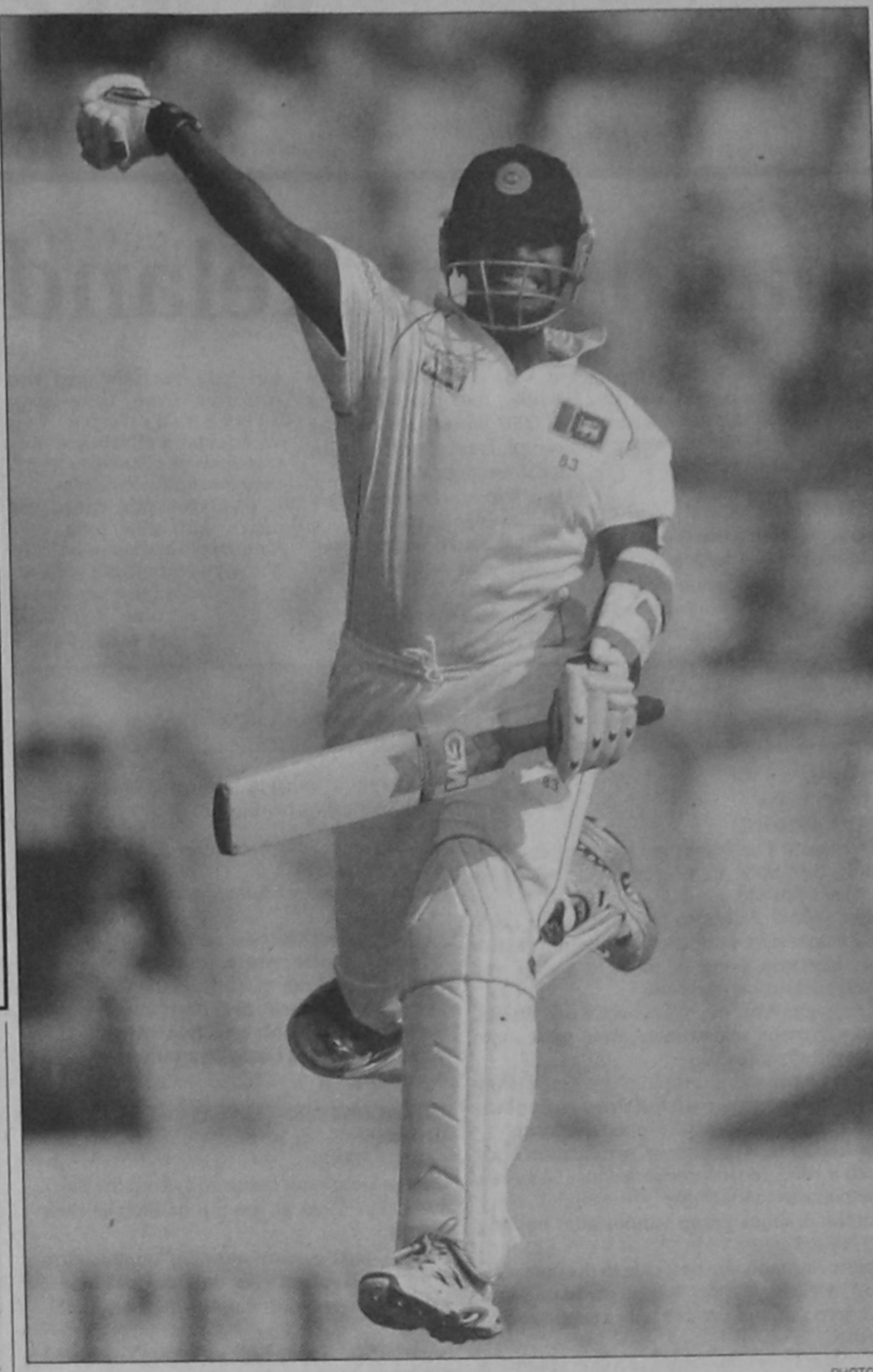


PHOTO: AFP

Sri Lanka's Prasanna Jayawardene leaps in the air to celebrate his hundred on the fourth day of the first Test against India at the Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad yesterday. He scored 154 not out.

SL avalanche

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cricket, completed 9,000 runs when he reached 253 with a single to long-on off Harbhajan.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the first Test between India and Sri Lanka at the Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad on Thursday:

INDIA: First innings 426

(Dravid 177, Yuvraj 68, Dhoni 110; Welegedara 4-87, Muralidaran 3-97)

SRI LANKA: First innings

(overnight 591-5)

Dilshan c Dravid b Zaheer 112

Paranavithana c Dhoni b Sharma 35

Sangakkara c Tendulkar b Zaheer 31

M Jayawardene b Mishra 275

Samaraweera c Yuvraj b Sharma 70

Mathews c Gambhir b Harbhajan 17

P Jayawardene not out 154

Prasad c Mishra b Harbhajan 21

Extras: (b-5, lb-6, w-4, nb-20) 45

Total: (For 7 wkt declared in 202.4 overs) 760

Did not bat: Welegedara, Muralidaran, Herath.

Fall of wickets: 1-74, 2-169.

Bowler O M R W

Welegedara 9 0 31 1

Prasad 9 0 49 0

Herath 13 0 47 1

Muralidaran 14 0 56 0

Sehwag 4 1 19 0

INDIA: Second innings

Gambhir not out 74

Sehwag c Mathews b Herath 51

David lbw b Welegedara 38

Mishran not out 12

Extras: (lb-7, nb-8) 15

Total (For two wkt in 45 overs) 190

To bat: Tendulkar, Yuvraj, Laxman, Dhoni, Harbhajan, Zaheer, Sharma.

Fall of wickets: 1-81, 2-169.

Bowler O M R W

Welegedara 9 0 31 1

Prasad 9 0 49 0

Herath 13 0 47 1

Muralidaran 14 0 56 0

BCS football

SPORTS REPORTER

Karnaphuli emerged champions in the BCS Inter-Tax Zone football tournament with a 2-0 win over Padma in the final at the central ground of Dhaka University yesterday.

Faruque and Khokon struck one goal apiece for the champions.

Mahbub Ahmed, secretary of Youth and Sports Ministry, distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

Gulshan Club squash

SPORTS REPORTER

Swapan Parvez, Bhola Lal and Raju Ram won their respective matches in the Prestige Bengal Open Squash tournament at the Gulshan Club Squash Court yesterday.

Swapan beat Dilu by straight 3-0 sets, Bhola defeated Masud Rana by 3-2 while Raju recorded a 3-1 win over Sumon.

In the matches of Division-A, Omar, Karim also won their respective matches routing Harun and Gopal respectively. Chris, Alam, Tanim won their respective Division-B group matches.

Youngster Milon grabs gold

SPORTS REPORTER

Imdadul Haq Milon brought the laurel for the nationals as the young archer grabbed a 70m recurve bow gold medal in the Asian Youth Olympic Continental Qualifying Test in Bali, Indonesia.

Milon, who narrowly missed the gold medal in the 5th Asian Archery Grand Prix tournament at home last month, was the second Bangladeshi archer to catch a gold medal at the international level after gold medalist Sajjad Hossain, won the 70m recurve gold medal in the fourth Asian Grand Prix tournament in August in India.

Milon, who finished behind Indian Tarun Dip scoring 107 in the 5th Asian Grand Prix at home, bettered his performance to make 108 leaving behind Adriano Delfin of Philippines, who made 107, said a press release yesterday.

Milon was the only competitor for Bangladesh in the Olympic Qualifying Test while

Others are supposed to take part in the 16th Asian Archery Championships in Bali, scheduled for November 15 to 22.

Swann out of first two ODIs

CRICINFO, undated

Gratia Swann has joined Stuart Broad on the sidelines for the first two one-day internationals against South Africa, after failing to recover from the side strain that ruled him out of Tuesday's warm-up match against South Africa A at Potchefstroom. James Tredwell has been drafted into the squad as cover.

It means England will be without two key members of their squad for the series opener at the Wanderers on Friday. Broad had already been ruled out of the game after missing the Twenty20 series and two practice games, including Tuesday's match. He incurred his shoulder problem while tumbling in the outfield during the first warm-up game in Bloemfontein.

The England management reasoned that on a long tour with four Test matches after the five one-dayers, it was not worth risking such a crucial player.

Spy game

FROM PAGE 17 failed. Now it's not sure when he will come to Dhaka," he added.

Defending champions Abahani is leading the table with an unbeaten record along with their traditional rivals Mohammedan, which take on Kalabagan Krira Chakra in the eighth round match at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium today. Kalabagan followed the leaders with six consecutive wins, so it would be a challenge for the title aspirants Mohammedan to maintain their winning run.

In the other eighth round game, Surjo Torun meet Biman Bangladesh at BKSP.

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4 Burn somewhat

8 Com-manded

12 Literary collection

13 Impel

14 Shaving cream additive

15 Gelid

16 Danger-ously fast

18 Sand-bank

20 Favorite

21 Costa —

24 Handrail support

28 Shortcut to a Web site

32 "The Amazing —"

33 Heidi's height

34 Iroquois' foes

36 Dance syllable

37 Cabbage recipe

39 Depositor's record

2 Minimal distance expectations?

3 BLT enhancement

4 Glorious

5 Screw up

6 Census stat

7 Harvest

8 Witty repartee

9 Hearty quaff

10 "What's up, —?"

11 "A mouse!"

12 Coaster

16 Start over

17 Barbie's companion

19 Noah's craft

22 Sugar or starch, for short

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25 Texas city

26 Reverberate

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