



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.



Carlo Ancelotti

(Chelsea manager)
"I like the idea of coaching a national team, but at the moment, I'm staying at Chelsea."



What to Watch

Neo Cricket & SuperSport2

India v Sri Lanka
First Test, Day 5

Live from 11:00am

SuperSport2

South Africa v England
First ODI

Live from 7:30pm

ESPN

Sportscenter India
Sports News

Live at 9:30pm



Premier Div Cricket League

Abahani v Gazi Tank
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium

Mohammedan v Kalabagan
Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium

Surjo Torun v Biman
Venue: BKSP-2

Bangladesh U-19s v Zimbabwe U-19s
Fifth Youth ODI

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Hasan torments Zim U-19s again

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Abul Hasan continued his happy hunting against the visiting Zimbabwe Under-19 team as the right-arm pace-man 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.

Opener Daly Scott was the top scorer for Zimbabwe with a 104-ball 68 that saw two boundaries and a six while Natsaim Shangwe went for kill by hitting five sixes during his 29-ball 45 but his effort was not good enough to stop the home side's winning run.

Earlier a 119-run third wicket stand between Tasamul Haque and Mominul Haque helped Bangladesh Under-19 to recover from an early hiccup to set a challenging target for their Zimbabwean counterparts.

Tasamul scored 55 off 95 deliveries with four boundaries and an over boundary while Mominul top scored 70 off 104 balls that contained seven boundaries. Captain Mahmudul Hasan was the other notable scorer with an unbeaten 52 off 48 balls that included seven fours.

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 SAAF 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

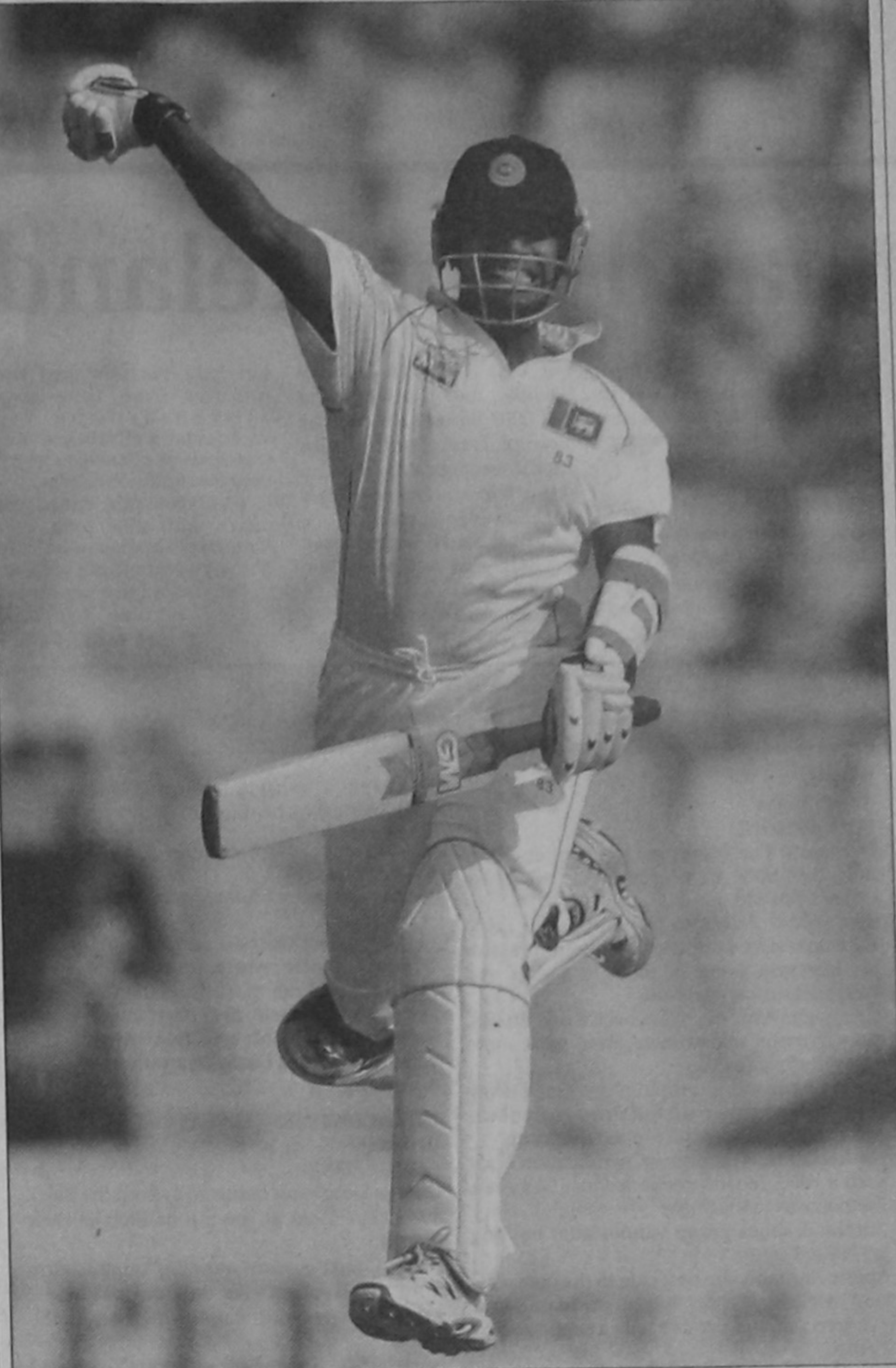
SPORTS REPORTER

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 fair play trophy as Jahid Ahsan Rasel, the chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on Youth and Sports, distributed prizes among the winners.



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; Weledgedara 4-87, Muralidaran 3-97)

SRI LANKA: First innings (overnight 591-5)

Dilshan c Dravid b Zaheer 112
Paranavitaran c Dhoni b Sharma 35
Sangakkara c Tendulkar b Zaheer 31
M Jayawardene b Mishra 275
Samarawera 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-16, w-4, nb-20) 45
Total: (For 7 wks declared in 202.4 overs) 760

Did not bat: Weledgedara, Muralidaran, Herath.
Fall of wickets: 1-74, 2-189, 3-194, 4-332, 5-375, 6-726, 7-760.

Bowler O M R W
Zaheer 36 6 109 2
Sharma 33 0 135 2
Harbhajan 48.4 4 189 2
Mishra 58 6 203 1
Yuvraj 16 1 64 0
Tendulkar 7 0 20 0

Sehwag 4 1 19 0
INDIA: Second innings
Gambhir not out 74
Sehwag c Mathews b Herath 51
Dravid lbw b Weledgedara 38
Mishra not out 12
Extras: (lb-7, nb-8) 15
Total: (For two wks 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
Weledgedara 9 0 31 1
Prasad 9 0 49 0
Herath 13 0 47 1
Muralidaran 14 0 56 0

Slovenia

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South Africa, here we come," said Slovenian daily Delo.

Former international Branko Oblak, writing in Delo, said Russian coach Gus Hiddink had made the mistake of continuing to pick the wrong players, such as Arsenal's Andrei Arshavin.

"The Russians did not attack us at all. They sought to play with technique which they do not have."

Slovenia's sole sports daily Ekpa predicted that "next summer would be a Slovenian summer".

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

Graeme 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

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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.

Kruger punishes WI

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

The West Indians' tour is less than a week old but Australia so far have little to fear after the visitors' performance over the first two days against Queensland. While tour matches are often unfair gauges of a side's capabilities, this inexperienced squad has struggled to create highlights against a state side full of fresh faces and is destined for more exacting workouts in the three-Test series.

After recording 271 in their first innings, the West Indian bowlers were punished by a pair of inexperienced batsmen, just as they were troubled by a green attack yesterday. Nick Kruger and Wade Townsend scored their maiden first-class centuries and put on 243 for the second wicket as the Bulls trampled to 4 for 384 at stumps.

Kruger, who is appearing in his 13th first-class match, overcame a difficult start to blast 172 in an innings that became brutal once the ball grew old while Townsend, playing his fourth fixture, registered an even century. The tourists had a handful of chances, but were restricted to four successes during three sessions in muggy conditions.

Roach and Dwayne Bravo caused some problems for Kruger at the start of the day, but he showed his muscle after lunch when he attacked the spinners Sulieman Benn and Narsingh Deonarine. There were five sixes sprinkled in the trees at long-on and long-off and he also picked up 20 fours during his 205-ball display. Deonarine, the offspinner, was launched out of the ground in consecutive balls after Kruger had raised his 150.

There were moments of fortune for Kruger, who was dropped by Adrian Barath at midweek on 91 and missed on 40 by Ramnareesh Sarwan, who leapt to his left in the slips. Travis Dowlin was also unlucky to spill a chance at long-on when he was going over the rope and couldn't capture his lob back into the field. Kruger, who was 125 on that occasion,

was finally caught by an athletic take by Ravi Rampaul at long-on aiming for another clearance off Benn just before tea.

Townsend was watchful at the beginning but grew in confidence as the attack wilted. While he was also aggressive against Neonarine, hitting him for a six, he slowed as his century neared and departed soon after, finding the boundary 12 times during his 242-ball occupation. Nathan Reardon joined in late in the afternoon with 45 not out while the wicketkeeper Chris Hartley was unbeaten on 10.

There was little for the tourists, who lost their captain Chris Gayle before the toss, to cheer as they attempted to fine-tune ahead of next Thursday's opening Test at the Gabba. Roach, a lively right-arm-er from Barbados, delivered a strong first spell and had Kruger in trouble a couple of times, hitting him in the helmet and also brushing his arm on the way through to Denesh Ramdin.

He followed up by claiming Ryan Broad (29) in the morning to a faint edge to have the hosts 1 for 53, but the 21-year-old was unable to do any more damage despite a lot of trying. Often frustrated at his inability to convince the umpire to raise his finger, Roach was the most consistent of the attack and returned 1 for 67 from 23 overs.

Bravo began the morning with ten testing overs that cost 24 runs and came back for a couple more stints without breaking through. Rampaul, the other possible new-ball operator in this line-up, picked up Townsend to a caught-behind but did struggle with his line, although he may improve with some more work.

The extra bounce of Benn, the left-arm spinner, could be tricky but both the spinners were treated harshly at times. Deonarine had Lee Carseldine (6) caught at slip in his 1 for 74 off 21 overs while Benn had 1 for 79 from 22. The conditions offered something to the bowlers and the pitch isn't as lifeless as usual, but the visitors have been out-shone by a collection of Queensland's lesser lights.

SCORES IN BRIEF
Queensland 4 for 384 (Kruger 172, Townsend 100) lead West Indians 271 by 113 runs.

It's now Bangabandhu C'ship

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already established and hope football will also go far in the future," said the renowned organiser.

"It is a simple, but a historic occasion for us that the SAAF Championship has been named after Bangabandhu," said Bangladesh Football Federation as well as SAAF president Kazi Salahuddin.

"Beximco is a well-known business house in the country and has been with the sports more than 30 years and they are unparalleled in country's sports they had spent labour, money and time and I hope that the SAAF Championship will be a

successful competition."

Though the organisers did not disclose the amount of money Beximco is providing, but it was learnt that they are giving Tk 3.5 crore.

AFC vice president as well as SAAF vice president Manilal Fernando, SAAF marketing agent and World Sport Group vice president Ian Mathe were among others present on the occasion.

BT World will telecast all the matches live from the venue while World Sports Group will make the production through ESPN. Ian Mathe informed that India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan have showed

their interest to buy their product.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh had earlier been drawn in Group B along with Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bhutan while Group A consisted of holders Maldives, India, Afghanistan and Nepal.

2003 champions Bangladesh will start their campaign by taking on Bhutan in one of two opening day matches on December 4 at Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Bangladesh's next matches against Pakistan and Sri Lanka will take place on December 6 and December 8 respectively.

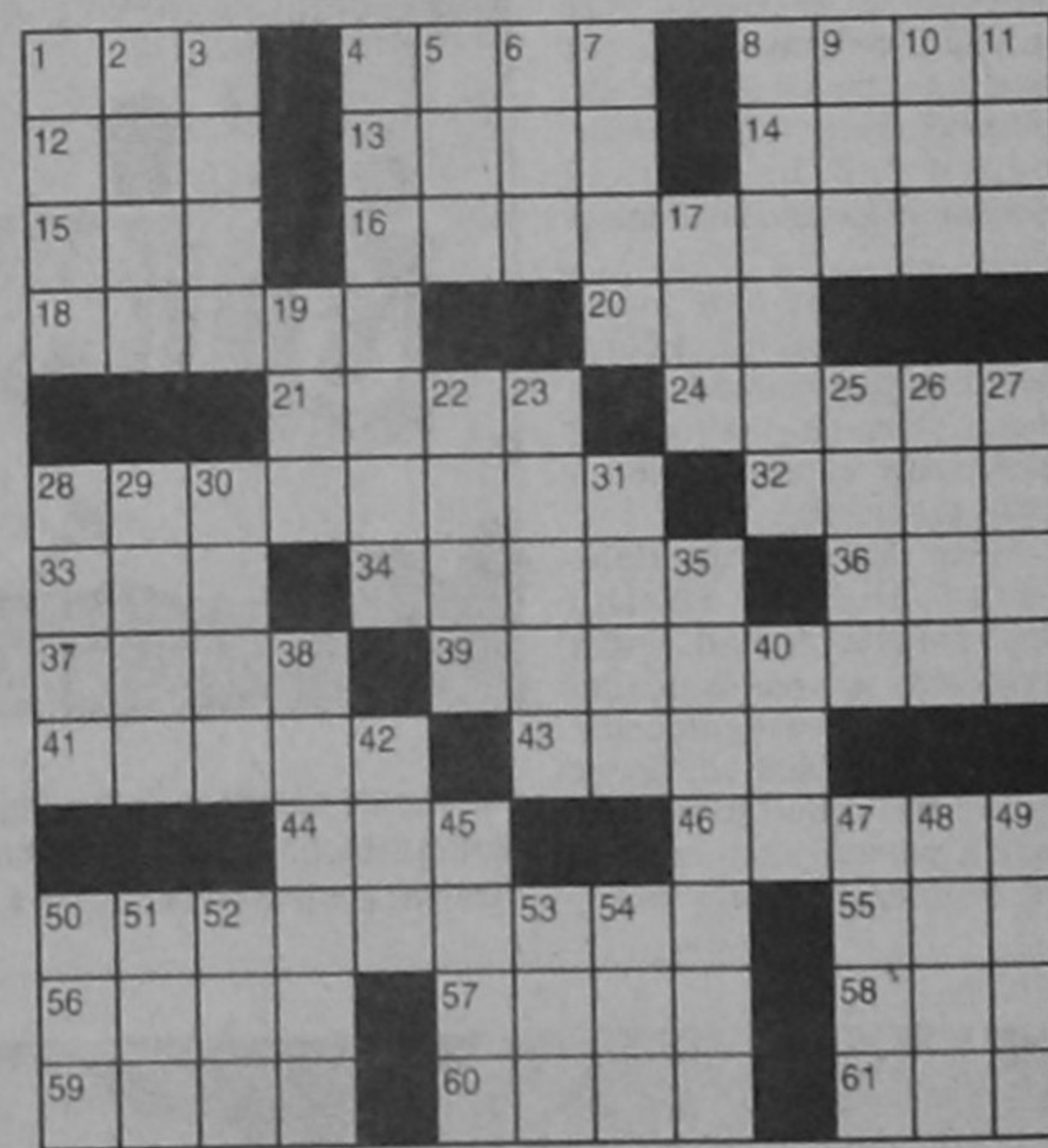
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17 Barbie's companion
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23 Met expectations?
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29 Earthen pot
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52 Praise in verse
53 The whole enchilada
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE THE TYKES ARE TAKING A SHORT SLEEP BREAK, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THEY ARE KIDNAPPERS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals E