



Sir Frank Worrell (West Indies). Clyde Walcott (West Indies) and Hashan Tillekeratne (Sri Lanka) all started their Test careers as wicketkeepers, but went on to



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Wasim Akram

(Pakistani cricket great) "I have yet to make concrete plans what to do in future but my top priority is to do commentary."



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shortly afterwards

Who won the Champions Trophy Netherlands Australia Pakistan

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Khulna College Mastermind Notre Dame 3. Bangladesh lost the first Test against Pakistan by: 7 wkts 42 runs

4. Who became man-of-the-match in the 4th Test between England and

5. Who won the Spanish Super Cup?

Real Madrid Mallorca Barcelona

Class..... Roll No.....

RU football

OUR CORRESPONDENT

A controversial decision led to the Rajshahi University interdepartment football match between Political Science and Islamic History & Culture being abandoned vesterday.

No sooner had Political Science thought they had scored game's only goal at the university playground then the referee and linesman exchanged angry words over the validity of the goal.

The former believed the goal stood but the latter argued that the unnamed Political Science was offside at the time



Masudul Karim of Bangladesh Army powers his way to win the 400-metre hurdles gold yesterday.

Abdullah, Chumki fastest in business

Army top summer table

Athletics

SPORTS REPORTER

Abu Abdullah was crowned the new speed king while Samsunnahar Chumki retained her throne after their wins in the 100-metre sprints of the 8th National Summer Athletics competition at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The three-day summer meet ended yesterday with Bangladesh Army reigning supreme bagging 18 gold, 13 silver and 7 bronze followed by BJMC with 11 gold, 10 silver and 12 bronze.

525 athletes from 39 teams around the country contested in 36 disciplines.

Army's Masdudul Karim was the best all-round athlete in the competition after clinching four gold medals in the 110 metre hurdles, 4x100 metre relay, 200 metre sprint and 400 metre hurdles events.

For Abdullah, the 23-year old Army man, it was a day to behold after he took the men's 100-metre

title with a time of 10:40 sec. Sadly for Abdullah, the feat will not go into the record books as it was handtiming. However, he did equal the hand-time clocked by Golam Ambia in the 1991 SAF Games.

Abdullah's teammate Shahidul Islam (10.80 sec) finished second while Abdullahel Kafi of BJMC won the bronze clocking 10.90 sec.

"A Dream came true for me today although I was expecting it. I had finished first in the open trial on September 4. I owe this success to my coach Kitab Ali," said Abdullah who bettered BJMC sprinter Shamsuddin's effort in March this

While Abdullah was basking in glory, women's champion Chumki was disconsolate after failing to achieve her target of setting a new national mark to follow up her record

in the 200-metre event on Tuesday. The BJMC girl raced to the finish in 11.80 sec, which incidentally matched her own previous best. Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP)'s Fouzia Huda Jui was a distant second with 12.11

Zia Rating

SPORTS REPORTER

chess champ

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman

clinched the fourth Amrito Lal Dev

International Rating chess title with

eight points at the Barisal Police

International Master Abdullah Al-

Rakib became runner-up with 7.5

points. International Master Enamul

Hossain Raiib and Abdul Maleg of

Chittagong were in the third and

fourth positions respectively with 7

In the last round. Zia drew with

Fide Master Abu Sufian Shakil.

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ROLL OF HONOUR

2001-Arman Monir

2002-GM Ziaur Rahman

2003-GM Ziaur Rahman.

Library auditorium yesterday.

sec while Sumita Rani Das of BJMC became third with a timing of 12.50

The country's fastest man and woman, who both hail from Noakhali, were looking forward to making an impression in the coming Asian Athletics Championship to be held in Philippines' capital Manila from September 20 to 23.

"My first target is to better my timing in Manila in both the 100 and 200 metres. I couldn't take part in my favorite 200 metres in this competition due to an injury," said Abdullah.

Chumki said that she was frustrated after working so hard for the national record. But vowed to bounce back.

"I was eyeing a 11.6 sec finish. I had worked very hard over the last three months but failed in the end. Hopefully, I can achieve my target in Manila." said Chumki



SPRINT MONARCHS: Abu Abdullah of Bangladesh Army (R) and Shamsunnahar Chumki of BJMC show V-signs after their 100-metre triumphs yesterday.

Musharraf grateful to Bangladesh

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD from Rawalpindi

Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf thanked Bangladesh for ouring Pakistan and bringing nternational cricket back to his country. He also wished that they vould soon win a Test match.

The Pakistan president said this while speaking as chief guest during reception hosted by Pakistan Cricket Board in honour of the Bangladesh team at a hotel in slamabad on Tuesday evening. "I wish Bangladesh keeps pro-

gressing and in this region if Sri Lanka can create history Bangiadesn can aiso do that," ne "With this tour, the bonds of

friendship between Pakistan and Bangladesh will further strengthen and I thank Bangladesh team for coming to Pakistan to bring international cricket back to this country,"

"I closely watched their (Bangladesh) performance on television and I am amazed at their improved "And they came very close to

winning the Multan Test. But it was Inzamamul Hag who came between Bangladesh and their victory," said the chief patron of Pakistan Cricket



PERVEZ MUSHARRAF

Board.

He advised Bangladesh not to get disappointed because the lesson they learned from his series was confidence. He also said that South Asia was

very rich in cricket and every team

except Bangladesh from this region have won the World Cup. He also wished that they would one day also win the coveted prize. The Pakistan president also

offered Bangladesh to send their age-group teams to Pakistan Cricket Academy. "All facilities in Pakistan are open

to Bangladesh and they can utilise those resources," said Musharraf. PCB chairman General Taugii Zia and Bangladesh Ambassador

Shamim Ahmed were also present

in the reception and spoke. Later. Musharraf presented medals to the players of both teams. Resides he awarded gold medals to Habibul Bashar, Rajin Saleh, Mohammad Rafigue and Alok

mances in the Test series. Bashar received a medal for scoring the highest number of runs (379) in the series. Saleh earned recognition for his consistency. Rafique for being the highest wicket-taker while Kapali was rewarded for his historic hattrick in

the second Test in Peshawar.

Both teams were also given five lakh rupees each.

Lankan cricket tourney delayed

points each.

THE NEWS, Colombo

The Emerging Team Trophy limitedovers cricket series between Sri Lanka, Pakistan and India has been delayed by a week so that the organisers could add more venues, Sri Lanka Cricket said on Tuesday.

The tournament, originally scheduled to start from Sunday, will now be staged from September 27. The recently re-named Sri Lanka Cricket planned to spend an extra week upgrading existing and new facilities before the Emerging Team Trophy, which will feature teams full of budding and prospective international players.

Sept 27: Sri Lanka v Pakistan

Sept 28: Sri Lanka v India Sept 29: Pakistan v India Oct 1: Pakistan v India Oct 2: Sri Lanka v Pakistan Oct 3: Sri Lanka v India Oct 5: Final.

CRICINFO, undated

A groin injury may cause Herschelle Gibbs to miss South Africa's forthcoming tour of Pakistan.

fitness test on Friday, after which team physiotherapist Shane Jabaar and the team management will make a final decision on whether he can join the touring party.

Pakistan on Sunday for three oneday internationals and three Test matches, but Jabaar is optimistic. "Since we've got five days to

treat his injury, I'm fairly positive that Herschelle will be fit for the tour." Gibbs is also confident that he

is important that the coaching team is highly experienced in those con SEE PAGE 14 COL 6 problem." he said.

> "It's a strange sort of injury. I don't even know how I sustained it.

Kamal's time excuse

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD from Rawalpindi

Former Bangladesh coach Mohsin Kamal believes if he had been given at least another 12 months he could have changed the team's fortunes. Kamal was sacked by the

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) following the country's dismal performance in the 2003 World Cup in South Africa. He was talking to this correspondent in Lahore after the third one-day international between Bangladesh and Pakistan. The former Pakistan paceman

some more time to become a competitive cricketing nation as all the countries are moving fast towards their own development. "I was very much disappointed

also thinks that the Tigers will take

assistant Ali Zia because I wanted to spend some more time with the boys. The team was almost coming into shape. But sadly the Board did not consider that," said Kamal. "Changing coaches does not

help any team. Bangladesh have

had four coaches in the last three years since getting Test status in 2000. But look at the results."

"Their standard is still the same and it will remain like that unless you allow someone to work on a longterm basis. A coach always has a plan and if you get impatient, you are only going to harm the team.'

He said it was him who started to



MOHSIN KAMAL

introduce young and new players into the team and they are now giving good service to the country.

(Baiysa) and Hannan (Sarker) were my selections and I took them to Sri Lanka last year. They have now become an integral part of the team. I don't want to take any personal credit by saying this. What I mean is you have got to give a coach time to settle a team." he said adding that there were some more cricketers in his book who would have got into the team by now.

"Look, Alok (Kapali), Tapas

Kamal also advised the BCB to formulate a sound cricket strategy.

"Habibul Bashar played very well in the Test series. But he is not doing well in the one-day game. They have to find out why Bashar is under-performing the shorterversion and act accordingly. For that you need some policies." he said.

When asked what he was doing now. Kamal informed that he was working as a Pakistan Cricket Board coach with a regional cricket team (under-19) in Sialkot region.

"My team is doing very well. We are now playing in a three-day tournament. We have reached the final and will play against Lahore.

"There are nine regions in Punjab. I am working in Sialkot and Ali Zia is working in Multan region."

China mission for hockey team

SPORTS REPORTER

A 16-member Bangladesh hockey team leaves today to Kuala Lumpur with a mission to beat China in the eight-nation sixth Men's Asia Cup to be held from September 21-28.

"Our only target is to beat China to ensure sixth place which will confirm our berth in the World Cup qualifying round," team leader Shamsul Bari told The Daily Star Sport yesterday after his boys made a courtesy call on the State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman.

The last time both sides met China won 3-2 at the 14th Asian Games in Busan. In other matches Bangladesh managed a 1-1 draw in the last Asia Cup also in Malaysia. They earned a 2-2 in the second

edition but lost 1-0 in the first-ever

results against their Chinese rivals.

Bangladesh have enjoyed mixed

meet and were crushed 6-0 in the

tain Musha Miah also expressed a similar view and added they wanted to earn a respectable result against mighty India and Pakistan Bangladesh have been penciled in Group B along with India,

Pakistan and China while the Group

Coach Abdur Razzak and cap-

A comprises Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea and hosts Malaysia. According to team coach Razzak he said SK Bangus of India, who conducted the residential camp at the BKSP, designed a plan that will bring the best out of the players in

the biggest regional tournament. "His rigid training schedule and detailed game plans for the tournament we believe will help us to earn good results." Razzak said.

Although the team will miss the services of disgraced ace midfielder Mahbub Ehsan Rana now serving a

leader was very confident that Faruque Ahmed and Rahul Kanti Roy are quite capable of filling Rana's shoes.

life ban, the Bangladesh team

"The boys are also not lacking match practice since they joined the camp just after the league ended last month," the team coach added.

Team: Russel Khan, Mahabubullah Chowdhury, Issa Miah, Shamsuddin Ahmed, Hedayetul Islam Khan, Shahidullah Khokon, Faruque Ahmed, Musa Miah (captain), Shahidullah Titoo (vicecaptain), Mirajul Ahsan, Rahul Kanti Roy, Ashraful Islam, Zahidul Islam, Ariful Haq Prince, Russel Mahmud and Moududur Rahman.

Officials: Shamsul Bari (team leader), Abdur Rashid Sikdar (manager), Alamgir Kabir (manager, admin), Abdur Razzak (coach), **SEE PAGE 14 COL 1**



Members of the Asia Cup hockey team pose for photographs with the State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman at the NSC yesterday.

Flower-less Zimbabwe

Cricket

CRICINFO, Harare

Craig Wishart and Trevor Gripper have been recalled to the squad for Zimbabwe's maiden Test tour of Australia next month. Also included are the hard-hitting all-rounder Craig Evans, who played the last of his two Tests against India in October 1998, and the uncapped

off-spinner Gavin Ewing. Zimbabwe will also feature in the ri-series competition with India bein the other team.

For the first time in 15 years, after the 2003 World Cup, while Logan Cup match and will be out of action for up to six weeks.

ing a tough catch. ball swung at the last moment,

experienced player, with 65 Tests and 209 one-day internationals behind him, and on the recent tour to England he was the only member of

"This first Test tour of Australia is a milestone in the history of Zimbabwe cricket," said the captain,

however, there will be no Flowers in Zimbabwe's squad -- Andy retired Grant broke his thumb in a recent

Flower, 32, was fielding in the

slips for champions Mashonaland against Manicaland at Mutare Sports Club last week, when he was hit on the right thumb while attempt-"It was very fast and low, and the

causing me to misjudge it," said

Flower, who left the field immediately in considerable pain. Flower said he had just undergone an operation to insert a wire into the thumb, which would be in plaster for six weeks. He is hoping to be fit to play again when West Indies arrive in Zimbabwe at the beginning of November, but it will be a race

against time. Flower is Zimbabwe's most the side to have scored a Test cen-

He has never quite regained the brilliant form and confidence he showed about six years ago, when he looked on the verge of becoming a truly world-class player, but he remains totally committed to Zimbabwe cricket, and to lose him for Zimbabwe's first Test-plaving tour of Australia is a serious blow to a team that will, in any case, be

looking down the barrel.

GRANT FLOWER

Heath Streak (captain), Tatenda

SQUAD

Taibu (vice-captain and wicketkeeper), Dion Ebrahim, Mark Vermeulen, Trevor Gripper, Stuart Carlisle, Raymond Price, Douglas Hondo, Andy Blignaut, Craig Wishart, Craig Evans, Sean Ervine, Gavin Ewing, Stuart Matsikenyeri, Gary Brent,

Heath Streak "It offers us a fantastic opportunity to pit our skills against some of the best players in the world. We know that the cricket will be intense and we do not expect Australia to underestimate us or take the Tests

"Every player in the squad will be looking to learn from the tour and to advance his game," added Streak. "With a coaching team of Geoff Marsh and Bruce Reid we will have the very best information and advice on the Australians, and will be straining every sinew to put them under as much pressure as possi-

Marsh, who coached Australia to the 1999 World Cup, has been in charge of Zimbabwe since October 2001. The recruitment of Reid, however, is quite a coup. He and Marsh go back a very long way, having played for Western Australia together in four Sheffield Shieldwinning sides in the 1980s and early '90s. They made their Test debuts in the same game, against India in 1985-86, and both featured in Australia's World Cup-winning team against England at Calcutta in 1987-

played at Perth and Sydney, and all insights will be vital. "Playing conditions at the WACA

Zimbabwe's two Tests will be

and the SCG are very different and there is little time to acclimatise, so it

very demanding of a player's technique, whether batting or bowling," said Marsh. "With a tight playing schedule

REVISED SCHEDULE

Gibbs doubtful for Pak tour

Gibbs will undergo a tough

The South Africans depart for

will be ready to take his place in the side. "I receive treatment daily, and I don't believe it (the injury) will be a