competed in every Olympic games, along with France, Australia, Greece, and



TEN Sports

Pakistan vs South Africa Second ODI Live at 2:00 pm **ESPN**

English Premier League Middlesbrough vs Chelsea Live at 6:55 pm

Aston Villa vs Bolton Wanderers Live at 9:00 nm **STAR Sports**

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Brett Lee

(Australian speedster) "It may sound a bit cliched but I just want to be a happy person. I don't want to worry if things don't go well on a particular day.

The way he wants to live life.



Tick the correct answers, post The Hally Star

Competition closes at 8 pm Oct 17, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

Who won the Asia Cup hockey

India Malaysia Pakistan

4. Who are the European Champions League holders?

Class. Roll No.

School Address

Nat'l kabadi

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Army and Khulna DSA moved into the semifinals in the 25th National Kabadi Championship at the Outer

Stadium kabadi court yesterday. Both the semifinal matches will be held today morning while the final will be held in the afternoon.

Rifles became Group A champions beating Dhaka DSA 100-21 with six lonas (first half 53-9) while Army finished Group A runners-up defeating Satkhira DSA 86-23 with

six lonas (first half 48-10). Bangladesh Police topped in the Group B beating Tangail DSA 49-16 (first half 28-5) while Khulna DSA hold the second position with six Ionas defeating Bangladesh Navy 78-54 (first half 41-28).

Rain irks Mahmud

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud yesterday feared that they might be deprived of a full outdoor training at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) before the home series against England.

Mahmud's men were scheduled to start the nets at the BNS from October 7. But rain for the last few days not only hampered the fitness training but also decimated the chances of net practice at the enue on time

Another spell of rain, which is always on the cards, means the national team would have to travel to BKSP in Savar for indoor train-

"I'm afraid that the practice pitches will not be ready by October 7 as rain is still on. That is not good for the preparation," said Mahmud.

The 33-year-old all-rounder was clearly unhappy at the rainy prospect saying that the indoor pitches at the BKSP would not serve the real purpose before the first Test starts on October 21.

"You can knock the ball around at the BKSP indoors but you can not practice or have real nets there. The bowlers don't have enough space for a full run-up. The pitches are also not very good there," said

the Bangladesh skipper. Mahmud, however, had little to complain about the manner in which the fitness programme had gone since the camp with 20 probables started last Wednesday.

'The fitness level of the team is the best we ever had. I'm saying that from the experience of my 15year playing career. What we need now is at least 10 to 12 uninterrupted sessions at the nets," said Mahmud.

Michael Vaughan's England will fly to Bangladesh on October 8 to play two Tests and three one-day internationals in Dhaka and Chittagong.

But despite the rain worry Mahmud was upbeat on a better home series after inspiring performances in Pakistan last month.

"Our home record has so far been uninspiring. But I can assure you that we will be a more competitive host this time. The Pakistan

tour made us believe that we are capable of pushing our opponents into tight corners," said Mahmud.

He however warned against getting carried away that Bangladesh were capable of beating England at their own den.

"I are aware that some over enthusiasts are thinking that we might beat England. But we are not thinking in that line. Once again our target is to play better cricket than what we played in Australia and Pakistan. And if we can do that, the results will come," Mahmud thought.

When asked what kind of wicket he would prefer against England Mahmud said that he would not mind if the curator prepared grassy pitches than a conventional slow and turning one.

"It's better to have grassy pitches because that is more sporting. Both the bowlers and batsmen can benefit from the wicket. Moreover, a turning wicket might backfire as it happened during the home series against South Africa last April," Mahmud



Sharjah tri-series

Africa confirm

Pakistan and South Africa have

confirmed their participation in a

riangular one-day tournament in

Sharjah next year, event organisers

"We are trying to sign on a third team. We have negotiated with Australia also," Zahid Noorani, chief

executive of organisers the Cricketers Benefit Fund Series, told this news

confirmations from teams because of

the packed international schedule,

"It has been difficult to secure

participation

Pakistan,

South

REUTERS, Lahore

said on Saturday.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: Bangladesh national cricketers have a workout at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

BCB CEO is here

different capacities.

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) took a first positive step owards professionalism with Maqbul Hussein (Macky) Dudhia oining as the chief executive officer (CEO) yesterday.

The 49-year-old Zambia-born Zimbabwean becomes the first person to occupy the newly created post at the insistence of the nternational Cricket Council.

Dudhia won a two-way battle with Australian Mathew Drain for a lucrative three-year contract with the Board that carries an annual backage of 80,000 dollars.

Appearing for the first time before the media at the BCB's management office in Gulshan, Dudhia said that his primary function would be to draw up a plan to usher in a complete professional set-up in the Board presently run by an advisory council headed by a government nominated president.

U-17 booters

Bangladesh under-17 football team

suffered a 1-2 defeat in the last

practice match against their

Myanmar counterparts at the Youth

Foundation ground in Yangoon

Yesterday's result meant

They lost the first match 1-8 and

The tour was arranged as part

Bangladesh lost all the three practice

matches they played in the country.

then suffered a 2-5 defeat in the

of the team's preparations for the

Asian under-17 clash against

Kyrgyzstan to be held in Dhaka on

The team returns home today.

Craig Wishart completed a disci-

plined century and the tourists' pace

attack flexed their muscles as

Zimbabwe had another valuable

workout against Western Australia

With Wishart crafting exactly

100, Zimbabwe reached a first

innings 330 before limiting the state

side to 207 for six wickets by stumps

on the second day of the three-day

Peter Worthington, unbeaten

with 30, and Beau Casson (7 not

out) faced a big task to push

Western Australia close to the

Zimbabwe again showed strong

spirit just five days before they come

up against Australia here in the first

blitzed the state attack, cracking a

quick-fire 57 in a 10th-wicket stand

The union lifted the tourists after

fast bowler Paul Wilson (4-41)

removed overnight batsmen

Wishart and skipper Heath Streak

(45), who did not add to his over-

of 63 with Ray Price (8 not out).

In their innings, Andy Blignaut

clash at the WACA Ground.

Test of a two-match series.

tourists' total.

October 11 and 15.

Cricket

AFP, Perth

lose 'em all

SPORTS REPORTER

yesterday

"My first mission is to assess what the Bangladesh board needs for a professional set-up. I don't think it will be difficult for me to achieve that since I had gone through the same experience with Zimbabwe," said Dudhia, who was associated with Zimbabwe cricket in

The eloquent-speaking Dudhia, whose parents come from Gujrat, India, considered his new assignment as the biggest challenge of his

He was a fast bowler of Zimbabwe in the early eighties. But he made a name for himself as a skilled administrator. He chaired various committees on Zimbabwe Cricket Union and was also served as an ICC development director for Africa region.

But his position in the present set-up of the BCB was not clearly defined in Saturday's briefing.

"He will carry out the policy and guideline of the Board," that was the only point BCB's cricket committee chairman Mahbubul Anam wanted to make to the newsmen.

"Cricket is today more or less a

Zimbabwe doing well

Wishart quickly added the seven

runs he needed to reach the century

mark before he played on the next

innings, Streak produced a hostile

display, capturing the first three

wickets and finishing the day with 3-

He was also inspiring in the field.

Blignaut followed up his fire-

works at the batting crease with a

fiery performance with the ball that

Scoreboard at stumps on the sec-

ond day of a three-day match

between Western Australia and

Zimbabwe at the WACA Ground on

ZIMBABWE: First innings (over-

Vermeulen c Campbell b Wilson 38

Blignaut st Campbell b Casson 57

Ebrahim c Campbell b Wilson

Gripper c Hussey b Wates

Evans c Campbell b Wates

Ervine c Wates b Hussey

Taibu c Worthington b Angel

Carlisle Ibw b Angel

Streak Ibw b Wilson

Wishart b Wilson

and produced a magnificent throw

to run out Scott Meuleman after the

youngster had made 47.

gave him 2-63.

Saturday:

niaht 254-7)

SCOREBOARD

In the Western Australian

business. And in keeping with that spirit we need more people to run the Board efficiently. His appointment is the first step and in future we will hire more professionals.'

Mahbub however said the details of where the new CEO stands will only be known after they work out a proper organisational tree.

But at the moment Dudhia is ranked 13th behind BCB president Ali Asghar and his 11 advisors.

The 30-minute briefing was also attended by Australian under-19 coach Richard McInnes, who started his job last week and compatriot physio-cum-trainer Justin

Crodv. Crody arrived in the city on Friday along with Dudhia.

"Everybody in Bangladesh is expecting a good result from the team. I will try to prepare the boys as good as I can and I'm looking forward to this challenge," said McInnes.

McInns has been entrusted to groom the under-19 squad before next vear's World Youth Cup in Bangladesh.



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Bangladesh Cricket Board's first-ever chief executive officer Maqbul Hussein Dudhia speaks to reporters

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Worthington

Hussey Ibw b Streak

Worthington not out

Casson not out

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Bowler

Streak

Ervine

Evans

Price

Gripper

Blignaut

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North c Taibu b Blignaut

Marsh c Blignaut b Streak

Meuleman run out (Streak)

Campbell c Taibu b Blignaut

Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-11, w-6) 24

Total: (For 6 wkts in 61 overs) 207

Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-60, 3-68, 4-

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Extras: (b-5, lb-6, nb-5, w-1) Total: (All out in 124.3 overs) 330

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-20, 3-65,

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA: First

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4-79, 5-89, 6-149, 7-174, 8-261, 9-

schedule **SPORTS REPORTER**

Hectic cricket

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced a series of tours for various selections yesterday.

According to BCB's cricket committee chairman Mahbubul Anam Zimbabwe A team will tour Bangladesh in March-April next year to play three unofficial Tests and three limited-overs matches. Bangladesh A team will visit

Zimbabwe in February-March 2005. Besides, England under-19 team will tour Bangladesh in July-August next year to play three four-day and three one-day matches.

Bangladesh A team will go to Pakistan in December to play eight first-class matches in the inter-SEE PAGE 14 COL 4

Saleh lifts JPC chess crown

PRESS RELEASE, Dhaka

Saleh Chowdhury emerged champion in the chess tournament of the Jatiya Press Club sports competition yesterday.

The event has been organised to mark the club's 49th founding anni-In the final, Saleh, one of the

oldest members of the club, defeated Shafique Chowdhury. Abdur Rahman Khan secured the third spot after beating Waliur

Alam in the play-off. Meanwhile, the table tennis competition will start at the club premises from tomorrow. Interest ones have been requested to be present at the draw at 10am tomor-

The spade-trump competition will be held on October 9, 10 and 11 followed by ludu on October 13 and shooting on October 14.

The mini marathon will be held on October 20.

Schools basketball South Breeze

St. Gregory's champions

SPORTS REPORTER

South Breeze and St. Gregory's High won the girls' and boys' titles respectively in the Transcom interschool basketball competition In the final held at the

Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium, South Breeze posted a 35-22 win over Sun Beams. Winners' Turfa and Irina caged

12 and 10 points respectively while Uzma of Sun Beams scored nine In the boys' final, St. Gregory's edged past Green Herald School by

The winners led the first half 36-Pulak scored highest 34 points

80-78 points in tense match.

distributed prizes.

for the winners followed by Pankaj who added 22 points State Minister for Finance Shah

Breeze School, were also present.

Mohammad Abul Hossain witnessed the final as chief guest and Paceman Munaf Patel, making his

Executive Director of Trancom three first-innings wickets by trapping Beverage Golam Quddus Nathan Astle (five) lbw with Chowdhury and Ms. Zinat Chowdhury, principal of South

Miandad hits back at chief selector

Cricket

REUTERS. Lahore Pakistan's cricket coach Javed Miandad, who has come under fire from chief selector Aamir Sohail, has asked for a meeting with the

national board chairman. Miandad said he had requested a meeting with the Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Tauqir Zia on Saturday to discuss "pressing

issues" After Pakistan's eight-run win over South Africa in the first one-day international. Miandad responded angrily on Saturday to criticism from

Sohail had said on Thursday that it would not be difficult for Pakistan to beat a weaker South Africa team provided the players were handled properly.

"I think that more concentration

and professionalism is required to

exploit the abilities and skills of the

players," Sohail was quoted as

saying by the official APP news agency in an apparent dig at Sohail and Miandad worked together as captain and coach in 1998 but fell out in a highly publi-

cised row after defeats at home to Australia and Zimbabwe. Miandad told this news agency

"But we don't want to drop our tradition of hosting at least one tournaon Saturday: "If anyone thinks he can do a better job than me as coach

ment annually in Sharjah. With two very good sides confirmed, we are SEE PAGE 14 COL 5

Simons seeks more

Cricket

AFP, Lahore

South African cricket coach Eric Simons Saturday asked his side to show "more guts" to level the series after Pakistan won the first daynight limited overs international match here at the Gaddafi Stadium.

"I think the demands of the series, in which we are playing so quickly one after the other match, are a big dog fight out there, get up and show more guts," Simons said ahead of Sunday's clash between the two sides at the same venue.

South Africa were edged out by eight runs after Pakistan posted a challenging total of 277-6 in the first of five matches on Friday. "The issues of lack of prepara-

tions, demands of travelling and then trying to adjust to the conditions, all those factors come into

reckoning but it was still disappointing to lose from such a position, said Simons.

The Proteas arrived on Tuesday on a rescheduled tour, which requires them to play five matches n ten days. Century maker Boeta Dippenaar

and Graeme Smith provided the tourists with a solid start of 138 and they needed 80 in the last ten overs with eight wickets intact. "We started playing big shots a bit late, should have kept them

under 250 so all these mistakes we made at the end of our bowling would be analysed in team's meeting," said Simons, who toured Pakistan as a medium pacer in 1994-95

Young Shoaib Malik hammered the South African bowling with a blistering unbeaten 82 off just 41 balls studded with six sixes and as

many fours to take the match away

conditions where the ball starts reverse swinging," the coach said.

South Africa received a prematch blow with experienced opener Herschelle Gibbs ruled out after pulling a stomach muscle. "Most of the guys are suffering

from the cramps and we might think about resting some players and hope Gibbs will be ready for Sunday." The team official said Gibbs

would have to pass a fitness test before the match while Smith and Neil McKenzine, who both suffered cramps on Friday were fit.

Simons also hoped his frontline bowler Makhaya Ntini would come back after being decimated in the first match, conceding 26 in his three overs.

"Ntini has struggled in a few **SEE PAGE 14 COL 4**

Badani ton in drawn tie

from the tourists.

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Rajkot

Left-hander Hemang Badani notched up a century for India A as New Zealand's reputation suffered a few dents on the concluding day of a three-day tour game here on Saturday.

Badani struck an explosive 127 off 187 deliveries with the help of 16 fours and two sixes against New Zealand, but his hopes of a Test recall were dashed when India's selectors left him out of the first Test starting in Ahmedabad next week. The left-hander, who played the

last of his four Tests in Sri Lanka two years ago, hammered 16 fours and two sixes before the three-day tour match ended in a draw. Badani's knock helped India A to

403 in reply to New Zealand's first innings of 375 for seven declared.

The tourists were then reduced to 37 for four before Lou Vincent, with 28 not out, and Craig McMillan, 17 not out, dug in to steer New Zealand to 68 for four by the close of the play.

first-class debut, had added to his **SEE PAGE 14 COL 2**



PHOTO: AFF OI, CAN'T YOU HEAR ME? India A batsman Hemang Badani, who was not included in the

national side to play New Zealand in the first Test when selectors named the team yesterday raises his bat on completion of his century against the tourists in a practice match yesterday.

2. Who was man-of-the-series in the Bangladesh and Pakistan one-day series? Bashar 3. Who became the Pepsi 16th champions?