

DMFA reconstituted

Sports Reporter



The National Sports Council yesterday reconstituted a 42-member ad-hoc committee of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA) whose main function will be to run the various football leagues in the city.

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) which had taken over the charge of conducting the city football leagues after the dissolution of the DMFA in 1985, under an order of the Ministry of Youth and Sports dated 25-7-91 was ordered to give up the responsibility of running the local leagues in favour of a reconstituted DMFA.

The then president of DMFA M Azizul Haq, who was given the charge of naming a

new committee, has proposed a 42-member body that has a president, three vice presidents, a general secretary, two joint secretaries, a treasurer and 34 members.

M. Azizul Haq remains the president of the new committee while Kazi Mishu is the general secretary. Additional Police Commissioner Md. Abdus Salam, Abbasuddin Khan and Shah Abdul Kashem are the vice presidents while Prof. Shah Alam and Asfaruzzaman Sohrab are the joint secretaries and Md. Razat Ali Baechhu the treasurer.

Following are the members: T. I. M. Nurunabi, Manzur Hossain Malu, Md. Yousof Miah, Al-Haj Arshad Ali Mongol, Md Rafiq, ABM Hossain, Md. Mala, M.A. Azim Badal, Md. Wahidul Islam.

Khairul Anwar Pearu, SA Sultan, M. Shahiduzzaman, Ifekharul Islam Titon, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Md. Shabbir Hossain, Delwar Hossain, Zainuddin Ahmed, Atiqul Islam Atiq, Ferdous Islam, Md. Mohsin, M. Mustafa Hossain, Md. Anisur Rahman, Md. Selim, Jan-e-Alam, Abdullah al-Mamun Milon, a representative of the Little Friends Club, Masudur Rahman Masud, representative of the Pioneer League, Janab Harunur Rashid, Anwarul Haq Helal, Dr. Aminul Islam, N. Nabi Chowdhury and Munirul Haq Chowdhury, MP.

The first meeting of the new committee is scheduled for 7.00 pm today. The agenda includes framing of the First Division football league by-laws and the formation of the various standing committees.

BFF concedes to players' demand

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The Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday conceded to the demand of the Players' Association by reducing the binding obligation of new players to play for their first-registered clubs from three years to two.

According to a BFF press release issued yesterday evening, from this season onwards any player making his debut in any Dhaka league will be obliged to play for that team for two consecutive seasons. Until now, newly-registered players were forced to serve their first teams for three years, a practice the Players' Association felt was unfair vis-a-vis the earning potential of the new players.

Taking advantage of the situation, many clubs tended to exploit the talents of their younger players, often denying them decent money for their skills. Only when the player had served his first team for three years was he in a position to bargain in the transfer market.

However, the BFF clarified that only those players who registered with the clubs in the 1988-89 season will be free to move elsewhere this year for they will have met the 'two-seasons' provision regarding qualification. Players whose first registration was in the 1989-90 season will have to wait another season because the Senior Division league was not held in the 1990-91 season.

E Bengal extend their lead

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East Bengal Club maintained their lead in the Calcutta Super Division football league when they beat Tollygunje Agragami by two goals to nil yesterday, according to AIR running commentary monitored in Dhaka.

Elias Pasha gave East Bengal the lead in the 14th minute while their Bangladesh recruit Gholam Ghaus doubled the margin in the 18th minute.

The triple-crown winning Indian giants were once again ably served by their other Bangladeshi signings, Munna in defence and Sheikh Islam in attack. Munna was at his usual best, exuding confidence in the East Bengal defence.

East Bengal now have 36 points from 14 matches while their nearest challengers Mohun Bagan, the reigning champions, have 33 points from as many outings. The two teams clash in the crucial tie next Saturday.

Kabaddi results

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Jurain Janata Club, Reliance Jubo Sangha and Sonali Bank won their respective matches of the Dhaka Kabaddi League played yesterday at the Outer Stadium Kabaddi court.

Jurain Janata Club crushed Maniknagar Samity by 24-6 points after leading the first half 6-0. Jurain earned two lonas.

In the day's second match, Reliance Jubo Sangha posted an easy (26-12) victory over Helal Smriti Sangsad after leading the first half by 15-5. Reliance scored two lonas.

Sonali Bank Club thrashed Srijoni Sangsad by 28-7 in the day's last match. The bankers, who got two lonas, scored 13-1 during the breather.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Azad SC vs Anirban (5.30).
Dilkusha SC vs Imarat Niram (5.30).
Bangladesh Bank vs WASA (6.00).

Bontempi leads

VARESE, Italy, Aug 13: Italian sprinter Guido Bontempi edged Swiss Pascal Richard at the finish line to win the Tre Valli Varesine cycling race Monday, reports AP.

Frenchman Gerard Rue preceded Italy's Claudio Chiappucci for third place.

Army, Air Force in quarters

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Bangladesh Army and Air Force powered their way into the quarter finals of the Bashundhara fourteenth national hockey championship after posting easy victories over their respective opponents yesterday at the Hockey Stadium.

Title-contenders Bangladesh Army inspired by Jahangir's fine hat-trick, pounded the depleted Narayanganj District Sports Association by for a thumping 8-0 victory in the day's first encounter.

Jahangir started Army's goal glut when he scored in the very fourth minute of the proceedings through a field goal.

Six minutes later Jahangir again found the mark with a

nice-taken angular shot (2-0). But he had to wait another 19 minutes to complete his hat-trick when he intercepted a fine cross from the left flank of Amin's pass to slot home (3-0).

Shafiqul and Amin each added a goal to make it 5-0 at the breather.

Jahangir again struck for Army this time converting a penalty stroke to make it 6-0.

Khadem and Humayun completed the tally by adding one goal each.

Army earned five penalty corners against Narayanganj's two.

Bangladesh Air force bombarded Sylhet DSA 5-1 in the afternoon match.

Sylhet, for the first 25 minutes of the proceedings, did not allow the BAF forwards to make sorties into their territory.

But once Masudur Rahman managed to bang two quick field goals, Sylhet's resistance began to fade slowly.

Abbas and Mukhles converted two penalty corners for Air Force to bring more misery for Sylhet.

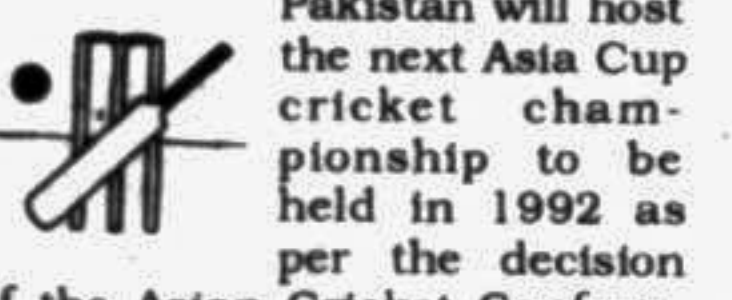
Mahmud hammered the final nail on Sylhet DSA's coffin when he neatly converted a penalty stroke at the fag end of the game.

Jumman Lusal of Sylhet reduced the margin by converting a penalty corner in the 42nd minute.

Air Force will now play last year's runners-up Dhaka University in tomorrow's scheduled quarter-final.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Dhaka Edn Board vs Chittagong DSA (8.am).
Faridpur DSA vs Railway (9.30 am).
Navy vs Ansars (2.30 pm).

Pakistan to host '92 Asia Cup



Pakistan will host the next Asia Cup cricket championship to be held in 1992 as per the decision of the Asian Cricket Conference (ACC) meeting in London last month, reports BSS.

Mr. M. N. Taher Manzar, General Secretary of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), who attended the ACC meeting as Bangladesh representative told BSS on Tuesday that Pakistan has agreed to host the tournament, the venue of which is decided on a rotational basis.

India won the inaugural Cup held in Sharjah in 1984. They also emerged as champions in the third tournament in Dhaka in 1988 and retained the title of the fourth competition beating Sri Lanka in Calcutta on January 4 this year. Pakistan had pulled out of the fourth tournament for security reasons following Hindu-Muslim riots in India late last year and also cancelled their official tour of India to play Test matches.

Sri Lanka won the championship of the second meet in Colombo in 1986. India stayed

away of the second meet due to political turmoil on the island.

Mr. Manzar said, Secretary of Indian Cricket Control Board Mr Jagmohan Dalmiya earlier, expressed inability to play in Pakistan in the fifth Asia Cup unless Pakistan tour India before the meet.

Pakistan representative in the ACC meeting, Asaf Ali, informed the Indian official of their decision to tour India to play five international matches, he added.

Mr. Manzar said, Abdur Rahman Bukhatir of the United Arab Emirates had been elected new President of ACC for the next two-year term and Syed Ashraful Haq of Bangladesh and Harban Singh of Singapore had been made

Aaqib eager to play

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LONDON, Aug 13: Pakistan pacesman Aaqib Javed is ready to defy a broken bone in his left foot to play in Hampshire's Natwest Trophy semifinal against Warwickshire on Wednesday, reports AFP.

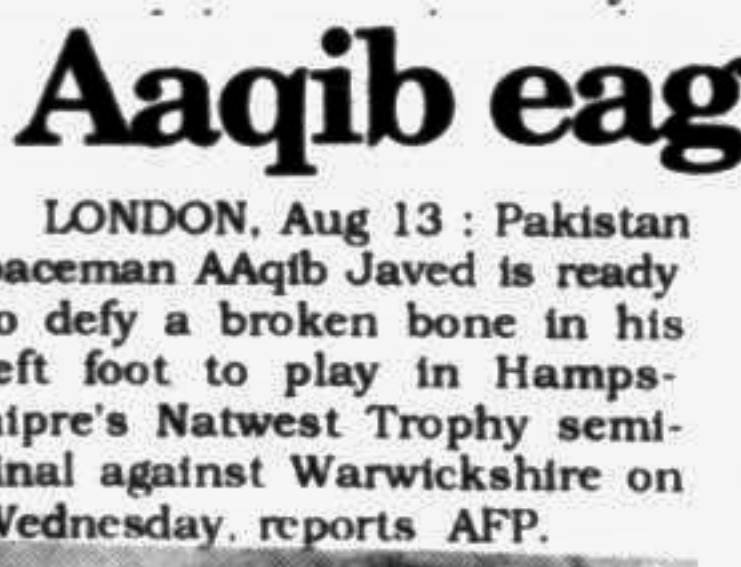
quarter final victory over Nottinghamshire. Having come through a stiff workout in the nets on Monday, he pronounced himself fit and eager to play at Edgbaston.

Hampshire will also be bolstered by the return from Test duty of Robin Smith, and captain Mark Nicholas may persist with a policy of playing two spinners as both Raj Maru and Shaun Udal are included in the squad of 13.

Northamptonshire hope to be at full strength for their semi final against Surrey at the Oval, despite doubts about some key players.

Vice-captain Robert Bailey is set to return having recovered when he crashed into an advertising board in a match at Northampton a fortnight ago.

There are still doubts about Kevin Curran, who is nursing sore ribs, opener Wayne Larkins and keeper David Ripley, both of whom took knocks on the thumb against Essex on Sunday, but all three are expected to play.



AAQIB JAVED
Aaqib has a stress fracture and has not played since the

DCPA coaching camp from Aug 23

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The Dhaka Cricket Players' Association (DCPA) will organise a month-long coaching camp starting August 23 especially designed for prospective fast bowlers and wicketkeepers, says a press release.

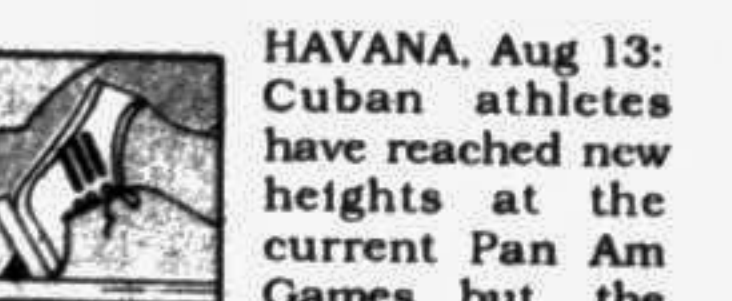
Youngsters from any part of the country, including those playing in the Dhaka leagues and schools competitions, are eligible to attend the camp to be conducted by well-known coaches of the country such as Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury, Osman Khan, Mashihuddin Ahmed Mantu and Shawkatur Rahman Chnu.

All interested participants have been advised to be present at the Dhaka Stadium by four in the afternoon on August 21.

Those wishing to undergo fast bowling coaching must be at least five feet eight inches tall.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka will formally inaugurate the camp on Aug 23 as chief guest while NSC Chairman Major General Mahbubur Rahman and Bangladesh Cricket Control Board chief Kazi Bahauddin Ahmed will attend as special guests.

Hosts Cuba a reach new height



HAVANA, Aug 13: Cuban athletes have reached new heights at the current Pan Am Games but the communist island's economic isolation and declining aid, including sport equipment, from former East European allies threatens to bring them down to earth in the near future, reports Reuter.

Just as the Caribbean nation is poised for the first time to replace the United States at the top of the Games gold medals table, Cuban athletes are looking ahead to possibly fewer trips abroad for international events and decreased national competition.

The cutoff, or drastic reduction in aid from former allies like East Germany, Czechoslovakia and even the Soviet Union has also forced Cuba to manufacture more of its own sports equipment and

turn to cheap herbal medicines.

Alberto Puig, a director of Cuba's National Institute of Sport, said the 39-nation Pan Am Games had not been affected by the country's economic problems but "after the Games we'll have to make some economic adjustments."

Puig said the economic worries could mean there "may be fewer athletes than earlier anticipated at next year's Barcelona Olympics."

"Nothing yet has been decided," he added.

Cuban sports officials already have cut back on national meetings because of the need to preserve scarce gasoline resources.

However, as for the sports should not suffer at the grassroots level because of the economic problems, competition at the local and regional level will increase.

But as for all world class athletes, it is only through competition against the best in the world, that performances can continually improve.

The Soviet Union, whose athletes once regularly competed against Cuba, pulled out of a basketball tournament in May and this trend is likely to continue.

Cuba is also having to turn more and more to its own resources for sport equipment.

Among items no longer available from East Europe because countries there have mainly ended barter trade with Cuba in favour of hardcurrency sales, are weightlifting, boxing and wrestling equipment.

Imported vitamins, so recommended by trainers, are also now mainly off the Cuban athletes menu.

However Cuban medical researchers have risen to the challenge by developing their

own energy pill and are working on developing herbal sports medicines to replace foreign synthetic drugs.

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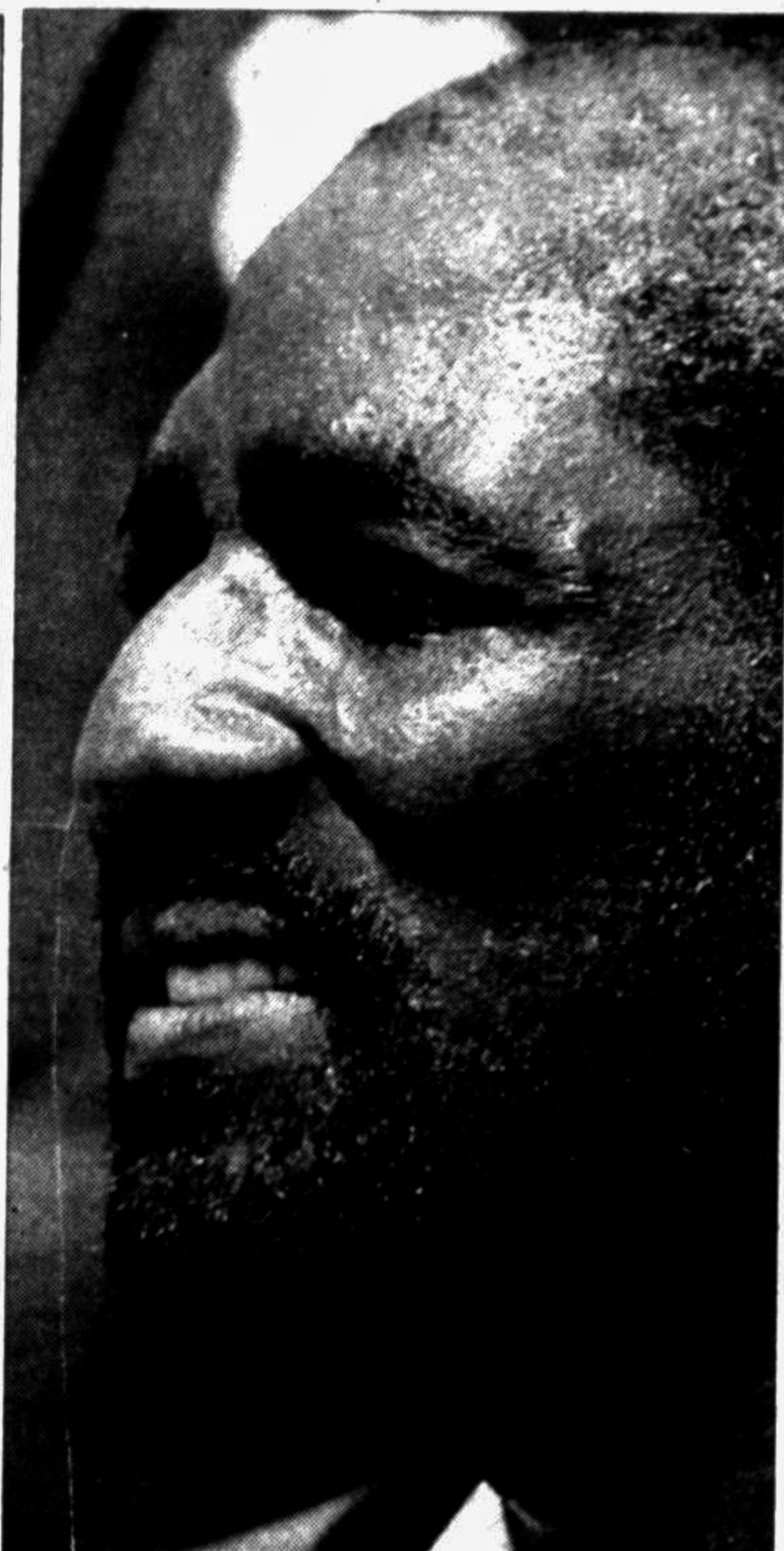
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Richards happy

LONDON, Aug 13: In spite of losing his farewell Test, just like his predecessor Clive Lloyd, West Indies captain Viv Richards was far from disappointed after England's five-wicket win on Monday, reports Reuter.

"With the series being level the only winner is cricket," the 39-year-old Antiguan said. "It is still a wonderful record to finish unbeaten in a series."

"We'll go away with our heads held high and wonderful memories."

But in a thinly veiled criticism of Australia, whose recent tour of the West Indies was marred by rows and allegations of racist comments, Richards said the series against England had been played without controversy.

"This tour is evidence that cricket can be played in this manner," he said.

Richards, cigar in hand, told reporters he was not in favour of a quick return to international cricket for South Africa despite the dismantling of apartheid there.

"Things are not quite right for the re-introduction of South Africa, not until there is one man, one vote there," he said.

Richards paid tribute to the England team who also won the opening Test before West Indies took the third and the fourth.

"Graham (Gooch) got them

in the right frame of mind but we are going away with our heads held high."

He admitted entertaining thoughts of a surprise victory when England, needing 143 to win, lost both Gooch and Robin Smith in the space of six balls to be reduced to 80 for four.

"You do have hopes when things like that happen. But we never had enough runs."

England captain Gooch, who has nursed his side back to being a respected power in world cricket in the past two years, praised left-arm spinner Philip Tufnell whose six wickets on the third day proved decisive.

"Tufnell has come back into the side and done well," Gooch said. "But he was obviously unchanged in his preference for speed."

"Fast bowling has been proven historically by West Indies to be the way to win Test matches."

He was also cautiously optimistic about England's future.

"We have had a good team spirit all summer. We've got the ability to beat anyone in the world if we work hard."

De Silva Sri Lanka's hero

TAUNTON, England, Aug 13: A whirlwind innings of 57 not out off 38 balls by captain Aravinda De Silva led Sri Lanka to an eight wickets triumph over Somerset on Monday, the first win of their England tour, reports Reuter.

Sri Lanka, set 249 in 49 overs, powered home with 7.1 overs to spare after a generous declaration by Somerset, who lost only five wickets in the game.

Brendon Kuruppu and Chandika Hathurusinghe put on 135 for the first wicket, Kuruppu following his first innings 86 with 77 from 89 balls.

Hathurusinghe made 67 but it was De Silva who hammered the killer blows with four fours and three sixes — two of the sixes coming off successive balls to finish the game.



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England West Indies Test averages

LONDON, Aug 13: England and West Indies Test cricket averages after the fifth and final match of the series at the Oval on Monday, reports Reuter.

Batting (tabulate under matches played, innings, not out, runs, highest score (n-denotes not out), average, 100s, 50s):

England									
Robin Smith	4	7	2	416	148n	83.20	2	2	
Alec Stewart	1	2	1	69	38n	69.00	0	0	
Chris Lewis	2	3	1	125	65	62.50	0	1	
Graham Gooch	5	9	1	480	54n	60.00	1	2	
Ian Botham	1	2	1	35	31	35.00	0	0	
Mark Ramprakash	5	9	0	210	29	23.33	0	0	
Phillip DeFreitas	5	8	1	134	55n	19.14	0	1	
Derek Pringle	4	7	0	128	45	18.28	0	0	
David Lawrence	2	3	0	47	34	15.50	0	0	
Richard Illingworth	4	2	3	31	13	15.50	0	0	
Allan Lamb	4	7	0	86	29	12.57	0	0	
Hugh Morris	2	4	0	50	44	12.50	0	0	
Graeme Hick	4	7	0	75	43	10.71	0	0	
Jack Russell	4	7	0	73	46	10.42	0	0	
Mike Atherton	5	9	0	79	32	8.77	0	0	
Devon Malcolm	2	3	1	9	5n	4.50	0	0	
Steve Watkin	2	3	0	8	6	2.66	0	0	
Phillip Tufnell	1	1	0	2	2	2.00	0	0	

Bowling (tabulate under overs bowled, maidens, runs, wickets, average, five wickets in a match, 10 wickets in a match, best bowling figures):

England									
Phillip DeFreitas	185.5	55	457	23	30.77	0	0	4-34	
Ian Botham	27.0	8	67	3	22.33	0	0	3-40	
Phil Tufnell	60.3	9	175	7	25.00	1	0	6-25	
Derek Pringle	128.1	33	323	12	26.83	1	0	5-100	
Steve Watkin	36.0	4	153	5	30.60	0	0	3-38	
Chris Lewis	79.0	30	201	6	33.50	0	0	6-111	
David Lawrence	78.1	7	350	10	35.00	1	0	5-108	
Graeme Hick	24.0	5	95	2	47.50	0	0	2-77	
Richard Illingworth	56.4	10	213	4	53.25	0	0	3-110	
Devon Malcolm	42.3	3	180	3	60.00	0	0	1-9	
Graham Gooch	8.0	1	14	0	0.00	0	0	0-0	

Essex on course

LONDON, Aug 13: Essex, opened up the English county cricket title chase on Monday by beating Nottinghamshire by three wickets, reports Reuter.

The Essex middle order responded superbly after being set a target of 291.

Nasser Hussain (64), Salim Malik (74) and Nick Knight (42) made vital contributions after Nottinghamshire were dismissed for 215.

Essex, second last season, finished 37 points behind leaders Warwickshire with two games in hand. Warwickshire drew with Northamptonshire.

A career-best 253 not out by captain Alan Wells steered Sussex to victory over Yorkshire by an innings and 24 runs.

Wells hit three sixes and 27 fours in his side's 436.

Yorkshire collapsed to 171 with pacesman Adrian Jones taking four for 41 and off-spinner Brad Donelan three for 43.

Hampshire pacesman Kevin Shine snapped up five for 58 to polish off Glamorgan.

Glamorgan, set 317 in 78 overs, were all out for 144.

Leicestershire won their first championship match of the season, beating Kent by five wickets.

Defending champions Middlesex also managed their first victory, squeezing home by two runs against Derbyshire.

Derbyshire, chasing 286, appeared to be coasting home at 213 for two with Peter

Bowler (89) and Mohammad Azharuddin (72) in full flow. But spinners John Embury (four for 96) and Alex Barnett (four for 119) swung the match around.

A tame draw

COLOMBO, Aug 13: The third and final four-day international between Sri Lanka 'A' and Pakistan 'A' ended in a tame draw after rain continued to wreck another full day's play here yesterday, reports AFP.

Only 215 minutes of play were possible on the last day, following a morning deluge that washed off the pre-lunch session. Rain had curtailed play to less than two hours on the third day.

But when Pakistan 'A' finally resumed from a confident overnight score of 209 for 4 they did not bargain for a fine spell of medium-pace and spin bowling that sent the visitors crashing to 227 all out.

Medium pacer Pramodaya Wickremasinghe and off-spinner

Piyal Wijetunga bowled unchanged to cause the sensational collapse among the Pakistani batsmen who could muster just 18 runs for the last six wickets.

Sri Lanka 'A' in their second innings lost four wickets for 92 runs before the two captains agreed to stop play an hour before the scheduled close.

The previous two internationals were also drawn.



The Rangpur DSA team which finished runners-up behind Khulna in the Beximco volleyball tournament which concluded at the wooden-floor gym last Monday..... — Star photo

Nigerians retain handball titles

NEW DELHI, Aug 13: Nigerian boys and girls' squads today retained their Commonwealth handball titles in style. Brushing aside Indian teams in the finals here today, reports PTI.

The Nigerian boys carved out an emphatic 24-13 win over the hosts while their girls team beat the Indians 16-11.

Bangladesh and England took the third places in the boys' and girls' sections yesterday.

Mr VC Shukla, the Union Minister for Water Resources, gave away the prizes to the winning teams.

The Nigerian boys were presented a cheque of Rs. 88,000 for winning the eight-day championship, while their girls pocketed Rs. 66,000.

The Indian boys and girls, who finished second in both the sections, were awarded cash prizes of Rs. 66,000 and Rs. 44,000 respectively.