

Tendulkar cooks Windies' goose

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 22: India crushed the West Indies by seven wickets here today to storm into the Wills Trophy final with an all-win record, reports AFP.

Sachin Tendulkar did the star turn with the ball and

Kapil's milestone

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 22: Indian all-rounder Kapil Dev claimed his 200th wicket in one-day cricket on Thursday, then declared his intention to claim a hundred more, reports AFP.

The 32-year-old medium pacer trapped West Indian



KAPIL DEV — 200 wickets

Winston Benjamin leg before in the Wills Trophy match here to achieve the feat.

"I am not a records man but I look forward to reaching the 300 mark," said Kapil who is already the third highest wicket-taker in Test cricket with 376 victims.

Only Sir Richard Hadlee (431) and Ian Botham (379) have taken more Test wickets, but the Indian has no equals in one-day cricket.

The second-placed in the bowlers list for limited overs internationals is held by Pakistani captain Imran Khan whose tally is 169.

Kapil has also scored 3,149 runs in 166 one-day matches for India since making his debut against Pakistan in 1978.

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Sports Reporter

Reigning champions Armanitola JS, Bangladesh Biman, Azampur Young Boys and Village Defence Party (VDP) maintained their winning spree in the AB Bank table tennis league each recording their fourth consecutive victory at the National Coaching Centre yesterday.

Armanitola JS beat Ajax SC, Bangladesh Biman trounced Pallima Sangsad and VDP outplayed Bangladesh Bank by similar 3-0 sets margins.

Azampur Young Boys defeated Renaissance club by 3-1 sets in the other match of the day.

C'wealth leaders pledge cash aid to save Games

HARARE, Oct 22: Commonwealth leaders have agreed cash aid to ensure their four-yearly Games will continue as a unifying force for the 50-nation group, the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea said on Monday, reports Reuters.

Rabbie Namaliu told reporters the Commonwealth summit had adopted the report of a working group on strengthening sport across the Commonwealth, home to nearly one-third of the world's population.

"The Games have been an enormous source for good in the Commonwealth and the world. They must be sustained, and they must also give greater equality of opportunity to participate between the developed and the developing nations of the organisation," Namaliu said.

He said the leaders agreed to the report's recommendations on funding, but they did not say how much money was involved.

The report had warned the games were in danger, challenged by the emergence of dozens of other major international sports competitions, plagued by deficits and hamstrung by a lack of a proper administrative structure.

"The games are rapidly approaching a critical juncture," the report said, urging that a fund be created to ensure their future.

Kapil Dev took his 200th one-day wicket as India bowled the West Indies out for a meagre 145 after electing to field first.

A 108-run second wicket stand between Navjot Siddhu (44) and Sanjay Manjrekar (43) helped India end the one-sided encounter by the 38th over.

The emphatic win made India the only unbeaten team in the three-nation tournament. Their opponents in Friday's final will be known after their last league match against arch-rivals Pakistan on Wednesday.

Pakistan, who have a run-rate of 4.19 against the West Indies 4.12, need to beat India or score at least 199 runs in case of a defeat, to qualify.

The 18-year-old Tendulkar, who had taken just two wickets in 15 previous one-day matches, ran through the West Indian top order to pick up four for 34 and earn the man of the match award.

Kapil Dev, playing his 166th one-day game, trapped West Indian Winston Benjamin leg before to reach the unprecedented 200-wicket mark. The next man in the line is Pakistan's skipper Imran Khan who trails far behind on 169.

India were never in trouble reaching the modest victory target despite losing opener Woorkeri Raman, coming in



SACHIN TENDULKAR — the man of the match.

for the indisposed Ravi Shastri, to the second ball from Ian Bishop.

Manjrekar and Siddhu fell within the space of three deliveries to make India 108 for three in the 31st over, but skipper Mohammad Azharuddin and Tendulkar saw India through to victory.

The West Indies conceded 30 extras, including 18 wides, eleven of those being bowled by Bishop.

SCOREBOARD
WEST INDIES
Simmons c Prabhakar

b Kapil	14
Lambert lbw Tendulkar	11
Richardson c	
Azhar b Tendulkar	16
Hooper run out	8
Logie c More b Tendulkar	0
Arthurton c b Prabhakar	59
Dujon c More b Tendulkar	0
Bishop c and b Prabhakar	14
Benjamin lbw Kapil	9
Arnbrose not out	4
Patterson run out	1
Extras (lb-3, w-4, nb-2)	9
Total (all out in 46.2 overs)	145

Fall of wickets:
1/34.2/39.3/47.4/47.5/78.6/78.8/130.9/143.

DISPOSING	O	M	R	W
Prabhakar	8.2	0	32	2
Kapil	8	1	23	2
Tendulkar	10	1	34	4
Raju	10	1	29	0
Kumble	10	2	24	0

INDIA:
Woorkeri Raman lbw b Bishop 0
Sindhu c Logie b Benjamin 44
Manjrekar lbw b Bishop 43
Azharuddin not out 19
Tendulkar not out 11
Extras (lb-8, lb-4, w-18) 30
Total (3 wickets, 37.3 overs) 147
Fall of wickets: 1/0. 2/108. 3/108.

BOWLING	O	M	R	W
Bishop	7	2	28	2
Arnbrose	8	1	22	0
Patterson	6	30	16	0
Hooper	6	0	24	0
Benjamin	9	0	34	1
Arthurton	1	0	11	0

Delhi okays Pak tour despite Shiv Sena threats

NEW DELHI, Oct 22: The Indian government today announced clearance of a tour of India by Pakistani cricketers, apparently ignoring attempted sabotage and threats by a powerful Hindu group in Bombay against the visit, reports AFP.

A 19-member Pakistani team would play one-day matches in Bombay, Delhi, Madras, Calcutta and Jaipur, a government press release here said.

In Bombay Bal Thackeray, chief of the Shiv Sena (Lord Shiva's Army), Tuesday called for a general strike next week to sabotage the match between Pakistan and India to be played in the western metropolis.

Within hours of his strike call 15 'vandals' dug up Bombay's Wankhede Stadium cricket pitch where the match

is to take place and emptied a can of oil on it. They then gave themselves up to police. Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

PTI described the damage to the pitch as not extensive.

Thackeray said his party would enforce the strike in Bombay October 28, the day of the scheduled match there, to protest Pakistan's alleged backing to Moslem separatists in Kashmir.

"It is against national interest and insulting for the country to play cricket with Pakistan when that country is providing aid to Kashmir militants," PTI quoted him as saying.

He said the strike would be peaceful, but Shiv Sena activists "will not allow, Pakistani players to touch India when Pakistan has adopted an anti-India attitude."

The Shiv Sena is a powerful political force in the western state of Maharashtra, of which Bombay is the capital. It has thousands of members.

"The ball is now in the government's court," said Thackeray, who has previously threatened to burn down the Wankhede Stadium if the authorities went ahead with the match.

India accuses Pakistan, with which it has fought three wars, of arming Moslem militants fighting to secede Kashmir, the only Muslim-majority state in India. Islamabad denies the charge but supports the homeland campaign.

Bal Mahadalkar, joint honorary secretary of the Bombay Cricket Association, told PTI that he and other association officials had received threatening phone calls and had sought police protection.

Ali Bacher in Sharjah

SHARJAH, Oct 22: Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, arrived Tuesday for a meeting to push for his country's readmission to the World Cup, reports AP.

"We are not going back without an answer," Bacher told the Associated Press. "And by my calculations and the indications that I've received from representatives of other member nations already, I should think that it is virtually through."

Colin Cowdrey, the chairman of the International Cricket Council, was expected to arrive later in advance of a meeting Wednesday that will also include representatives from the rest of the seven major cricketing nations.

Until now, Cowdrey has held out against South African participation in the upcoming World Cup championship, although the country was admitted to the ICC as a full member in June, after the collapse of the apartheid policy for which it was ostracized.

But sports officials here said that in Wednesday's meeting, South Africa was virtually guaranteed readmission to the prestigious event scheduled for February.

Australia and New Zealand, co-hosts of the event, have already made arrangements to include South Africa in the tournament, they said.

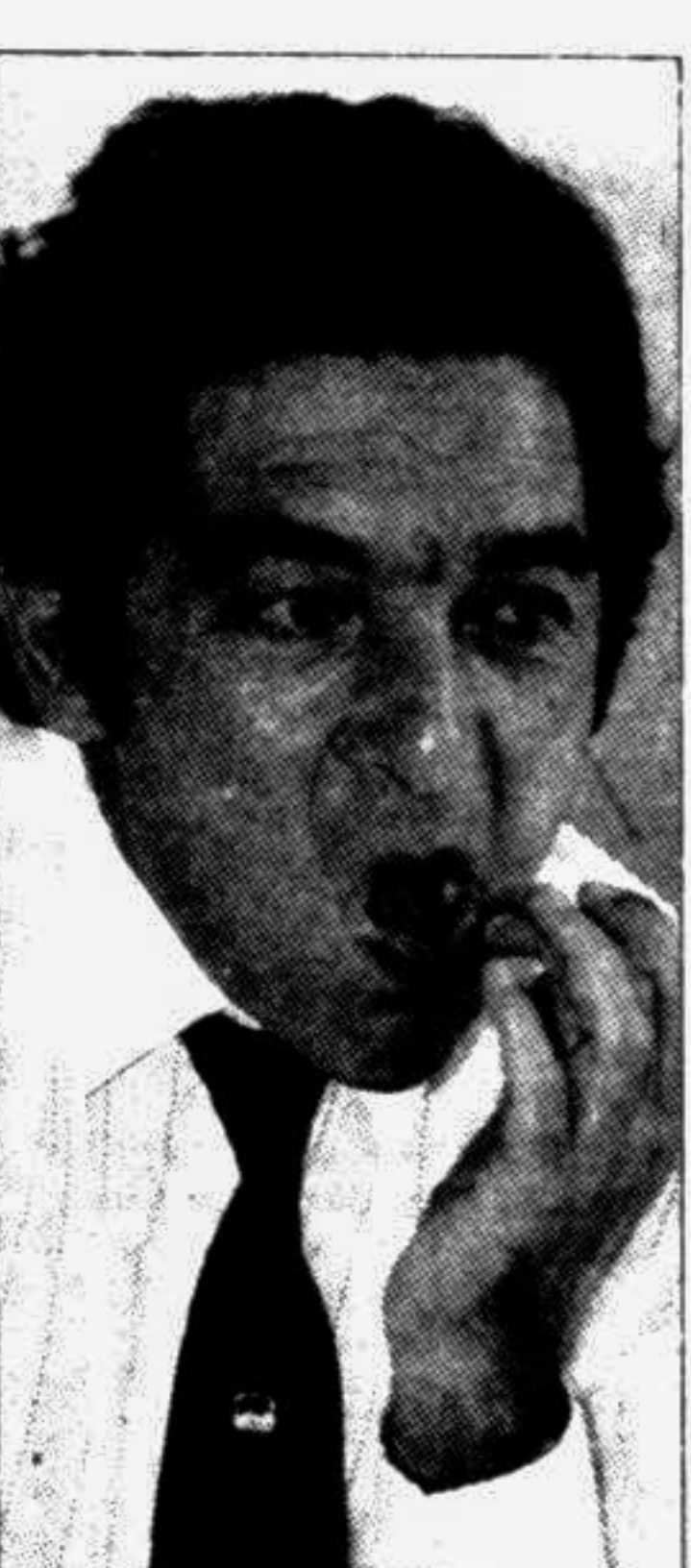
Bacher is accompanied by South African cricket board President Geoff Dakin, Vice-President Krish Mackerdhuji and executive member Percy Soan.

Most of the cricketing nations have advocated the inclusion of South Africa into the World Cup. Only the West Indies, India and Pakistan have yet to put their stamp of approval on the concept.

Lukmingkwan retains title

BANGKOK, Oct 22: Thailand's International Boxing Federation (IBF) mini-flyweight champion Fahlan Lukmingkwan, 23, retained his title with an unanimous points victory over No 4 contender Andy R Tabanas in a 12-round fight here Monday, reports AFP.

Tabanas fought fairly well, mostly with left jabs and occasional right swings but missed the target too often.



ALI BACHER

The three nations are coincidentally represented in this southern Gulf emirate for the Wills Trophy cricket championship that ends on Friday.

"The West Indies have indicated that they might go along with the majority at tomorrow's meeting, while Pakistan have opted to keep an open mind on the issue," Bacher said.

India had proposed South Africa be drawn into the ICC fold in the June meeting in London.

"It would be illogical for India not to support us now because they had proposed us back into the ICC, which was of a great significance, both cricket and politics wise," he said.

"We have been speaking with Madhavrao Scindia (Indian cricket board president), Steve Camacho (West Indies), Tyrone Fernando (Sri Lanka), Gen. (Zahid) Akhtar (Pakistan) and have got fairly favorable replies," he said.

Nelson Mandela's African National Congress has been supporting the South African team for the World Cup, while heads of the Commonwealth governments spoke in favor of the country's participation at the Harare conference last week.

"The ANC has been out there, battling for us because the UCBFA has a strong role to play to bring South Africa back into the world, not just in cricket but politically," Bacher said.

"I think the world of cricket has not yet comprehended fully the pace of events in the past three-to-four months in our country. I'm not saying we have no problems but we are trying and the chance to play in the World Cup will help everybody," he commented.



Md. Zakir Hossain of Bangladesh Rifles pins Dhaka DSA's Kalon Mia down to the mat in their 48 kg bout on the concluding day of the national wrestling championships at the National Coaching Centre yesterday. BDR topped the 3-day meet with seven gold medals.



Start of the 200m breaststroke event for boys between 13-14 years on the opening day of the national age-group swimming championships at the Dhaka Stadium pool yesterday.

Pak WAPDA team arrives tomorrow

A 16-member Pakistan WAPDA team will arrive in Dhaka tomorrow (Thursday) to participate in the first leg match of the eleventh Asian Club soccer championship.

The first leg match between Pakistan WAPDA and Dhaka Mohammedan SC will be held on October 26 (Saturday) either at the Dhaka National Stadium or Mirpur National Stadium.

The return-leg match will be held in Lahore, Pakistan on November 1.

The winners of the first leg will take on the winners of the match between Kerala Police of India and the champion team of Maldives.

Arman Ali Shah will lead the Pakistani squad while Mohammed Aslam as Manager-coach.

The 14 players are: Mohammed Zobair, Abid Hossain, Tahir Agha, Imtiaz Butt, Mohammed Arshad, Tahir Pervaz, Fayaz Khan, Sharafat Ali, Khalid Rahman, Mateen Akhtar, Barar Ali, Asgar Ali, Altaf Hossain and Umer Daraz.

Besides, in the first leg match of the second Asia Cup Winners Cup tournament Dhaka Abahani KC will take on Calcutta East Bengal in Dhaka on October 3.

The return leg match will be held in Calcutta on November 8.

Both the tournaments will be played on home-away basis.

BTF picks 26 boys, 4 girls

Sports Reporter

As many as twenty-six boys and four girls have been selected preliminarily to form the Bangladesh team for the sixth Bangladesh Open International junior tennis championships, beginning at Ramna Tennis Complex in city on November 18.

Players from nine countries, including hosts Bangladesh, will take part in four events — boys' singles and doubles and girls' singles and doubles.

The countries are: Pakistan, India, Thailand, Austria, Poland, Germany, Saudi Arabia, The Soviet Union and hosts Bangladesh.

The selected boys and girls have been requested to report to the tournament director at the National Tennis Federation office at Ramna on Oct 27 at 4:00 pm.

The selected boys are: Farook Sheikh, M Waliullah, Mohammad A Awal, Nawaz Ameen, Shibulal, Wasif Ali Chowdhury, Bijoy, Fayaz, Roni, Vaskar, Shakil, Monir, Shahadat Hossain, Bipal, Zahirul, Junayed, Tofazzel, Akhtar, Asif-uz-Zaman, Wasim Hossain, Arjun, Faruq, Mehran Islam, Mukta and Rana.

The selected girls are: Ifat A Joya, Mehreen Asaf, Sathy Sarkar and Daisy Aziz.

Rajshahi Board rule the pool

Sports Reporter

Rajshahi Education Board swimmers ruled the roost on the opening day of the national age-group meet for boys yesterday, bagging 17 of the 33 medals at stake — seven of them of the glittering kind — at the Dhaka Stadium pool. For icing on the cake, their swimmers patented two of the three new records that were created on the day.

So pervasive was the Rajshahi Board domination that at least one of them featured in the list of medalists in all the eleven events decided so far. Their lead at the top of the table with seven golds, four silvers and six bronzes looks likely to survive the efforts by the other 21 participating teams in the remaining two days of the championships, being held under the aegis of the Bangladesh Swimming Federation.

Saiful Islam set the tone for Rajshahi Board's medal hunt by rewriting the first record, in the 200m breaststroke for boys between 13 and 14 years of age. His time of 3 mins 05.54 secs was a significant improvement upon the 3:06.24 secs clocked by Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) swimmer Hossainuzzaman Sentu way back in 1981.

Ramzan Ali of Kushtia took the silver with Saif's teammate Niaz Ali taking the bronze.

The second record breaking effort of the day came from Comilla DSA's M. Omar Faruque in the 200m backstroke for boys between 15-17 years.

Omar Faruque's time of 2 mins 41.78 seconds eclipsed another ten-year old mark of 2:45.60, set by Hasanuzzaman Pintoo, also of BTMC.

Siddique Rahman of Madaripur came in second for the silver while M Shahin Hossain of Rajshahi Board — who won two golds and a silver — got the bronze.

Hamid clocked 2 min 30.31 seconds for the 200m while in

Shahin Hossain proved the most prolific swimmer for Rajshahi Board yesterday, winning two gold medals — in the 100m and 200m freestyles and a silver in the 400m individual medley.



SAIFUL ISLAM.....new record

The day's other new record came in the 50m freestyle event of the 11-12 year group with Abdullah Al-Muktadir of Rajshahi Board clocking 32.28 secs, .02 seconds better than his teammate Mohammad Mosharrafi's time of 32.30 secs set last year.

The silver medal in this race went to Md. Awwal of Madaripur DSA while Md Rafiqul Islam, yet another Rajshahi Board fellow, took the bronze.

Md Sharif Ali of Rajshahi Board won the day's first gold medal in the 100m breaststroke for 11-12 year-olds with a time of 1:35.85 secs, ahead of teammate Md Rafiqul Islam and bronze medalist Md Awwal of Madaripur.

Pabna DSA, who finished a distant second behind Rajshahi Board on the day with two medals of each kind, owed their position to Md. Abdul Hamid who won both the 100 and 200m freestyle events for boys between 13 and 14 years. Hamid clocked 2 min 30.31 seconds for the 200m while in

the 100m version of the race his time was 1:07.38 secs.

Abu Bakr Haider of Rajshahi Board won the 200m freestyle silver and Pabna's Md Alamgir Hossain the bronze, while in the 100m Abu Bakr Haider again finished just behind Hamid for the silver while his teammate Md Masud Rana claimed the bronze.

Comilla DSA, too, owed both their gold medals on the day to one individual — Md Omar Faruque. This 16-year-old showed great versatility by winning the 200m backstroke — in which event he set new record — and the 400m individual medley for boys between 15 and 17 years.

Omar Faruque's time for the 400m IM gold was 5 min 46.79 secs, ahead of Rajshahi Board's prodigy Shahin Hossain whose 6:01.16 secs fetched him the silver and Pabna's Saiful Islam's 6:06.16 secs for the bronze.

Md Laeb Ali of Rajshahi Board won the 50m breaststroke for 10-year-olds in 44.74 secs. Kushtia teammates Md. Munirul Islam and Md Rafiqul Islam settled for the silver and bronze respectively.

A total of 215 swimmers representing 22 teams are competing in this year's championships with only six teams managing to make the medals table by the end of Day One.

Nurul Hossain Khan, Chairman, National Board of Revenue, formally inaugurated the meet in the morning.

Competition resumes at 9:00 am with the heats in the morning session followed by the finals in the afternoon session starting at 2:30 pm.

MEDALS TABLE	G	S	B
Rajshahi E. Board	7	4	6
Pabna DSA	2	2	2
Comilla DSA	2	0	0
Kushtia DSA	0	2	2
Madaripur DSA	0	2	1
C'Navabganj DSA	0	1	0

South Africa's chances of playing in '92 W Cup

C'wealth leaders hopeful

HARARE, Oct 22: The Commonwealth summit today expressed hope that the International Cricket Conference would accept South Africa's entry in the forthcoming World Cup, reports PTI.

The communiqué issued at the conclusion of the summit said the heads of government were encouraged by the recent considerable progress in the evolution of a unified and non-racial sports movement in South Africa.

They welcomed the International Olympic Committee's decision to grant recognition to the National Olympic Committee of South Africa.

The summit laid down a criterion for lifting restrictions in respect of a particular sport. The heads of government called for strengthening the Commonwealth sport and urged member-governments to make the Commonwealth Games Federation financially self-sufficient to be able to promote the Games.

They asked the Commonwealth Secretary General, chief Emeka Anyaoku, to establish an ad hoc committee for a period of four years for promotion of sports.

The heads of government expressed the hope that in future the hosting of the Games would be shared more equitably among member countries.

An earlier AP report said the International Council is to meet Wednesday in the United Arab Emirates and is expected to readmit South Africa.

Commonwealth leaders "expressed the strong hope that the International Cricket Council would accept South

Africa's entry to the World Cup," said the communiqué. It was issued in Harare at the end of a six-day summit of the 50-nation grouping of Britain and its former colonies.

The communiqué said the leaders agreed to review other restrictions when sports organisations in South Africa met several conditions, including the creation of non-racial controlling bodies for different sporting disciplines.

The Commonwealth "was encouraged by recent considerable progress in the evolution of a unified and non-racial sports movement in South Africa," it added.

Earlier, a spokesman for a Commonwealth working party on sports said South African athletes could soon be read-

mitted to international events "on a case by case basis."

The Commonwealth ban on sporting contacts with South Africa was eased markedly after President FW De Klerk began sweeping reforms of the apartheid policy of racial segregation in South Africa in 1989.

South African competitors have recently taken part in international golf and tennis tournaments without censure from Commonwealth nations.

Rabbie Namaliu, Prime Minister of the Pacific island nation of Papua New Guinea, said cricketing organisations in South Africa have met Commonwealth criteria by abolishing the organisation and management of the sport along racial lines.

Robertson struggles

TORONTO, Oct 22: Second seeded Chris Robertson of Australia recovered from a sluggish start to post an 11-15, 15-7, 15-6 victory over unseeded qualifier Tony Hands of England in the second-round at the 75,000 dollar Canadian Open squash championship on Monday, reports Reuters.

World champion Rodney Martin of Australia could make not headway in the first game against compatriot Anthony Hill, but completely outclassed him afterward. He finished the last three games at the Curzon's Sporting Club with dazzling winners to register an 8-15, 15-9, 15-18, 15-12 victory.

Robertson gained momentum in his match by taking a fast lead in the second game against Hjands, who upset

11th-seeded Mir Zaman Gul of Pakistan in the first round.

Robertson will face fifth seeded Australian Brett Martin in the quarter-finals. Martin advanced on the strength of a 17-16, 15-8, 15-13 victory over 12th-seeded Simon Parke of England.

In other action, defending champion Chris Dittmar of Australia, the third seed, eliminated 15th-seeded Jason Nicolle of England 15-8, 15-10, 15-5.

Also advancing were sixth seeded Ross Norman of New Zealand, eighth-seeded Australian Rodney Eyles and unseeded Paul Gregory of England, a 15-13, 14-15, 15-10, 15-4 winner over Simon Frenz of Germany.

Eyles played with a toothache and said afterwards "I don't think this tooth will be part of me when I play Chris Dittmar tomorrow."