

BCCB's blunder

Sports Reporter
Inaction reigned supreme in the final round of the tenth Nirmal Schools cricket championship...

DU cricket

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An all-round performance by Nicholas helped the Department of Physics post a convincing 93-run victory over the Department of Psychology...

Earlier, on Tuesday, sensible batting by Sohail Rana and intelligent bowling by Mahim powered Political Science to register a 53-run victory over Geography Department.

Political Science made 145, Sohail Rana top scoring with an unbeaten 61 and Sadi getting 34.

Anjan and Mahmud of Geography evenly shared six wickets.

In their turn, Geography were dismissed for a poor 92.

Left-arm spinner Mahim took four wickets while Namt bagged three for 12.

Wins for Karpov, Timman

LINARES, Apr 23: Former world champion Anatoly Karpov of Russia and Jan Timman of the Netherlands were winners Wednesday in the 10-round Candidates Tournament chess semifinal, reports AP.

Karpov, playing white, defeated Briton Nigel Short in 45 moves in a seventh round game to even their series.

Each player has 3.5 points after seven rounds.

Players receive one point for a win and one-half point for a draw.

Timman's victory in 49 moves — playing white — over Russian Arthur Yusupov in their eighth-round match pushed the Dutch player into a slight lead.

Timman has 4.5 points to 3.5 for Yusupov.

The winner of each semi-final series will play in January for the right to face World Champion Garry Kasparov of Russia.

Tyson to have a cellmate

PLAINFIELD, Indiana, Apr 23: Former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson has a cellmate, a new job and will go back to school, a Corrections Department spokesman said, reports AFP.

Tyson was assigned to work during the afternoons at the Indiana Youth Centre earning 65 cents a day keeping track of equipment and performing maintenance at the centre, the spokesman said.

Tyson began serving a six-year sentence last month following his February 10 conviction on charges that he raped a Miss Black America pageant contestant last summer.

Tyson, who is a high school dropout, will spend weekday mornings attending classes at the prison, which offers high school and college instruction.

The fighter has also been assigned to the prison's central housing unit where he will have a cellmate but no information was available about his cellmate.

Asian soccer

SINGAPORE, Apr 23: Indonesia defeated Singapore 2-1 at the National Stadium here Wednesday to record their first win in the 10th Asian Cup Group Four qualifying round tournament.

Indonesia took the lead in the eighth minute through Fahri Husaini's 20-metre (yard) shot, and kept it until Singapore equalised 20 minutes later when Razali Saad netted from just outside the box.

Indonesia's Singih Pittno snatched the winner five minutes from the end.

Indonesia had previously lost to China 2-0, while Singapore drew their first match against Malaysia 1-1.

In the 28th Asian Youth Cup Group Four qualifying round, Malaysia secured their first victory with a 1-0 win over Singapore thanks to a Gopinath Naidu effort in the second minute of play.

Swedes win

TUNIS, Apr 23: Sweden beat Tunisia 1-0 (halftime 0-0) in an international soccer friendly on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Jessore nat'l youth champs

Sports Reporter

Jessore DSA annexed the twelfth national youth cricket championship beating Rajshahi DSA by two wickets at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

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New national youth cricket champions Jessore DSA pose with Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman and other BCCB officials after yesterday's final at the Dhaka Stadium.

Rahim and Sohail gave Jessore a fine start scoring 41 in 10.4 overs. Parvez teamed up with Sohail to keep up the initial good work by raising the score to 91 before a mini collapse threatened to make things fall apart.

Four wickets fell within fifty runs and the situation called for someone with an older head on young shoulders. Fortunately Jessore had two such, in Manju and wicketkeeper Babu.

Manju ran between the wickets intelligently to score a match-winning 33 off just 21 balls, while Babu preferred to do his bit like an anchored ship, hitting a daring 20 off 17, as Jessore made 192 for the loss of eight wickets in 43.4 overs.

Himel was the best Rajshahi bowler with three wickets for 28 runs while Sujoy bagged two for 35. Shakhawat, who had done so well with the bat, proved his worth with the ball too, picking up one for 26.

Foreign Minister and the president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board A S M Mustafizur Rahman was present as the chief guest and distributed the prizes with Manju of Jessore DSA winning the man-of-the-match award.

ROLL OF HONOUR

The roll of honour of the national youth championship is as follows:

Table with columns: Year, Champions, Runners-up. Lists winners and runners-up for various years from 1978-79 to 1991-92.

Red cards galore

Sports Reporter

Muktijodha Sangsad earned full points against newly-promoted Eskaton Sabuj Sangha in a match that saw as many as four marching orders while Dhaka Wanderers and Agrani Bank shared points in yesterday's First Division on football league at the Dhaka Stadium.

Thomas Hardy, the English novelist, is known to his readers as a fatalist who believed in the inexorability of fate, once wrote that happiness is a fleeting and occasional experience in a general drama of sufferings and pain.

The philosophy of the Victorian novelist looks like proving handy to sum up the untoward incident that took place in yesterday's second match. The kind of football our over-priced booters present is painful to say the least and fighting among players is seen rarely these days.

Trouble broke out when players from both sides got involved in a free-for-all following a rough charge in the 33rd minute of the second half. Sohail and Zia Babu of Muktijodha and Wakil and Akku of Eskaton were shown the red cards by referee Nazir Hossain after eight minutes of a riot in the proceedings.

Hold up of Muktijodha scored the all-important goal in the 29th minute of the second half from a fine free-kick by Zia Babu.

Biddiyut, Riaz of Muktijodha and Rinku of Eskaton were shown the yellow cards for rough play.

Muktijodha and Eskaton have 16 and 11 points respectively with each having played 15 matches.

Earlier, Agrani Bank and rather precariously placed Dhaka Wanderers Club played out a two-all draw with all the four goals coming in the post-lesson session of the match.

Jahangir put Agrani ahead capitalising upon a Kala cross. Bakhtiar doubled the margin in the 12th minute with a shot from outside the box 2-0.

Wanderers had their turn two minutes later when Mustakim fired home a free-kick to reduce the margin 2-1.

Dolon made it two-all, much to the relief of his teammates and officials just one minute before the final whistle.

Bhutto of Wanderers was cautioned with the yellow card. With this one point Wanderers, who are in a neck-and-neck-race with Police to escape the unenviable distinction of becoming the second team to be relegated along with BJMC, raise their points tally to ten — one more than Police, from 15 matches, while Agrani snail their way to 15 from as many matches.

Matthaeus undergoes successful surgery

VAIL, Colo, Apr 23: Surgery on the right knee of soccer star Lothar Matthaeus was termed successful Wednesday by Dr Richard Steadman, who expected Matthaeus to be sidelined about six months, reports AP.

Matthaeus, the captain of Germany's national team and the center midfielder on International of Milan in Italy, injured his knee April 12 in an Italian League game against Parma.

Steadman said Matthaeus' anterior cruciate ligament was completely torn and he suffered a small tear in his lateral meniscus. The ligament was reconstructed arthroscopically and the meniscus also was repaired, Steadman said.

The prognosis is excellent for his return to full activity, said Steadman, whose clients include World Cup skiers, baseball and football players and tennis players.

Matthaeus will remain at the Steadman-Hawkins Clinic for about a week but Steadman said his patient will begin exercising the knee on Thursday. Steadman was a pioneer in having patients — especially athletes — begin rehabilitating their surgically repaired knees or ankles immediately to speed recovery.

Lineker is best

LONDON, Apr 23: England captain Gary Lineker was named footballer-of-the-year on Thursday in his last season in domestic soccer, reports Reuter.

The 31-year-old Tottenham striker collected more votes in the Football Writers' Association annual poll than 13 other players combined.

Nottingham Forest captain Stuart Pearce was runner-up with Manchester United's Brian McClair third.

Lineker, who will be playing in Japan next season, first won the trophy in 1986 with Everton.

Gullit ready to return

MILAN, Apr 23: Inspirational Dutch midfielder Raul Gullit could return to first team action with AC Milan next week, the Italian club said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Injury-plagued Gullit, who had an operation on a damaged cartilage in his right knee last month, has resumed training with the first team squad and could at least claim a place on the bench for the home game with Lazio on May 3.

Gullit has had four operations on his other knee since April 1989.

He is keen to return to first team action as soon as possible, with Milan poised to win the Italian league and the Netherlands due to defend their European Championship title in Sweden in June.

Germans draw

PRAGUE, Apr 23: Czechoslovakia held world champions Germany to a 1-1 draw in a friendly soccer international on Wednesday with both goals coming in the final five minutes of the first half, reports Reuter.

Monte Carlo, Apr 23: German's Boris Becker and Michael Stich, the top seeds left in the 1.27 million dollar Monte Carlo Open, were made to fight to get into the last 16 on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Becker's form wobbled erratically in a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2 victory over Dutch qualifier Tom Nijssen and Wimbledon champion Stich was given a hard time by Italy's Renzo Furlan before winning 7-5, 6-4.

But both out at least avoided the fate of last year's Monte Carlo winner Sergi Bruguera of Spain, who made a second round exit 4-6, 6-4, 6-0 to tenacious Croat Goran Prpic.

Bruguera was one of three seeds to fall on Wednesday. Number eight Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden was beaten 7-6, 6-4 by the 1990 champion Andrei Chesnokov of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Chesnokov's compatriot Alexander Volkov, seeded 13th, lost to Austria's Thomas Muster 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

Bacher thanks Windies Board

BRIDGETOWN, Apr 23: South Africa publicly thanked the West Indies Cricket Board of Control on Wednesday for hosting their historic tour to the Caribbean, reports Reuter.

Alli Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, praised the West Indies Board for "its courageous and visionary decision to support the tour."

"We are keenly aware of how difficult that decision was," Bacher said in a statement.

"But in these difficult times for West Indian cricket, we would like the people of these wonderful islands to know just how much this tour means for us, our country, and its search for democracy and justice."

The tour... is an inspiration to all South Africans, a signal that the world will welcome our country back with open arms if we get our own house in order."

Kapil's call for revamping Ranji

HYDRABAD, Apr 23: Kapil Dev has renewed his call to the Board of Control for Cricket in India to revamp the Ranji Trophy championship with a view to making it more interesting and competitive, reports PTI.

For one who can content himself by basking in the glory of his conquests on cricket fields around the world, Kapil Dev makes no bones about having to skip domestic events.

"I'm ashamed that I haven't played more Ranji games (than 34) in the two decades that I've been in first class cricket", he said at a news conference here yesterday.

Kapil Dev, Test cricket's second highest wicket-taker behind Sir Richard Hadlee and limited-over cricket's numero uno bowler, said "I miss the Ranji Trophy matches only when I'm playing for the country."

Kapil Dev, who is here to promote a soft drink and a sports channel video magazine, said he had been advocating the laying of sporting pitches in India and hoped that the Board would do something about it, at least now.

Ramprakash reprimanded

LONDON, Apr 23: England batsman Mark Ramprakash has received a severe reprimand and a fine after hurling abuse at a bowler during a match against Cambridge University, his county Middlesex said on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

The 22-year-old admitted bringing the game into disrepute during the match last Monday when he abused Marcus Wright, then argued with his acting captain John Embury after a complaint from Cambridge.

County secretary Joe Hardstaff said Middlesex had also cautioned Ramprakash about his future conduct and the batsman had apologised unreservedly.

Ramprakash played all five Tests against West Indies last year.

West Indies pacemen pull off amazing victory

A dream cruelly dashed

BRIDGETOWN, Apr 23: South Africa's fairytale return to Test cricket was cruelly wrecked today when West Indies pulled off one of the most amazing victories in the game's history, reports Reuter. Set 201 for victory on their return to the Test arena after 22 years in exile, the South Africans lost their last eight wickets for 26 runs on the final morning to lose by 52 runs.

Curtly Ambrose took six for 34 and Courtney Walsh four for 31 as the West Indies fast bowlers exploited South African nerves in the first-ever Test between the countries.

The ecstatic West Indian He removed Meyrick Pri-



CURTLY AMBROSE



COURTENAY WALSH

team performed a lap of honour around the Kensington Oval ground after Ambrose had sealed victory by bowling last man Allan Donald.

In less than two hours, all South Africa's sterling work of the previous four days was undone under cloudy skies on a pitch of unreliable bounce.

No-one seriously thought West Indies had a chance when the visitors resumed on 122 for two, but the excitement started with the dismissal of skipper Kepler Wessels.

He aimed an aggressive drive outside off-stump to the last ball of the day's third over and was well caught by his left by Brian Lara at first slip off Walsh without any addition to his overnight 74.

Five overs later, with just seven runs added, Hansie Cronje was adjudged caught behind by David Williams off Ambrose for two to increase the tourists' uneasiness.

NEAR PANIC

This escalated to a state of near-panic one run later when Adrian Kuiper got an inside edge to a ball from Walsh and was brilliantly taken by a diving Williams for no run.

Peter Kirsten, 36 not out when play started, reached a brave fifty with a boundary through backward point but, at 52, his resistance was also broken by Walsh.

Trying to deflect another short delivery, he succeeded only in chopping the ball on to his leg stump to end an innings which had lasted 223 minutes.

Walsh at that stage had taken three for six in eight overs but there was plenty more to come.

In the fired-up Walsh's next over, Richard Snell turned a short ball off his hips only for Jimmy Adams to take a stunning reflex catch at short leg.

David Richardson soon gave his opposite number Williams a third catch in the innings before Ambrose mopped up the tail.

Hudson, score of 163 in the first innings, obligingly steered Ambrose's second ball to first slip to depart for a duck and Rushmore was bowled via a bottom edge for three in the ninth over.

Wessels had hit three sweet boundaries in his initial four overs at the crease but, with the pitch growing more untrustworthy, he and Kirsten regularly played and missed.

They survived until tea, at which point South Africa were 40 for two, and then hauled the match grimly back in their favour during a tense final session.

Wessels batted for 204 minutes, hitting seven fours, to score his second 50 of the game while Kirsten, at 36 two years older than his partner, had batted for two and three quarters, hours by the close.

Resuming after Tuesday's rest day, the last three West Indies wickets had earlier contributed 99 runs to turn an apparent lost cause back into a real contest.

Adams, 24, played intelligently after losing Kenneth Benjamin lbw to Allan Donald in the day's sixth over but Courtney Walsh's dismissal for 13, caught behind off Richard Snell, was expected to signal the end of the fun.

When last man Patterson walked out to join Adams, the West Indian lead was a modest 138 and seemed unlikely to reach the 150 which the South African camp had regarded as the worst likely scenario.