

Inzamam is Pakistan's avenger

Sports Reporter World Cup champions Pakistan, who take on England in the first of their five-match...



INZAMAUL HAQ, 157

Texaco Trophy one-day series on Wednesday, tuned up in style when they beat Sussex by 85 runs in the second of their two limited-overs fixtures against the country side at Hove yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka late last night.

Pakistan, who lost to Sussex by three wickets on Saturday, exacted sweet revenge by dismissing their opponents for 236 after having piled up a mammoth 321 for the loss of two wickets in their allotted overs.

Pakistan owed their big score chiefly to a punishing 157 by World Cup hero Inzamamul Haq.

Div II b'ball

Sports Reporter The Second Division basketball league begins under the auspices of the Amateur Basketball Federation from June 6 at the wooden-floor gymnasium.

Teams interested to take part in the championship have been advised to complete their entry formalities by May 31.

Korobchinski all-round champ

BUDAPEST, May 17: Ukrainian gymnast Igor Korobchinski won the men's all-round individual title at the European Championships here on Saturday, reports AFP.

Korobchinski, the reigning world floor champion, beat Hungary's Zoltan Supola and Vitaly Scherbo of Belarus to the crown.

Title retained

BEALETON, Virginia, May 17: American James Warring retained his International Boxing Federation cruiser-weight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over John Nelson of Britain on Saturday.

Sussex expose Pak flaws



HOVE, England, May 17: West Indian all rounder Franklyn Stephenson struck a swashbuckling 71 as Sussex topped World Cup winners Pakistan by three wickets in a one-day match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Stephenson and Martin Speight, who hit 57, swept Sussex to victory with 21 balls to spare, exposing Pakistan's shortage of reserve bowling strength in a fifth wicket stand of 123.

Pakistan's batsmen had squandered a prosperous position of 164 for two by being dismissed for 230 with two deliveries of their 55 overs remaining.

Sussex slipped to 81 for four but Stephenson and Speight retrieved the situation in a vigorous stand against an attack missing its two leading strike bowlers, Wasim Akram and Aaqib Javed, who were rested.

Stephenson, who hammered leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed for a six and a four off successive balls soon after coming in, made his runs from 95 deliveries, striking a six and six fours altogether.

Speight's innings occupied 81 balls with eight boundaries before both he and Stephenson were out trying to hurry their side to victory.

All rounder Naveed Anjum, with two for 31 in his 11 overs of medium pace, and Mushtaq, who finished with two for 35, were the most effective bowlers.

By contrast, the first six overs with the new ball from Saleem Jaffer and Tanvir Mehdi cost 45 runs.

Pakistan were not only beaten but ended the match with Rameez Raja and

Inzamam-ul-Haq of the field nursing a back strain and bruised toe respectively while captain Javed Miandad needed attention for back trouble. However, the trio are expected to be fit for the second one-day game with Sussex today.

Rameez, who retired hurt on 53, and fellow opener Aamir Sohail, with 54 in 55 balls, gave Pakistan a perfect



STEPHENSON ... 71

start, only for the rest of the batting to fall away.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard table for the match between Sussex and Pakistan. Includes batting and bowling statistics for both teams.

Table with 5 columns: Name, O, M, R, W. Lists players like Stephenson, Robson, North, Salisbury, Pigott, Lenham, and Sussex team members.

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Worried Jones turns to Boycott

CARDIFF, May 17: Australian Test batsman Dean Jones has enrolled for a master class with former England star Geoff Boycott in an attempt to rediscover his timing, reports AFP.

The Victorian right-hander, who received some useful advice from Boycott three years ago when he was in difficulties, has struggled to find his touch since joining English county championship newcomers Durham this season.

Although he scored a sizzling century on his debut for the club last month, the hard-hitting 31-year-old had squeezed out just 69 runs in four championship innings before his 94 against Glamorgan



DEAN JONES

here on Friday. "It's time for a check-up and when it comes to technical assistance, there's nobody better than Geoff," he said. "I'm surprised a lot more players don't pick his brains."

"I've been out of touch and as I'm not a particular theorist, I'll leave it for Geoff to have a look. He's very tough mentally and speaks the truth, but I can handle the blunt way he tells you things."

"All batsmen should have people they respect to look at their game. Like golfers, they need a check-up every so often."



US golfer Betsy King tees-off during the third round of the Mazda LPGA championship at the Bethesda Country Club on May 16. King started the round in the lead at 8 under par. —AFP photo

Powell, Cason shine at Modesto

MODESTO, California, May 17: Northern California's San Joaquin Valley can be windy in May, but those breezes helped to produce two outstanding performances at the 51st S and W Modesto Invitational athletics meet, reports Reuter.

Long jump world-record-holder and world champion Mike Powell soared to a record North American leap of 29 feet, 2 1/2 inches (8.90 metres), while

sprinter Andre Cason defeated star rival Leroy Burrell over 100 metres by 9.88 to 9.96 seconds.

Both events were aided by winds over the acceptable limit of two metres (6.5 ft) per second. Powell's jump was helped by a 3.7 metre (12.1 ft) per second wind, while Cason's sprint was pushed by a wind of 3.1 metres (10.1 feet) per second.

Powell had one other jump, 28 feet, 7 1/2 inches (8.72 metres) that bettered the 28 feet, 1 inch (8.56 metre) best of second-placer Joe Greene.

The 28-year-old Powell, who broke a 27-year-old world record last year with his leap of 29 feet, 4 1/2 inches (8.95 metres) fouled his last three attempts but was pleased with

his efforts in his opening outdoor meet of the Olympic campaign. "I really felt I could get the

world record today," Powell said. "Jumps like these tell me that 30 feet (9.14 metres) really is possible later this year."

The five-foot eight inch (1.72 metre) Cason led Burrell out of the blocks in the 100 metre race and was never challenged.

"I haven't concentrated on speed training yet, so I know I will run faster later this year — with a legal wind," Cason said.

The 51st edition of the Modesto meet produced fast hurdles marks for men and women both aided by legal winds.

Tony Dees won the men's 110 metre hurdles in 13.08 seconds, the fastest American time of the year. At the women's 100 metre hurdles, gail Devers clocked 12.75 seconds, the fastest US time for women for 1992.

The meet's opening event, the hammer throw, produced the finest competition ever on US soil with two throwers exceeding 260 feet (79.2 metres) for the first time in a US meet.

American record Holder Jud Logan threw 261 feet, 8 inches (79.75 metres) to best 1991's top ranked American Ken Flak, whose best (less measured 260 feet, 11 inches (79.48 metres).

MIKE POWELL

McMillan wins WBC title

LONDON, May 17: Britain's Colin McMillan won a split decision Saturday to take the World Boxing Organization featherweight title away from Maurizio Stecca of Italy, reports AP.

Judges Grodon Volcan and John Rupert of the United States, both awarded the 12-round bout to McMillan 118-110, but German judge Norbert Krosch saw it for Stecca 116-114.

McMillan 26, also holds the British and Commonwealth featherweight titles. He was lost just one of his 24 professional bouts.

It was Stecca's seventh world championship fight, and only the second loss in 46 professional bouts. He won Olympic gold in the bantamweight class at Los Angeles in 1984.

McMillan appeared in control of the fight from the early rounds, and by the 10th Stecca was visibly tiring, with a cut over the left eye and a blooded nose.

Berbick jailed for rape

MIAMI, May 17: Former heavyweight boxing champion Trevor Berbick, who lost his title to Mike Tyson in 1986, has been sentenced to four years in prison for raping his family's baby-sitter, reports Reuter.

Berbick, 39, was found guilty by a jury in February of committing sexual battery and burglary in 1990 but sentencing had been delayed while Berbick was examined by psychiatrists.

The victim said Berbick raped her in her home two years ago after paying the woman to babysit for his children.

The six-foot three-inch, 230-pound (1.9 metres, 150 kg) former boxer reacted angrily to his sentence and called his lawyer a traitor. Berbick had claimed during his trial that voodoo, the Japanese, and one-time boxing rival Larry Holmes all contributed to his career's demise.

Defence lawyer mark Panunzio said after the sentencing that he would try to get psychiatric help for Berbick while in prison. "This case wasn't done for the money. Trevor doesn't have a dime," said Panunzio.

Tyson, the man who took Berbick's title away from him and subsequently lost it himself, is serving six years for raping a beauty contestant.

Navy swimming

The annual swimming and water polo championships of the Bangladesh Navy got underway at the Naval Headquarters Complex swimming pool at Banani in the city yesterday.

Out of the five final events of swimming held yesterday the BNS Shaheed Moazzam team with a haul of 24 points was in the leading position. They were closely followed by BNS Issa Khan with 22 and the hosts BNS Haji Mohsin team with 21 points.

Meanwhile, in the water polo championship BNS Haji Mohsin team trounced the BN Frigate Squadron team by 10-3 and the BN Dockyard team humbled the BNS Issa Khan team by 8-6 goals.

Earlier, Commodore Zulfiquer Ali, Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff inaugurated the four-day meet as the chief guest.

The six weeks he grew in S Africa

By Ashish Das

He did not go there to verify the miseries of the blacks as portrayed in Alan Paton's 'Cry My Beloved Country' or as a UN representative to monitor any change in the racist policy of President F W de Clerk since Nelson Mandela's release after 26 years of Promethan struggle behind the bars. At 21, Selim Shahed who spends most of his time either in straightening the downswing of his bat or perfecting his arm, he is too young and too differently coursed to show any passion or inclination for politics and diplomacy.

Shahed, the talented young Bangladeshi cricketer, had recently been to South Africa under a scholarship of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCB), extended as a token of gratitude for Bangladesh's support for the readmission of apartheid-ravaged pariah South Africa back into the cricketing fraternity after 21 years in the wilderness.

An unusually amiable and polite cricketer who plays cricket for Bangladesh Biman in the local cricket league and represented the junior national team, Shahed left Dhaka for Johannesburg last January and returned home after having spent six weeks in the land of the Springbok. He played club level cricket in Transvaal, a state that has produced cricketers like Jimmy Cook, Clive Rice and Roy Pinnear and coached school boys during those six weeks.

Shahed, a phlegmatic right-hand batsman with sound technique and an occasional off-spinner, was not an overwhelming success by any stretch of the imagination, but he was not expected to be either. The experience of batting with cricketers like Rice, Cook and Pinnear in the same net

was itself a revelation for the second year Finance student of Dhaka University. "The wickets there are rock hard" uttered Shahed when asked to recall some of his experiences out there in South Africa.

Shahed played for the



Selim Shahed giving batting tips to the students of Lenasia School in South Africa.

trouble to the opposition with his off-spinners to capture four wickets. Throwing light on his success as a spinner, Shahed said that despite their obvious class the South African batsmen have an inherent weakness against spin bowling, a fact which prompts them to

himself upon Pakistani leg-spinner Abdul Qadir used to play cricket for Mohun Bagan Club. The spin-starved South Africans offered him citizenship as a future investment and Raj has bidden bye to his land of birth to seek a career as an international cricketer.

Shahed, who singled out the sound technique of the average South African cricketer apart from the hardness of the wickets there as the most remarkable observation, got his highest score of 65 against Old Edwardians Club in a one-day match. His best bowling performance was against Old Parks in which he snared four victims. Shahed, who had Ashley Walker, a former Derbyshire player as his coach, did not find the fielding standard of the player he knew too high.

Anthony Pollock, son of Graeme Pollock, one of the finest batsmen South Africa has even produced is, according to Shahed, the most exciting batsman to watch. This left-handed youngster along with Clive Extier, a left-arm spinner, will be in the South African team is a very hot topic, Shahed predicted.

On a lower level, Graeme Yates, a member of the Transvaal under-23 team and Shahed's teammate won the admiration of the Bangladeshi cricketer with his nippy pace.

Shahed, who scored 24 in his debut in South Africa against the highly fancied Witz University cricket team, observed that the general standard of umpiring in South Africa is much better than what we see in Bangladesh.

"The poor quality of our wickets and the inconsistent umpiring are the main obstacles in the course of any discernible improvement of our cricket" reiterated a wiser, if not totally metamorphosed Selim Shahed while talking to The Daily Star.

encourage immigration of potential spinners from the sub-continent.

Raj Singh, an eighteen-year-old right-arm leg-spinner whom Shahed had as his constant company is a ready example. Originally from Calcutta this young spinner who models

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Solution time: 23 mins. SERA LOA SMEW UTES ERN POLE MONTFORT ENID SNORE SLATES ADAR ARC DEMY GEST ARP UNO RANEE LEI DAN ARTE SMOG TAG SPAT SHAVES ROMPS LOGE MONTREAL AMUR URI ERIE BEET GAP SEND

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with numbers 1-58.

CRYPTOQUIP T N E Y S E X N M A Z K R H Y S N R S E N S A T M M K R E L N R S E H L Z S K X S Z K N Z S A T

Today's Cryptoquip clue: R equals H

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.