

Bangladesh to play cricket in India

Bangladesh will take part in the All India MRF Motun-dowlah Gold Cup invitational cricket tournament to be held in Hyderabad from July 29 to August 7, reports UNB.

Miandad happy at his team's form

SOUTHAMPTON, England, June 30: Pacemen Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram fired a timely pre-test warning to England when they bowled Pakistan's cricketers to victory over Hampshire on Monday, reports Reuter.

Int'l cricketers to play in Lanka

COLOMBO, June 30: A number of international cricketers, led by India's Sunil Gavaskar, are scheduled to play two benefit matches in Sri Lanka early August, an official said, reports AP.

Cricket qualifiers resume Friday

The qualifying meet for the Second Division cricket league will resume from Friday next with Magbazar Kishalay Sangha taking on DOHS (Jrs) in the fourth and last quarterfinal at the Dhaka Stadium.

Div II soccer from Aug 14

The Metropolitan Second Division football league will begin on August 14, it was officially announced yesterday, reports UNB.

FIFA approves '94 Cup sites



ZURICH, June 30: Soccer's governing body on Monday approved the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California, for the 1994 World Cup final and Soldier Field in Chicago for the opener, reports AP.

"We ought not to press our luck further than that," Rothenberg said, referring to the decision to limit the indoor experiment to four first round games.

Semifinals were scheduled for July 12 and-or July 13 at the Rose Bowl and Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. quarterfinals were scheduled for July 8-10 at Foxboro Stadium outside Boston, the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Giants Stadium and Stanford Stadium outside San Francisco.

The other two venues are Robert F Kennedy Stadium in Washington, D.C. and the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla. The 104,000-seat Rose Bowl, site of four NFL championships Super Bowls and the Olympic soccer final in 1984, will also have the third-place game on July 16. Pasadena is 11km outside Los Angeles.

available for all games in a particular city, and team series tickets for every group match and some elimination ties of a chosen side. Ticket prices are expected to be announced in September.

"At a time when the world faces an economic slump, support for the World Cup continues unabated and at a new level." The US team is automatically qualified as host.

Mushtaq Ali slams Indian selectors for WC debacle

BHOPAL, June 30: Former Indian Test cricketer Mushtaq Ali has blamed the selection committee for India's failure in the recent World Cup and called for its revamping, reports PTI.

At a "meet the press programme," here yesterday, Ali said instead of representatives of various regions, the committee should include experienced players like Sunil Gavaskar, Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, Ajit Wadekar and M.L. Jaisimha.

Stephenson fires Sussex to win



LONDON, June 30: West Indian all-rounder Franklyn Stephenson fired Sussex to victory over Worcestershire with seven for 29 on Monday, upstaging England batsman Graeme Hick who hit his first century of the season, reports Reuter.

three in one over off Test team mate Ian Salisbury's leg spin, and 13 fours before being eight out for 131 from 147 balls.

84 against Gloucestershire at Bristol. Bowling engineered a second innings collapse in which the last seven wickets fell for 60 as Gloucestershire tumbled to 178 all out, leaving Surrey to score 231 for victory.

Rivals say McEnroe can win it



WIMBLEDON, June 30: John McEnroe says he considers himself an outsider for the Wimbledon title. His rivals say he can win it all, reports AP.

McEnroe said, "I feel like I'll have a lot better chances. I'll be a lot more prepared this time."

gether at the right moment," he said. "And this would be the perfect moment to do it."

Brothers Union for Asian Club Cup

Bangladesh placed in the Central Asia group of the 12th Asian Club Cup soccer championship, will play Nepal in their first match on September 12 in Nepal.

Sports delegation to visit Lanka

A three-member Bangladesh sports delegation led by the National Sports Council (NSC) Secretary ASM Ali Kabir will leave Dhaka for the Sri Lankan capital Colombo on July 4.

Lewis won't run relay

NEW ORLEANS, June 30: Given no guarantee that he would run the anchor leg or any other, Carl Lewis is saying to thanks to the 400-metre relay team the United States will field at the Barcelona Olympics, reports AP.

BOA meets today

The first meeting of the executive members of the newly re-constituted Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) will be held today at 4 pm at the National Sports Council conference room with Gias Kamal Chowdhury in the chair.

Lewis, Kingdom dethroned: A sweeping change of the guard



NEW ORLEANS, June 30: For the first time in three Olympics, Carl Lewis will not be sprinting, nor will he be a gold medalist, reports Reuter.

World record-holder Mike Powell and two-time Olympic champion Lewis will be difficult to defeat in the long jump which has become Lewis's main hope of glory since world champion Michael Johnson has replaced the 1984 Olympic champion and 1988 silver medalist in the 200 metres.

Johnson, appearing in his first Olympics, equalled the fourth fastest 200 metres ever when he clocked 19.79 seconds on Sunday. Lewis finished fourth behind Olympic newcomers Mike Marsh and Michael Bates.

Witherspoon and Leroy Burrell, the former world record holder, supplanted Lewis in the 100-metre. But they will face stiff opposition from Nigerians Davidson Ezinwa and Olapade Adeniken.

The fate of Butch Reynolds, the suspended world record holder who finished fifth in the 400-metre to become a 4X400-metre relay reserve, remains unresolved. It is not known if he will be permitted to compete.

The IAAF has said that Reynolds, who was banned for two years in 1990 after testing positive for steroids, will not be permitted to run in Barcelona in any circumstance. But the United States will submit his name as a member of the American team.



200-metre sprinters Gwen Torrence (C), Carlette Guidry (R) and Michelle Finn cross the finish line at the US track and field trials in New Orleans on Sunday. Torrence won with Guidry in second and Finn in third.

second fastest time ever. Defending Olympic champion Steve Lewis came second to join Lewis as the only two Americans defending their Olympic titles in Spain.

result, winner Dave Johnson is now the Barcelona favourite. The United States also could win golds in both relays and the discus, where Kami Keshmiri has the best throw of 1992. The Americans should also be strong contenders in several other events with 1988 Olympic high jump silver medalist Hollis Conway, shot-putter Mike Stulce, 800-metre runner Johnny Gray and 400-metre hurdler Kevin Young competing.

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