

# Sport

## Pakistan will look to double lead

**MANCHESTER, England, July 1:** Pakistan will never have a better chance of taking a 2-0 lead in their five-match series against England than in the third Test starting at Old Trafford here on Thursday, reports AFP.

The loss of Phil DeFreitas with a groin injury is a devastating blow to England's hopes of squaring the series after Pakistan's thrilling two-wicket win in the second Test at Lords.

The 26-year-old paceman has been the strongman of England's attack for the past 14 Tests with 55 wickets at 23 runs apiece.

No one has approached that tally. In fact, it is six more wickets than England's next two most successful bowlers — Chris Lewis and Devon Malcolm — have managed together in that time.

A England manager Micky Stewart admitted: "It's a great pity Phil has been ruled out because he's been bowling consistently well for a long time now."

DeFreitas' place is likely to be taken by the uncapped Time Munton, who will be required to concentrate on accuracy while Devon Malcolm and Chris Lewis push for pace.

They are likely to find plenty of that available in the Old Trafford pitch, but that will not be good news for England's batsmen, even though they have been reinforced by David Gower and Mike Atherton.

### GOWER RETURNS

Reuter from London adds: David Gower in his pomp one of cricket's most princely batsmen, makes his England comeback on Thursday facing a searching test of his incompactible style by buoyant Pakistan.

Gower has been recalled for

the third Test at Old Trafford with England needing him to reproduce on the international stage the determination and discipline which have marked his batting at country level this season.

The gifted left-hander, overlooked by England for almost 17 months because his attitude was not considered good enough by captain Gra-



**DAVID GOWER** ... recalled ham Gooch, returns after a two-wicket defeat in the second Test at Lord's left the selectors anxious to cement cracks in the batting.

England were destroyed in the main by fast bowlers Waqar Younis and Wasim Akram, who shared 13 of the 20 English wickets at Lord's, and Gower's confrontation with the menacing pair offers a fascinating added dimension to the match at Old Trafford.

Gower, all languid grace and elegance who uses his bat like a rapier rather than a cutlass, had his first skirmish with the Pakistani attack for Hampshire at the weekend, emerging with scores of 55 and 15 in the country's innings defeat.

Yet this veteran of 114 Tests — he needs 34 more runs to break Geoff Boycott's record England aggregate of 8,114 — will be aware that it is in the Test arena that battle will be truly joined with Pakistan's team of all the talents.

### DEADLY COMBINATION

Waqar and Akram are a



**TIM MUNTON** ... debut? deadly combination, as much with the old ball as the new, who are growing in confidence and fitness after suffering, respectively, a stress fracture of the back and a stress fracture of the left shin.

Their captain Javed Miandad warned England earlier this week: "Waqar and Wasim definitely have more match fitness now than at Lord's. The two of them are in better form than in the second Test."

"Both of them are swinging the ball, and any batsman will tell you it is not 100 mil per hour pace by itself that is so much of a problem — it is the swing."

Pakistan's batting lineup includes captain Javed

Miandad, the fourth highest Test run scorer in history, as well as openers Aamir Sohail and Ramiz Raja, Asif Mujtaba and Salim Malik. All have scored centuries in matches against English county teams and could easily upset England plans to level the series.

England's attempt to combat that threat prompted not only the recall of Gower but also Mike Atherton, who has been kept on the sidelines since last August by a back injury.

With Alec Stewart flourishing as an opener, Atherton may bat at number three, allowing Graeme Hick to drop down the order as he continues the struggle to establish his place.

If England play all six batsmen, they must opt for four specialist bowlers.

Devon Malcolm, after an encouraging return at Lord's, and leg spinner Ian Salisbury, who impressed on his debut in the second Test, seem certain to be included.

Chris Lewis's three-wicket burst in the second innings and medium-pace pair Derek Pringle and the uncapped Tim Munton complete the attack.

English bookmakers Ladbrokes offer odds of 4-7 for a drawn match, 5-2 for a Pakistan victory and 9-2 for an England victory.

### PROBABLE TEAMS

**ENGLAND:** Graham Gooch (captain), Alec Stewart, Mike Atherton, Robin Smith, David Gower, Graeme Hick, Chris Lewis, Jack Russell, Ian Salisbury, Tim Munton, Devon Malcolm.

**PAKISTAN:** Javed Miandad (captain), Rameez Raja, Aamir Sohail, Asif Mujtaba, Salim Malik, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Wasim Akram, Moin Khan, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aaqib Javed.

## Akram to stay at Lancashire

**MANCHESTER, England, July 1:** Pakistan all-rounder Wasim Akram put a recent row with Lancashire behind him here today when he signed a new four-year contract with the English county, reports AFP.

The 26-year-old's future with Lancashire had looked in jeopardy after he was fined



**WASIM AKRAM**

1,000 pounds by the club last summer for swearing at an umpire and then criticised them in his latest book.

But the hard-hitting batsman and fast left-armers settled his differences with Lancashire chairman Bob Bennett on Tuesday night and agreed a deal which will start in 1993.

Akram said: "I've never wished to play for any other country and I'm glad that my future at Old Trafford is settled."

Bennett was also delighted with the deal.

"Our meeting was an excellent one and the length of the new contract shows his commitment to the club," he said.

"This is great news for Lancashire and I'm confident he will play an important role in the club's future both on and off the field."

## Khoka to lead Barcelona squad

**State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka, who is also the Chairman of the National Sports Council, has been selected Chef De Mission of the Bangladesh squad for the Barcelona Olympics, reports AFP.**

The decision was taken at the first meeting of the newly constituted Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) held at the NSC conference room yesterday with its president Gias Kamal Chowdhury in the chair.

The State Minister was present at the meeting for some time and addressed the new office-bearers and members.

The two and a half hour meeting of the BOA executive body was held after about 11 years with 23 of the 29 members of the ad-hoc committee attending.

The meeting also decided to make a formal request to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to become the chief patron and ask Sadek Hossain Khoka to be a patron of the association.

### MSC's no to BCCB

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club, the reigning Premier Division cricket league champion, will not take part in the forthcoming MRF Moinud-dowla Gold Cup invitational cricket tournament to be held in Hyderabad, India from July 29 to August 7.

BCCB, who had earlier decided to nominate one of the top three teams of last year's league, have forwarded the offer to Abahani Krira Chakra.

If the league runners-up turn down the offer Brothers Union will be the automatic choice.

The nine-member Bangladesh contingent is expected to leave Dhaka on July 21 for the Barcelona Olympics.

Other members of the contingent are: Manager — Atiqur Rahman; Coach — Abdul Mannan; Athletes — Shah Jalal Moin, Shaharuddin Chowdhury, Golam Ambia and Mehdi Hassan, Swimmer — Mokheaur Rahman and Shooter —



**KHOKA**...chef de mission Kazi Shahana Parveen.

The meeting held preliminary discussion concerning the 5th Bangladesh Games to be held in December this year and the 6th SAF Games also due in Dhaka in December, 1993.

A three-member Bangladesh team will leave for Sri Lanka on July 7 to see the facilities of the 5th SAF Games held in Colombo last year. On way back home, the team will also visit Calcutta which was the venue of 3rd SAF Games.

The delegation members are: BOA Secretary General Bashir Ahmed, NSC Secretary A S M Ali Kabir and NSC Director (Planning) Abdur Rashid.

Replying to a question, a BOA official told newsmen that the BOA has a balance of Tk 20.92 lakh as on June 30, 1992.

Seven representatives of na-

tional federations also attended the BOA meeting. They are: M Azizul Huq (Shooting), Squadron Leader Mohtuddin Ahmed (Weightlifting), Anisur Rahman (Gymnastics), A Razak Howlader (Swimming), Latifur Rahman (Boxing), Khurshid Ali Mollah (Judo and Karate) and Syed Yousuf Hossain (Table Tennis).

### Div II b'all

Sports Reporter

Flame Boys scored an exciting victory over Mirzapur Cadet College defenders in the second match of yesterday's Second Division Basketball League at the wooden-floor gymnasium.

Asif and Tanveer scored 19 and 16 for the winners as they edged past their opponents 64-61 having been tied 28 all at the breather. Sayeed and Evans scored 15 each for the vanquished.

In the first match of the day, Kurmitola Apollo Club beat Rising Force Club 78-62.

Winners Apollo were trailing 28-29 at half-time.

Khokon was instrumental for Apollo's second half flourish with an impressive individual score of 24.

Mirza found the basket 18 times.

### France favoured to host '98 Cup

Sports Reporter

BERNE, July 1: Switzerland's Football Association (ASF) is set to withdraw its candidacy for the 1998 World Cup finals, leaving France as runaway favourites to host the event for the second time, reports AFP.

The decision leaves only France and Morocco in contention ahead of Thursday's announcement.

## BCCB denies published report

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Control Board gainsaid a news item published in the sports page of June 30 issue of The Daily Star under the heading "Raiz, Moni to attend ICC meeting."

The report said that BCCB secretary Aminul Huq Moni would contest for the post of deputy chairman in the committee of the associate members of ICC which Golam Faruq Apu, joint secretary of the BCCB in a rejoinder to The Daily Star contended as 'incorrect' claiming 'there is no such election programme in the meeting's agenda.' However, the official did not dispute the earlier portion of the report containing the news of the participation of the two BCCB officials in the meeting in London on July 6 and 7.

The Daily Star, however, contends the authenticity of the disputed information since it was supplied by a responsible BCCB official on condition of anonymity.

## Krabbe & co picked for Barcelona

Sports Reporter

**FRANKFURT, Germany, July 1:** The German Olympic Committee announced on Tuesday that Katrin Krabbe, Grit Breuer and Silke Moller, suspected of trying to cheat a dope test, had been selected for the Barcelona Games, reports AFP.

But the three sprinters,



**Krabbe smiles on return to Berlin after being cleared by the IAAF Monday.**

whose four year suspension was lifted by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) on Sunday, will have to run tough Olympic qualifying times to make the German 4X100m relay team.

"Katrin Krabbe has been acquitted twice, the Olympic Committee could not put itself out of line with those decisions," committee chairman Willi Daume said.

Only Germany's representative on the IOC, Thomas Bach, opposed the selection arguing that there was a moral issue involved which went beyond the legal and technical basis for the decision to lift the ban.

Rudiger Nickel, who represented the German Athletics Federation at the IAAF hearing on Sunday, had said the athletes would not be required to run qualifying times.

Krabbe has had only one run this season, and that was a dismal 11.7 sec for the 100m and she could have problems meeting the qualifying standard of 11.25 sec.

Krabbe and Breuer both opted to miss the German Olympic trials while Moller took part but managed only third in the 100m in 11.46 sec.

German Interior Minister Rudolf Selters criticised the IAAF's acquittal of the three, saying the decision was "unsatisfactory," and that the hearing had failed to dissipate the suspicions surrounding them.

## Lamb's riposte

Sports Reporter

**LONDON, July 1:** Allan Lamb gave the perfect response to being dropped by England in the country championship on Tuesday when he hit a defiant half-century for second-placed Northamptonshire, reports AFP.

The South African-born veteran scored 56 and former England all rounder David Capel contributed an undefeated 51 as Northants suried on 229 for four against Surrey at the Oval.

Middlesex also totalled 229, but for the loss of six wickets against leaders Essex at Ilford, where John Carr top-scored with 77 not out.

However, the best batting performance of a rain-hit day came from Kent. Spearheaded by Mark Benson's 131, they ran up 311 for five against Nottinghamshire at Maidstone.

Benson's innings included three sixes and 16 fours, and took 171 deliveries. He was well supported by Matthew Fleming, who was unbeaten on 63 at stumps.

Elsewhere, runs were at a premium, especially at Leicester, where seamer David Millns put the skids under Worcestershire with five for 54 as they slipped to 141 for six.

Hampshire crawled to 152 for four against Sussex at Arundel, while Gloucestershire struggled to 202 for seven against Derbyshire at Derby.

Dean Hodgson (50) and Mark Alleyne (49 not out) defied the Derbyshire attack, the most successful of whom was paceman Allan Warner with four for 52.

## Obituary

Sports Reporter

**Abdul Wadood Mullick** father of Daily Meilat sports reporter Ataul Huq Mullick, died yesterday of old age complications.

He was 86.

He left behind wife, five sons, three daughters and a large number of grandchildren to mourn his death.

The namaz-e-janaza of late Wadood Mullick was held at the Jorpool Lane mosque after Zohr prayers.

The qul-khwan of the deceased will be held tomorrow, Friday, after the Asr prayers at his 34 Jorpool Lane residence.

## China expect more than golds

Sports Reporter

**BEIJING, July 1:** China go to Barcelona with a far bigger objective than bettering the number of gold medals they won in Seoul four years ago. The Chinese want the Games themselves, reports AFP.

"We are going to Spain not only for the pleasure of taking part in this gathering of the world's sporting family but also in the framework of our (economic) reform and opening and to plead the cause for Beijing's candidacy," said Sports Minister WU Shaozu.

When Seoul held the Asian Games in 1986 and the Olympics four years later it was widely assumed Beijing would be able to follow suit for the first Games of the 21st century.

But the Asian Games of 1990 came 15 months after hundreds of unarmed demonstrators were killed by the army in the streets around Beijing's Tiananmen Square.

China's international stock took a battering although it is always difficult to gauge the reaction in the confined circles of the International Olympic Committee. This select club picks the host city for the 2000 Games next year. Sydney, Manchester, Milan, Berlin and Brasilia are the other bidders.

The Chinese have already started extensive construction work in the capital, building a 100,000-capacity stadium, renovating stadia used for the 1990 Asian Games and modernising the airport, roads, telecommunications and hotels.

The Chinese have been working just as hard preparing their Olympic competitions although as always in China it is difficult to get any facts and figures.

Wu could not say how much they had spent on the team nor exactly how they were preparing although the press has revealed that about 40 sports coaches from the former Soviet Union had been hired.

A team of 251 competitors will go to Barcelona. That is very nearly the same number who went to Seoul and returned with five golds in a total of 28 medals.

The Chinese expect more

from their women in Barcelona and are sending 133, 15, more than the men.

The introduction of badminton and table tennis increases China's chances of success. Other medals are expected from athletics, diving, gymnastics, judo, shooting, volleyball and weightlifting.

"We are still a long way behind countries like the United States, the CIS or Germany in the most important sports such as athletics but we can do better than at Seoul," Wu said.

China won five gold, 11 silver and 12 bronze medals four years ago and Wu thinks they could finish as high as fourth in Barcelona.

The Chinese, who admitted in Seoul they had modelled themselves on four-times champion Greg Louganis, are now the world's strongest diving nation.

Gao Min, women's world champion since 1986, and Fu Mingxia are favourites for the women's titles while Sun Shuwel is a strong contender in the men's events.

Giant short-putter Huang

Zhihong and javelin thrower Xu Demei, who became China's first athletics champions at Tokyo last year, can strike Olympic gold.

Xiao Yanling, whose 71.02m was the best women's discus throw for 1991, is another medal prospect.

Zhong Hundi and Wang Xiuting, second and third in the women's 10,000m in Tokyo, can also win medals.

Li Jing looks good for a medal in gymnastics but Sweden's men may thwart China's table tennis ambitions.

Deng Yaaping and Qiao Hong look better bets for women's medals at the sport which broke China's international isolation 30 years ago.

### 15 organisers for soccer course

Sports Reporter

Fifteen organisers have been selected for the FIFA-Coca Cola world football development programme seminar scheduled to be held in the city from July 6 to 11.

The following organisers have been asked to report at the BFF office by July 5.

Enayetur Raahman, Shaquazzaman, Md Yousuf, M A Azem Badal, Shamsuddoha Khan Majlish (members of the BFF), Md Rafiq (member, DMFA), Hafizur Rahman Tipu, Mobinul Islam, Sabir Hossain, Jalauddin (DMFA), Nazrul Islam (Dhaka Div), Kazi Wahidul Haq (Khulna Div), Zainul Abedin (Rajshahi Div), Advocate Ilias Mia (Ctg Div), and Lt. Hossain Said Ahmed (ASCB).

### FIFA award for Brazilian Jorginho

Sports Reporter

**ZURICH, July 1:** Brazilian international Jorginho will be awarded FIFA's annual prize for fair play, the International Football Federation announced yesterday, reports Reuter.

A FIFA statement said Jorginho, 28, who joins German side Bayern Munich next season after three years with Bayer Leverkusen, won the award for his exemplary behaviour on and off the field.

Jorginho will receive a cheque for 25,000 dollars for the award, won last year by England's Gary Lineker, at the FIFA Congress in Zurich on Thursday.

## Pakistan ride high to Old Trafford

By A M Chowdhury

**PAKISTAN** rode out of Lord's with flying colours and with two county victories since then they ride high to Old Trafford for the third Test of the series starting today.

Pakistan have reasons to feel confident, since their victory at Lord's was well earned in a keenly contested match; they bowled very well and batted with determination. To beat England in the course of only three full days and two hours' play is no mean achievement. It was their only sixth victory over England in 49 encounters and their second at Lord's after ten years.

Throughout the Lord's Test Pakistan held the upper-hand except in the first session of the opening day when England's opening pair remained unseparated with 108 on the board. From that position England slumped to 255 all out. Waqar Younis ripped through the England batting with five wickets for 91. Waqar swung the ball disconcertingly as it got older.

England's batting in the second innings, with a deficit of only 38, failed to flourish again. Mushtaq Ahmed, who had taken 2 for 57 in the first innings, tantalised the English middle order and was instrumental in causing the sudden landslide by dismissing Graeme Hick, Robin Smith and Allan Lamb in quick succession, his figures of 9-1-3-32 telling their own story.

The Pakistani bowlers had six leg before victims against none by the Englishmen and had seven batsmen bowled. These figures clearly speak of the accuracy in their line of attack. The Lord's wicket, with some uneven bounce, may have

contributed to England's defeat; but this should not detract from Pakistan's victory. The English bowlers weren't as incisive yet they did very well to restrict Pakistan to a first innings total of 293, although at one stage with 209 for 3 Pakistan looked to be heading for a big first innings lead.

Devon Malcolm, justifying his recall, brought England back into the game with three quick wickets of Asif Mujtaba, Inzamamul Huq and Salim Malik and Pakistan slumped to 236 for 6.

Pakistan, needing only 138 for victory, did not have an easy sailing; quite a rough and windy situation was created by Chris Lewis, who bowled his heart out, and by taking the first three wickets had Pakistan reeling at 3 for 18. Ian Salisbury, in his maiden Test, took 3 wickets and when Malcolm had Mushtaq out, Pakistan were 96 for 8, the target of 138 looking very distant indeed. But Wasim Akram steadied the rolling boat and his valiant 45 earned Pakistan their victory. Waqar Younis, in the unbroken 46 run partnership, contributed 20, his top Test score.

The absence of Phil DeFreitas from the attack in the second innings no doubt weakened the English armoury. This also caused Lewis to have a rather too long bowling spell, in the process causing him to lose his sting.

Wasim Akram's contribution to Pakistan's victory was commendable, his match bowling figures of 6 for 115 and his invaluable unbeaten 45 deservedly earned him the man-of-the-match award. Pakistan coasted home, despite the initial panic. At the moment England ap-

pear dazed, if not panicked. Their selectors have said good-bye to Allan Lamb and Ian Botham. Probably as incisive yet they did very well to restrict Pakistan to a first innings total of 293, although at one stage with 209 for 3 Pakistan looked to be heading for a big first innings lead.

In their eagerness to strengthen the batting the selectors have recalled David Gower, once the golden boy of English cricket, and Mike Atherton, who in all probability will bat at No 3. The recall of Gower, who recently was accused of not having enough commitment by skipper Graham Gooch, suggests that present day English cricket does not have enough talented young batsmen.

Gower, frozen down for 16 months, needs only 34 runs to become the highest English rungetter in Test cricket; his present tally stands at 8081. At the age of 35 he is still a recognisable force averaging about 60 in the current season.

Mike Atherton, who scored 168 runs in 3 one-day matches last season against the Caribbeans, did not fare very well in the five Tests and in 9 innings his accumulation of only 79 clearly speak of his vulnerability against the West Indian quickies. How he fares against the Pakistani fast bowlers is to be seen at Old Trafford. Possibly his century, after a long lay off due to injury, at Old Trafford last week against Middlesex prompted the selectors to include him. His leg breaks, too, may come handy for occasional use.

The persistence of the selectors with Hick is understandable; his potential is rated very high and may be he is lucky to have another chance of proving the selec-

tors right. Alec Stewart, who earned the distinction of becoming the first England batsman to carry his bat at Lord's, with three consecutive innings of 190, 74 and 69 not out, will be brimming with confidence. But whether the new inclusions are going to add any solidity to the brittle batting line-up is going to be the point of interest at Old Trafford.

The Pakistani pace trio would be making their strides with far more enthusiasm and confidence. Nothing succeeds like success. Wasim Akram, on his adopted home ground, is likely to fare still better and Waqar Younis is likely to be on top gear after his return to fitness at Lord's.

The Pakistani batsmen are in very good shape. If they continue in the same vein England may find it difficult to regain a grip on the series. The English attack may see the inclusion of Derek Pringle in place of DeFreitas, or it could be Tim Munton, finally getting a Test cap.

The Test at Old Trafford promises to be a keen affair and Pakistan's chances with a proven incisive bowling line-up are fairly bright for further consolidation of their position in the series. The Old Trafford wicket, known to help bowlers, may turn out to be to the liking of the visitors. But if wet and damp conditions prevail, as is usual at this venue, the English bowlers may make life rather difficult for the Pakistanis.

But, Pakistan, riding high on their Lord's success, are the favourites. But don't forget the English determination to fight right up to the last, as they did at Lord's. And their weather, of course!



Scene from yesterday's first executive committee meeting of the newly reconstituted Bangladesh Olympic Association at the NSC conference room.