

India to bid for next World Cup

NEW DELHI, July 15: The Indian Cricket Board on Tuesday said it would bid for the next World Cup finals, reports Reuter.

"India is very much in the race for the next World Cup and we are going to make a determined bid for it," said board president Madhavrao Scindia.

India and Pakistan jointly hosted the 1987 World Cup.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) decided last week that because of the changed format — 12 teams taking part instead of nine — it would invite fresh bids for the next finals.

A decision on the hosts will be taken by the end of January 1993. The tournament will be held in 1995 or 1996.

Scindia confirmed that India would play the first official Test Against Zimbabwe who were accorded Test status at the ICC meeting.

"India will play a lone Test match against Zimbabwe in Harare in October before beginning their historic tour of South Africa," he said.

TCCB praises Roy Palmer

LONDON, July 15: Roy Palmer, the umpire involved in a rumpus with Pakistan pacesman Aaqib Javed in the closing stages of the third Test against England last week, has been told his conduct was impeccable throughout the incident, reports Reuter.

The Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) on Tuesday unanimously agreed to re-emphasise match referee Conrad Hunte's support for the two umpires — Palmer and David Shepherd.

In a letter to the pair, TCCB chief executive A C Smith said: "...We believe these difficult incidents were very well handled and we should like to re-state our total confidence in yourselves."

Aaqib, warned by Palmer for intimidatory bowling, was subsequently fined 50 per cent of his match fee by Hunte.

Pakistan team manager Intikhab Alam was severely reprimanded for a verbal attack on Palmer, whom he accused of being "rude and insulting" to Aaqib.

Australia-SA twin cricket series 1993-94

MELBOURNE, July 15: Australia and South Africa will play two series of three cricket Tests against each other during the 1993-1994 season, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) announced here today, reports AFP.

ACB chief executive David Richards said agreement had been reached with the United Cricket Board of South Africa for a resumption of Tests after a break of more than 20 years.

"South Africa is expected to arrive here by December 1, 1993, for a split season in which Australia will play three early Tests against New Zealand and then three against South Africa," said Richards.

"This will be South Africa's first Test tour here in 30 years, since the 1963-1964 season."

"They will also play in the World (one day) series with New Zealand."

Australia will then tour South Africa in February-March 1994 for the first time since Bill Lawry's 1969-70 tour.

"There will be three Tests and a series of eight one day internationals."

Richards said the arrangements had been possible after the cooperation of Sri Lanka.

"Sri Lanka's 1993-1994 tour to Australia has been delayed to dates yet to be finalised," he said.

"Australia has agreed to extend the forthcoming 1992 tour to Sri Lanka from one to three Tests and has pencilled in a tour there in 1994."

Schools kabaddi

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Rifles High School have moved into the semifinals of the 1992 schools kabaddi competition by emerging as the Group D champions following yesterday's match.

They will now meet the reigning champions Bangladesh Rifles School and College in the first semifinal on July 18.

Rifles School outplayed Bangladesh Ansars, the group runners-up, 31-14 in their third and final league match at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday.

Rifles School led 16-7 at the breather. Rajdhani High School got a walkover against Khilgaon Govt High School in the other fixture of the day.

Today Ahmed Bawany Academy will clash with Maniknagar Primary School to decide the Group A champions in the only match of the day at 5:30 pm.



Photo montage shows the gold (C), silver (R) and bronze (L) medals that will reward the 771 winners of the XXVth Olympics in Barcelona. The Games begin July 25. AFP photo

Jones, Larkins flay Pak attack

Pakistan were 139 for the loss of one wicket at close on the second day of their three-day cricket match against Durham at Chester le-Street yesterday, according to BBC monitored in Dhaka last night.

Earlier, resuming at 26 without loss, the newly-promoted English county side amassed 341 for the loss of four wickets in reply to the tourists' first innings total of 327 for seven declared, a lead of 14 runs.

Australian Test star Dean Jones was the top scorer for Durham with 134 not out while former England opener Wayne Larkins also hit a fine century.

Left-handed opener Aamir Sohail was at the crease with 73.

An earlier report said: Aamir Sohail gave Pakistan a flying start to their three-day match against Durham on Tuesday with a 50-ball half

Sports Reporter century. The dashing opener, who hit a double century in the drawn third Test against England, hammered nine fours before falling to Ian Botham for 53.

Asif Mujtaba stroked a more restrained 79 off 166 balls as the touring team, seeking two more wins against county sides to claim a 50,000 pounds sterling (£6,000 US dollar) jackpot, reached 308 for seven before declaring.

Durham openers Wayne Larkins and John Glendene replied with an unbroken stand of 56 off only 11 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the first day of Pakistan's game against Durham here on Tuesday:

PAKISTAN: 1st Innings
Aamir Sohail c Parker b Botham 53
Ramiz Raja c Hughes b Brown 14
Asif Mujtaba b Berry 79

Salim Malik c Fothergill b CeEwan 23
Javed Miandad c Fothergill b Botham 25
Wasim Akram c Fothergill b McEwan 21
Moin Khan c Larkins b McEwan 53
Waqar Younis not out 23
Mushtaq Ahmed not out 10
Extras (b2;w1;nb4) 7
Total: (7 wkts dec) 308
Fall of wickets: 1-58; 2-78; 3-135; 4-198; 5-204; 6-273; 7-278

Did not bat: Aaqib Javed, Aataur Rehman

Bowling:

O M R W
SM McEwan 23 8 52 3
S Brown 17 2 67 1
IT Botham 19 2 73 2
PJ Berry 8 0 40 1
SP Hughes 14 62 37 0
MP Briers 9 0 37 0

DURHAM: 1st Innings
W Larkins not out 26
JD Glenden not out 18
Extras (lb8; nb4) 12
Total (0 wkt) 56

Hodgson's ton leaves Gooch rueing

LONDON, July 15: Dean Hodgson's career best unbeaten 145 on Tuesday left Essex captain Graham Gooch rueing an unsuccessful gamble at Southend as Gloucestershire picked up maximum batting points against the championship leaders, reports Reuter.

After putting the visitors in Gooch spent the day watching Hodgson's stubborn resistance take his side to 311 for three.

Gooch employed eight bowlers but was unable to prevent Hodgson completing his second championship century of the summer with 19 boundaries.

Mark Crawley struck his third championship century of the season as Nottinghamshire ran up 350 for six against Worcestershire at Trent Bridge.

Crawley responded to the challenge of being promoted to opener in the absence of broken hand victim Chris Broad with a stylish 115.

Lancashire seamer turned offspinner Mike Watkinson sent Leicestershire tumbling at Southport.

He grabbed six for 82 — his best figures for three years — as Leicestershire were bowled out for a modest 257. Benson and Hedges Cup winners Hampshire fared even worse against Derbyshire at Portsmouth. England pace bowler Devon Malcolm took three wickets in five balls to hasten their collapse to 158 all out. David Gower top scoring with 54.

Opener Peter Bowler then rubbed salt into the wound with his fifth century of the season. Derbyshire ended the day on 174 for two.

Marseille covet Maradona

MARSEILLE, France, July 15: Diego Maradona, football's fallen hero, looks set to make his return to European football, with French champions Olympique Marseille leading the hunt for him, reports AFP.

Maradona, whose 15 month ban for cocaine ended two weeks ago, in generating interest and support across the world as he tries to escape from a contract keeping him at Italian club Napoli.

Maradona's agent, Marcos Franchi, was due in Naples on Tuesday to discuss the former Argentina captain with club president Corrado Ferlaino.

Interviewed by Marseille paper Le Provençal, Franchi said he would then be heading for Spain, where Real Madrid and Seville are apparently showing interest, and would arrive here on Thursday.

"In France, only Marseille stand a chance, although there are other clubs interested in Spain," Franchi said.

But he made it clear that talks with Bernard Tapie, the millionaire boss of Marseille, were key in deciding the player's future.

"If we managed to reach an agreement with Tapie on the financial side, Maradona would choose Marseille. And if that happened, Maradona would be ready for the start of the season on August 8, believe me."

Tapie, who failed to land Maradona in 1989 and has just lost European footballer-of-the-year Jean-Pierre Papin to AC Milan, has been playing down the speculation over a transfer.

"It's not something I'm thinking about just now," he said on Monday.

Among the supporters of the 31-year-old star are Joao Havelange, whose ruling body FIFA inflicted the drugs ban, and Italian football officials.

Havelange told Argentine newspaper El Grafico on Monday that he considered Maradona like a son.

"He has been the best player in the world for the past 10 years, and has unquestionably brought something extra to the World Cups in 1986 and 1990.

"He should be allowed to play football again wherever he wants to, without any pressure."

Backing Havelange's call is the Argentine Football Association and Sergio Campana, head of the Italian Players' Union, who has called on Napoli to free Maradona from the last year of his contract.

Campana says that "Diego can count on our full support."

Naquib plays for Cal MSC today

CALCUTTA, July 15: Mohammedan Sporting has roped in a Bangladeshi star, Md Imtiaz Naquib, to strengthen their team, to overcome repeated failures in the Calcutta Super Division soccer league, reports PTI.

Naquib, a striker with Mohammedan Sporting of Dhaka, arrived in the city two days ago and has been practising with the Calcutta team. He is expected to play in the league match against Kumartuli tomorrow, an official of the Mohammedan Sporting Club said today.

Mohammedan Sporting with the smallest football budget among the big three of metropolises, has already dropped six points in the six matches they have played so far this season.

TT coaching camp

Sports Reporter The seventeen-day residential coaching camp for the junior table tennis players under the aegis of the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation began at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

Chinese coach Mao Hua Xian is conducting the programme.

Eleven out of the invited 12 players are taking part in the training programme.

They are: Mahbub, Shaon, Mahid (Bangladesh Biman), Hamlet, Rubel, Selim (Bangladesh Ansars), Monir (Dhaka), Miton (Narail), Qamruzzaman (Gaibandha), Sagar (Perajpur) and Abid of Ahmed Bawany Academy.

Manoh, the other invited player, could not avail the opportunity because of college examinations.

The programme begins at 7 in the morning.

Sports seminar

Sports Reporter A sports seminar — Sports: in and outside the capital — under the aegis of the Noakhali district branch of the Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association will be held today at the NRDP auditorium at 4 pm, says a press release.

Deputy Commissioner of Noakhali will attend as the chief guest.

Monsoon h'ball

Sports Reporter The 1992 Phoenix Insurance monsoon handball competition got underway with Victoria Sporting Club beating Nabin Sangha 12-10 at the Outer Stadium handball court yesterday.

Victoria were trailing 4-5 at the lemon break.

Abu with five and Khokon with four goals led the charge for the winners while Arif netted four goals for the vanquished.

AR Khan, Managing Director of the Phoenix Insurance Company, inaugurated the meet.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Air Force have withdrawn their team from the tourney in protest of the alleged partiality on the part of the tournament committee in furnishing the fixtures.

Air Force were placed in Group B along with Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Ansars, Surja-Kwarajal Boys Club, Pragati Boys Club and Nawabpur Sporting Club.

Air Force may face a three year ban from the monsoon handball, an official of the Bangladesh Handball Federation said.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Brothers vs Farashganj SC (3:30 pm)
Rifles vs Mansur SC (4:45 pm)



The Phoenix monsoon handball competition began at the Outer Stadium yesterday with Victoria SC beating Nabin Sangha 12-10. —Star photo

'A sports doc is a full-time man'

Star Special By Ashish Das

Sports medicine is a fairly new concept in Bangladesh and our physiotherapists know very little about their work, feels Dr. Thomas Fried, a Canadian who was in the city recently as a FIFA instructor for the Futuro FIFA-Coca Cola World Football Development Programme.



"I am very interested to take back a photograph of a traffic policeman under an umbrella. I have been to many other countries but nowhere I found such health-conscious policemen. You don't expect them to flinch either in shower or in sun-shine," quipped Thomas Fried, the naturalised Canadian doctor who fled from his country Hungary in the wake of the communist upsurge in 1956.

The expatriate Magyar did not bum around the Toronto street corners or pubs like the lost generation in Hemingway novels. Initiated early into sports medicine Fried had himself associated with the club that had players like Ferenc Puskas, Kocsy and others. As the Soviet tanks rolled in many of them left for Spain and other countries to play for money.

Fried left, never thinking he would not return. Out of Hungary, out of Europe, life was not easy for a young doctor like Fried. He got a job at a rehabilitation centre in Toronto and then came through the Canadian exam system successfully, qualified a recognised sports physician.

Since then it has been a constant vigil. The official doctor of the Canadian Soccer Association and professional club Toronto Blizzard's the sixty-six-year-old jovial man with a ready smile is neither a paltry thing nor a 'tattered coat on a stick'. The swell and the roll in the middle has coincided with deforestation on the temple but the zeal, sincerity and dedication is very

much there. The ruddy faced FIFA medical instructor is too busy now to imagine any news item with Return of the Native type of heading.

The scenery, however, still looks green and the off-beat anecdote about the police man and the umbrella was not any deliberate attempt to impress or amuse any one; it stemmed from conviction and commitment to his profession.

or none of them have specialised in sports medicine.

"In professional football a doctor plays a very important role. It is not just healing an injury; it is lot more than that. You have to take care of nutrition, dope detection, etc. Players are fined in pro football for not giving hundred per cent and if anyone fakes injury for that, a doctor is there to put him through the mill.



Dr. Fried with local physios during the clinic.

Fried was quite frank about his first experience about Bangladeshi doctors. "They are so good. My lectures on rudimentary things mocked me once I knew the extent of their knowledge," confessed Fried.

"But (danced a pair of un-guarded blue eyes) they know very little about the treatment of sprains and other simple but frequent problems of football players. They go for surgical solutions. I believe they are all qualified, good doctors but few

"It can be the other round, if any rookie out of exuberance tries to conceal an injury the probing eyes of a professional doctor can save his career.

"It is a full-time job. You have to see the players eat, drink and train. You cannot be away from it, even for a while. If you can introduce professional football, which I am sure will attract doctors, sports medicine will attain the status of specialised discipline," the Canadian pro concluded.

AC Milan back in European Cup

GENEVA, July 15: Italian champion AC Milan, rejoining European soccer after a one-year ban, drew a first-round qualifier Wednesday as its opening hurdle in next season's Champions Cup tournament, reports AP.

Milan was among 16 seeded teams for the annual tournament, a title they have won four times since 1963 including 1989 and again in 1990. They will face the winner of a qualifying series between Slovenia's Olimpija Ljubljana and Estonia's Norma Tallinn, set for Aug. 19 and Sept. 2.

A record 38 countries entered the draw conducted by UEFA, mainly reflecting the splintering of Yugoslavia and the Soviet Union. Israel, the Faroe Islands and Liechtenstein also took part for the first time. In both the Champions Cup and Cupwinners Cup, eight clubs mostly from the unproven new areas were placed into the qualifying round.

The first leg in the first-round series is set for Sept. 16, with the return leg Sept. 30.

UEFA suspended Milan for a season in April 1991 after the Italian club walked off the field before the final whistle in a Champions Cup quarterfinal at Olympique Marseille of France while losing 1-0.

The leaving of the field came after a partial lighting failure, and invasion of the field by fans with only a few minutes remaining. AC Milan refused to return to the field after the lights were restored, sparking some to believe that the club felt because of the lighting and fan problems, UEFA would award Milan the match on a forfeit.

Marseille, beaten by Red Star Belgrade on penalty kicks in last year's final, were seeded No. 1 this season and will meet Irish champions Glentoran for their first-round opponent.

Defending champion FC Barcelona, who beat Sampdoria of Italy for the title in Wembley in May, received Viking Stavanger of Norway.

In the Cupwinners Cup, chances of a late-round German clash ended when defending champions Werder Bremen drew Hannover 96, a second-division club which won the German Cup last

season.

Ajax Amsterdam, defending UEFA Cup champions, drew Austria Salzburg in the first round of this season's tournament.

The seeding procedure assured the top teams — based on recent cup performances — they would not face each other in the early round.

Another UEFA maneuver to assure more gate receipts for the bigger clubs, the two-group, eight-team quarterfinal/semifinal playoff system for the Champions Cup, will be used for a second season.

That system takes the final eight teams and divides them into two groups for league play — each team plays the other home and away with the group winners advancing to the final.

On Tuesday, UEFA admitted Russia, the Ukraine, the three Baltic states, Slovenia, Israel, Liechtenstein and the Faroe Islands to their first draw, saying they met safety and match organisation requirements.

Albania, which has played the European Cup in the past, and new states Croatia and Georgia were denied berths after being rated unsafe areas.

Spain ready for double feat

FRANKFURT, Germany, July 15: Winning the Federation Cup for the second year in a row would be quite an achievement for Spain, but there's a bigger prize ahead at home and that's what the team is aiming for: Barcelona Olympics, reports AP.

Spain upset the United States last year to win the Federation Cup for the first time and on Tuesday it began the defense of the title with a 2-1 victory over Belgium.

Conchita Martinez and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario cruised to straight-set victories in the singles to assure the Spanish victory, while Belgium posted a consolation win of the doubles.

"We are happy to be back to defend the title and I am glad that the team stayed together. But of course we are looking ahead to the Olympics," said Sanchez Vicario, who beat Sabine Appelmans 6-1, 6-2.

"We'll try to win it again, but it's not going to be easy. But it's good practice for the Olympics," said Martinez, a 6-1, 6-4 winner over Dominique Monami.

Spain is seeded second behind Germany, which is led this year by Wimbledon Champion Steffi Graf.

Spain's second round opponent will be Canada, which beat South Africa 2-1 on come-from-behind singles victories by Rene Simpson-Alter and Patricia Hy.

Simpson-Alter beat hard-hitting Marian de Swardt 2-6,

6-2. South Africa is making its first appearance in the Federation Cup since 1977, following years of international boycott because of its government's apartheid policies.

Before the match started, three German policemen showed up at the outside court as additional security, but there were no incidents or hecklers.

"We have no experience as a team, we haven't played as a team since 1977," said South African captain Elna Reinach Sr.

"We were under pressure, we were scared of losing," Coetzer said. "We will be a little wiser next time," de Swardt added.

Germany, as well as the United States, were idle Tuesday after winning their first-round matches on Monday. On Wednesday, Germany plays the Netherlands, while the US team meets Denmark.

In other matches Tuesday, Australia upset fifth-seeded Bulgaria 2-1, and Sweden knocked out seventh-seeded Switzerland also 2-1. South Korea caused a minor sensation by eliminating Italy 2-1.

Fourth-seeded France avoided a similar embarrassment by squeezing through 2-1 past China, while third seeded Czechoslovakia routed Hungary 3-0.

Also, Austria edged Romania 2-1, the Commonwealth of Independent States beat Finland 2-1 and Argentina blanked Mexico 3-0 despite the absence of Gabriela Sabatini.

Record purse for US Open

NEW YORK, July 15: Prize money at the 1992 US Open tennis tournament will total a record US 8,556,600 dollars, organisers said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

The figure marks an 18 per cent increase over the 1991 total of US 7,250,000.

The men's and women's singles champions in the tournament from August 31-September 13 will earn half a million dollars each. Last year's singles champions received US 400,000 dollars apiece.

The doubles winners will split 184,000 US dollars. Total prize money has increased by more than 2 US million dollars in just two years and nearly doubled since 1988, when it was US dollars 4,371,500.