

Boyelander may take a year off

TERRASSA, Aug 2: Floris Jan Boyelander of the Netherlands, leading hockey goal...

Boyelander scored his ninth goal of the 1992 games in the 3-2 defeat by Pakistan on Saturday...

"Maybe I'll just quit for a year after these Olympics" said Boyelander...

"I have to finish my studies, that's my main thing next year. So maybe I'll play hockey for the Netherlands, maybe not," he said...

Described in his Olympic biography as "A landmark in the history of hockey," Boyelander says he likes the fact that almost no one knows who he is off the pitch.

"It's not very often that somebody will recognise me in the street. Maybe once a week. I think I like it that way," he said.

His effusive biography also calls him "A star hockey player — the legend of the national team."

But unlike the millionaires in action elsewhere, Boyelander says he earns only modest sums from hockey.

"It's not that after retiring from hockey I can buy a house and a car. Well, maybe a small car," he said.

BCCB yet to finalise pool

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) in yet to finalise the 'criteria' determining which player will be included in the proposed 'cricketers' pool'.

A meeting of the BCCB will be held today in this regard, said Raisuddin Ahmed, a vice-president of the Board.

"We don't know anything about it. It must be pure speculation", explained Raisuddin when his attention was drawn to a news item published in a section of the press yesterday.

That report had mentioned a list of 18 players for the so-called pool.

"Besides, we won't name any particular player. We will just define the criteria. Whoever fits it will be included," the BCCB vice-president added.

According to a recent BCCB decision no team will be allowed to recruit more than three players from the cricketers' pool, to be made up of the top players deemed good enough to do national duty.

Harun returns

Former general secretary of the Bangladesh Football Federation Harun-ur-Rashid returned yesterday after conducting his duty as a match commissioner for the Group Four qualifying round of the 15th Asian youth under-16 football championship in Kuala Lumpur.

Thailand, which emerged as champions, have qualified for the finals to be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from September 4 to 13.

The Bangladesh youth team, which finished as the unbeaten champions of the Group Five tournament held in Rajshahi last June have also qualified for the finals.

In a telephonic conversation with The Daily Star Harun said that the Thai team is a very strong side familiar with the physical approach of modern football.

"The rules regarding the age-verification of players need to be changed since under the existing regulations it is almost impossible to take a decision against over-aged players", Harun regretted.

Judo coaches get certificates

The certificate-giving ceremony for successful judo and karate coaches was held yesterday at the National Sports Council.

State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman distributed the certificates among 50 coaches.

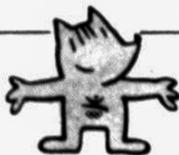
Seventy coaches of the country participated in the three-day workshop organised by the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation (BJKF).

Meanwhile, the BJKF secretary Awlad Hossain has resigned from his post.

Although in his letter to the federation president he attributed 'personal reasons' for his resignation, sources say it was due to the activities of Hassanuzzaman Moni, a vice-president of the federation, that Awlad resigned.

Awlad had replaced Moni as secretary only recently.

The executive members of the BJKF will meet today discuss the issue.



OLYMPIC SPECIAL



Nathalie Pinsent (C), daughter of British rower Matthew Pinsent (L) plays with the gold medals received by her father and rowing partner Steven Redgrave (R) in the coxless pairs competition in Banyoles, Spain Saturday. It was the third back-to-back Olympic triumph for the pair. — AFP photo

Britain one step away from semis

BARCELONA, Aug 2: Rob Hill struck twice and was then sent off in defending champions Britain's 2-1 victory over underdogs Argentina in the Olympic men's hockey league yesterday, reports AFP.

The 26-year-old farmer, who scored both Britain's goals in their opening match against Egypt, slammed home short corners 10 minutes after the start and a minute after the interval.

Argentina pulled one back with Martin Sordewill scooping the ball past keeper Sean Rowlands in the 60th minute.

Britain hung on desperately and now have six points from three wins and a defeat.

Britain play Australia on Monday in the last of their league matches which will decide who advances to last four.

"We have to beat Australia, that is clear," said an optimistic Hughes. "We are capable of doing it."

SPAIN BLANK CIS

Spanish skipper Ignacio Escude struck a penalty corner hat-trick in a 4-0 victory over the Unified Team that kept his side in the medal round.

Ignacio's second half three-in-a-row came after his younger brother Xavi scored a brilliant field goal to put Spain 1-0 ahead in the Group B match.

It was Spain's third win in four matches, and they are now level on points with world champions Holland, and with better goal difference.

On Monday, they play group leaders Pakistan, who have yet to lose, and Spain's hopes of a

place in the last four ride on that game.

Spanish coach Sant Icartes was already thinking of the next game against Pakistan. "We have nothing to lose and everything to win," he said.

"The Pakistanis are incredible players. I think they are the best in the tournament and the most spectacular."

"But we will be more practical than them on Monday," he added mysteriously.

ADIOS INDIA

Australia ended India's hopes of a medal, beating the eight-times champions 1-0.

Australia's Jay Stacy scored in the third minute of the game with a flick from a penalty corner.

India were unlucky not to score — hitting the post twice — as they mounted waves of attacks trying to get back into the game.

"Australia has had a reputation for playing offensive hockey," coach Franck Murray said. "Now we've shown we can play defensively as well. It didn't look good, but it was effective."

The win put Australia level with Germany at the top of Group A with three wins and a draw.

Australia, fourth in the last two Olympics, only have to draw with reigning Olympic champions Britain in their final pool match on Monday to qualify for the semifinals.

India have only won one game out of four at Terrassa. Had they beaten Australia, they would still have had a slim chance of reaching the semifinals. India have not won a major tournament since the 1980 Olympics.

Two Australians, Ashley Carey and Kenneth Wark, were given temporary suspensions for dangerous play.

MALAYSIA BEAT NZ

Malaysia scored three times in four minutes yesterday to beat New Zealand 3-2, their first win of the Olympic men's hockey tournament.

Two flicked corner goals by captain Sarjit Singh in the first two minutes of the first half turned the game Malaysia's way.

Craig Suss, one of two brothers in the New Zealand side had given his side the lead from a 25th minute corner. Grant McLeod scored their second in the 57th minute.

Malaysia's win took them off the bottom of the Group B table at the expense of New Zealand, the 1976 Olympic Champions.

But they face world champions the Netherlands on Monday and are unlikely to avoid the 9th-12th places.

Points table: Olympic men's hockey standings after yesterday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, for, against, points):

Table with 10 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Group A: Australia 4 3 1 0 14 3 7, Germany 4 3 1 0 14 3 7, Britain 4 3 0 1 6 4 6, India 4 1 0 3 2 7 2, Argentina 4 1 0 3 2 10 2, Egypt 4 0 0 4 3 16 0. Group B: Pakistan 4 4 0 0 14 5 8, Spain 4 3 0 1 14 5 6, Holland 4 3 0 1 14 10 6, Unified Team 4 1 0 3 11 4 2, Malaysia 4 1 0 3 9 18 2, New Zealand 4 0 0 4 5 11 0.

CIS lifter stripped of medal

BARCELONA, Aug 2: A Russian weightlifter was stripped of his medal, expelled from the Olympic Games and banned for life yesterday for walking out of a medal ceremony, reports Reuter.

The IOC and the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) hammered Ibrahim Samadov after they said he grabbed his medal from an official, threw it to the ground and stormed out of the flag-raising ceremony on Friday.

Samadov denied rejecting the medal but said he had blacked out and felt so ill during the ceremony that he could not remember what had happened.

The IOC described his behaviour as "absolutely intolerable... unacceptable and contrary to all forms of sports ethics."

It ordered the CIS team to return his medal and drum Samadov out of the Games.

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Spaniards, Poles in semis

VALENCIA, Aug 2: A single moment of magic by Guico Narvaez in an unromantic Latin battle gave Spain victory over Italy in the Olympic football quarter-finals Saturday, reports AFP.

Poland beat Qatar 2-0 to reach the semifinals.

In feverish 86 per cent humidity the rivals concentrated their efforts on sly kicks and niggling, judges rather than football in the Olympic spirit of friendship.

Two players were carried off for treatment, six players were booked and Renato Buso of European Cup winners Sampdoria was sent off in the final minute for retaliating after being fouled by arguing with Brazilian referee Marcio Renende Freitas.

Buso and his team mates, never lived up to their billing as one of the tournament favourites. "We never even looked like getting in the game," admitted coach Cesare Maldini.

Dino Baggio carried out the first foul after only 32 seconds and the game ended with the young Inter Milan Star being on the receiving end of the last of 70 trips and illegal kicks that caught the eye of Freitas.

But it was from such set-piece situations as this that Spain had most of their chances.

Freitas had blown for 30 fouls by time the deadlock was broken in the 38th minute.

Francisco Soler put Narvaez through down the right wing. The 20-year-old Cadiz striker broke into the penalty area and chipped the ball over Italian goalkeeper Francesco Antonioli.

Within a minute Spain's most dangerous striker, Rafael Berge, had the first of many chances to increase the lead stopped by Antonioli.

The goalkeeper was stretched to the limit to push one 30 metre shot by Berge round the post.

The same frustrating pattern continued in the second half with neither side building up clear chances.

From an 80th minute free-kick, Italian defender Luca Luzardi headed into the Spanish net. He was given offside before the ball even hit the back of the net but would not take accept the decision and was sixth player booked.

Italy provided four of the sinners to get a yellow card in Uzdari Roberto Muzzi of As Roma, Giuseppe Favalli and AC Milan's rising star Dimitrio Albertini, who had such a me-

dioce game he was substituted.

Spaniards Berge and Alfonso Perez also had their names taken.

POLES BEAT QATAR

Poland cruised into the last four as a goal in each half sank Qatar 2-0 in the quarter-final played in an almost deserted Nou Camp Stadium in Barcelona Saturday night.

At the end of a scrappy first half which they completely dominated the poles finally broke the deadlock in the 42nd minute.

A long curling ball from the left by Piotr Swierczewski was headed down by Ryszard Staniek into the path of Wojciech Kowalczyk, who ran on into the area despite being forced wide and sent a low angled left-foot shot past Qatari keeper Ahmad Salah.

Despite some spirited defence from the Qataris, Poland had the better of the exchanges and it came as no surprise when Marchin Jolocha made it 2-0 latching onto a through ball from midfield on the right of the area and threading it under the advancing Saleh.

That dulled the game as a contest and booked Poland's place in the semi-finals against either Sweden or Australia.

Enter Tufnell, Malcolm exit Hick

LONDON, Aug 2: England dropped troubled batsman Graeme Hick and recalled spinner Phil Tufnell and pace bowler Devon Malcolm of the fifth and deciding Test match against Pakistan starting Thursday at the Oval, reports AP.

England selectors named the 12-man squad Sunday, also dropping spinner John Childs and swing bowler Phil Newport from the fourth Test squad. Philip DeFreitas would have won a recall but for a continuing injury.

Zimbabwean-born Hick had struggled with the bat for England all summer, averaging just 18.05 in Tests despite good form in England's county competition.

It was believed to have retained his place for the fourth Test at Headingley only because of his useful spin and brilliant slip fielding—Hick took six catches in the fourth Test.

England chairman Ted Dexter said: "It was a hard decision to leave him out, particularly after his brilliant catching, but other names has prior claims. Graeme remains a supremely talented cricketer and must still have a splendid future in the game."

England's victory in the fourth Test tied the series 1-1 setting up a showdown at the Oval.

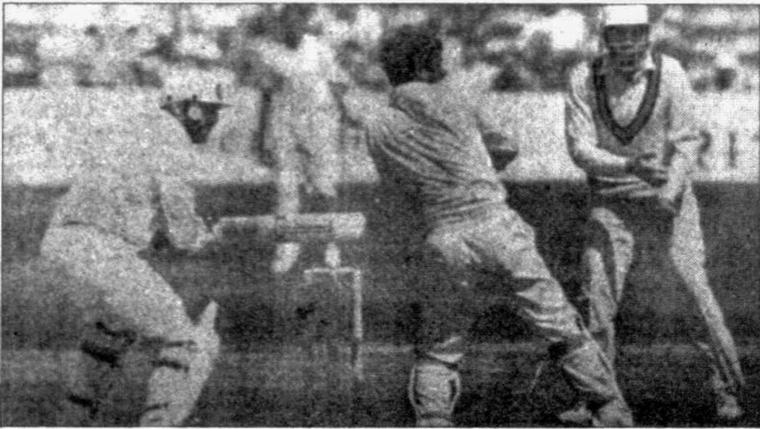
Tufnell almost singlehandedly helped England defeat the West Indies at The Oval last year, taking six for 25. But appendicitis kept him from the

England team for the first half of the season.

Malcolm has played Tests this summer at Lord's and Old Trafford, but was left out for the fourth Test at Headingley.

Alec Stewart, who retains the wicketkeeping gloves, will open the batting with Graham Gooch if England bat first—but drop down the order to make way for Mike Atherton if Pakistan take first innings.

England team: Graham Gooch (captain), age 39, Tests 98; Alec Stewart (wicketkeeper), 29, 21; Mike Atherton 24, 20; Robin Smith 28, 35; David Gower 35, 116; Mark Ramprakash 22, 8; Chris Lewis 24, 13; Derek Pringle 33, 29; Neil Mallender 30, 1; Phil Tufnell 26, 9; Devon Malcolm 29, 20; Tim Munton 27, 2.

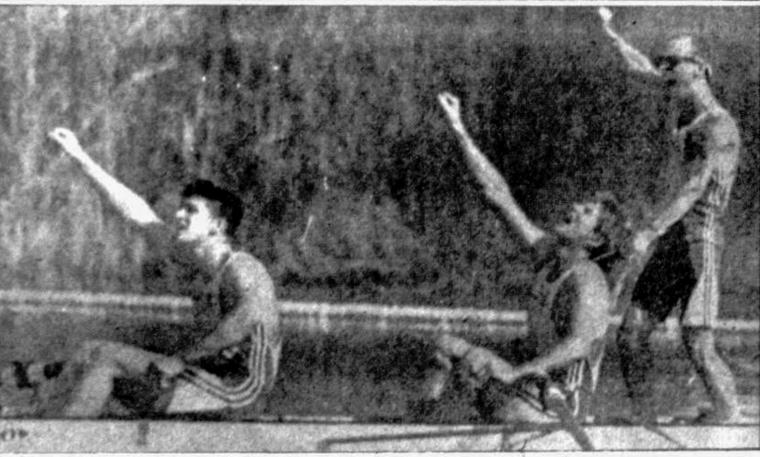


Pakistan's Zahid Fazal and wicket keeper Rashid Latif have Essex captain Graham Gooch covered during the first day's play of the Tetley Bitter Challenge on Sunday. Gooch went on to score 141 runs. — AFP photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid and clues. ACROSS: 1 Anagram for hate, 5 Bucket, 9 Tibetan gazelle, 12 Swelling, 13 Voice range, 14 Discuss, in slang, 15 Outer garment, 17 Dangerous curve, 18 "Little Man" (movie), 21 Wrathful, 21 Advocated strongly, 24 Ducklike bird, 25 Irrational number, 26 Trevi tourist attraction, 30 Chemical suffix, 31 Installs in office, 32 Swiss canton, 33 Speaks haltingly, 35 Flint or lead-in, 36 Race-horse tipster, 37 Sheriff's band, 38 Biblical patriarch, 40 Seize roughly, 42 "...man-mouse?", 43 Ursa Major, 48 Lodge member, 49 Stone's "— for Life", 50 Nobelist, 51 Golf gadget, 52 Grafted. DOWN: 1 Queen of Carthage, 1 Chang's brother, 2 Anderson's "High —", 3 American humorist, 4 Vehement, 5 Covenant, 6 Lily plant, 7 "Ain't — Shame?", 8 Emollient mixtures, 9 Extinct sea birds, 10 Hop kiln, 11 Church part, 16 Young boy, 20 Decompose, 21 Employs, 22 Smallest of the litter, 23 Erie or Huron, 24 Severs, 26 — of clay, 27 Rower, 28 Garden flower, 29 Baseball team, 31 Import illegally, 34 One of the Stooges, 35 Wept aloud, 37 Mike's pal, 38 Alfred Noyes, for one, 39 Perry's Gardner, 40 Exploit, 41 Appraise, 44 Stocking woe, 45 Wallace or Whitney, 46 Assistance, 47 Classic car.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid and clues. 12-17 CRYPTOQUIP: T O H X P L Y V T Y V O G L Y Q K N H U G U W R K W H V T G D U P N D V Y L C G V V O R D R R Q D. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BEFORE GOING OUT INTO THE COLD, CAPABLE MESSENGER BUNDLED HIMSELF UP. Today's Cryptoquip clue: T equals W. 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.



Brothers (from L.) Jonathan and Greg Mark Searle of Great Britain celebrate after winning the Olympic coxed pairs gold in Banyoles, Spain yesterday. — AFP photo

Abahani in semis

Abahani Krira Chakra, last year's Navana Premier cricket league runners-up, moved into the semifinals of the Molnud-dowla Gold Cup championship with a 28-run victory over MRF Eleven of India in Hyderabad yesterday.

According to a source close to the club Abahani managed 129 for eight wickets after being sent in to bat by their opponents.

In a match reduced to 36 overs a side from the original quota of 50 overs due to overnight rain Akram Khan, who slammed a fine century in Abahani's first match July 31, once again top scored for his side with 35.

Wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu, hired from the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC), remained unbeaten on 20. Mahbubur Rahman Selim also scored 20.

Harunur Rashid Liton with 19 and G M Nawsher Prince with 12 not out were the other notable scorers.

MRF wilted under pressure as the Abahani bowlers backed up by superb fielding established a tenacious grip on their opponents.

Off spinner Shahidul Islam Effic was again Abahani's best bowler taking three wickets for only nine runs. Skipper Prince did the early damage with the new ball claiming two for eight. Saiful, the young pacer, was a little erratic yet picked up two for 20. Khalid Mahmood Sujon and Rupam took two and one wicket respectively. Abahani play the semifinal on August 4.

Handball final today

The final of the 1992 Phoenix Insurance monsoon handball competition between defending champions Bangladesh Rifles and Brothers Union will be held today at 4:30 pm at the Outer Stadium handball court.

Malik 153 n.o.

Pakistan declared their first innings at 353 for six against country champions Essex on the second day of their three-day match at Chelmsford yesterday, according to BBC monitored here last night.

A brilliant unbeaten 153 by Saleem Malik formed the backbone of Pakistan's reply to Essex's first innings total of 357 for nine.

Malik who played for Essex last season, added 133 with skipper Javed Miandad for the fourth wicket with the latter hitting a splendid 91.

Essex were 98 for two when the stumps were drawn.

England skipper Graham Gooch who had scored 141 in the first innings was dismissed for four only.

Schools chess

Nazrul Islam with full six points led the table of the seventh Bata schools chess competition after the completion of the sixth round matches at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Nazrul outwitted Saiful Kabir Shifat in his six-round encounter.

Shawkat Hossain Pallab and Hossain Arif, who have five and a half points each, follow Nazrul in the standings.