

Maninder likely to lead India in SAARC meet

Test cricketer Maninder Singh will most likely lead the Indian team in the SAARC cricket championship scheduled to start from December 3 in Dhaka.

Raja Venkat, Victoria Sporting's foreign recruit from West Bengal, yesterday gave out the names of the Indian probables who have assembled in Calcutta for selection.

Maninder Singh apart, the other players of the 16-member squad with Test experience are Ajay Sharma, Salil Ankola and Navot Singh Sidhu. The other likely members of the squad are wicketkeeper Nayan Mongia, pacemen Ashish Winston Zaidi, Prashanta Vaidya, and Aweek Kurvillia, batsmen Vinod Kambli, Saunav Ganguli, Surrinder Bhav, Santanu Sugwaker, Rajesh Chavan and Bhaskar Pillay.

Rusi Jeebhoy will be the team manager while Sharif Ahmed will accompany the team as the second official.

India will play their first match against Pakistan on December 4 while Bangladesh will take on Sri Lanka in the opener on December 3.

India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and hosts Bangladesh will be taking part in the inaugural four-nation tournament.

Navana league from Nov 18

Sports Reporter
League champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on newcomers Uddiy Club in the first match of the 1992-93 Navana Premier Division Cricket league on November 18 at the Dhaka Stadium.

This was decided in the meeting of the league committee at the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) office yesterday.

This year's Navana league was earlier scheduled to start from November 14 but could not start because of Brothers Union's initial refusal to take part in the league in protest against the BCCB's role in the police action after the final match of the 14th Damal Summer tournament on November 10.

The meeting also decided that 12 teams will be there in the Navana league from next year. One team will be demoted to the Milnars league instead of three as practised in the last two seasons. Two teams from the Milnars league will win promotion to the Navana league.

Eleven teams are taking part in this year's Navana Premier Division league with the top six playing in the super league.

UEFA turns down Wacker's appeal for a rematch

GENEVA, Nov 14: Austrian side Admira Wacker's demand for a re-match of their European Cup Winner's Cup tie against Antwerp because their opponents' goalposts were too small was rejected by UEFA on Friday, reports Reuter.

The European Football Union accepted the post at one end were too short but dismissed the complaint because Wacker failed to voice their objections to the referee or UEFA's representative before the match started.

UEFA spokesman Rene Eberle said: "The protest was lodged too late, did not correspond to the rules and was therefore dismissed. A protest against the pitch must be made in writing before the start of the match."

One of the goals was two centimetres shorter towards the middle, but the protest should have been made to the referee in writing before the match.

He said the disciplinary committee rejected the protest for non-conformity with the rules.

Wheeler avenges Olympic loss

TALLAHASSEE, Nov 14: Featherweight Julian Wheeler avenged a first-round Olympic loss to a Russian opponent when he jabbed his way to a 3-0 decision over Russia's Vitaly Kargin in the 1992 USA-Russia Amateur Boxing Invitational on Friday night, reports AP.

Wheeler's win gave the Americans a split of the 12 bouts in the first international competition for each team since the Summer Olympics in Barcelona.

Wheeler, a 125-pound (56.62 kg) US Navy boxer stationed at Little Creek, Va., was the only Olympian for either squad to participate in the competition.

Wheeler's Navy teammate Sean Fletcher, a 119-pound (53.9 kg) bantamweight stationed at Norfolk, Va., posted a convincing 3-0 decision over Russia's Mikhail Ananin in a rematch of the finals of the 1992 World Military Championships finals.

DU again in the final

Our Correspondent



MYMENSINGH, Nov 14: Not unexpectedly last year's runners-up Dhaka University will meet fancied Khulna DSA in the final of the 17th national soccer championship for the Sher-e-Bangla Cup on next Tuesday, November 17.

Star-studded Dhaka University got the better of Bangladesh Customs by two goals to nil in the second semifinal here at the Mymensingh Stadium this afternoon.

Khulna qualified for the final by edging past Netrakona DSA 3-2 in the tie-breaker in the first semifinal on Friday.

Dhaka University, who boast national colours like Syed Rumman bin-Wali Shabbir, Imtiaz Ahmed Naqib, Mahabubur Rahman Roxy, Jewel Rana, Kaiser Hamid, Syed Hasan Kanan and Imtiaz Sultan Johnny, yesterday dominated most of the proceedings and could have won the match by a bigger margin had their forwards been a little sharper.

Customs, on the other hand, were kept busy guarding their citadel throughout the 90-minute affair. Shaikh Mohammed Aslam, the lanky national striker who had scored three goals in the last two matches for Customs, could not find his touch yesterday. Besides, the University defenders always had an eye on him, virtually making him out of the game.

The first half of the match ended goalless. Dhaka University made their presence felt in the very fifth minute of play when the



I A NAQIB

Customs custodian Moshleuddin had a real hard time in saving a beautiful Johnny header.

In the 15th minute, Naqib deprived the students of a sure goal when he failed to place the ball into an open net.

In the 35th minute, Naqib passed the ball to Roxy inside the opponents' box but the latter's powerful shot just missed the target.

Naqib, the Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club striker, wasted another golden chance of taking his side ahead two minutes from the lemon-break. After dodging past two Customs defenders he shot the ball over the bar from close.

Naqib goofed up once again a couple of minutes before this move. Three minutes into the

second half another DU attempt brought no result as there was nobody to slam home a neatly placed Naqib minus.

In the 73rd minute, Aslam of Customs ran into the opponents' box but a timely intervention by goalkeeper Kanan thwarted the Customs' hope.

The long cherished University goal finally came in the 75th minute. The fleet-footed national winger Shabbir sent a measured lob from a free-kick and Rakib, substituting for Johnny, made no mistake in placing the ball home (1-0).

Naqib, who wasted several chances, sealed the fate of the match in favour of Dhaka University by scoring the second goal two minutes from time.

Titu floated a cross from the left flank which came Naqib's way after hitting the post and Naqib easily slammed the ball home (2-0).

F I Kamal and Tushar Barua of Customs and Tito of Dhaka University received the yellow cards from referee Shaikh Badruddin.

TEAMS

Dhaka University: Kanan, Kaiser Hamid, Jewel, Ata, Pappu, Johnny (Rakib), Rupu, Tito, Roxy, Shabbir and Naqib.

Customs: Moshleuddin, Ram Lal, Kamal Pasha, Dipak Kumar, F I Kamal, Khasru (Babu), Sujit, Tushar Barua, Afsar, Salahuddin and Aslam. Referee: Sk Badruddin.

Pak squad for Aussie, NZ tour

ISLAMABAD, Nov 14: Pakistan have kept faith with the squad they used during this year's Test series triumph in England for their tours of Australia and New Zealand starting at the end of the month, reports Reuter.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) named a party of 15 on Friday to be captained by Javed Miandad but with Rameez Raja replacing Salim Malik as vice captain.

Only two of the squad did not tour England — batsmen Saeed Anwar and Shahid Saeed.

Opener Shoaib Mohammad and wicketkeeper Moin Khan, who both played in the Test series which Pakistan won 2-1, have been made stand-by players.

Pakistan open the first leg of their tour in Australia on November 29, and their itinerary includes the limited overs World Series Cup with the host country and West Indies.

In New Zealand, World Cup holders Pakistan play three one-day internationals on December 27, 29 and 31 and one Test match from January 2 to 7.

Squad: Javed Miandad (captain), Rameez Raja, Salim Malik, Amir Sohail, Inzamamul Haq, Wasim Akram, Asif Mujtaba, Waqar Younis, Naveed Anjum, Aaqib Javed, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aftab Rehman, Rashid Latif, Saeed Anwar, Shahid Saeed.



Kapil Dev (R), the Indian all-rounder, bowls to South Africa's Jonty Rhodes in the first cricket Test in Durban on Friday. South Africa batted first scoring 215 runs for the loss of 7 wickets at the end of the first day's play. — AFP photo.

Indians totter on 128 for 6

DURBAN, Nov 14: South African cricketers ended their historic first innings against India with a disappointing 254 runs Saturday but hit back by grabbing six Indian wickets for 128, reports AP.

On the second day of the first official cricket test, play was stopped an hour ahead of schedule because of darkness with Praveen Amre still on at 39 and Manoj Prabhakar yet to score.

The South Africans began the day on 215 for seven, buoyed by captain Kepler Wessels' century Friday and Jonty Rhodes' 41 runs. They didn't last long after Meyrick Pringle scored 33, including two successive sixes, before being leg before wicket to Kapil Dev.

Dave Richardson managed just 15, while Allan Donald contributed just one run before the South Africans were bowled out.

The Indians started out slowly when opener Ravi Shastri failed to score a single run off 53 balls. Even the South African fans cheered when Shastri opened his account off Pringle, but he was out on 14, leg before wicket to an inswinger from the same bowler.

Sanjay Manjrekar, who scored a Test century in Zimbabwe recently, suffered a similar fate at the hands of Brian McMillan.

Captain Mohammed Azharuddin and debutant Praveen Amre resisted the host bowlers, putting on 89. Peter Kirsten dropped Azharuddin

on 34, failing to make a scoop that should have been relatively easy for the fielder. The match is historic for two reasons. It marks the first official Test between South Africa and India since South Africa's readmission to world cricket after a two-decade ban to protest apartheid.

It also was marked Saturday by the first use of a third umpire in an official test. The third man, Karl Liebenberg, was called upon in the stands when the leg umpire was unsure if a throw by Rhodes got out Sachin Tendulkar. Liebenberg watched a televised replay and called Tendulkar out.

The third umpire is being used in this Test on an experimental basis, and the concept

could become a regular part of international cricket.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second day of the first cricket Test between South Africa and India on Saturday:
South Africa: First innings (overnight 215 for seven)

INDIA: First innings
R J Shastri lbw b Pringle 14
A D Jadeja c McMillan b Schultz 3
S V Manjrekar lbw b McMillan 0
S R Tendulkar run out 11
M A Azharuddin run out 36
P K Amre not out 39
Kapil Dev c Richardson b McMillan 2
M Prabhakar not out 0
Extras: (b1, lb6, w2, ne14) 23
Total: (six wickets) 128
Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-22; 3-38; 4-38; 5-125; 6-127.

Bowling: O M R W
Kapil Dev 22 6 43 3
Prabhakar 24 4 7 47 2
Srinath 18 3 69 1
Kumble 28 8 51 2
Shastri 11 1 38 2



PRAVEEN AMRE ... testing his helmet.

Wins for Wari, City, Agrani

Sports Reporter

Wari Club, Agrani Bank and City Club won their respective matches in a packed day's schedule of the Milnars First Division cricket league at different venues around the city yesterday.

In the day's closest encounter Wari Club beat Sadharan Bima Kirta Sangstha at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium by 13 runs.

A swashbuckling 52 not out by Tareq and 40 by Didar helped Wari to overcome an indifferent start following Bima skipper Towab's decision to send Wari to bat first.

Tareq played 41 balls and hit one sixer and four boundaries while Didar took 49 balls for his knock of 40. Ripon was the other notable scorer with 28 although a number of Wari batsmen got into the double figures to take the total to 211 for the loss of seven wickets at the end of the stipulated quota of 45 overs.

Ismail, the Bima newball bowler, bagged two wickets while Ratan, Litu and Halim Babu picked up one each.

An enterprising innings of 58 by opener Towab realised an opening stand of 71 runs in 16.3 overs as Kiran, the other opener, chipped in with 33. Towab hit four fours and a six in his 76-ball knock before being caught and bowled by Lahu.

Dear, the Bima one-down batsman, sustained the tempo with a brisk 20 but things fell apart after that as two wickets fell on the score of 137. Nakib and Halim Babu got into the double figures but the insurancemen were all out for 198 in 42.5 overs.

Lahu did the most damage by claiming three Bima wickets for 27. Arif took two for 44 while Bidyut, Zia and Ripon

bagged one each.
CITY BEAT RLY
On a day of high scores City Club, chasing a victory target of

Four wickets were down for 108 as Gautam, Moni and Tinku left cheaply but three good knocks by late order batsmen made all the difference between winning and losing for City.

Nahid took over from opener Ujjal who had left for 46, the highest individual score of the City innings.

Nahid made 34 off 49 balls reaching the fence thrice in the process.

Salahuddin, who took three wickets, remained unbeaten on 29 while Al-Amin smashed a quick 26, also unbeaten with the help of three fours and one sixer, as City posted 231 for six wickets in 42.4 overs.

AGRANI WIN
Agrani Bank, starred by two useful knocks — one by skipper plus opener plus stumper Anwar and the other by Azam — overhauled the Eskaton score of 199 in 37.5 overs to walks away with a thumping seven-wicket victory — the biggest victory margin of the day, at the Dhaka Stadium.

The victory target of 200 was set following Eskaton's 42-over innings of 199 for eight, where opener Opi top scored with 77 embellished with eight fours and two sixes. Sohail with 20 was the other principal scorer.

Atiq as the highest wicket-taker for the bankers taking three for 22. Veteran Jogesh bagged two for 35.

He was ably assisted by Azam who remained unbeaten at the kill with 71, made off 101 with the help of five fours.

Kaiser was the other batsman to remain unconquered when victory was achieved, for the loss of three wickets only.

Cornell, Zahid and Opi picked up one wicket each.

TODAY'S MATCH
Lalmatia vs Evergreen (Dhaka Stadium)

Ujjal and Zakir gave City an ideal start for a hot chase as 41 runs were put on the board in only 6.5 overs before skipper Zakir was trapped leg before by Suman for 21.

TV tells truth about Tendulkar

DURBAN, South Africa, Nov 14: Sachin Tendulkar, India's teenaged batting genius, became the first person to be dismissed by television evidence mid-way through the second day of the first Test against South Africa on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Tendulkar, on 11, chanced a quick single to Jonty Rhodes at backward point. Partner Ravi Shastri wisely sent him back and Rhodes, a renowned fielder, threw to the stumps where short leg Andrew Hudson had moved in smartly to break the wicket.

Square leg umpire Cyril Mitchley, a South African, signalled the shape of a box — or TV set — to his compatriot Karl Liebenberg in the umpire's glass box.

There was a short pause while the replay was run. It clearly showed Tendulkar was out and the green light bulb by Liebenberg's box lit up to the biggest roar of the Test so far.

Tendulkar's departure left India, replying to South Africa's 254 all out, in trouble at 38 for three.

Three balls later their predicament worsened when Shastri was leg before with no further addition to the score.

Galatasaray, Roma fined by UEFA

BERNE, Nov 14: Galatasaray of Turkey and Italy's Roma were fined heavily by the European Football Union (UEFA) on Friday for crowd trouble, reports Reuter.

Galatasaray were fined 52,000 Swiss francs (34,360 dollar) because their fans threw fireworks and missiles in each leg of their UEFA Cup second round tie against Eintracht Frankfurt of Germany on October 21 and November 4.

Roma's fine of 50,000 francs (33,000 dollar) was for similar crowd misbehaviour in the UEFA competition against Grasshopper of Switzerland on the same dates.

A further 33 clubs were punished for either player or fan misbehaviour with fines totalling nearly 200,000 francs (132,000 dollars).

Among players suspended for violent conduct were: Three matches — David Hirst (Sheffield Wednesday, England), Ismail Kartal and Gerson Candido (both Fenerbahce, Turkey) and Igor Simutenkov (Dynamo Moscow, Russia).

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Japan power past Netherlands

OSAKA, Japan, Nov 14: Japan pulled off an upset victory over the Netherlands here Saturday, setting up a clash in the final against Olympic champions Brazil at the World Super Four volleyball tournament, reports AP.

The Japanese spikers, sixth at Barcelona, powered past the Olympic silver medalists 3-0 (15-8, 15-7, 15-5) in the semi-final to cheer up the capacity crowd at the Osaka prefectural gymnasium.

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Cricket-fever grips South Africa

DURBAN, South Africa, Nov 14: If sport was meant to bring nations and people closer, India's cricket tour of South Africa is breaking new grounds, reports AP.

The Indian's first visit to the republic is less than a month old, but the honeymoon shows no signs of abating.

Memories of the dark days of apartheid are relegated to the background as people of all colour and creed lay out the red carpet for the path-breaking Indians, the first official team to tour South Africa in 22 years.

Awe-struck fans gape at the cricketers at airports and banquets as if they belong to another world, or are "animals in a zoo" as a senator Indian player put it.

Autograph hunting has become a national pastime among the Afrikaners, Indians, and even the soccer-crazy blacks, who see the tour as the opening of a new world around them.

Dinner invitations have become so commonplace that a worried team management has been forced to cancel a few, including one by their official sponsors Air India.

"The enthusiasm is understandable, but one must realise we are here to play cricket and not on a holiday," says tour manager Amrit Mathur, whose wit and humour at official banquets have won him friends and admirers galore.

"A function a week is what we have requested, so that the business of playing cricket is not affected," he said.

THEY ARE STILL INDIANS

For some 800,000 Indian migrants in the republic, the tour is like a dream come true as they see their favourite cricketers in person and get a chance to speak or be photographed with them.

Batting prodigy Sachin Tendulkar and star allrounder Kapil Dev top the popularity charts, but others like skipper Mohammad Azharuddin, the debonair Ravi Shastri and wicket-keeper Kiran More have their own fan following.

"I did it, I did it," gushed Rashida Patel, a 17-year-old Durban schoolgirl, proudly to

her friend after planting a kiss on More's cheek during the motorcade ride from the airport to the city centre on November 10.

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Steve Waugh back in reckoning

HOBART, Nov 14: Steve Waugh increased his claims for a Test recall with an unbeaten 76 for an Australian XI on the opening day of a four-day match against West Indies on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Waugh topscored as the home side, a mixture of established Test players and young hopefuls, reached 261 for five by the close.

His innings heated up the battle of the Waughes with the place of Steve's brothers Mark in the national squad looking shaky after a disastrous tour to Sri Lanka where he made four successive ducks in the Tests.

Steve played 44 Tests before being replaced in the Australian side by Mark in January 1990.

He lost his Test place due to problems with the short ball directed at his body but on Saturday survived a rigorous examination from fast bowlers Ian Bishop and Kenneth Benjamin.

The 27-year-old struck five boundaries and preferred to duck out of trouble rather than attempt to play the short ball down to his feet.

While Waugh helped his chances of winning a middle-order spot, Matthew Hayden

gained the upper hand in the battle with Wayne Phillips for the opener's role.

Hayden outshone his partner in a stand of 88 for the first wicket, compiling an as-

for 58 off 28 overs.

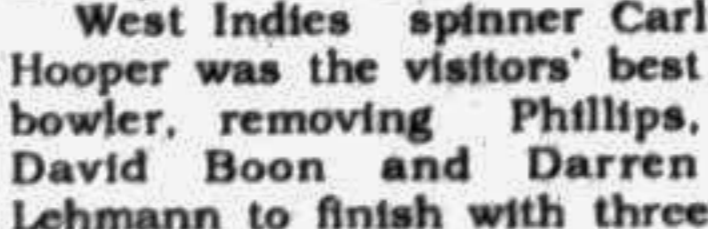
Strike bowler Bishop was plagued by no-ball problems and conceded 70 runs without taking a wicket in his 19 overs.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the opening day of a four-day cricket match between an Australian XI and West Indies on Saturday:
AUSTRALIAN XI: First innings
W Phillips c Simmons b Hooper 40
M Hayden c Logie b Benjamin 46
D Boon c Simmons b Hooper 9
S Waugh not out 76
D Martyn run out 39
D Lehmann b Hooper 16
I Healy not out 13
Extras (b-4, lb-5, nb-13) 22
Total (for five wickets) 261
Fall of wickets: 1-88; 2-99; 3-110; 4-206; 5-233.

To bat: G Matthews, M Hughes, D Freedman, S Warner
Bowling: O M R W
Bishop 19 2 70 0
Benjamin 20 3 56 1
Cummins 19 4 47 0
Hooper 28 5 58 3
Adams 6 0 21 0

WEST INDIES: Desmond Haynes, Phil Simmons, Richie Richardson, Keith Arthurton, Jimmy Adams, Gus Logie, Carl Hooper, Junior Murray, Ian Bishop, Anderson Cummins, Kenneth Benjamin.

Steve Waugh ... 76 not out



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