

Sport

Pakistan beat Zimbabwe

HARARE, Mar 2: Pakistan beat Zimbabwe by seven wickets in their one-day cricket international here today, reports AP.

Pakistan overhauled Zimbabwe's total of 164 in the 48th over with Javed Miandad undefeated on 86.

SCOREBOARD

Scores from the Zimbabwe vs Pakistan one-day cricket international here on Tuesday:

ZIMBABWE:

A Flower c and b Mushtaq	10
G Flower c Sohal b Mushtaq	35
K Arnott run out	17
D Houghton lbw b Waqar Younis	51
O Brian c Rashid	0
Latif b Mushtaq	0
M Dekker c Latif b Aaqib	16
Javed	0
A Shah c Shoaib Mohammed b Wasim Akram	0
S Peal c Latif b Waqar Younis	3
E Brandes b Waqar Younis	5
D Brain b Wasim Akram	1
J Traicos not out	0
Extras: (2b, 7lb, 13w, 4nb)	26
Total: (49.1 overs)	164
Fall of wickets: 1-55; 2-60; 3-92; 4-92; 5-140; 6-141; 7-153; 8-160; 9-164.	

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Mushtaq	10	2	22	3
Sohal	10	0	30	0
Aaqib	10	1	32	1
Akram	10	0	35	2
Waqar	8.1	1	31	3
Mujtaba	1	0	5	0

PAKISTAN:

Aamir Sohal c Brandes b Shah	15
Rameez Raja c G Flower b Brandes	0
Shoaib Mohammed c Traicos b Brain	43
Javed Miandad not out	86
Zahid Fazal not out	8
Extras: (2b, 31lb, 7w, 1NB)	165
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-27; 3-142.	

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Brandes	8.2	1	32	1
Brain	10	3	29	1
Shah	10	0	26	1
Traicos	10	1	29	0
Peal	9	0	43	0

Umpires: K Kanjee and ID Robinson.

Moni, Masum fall in semis

Sports Reporter

Despite a brave performance Enamul Haq Moni and Zahid Razaque Masum failed to reach the final of the South Asian double-wicket cricket championship held on February 28 in Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday.

Moni and Masum, who returned home yesterday, lost to the Sri Lankan Test playing pair of Sanath Jayasuriya and Asanka Gurusingha in the semifinals by 22 runs.

The Sri Lankan Blues comprising the Test captain Arjuna Ranatunga and former captain Aravinda De Silva won the Championship beating Jayasuriya and Gurusingha in the final.

However, in the semifinal against the Lankans, Moni had to bat alone since his partner Masum was sidelined with an arm injury.

In reply to 64 runs made by the Lankans, Moni scored 42 in six overs.

Earlier, in the quarterfinals, the Bangladeshi duo eliminated the Indian pair of Subrata Banerjee and Rahul Dravid.

Moni and Masum made 34 and were out just once while the Indians, who were dismissed nine times, scored minus 10 runs.

Bangladesh's semifinal encounter was marked by some lusty hitting from the left-handed Biman all-rounder Moni.

In a letter written to the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board vice-president Raisuddin Ahmed, the president of the Moratuwa Sports Club, the organisers of the meet, praised the Bangladeshi players and termed their missing the final as "sheer bad luck".

He also hoped that Bangladesh would be able to play Test cricket soon.

Seven pairs representing four South Asian countries participated in the day long meet.

The Pakistan Blues comprised former Test players Akram Raza and Ijaz Ahmed while the Pakistan Reds featured Manzoor Elahi and Sajjad Akbar.

Apart from Banerjee and Dravid, the two other Indians who played in the double-wicket tournament were Test players Chetan Sharma and Ajay Jadeja.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board under-19 squad returns home today after taking part in a Silver Jubilee tournament in Birganj, Nepal.

The Bangladesh youth team lost to the Patna Cricket Association by a solitary run in their very first encounter on February 26.

Battling first, Patna were restricted to 129 while the BCCB-XI were all out for 128.

Navana super league from today

Abahani meet Brothers

Sports Reporter

The Navana Premier Division cricket super league begins today with the first leg champions

Abahani Krita Chakra taking on Brothers Union at the Dhaka Stadium.

Six top teams of the first leg will compete in the super league. The other four teams are defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club, Gulshan Youth Club, the Greater Mymensingh Cricket Club (GMCC) and Bangladesh Biman.

Abahani, who have 18 points from 10 matches, are in an advantageous position, two points clear of their nearest challengers arch-rivals Mohammedans and Gulshan Youth who both have 16 points each. GMCC, Biman and Brothers have 14, 12 and 10 points respectively.

Mohammedans will play their first super league match against Bangladesh Biman tomorrow.

Mohammedans lost to Biman and Abahani in the first leg while Abahani tasted their lone defeat at the hands of GMCC.

According to the fixture, the Abahani-Mohammedans return leg contest will be held on March 18.

Meanwhile, the Navana relegation league comprising the last five finishers of the 11-team first round will also begin today with Surja Tarun Club

POINTS TABLE

Following is the points table of the Navana Premier Division cricket league after the completion of the first-leg matches:

	M	W	L	Pts
Abahani	10	9	1	18
Mohammedans	10	8	2	16
Gulshan	10	8	2	16
GMCC	10	7	3	14
Biman	10	6	4	12
Brothers	10	5	5	10
Udity	10	4	6	8
S Tarun	10	3	7	6
Victoria	10	3	7	6
Kalabagan	10	3	7	6
[PWD]	10	0	10	0

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Meanwhile, the BCCB has suspended national player Selim Shahed of Victoria for one match for his unsporting behaviour in their match against Brothers Union on February 18.

Selim Shahed had protested a caught behind decision and angrily left the

FIXTURE

Following is the fixture of the super league:

March 3	Abahani KC	vs	Brothers Union
March 4	Mohammedan SC	vs	Bangladesh Biman
March 5	Gulshan Youth	vs	GMCC
March 6	Abahani KC	vs	Bangladesh Biman
March 7	Mohammedan SC	vs	GMCC
March 8	Gulshan Youth	vs	Brothers Union
March 9	Abahani KC	vs	GMCC
March 10	Mohammedan SC	vs	Gulshan Youth
March 11	Bangladesh Biman	vs	Brothers Union
March 12	Abahani KC	vs	Gulshan Youth
March 13	Mohammedan SC	vs	Brothers Union
March 14	GMCC	vs	Bangladesh Biman
Rest Day			GMCC
March 16	Brothers Union	vs	Bangladesh Biman
March 17	Gulshan Youth	vs	Bangladesh Biman
March 18	Abahani KC	vs	Mohammedan SC

BCCI bothered by crowd trouble

JAMSHEDPUR, India, Mar 2: Indian officials are trying to prevent a repeat of Monday's crowd trouble in the last two one-day cricket internationals against England, reports Reuter.

We will be taking measures to ensure it does not happen next time they play here, including having policemen in the crowd.

We will also be considering ways to prevent a repeat in the next two [one-day] matches in Gwalior [on Thursday and Friday].

Fletcher, who will be looking carefully at precautions in Gwalior, said: It is not going to be too long before someone gets seriously injured in this country.

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comments to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Smith spoke to BCCI joint secretary J Y Lele, who was at the match and told Reuters afterwards: We are taking it very seriously.

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De Freitas was hit by a radio battery.

Volunteer stewards were in charge of preventing pitch invasions on Monday, and Lele said he thought the trouble arose because the crowd did not like the way the stewards beat spectators who jumped the barbed-wire fence and got on to the playing area.

They can accept beatings from authority, like the police, but not from volunteers, added Lele.

If they want to beat them they should take them outside and do it.

Div II cricket

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Wanderers Club filled in the tenth and final berth of the Second Division cricket super league when they defeated DOHS Club in a play-off match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The nine other clubs who have already qualified for the super league are Amarjyoti Club, Shantinagar Club B, Three Star Club, Nirman XI, Wari Krita Chakra, Ajax Sports Club, Gandaria Cricketers, Bangladesh Boys and Young Pegasus Club A.

The ten teams, split into two groups, will play in the super league with the group champions earning promotion to the First Division league next year.

The super league begins on March 5 with Amarjyoti Club playing Shantinagar B at the Dhanmondi Club ground and Ajax Sports Club meeting Wanderers Club at the Mirpur Pallabi ground.

In yesterday's match, clecting to bat, DOHS made 172 for the loss of nine wickets in the allotted 35 overs with Pappu topscoring with 63. Atique made 41 and Sobel and Shantoo 10 each.

Rana with four wickets for 41 was most successful of the Wanderers bowlers while Nitai chipped in with two for 22.

Wanderers were home and dry making 173 in 33.5 overs with four wickets to spare.

Gouri remained unconquered on 51 while Rana, Jahangir and Chanchal got 33, 30 and 16 respectively.

Shantoo, Pappu, Taslim and Sobel took one wicket apiece for DOHS Club.

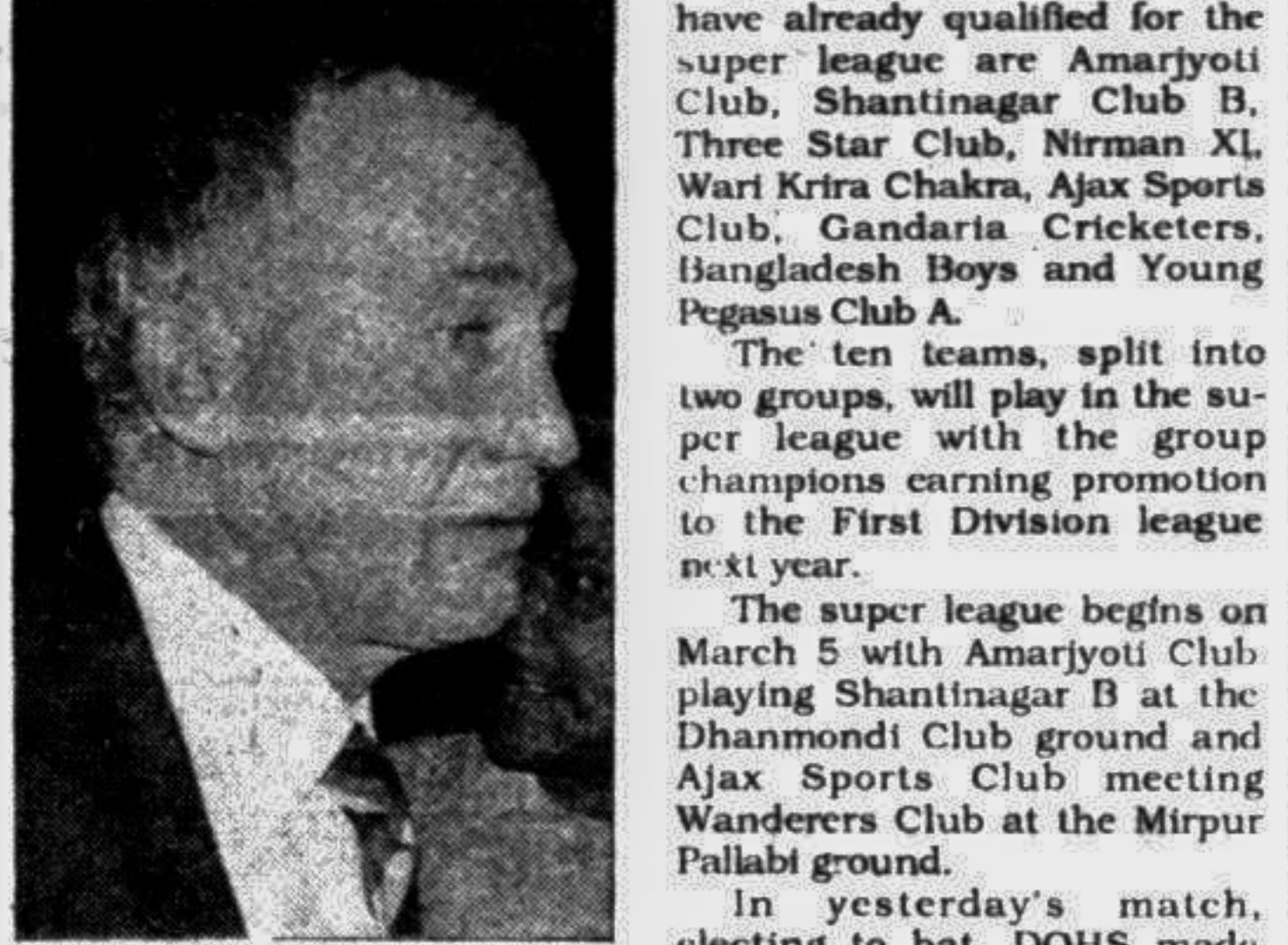
S Huda dead

Sports Reporter

Former vice-president and secretary of Wari Club and founder of Mirpur City Club Shamsul Huda died of old age complications late Saturday night, says a press release.

Wari Club will arrange a milad mahfil tomorrow, March 4 at its club premises in Motijheel to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

Sportslovers and club officials have been asked to attend the milad on time.



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ask fielders to stand close to the boundary because they might get hurt. With the World Cup coming up (in 1996) they will have to get their act together.

The incident involving Malcolm was just one of a series in which Indian players, to a lesser extent, were also bombarded along with officials and photographers.

It follows similar trouble in previous matches. In Friday's one-day game in Bangalore, England's fielders were pelted with fruit and cold curry while in the Bombay Test, Phillip

Obituary

Sports Reporter

Anguri Begum, mother of the Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation secretary and a vice-president of Arambagh Krita Sangha Tabur Rahman, died yesterday of old age complications, says a press release.

She was 70.

Anguri Begum left behind five sons, six daughters and a good number of grand children to mourn her death.

Arambagh Krita Sangha in a press release yesterday expressed deep shock at her demise and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.



Action from yesterday's Pioneer league encounter between Arambagh KC and Amligola Tarun Sangha at the Outer Stadium. Amligola edged Arambagh by a solitary goal. —Star photo

Close call

NEW DELHI, Mar 2: A jetliner carrying the English and Indian cricket teams made an emergency landing Tuesday at New Delhi airport after colliding with a bird, officials said, reports AP.

The cricketers were unaware of the accident until after the plane had come to a standstill and the pilot announced what had happened. No one was injured.

The bird caused a malfunction in the hydraulic system, which operates the aircraft's wheels after take off and before landing, said a senior police officer.

However, the pilot managed to lower the wheels and land normally, as fire engines and support vehicles waited on the runway, said AK Sivanandan, the Indian Airlines spokesman.

"Everything went off smoothly," he said.

The Boeing 737 was 50 miles (80 kilometers) from the airport at an altitude of 2,500 feet (750 meters) when it was hit by the bird under the right wing, said the police officer, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The cricketers were returning from the eastern city of Jamshedpur where England won a one day international match on Monday.

The players and managers were not immediately available for comment.

The English team, ending a nine-week tour, plays its last matches—two one-day international games—in the central India city of Gwalior on Thursday and Friday.

Reid may miss Ashes tour

PERTH, Mar 2: Australian fast bowler Bruce Reid is unlikely to join the Ashes tour of England starting in May after he suffered an injury to his left shoulder at the weekend, reports Reuter.

"He found he was unable to bowl with any fast pace... he could bowl at a reasonable pace, but when he tried to step the pace up his shoulder would give way," West Australian state coach Terry Alderman told Reuters.

"It would appear that he has ruled himself out of the England tour."

Alderman said Reid was unlikely to be match-fit for the rest of the Australian season, which finishes at the end of March.

Reid, who turns 30 this month, bowled six overs in a local Perth club match before pain in his troublesome bowling shoulder forced him from the field. It was his first game in an attempt to return to first-class cricket to earn selection for the tour.

Reid's career has been plagued by injuries. He has not played a full season since the summer of 1986-87, when he first consolidated his Test place.

Since then, the West Australian has suffered two major breakdowns with his back, as well as a succession of ankle, rib, shoulder and heel injuries.

Reid injured his left shoulder after the drawn first Test against the West Indies in November, when he took seven wickets for 151 runs off 53 overs.

Umpires' course

Sports Reporter

A refresher's course for the hockey umpires under the aegis of the Hockey Umpires' Board will be held on March 7 at 3.30 pm at the Bangladesh Hockey Federation office, says a press release.

Board umpires have been asked to be present on time.

Pioneer soccer

Sports Reporter

Aziz slammed a hat-trick when Tejgaon Naba Taranga Krita Chakra outplayed Kurmitola Apollo Club in the Junata Bank Pioneer football league at the Banani ground yesterday.

Rafiq scored the other goal for the winners.

Sarwar Hossain of Kurmitola Apollo received the yellow card.

Following are the brief results of the other matches of the day:

Central zone: Painadi Pragati Juba Sangsad defeated Goran Barnali Sangsad 4-1; Matuall Udayan Sangsad beat Kamalapur Sangha 2-0 and Samaj Kallyan and Krita Sangha Mugda edged past Titus Sporting Club 1-0.

West zone: Amligola Tarun Sangha beat Arambagh KC (Jrs) 1-0.

North zone: Nakhpara Juba Kallyan Sangha drew goalless with Jatrabari KC and Rampura Natun Kuri Sangsad beat Rising Star Club 1-0.

South zone: Aputra Juba Sangha shared points with MSPCC in a scoreless draw.

East zone: Anirban Sangsad edged past Sutrapur SC 1-0; Maniknagar Unnayan Samity drew goalless with Nawabpur Sporting Club and Railway Blues beat Abakash Tarun Sangha by a solitary goal.

Lodhi earns his GM norm

Sports Reporter

Pakistan International Master Mahmud Ahmed Khan Lodhi reached his cherished goal while chess tournament at Purbani hotel yesterday.

The jovial Pathan completed an eleven-round GM norm and retained his position at the top of the points table when he beat Indian Varugese



Reefat bin-Sattar, who earned his International Master's norm, moves his bishop to e4 during his tenth-round match against English GM David Norwood in the United Insurance Grandmasters' chess tournament at the Jalsaghar of Purbani hotel yesterday. Reefat's hopes of earning a GM norm were dashed when Norwood checkmated him in 50 moves. —Star photo



bin-Sattar stumbled in the tenth round of the United Insurance Grandmasters' chess tournament.



M A K LODHI

3 share lead in Linares

LINARES, Spain, Mar 2: World champion Gari Kasparov consolidated his position as joint leader in the Linares Grandmaster chess tournament on Monday with an emphatic win against Russian Evgeny Bareev in 34 moves, reports Reuter.

Kasparov, playing white, surprised his opponent with the unusual tactic of advancing his bishop on the second move, frustrating hours of careful preparation by Bareev.

Although Bareev managed to reach an equal position, he ran short of time, and rushed his 30th and 31st moves.

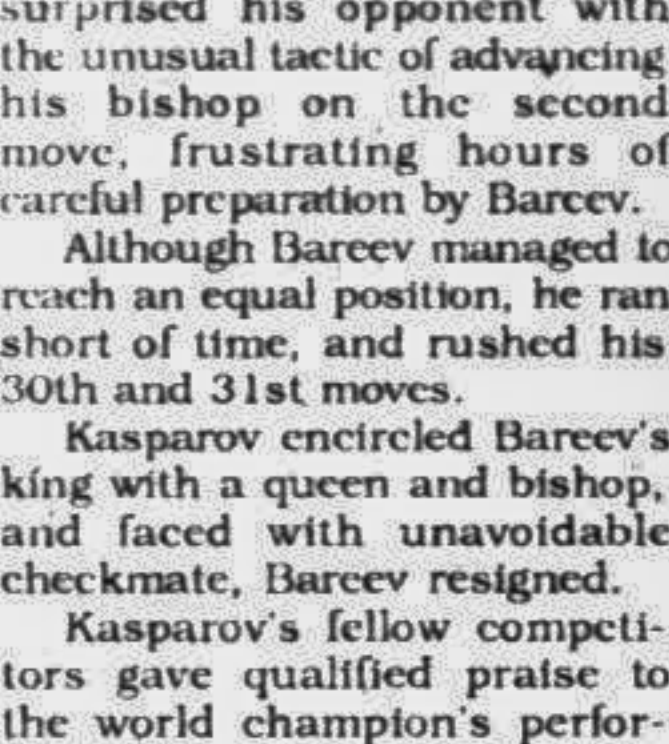
Kasparov encircled Bareev's king with a queen and bishop, and faced with unavoidable checkmate, Bareev resigned.

Kasparov's fellow competitors gave qualified praise to the world champion's performance. "It was not the most impressive game, but it was a good win," said Dutch Grandmaster Jan Timman.

"I have seen better games, but points do not always come beautifully," Indian star Viswanathan Anand added.

Anand, who beat Boris Gelfand in 40 moves, and outsider Alexander Belyavsky are sharing the lead with Kasparov on three and a half points from five games.

Anand sacrificed piece on his 9th move in return for a strong attack. Belyavsky could find nothing better than giving



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up a rook and trying unsuccessfully to draw.

Belyavsky, 39 and ranked 42 in the world, beat 7th-ranked Latvian Alexei Shirov, 20 in 52 moves.

Ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov slipped behind the leaders when he failed to beat tail ender Vassily Ivanchuk. A draw was agreed after 42 moves.

Norwood now has six points from nine matches while Reefat has six and a half points from nine matches too.

Indian GM Dibyandu Barua defeated Bangladesh FM Ziaur Rahman in a match that lasted 42 moves. The bespectacled Indian GM, who had earlier fallen in a rut, played with black in a game of the Reti system.

Barua now has four points from ten matches. Notwithstanding the defeat, Zia stays clear of his victor with four and a half points.

IM Zillur Rahman Champak suffered a now routine defeat yesterday to Indian IM Neeraj Kumar Mishra.

Played in the Taimanov defence, the game saw the culmination in 49 moves.

Mishra has four points while Champak remains at the bottom with half a point.

The match between Bangladesh GM Niaz Mursheed and British GM Daniel King was adjourned after 61 moves. The match resumes today, a rest day, at 9 am.

The deferred first round match between Niaz and Julian Hodgson is also scheduled for 3 pm today.

King has so far collected six points from nine ties while Niaz has five from eight matches.

Jet lag adds to Russians' woes

SYDNEY, Mar 2: A revamped Russian team will have to contend with extra jet lag as it prepares for its opening match Saturday against Cameroon in the world youth soccer championship, reports AP.

The Russian squad was due to arrive in Australia on Tuesday but missed a connecting flight in Singapore. The team will now fly into Sydney, en-route to Canberra, on Wednesday morning.

Russia, one of Australia's Group A opponents in the tournament will have just over 72 hours to acclimatize and prepare for their first match against Cameroon in Australia's federal capital.

Australia play Russia at the Sydney Football Stadium next Monday. The host team will be keen to avenge defeat by the then Soviet Union in the play off for third place at the last youth championship in Portugal in 1990.

The delay could severely disadvantage the Russians, who will be playing out of season in relatively hot temperatures. They will also be without

name players such as Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Nick Barry.

England and Turkey are expected to fight out Group C, but United States coach Bobby Howe warned not to underestimate his side's chances in the Melbourne group.

Soon after arriving Tuesday, Howe promised his side would not be overawed by the Europeans.

Volleyball results

Sports Reporter

Chand Textiles Mills and Agrani Club won their respective matches of the qualifying round for the Dhaka Metropolitan Second Division volleyball league at the Outer Stadium volleyball court yesterday.

Chand Textiles outplayed Christian Youth Club 15-2, 15-3, 15-3 while Agrani Club eliminated Physical Training Centre 15-1, 15-11, 15-4 yesterday.

Four teams are participating in the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation organised meet which concludes today.