Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) XI lost to Al-Arabi Sports Club by two goals to nil in an exhibition soccer match in the Qatari capital Doha late Saturday night, according to a message received in Dhaka

Al-Arabi Club, with players from Ghana and Nigeria in their ranks, scored once in each half.

The exhibition match was arranged to mark the retirement of Qatari national striker Abdullah Saad, a star of the Al-Arabi Club.

Al-Arabi Club, the organisers of the match, bore all expenses of the Bangladesh team. The BFF team will return home this morning.

Pak cricket club team due today

Sports Reporter

A 17-member Karachi Airport Gymkhana cricket team arrives in the city this evening on a ten-day goodwill tour to play a number of exhibition matches in and outside the capital

Former Pakistani Test paceman Rashid Khan will lead the visitors while Rizwan-uz-Zaman is another Test discard who will be in the team.

The full squad is: Rashid Khan, Rizwan-uz-Zaman, Zahid Ahmad, Asif Mohammad, Jafar Ahmed, Kaiser Rashid, Mohammad Javed, Parvez-ul-Hassan, Shahabuddin, Sajid Riaz, Tahir Nissar, Mohammad Ashraf, Omar Masud, Zulfigar and Shabir Gangat.

M Salimullah and SI Haidar are the two team officials.

The visitors will open their campaign by playing against Mohammedan Sporting Club, runners up of the just-concluded Navana Premier Division league, on Tuesday, March 30 at the Dhaka Stadium.

The tourists from Pakistan will then go all the way to Sylhet to play the second of five limited-over matches against the BCCB President's XI on April 1. Faruque Ahmed, a stylist batsman who plays for league champions Abahani Krira Chakra, will lead that side. The other players are Nurul Abedin Novel, Harun-ur-Rashid Liton, Athar Ali Khan, Sarwar Hossain, Habibul Bashar Suman, Azhar Hossain Shantoo, Debashish Barua, Asil Omar Belim, Golam Nawsher Prince, Jahangir Alam, Joydev Basak, Javed Omar Belim Golla and Naimur Rahman Durjoy

Champions Abahani will then play the touring team at the Dhaka Stadium on April 2.

Airport Gymkhana will take on the BCCB under-25 selection in Khulna on April 4 National all-rounder Aminul Islam Bulbul will captain the youth team. The other members are Jahangir Alam, Sajjad Ahmed Shipon, Akram Khan, Khaled Mahmud Sujan, Sheikh Salahuddin, Al-Shahriar, Khaled Masud, Sharfuddowla Ibne Shaheed Saikat, Saiful Islam, Zakir Hassan, Naimur Rashid Durjoy, Mizanur Rahman and Sajid Hassan.

The visitors will play their last match against a Navana XI on April 6 - a combination of local and foreign players who played in the Navana Premier Division league.

Meanwhile, the BCCB has fixed the rates of tickets for the three matches to be held at the Dhaka Stadtum as fol-

VIP Gate 1: Tk 100 VIP Gate 3A: Tk 50 VIP Gate 3B: Tk 30

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Following is the itinerary of Airport Gymkhana: March 30 : vs Mohammedan SC - Dhaka Stadium:

April 1 : vs BCCB President's XI - Sylhet Stadium. April 2 : vs Abahani KC -

April 4: vs BCCB under-25 Khulna Stadtum.

Dhaka Stadium.

April 6 : vs Navana XI -Dhaka Stadium.

Office-bearers

Sports Reporter

Manzur Morshed and Principal KM Rahman Bappi have been elected president and secretary respectively of the first regular committee of the Bangladesh Martial Arts Ins tructors' Welfare Society (BMAIWS), says a press re-

The four vice-presidents are Khaled Mansur Chowdhury Anwar bin Zulgarnain, Rafigul Islam Newton and Masud Parvez.

Following are the other office-bearers: Nazmul Hassan (Organising Secy), Abul Kalam Azad (Treasurer), Alamgir Shah (Asst Treasurer), Moazzem Hossain Sentu (International Affairs Secy), Manzur Monsur (Research Secy) Dewan Jamal (Publicity Secy) and Nazimuddin (Office Secy) while Farid Ahmed, Shahajada, Anwar, Abdul Kader, Shuja, Mahmudul Islam Rana, Tulu, Jugal, Jewel, Imran and Khokon are the members.

Preparation of team for ICC Trophy

Amarnath to coach our boys

Sports Reporter



the country, the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) is giving thoughts to the more serious business of preparing for the forth coming ICC Associate Members' Trophy, the qualifying meet for the 1996 World Cup.

With the format for the next World Cup - to be staged jointly by India, Pakistan and Shri Lanka - having been broadened to include 12 teams from the nine which played in the 1992 Cup in Australia-New Zealand, cricket fans in this country fancy Bangladesh stands a fair chance of booking one of the three berths to be filled by the Associate or non-Test-playing members of the Those three slots will be

decided following the ICC Trophy tournament in Kenya next February-March. The champion, runners-up and the winner of the play-off between the two losing semifinalists will join holders Pakistan, runners-up England, India, Shri Lanka, Australia, New Zealand, the West Indies, South Africa and Zimbabwe in the top limited-over competition in the 1995-96 season. Zimbabwe, who earned promotion to the elite Test Club only last year, was the qualifier from among the Associate Members in the past three World Cups.

While reports have been filtering in that some of the other aspirants for those three prized places - such as the Netherlands, Denmark, Bermuda and Malaysia — have already started their preparations, planning and undertaking foreign tours already, the

cricket authorities in this country have, for reasons best known to themselves, so far done little to reflect the ur-

gency of their priorities. However, it seems the BCCB has decided to start the ball



MAHINDER AMARNATH rolling at long last.

According to a board official, speaking to The Daily Star yesterday on condition o anonymity, a coaching camp to select the national team for the ICC Trophy will commence sometime late next month with about 50 players initially.

The board has reportedly succeeded in acquiring the services of former Indian allrounder Mohinder Amarnath to prepare the team going to Kenya next year. Although the senior BCCB

official did not divulge any details regarding the terms and conditions of its contract with Amarnath, the disclosure of his name puts to rest speculation about the choice of a coach. Until recently the BCCB was also considering appointing the former Pakistani allrounder Mudassar Nazar. But Mudassar, whose name was reportedly recommended to

some BCCB officials when they hired his services for the 1988 Wills Asia Cup tournament held in Dhaka by no less a person than Pakistani superstar Imran Khan, has since ruled himself out of contention by accepting appointment as coach of the Pakistani team now touring the

Experts in both India and coaches

help of local national coaches like Osman Khan and Md Altaf. The BCCB is yet to finalise the training programme but it

camp of 50 players will be pruned in phases on the basis of performances under the watchful gaze of the illustrious Indian Test player. According to observers, the

BCCB despite the delayed start to its preparations, can optimise the gains for the national cause by giving Amarnath a free hand in the selection of the final squad. Of course, the national selectors must also be the selection process in this country feel that unless Amarnath's final reading of player's worth is honoured and if our typical petty and partisan prejudices are allowed to come into play, no matter how good a coach is hired the performance of the team cannot quite be guaranteed.

Amarnath will also coach the young players under 19 years of age who will participate in the first World Youth cricket championship to be held next June in Malaysia.

The BCCB will make the preliminary selection of players to form the national and youth squads after the completion of the forthcoming national cricket championship beginning April 5.

West Indies.

Pakistan think highly of Amarnath and Mudassar as To accomplish his assign-

ment, Amarnath will get the

is understood that the initial

consulted. But those aware of

Independence Day Cup from Apr 4 Sports Reporter



Wari Club are likely to take on Sadharan Bima in the inaugural match of the 1993 Independence

Day Cup hockey tournament on April 4 at the Dhaka Hockey Stadtum, a senior official of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) told The Daily Star yesterday.

The twelve-day long tourney will feature 16 teams including 15 First Division Clubs. They are defending Senior Division league champions Mohammedan Sporting Club, last year's runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra, Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club, Ajax Sports Club, Usha Krira Chakra, Wari Club, Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha, Dhaka Ansars, Dhaka Wanderers Club, Bangladesh Sporting Club, Bangladesh Police, Bachelors Sporting Club, Sonali Bank Krira Sangstha, Azad Sporting Club, Bangladesh Railway. The other team in the

fray is Bangladesh Navy. The only First Division side to miss out this rather irregular tournament is the cashstrapped Bangladesh Public Works Department Sports

A regular feature of the early Seventies, the Independence Day tournament could not be held in the Eighties for reasons beyond

comprehension. Even the BHF officials

KLM Cup golf

Sports Reporter

inter-club golf tournament,

will be held at the Kurmitola

Golf Club course on Friday,

take on the Bhattary Golf and

Country Club, Chittagong in the

inaugural contest of this annual

competition, to be hosted by

the two clubs alternately in

line with the Europe versus

Marvelon-Organon Bangladesh

Limited and American Express

Bank are the co-sponsors of

AOC's audacious

venture

Australian Olympic Committee

ding for the rights to operate a

planned 200 million Australian

dollars (140 million US dol-

lars) casino in northern Qu-

eensland, the Sunday Tele-

graph newspaper reported.

The newspaper said the

AOC, a non-profit organisation

which raises funds to send

Australian athletes to the

Olympics, would invest several

partnership with an interna-

tional casino group.

reached for comment.

million dollars in the bid in

AOC officials could not be

(AOC) has joined a group bid-

SYDNEY, Mar 28: The

KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

America Ryder Cup format.

the tournament.

reports Reuter.

April 2, says a press release.

The KLM Challenge Cup, an

Kurmitola Golf Club will

failed to confirm when the

tourney was last held and who won the trophy. "We don't have enough

records to provide the press with the roll of honour", regretted the official. However, the official, spea

king on condition of anonymity, said that the federation officials would sort all the fields soon. The tournament, to be con-

ducted on a knock-out basis, is likely to come to an end on The two semifinals are

scheduled for April 11 and 12. The fixtures will be announced this evening after today's meeting of the tournament committee.

Fifty-thousand taka has been earmarked for the meet to be available from the federation's

Shah Sports Co Ltd, a local sports goods dealer, is likely to bear the expenses of the trophies and medals.

INVITATION

Meanwhile, the BHF is considering the invitation extended by the All India Sarjeet Singh memorial hockey tournament committee.

The international tourney, tenth of its kind, will be held from November 7 to 13 in

Jalandhar, Punjab. A Bangladesh squad, virtually the national team, which played under the banner of Dhaka XI in the last tournament, won only one match out of the five they played.

*Nevertheless they carned praise from the spectators. The invitation proves this point," the BHF official said. *Bangladesh will participate

in the tournament if there is no other international engagement," he said.

Bangladesh is scheduled to play in the final round of the Asian Cup hockey tournament in Japan during that period.

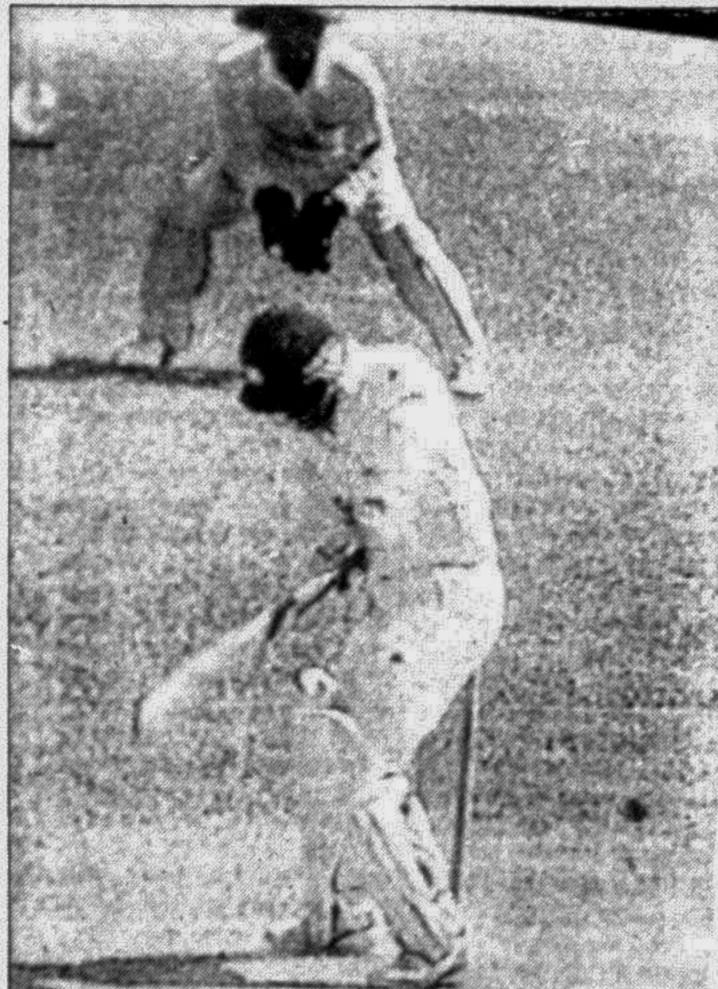
Indian hockey squad to tour SA

NEW DELHI, Mar 28: India's men's hockey team is planning to tour South Africa in May for the first international series between the two countries, the Indian Hockey Pederation (IHF) said on

Saturday, reports Reuter. Raghunandan Prasad, the IHF president, said they had accepted an invitation from the South African Hockey Association and were seeking

Indian government approval. The Indian team will tour South Africa for the first ever Test series between the two countries during the second

fortnight of May," Prasad said. The Indian cricket team was the first to tour South Africa following their return to international competition last year after years of isolation because of their apartheid poli-



JUST MISSED THE STUMPS ... Desmond Haynes, the West Indian opening batsman, beaten by an Amir Nazir in-cuter which touched his inside edge only to the miss the stump during the third of the five-match one-day series at the Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain on March 27. Haynes scored 68 in his side's 259 for four. -Star TV photo

LONDON, Mar 28: Graham Gooch's soul-searching goes

on, reports Reuter. Asked on BBC television on Sunday whether he was the right man to lead England in the forthcoming Ashes Series against Australia, Gooch said: "We (the selectors) need to discuss whether myself being in charge is the right way forward and whether we are going to get the response from the players. You cannot go on

Gooch, 39, has been England's captain for three years. He led the team to two Test victories against the powerful West Indies squad in 1991, and last year he took the team to the finals of the World

But Gooch said the re

"We never played well as a

Plagued by a series of setpress back home.

Nevertheless, Gooch said he would not rule himself out for this summer's test series against Australia

I want to finish my Test career by beating Australia. It is every English players dream." Gooch said. "If they want me to lead the team against Australia, I will be happy to do that."

BERNE, Mar 28: Olym piakos Piraeus and Atletico Madrid of Spain have been fined a total of 210,000 Swiss francs (139,000 dollar) for serious crowd and player trouble during their European Cup Winners' Cup clash on March 4, reports Reuter.

Violence erupted on the pitch in the second half of the quarter-final first leg in the Athens Port and fans hurled missiles on to the pitch.

UEFA's control and disciplinary committee, meeting on Friday, fined the Greek Club 135,000 Swiss francs (90,000 dollar) and the Spanish visitors 75,000 Swiss francs (50,000 dollar).

Atletico beat the Greeks 4-2 on aggregate after a 1-1 draw in Piraeus.

Moscow Spartak's Fyodor Cherenkov received a fourmatch suspension after his expulsion in the violent Cup Winners' Cup match against Moscow on March 18.

Cherenkov was sent off for kicking an opponent and will miss their semifinal games against Antwerp and the final if they qualify. Feyenoord defender Ulrich van Goebbel, who followed him moments later for fighting was banned for two games.

one game.

Other two-match suspensions: Alain Roche (Paris St Germain), Walter Bonacina (AS Roma), Mark Hateley (Glasgow Rangers).

Club fines included:

and Real Madrid 20,000 Swiss francs (13,000 dollar) for crowd misbehaviour in Cup Winners' Cup match on March

and Glasgow Rangers 15,000 Swiss francs (10,000 dollar) for crowd misbehaviour in European Cup on March 3. Benfica 20,000 Swiss francs

Juventus on March 4. (10,000 dollar) for crowd trouble in European Cup against AC Milan on March 3.

francs (10,000 dollar) for crowd offences in Cup Winners Cup game against Parama on March 3.

Garcia TKOs Turner LAS VEGAS, Mar 28: Heavyweight Alex Garcia successfully defended his North American Boxing Federation title Saturday night by stopping West Turner of Morgantown, W Va, on a first-round technical

knockout, reports AP. Garcia, ranked by all three sanctioning bodies and in line for a title shot or a bout against George Foreman later this year, knocked down Turner twice in the first round.



forever.

cently-completed tour of the Indian subcontinent was the worst series he had ever played in.

unit - the Indians outplayed us. We were not good enough in every department and no one is more disappointed than am," he said.

backs, from injuries to controversy over the selection process, the English team's performance was regarded as lacklustre at best and came under heavy attack from the

Unruly players, fans cost Piraeus, Atletico dear

Feyenoord Rotterdam in

lonel Fulga of Steaua Bucharest, sent off for dangerous play in the home Cup Winners' Cup leg against Antwerp on March 17, was banned for three games. Antwerp's Rudy Tacymans, booked twice, was banned for

Paris St Germain 50,000 Swiss francs (33,000 dollar)

Club Brugge 45,000 (30,000 dollar) Swiss francs

(13,000 dollar) after spectators threw bottles at a linesman in UEFA Cup against Porto 15,000 Swiss francs

Sparta Prague 15,000 Swiss The Argentine, in contrast,

> formance, though he hit the Sao Paulo post with a left foot shot early in the second half. not been touched.

> > able offence. The Sevilla defender had to be restrained by his teammates to avoid a confrontation with the referee.

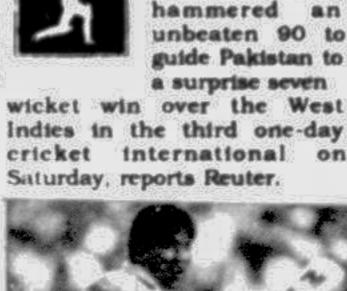


third one-dayer against Pakistan at Port of Spain, lands on his bottom after losing his foothold after an attempted glance. Lara, after scoring 114 and 95 not out in the first two matches, managed an uncharacteristically low score of five. Pakistan recorded a surprising seven wicket win over the home side. -Star TV photo

World champs beat Windies at long last

Inzamam inspires Pakistanis

the series.



PORT OF SPAIN.

Trinidad, Mar 28:

Inzamamul Hug

Indies in their last 11 meetings and came after home captain Richie Richardson won the toss and batted. In-form batsman Brian Lara,

Richardson (46) sustained the run flow with some powerful strokeplay and 141 runs were plundered from the final

SCOREBOARD

tween Pakistan and West Indies at the Queen's Park Oval on Saturday: WEST INDIES:

C Hooper c Wasim b Wagar 34 A Logie not out Extras: (lb-15, w-4, nb-6) 25

2-115; 3-182;	4-149,				
Bowling:	0	M	R		
Akram	10	0	62	(
Waqar	10	3	50		
Asmir Nazir	8	0	52		

good start by openers Aamir Aamir Sohail Sohail (42) and Rameez Raja PAKISTAN: who put on 71 for the opening Aamir Sohail c Ambrosc b wicket. It was their third con Bishop secutive half century stand of Rameez Raja run out Inzamemul Hag not out The victory was only Basit Ali run out Pakistan's second over West Asif Mujtaba not out

the West Indies match winner in the first two games, went cheaply for five but opener Desmond Haynes (68) and Phil Simmons (80 not out) helped lift the home side to a decent

15 overs.

Scoreboard in the third one-day cricket match be-

D Haynes c Basit b **Aamir Nazir** B Lara c Latif b Aamir Nazir P Simmons not out R Richardson c Inzamam b Sohail

Total (for 4 wickets): 1-33;

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Waqar	10	3	50	
Aamir Nazir	8	0	52	- 1
Ataur Rehman	10	0	31	- 1
M 4 171	-		~~	- 52

Extras: (lb-11; w-10; nb-3) 24

Total: (for 3 wickets-43.1

A MUJTABA... 45 n.o Fall of wickets: 1-71: 2-100; 3-130 Bowling: 49 Ambrose Walsh 0 63

0 450(4w) Result: Pakistan won by Man-of-the match:

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West Indies lead five-match series 2-1. Next game, Tuesday, Kingstown.

Inzamamul Haq

Bishop

Simmons

Papin makes it a day for France



Kingstown.

Jean-Pierre Papin scored the only goal as France beat Austria 1-0 Saturday in a

Group 6 World Cup qualifier, reports AP. France now have a record of three victories and a defeat in the group. Austria have a win

INZAMAM... 90 n.o

overs, in reply to West Indies

259 for four, Pakistan reached

the target with 11 balls to

five-match series 2-1 with the

next game on Tuesday in

balls and included eight fours.

His unbroken winning stand

with Asif Mujtaba (45) put on

Set 260 for victory in 45

West Indies now lead the

Inzamam's 90 came off 100

Pakistan were given another

and two losses. Although France lead the group now with eight points, Bulgaria and Sweden have six points with Bulgaria one game behind and Sweden two in games played

pearances on the national team. He took a pass from Xavier Gravelaine that split the Rai outshines Maradona in a

soccer friendly SAO PAULO, Mar 28: Brazil's star midfielder Rai outshone Diego Maradona as his Sao Paulo side defeated Sevilla 2.0 in a soccer friendly on

Saturday, reports Reuter. Rai beat his marker to Palhinha's pass to open the scoring in the first half and coolly converted a penalty in the 82nd minute as Sao Paulo recorded a comfortable win over the Spanish team.

He also fell to the ground ir the last minute in the penalty area when it appeared he had Although the match was

theoretically a friendly, Sevilla

gave an undistinguished per-

second half for a second book-

alone on Austria goalkeeper Franz Wohlfahrt. A simple fake put Wohlfahrt on the ground and left the net wide open which Papin converted from about 15 meters out. The first half was a conser

> Peter Artner, Manfred Zsak, Robert Pecl. FRANCE: Bernard Lama, Laurent Blanc, Emmanuel Petit, Alain Roche, Jocelyn Angloma, Bixente Lizarazu, Bruno LeGuen, Didier Deschamps, Franck Sauzee (Corentin Martins) Xavier Gravelaine (Pascal Loko) Jean-

France's best opportunity came in the 11th minute when Didier Deschamps had a hard kick from about 20 meters out

Austria's best shot came in the 18th minute when Toni Polster hit the right post on a free kick.

Wholfahrt deflected over the

second half. Austria seemed to have the initial advantage but Papin's goal woke up the

French side. The French missed a good opportunity when Xavier had Martagon sent off in the Gravelaine came in dangerously close all alone but could not control the ball to make a good shot in the 50th minute.

last 15 minutes. Jocelyn Angloma centered to sub Pascal Loko who shot wide. In the 80th minute Franck Sauzee had a chance but failed

Pierre Papin.

Rabanales SEOUL, Mar 28: South

Korea's Byon Joing-il defeated Victor Rabanales of Mexico by a unanimous decision Sunday

The three judges scored it 115-114, 117-111 and 117-112, all for Byon. Rabanales, 30, attempting his fifth title defence since February 1992, fought aggres-

with quick counterblows. secutive victory since his debut third loss against 35 victories and 10 draws

53.5 kilograms (117.7 pounds) and Rabanales at 53.1 kilograms (116.8 pounds).



that Austrian goalkeeper Franz

The game opened up in the

Two more occasions were missed by the French in the

Nadeem Khan 6 0 39 defence and Papin raced in to connect. France's next game is home THE LINEUPS

against Sweden April 28. Austria travels to Finland May AUSTRIA: Franz Wohlfahrt, lieimo Pfeisenberger, Toni Polster, Robert Wazinger, Wolfgang Feiersinger, Harald Cerny, Franck Schinkelss (Andreas Ogris), Andi Herzog,

Byon dethrones

and took away his World Boxing Council bantamweight title, reports AP. There were no knockdowns in the 12 round bout in the southeastern city of Kyongju.

sively from the start, but the left handed Korean scored It was Byon's eight conin 1990. Rabanales suffered his

Byon, 25, weighed in at