



Players and officials of the Jatiya Press Club team which left Dhaka yesterday to take part in the SAARC media cricket tournament in the Indian city of Hyderabad. — Star photo

Press Club media cricket squad off to Hyderabad
A 16-member Jatiya Press Club cricket squad left Dhaka yesterday for the Indian city of Hyderabad to represent Bangladesh in the first ever SAARC media cricket tournament, reports UNB.

Partha Tanveer Naved of the Daily Sangbad is the captain of Bangladesh team while Kamrul Islam Chowdhury of BSS and Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury of the Bangladesh Times are team manager and coach respectively.

Partha Tanveer Naved (Sangbad), Mohamimid Quamruzzaman, Masud Ahmed Rumi, Syed Saydur Rahman Shamim (Dainik Bangla), Afzal H Khan (Daily Star), Syed Mamun (Observer), Muhiyab Mamun (Radio Bangladesh) SB Chowdhury Shishir (Azad), Dilu Khondker and Mohibul Ahsan Shaon (Hetefaq), Al Musaffir Sadi Pammel (Independent), MZ Bhutto (Bhorer Dak), Rezaul Hasan Ripon (Media Syndicate) and SR Siddiqui (New Nation).

Bangladesh Express, licensee of Federal Express, are the partial sponsors of the Bangladesh media team.

New DMFA ad-hoc body formed
National Sports Council (NSC) has cancelled the existing ad-hoc executive committee of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association and reconstituted it with another ad-hoc committee with M Azizul Haq as president and Muzammel Huq (Mukta) as general secretary, reports UNB.

The reconstituted DMFA committee, according to an NSC announcement yesterday, takes over with immediate effect. Following is the new committee:

President — M. Azizul Haq, Director General of BCS (Admn) Academy. Vice-presidents — Shahidul Islam Chowdhury, Additional IGP, SA Sultan, President of Arambagh Club, and Anwarul Haq Helal of Mohammedan SC.

De Silva slams double ton

LONDON, June 23: Sri Lankan Test star Aravinda de Silva hammered a dazzling double century to spearhead a remarkable Kent recovery on the opening day of their English county championship match against Nottinghamshire on Thursday, reports Reuter.

Former England batsman Allan Lamb will be out of cricket for at least two weeks after suffering a cracked right thumb when he was hit by a ball from Leicestershire's Alangir Sherryar at Northampton. Lamb had hit 55 as leaders Northants rattled up 382 for four.

Ince joins Internazionale

MILAN, June 23: England midfielder Paul Ince, ending weeks of frenzied speculation, has signed a three-year contract with Inter Milan, the Italian First Division club said in a statement on Thursday, reports Reuter.

in recent seasons and earlier this week sold striker Dennis Bergkamp to Arsenal, hope Ince will become the inspiration of a team being rebuilt to challenge the dominance of city rivals AC Milan.

Cashing in on Cantona's kick

LONDON, June 23: French international footballer Eric Cantona's infamous kung-fu kick against an English football fan is to feature in an advertisement for a new video game.

Billboard posters will show a Cantona look-alike, "Eric Container", leaping towards a frightened skinhead with the slogan "parlez-vous kung-fu?". The Times newspaper reported today, reports AFP.

Reefat remains in charge

International Master (IM) Reefat-bin Satter maintained his lead in the 21st national championship earning full nine points at the end of ninth round at the NSC chessroom yesterday, reports BSS.

Ranatungas' rare distinction

COLOMBO, June 23: All three brothers in Sri Lanka's famous cricketering family, the Ranatungas, have been included in a 25-member pool picked ahead of the tour of Pakistan in August, it was announced here today, reports AFP.

FA not amused

LONDON, June 23: English football chiefs rejected Tottenham chairman Alan Sugar's proposals on Thursday for an overhaul of the transfer system, which has seen inflation spiral to unprecedented levels in recent seasons, reports AFP.

England check WI charge

LONDON, June 23: Angus Fraser dispatched Brian Lara cheaply to capture his 100th Test wicket as England hit back against West Indies at Lord's on Friday, reports Reuter.

Both batsmen profited from a missed chance, West Indies captain Richie Richardson putting down Thorpe on six and Smith on 14, both at third slip and with Bishop the suffering bowler.

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West Indies, replying to England's first innings of 283, were 117 for three at tea after a tense second session that ended with Jimmy Adams unbeaten on 36 and captain Richie Richardson 20 not out.

China plans new anti-doping law

BEIJING, June 23: China is working on a national law that will ban the use of stimulants by its athletes, an official report said Friday, reports AP Chineseathletes who test positive for use of performance-enhancing drugs have been punished according to the rules of international sports organizations.

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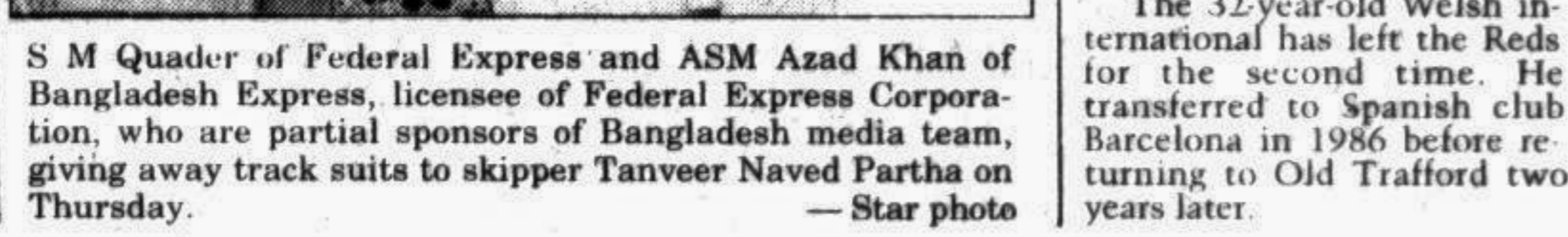
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Hughes signs for Chelsea

LONDON, June 23: Mark Hughes became the latest big name to swap clubs in English soccer when he moved Friday from Manchester United to Chelsea for a modest 1.5 million pounds (2.4 million) dollars, reports AP.

The 32-year-old Welsh international has left the Reds for the second time. He transferred to Spanish club Barcelona in 1986 before returning to Old Trafford two years later.



M Quader of Federal Express and ASM Azad Khan of Bangladesh Express, licensee of Federal Express Corporation, who are partial sponsors of Bangladesh media team, giving away track suits to skipper Tanveer Naved Partha on Thursday. — Star photo