

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Lifebuoy First Division football league
Dhanmondi Club vs Badda Jagoroni (4:30 pm, Mirpur Stadium)
Bangladesh Boys vs Eskaton Shabuj Sangha (6:30 pm, Mirpur Stadium)

Pioneer Football league West Zone, Kha Group
K.R Boys SC vs Kendryo Kishore Kafela (2:30 pm, Rajuk Ground)
Badsha Snruti Sangshad vs Azimpur Kishore Sangha (4:30 pm, Rajuk Ground)

NBL volleyball league: Matches begin from 4:00 pm at the volleyball court.

Yousuf top seed for Asian snooker
The draw for the week-long 12th Nescafe Asian snooker championship beginning in Bangkok on August 6 was held there on July 6, according to press release in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Malaysian national champion Yong Kien Foot and Filipino Marlon Manalo have been seeded fourth and fifth respectively considering their performances in the last year's Asian Championship here.

NBL v'ball results
Sports Reporter
Last year's runners-up Power Development Board (PDB) earned their fifth successive win when they comfortably beat Chand Textile in the NBL First Division volleyball league at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Meanwhile, East End Boys defeated Dhaka Shabuj 15-10, 15-6, 11-15, 15-11, while Bangladesh Police outplayed Sonali Bank 15-8, 9-15, 15-4, 15-3.

In other matches, Fire Service beat East End Club 15-12, 15-3, 15-6 and Bangladesh Bank Club defeated Madrick 15-2, 15-3, 15-4.

In the day's last match, Wari bounced back in the last set to prevail over Azad SC 4-15, 15-10, 15-11, 9-15, 15-7.

Earlier, in the Second Division league, Victoria SC won over Sriyani Sangsad 15-1, 15-4, 15-6, while Partners Club defeated Shantibagh 15-13, 15-5, 15-3.

Abul Hossain scored the match winner in the 59th minute.
Seventy seven teams, split into five zones will take part in the league.

Earlier State Minister for Industries Lutfur Rahman Khan inaugurated the league.

Among others M Azizul Haque, President of the Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA), was present during the ceremony.

Wahid scored thrice for the winners while Monir scored two goals for the vanquished.

It's Bernard Tapie who decided which match to buy. Bernes said in testimony June 30 to an investigative judge, the Marseille daily Le Provençal reported.

The probe focuses on the finances of Marseille, who were placed in receivership in April after the former European champion team ran out of money to pay its players and 240 million francs (48 million dollars) in debt.

Every year, four to five matches in the championship were the object of illegal dealings, Le Provençal reported, citing Bernes.

Bernes said the club "each year invested five million to six million francs (one million to 1.2 million dollars) to buy off opposing players and international referees," the newspaper quoted him as saying.

MSC maintain clean slate



Title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club recorded their second successive win in the Lifebuoy Premier Division football league thrashing Agrani Bank 3-0 in one of the two matches billed for the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.



BALANCING ACT: Mohammedan's Nigerian midfielder, Lodhi Baba (19) tip toes to avert hurting Agrani Bank's custodian Manu who has the ball firmly cradled in yesterday's Premier football league. Manu later failed on three occasions at the Dhaka Stadium.

an intelligent back header from the Nigerian recruit Lodhi Baba.

Milon, the highest individual scorer of the First Division football league last year for Rahmatganj, celebrated his second goal of the evening in the 59th minute. The agile but a raw forward latching on a Manik through

The world champions have not come as close to defeat since they were beaten by Germany in November 1993, 21 games ago.

Equador had created enough chances to have won the game before Ronaldo, who ironically had performed dreadfully in defence, struck.

Brazil striker Edmundo "the animal" missed a penalty six minutes after the goal, his effort being superbly saved by Carlos Morales, who made two more outstanding saves in



Sonali Bank spiker successfully smashes in yesterday's NBL volleyball league against Bangladesh Police at the volleyball court.

from an apparent off-side position, slotted the ball past a diving Manu. The Agrani Bank custodian could only lend his hand in a disparate lunge.

Seven minutes later Mohammedans put to rest any controversy when Alfaz scored the third goal

Earlier, the black and whites won both the DMFA Cup and the Federation Cup in their enviable campaign.

Mohammedans, without their midfield playmaker Arman, who is serving a two-match ban, was not at their best but enjoyed a clear dominance against the bankers. Last year, Agrani turned the tables on their awe-inspiring opponents by winning the first phase engagement 2-1.

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Hours before the medal ceremony, the team took to the field a final time, determined to go on with a match against the Ivory Coast. They played poorly but were cheered heartily.

Former Gov Lowell P Wecker, chairman of the Special Olympic World Games, was on the sidelines to give his support. So were members of the Utah soccer team, who had lost to Nepal two days earlier.

"They've got a tough opponent but they're playing gamely, and the fact that they're playing at all is a testament to their courage," Wecker said.

The game started with a long moment of silence in honour of Mali. His teammates bowed their heads and shut their eyes tightly. Mali's name was still on their roster Friday.

Even with some deft passing by the team in purple and white and cheers from a small but devoted group of fans, Nepal was unable to score. They lost 6-0 to the Ivory Coast.

After a long meeting Thursday night with Timothy Shriver, the president of the 1995 Special Olympic World Games, the team decided to continue to compete. The Nepalese were escorted to the field Friday by police and about a dozen Olympic organizers, who guarded them heavily and declined requests from reporters for interviews with the team and coach.

The US soccer team from Utah, which had lost to Nepal 3-1, came to give their former rivals moral support.

"I sat my boys down this morning and we talked about what happened," said Utah coach James Bradshaw. "We decided then and there we would come out and cheer for them."

Uneasy calm in Judo Fed

Posters demanding the resignation of the president and others of the Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation indicated that all was not well for the martial artists. On enquiry, it was learnt from a reliable source that three members have resigned from the federation. The cause of severing their ties was their dissatisfaction with the running of the federation.

According to inside sources, the Metropolitan Judo and Karate Sangstha had to serve a legal notice on the federation before being able to hold their metropolitan competition in October, 1994.

Bangladesh did pretty well in the event during the Dhaka SAF Games, winning four silvers and five bronzes. According to persons close to the federation, the quibbling among the officials was triggered off by the fact that Bangladesh failed to earn a gold in the last Games. Federation high-ups were certain of fetching at least one gold and the training programme was entrusted to officials who reportedly gave them goldish assurances.

State Minister for Textiles Abdul Mannan witnessed the final as the chief guest and gave away the trophies.

DC Gold Cup soccer

Savar Thana Krira Sangstha clinched the title of the Deputy Commissioner Gold Cup football tournament beating Nawabganj Thana Krira Sangstha by a solitary goal in the final at Dhamrai on Friday, reports BSS.

A full-house Edgbaston crowd of nearly 20,000 saw just 86 deliveries and a chant of "what a load of rubbish" rang in the defeated England team's ears as the final wicket fell.

The win also revived the West Indies morale who had been battered by the second Test loss, an innings defeat by county team Sussex last week and internal discipline problems.

The pitch was diabolical. It's difficult to play bowlers who are six feet six, six feet eight, banging it in the middle of the pitch not knowing if it's coming stump height or chin height," Atherton said.

"Obviously when you're playing at home you ask the groundsman to help you out—that's the point of having home ground advantage."

Richardson said he thought Ambrose would be fit for the fourth Test starting at Old Trafford on July 27.

England hopes that overnight pair Robin Smith and Dominic Cork would provide solid resistance were shattered after only five balls.

Cork played at a wide ball from Walsh and presented substitute Stuart Williams, fielding for the injured Ambrose, with a straightforward catch at third slip.

Worse was to follow. In Walsh's second over Peter Martin and Jason Gallian fell without scoring, leaving England a pathetic 63 for six and Walsh with three wickets in eight balls.

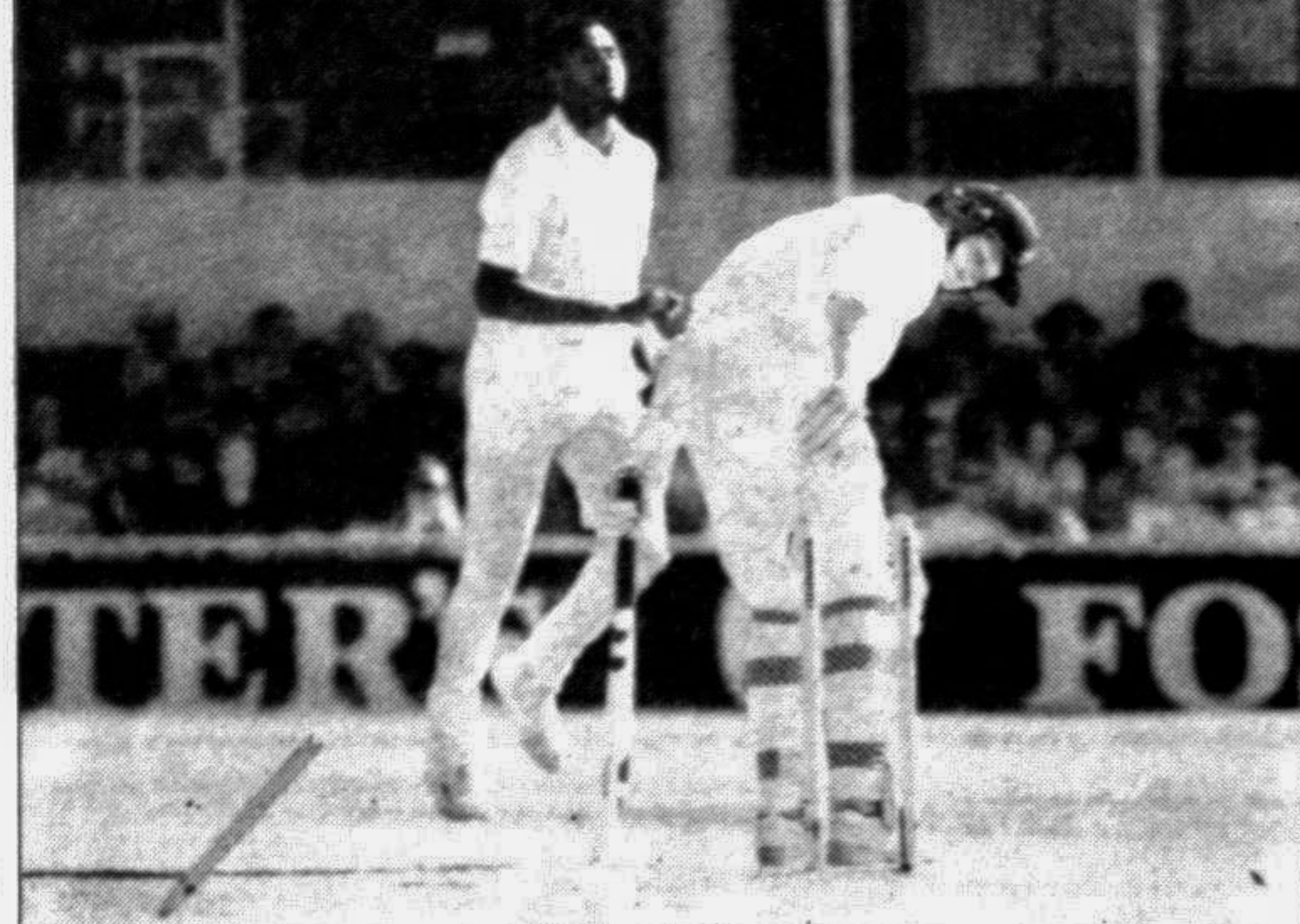
Martin was leg before to a ball which kept low and Gallian, coming in with a hairline fracture of a finger on his right hand, was caught behind the wicket second ball to complete a miserable Test debut.

Smith stood firm amid the carnage but twice needed treatment after being struck a painful blow on the elbow by Bishop.

Darren Gough at least showed some defiance as he hooked Bishop for six to great cheers from the dispirited crowd.

But he soon became another Welsh victim. A vicious lifting delivery had Gough desperately fending the ball away from his face and he was caught in the gully.

To Walsh's chagrin it was ruled a no-ball. But it was a momentary reprieve for the Yorkshireman. He steered the next ball to the same position where this time Sherwin Campbell took a legitimate catch.



West Indian fast bowler Courtney Walsh leaves England's skipper Mike Atherton in a lurch with his middle stump uprooted with an immaculate swinging delivery during the third day proceedings of their 3rd Test at Edgbaston on July 7. Walsh blaze with a devastating spell of five for 45 in England's second innings.

Windies work a three-day wonder Walsh wags in time



BIRMINGHAM, July 8: England were routed by an innings and 64 runs on the third morning of the third Test at Edgbaston today. West Indies wrapping up victory in just 77 minutes, report agencies.

Resuming on 59 for three, England were all out for 89 with opener Alec Stewart unable to bat because of a badly bruised right index finger.

Courtney Walsh was the destroyer-in-chief, taking four of the six wickets to fall to finish with five for 45.

He received excellent support from Ian Bishop who took four for 29 as West Indies bounced back from their defeat in the second Test at Lord's to take a 2-1 lead in the six-match series.

He edged to Carl Hooper at second slip and with Stewart's finger injury preventing him from batting the match was over.

Sherwin Campbell was named man-of-the-match by former England captain David Gower for his fine 79, the top score of the match.

ENGLAND: First innings 147 (1 Bishop 3-18, C Walsh 3-54)

WEST INDIES: First innings 300 (S. Campbell 79; D Cork 4-69)

Table with 4 columns: ENGLAND: Second innings (overnight 59-3), M Atherton b Walsh 4, R Smith b Bishop 41, G Hick c Hooper b Bishop 3, D Thorpe c Murray b Bishop 0, D Cork c sub b Walsh 16, P Martin lbw b Walsh 0, J Gallian c Murray b Walsh 0, D Gough c Campbell b Walsh 12, R Illingworth c Hooper b Bishop 0, A Fraser not out 1, Extras: (nb-12) 12, Total: 89. Did not bat: A Stewart, Fall of wickets: 1-17; 2-20; 3-26; 4-61; 5-62; 6-63; 7-88; 8-88; 9-89.

Bowling: O M R W Walsh 15 2 46 5 Bishop 13 3 20 4 Benjamin 2 0 15 0

Result: West Indies won by an innings and 64 runs. First Test (Headingley): West Indies won by nine wickets. Second Test (Lord's): England won by 72 runs. Fourth Test: Old Trafford (July 27-31). Fifth Test: Trent Bridge (August 10-14). Sixth Test: The Oval (August 24-28).

Cairns completes Sussex's annihilation

LONDON, July 8: New Zealander Chris Cairns completed his demolition of Sussex on Friday by claiming seven for 36 in the second innings as Nottinghamshire raced to a 10-wicket county championship win inside two days at Arundel, reports Reuter.

Paceman Cairns finished with superb match figures of 15 for 83 as the hosts, who beat the West Indies earlier this week, were skittled out for 149 leaving Nottingham just 29 for victory.

After career-best figures of 8-47 on the opening day, Cairns again put the skids under Sussex by producing an opening spell of three for 19 in 10 overs, quickly removing openers Bill Athey and Keith Newell before bowling skipper Alan Wells for only two.

Former Nottinghamshire all-rounder Franklyn Stephenson and Keith Greenfield showed some defiance by sharing a fifth-wicket stand of 63.

But Cairns' return signalled the end as he grabbed four of the last five wickets for 17 runs in eight overs.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: ACROSS: 1 Command to Fido, 4 Nothing but net, 9 Private accommodations?, 12 —, 13 Caravel of 1492, 14 Gardner's life story, 15 Some kids really blow it, 17 Item on Baby's agenda, 18 Moray, for one, 19 Cat's instrument, 21 Rode in the Tour de France, 24 Excoriate, 25 Skeptic's cry, 26 Bottom line, 28 Legitimate, 31 "That was — blow!", 33 Groove on, 35 Actress, Thompson 57 Raw rock, 36 Transfer to Fido, 38 It's often served au vin, 40 Bird's beak, 41 Stench, 43 Government department, 45 Claim, 47 H-deux-O, 48 Four p.m. affair, 49 Morsel enjoyed by Reagan, 54 A welcome sight? Use ideally, 56 4,0, 10 Ellipse, 11 Record, 16 Actress Barbara Geddes, 20 Speaker's spot, 21 Nigeria neighbor, 22 Bush's alma mater, 23 Swiss export, 27 Spasm, 29 Thought suffix, 30 Verboten, 32 Test the waters, 34 Parisian tapestry, 37 Impasse, 39 "Standing Firm" author, 42 Superman portrayer, 44 Massage, 45 Air. prefix, 46 Cordelia's dad, 50 Spanish article, 51 Future flamingo, 52 Mimic, 53 Danielle Steef's "Message From —"

CRYPTOQUIP QTW HZQPIW TLF MFIIFL IPTU FHFAILZA MFATKWV IPFLF'W UJ BKFH HZVF TU JHS BKFH

Saturday's Cryptoquip: A GIDDY FISHING ENTHUSIAST IS CALLED A FINATIC. Today's Cryptoquip clue: A equals C

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.