

Column One SPORTS TALK



Arthur Ashe

(US tennis player) "I wouldn't want 50-50 equality. I'd like to be 60-40, with me holding the balance of power..."

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT Bangladesh is one of the safest places on mother earth as far as sports is concerned. Consider bullfighting, a sport (?) in which about one-third of the top 150 matadors since 1700 have died in the ring...

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Table with 5 questions and multiple choice options. Question 1: Who captained the Swadhin Bangla football team? Question 2: How many goals did Pele score for Brazil? Question 3: Sir Gary Sobers scored 365 not out against which country? Question 4: Which boxer became known as the 'Louisville Lip'? Question 5: The 1996 Olympic Games will be held in which city?

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Porto prevail without Robson LISBON, Aug 21: Porto, without their English manager Bobby Robson who is recovering from surgery, kicked off the defence of their Portuguese First Division title with a 2-1 home win over leading challengers Sporting on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Akram to skipper BCCB XI

Sports Reporter



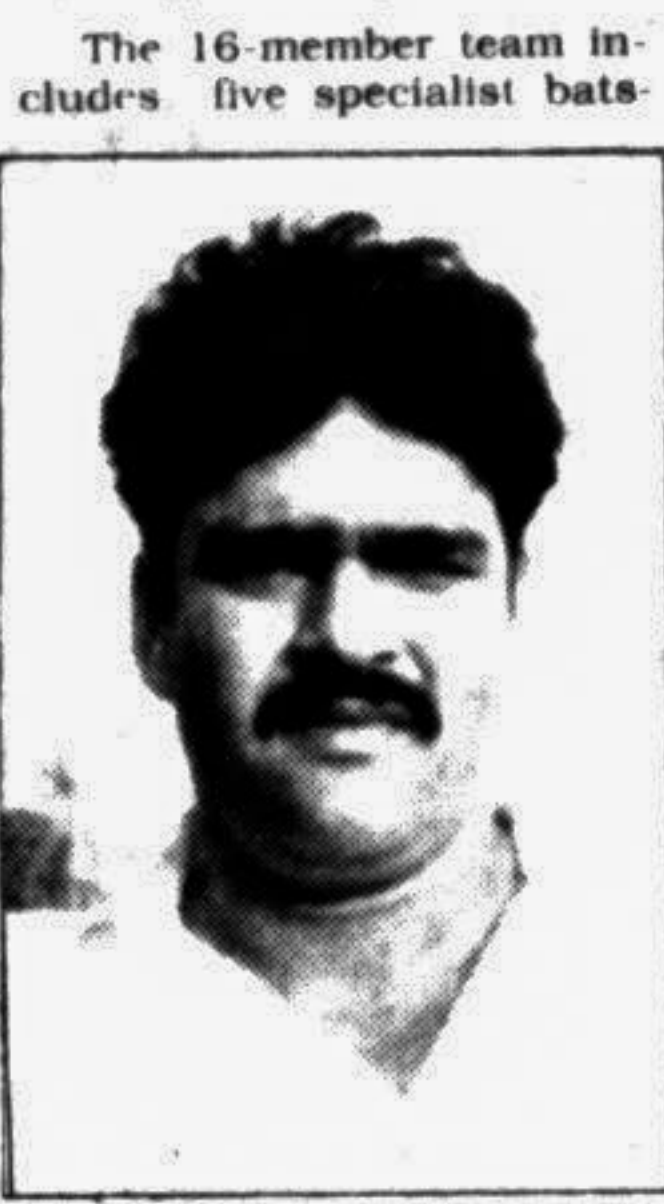
National skipper Akram Khan will lead the BCCB eleven in the All-India Moin-ud-Dowla Gold Cup cricket tournament, scheduled to begin in the Indian city of Hyderabad from September 2.

This was announced by the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) yesterday evening, who made the final selection of 16 players for the invitational tourney.

Apart from Minhazul Abedin Nannu and Aminul Islam Bulbul, who were not available for the meet due to their involvement in minor county leagues in England, the team recapture the same hue that took part in the Asia Cup in Sarjah early this year.

Only Habibul Bashar Sumon was a notable omission from the final selection from the primarily called up 32 players. Sumon, the stylish right-handed batsman, who made his debut for the national team in Sarjah, however, managed to put his name among the three stand-by players along with Sajal Chowdhury and Ziaur Rashid Rupon.

Meanwhile, the three players who replaced Nannu, Bulbul and Sumon are—Selim Shahed, Al-Shahriar Rokan and an ever energetic Khaled Mahmud Sujon.



AKRAM KHAN

men, four all-rounders, three seamers, two wicketkeepers and two left-arm spinners.

Akram Khan, Sajjad Ahmed Monsur Shipon, Zaved Omar Belim Golla, Zakaria Imtiaz, Al-Shahriar Rokan are the five wicket-wielders while Athar Ali Khan, Naimur Rahman Durjoy, Selim Shahed and Khaled Mahmud Sujon are the four all-rounders.

Among the three seamers, Anisur Rahman is the only left-armed while young

Hasibul Hossain Shanta and an experienced Saiful Islam are the other two.

The two wicketkeepers are—Khaled Masud Pilot and Jahangir Alam, who was also a former national opener. While vice-captain Enamul Huq Moni and Mohammed Rafique are the two spinners in the team.

The BCCB XI is scheduled to leave for Hyderabad on August 28, with their first group league match against Maharashtra Cricket Association on September 3.

In the 24-team meet, the BCCB XI which have been placed in one of the four groups, will play their second match against State Bank of India on the following day.

The visitors will face Indian Cement on September 6 in their third match and finally take on hosts Hyderabad Cricket Association-B in their last engagement on September 8.

In the round robin meet, top two finishers from the four groups will qualify for the quarter-finals.

Meanwhile, the BCCB XI will also take part in Buchi Babu invitational tournament which is to commence in the Indian port city of Madras from September 16.

This means that the inter-club cricketers transfer for the coming season will be delayed further.

CHA chief in city

Sports Reporter

The president of the Commonwealth Handball Association (CHA) B J Rowland of England and the general secretary of the same body Major General O I Williams of Nigeria arrived in the capital last afternoon to attend the sixth Commonwealth Youth Handball Championship, beginning at the Mirpur National Indoor Stadium on Thursday.

Secretary general of the organising committee of the meet Major General Mahbubur Rahman ushered in the two officials at the Zia International Airport.

Dr R L Anand of India, vice president of the CHA, also reached Dhaka yesterday morning.

The Malaysian handball team, who were scheduled to take on the hosts in the inaugural match of the tourney, have withdrawn from the event at the last moment.

The seven other teams are expected to arrive in the city from today while three other Commonwealth officials are due the day before the tournament commences.

The Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) has selected Makbul Hossain and Mizanur Islam Munna as the two local referees to conduct the matches.

Meanwhile, the organiser, BHF, have priced the tickets for each session of play at Tk 20 apiece. A season ticket will cost Tk 200 while a fee of Tk 50 will be charged to attend the opening and closing ceremonies to be held on August 24 and 30 respectively.



Commonwealth Handball Association president B J Rowland (2nd R) and general secretary Major General O I Williams (2nd L) arrived in the city yesterday to attend the sixth Commonwealth Youth Handball championship to be held in the capital from August 24 to 30. Major General Mahbubur Rahman (C) received the officials at ZIA. — Star photo

De Silva rises to all occasions

Cowdrey in cracking form



LONDON, Aug 21: An 81-ball century from Graham Cowdrey set up a 46-run victory over Middlesex at Lord's that kept Kent on top of the English Sunday League, reports Reuter.

Cowdrey, who smacked seven fours and four sixes on his way to an unbeaten 101 guided his side to 219 for eight.

Middlesex openers Paul Weekes with 32 and Jason Pooley with 51 gave their side a wonderful start in reply, putting on 79 in 14 overs. But Aravinda de Silva accounted for both as he returned Sunday best bowling figures of four for 28.

He was given admirable support by Alan Igglesden, who took two wickets and conceded just 26 runs as Middlesex were all out for 173 in 37 overs.

Warwickshire are clearly determined not to give up their title without a fight, though, keeping within two points of Kent with a game in hand thanks to a record tying ninth successive Sunday League victory over Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Dougie Brown was their inspiration, hitting an unbeaten 78 in 67 balls as

Warwickshire, chasing 220, made it with four wickets and three balls to spare.

Paul Johnson earlier it 82 off 77 balls as the home side made 219 for five — a disappointing total after he and

Gallian gains at Knight's expense

LONDON, Aug 21: England's Nick Knight seems certain to miss Thursday's final Test against West Indies because of a finger injury, officials said today, reports Reuter.

The Warwickshire opener was hit on the left hand during a Sunday League match against Notts at Trent Bridge and, following an X-ray examination, England decided to add Lancashire batsman Jason Gallian to their squad for the sixth Test at the Oval.

"It's his left index finger and it looks a nasty injury," said chairman of selectors, Ray Illingworth.

"We are not making any decision at the moment but at this stage I would say Nick is unlikely to be fit."

Knight, who made his debut in the fourth Test at Old Trafford, will have another examination on Tuesday.

Tim Robinson (67) had put on 90 for the second wicket in 16 overs.

Worcestershire and Lancashire, fifth and sixth in the table at the start of the day, also kept up the pressure on the leaders with comfortable victories.

Lancashire gained some revenge for their NatWest Trophy defeat by roses rivals, Yorkshire with a 36-run success as England a paceman Glenn Chapple sent back David Byas, Martyn Moxon and Michael Vaughan within 10 overs.

Yorkshire fell well short of their victory target of 210, tottering to 174 for nine in their 40 overs.

Neil Fairbrother earlier cracked an unbeaten 60 while Jason Gallian (40) and John Crawley (35) made valuable contributions.

Richard Harden hit his second century in two days to steer Somerset to a five-wicket win with four balls to spare against Durham at Chester-Le-Street.

A patient innings of 53 not out from Kim Barnett took Derbyshire to an eight-wicket win over Gloucestershire at Bristol.

The home side, after winning the toss, tumbled to 138 all out, a total Derbyshire overhauled with 16 balls to spare.

Visitors take on BU today

Sports Reporter

The visiting Indian pre-Olympic team will try to pick up the some pieces when they appear in their second exhibition match against the Dhaka Brothers Union at the Dhaka Stadium today. The match kicks-off at 5.30 pm.

The visitors, who are here to play two exhibition matches as part of their preparation for the qualifying engagements against Pakistan and Oman in October next, had earlier suffered a crushing 3-0 defeat at the hands of Muktiyodha Sangsad Krira Chakra on Saturday.

Mohsin Cup b'ball

Sports Reporter

Teen Wolves recorded a hard fought 67-52 points win over Bakshi Bazaar Club in one of the two Mohsin Cup Second Division basketball league matches billed at the Dhanmondi gymnasium yesterday.

In a highly enterprising encounter Teen Wolves, after leading the first half by only four points came up with more motivation during the post-lemon session scoring 34 points against Bakshi Bazaar's 28 for a squeaky win.

Dominic, Adrin and Joseph with 20, 17 and 11 points respectively were the leading cagers for the winners while Pintu (19) and Shahid (11) were two notable marksmen for Bakshi Bazaar.

Earlier, on Sunday Rising Force rolled up Young Angels Club 53-20 in a rather one-sided affair. The winner led the first half 26-9.

Shaheed and Mamun with 12 points each were the top scorers for Rising Force while Angels caged eight points for the vanquished.

Pioneer Div football

Sports Reporter

Painadi Agragati Juba Sangsad moved into the super league of the Pioneer Division football league with a lone goal win over Prokash Eleven at the Bashabo sports ground yesterday.

After a barren first half, Mahmud struck the all-important goal in the 56th minute to propel Painadi to the ten-team super league as Group B champions from the Central Zone.

Earlier, Swadesh Samaj Kalyan Sangha, Rainbow SC, Diba Sangsad, Jatrabari KC, Uttara SC, Gullistan Club and Kasaituli stepped into the super league as champions from their respective groups.

Obituary

Sports Reporter

Dil Afroze Huq, the elder sister of BSJA president Manzurul Huq, died of prolonged illness at a city clinic yesterday.

Afroze, 47, a teacher of the Central Women's College and the wife of Dhaka University teacher Borhanuddin, left behind two daughters and a host of relatives.

She was buried at the Azampur graveyard yesterday. The qulhwani of the deceased will be held at Road No 9/A, House No 28, Dhanmondi, after Asr prayers on Thursday.

European Nations' Cup

Dutch book semis date



DUBLIN, Aug 21: The Netherlands became the first country to secure a semifinal berth in the European Nations' Cup hockey when they defeated Wales 3-0, their fourth win in as many games, today, reports Reuter.

The World Cup finalists had more trouble with the umpires than with Wales in the Group A match, although the Welsh played their best game of the tournament.

The Dutch collected a string of warning cards including yellows (temporary suspensions) for Remco van Wijk and their captain Marc Delissen.

Delissen put the Dutch ahead in the 12th minute,

deflecting a powerful free hit by Van Wijk past Kevin Friday in the Welsh goal to make him the tournament's top scorer with five goals.

Wouter van Pelt added to the Dutch lead three minutes into the second half with a low flick at a penalty corner and, from another corner in the 61st minute, Erik Jazet completed the scoring from a rebound.

The Dutch will be disappointed to have scored just twice from 13 penalty corners. Wales had four and managed a shot at only one of them.

The Netherlands have reached the semifinals in all six previous European Nations' Cup tournaments, going on to win gold twice and silver three times.

A missed penalty against France contributed to Scotland failing to record their first win in an earlier match. A 1-1 draw gave both countries their first point but left them firmly anchored at the bottom of Group A with one match to play.

With the score 1-1, Mike Starling came off the bench to take the penalty stroke forced by Richard Freeland. He sent the French goalkeeper the wrong way but his shot flew wide off an upright.

Earlier both sides had converted their first penalty corners, David Leiper giving Scotland the lead after 10 minutes and Ludovic Tissier

Int'l Rating Open chess Aug 29

Sports Reporter

The International Rating Open chess tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation, will begin on August 29.

Only internationally rated players of the country will be allowed to participate in the tournament.

Besides, the players of the recently concluded national championship, junior and sub-junior champions may take part in the meet.

The interested players have been asked to complete entry formalities by Aug 27. The Swiss league meet has an attractive cash prize of Tk 30,000.



German coach Joachen Figege addresses the audience in connection with Bangladesh's future in football during the inauguration of the six-day FUTURO, FIFA/Coca-Cola World Football Development Programme 1995 organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) at a hotel from August 21-26. — Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for ACROSS and DOWN. Clues include: 1 Quahog, e.g.; 5 Trygve's successor; 8 Driver's-license datum; 12 Frost; 13 Prior to; 14 Thought; 15 Skip; 16 Deli array; 18 Dependable source of profit; 20 Baseball's Pee Wee; 21 Crew need; 22 Make marginalia; 23 Prolix; 26 Mimic; 30 Road map abbr.; 31 Procedure; 32 GE merger corp.; 33 Massachusetts resort; 36 Aviator; 38 Crude craft; 39 Princess' provoker; 40 Phase; 43 Tele-; 4 Procedure design; 5 Interior design; 6 Queued up; 7 Tooth-paste type; 8 Detail in craftsmanship; 9 Together, in music; 10 Shea squad; 11 Facility minutia; 19 Small, low island; 22 Elation; 23 Service-woman; 24 Eggs; 25 Agent; 26 Scoundrel; 27 Turn on the waterworks; 28 Expert; 29 One for the road?; 31 Moo goo gai pan pan; 34 Robust birds of prey; 35 Algonquian language; 36 Doctor's due; 37 Went without setting; 40 Garbage barge, e.g.; 41 Record; 42 Slightly; 43 Punish, a la Michael Fay; 44 "...can't get up!"; 45 Attorney General Janet; 46 Cherished; 48 Corn holder?

Cryptogram puzzle grid with letters and numbers. Clue: Yesterday's Cryptogram: PATIENT WAS TICKLED PINK WITH HIS DOCTOR'S PAINS-TAKING MEDICAL TREATMENT. Today's Cryptogram clue: V equals M

The Cryptogram 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.