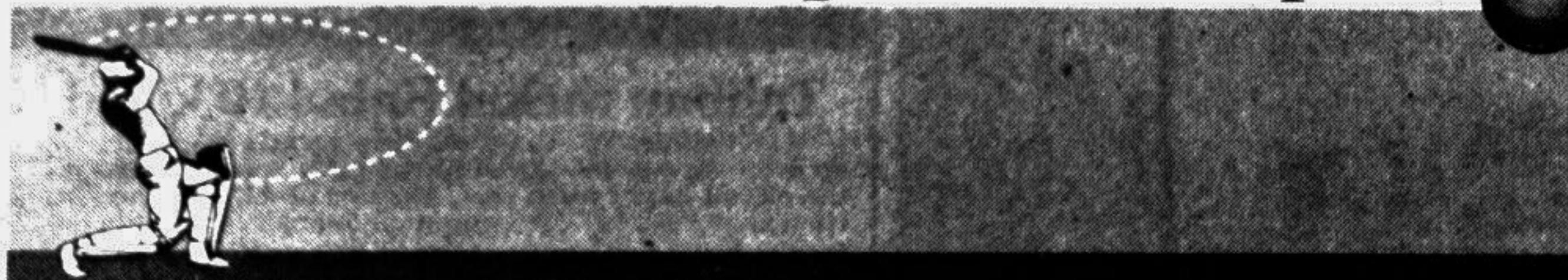


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BRIEF SCORES

SURJO TARUN CLUB: 164 in 43.3 overs (Raju 54, Dear 17, Jahangir 4/25).
SADHARAN BIMA: 112 in 37.3 overs (Manu 14, Dear 3/2, Sharma 3/25, Nadir Shah 2/12).

LALMATIA CLUB: 106 in 38 overs (Riaz 28, Halim 16, Bipul 2/8, Ripon 2/18).
AJAX SC: 107 for three in 25.5 overs (Sumon 53 n.o.).

Surjo Tarun Club and Ajax Sporting Club won their respective Yamaha First Division cricket league matches on Wednesday.

Surjo Tarun recorded a 52-run win over Sadharan Bima Kriya Sangstha at the Dhanmudi Cricket Stadium while Ajax handed Lalmatia Club a seven-wicket defeat at the Pallabi City Club ground.

Put in to bat, Surjo Tarun were all out in 43.3 overs scoring 164 runs. Opener and wicketkeeper Raju Parvez scored highest 54 off 109 deliveries inclusive of four fours.

Bima's Jahangir Alam grabbed four wickets conceding 25 runs in seven overs while Selim took two wickets.

In reply, the insurance outfit were booked in 37.3 overs with only 112 on their board.

Surjo Tarun's Ali Anwar Dear bowled brilliantly as he bowled 3.3 overs and took three wickets, giving away only two runs. He was equally supported by former Indian Test all-rounder Sanjeev Sharma who also earned three wickets conceding 26 runs. Veteran Nadir Shah got two wickets for 12 runs.

In the day's other match, Lalmatia were bundled out in the morning session scoring only 106 runs in 38 overs. Opener Riaz Sheikh collected 28 runs while lower middle order bat Halim Babu added 16 runs to Lalmatia account.

Ajax's Bipul, Ripon and Imdu took two wickets apiece conceding 8, 18 and 25 runs respectively.

In reply, the Elephant Road boys needed only 25.5 overs to prevail losing three wickets. Opener Sumon Biswas fired 53 off 79 deliveries inclusive of five boundaries.

Lara injures his leg

BRIDGETOWN, Feb 7: A minor leg injury kept star batsman Brian Lara out of the West Indies cricket team's final practice session Tuesday before the World Cup tournament in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, reports AP.

Injury also forced fast bowler Ian Bishop to miss the 50-overs, an innings match at Kensington Oval between teams made up of the West Indies players and young Barbadians.

Team trainer Dennis Waight said neither injury was serious. The left-handed Lara had a posterior hamstring tendon strain and Bishop had soft tissue in his hamstring, Waight said.

Lara had participated fully in the week-long training camp here as final preparation for the World Cup later this month, but aggravated his injury when he stepped into a hole during practice Monday, Waight said. An X-ray showed no further complications.

Bishop was simply suffering from tired muscles after hard physical training, Waight said.

Incontrad v'ball
Happy hunting for Kushtia

Sports Reporter

The Kushtia spikers ripped rich on the third day of the Incontrad inter-district volleyball championship when they won both of their group league matches at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

The strong Northern district outfit, appearing in their first match on the day conceded only one set for a resounding 17-15, 12-15, 15-11, 15-6 points win over Comilla.

Kushtia then lethally rolled up a helpless Patuakhali by three sets to nil to confirm their berth in the last four.

In the other men's league matches on the day, Rajshahi prevailed over Satkhira in a gruelling five setter 3-2 while Rangpur thrashed Tangail 15-12, 15-8, 15-5 and Khulna beat Dhaka by 15-10, 5-15, 15-6.

Meanwhile, on the distaffside Dinajpur romped home with a 3-0 sets win over Tangail.

Calcutta Chronicle
Cricket takes backseat

Tapan Majumder from Calcutta



About a week from now, Eden Gardens will be coming alive to the strains of Lata Mangeshkar and the magic of Gianfranco Lunetta at the opening ceremony of the Wills World Cup.

The cricket caravan will then spread over the subcontinent till mid-March when two of the top four finishers of the mega-event will assemble here for the first semi-final on March 13.

As the giant stage is nearing completion and the fever is just about picking up, there is a growing feeling among a section of city's cricketing fraternity that all this glitz is far removed from the spirit of the game.

While there is apprehension in some quarters if the turf will be damaged, others feel cricket has been forced to take a backseat in the wake of this glamorous sideshow.

A visit to the site reveals a maze of steel, wood, various mechanical engineering apparatus while numerous labourers are busy giving a final touch to the stands.

The high profile Indcom technical committee, which had finalised the list of venues last year, also issued a stricture on the maintenance of the 17 venues.

True, the city would have a pride of place by playing a host to the opening ceremony, but it was surprising to see legends like Sunil Gavaskar, Kapil Dev, S. Venkataraghavan or Ravi Shastri never raising a question about the feasibility of the whole project. Clearly, there are two sets of rules for some!

More than a cricketing congregation, many see it an effort to sell an attractive package for the benefit of TV viewers. The PILCOM, according to Lunetta, "did not have to pay a single rupee from its own pocket" as it had sold the rights of the ceremony to WorldTel for a princely sum.

Meanwhile, the civic construction at the Eden is almost complete as according to the PILCOM convener, Jagmohan Dalmiya, the last vestige of concrete casting was done for the new stands on January 18.

The seats are getting a fresh coat of paint, and that too with colour of the Indian national flag. However, whether Azharuddin & Co will be here on March 13 evening to soak in the spirit remains to be seen!

series has put a question mark over its chances. India has not lost a one-day series at home in five years, but the performance against New Zealand was unconvincing and there were few sparks in its game.

The Indian team does not possess the balance which makes world champions," former Indian captain Bishan Singh Bedi said. The squad could be the worst fielding side in international cricket today," said the legendary left arm spinner.

Captain Azharuddin admits that the fielding department is the team's weakness, and the focus of the team's conditioning camp was this shortcoming.

"I am open to suggestions as to how we can improve the general quality of our fielding," Azharuddin wrote in a column in the Sportsstar weekly. "I am hoping to talk to experts who may design special fielding practice techniques for us."

About Tendulkar, Azharuddin said he hopes the 22-year-old right-hand batsman will regain his form.

"We are badly lacking in good all-rounders at the moment," Azharuddin said. "The search for the number six all-rounder is still on."

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble, who had a very successful debut season in English county cricket with Northamptonshire last year, is the main weapon in India's spin attack.

Medium-pacers Manoj Prabhakar and Javagal Srinath are sharp, but they tend to give away too many runs when batsmen are slogging in the final overs of the innings.

In the meantime, Azharuddin looks forward to all the pressure India's fan can put on his team.

"The pressure on the home team to perform well will prove advantageous," he said.

New uniform for umpires

LONDON, Feb 7: Cricket will take another step away from its centuries-old traditions at this month's World Cup when the umpires step out in black coats at night games instead of white ones, reports AP.

The reason for the switch is that the teams will be playing in different coloured uniforms and will be using a white ball instead of the usual red one for games played under floodlights.

English umpire David Shepherd, who is going out to officiate at the 12-team competition being staged in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka modelled the cotton coat Wednesday at snowy Lord's cricket ground and admitted he preferred white ones.

"I don't know what WG Grace would have made of it all," Shepherd said. "He probably wouldn't have approved."

'Magic' preferred Knicks

NEW YORK, Feb 7: Magic Johnson wanted to play for former coach Pat Riley and the New York Knicks but was denied an early return to the National Basketball Association by the Los Angeles Lakers, a report said, reports AP.

Action from yesterday's inter-district volleyball championship encounter between Kushtia DSA and Patuakhali DSA.

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Smith's WC dreams may be dashed

LAHORE, Feb 7: England batsman Robin Smith could be out of the cricket World Cup after suffering a groin injury during a warm-up match today, reports Reuters.

Smith damaged his groin while holding a spectacular catch towards the end of England's match against a Lahore city XI.

Manager Ray Illingworth said: "If it's a bad groin injury then we are talking about a three-week job and he's out of the tournament. It's too early to say at the moment."

Smith was receiving treatment for the injury and England were unlikely to know the full extent of the problem until Thursday, Illingworth added.

The World Cup opens next Wednesday with England playing New Zealand in Ahmedabad.

Smith was helped from the field after sprinting 30 metres and then diving full length to hold a catch just above the ground off the bowling of Craig White.

"Robin said he felt pain just before he got to the ball," Illingworth said.

He said that England were unsure whether they would be allowed to send for a replacement if Smith was ruled out of the World Cup.

"We wrote to the organisers on this subject before we left home last week but did not receive an answer," said Illingworth.

"They said they would tell us the position on replacements for injured players at the opening ceremony in Calcutta this Sunday."

CESC on the alert

CALCUTTA, Feb 7: The Calcutta Electric Supply Corporation (CESC) has promised uninterrupted power supply at the Eden Gardens during the two Wills World Cup events in the city, reports PTI.

Sunday's opening ceremony and March 13 semi-final are scheduled to be held under the Eden floodlights.

A CESC spokesman said the corporation would provide six-kilo volt line each to the four floodlight towers at the Eden and they would be drawing a total of two megawatts of power.

The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) will get an additional supply of one megawatt by strengthening the existing six-KV lines.

Cork, Martin awesome

LAHORE, Feb 7: Dominic Cork and Peter Martin took the honours as England stepped up their World Cup preparations here on Tuesday, reports AP.

The two pace bowlers who impressed most during the Test series defeat in South Africa joined forces again here to make life difficult for openers Mike Atherton and Alec Stewart.

With Australia and West Indies refusing to play matches in Sri Lanka following last week's Colombo city-centre bomb blast, the World Cup is threatened by chaos.

But England have settled in well in Lahore following their arrival on Sunday, and are working hard to erase the memory of six defeats from seven one-day outings at the end of the South African tour.

Match conditions were simulated at Aitchison College — Imran Khan's old school — here.

Cork had Stewart caught behind, then saw Graham Thorpe hold a nonchalant one-handed chance of the edge of Atherton's bat before extracting an lbw decision from assistant manager John Barclay.

Not to be left behind, Martin chalked up a success against Lancashire teammate Atherton as keeper Jack Russell took a second catch via the outside edge.

It was impressive stuff from the pace pair — and a lesson to England that batting first in this part of the world before early morning dew has been burnt off by sunshine can be a tricky business.

Seamers receive precious little help from sub-continent pitches and must make the most of any surface moisture.

Lothar needs Vogts' vote

BONN, Feb 7: German coach Berti Vogts told his most-capped international Lothar Matthaeus on Tuesday that he must provide proof of his fitness before being considered for the national squad after a year out with a torn achilles tendon, reports Reuters.

Stage set for the fiesta

feverish pitch for the biggest cricketing extravaganza. Hoardings have sprung up

Sushmita Sen serenades all!

NEW DELHI, Feb 7: Former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen has assured critics that she will not perform a striptease at the World Cup opening ceremony in Calcutta on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Sen, now an aspiring movie actress, said she would unwrap herself from the flags of the 12 competing nations but would keep all her clothes on.

"I would like to assure people here I will do nothing undignified," the Asian Age quoted her as saying today. "I will do nothing to disgrace the country."

Gianfranco Lunetta, the Italian master of ceremonies for the 75-minute opening ceremony, said he was taken aback by the criticism which followed a light-hearted remark that Sen would undress for the ceremony.

"All that Sushmita would have done is to take off the 12 coloured scarves on her outfits," he said.

at the ITC Park, located in the heart of the city, while festoons on the World Cup flutter in breeze. A cut-out of the chirpy mascot "Googlee" occupying pride of place at the centre is the cynosure of all eyes.

Giant World Cup posters and hoardings of Jhony Rhodes flinging himself for a diving catch and "Share the magic" slogans have cropped up in various parts of the city.

With all the tickets expected to be sold out, plans are afoot to set up a large video screen outside the stadium to help another few thousands to watch the action at the stadium.

Thousands of cricket lovers pour in every day at the Calcutta Information Centre (CIC) where the Wills World Cup is kept for public display since February one, amidst tight security.

The Cup, a magnificent piece of art with a 114-year heritage, has been kept under a glass case on top of a velvet-covered table on the first floor of the CIC.

Not to be left behind, the five-star hotels which will be accommodating the teams and the host of VIPs have chalked out novel plans to win over their guests.

End of the tug-of-war

with the US-based WorldTel for live telecasts of 17 World Cup matches to be played in India, the attorneys said on condition of anonymity.

Tens of millions of people on the Indian subcontinent love the sport as much as Brazilians cherish football.

Last year, Doordarshan delayed its payment for local broadcasting rights to WorldTel and that erupted into a major row that prompted the US company to sign a new deal with Star TV.

Doordarshan challenged that in the Delhi High Court, claiming that Indian law forbids any company from broadcasting an event held in India without the state-owned firm's involvement.

But Doordarshan and WorldTel later reached an out-of-court settlement Wednesday.

UNI said Doordarshan agreed to let Star TV share broadcast signals and compete for advertising revenue, besides agreeing to pay WorldTel the remaining 40 per cent of its 4.75 million dollars licence fee for the tournament rights.

Doordarshan would be the primary broadcaster under the agreement, and unsettled claims of compensation by the two disputing parties would be settled by an arbitrator, it said.

Former Indian cricket board chief NKP Salve, currently Power Minister, is the mutually agreed arbitrator.

A last-minute hitch had held up the agreement after most differences were ironed out on Tuesday because Hong Kong-based Star TV wanted an assurance that it would not be drawn into a compensation dispute.

Van Almsick takes off

BONN, Feb 7: World champion Franziska van Almsick on Tuesday unexpectedly pulled out of this week-end's World Cup series finale in the German town of Gelsenkirchen, reports Reuters.

The German swimmer's manager, Werner Koester said: "Looking ahead to the Olympics, two weeks of hard training are more important than the World Cup."

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Cricket World Cup Quiz '96

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 B. For the Quiz Competitions the prizes will be as follows:

Quiz 1
 1st Prize: PowerVision 21" Colour TV
 2nd Prize: PowerVision 14" Colour TV
 3rd Prize (three nos): Turbo Bass Two-in-One

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 2nd Prize: PowerVision 30" Colour TV
 3rd Prize (three nos): CD Player

C. Any taxes or levies, as per rule, for all the above prizes, will have to be borne by the winners.
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 1. Residents of Bangladesh will be eligible to participate in the Daily Star-Philips World Cup Quiz. Employees of the Daily Star and Transcom Electronics Ltd and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate in the Quiz competition.
 2. Participants are to cut the original form along the indicated dotted lines. All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in the Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.

3. Participants are to put a tick (X) mark in the box alongside the correct answer to the question. A person may send as many entries as he pleases.
 4. Each entry form must be clearly completed with a ball-point pen. Participant's name, address, father's name, etc. must be clearly written. Each entry form must bear the date and signature of the participant.
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 7. Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.
 8. The Daily Star authorities, in their absolute discretion, reserve the right to amend, modify or substitute any of the above rules and/or change or reschedule any and all dates of the Quiz competitions under any circumstances.
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Quiz 1
 Read the information and rules carefully. Tick (X) the correct answer.

1. The final of the 1975 World Cup was held on June 14 ☐ June 21 ☐ June 27 ☐
 2. The 1979 World Cup was won by Australia ☐ England ☐ West Indies ☐
 3. The man-of-the-match in the 1983 final was M. Amarnath ☐ S. Gavaskar ☐ Kapil Dev ☐
 4. The 1987 World Cup final was held in Bombay ☐ Calcutta ☐ Lahore ☐
 5. The highest score in the 1992 final was Graham Gooch ☐ Imran Khan ☐ Javed Miandad ☐
 6. In the 1996 World Cup, Zimbabwe will be led by Grant Flower ☐ D. Houghton ☐ Andy Flower ☐
 7. Bangladesh has been participating in the ICC Trophy since 1975 ☐ 1977 ☐ 1979 ☐

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 OCCUPATION: _____ SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Write with a ball point pen in clear BLOCK letters. Cut along the dotted lines and mail to or drop in the Quiz Box in the Daily Star. You may send as many entries as you like.

Entries close on 17-2-96