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## Yamaha Div I cricket

## Nazir's 57 n.o. enough for Railway

Sports Reporter

A dazzling unbeaten half-century from Nazir Mohammed propelled Bangladesh Railway to a convincing four-wicket win over Dhanmondi Club in the Yamaha First Division cricket league on the eastern strip at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

In a low-scoring affair Nazir hammered a polished 57 off only 52 ball inclusive of six fours and a sixer as Railway, chasing a modest Dhanmondi total of 196, reached home with 14 balls to spare.

Earlier, the Dhanmondi innings was built around a brilliant 70 from opener Iftekhar Hossain. He clubbed eight fours in his 80-ball stay at the crease.

## BRIEF SCORES

**BANGLADESH RAILWAY:** 196 for eight in 45 overs (Iftekhar 70, Harun 32, Biplob 2/10)  
**DHANMONDI CLUB:** 199 for six in 42.4 overs (Nazir 57 n.o., Tushar 33, Biplob 24 n.o.)

## Acme Div II cricket

## Rainbow rises over East End

Sports Reporter

East End Club and Mill Barrack Cricket Club won their respective Acme Second Division cricket super league matches on Friday. East End beat Rainbow Athletic Club by 39 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium while Mill Barrack recorded a marginal one-wicket win over Young Pegasus 'A' at the Dhanmondi cricket stadium.

## BRIEF SCORES:

**EAST END CLUB:** 208 in 38.4 overs (Nabin 46, Noman 32)  
**RAINBOW AC:** 169 in 39.3 overs (Zahid 39, Mustafa 27, Abrar 4/26)  
**YOUNG PEGASUS 'A':** 236 in 39.4 overs (Mahbub 60, Shahed 57, Anu 41)  
**MILL BARRACK AC:** 239 in 39.5 overs (Baby 65 n.o., M Ali 32, Monir 5/44)

## Beximco int'l. Jr. tennis

## Six countries confirm participation

Six countries have confirmed their participation in the Beximco 10th Bangladesh International Junior tennis championships to be held at the national tennis complex here from February 26 to March 3, reports BSS.

The countries are: Austria, Chinese Taipei, Hungary, India, South Korea and Kazakhstan.

Some more countries are expected to send their entries to the international junior ranking tournament within a couple of days.

## NSW see victory

SYDNEY, Feb 9: A lethal mixture of pace and spin put New South Wales within sight of victory against defending Sheffield Shield champions Queensland in Brisbane on Thursday, with the visitors needing 173 runs on a lively wicket, reports Reuter.

At stumps on the second day of a day-night match that has now seen 31 wickets fall, New South Wales had wrapped up Queensland's second innings for 181 and were teetering at eight for one in the final run chase.

Veteran New South Wales spinner Greg Matthews and rookie fast bowler Anthony Stewart tore through the Queensland line-up, taking four wickets each to give their batsmen two full days to put the blues at the top of the Shield ladder.

But, as so often in this match, the New South Wales second innings got off to a bad start, losing a wicket on the last ball of the day.

Queensland pace bowler Michael Kasprovicz had opener Corey Richards caught behind for two. Rodney Davison resumes this afternoon on nought with Kevin Roberts due at the crease.

In Hobart, no play was possible on the second day of the match between Tasmania and South Australia because of persistent rain throughout the day.

Tasmania had scrambled to 258 for eight on the first day's play on Wednesday, with wicketkeeper Mark Atkinson 39 not out.

## Man built for big hit



ISLAMABAD, Feb 9 (AFP): Chris Cairns may know how to play a forward defensive shot — but, if he does, he hides it very well.

Defence, according to the New Zealand all-rounder's batting style, probably means trying to hit fours rather than sixes.

And he's not going to change. "If somebody told me

probably in his genes. His first cricketing memories are of his father Lance, who also distinguished himself at international level.

"As a young boy, I used to love watching the old man lifting the ball over the rope from all angles," he recalls.

The 25-year-old's career is beginning to regain direction after he failed to live up to the huge expectations heaped on him when he made his New Zealand debut in the 1990-91 season.

Last year, appearing for English county Nottingham

His match figures of 15 wickets for 83 against Sussex were unmatched by any bowler on the circuit.

"Sheep," as he is nicknamed by his teammates, looked set to take a break from the county next season but an extra 10,000-pound performance bonus on top of a 50,000 pound contract proved too great a temptation.

The figures confirm that the Picton-born former Christchurch schoolboy, who also plays for Canterbury, is now in the big league.

His 6 ft 2 ins frame is beginning to impress on the international scene as well, just in time for the World Cup.

October saw him take four wickets in 18 balls against India. The following month there was a maiden one-day century off 87 balls and three wickets against the same opponents.

Then, in December, came four for 51 in the one-off Test against Pakistan.

Unfortunately, there were no real rave reviews, since New Zealand, stuck in a trough, contrived to keep on losing despite Cairns' contributions.

His 120 off 96 balls against Zimbabwe in January — he reached three figures of 86 balls, the second fastest Test century ever scored by a New Zealander, and hit 94 in boundaries — deserved the headlines at last... but clashed with Shane Warne's decision to take part in the World Cup.

Perhaps Cairns' overriding interest in a side that can boast few world-class competitors.

It seems that the confident Cairns has managed that by keeping things simple — and hitting back as hard as he knows how.

After cracking a record 61 sixes for Nottingham last season he said: "Everybody can hit sixes. It's just a matter of backing yourself to do it regularly. I've never had a problem backing myself."

"If the ball is there to be hit, I just try to give it a whack."



CHRIS CAIRNS

to stop going for sixes, I simply wouldn't listen," he says. Cairns' philosophy — especially if he can live up to it — should go down well at the World Cup.

The art of the big hit is

## ICC on a sticky wicket



NEW DELHI, Feb 9: International Cricket Council (ICC) chief Clyde Walcott said today he was "helpless" in resolving the World Cup crisis over Sri Lanka continuing as co-hosts, a newspaper report said, reports agencies.

"The ICC has no influence over the countries that are participating in the World Cup. We cannot force any team to go and play in Sri Lanka," Walcott told the Delhi-based Evening News soon after reaching Calcutta for Sunday's opening ceremony.

Walcott and ICC chief executive David Richards of Australia are due to meet organisers on Saturday to act on the refusals by Australia

and the West Indies to play in Sri Lanka after last week's bombing in Colombo which killed more than 85 people.

The joint Pak-Indo-Lanka Organising Committee (PILCOM) has refused demands to shift venues, insisting that both Australia and the West Indies must play in Sri Lanka or forfeit their matches.

Walcott also told the newspaper he saw no merit in PILCOM's demand to ask the United Nations if the situation was favourable in Sri Lanka to hold matches.

"I don't think it will serve any purpose," Walcott was quoted as saying. "Anyway, let's try. We will do everything possible to solve the problem."

Australia are scheduled to play in Colombo on February 17 and the West Indies on February 25. Zimbabwe and Kenya, two other nations

billed to play in Sri Lanka, have agreed to go there.

Meanwhile, Lankan Foreign Minister Lakshman Kadirgamar is sending a bouquet of flowers to his Australian counterpart in a bid to mend relations strained after Australia refused to play in Colombo.

Sri Lanka's high commissioner in Canberra, Elmo Seneviratne, who had been ordered to send the flowers, had remarked that it "might be a silly thing to do."

"But I disagreed with his opinion, and flowers you will get, as large a bouquet as possible," said Kadirgamar in a letter to Senator Gareth Evans.

The letter to Evans was sent on Thursday, and the flowers were scheduled to be delivered Friday, said a foreign ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Sri Lankan minister was responding to a letter by Evans informing Kadirgamar that the Australian Cricket Board had reaffirmed its decision not to send its cricket team to Colombo despite an offer of added security.

"I fully appreciate that this decision will disappoint you and many of your fellow citizens... I recognise also that this outcome is doubly painful in that it results from an act of terrorism of particular brutality and ruthlessness," said Evans in his letter.

## 'Boro ropes in Branco

MIDDLESBROUGH, England, Feb 9: Brazilian World Cup defender Branco signed for Middlesbrough on Thursday, joining his international teammate Juninho at the English Premier league club, reports Reuter.

The 31-year-old veteran of three World Cups, a free agent after buying out his contract with Internacional of Brazil, signed for 18 months subject to a work permit. He will have an option to sign for a further year at the end of the 18 months.

Middlesbrough manager Bryan Robson said: "I have rated Branco as one of the world's best left-backs for many years. But he is also confident enough to play at centreback or in midfield."

"We still need to wait on his work permit. But I'm hopeful that we will have him back here within a month because he is an experienced international, who played in the last World Cup final."



Lee Hyung-Tae of South Korea makes a forehand return against Adrian Raturandang of Indonesia during the Asia Oceania zone first round match of the Davis Cup in Jakarta yesterday. Lee won 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. — AFP/UNB photo

## Greig's gutsy remark!

BANGALORE, India, Feb 9: Former England captain Tony Greig on Friday called on cricket administrators to ensure that Australia and the West Indies do not forfeit their World Cup match in Sri Lanka, reports AFP.

"They must go there and, if necessary, face the bullets," the Sydney-based Greig, who works as a cricket commentator for Australia's Channel Nine network, told reporters here.

"The issue has been blown out of proportion by the inept handling of the International Cricket Council (ICC), who should have diplomatically ensured that Australia play all their games," he said.

Greig, who will be doing commentary during the World Cup, attributed Australia's decision to stay away from Sri Lanka as "a fear psychosis instilled by threatening letters and reports of blasts."

"The Australians want to appear to be tough — they may be tough on the rugby field — but they are very passive people not used to volatile ethnic violence."

## WC opening on Star TV

Tune in to Star TV's 24-hour sports channel for the live telecast of the opening ceremony extravaganza for the 1996 World Cup in Calcutta, reports AFP.

Jagmohan Dalmiya, convener-secretary of the joint Pak-Indo-Lanka Organising Committee (PILCOM), said the former skippers will also be honoured at a separate function on Saturday.

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## US networks to televise WC soccer '98

NEW YORK, Feb 9: ABC Sports and the ESPN sports cable network have reached an agreement with world football's governing body FIFA to televise the 1998 World Cup from France, reports AFP.

ABC, ESPN and ESPN-2 will combine to show all 64 matches in the United States. ABC will broadcast at least 14 matches with ESPN and ESPN-2 showing about 25 matches apiece.

ABC and ESPN also televised the 1994 World Cup held in the United States.

They will again modify their usual commercial format, with no advertisements interrupting the matches.

Commercials will air before the matches, at halftime and after matches, and sponsors logos will be superimposed on the screen from time to time during matches.

## Crane comes WC's way!

BOMBAY, Feb 9: An 84-ton crane toppled over and damaged the outfield at the Bombay stadium where India are to play Australia in the World Cup, officials said today, reports Reuter.

But they said the day-night Group A match on February 27 would not be affected.

The impact left a yawning crater and pools of oil on the ground but the pitch itself was not damaged in the mishap on Thursday night, the latest problem to hit the tournament.

"We are very much within the time schedule. It will take a maximum of six to seven days to repair the ground," said Shripad Halbe, a Mumbai (Bombay) Cricket Association (MCA) official.

The 80-metre high crane, being used to install floodlights at the stadium ahead of the Cup match, topple when workers tried to drag it to a new site.

## Hosts bank on Windies



NEW DELHI, Feb 9: World Cup organisers will press the West Indies to go back on their refusal to play in Sri Lanka at a final meeting in Calcutta on Saturday to head off a crisis for the event, officials said, reports AFP.

The meeting, just 24 hours before the World Cup is officially opened at the Eden Gardens in Calcutta, will attempt to head off a major dispute caused by Australia and the West Indies boycott of Sri Lanka as a venue.

With Australia unlikely to back down from their decision not to play in Colombo due to security fears, the organisers will press the West Indies to reconsider, an Indian official said today.

"I think the West Indies can be persuaded to play," said the official, a senior member of the joint Pak-Indo-Lanka organising committee (PILCOM).

Clyde Walcott, chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) and a former West Indies Test batsman, is expected to try to convince the Caribbean players to change their minds.

Walcott and the international governing body's chief

executive David Richards, an Australian, will meet officials from PILCOM, Australia, Sri Lanka and the West Indies in an attempt to thrash out a compromise.

The West Indies followed Australia in refusing to play in Colombo, where more than 85 people were killed and 1,400 injured in last week's bomb blast. But PILCOM refused their demand that matches in Colombo be moved.

Australia were scheduled to play in Colombo on February 17 and the West Indies on February 25. Zimbabwe and Kenya, two other nations billed to play in Sri Lanka, have agreed to go there.

"We believe the West Indies were pressured by Australia in asking for a change in venue, and it would be easier to convince them about the Sri Lankan government's renewed assurances on security," the official said.

PILCOM offered to lodge the Australian and West Indian teams in India and fly them to Colombo on the morning of their matches. Australia turned down the offer, but the West Indies have not officially reached.

"If the West Indies agree, there will then be tremendous pressure on Australia to change their minds," the official said. "They will be isolated."

At the meeting, PILCOM

will stick by Sri Lanka as a host, he said. It will insist that Australia and the West Indies will forfeit their matches if they do not turn up.

"We have to go by the assurances of Sri Lankan government that tight security will be provided for the matches. If the government says so, then it has to be accepted," the official said.

The captains of the 12 competing nations are also to meet in Calcutta on Saturday, but the Sri Lanka crisis is not on their official agenda, which is dominated by playing conditions for the tournament.

PILCOM convener Jagmohan Dalmiya told reporters in Calcutta on Thursday that the ICC should seek the help of the United Nations to decide if conditions were favourable in Sri Lanka to hold the matches.

"Let the UN decide on the issue if the ICC cannot find a solution," Dalmiya said.

PILCOM, however, was unable to pass the request to Walcott and Richards, who were in transit. They are expected in Calcutta today.

The increasingly bitter dispute threatens to overshadow the gala opening ceremony in the Eden Gardens cricket ground on Sunday, which has been sold out for months.

Crickets' senior officials and all the teams, including Australia and the West Indies will take part in the event.

## Captains Calcutta-bound



NEW DELHI, Feb 9: Twenty-one cricketers who led their nations at the five previous World Cups will attend Sunday's opening ceremony for the 1996 tournament in Calcutta, reports AFP.

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Willis of England, South Africa's Kepler Wessels, Viv Richards of the West Indies and Zimbabwe's Dave Houghton all declined invitations.

The list of captains who will be present at the opening reads like a Who's Who of world cricket.

Leading the pack are West Indian Clive Lloyd, who won the first two World Cups held in England in 1975 and 1979, and Indian allrounder Kapil Dev, winner of the

third tournament in 1983. Also to be honoured are Canada's Brian Maricete and East Africa's Harilal Shah, whose teams participated in the inaugural World Cup but failed to qualify after that.

India's Mohammad Azharuddin and Aravinda de Silva of Sri Lanka, who captained their sides in the last World Cup in 1992, are the only current players on the list.

Past captains to go to opening ceremony:

India — Srinivas Venkataraghavan, Kapil Dev, Mohammad Azharuddin, Australia — Ian Chappell, Kim Hughes, New Zealand — Glenn Turner, Mark Burgess, Geoff Howarth, Martin Crowe and Jeff Crowe, Pakistan — Asif Iqbal, England — Mike Denness, Mike Gatting, West Indies — Clive Lloyd, Sri Lanka — Anura Tenekoon, Duleep Mendis, Aravinda de Silva, Zimbabwe — Duncan Fletcher, John Traicos, East Africa — Harilal Shah; Canada — Brian Maricete.



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Read the information and rules carefully. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

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

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