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Competition closes: 8 p.m. August 30, 1996. 1. The new Zimbabwean cricket captain is... 2. Number of centuries scored in the Headingley Test between Pakistan and England were...

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SPORTS TALK



Lindsay Davenport (American tennis player) 'She is the greatest probably that's ever lived and I'll always have this no matter what happens.'

Raymond left in the cold

CARLSBAD, California, Aug 20: Lisa Raymond, runner-up last year at the Toshiba Classic, was bounced out in the first round this year when Sweden's Asa Carlsson dismissed her 6-4, 6-0 on Monday, reports Reuter.

'I haven't won that many matches this year, so this one feels good,' said Carlsson, who improved to 10-14 this year with the 63-minute sweep.

Carlsson used a steady ground attack to keep the unseeded American on the run and off-balance throughout the straight-sets victory.

I played very relaxed, I played confident from the baseline, and she never found a rhythm,' the 21-year-old Swede said. 'I'm happy.'

Raymond had a career-high 17th world ranking last year but her ranking has plummeted to 49 along with her confidence.

'I wasn't playing with much confidence out there,' Raymond said. 'I couldn't get into a groove the whole time.'

In other opening-round matches, Naoko Sawatsumi of Japan beat Sabine Hack of Germany 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 and Shih-Ting Wang of Taiwan ousted Miriam Oremans of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-4.

Sixteen-year-old sensation Venus Williams of the United States hammered out a 7-5, 6-3 victory over German Barbara Rittner to gain entry to the main draw. She will face Katarina Stutenikova of Slovakia on Tuesday.

Shocking! BRASILIA, Aug 20: A Brazilian soccer fan died after trying to rescue his son-in-law from crowd trouble during a match that also saw violence on the field, Globo Television reported on Monday, reports Reuter.



Stand by referee Rafiqul Islam (R) trying to convince the players of Mohammedan SC and Brothers Union to start the match. —Star photo

Violence mars MSC-BU match

Sport dates with incubus

The packed audience at the Dhaka Stadium were supposed to enjoy a nail-biting clash between the two aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club and Brothers Union yesterday, but ironically, they had to experience a fatal demonstration.

Dhaka Metropolitan Football Association (DMFA), the organiser of the Danish Premier Division football league, played an ugly game inflicting a massive violence in and around the big bowl last night, leaving one unidentified man dead.

Hell broke loose when the audience, frustrated primarily by both the teams' reluctance of rolling in the 'unplayable ground', suddenly and surely discovered that it was a friendly affair rather than a serious battle between the two heavyweights as soon as the match started at 7 pm, an hour after the scheduled kick-off.

The furious fans, offended by the way they were cheated at the cost of their expenses, vented their anger pelting stones and dislocating the chairs at the VIP stands. Some even tried to break open the fence before police jumped into the action to quell the situation.



Police lobbed tear gas shells to bring down the crowd under control at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Discards' sizzling show

LONDON, Aug 20: Derbyshire climbed to the top of the county championship table on Monday as England rejects Devon Malcolm and Phil DeFreitas shot out struggling neighbours Nottinghamshire for only 98 runs, reports Reuter.

It was the sixth championship victory in eight matches for Derbyshire, a stark contrast to the visitors who have now lost their last five four-day games.

Malcolm, with five for 43, and DeFreitas (four for 53) swept Nottinghamshire aside in 50 minutes on the final morning after they resumed at 72 for four in their second innings to clinch a 303-run victory.

Chris Cairns pulled Malcolm to deep square leg before Chris Tolley shouldered arms and lost his middle stump two balls later.

When Kevin Evans played no shot to a DeFreitas in-swing, the visitors were in retreat and with Paul Pollard unable to bat after taking a blow on the helmet from Malcolm, the end came quickly.

Derbyshire's comprehensive win lifted them to the top of the table for the first time this season, but captain Dean Jones played down talk of the county's first championship title in 60 years.

PWD, Wari split points

Public Works Department (PWD) Sports Club and Wari Club split points in the Danish First Division football league as their engagement yesterday ended in a goalless draw at the Dhaka Stadium.

This was the second league match for both teams from which PWD, who earlier beat Sadharan Bima 2-1, raised their tally to four points while Wari, who lost their previous encounter to Mirpur Chalanika SC 0-1, earned their first point.

Rate of tickets for MSC-Laos match

Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday announced the rate of tickets for the Asian Cup Winners' Cup match between Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club and Laos Electricity Club, to be held at the Dhaka Stadium August 24.

Taka 20 has been fixed for the tickets of both western and eastern galleries while the rate of VVIP gallery will be Taka 100 per person. Besides, the tickets for special enclosures (Gate No. 2 and 3) will be available for Taka 50.

Security Lanka's top priority

COLOMBO, Aug 20: Sri Lanka has tightened security at cricket grounds and assigned elite police commandos to guard visiting teams competing in the four nation Singer cricket series beginning here Saturday, officials said, reports AFP.

The special Task Force (STF) commandos will protect players while other police units have been brought under a Deputy Inspector-General to accord security normally reserved for visiting heads of state, officials said.

All arrangements are in place to receive the players from Australia, India and Zimbabwe, a spokesman for the board of control for cricket said, adding that the government had assured top security at all venues.

Australia boycotted its World Cup match here in February. Citing fears of bomb attacks after Tamil Tiger guerrillas bombed the Central Bank building in down town Colombo, killing 91 people and wounding 1,400.

Police said all spectators will be body-searched by commandos and no parking will be allowed along the approach roads to the venues during the nearly three-week long tournament.

Nat'l handball results

JAMALPUR, Aug 20: Seven matches of the 11th national handball competition were decided today at the local stadium, reports UNB.

The results are: BDR Eleven defeated Chittagong City Sports Association by 23-13 goals, Rajshahi Sports Association won against BAU by 20-13 goals, Bangladesh Ansar won by 31-16 goals against Jessore District Sports Association, Bangladesh Navy defeated Natore District Sports Association by 26-4 goals, Dhaka District Sports Association defeated Pabna District Sports Association by 25-7 goals, Bangladesh Air Force defeated Narail District Sports Association by 29-11 goals and Jamalpur District Sports Association won against Shahjalal University of Science and Technology by 18-16.

Earlier, State Minister for Religious Affairs Mawlana Nurul Islam attended the inaugural ceremony of the five-day competition, jointly organised by Bangladesh Handball Federation and the local Sports Federation.

The function was also attended by Bangladesh Handball Federation president Kazi Mahab Uddin, secretary Asaduzzaman Kohnoor and Jamalpur District Sports Association president Akhtar Hossain Khan.

Giddins falls from grace

LONDON, Aug 20: Sussex cricketer Ed Giddins was suspended from playing any match under the jurisdiction of the Test and County Cricket Board until April 1, 1998, after a drugs hearing today, reports Reuter.

The pacesman, who toured Pakistan with England A last winter, tested positive for an illegal substance after a county match against Kent in May.

Olympic Solidarity course begins

The Olympic Solidarity course 1996 for football coaches, organised by Bangladesh Football Federation in cooperation with Bangladesh Olympic Association, commenced in the capital yesterday.

Obaidul Quader, State Minister for Youth and Sports, inaugurated the two-week long course in a brief ceremony held at a local hotel.

Saqlain proves prowess



CHELMSFORD, England, Aug 20: Teenage off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq improved his slim chances of making Pakistan's team for this Thursday's crucial third Test against England after taking five for 34 in the tourists' 271-run victory against Essex Monday, report agencies.

Saqlain combined with Waqar Younis —who claimed four for 26 — to bowl Essex out for 118 after the home side had been set 390 to win on the third and final day.

Saqlain, who bagged six for 32 on the final day of Pakistan's victory against Leicestershire last Friday, finished with match figures of nine for 81 and was named man-of-the-match.

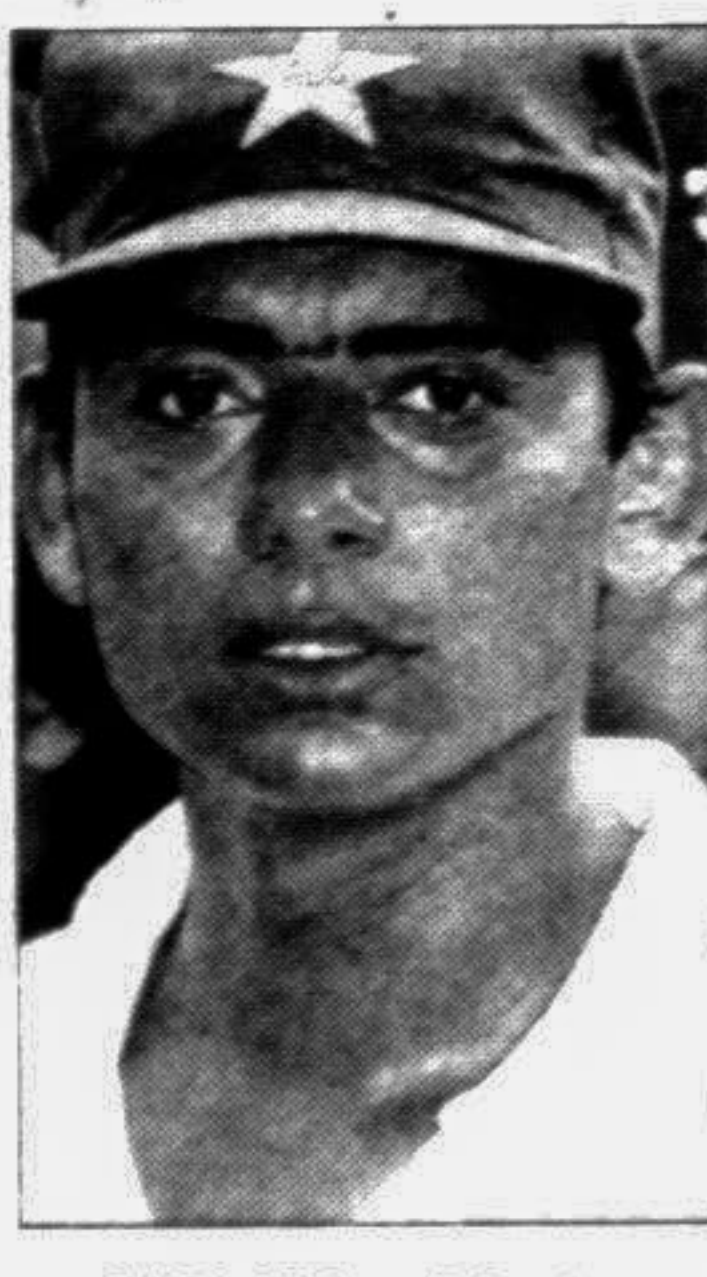
But the 19-year-old will still struggle for a place in Pakistan's Test XI which meets England at Oval Aug 22-26 with a 1-0 lead in the three-Test series.

Match-winning leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, who played a major role in Pakistan's first-Test victory at Lord's, is a certainty for selection.

Unless Pakistan opts for a second spinner at the expense of one of its six batsmen, Saqlain will battle with Pakistan's two other seamers — Ataur Rehman and Mohammad Akram — for the fourth bowling spot along-side captain Wasim Akram.

Waqar and Mushtaq. Ataur has been supportive rather than outstanding with five wickets from the first two Tests, while Mohammad Akram staked his claim for a Test call by bagging nine wickets in his man-of-the-match performance against Leicestershire last week.

Saqlain's first wicket of the final day against Essex came when he caught a return catch from opener Darren Robinson.



SAQLAIN...5 for 34

For Pakistan, the consummate win against Essex turned out to be a timely tonic for the third Test.

The tourists were guided to victory by the hostility of pacesman Waqar and the guile of Saqlain.

Darren Robinson, with his second half-century of the game, was the only Essex player to put up much of a fight.

He collected eight boundaries while making 55. Robinson had shared a 59-run stand with Jonathan Lewis (21) for the second wicket, but once that was broken, Essex, who fielded several inexperienced players, were simply brushed aside, losing last eight wickets for just 32 runs in 14 overs.

Pakistani wicketkeeper Rashid Latif combined with Saqlain by completing two stumpings off the youngster's orthodox spinners their fifth win over a countryside.

Pakistan beat Essex, by 271 runs.

Pak umpires in a stew



DUBAI, Aug 20: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) council has decided to axe umpires with bad reports for two years, Karachi based Dawn Daily reported, reports PTL.

The council which met at Lahore also named a new selection committee headed by former Test pacesman Saleem Altaf and a rules committee headed by Test off spinner Zulfiqar Ahmad for three years.

The former Test star Zaheer Abbas and all-rounder Nasimul Ghani, at present touring England, will be replaced by some willing workers.

Majid Khan said the performance of all the members would be reviewed by the PCB every year and members not performing their duties efficiently could be replaced by some willing workers.

While selecting the Pakistan senior team, manager, coach and captain will be co-opted as members by the selection committee. He said this committee would select a 14-member Pakistan team for the Sahara Cup soon after it returns from England.

He said a disciplinary committee was being formed and names of its members would also be made public as soon as those were finalised.

He said besides the Test umpires, 36 best graded umpires had been appointed to supervise the matches of the tournaments this season.

The purpose behind keeping a limited number of umpires on the panel was to give them the maximum number of matches so that their standards could improve.

Ronaldo joins Barcelona

BARCELONA (Spain), Aug 20: Teenage Brazilian striker Ronaldo formally joined Barcelona on Monday as one of Spain's highest paid players, pledging to repay his new club's largesse with total dedication, reports Reuter.

Ronaldo, 19, left Dutch-Club-holders PSV Eindhoven last month on an eight-season contract reputed to have cost the Catalan club some 20 million dollars.

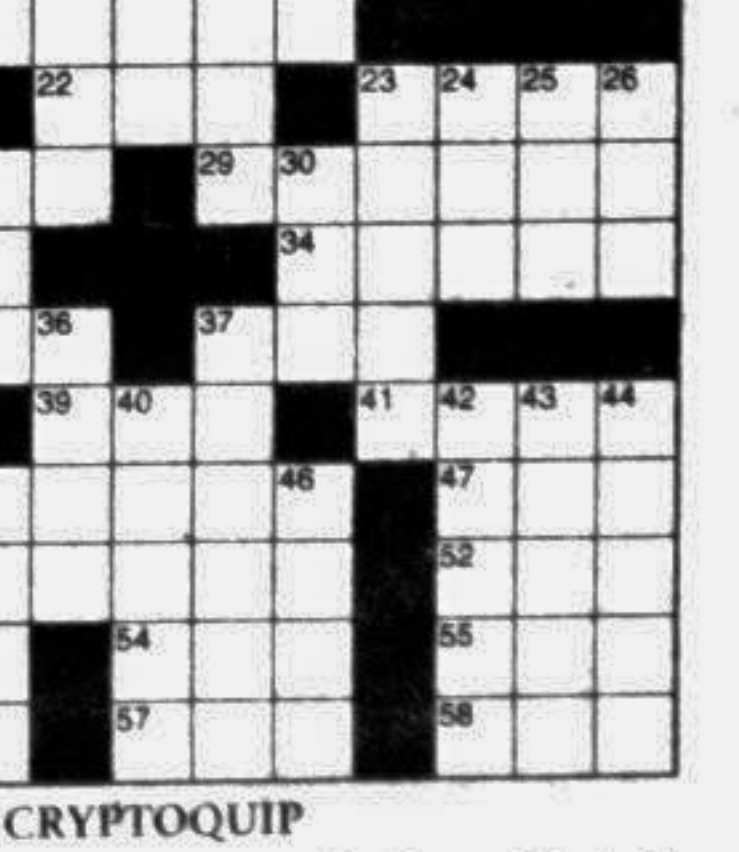
The young Brazilian star has been mobbed by Barcelona fans since he arrived at the weekend, local media reported.

He appeared shy at Monday's official presentation but vowed to give his best, adding: 'I was even younger when I joined PSV, and that did not stop me taking my responsibilities.'

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader (second from left) speaking during the opening ceremony of Olympic Solidarity course at a hotel in the capital yesterday. —Star photo