

Column One SPORTS TALK



Sachin Tendulkar (Indian cricket captain) 'I try to keep my life into two separate parts. I do not allow the commercial side to intrude into the game.'

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- 1. Pakistan batsman Salim Malik's century in The Oval Test was his... 11th 10th 14th
2. How many athletes from Bangladesh went to Atlanta this year... Two Three Four
3. The top seed of this year's US Open is... Agassi
4. Pakistani pacer Waqar Younis has signed for... Lancashire
5. Cricket umpire Steve Bucknor is from... Kenya Zimbabwe West Indies

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Lanka's NZ itinerary

COLOMBO, Sept 8: Sri Lanka, eager to excel in traditional Test cricket after taking the one-day game by storm, will play two Tests and three one-day internationals in New Zealand early next year, reports AP.

We are eagerly waiting for the Tests, said Sri Lankan skipper Arjuna Ranatunga who now plans to concentrate on five-day matches.

To accommodate the Sri Lankan, the New Zealand Cricket Association has delayed the final of the Shell Trophy to Easter weekend. The Shell Trophy final will now begin on March 29 instead of March 21 as originally scheduled.

The Test matches between Sri Lanka and New Zealand will be played at Hamilton (March 7-11) and Wellington (March 14-18). The one-day internationals will be held at Auckland (March 22), Christchurch (March 25) and Dunedin (March 27).

The World Cup one-day champions will arrive in New Zealand on Feb 27. Sri Lanka will also play a three-day match against New Zealand 'A' in Gisborne and a day-night clash against Central Districts in Napier.

Bowe-Golota rematch Dec 14

NEW YORK, Sept 8: Riddick Bowe will fight Poland's Andrew Golota on Dec. 14 in a rematch of their controversial bout at Madison Square Garden, promoter Dino Duva said Saturday, report agencies.

No site was announced, but there have been reports it will be in Atlantic City, New Jersey, about an hour's drive south of New York City.

In their first fight on July 11, Bowe, despite trailing on all three judges' cards, emerged with a victory when Golota was disqualified late in the seventh round for repeated low blows. Cornermen for both fighters began brawling and the fight carried over the spectators at ring-side.

Saiful bowls over Brunei

Sports Reporter



Saiful Islam bowled Bangladesh to their third successive win in the Pepsi ACC Trophy as they inflicted a thumping nine-wicket defeat on lowly Brunei at the Rubber Research Institute (RRI) ground in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, according to a faxed message received here last night.

The national right-arm seamer captured four wickets for only 21 runs in his ten nippy overs after Brunei, electing to bat after winning the toss, could muster 129/9 in their share of 50 overs.

In reply, Bangladesh, a firm contender for the only non-Test playing member-nations slot in the next Asia Cup, rattled up 133/1 in only 24 overs to almost confirm their semifinal berth from Group A in the 12-nation meet.

Bangladesh, who are certain to top the group, will play their next match against Japan tomorrow before meeting Hong Kong in the their last group league match on September 11.

In the day's match Bangladesh, fresh after their convincing victories against Nepal and Fiji, were hardly troubled by an unheralded Brunei despite the absence of skipper Akram Khan, who was nursing a sore muscle.

With vice-captain Aminul Islam Bulbul leading the side in what appeared to be another ego-nursing act for Bangladesh, the local pace trio of Sajal, Anis and Saiful simply ran over the Brunei batsmen, who were hardly capable of negotiating the fireballs.

Sajal, who opened the attack with left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman, struck in the very first over removing Brunei opener Maccmann for one. The young quicky, a wee bit expensive, also featured in the fall of the last wicket to finish with two for 31 in his 10 overs.

On the other hand, Anis was rather unfortunate to return wicketless. But his figure of 10-4-19-0 suggests the accuracy and consistency of his line and length.

other group after defeating Papua New Guinea by four wickets.

Meanwhile, the manager of the Bangladesh team, Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu, who has confirmed that Shanto will miss the whole tournament due to injury, asked for a replacement of the tall new-ball bowler immediately.

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) is expected to send Khaled Masud Sujon, a useful all-rounder, tomorrow to fill the void of Shanto, who bruised his right ankle during a practice session in Kuala Lumpur on September 4.



SAIFUL ISLAM... 4 for 21

Facing a simple task of scoring less than three runs per over, opener Harunur Rashid Liton and Shahriar Hossain Bidyt gave Bangladesh a rolling start, putting on 70 runs for the first wicket before young Bidyt departed for a patient 36.

Liton, who remained unbeaten on a polished 66, then steered his side to a facile victory sharing another 63 runs in the undefeated second wicket with Mubbul Bashar Sumon (27 n.o.).

United Arab Emirates, another serious contender for the final berth in the next Asia Cup to be held in Sri Lanka next year, also posted their third consecutive victory to lead the

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for BRUNEI, BANGLADESH, and Bowling. Includes player names, runs, wickets, and bowling figures.

Result: Bangladesh won by nine wickets. Man-of-the-match: Saiful Islam.

Alfaz named AFC's player of month

Sports Reporter

Striker Alfaz Ahmed of Mohammedan Sporting Club was declared player of the month for August by the Asian Football Federation (AFC), according to Star Sports monitored in Dhaka.

Alfaz, the first Bangladeshi to be named to the monthly pedestal, was rewarded for the four goals, including a hat-trick, he scored against Laos Electricity at the Dhaka Stadium on August 24 in the first leg of the Asian Cup Winners Cup match. Mohammedans beat Laos 8-0.

Mohammedans off to Laos today

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting football team leaves for Bangkok today at 1:50 am by Thai Airways en route to the Laotian capital of Vientiane to play in the second leg of the Asia Cup Winners Cup.

After an overnight stay at the Thai capital the team will fly to Laos tomorrow. The match against Laos Electricity is on September 11.

Mohammedans having won the first leg at Dhaka on August 24 by a flattering margin of 8-0, are almost certain to go to the second round to meet Hyundai of South Korea.

Mohammedans will return to Bangkok on September 12 for an overnight stop before flying to Seoul the day after. The first leg match against Hyundai is scheduled for September 14.

The team is expected to return to Dhaka on September 16. The second leg match against the South Korean team will be played in Dhaka on September 28.

The following is the team: Ponir and Zia - goalkeepers; Pervez, Mansur, Kaiser Hamid, Rajani, Jewel Rana (captain), Munna and Ruhul Amin - defenders; Manik, Arman, Iqbal and Shabbir - midfielders; Alfaz and Ranjan - strikers.

Team leader H M H Selim, Manager - Imtiaz Sultan Johnny, officials - Lokman H Bhuiya, Aminul Islam Babu, Shahriar Ahmed Tutul and Ekramul Karim Chowdhury. Coach - Man Young Kang.

6th Bangladesh Games Dec 20

The sixth Bangladesh Games, the biggest sports extravaganza of the country, will be held in the capital on December 20-27, reports UNB.

The decision was taken at the first meeting of the newly reconstituted executive committee of Bangladesh Olympic Association yesterday.

BOA President and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman presided over the meeting held at National Sports Council conference room.

Twenty-five out of 33 BOA members, including vice-president Maj (ret'd) Hafizuddin Ahmed MP, Lt Col (ret'd) M Faruq Khan MP, secretary general Golam Quddus Chowdhury and two deputy secretary general - Imamsul Bari and Anwarul Haq Helal attended the meeting.

A strong organising committee for the Games was also formed with Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria as Chairman and BOA secretary general Golam Quddus Chowdhury Babu as organising secretary.

Sohail United Insurance golf champ

Sports Reporter

Rezaur Rahman Sohail became champion of the United Insurance Golf Tournament played at the Dhaka Club Golf Course last Wednesday.

Tareq Tahir was runner-up. Rezaur Rahman got the best net Kutubuddin Chowdhury won the longest drive. H Samad took the second nine and Reshadul Amin Bappa picked up the front nine and nearest to the pin.

The prize distribution ceremony was held last Saturday evening at the Dhaka Club premises. Mrs. Dabir Siddiqi, wife of the President, Dhaka Club distributed the prizes. Moeayedul Islam, Chairman of United Insurance was present as special guest.

BHF picks 28 spikers

Bangladesh Handball Federation initially selected 28 players, yesterday to form a national men's team for the first South Asian Handball Championship to be held in the Indian city of Joypur October 8-13, reports UNB.

The players are: Mohammad Ali Jony, Humayun Kabir, Anwarul Islam (Army), Tajul Islam (Navy), Saheed Ali, Abdul Hakim (Air Force), Rafiqul Islam, Kazi Nizam Uddin, Mongsa Pru Marma, Golam Mostafa, Jahangir Alam (Rifles), Nurul Islam, Sheikh Ahmed Mithu, Shahiduzzaman (Police), Akram, Hossain, Rafiqul Islam, Alauddin (Ansars), Enamul Hasan (Chittagong DSA), Shahinur Rahman, (Jessore DSA), Selim Miah, Sheikh Sabir Ahmed, Altaf Hossain Akul, Mir Habibul Hasan Swapan, Salahuddin Palaash, Saidur Rahman Nayan, Kajal Sharma, Mostafa Jahangir Khokon and Ashraf Ali Bhuiyan (Dhaka DSA). Trainer: Nazir Akhter Mukul.

Tyson's another quickie



LAS VEGAS, Sept 8: Bruce Seldon called Mike Tyson a destroyer. The fans called the fight a fix.

'Fix' 'Fix' the ugliest word in boxing, resounded through the MGM Grand Garden after Tyson knocked Seldon down twice and stopped him in 109 seconds Saturday night to win the World Boxing Association heavy-weight championship, report agencies.

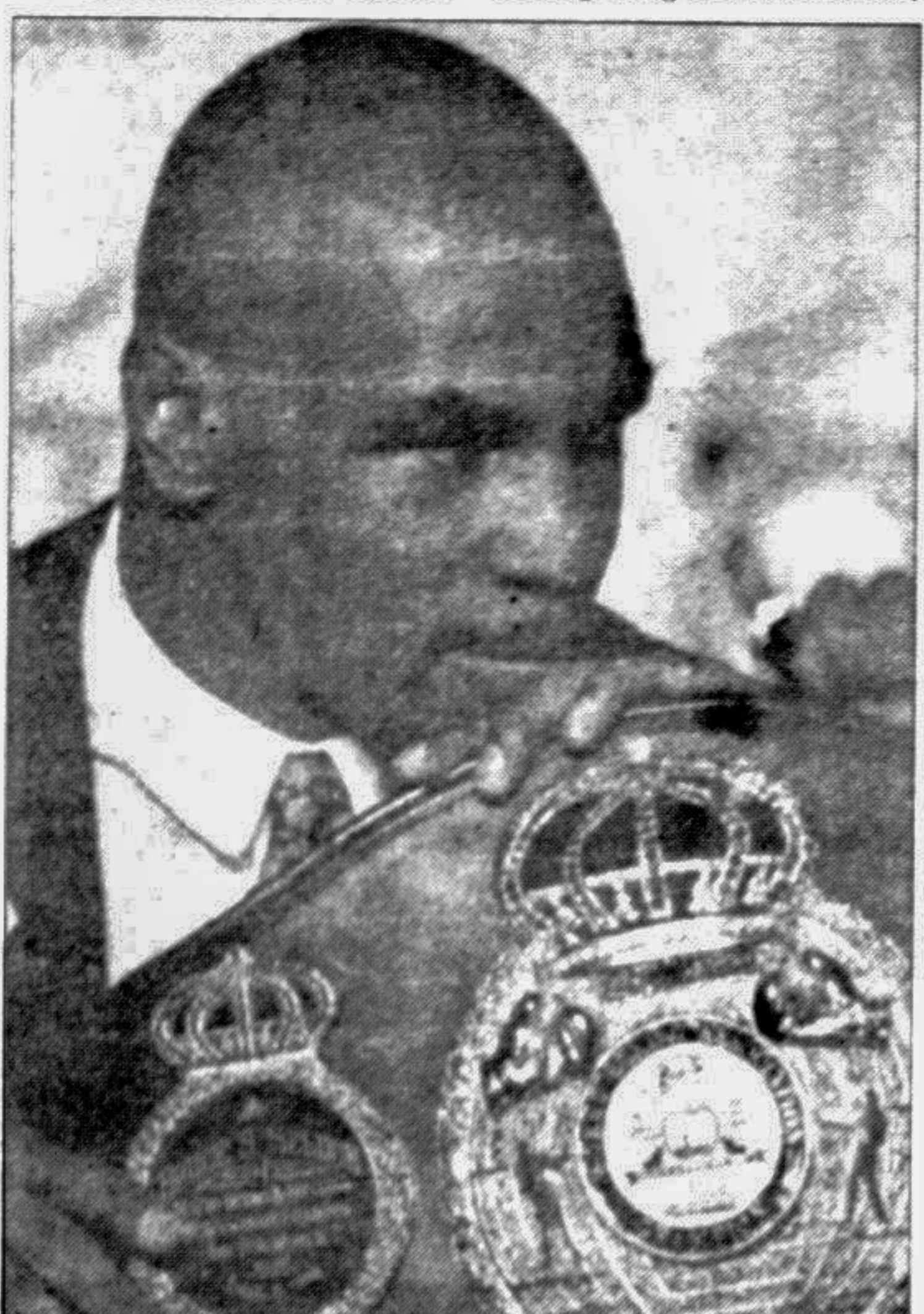
'I went up against the baddest man on the planet,' Seldon

'I'm punching pretty hard these days,' Iron Mike said. 'I'm punching harder than when I was younger.'

However, it was a punch that most of the fans thought didn't land that led to the chorus of boos and the shouts of a fixed fight from the crowd, estimated at 9,000.

Seldon went face down from a glancing right hand high on the forehead. At first, referee Richard Steele thought it was a slip.

Seldon admitted the punch was a grazing blow, but added,



Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson holds the WBA belt during a press conference after he defeated Bruce Seldon at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas on Sept 7.

'He got a little elbow behind it, which did me in.' Seldon struggled up and took the 8-count. Tyson then was on him, firing a left hook to the jaw that dropped Seldon face down again. Again he struggled up, but his legs were rubbery and Steele stopped the fight. Seldon is known as the At-

Soccer striker creates space to score over sprawl

Beauty Lupiya writes from Rio de Janeiro

Former Brazilian star Zico now runs a soccer school to provide a place for young hopefuls to practise at a time when unplanned urban growth is squeezing them off their makeshift pitches. His training centre is also going some way, reports Gemini News Service, to safeguarding the future of the national game.

They say that Brazil's great soccer stars are born on the beaches or in the back streets. Any spare plot of sand or asphalt is quickly transformed into a pitch for young football-crazy boys, who often play barefoot with an old ball in desperate need of repair.

In this way, the sprawling cities of the world's greatest soccer nation have spawned such stars as Pele, Zico, Romario and a host of others.

The problem today is that unplanned urban growth linked to rapid industrial development is squeezing out young talent.

'Fewer young people have the possibility of practising nowadays,' says Zico, one of the Brazilian greats of the 1970s and '80s. 'Lack of space in the big cities will create serious problems for national football. The number of payers could decrease and Brazil could stop producing stars.'

To combat the problem, Zico 43, has opened a soccer school in his native Rio de Janeiro to help children of all social backgrounds hone their skills, away from traffic jams and building sites.

The Zico Soccer Centre - consisting of four pitches, running tracks, indoor training facilities and classrooms - has been a great hit. In its first year, the number of student has soared from 400 to 1,000. Thirteen instructors have been hired to supervise 90-minute sessions for youngsters aged seven to 17.

'I like the school. I like Uncle Zico,' says seven-year-old student Faian Saraiva after scoring a goal during practice at dribbling the ball. 'I want to be famous like him.'

Zico gives some of the lessons on and off the pitch, teaching various aspects of the game, tactics and such things as the importance of respecting coaches and referees.

He says that when he was a child in the 1960s, he and his friends had little trouble finding somewhere to practise.

However, bad planning and uncontrolled growth have covered every available space in some areas with shopping centres, office blocks, car parks and shanty towns. Hundreds of makeshift football fields have been lost, and poorer neighbourhoods have suffered the worst. Even where there are public parks, little thought appears to have been put into creating playing spaces.

In the late '80s, when Zico was helping to coach young players, he realised how things had changed, and saw the need for starting a school.

'It became harder and harder each day to find a vacant field for training,' he says. 'I could see no other solution but to construct everything myself.'

He will not disclose how much he invested in the school, but does say 'it was expensive.'

The centre does not receive public funding, and charges children 100 reais for membership and a monthly fee of 60 reais. However, children from poorer families are allowed to take part for half price or even for nothing in some cases.

Arthur Antunes Coimbra, better known as Zico, was born in the poor suburb of Quintino. When he was 14 he was spotted and groomed by the leading Rio club, Flamengo. He played as a striker for the club for most of the 1970s and '80s scoring 508 goals. He also won 90 caps for Brazil, scoring 69 goals for the national side.

He launched the school project after officially ending his playing career at Kashima Antlers of Japan in 1994. He still plays unofficially, and helped his country win the recently-launched beach football world championships in Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, in 1995 and 1996.

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