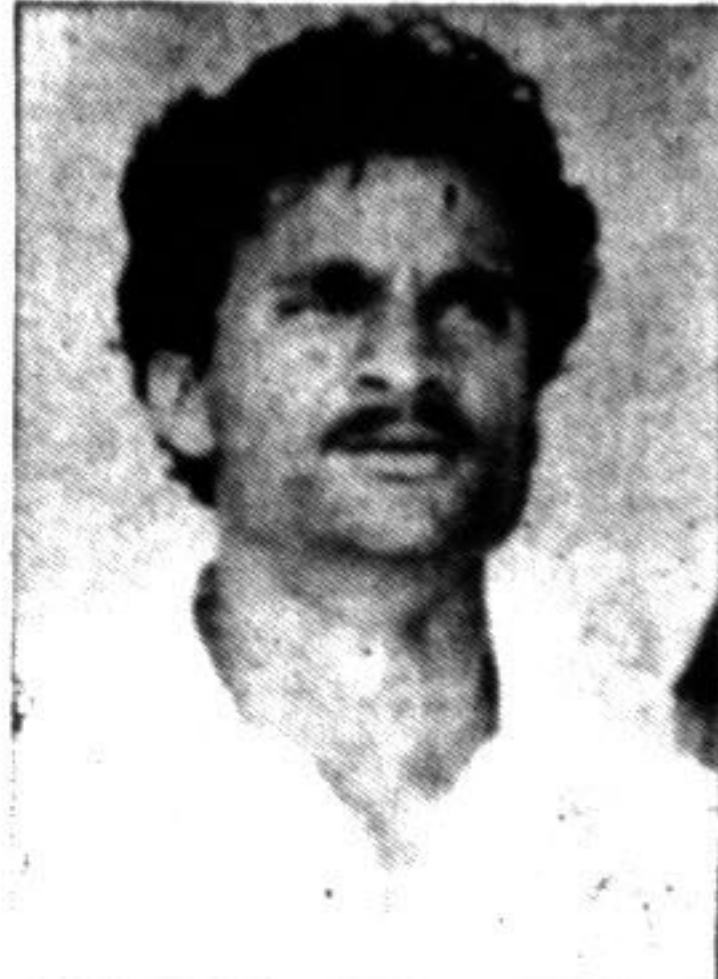


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Javagal Srinath
(Indian pace bowler)

"Everyone knows he is going to bowl the yorker. In fact the batsman is prepared for it, still he manages to get wickets with that delivery. That is what makes him such a great bowler. He is so quick in the air. His commitment to fast bowling is total, look at the manner in which he has bounced back from injury."

(Said of Pakistan speedster Waqar Younis.)

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- The winner of the man-of-the-series award in the Singer World Series is
De Silva Jayasuriya Ranatunga
- The number of participating nations in the Pepsi ACC Trophy are
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- The winner of the US Open 1996 women's title is
Graf Seles Hingis
- The Bangladeshi who scored a century in the first round of the Pepsi ACC Trophy is
Akram Bulbul Bidyut
- The new England Test vice-captain is
Hussain Stewart Russell

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Swimming course

for women,

girls and boys

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Women Sports Federation has arranged a swimming course for different age groups at its Dhanmondi pool from October 1, says a press release.

Interested women and girls have been advised to enrol at the federation office from 10 am to 5 pm.

Beside the girls, boys from six to ten years of age will also be allowed to participate in the course.

Fahlan retains

WBF crown

MAHA SARAKHAM, Thailand, Sept 14: Reigning World Boxing Federation (WBF) flyweight champion Fahlan Sakkrin easily retained his title with a unanimous points decision over number-one contender Olympico Juarez of Mexico here Friday, reports AFP.

Fighting in his home town, southpaw Fahlan, 29, scored regularly with right jabs to the face and left hooks to the face and body, while keeping out of range of Juarez's main weapon, a left jab.

Judges Elmo Coloma from the Philippines, Pieter Gedaon from Indonesia and Nipon Lanlua from Thailand, scored the bout 118-108, 120-108 and 120-108 respectively.

It was Fahlan's sixth title defence and he improved his record to 34 wins (14 knockouts) one draw and two losses. Juarez stands at 25 wins (18 knockouts) one draw and eight losses.

Carbajal canters

DES MOINES, Iowa, Sept 14: Michael Carbajal defended his International Boxing Federation junior flyweight championship here Friday, stopping Colombia's Julio Coronell 52 seconds into the eighth round, reports AFP.

Carbajal rose to 42-2 with 27 knockout victories and now has a 13-2 record in title fights. Coronell fell to 16-10 with one draw.

Carbajal sent Coronell to the canvas four times and stunned him in almost every round before the fight was halted.

"He took a good shot. He was a good fighter," Carbajal said.

Real test for Bangladesh

By Aahfaul Haque & Al-Amin



There is an old saying, nothing succeeds like success.

And scores of sports-crazy citizens of this soil, soaked annually by the waters of the Himalayas, have been starving for that ever-eluding success since independence.

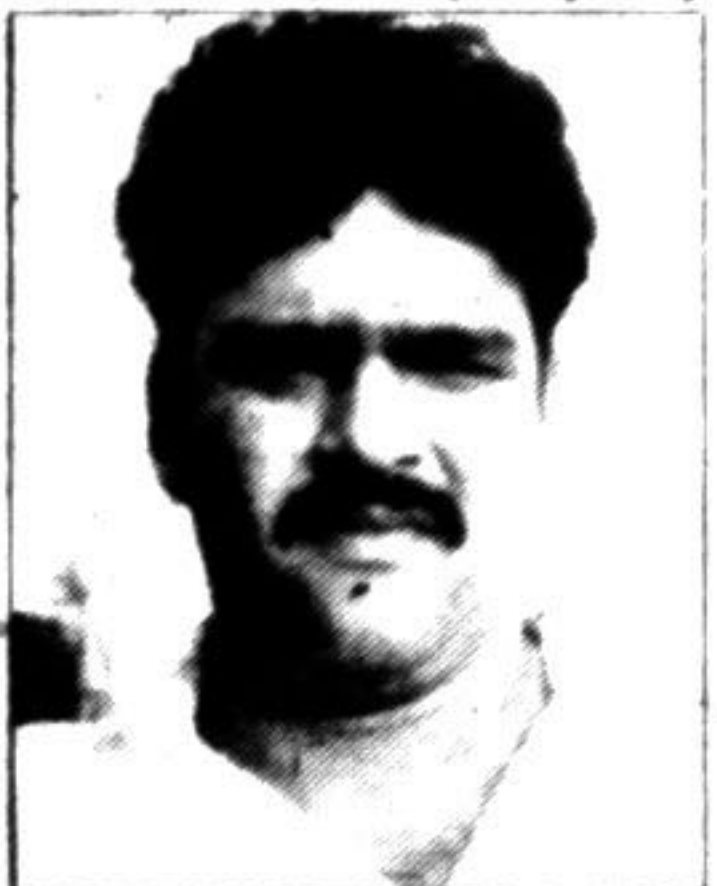
Come an international sporting event and we start dreaming of laurels, not always without a degree of rationality. But over the past decades, day-dreams turned to nightmares, reality was short of being fictional, but our aspirations remained stuck on the last rung in the ladder of success.

Now the whole nation will short of breath, once again, when our cricketers take on United Arab Emirates in the final of the Asian Cricket Council trophy in Kuala Lumpur today.

There have been no dearth of enthusiasm, nor has exuberance been in short supply, with regard to the cricket journey of the twelve non-Test-playing nations during the past week.

If Bangladesh wins the Pepsi trophy introduced for the first time this year, its cricketers will get yet another chance to rub shoulders with world

ends by being the best side in the South East Asian championship. But our cricketers appear before a test this year, more precisely today, to justify



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the rating and privilege they have enjoyed earlier in the Asian region.

Cricketing annals of most other ICC associate member-countries in the fray speak volumes about the level of non-interest in the game. Excepting two or three nations, the history of playing cricket in most other countries spans a few years.

But, with World Cup qualifiers United Arab Emirates as opponents, today's final will certainly be a different ball game for Bangladesh against a thoroughly mercenary side. The UAE, a constellation of expatriates from India and Pakistan is by any standard a better side among the two finalists. And, if the proof of the pudding is in the eating, then their impressive six-wicket victory against Bangladesh in the last ICC Trophy in 1994 in Kenya should certainly blow a wind of caution against the soaring spirit of the success-lorn country.

With Azhar Sayeed, Arshad Laik, Ishak Ahmed and Selim Raja, the four most experienced cricketers who were regulars in Pakistan's First Class cricket and had earlier inspired UAE into the last World Cup finals, still bolstering the strength of the Gulf State, it is indeed going to be an acid test for Bangladesh after a rocky passage into the final.

Despite the odds, we are going to be worthy opponents. We have our skills, our exposure to higher level cricket is by comparison considerable and the side boasts of some quality batsmen as well as a disciplined pack of attacking bowlers. But, what we still lack is application at the right moment and place. Over the years our cricketers, often criticised for their lack of patriotic zeal and gluttony for national glory, seldom offered the best and their full potential has never been wholly exploited.

Although Bangladesh went into the meet without its four national stalwarts Nannu, Faruque, Athar and Moni, dropped on disciplinary grounds, their replacements have done the country proud. Young Bidyut and Harun ur Rashid Lion are very much capable of opening with the willow. One-down Habibul Bashar Sumon, who seems to have recovered from a bad patch, has everything up his sleeves to punish the ball with deadly venom.

Then there is Aminul Islam Bulbul, the stout right-handed middle-order bat, considered to be the most important exponent for Bangladesh, with his cool and composed approach, lived up to the tag of Mr Reliable this far in the meet. And, as a bonus, he has proved to be a very useful off-spinner.

Skipper Akram Khan is very much capable of nudging and pushing around and a workman-like Khaled Masud Sujon, better known for his nagging medium-pace, can also score some quick runs. Besides, he is an agile fielder.

Salut and left-arm seamer Anisur Rahman are the two recognised seamers in the side while Salahuddin and Mohammed Rafique, the two tweakers who are ready to make the most of a slow and turning wicket.

Come what may, today may prove to be the biggest day of our cricket's journey to be at par with the rest of the sub-continent.

MSC gulp Hyundai's five

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club suffered a 0-5 defeat to Hyundai Football Club of South Korea in the Asian Cup Winners Cup second round first leg encounter held at the Ulsan city in South Korea yesterday.

According to a telephone message received here last night, the Koreans led the first half 1-0.

The powerful Hyundai outfit fielded three European and three South Korean national team booters against the Mohammedans. Injured national keeper Ponir, who got hurt during their first round second leg match against Laos Electricity last Wednesday, played the whole proceedings.

The second leg will be held in Dhaka on September 28.

If Mohammedans are looking for any excuses, they have one in the long journey they made to South Korea the day before the match. But, their opponents proved to be superior by miles. Mohammedans will leave South Korea today and reach Dhaka tomorrow.

Nat'l women's handball

Sports Reporter

Nine first round matches in the Orient Bread national eves handball championship were decided at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

In the morning session, defending champions Ansars at played Rangpur 26-3, last year's runners up BJMC trounced Jessore 20-4. Dhaka dumped Dinajpur 10-3. Rajshahi beat Pirojpur 8-7 while Jamalpur and Barisal shared points in a 15-15 draw.

In the afternoon, Madaripur defeated Joypurhat 14-8. Ansars tamed Pirojpur 25-1. BJMC outgunned Jamalpur 25-3 while Dinajpur beat Barisal 13-5.

Sahara Cup Series yet to take off

TORONTO, Sept 14: Torrential rain has forced postponement of the first of five limited overs matches between Pakistan and India in the unfamiliar international cricket surroundings of Toronto, reports Reuters.

The first match of the Sahara Cup Series was to be played at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club today, but downpours on Friday flooded the ground which features one of the few turf wickets in Canada.

The opening encounter will now be staged Sunday with organisers hastily scheduling a match for Monday. The remaining matches are scheduled for next Wednesday (8th), Saturday and Sunday (21st and 22nd).

Both sides will be at full strength for the first full series of one dayers between the two arch rivals since 1989. Political tensions make extended tours between the countries impossible.

India's 23-year-old captain Sachin Tendulkar will be under pressure to lift his side, which finished last in the recently completed three team Singer World Series in Sri Lanka.

Wasim Akram will captain a relaxed Pakistan side, which enjoyed a Test series victory over England this summer. Akram was one of the few players yet to arrive in Toronto.

Nat'l sports congress Oct 16

A national sports conference will be held in the capital next month, officials said yesterday, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to inaugurate the three-day conference on October 16.

Leading sports personalities and organisers are expected to formulate a national sports policy.

No skating on streets!

HANOI, Sept 14: Roller-skating and skate-boarding will be banned in Hanoi from next month as part of a drive to make the capital's hectic streets less dangerous, official media reports said today, says Reuters.

Roller-skating has become increasingly fashionable in Vietnam's cities, where youths often whizz through the streets clinging to the back of motorbikes and bicycles.

A Hanoi People's Committee official said the ban would go into effect on October 1, but the communist party daily Nhan Dan questioned whether there was any need to wait.

Many youngsters...on the streets disrupt traffic and put their own lives and those of road users in danger," it said.

The government is stepping up efforts to improve safety on the fast developing country's roads, where traffic accidents claimed the lives of more than 2,500 people in the first six months of this year.

The official Vietnam News Agency said that from next year, the Hanoi authorities would start restricting cars and motorbikes.

Bicycles are still by far the most popular form of transport in Vietnam. But since social and economic reforms were introduced in the late 1980s, its city streets have swarmed with motorbikes and increasingly, cars.



Action from yesterday's national women's handball match between BJMC and Jamalpur DSA at the Dhanmondi Women's Complex.

Lankans zap Zimbabweans



COLOMBO, Sept 14: Zimbabwe were routed by an innings and 77 runs on the fourth day of the first cricket Test against Sri Lanka here at the Premadasa Stadium today, reports AFP.

Sri Lanka left Zimbabwe at a perilous 94 for 4 at the tea interval and wrapped up the break 65 minutes after the tourists were dismissed for 127.

The victory marked only the eighth Test match win for Sri Lanka in 67 appearances and the first on home soil in almost three years.

Sri Lanka's last Test win at home was against New Zealand in November 1993.

The match got off to a rain-delayed start for the second day in succession, but the home team's spin duo of Muttiah Muralitharan and Jayantha Silva had enough time to skittle out Zimbabwe, accounting for nine wickets between them.

Muralitharan, Sri Lanka's most successful wicket-taker, ended with best figures of five for 33 while Silva took four for 25 to finish with a match haul of seven for 35.

Rain washed out the entire morning session, with play commencing after an early lunch.

Zimbabwe resumed at 20 for no loss and lost the first wicket in the eighth over of the day

when Sanath Jayasuriya at forward short leg held on to a bat-pad catch to get rid of Mark Dekker for 20 off the bowling of off-cutter Kumara Dharmasena. Craig Wishart, promoted in the batting after a half century in the first innings, left a ball from Silva and was bowled for two to leave Zimbabwe at 42 for two.



MURALITHARAN... 5 for 33

But the real danger for Zimbabwe came when Muralitharan sent back opener Grant Flower for 27 and Andrew Flower without scoring in successive balls in his first over for the day.

Grant Flower was bowled on the back-foot after which Andrew Flower edged a ball to first slip Roshan Mahanama who took four catches in the innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the first Test between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe on Saturday.

SRI LANKA: First innings 349 (A Ranatunga 75, A Gurusinha 52; P Strang 5-106)

ZIMBABWE: First innings 145 (C Wishart 51; C Vaas 4-73; J Silva 3-10)

ZIMBABWE: Second innings (overnight 20-0)

G Flower	b Muralitharan	27
M Dekker	b Jayasuriya	20
Dharmasena		3
C Wishart	b Silva	51
A Campbell	c Mahanama	3
Muralitharan		26
A Flower	c Mahanama	3
G Whittall	c Mahanama	10
C Evans	b Silva	1
P Strang	c Vaas	8
H Olonga	c Mahanama	0
A Whittall	b Muralitharan	11
H Streak	not out	3
Extras	(b-6, lb-4, w-1, nb-4)	15
Total		127
Fall of wickets:	1-35; 2-42; 3-65; 4-65; 5-98; 6-99; 7-102; 8-102; 9-113.	

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Vaas	12	1	34	0
Gurusinha	2	0	4	0
De Silva	2	1	1	0
Dharmasena	14	7	19	1
Silva	19	12	25	4
Muralitharan	20.3	4	33	5
Jayasuriya	4	3	1	0

Result: Sri Lanka won by an innings and 77 runs.

Second Test: Colombo, September 17-21.

Think small, be successful



ATLANTA, Sept 14: The security chief for the Atlanta Olympics has some advice for the organisers of future Games. Think small.

Bill Rathburn on Monday said the Summer Games, by several measures the biggest Olympics ever, were plagued by behind-the-scenes management problems because of their size.

"They were too big," said Rathburn, who oversaw security for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. "I don't think you'll see Games this big again for a long, long time."

"Just to sell all the tickets you can sell is not necessarily the right approach."

"The Atlanta Games broke many records for bigness, with 2 million spectators, 10,700 athletes and 197 countries participating. There were about 11

million tickets sold. Rathburn emphasized that the problems were in the operations of the Games and did not contribute to any security breakdown, including the pipe bomb explosion at Centennial Olympic Park.

"The problems that it created were invisible to the average person, but they were problems that we saw, difficulties that we had operationally," said Rathburn, who also was involved in the 1984 Olympics as an official with the Los Angeles Police Department.

In a speech to a American Society for Industrial Security and in comments to reporters afterward, Rathburn said that despite the difficulties, he believed security at the Atlanta Games was good.

"The Olympics were a great event, probably a greater event to watch than to be intimately involved in," he said. "I cannot say I enjoyed it. I enjoy that it's over."

To police the Games, ACOG relied on a broad assemblage of volunteers, private security guards, military officers and police officers to supplement its own force of 12,692 security staffers, Rathburn said.

Many of them ended up at Morehouse College, where they complained of dirty toilets, poor food and cockroaches.

"The housing was terrible," he said.

Rathburn also ran into trouble when some security volunteers learned that non-security volunteers had been given souvenir watches.

"So we had to go out and

spend over 200,000 dollars to buy Swatch watches for our security volunteers," he said. "Some of these things just amazed the hell out of me."

Rathburn said ACOG also had to rent about 1,200 radios "almost at the last minute" because he needed more than were provided to ACOG by Motorola Inc. under the terms of its sponsorship.

Rathburn said during his speech that he was frustrated that the investigation into the bombing that killed one person and injured 111 has not yet been completed, but he said afterward his comment was not meant as criticism of the FBI.

Superboy!

SAN FRANCISCO, California, Sept 14: A 14-year-old Japanese boy ended his arduous solo sailboat journey from Japan to the United States Friday, cruising under the Golden Gate Bridge and into the record books, reports AFP.

Subaru Takahashi's 9,600-kilometre (6,000 miles) trip began on July 22 on the coast of Yumenoshima in Tokyo Bay.

He was feared lost at sea after his radio equipment broke down in mid-August, but those fears were proved groundless when the US coast guard received a radio report from a Canadianman sailing in San Francisco Bay whom Takahashi hailed around 2140 GMT.

A resident of Niigata prefecture in central Japan, he is the youngest person known to sail the Pacific alone.

FBI ordered to open box

ATLANTA, Sept 14: Former Olympics security guard Richard Jewell will be allowed to examine sealed FBI documents from search warrant affidavits that lay out the grounds for federal suspicion against him, a magistrate ruled on Friday.

According to a copy of the 11-page order obtained by Reuters, federal officials have one week to provide Jewell and his attorneys with witness information that could shed light on what led FBI investigators to his door.

Issued late Friday by US

magistrate Gerrilyn Brill, the order raised the possibility that Jewell's attorneys would be able to determine whether the federal government had probable cause to secure four search warrants against their client and to name him as a suspect in the case.

Jewell, 33, a former police officer, has been the only suspect identified in the investigation into the July 27 bombing, which left two dead and more than 100 injured at Centennial Olympic park in downtown Atlanta.

Initially hailed as a hero for

discovering a green knapsack that contained the homemade pipe bomb, Jewell has steadily maintained his innocence while being hounded by the news media and tailed by FBI agents for nearly seven weeks.

Armed with search warrants issued between July 30 and Aug 3, investigators conducted an extensive search of Jewell's suburban Atlanta apartment, his pickup truck and a rural cabin.

Kent Alexander, the US attorney in Atlanta who opposed an earlier attempt to unseal affidavit documents, said his office will not try to stop the order and "We have no plans to appeal," he said in a statement.

The magistrate's order did not clear the way for the material to be made public. It also restricted Jewell from reviewing documents detailing the makeup of the pipe bomb and disclosing FBI investigation methods.

Jewell's criminal lawyer Jack Martin, speaking after the ruling, said he did not expect his client ever to be indicted in the bombing.

The witness' information in the affidavit will be revealed to the defence. That is information only the defence will be able to see," Martin told NBC's Atlanta-affiliate, WXIA-TV, in an interview.

"We are under strict instructions not to reveal that information to anyone else," he added.

Earlier this week, CBS News reported that the FBI investigation was focusing on a new suspect and several possible accomplices with no connection to Jewell.

Other news organisations subsequently said federal investigation was focusing on a new suspect and several possible accomplices with no connection to Jewell.

Other news organisations subsequently said federal investigators had several new suspects including one with links to the citizens' militia movement.

FBI agents also examined an olive-green duffel bag from an army and navy store was part of their ongoing investigation into the Olympic Park bombing.

Popov returns to pool in Oct



PARIS, Sept 14: Double Olympic champion Alexander Popov, stabbed in a Moscow street last month, said he would return to swimming in October and race at the 2000 Sydney Games, reports Reuters.

"I'm convinced I'll swim again at the Sydney Games," Popov said in an interview published on Friday.

"I can't say yet whether I'll win because it's too early. There are four years to go, but I'll give it everything," he told the French sports daily L'Equipe in an interview in Volgograd.

Popov, knifed in the abdomen by a watermelon salesman during an argument on an August night in Moscow, underwent a delicate operation lasting more than two hours then spent a couple of weeks of convalescence in a Moscow hospital.

In Volgograd, where he developed into a world class swimmer, Popov was presented with a cheque and the keys to a car and an apartment for his Atlanta Games feat as the first man to retain both the 50 and 100 metres freestyle during a ceremony to honour the city's Olympic medal winners.

Popov, who now trains in Australia and plans to return there next month after resting in Volgograd and his home town of Sverdlovsk, said if he would take him at least six months to become competitive again but "I'll get there."

His surgeon, said the 24-year-old Popov, who has lost more

than five kilos, would make a complete recovery and be able to lead a normal life, but it was too soon to say how the attack may have affected his future as a competitive swimmer.

Popov said his first question on coming round from the anaesthetic was whether he would



ALEXANDER POPOV

swim again and that it was very important for him to hear that he would.

He joked that he might even be back for the World Championships in Seville in a year's time.

Popov dismissed suggestions he might turn his back on Russia and take out Australian citizenship, saying the men who attacked him were not Russian.

"They (Australia) will never get me. I will still swim for Russia and swim fast."