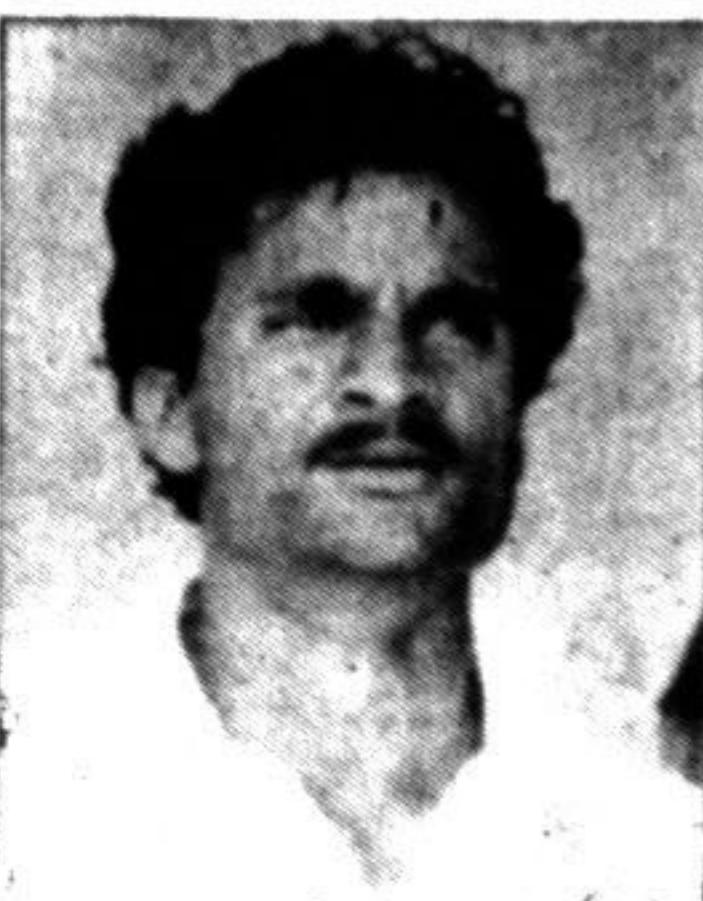


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Javagal Srinath

Everyone knows he is going to bowl the wicket. 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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1	The winner of the man-of-the-series award in the Singer World Series is	De Silva	Jayasuria	Ranatunga
2	The number of participating nations in the Pepsi ACC Trophy are	15	12	10
3	The winner of the US Open 1996 women's title is	Graf	Seles	Hingis
4	The Bangladeshi who scored a century in the first round of the Pepsi ACC Trophy is	Akram	Bulbul	Bidyut
5	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 Dhamondi 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 Sakkririn easily retained his title with a unanimous points decision over number-one contender Olympic 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 Gedoan of Indonesia and Nipon Lanluu 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 Coronel 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. Coronel fell to 16-10 with one draw.

Carbajal sent Coronel 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 Ashfaqul Haque & Al-Amin

There is an old saying, nothing succeeds like success. And crores of sports-crazy citizens of this soil, soaked annually by the waters of the Himalayas, have been starving for that everlasting 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 tourney of the twelve non-Test-playing nations during the past week.

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

stars 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

competition of this level. 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 rosy passage into the success-lorn country.

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 glutony 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 Liton 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.

Skiper 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.

Saiful 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 their first appearance in a

championship Sri Lanka, and former world rulers Pakistan and India in the Asia Cup, scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka next year.

Bangladesh virtually enjoyed free rides to the previous Asia Cups, our only exposure at international level, finding themselves among the world's

(Clockwise) BULBUL, RAFIQUE, BIDYUT, SUMON so far so good



if we look objectively at our performance so far in the Kuala Lumpur meet, there is hardly any room to be carried away with the 'not-so-impressive showing'. Our experienced batsmen should have scored a couple of centuries against opponents like Japan and Nepal -- the two minnows who are making their first appearance in a

test match. 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.

Initially hailed as a hero for

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.

Kent Alexander, the US attorney in Atlanta who opposed an earlier attempt to unseal affidavits, 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.

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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.

Federal agents picked up the bag at a store in suburban Atlanta on Thursday, telling the store's owner they wanted to photograph it. The duffel bag, which sells for less than \$30, was described as standard-issue for soldiers in the US military.

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

MSC gulp Hyundai's five

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mohammmed Sport 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 Europeans and three South Korean national team booters against the Mohammmedans. For Mohammmedans, injured national keeper Ponir, who got hurt during their first round second leg match against Laos Electricity last Wednesday, played the whole proceedings.

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