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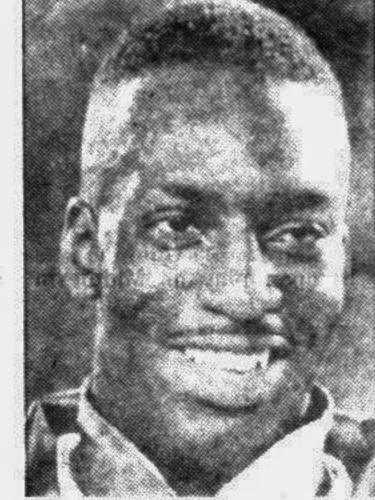
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The winner of the US Open 1996 women's title is Graf | Seles Hingis The Bangladeshi who

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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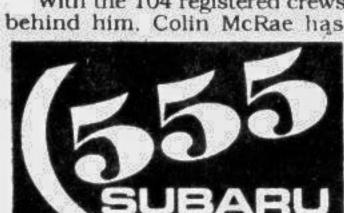
Michael Johnson (American ace sprinter) "If I don't win, then it's a

Eriksson ready to pounce

555 Subaru World Raily Team driver and current Asia-Pacific champion, Kenneth Eriksson, is perfectly poised in third position, with only 3 seconds between himself and second placed Carlos Sainz, after 11 special stages and 185 competitive kilometres on the opening leg of the 1996 Rally Australia. Teammate and reigning world champion, Colin McRae, is currently lying fourth with Piero Liatti in the third Subaru Impreza 555 lying seventh on his debut visit to Australia. says a press release.

The trio of international 555 Subaru drivers started the day cautiously, all too aware that the recent high rainfall, combined with the treacherous narrow gravel stages, could take their toll on any of the crews at any moment. However, after only a handful of stages, Kenneth was in third position with the fastest stage time on 556, Colin hot on his heels in fourth position after fastest times on

558 and 5510. With the 104 registered crews



taken the brunt of the everchanging conditions running at the head of the field, sweeping the stages clear of standing water and loose, marble-like gravel during today's adrenaline-pumping action. "It has taken me a few stages to get into my stride," commented Britain's most successful driver, "but feel a lot more confident now and we'll be giving it maximum attack tomorrow. In hindsight I think could have chosen a better tyre compound and cut this morning; I prefer a harder compound, but in reality the tyre with more cuts would

probably have been a bit better." Like most of the European drivers, Piero Liatti has found the conditions unlike anything else on the World Championship and has taken time to settle into a comfortable rhythm. The Italian's concentration was also broken on 557 when a stray kangaroo leapt into the path of the Subaru Impreza 555, and Piero spun the car. "I cannot believe this event, it is incredibly difficult," he commented.



Bangladesh opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut, who hammered highest 58 runs in the final, Star TV photo waits for the next delivery from UAE left-arm spinner Azhar Saeed.

Champions' statistics

Vice-captain Aminul Islam Bulbul.

considered to be the number one batsman of the country, earned the best batting average among the Bangladeshi batsmen in the Pepsi ACC Trophy, which concluded in Kuala Lumpur

vesterday. Bulbul, the middle order bat who used his willow in six occasions out of Bangladesh's seven matches, collected a total of 257 runs and was not out three times which place him above all the Bangladeshi batsmen with an average of

Opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut emerged as the highest individual run scorer hammering a total of 300 runs in seven innings

Bidyut, the only centurymaker for Bangladesh against Japan, averaged 42.86.

Bulbul and Bidyut apart, opener Harun-ur-Rashid Liton and one down Habibul Bashar Sumon were the other two batsmen who scored more than two hundred runs each, averaging 33.83 and 38.00 respectively.

Skipper Akram Khan pulled off the biggest surprise in bowling

The burly middle-order bat, better known for his hard-hitting acumen, leads the average

As the occasional right-arm bowler he captured six wickets in eight overs. His performance against Japan has been proved highly extraordinary when he took six wickets conceding only five runs, off six overs.

Right-arm off-spinner Sheikh Salauddin was the highest wicket-taker for Bangladesh in the whole tournament with 13-wicket haul. followed by right arm medium

pacer Saiful Islam who bagged

Hasan Masood

Among others, left arm spinner Mohammad Rafique collected nine wickets while Khaled Mahmud Sujon, the man-of-the match in the final



BULBUL ... useful bat

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against UAE yesterday.

The followings are the bat-

ting and bowling averages of the

Bangladesh team in the Pepsi

notched up five wickets.

ACC Trophy

AKRAM ... stunner

	BA	М	ING	AVE	RAG	ES		Ö.
Name	M	I	No	Runs	HS	100s	50s	Av
. A I Bulbul	7	6	3	257	52*	155	1	85.6
S H Bidyut	7	7	3	300	104	1	2	42.8
H B Sumon	7	7	1	228	73	18	1	38.0
Akram Khan	7	6	3	109	51	- 13	1	36.3
HR Liton	7	7	1	203	66*	35	2	33.8
M Rafique	7	4	25	69	41	15	1981	17.2
Saiful İslam	6	3 2 3	1	25	15*	- 3	193	12.5
S K Salauddin	6	2	1	8	8		833	8.0
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Akram Khan	8	2	18	6	6/5	3.00
Saiful Islam	44.3	12	87	11	4/21	7.19
S K Salauddin	48	9	110	13	3/13	8.46
K M Sujon	27	4	72	5	3/26	14.40
M Rafique	50.1	7	137	9	3/10	15.22
Salim Shahed	10.2	2	. 32	2	1/6	16.00
Sajal Chowdhury	22	1	77	3	2/31	25.67
A Í Bulbul	27	3	86	3	3/31	28.67
Anisur Rahman	42.1	6	136	2	1/14	68.00

War of wits begins today

YEREVAN, Sept 15: Russia as ever will start as hot favourite to win the 32nd Chess Olympiad which opens here on Monday, with unofficial world champion

Garri Kasparov heading a feam that includes several of the world's leading Grand Masters. reports AFP. Winners in Manila (1992) and in Moscow (1994), Russia has lined up Vladimir Kramnik. Yevgeny Bareyev, Sergei

Tivyakov, Sergei Roublevsky and Alexei Dreyev to help Kasparov defend their title. Notably absent will be Russia's other leading "K". Anatoly Karpov, who successfully defended his FIDE World Cham-

pionship title earlier this year but who maintains chilly relations with his longtime rival. Kasparov and Karpov are engaged in a power struggle for control of the Russian Chess Federation, currently headed by

a Kasparov associate Andrei Makharov. They have been bitter rivals since Kasparov won the FIDE title from Karpov in 1985 and defended it successfully until breaking away to form his professional chess association in

1993, for which gesture FIDE stripped him of his title. Russia's closest rivals for first place are likely to be republics which emerged from the former Soviet Union such as Armenia, Ukraine and Uzbek-

istan. The two latter republics took the silver and bronze medals

German stuns Stoltenberg

BOURNEMOUTH, England, Setp 15 : Marc-Kevin Goellner of Germany upset Australia's Jason Stoltenberg in three sets Saturday to reach the final of the Bournemouth International clay-court tournament, reports

Goellner, seeded No 8, will face top-seeded Alberto Costa of Spain in Sunday's final.

respectively at the Manila

England who ran the Soviet Union close in the middle 1980s and took the silver medal three times between 1984 and 1988, will be expected to do strongly with a team headed by former world title contender Nigel Short.

The United States despite the absence of Gata Kamsky, soundly beaten by Karpov for the FIDE world title, and Bulgaria led by Veselin Topalov, will also figure among the pack chasing Russia.

Bosnia-Herzegovina, which took the silver medal in Moscow will attempt to perform a similar feat by virtue of its two Grand Masters Pedrag Nikolic and Ivan Sokolov, resi-

dent in the Netherlands. The women's Olympiad is likely to be dominated by Georgia, winner on the last two occasions ahead of Ukraine,

China and Hungary. The Chess Olympiads have taken place every two years since the opening contest in 1927, with an interruption for World War II.

They will last 14 rounds with a round-a-day apart from two rest days on September 22 and 27.

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) will hold its conference at Yerevan in the sidelines of the Olympiad, and the current president, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov from the Russian Republic of Kalmukia likely to be re-elected for a further term.

Red carpet reception for heroes

Sports Reporter

A red carpet awaits the Bangladesh national cricket team who are due to arrive at the Zia International Airport this evening after their glorious victory in the Pepsi ACC Trophy final. The plane is expected to touch down at 6pm.

State Minister for Youth and Sports. Obaidul Quader. will be present at ZIA to receive Akram and company

Thousands of local cricket lovers will also be on hand to welcome the 'Bengal tigers' who recorded an emphatic 108-run win over the ICC Trophy champions UAE in the final of the 2-nation tourney yesterday.

Bangladesh-UAE

scoreboard Scoreboard of the Pepsi ACC Trophy final match between Bangladesh and United Arab Emirates (UAE) played at the Kuala Lumpur Kilat Club ground in Malaysia on Sunday:

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Total (All out in 49 3 overs) Fall of wickets 1-66, 2 100: 3-120, 4-126, 5-138; 6-170; 7 176- 8-179- 9-189-10-212

Bowling	0	M	R	W
Shahjad Altaf	9	0	31	(
Asim Saeed	ti	0	25	- (
Arshad Laig	6.3	0	35	- 1
S Al Saffar	1	0	7	(
Ali Akber	10	0	31	- 1
Salim Raza	10	0	31	- 2
Azhar Saeed	10	0	45	

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Total: (All out in 36.5 overs) 104 Fall of wickets: 1-13: 2-24: 3-48: 4-49: 5-88: 6-100: 7-104: 8-

Extras: (W-10)

Bowling	0	M	R	W
Anisur Rahma	an 6	0	28	0
K M Sujon	10	0	26	3
Saiful Íslam	6	0	14	_1
S K Salauddin	6	0	13	3
A I Bulbul	2	0	13	0
M Rafique	6.5	1	10	2
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Result: Bangladesh won by Man-of-the-match: Khaled Mahmud Sujon. Man-of-the-series: Azhar

COMPARATIVE STATS Rangladech IIAF

Ban	igiadesn	UAE
After 5 overs	14/0	25/0
After 10 overs	34/0	34/2
After 15 overs	58/0	50/4
After 20 overs	83/1	62/4
After 25 overs	102/2	81/4
After 30 overs	123/3	96/5
After 35 overs	139/5	104/7
After 40 overs	169/5	* e
After 45 overs	184/9	
After 49.3 overs	212/10	8.9

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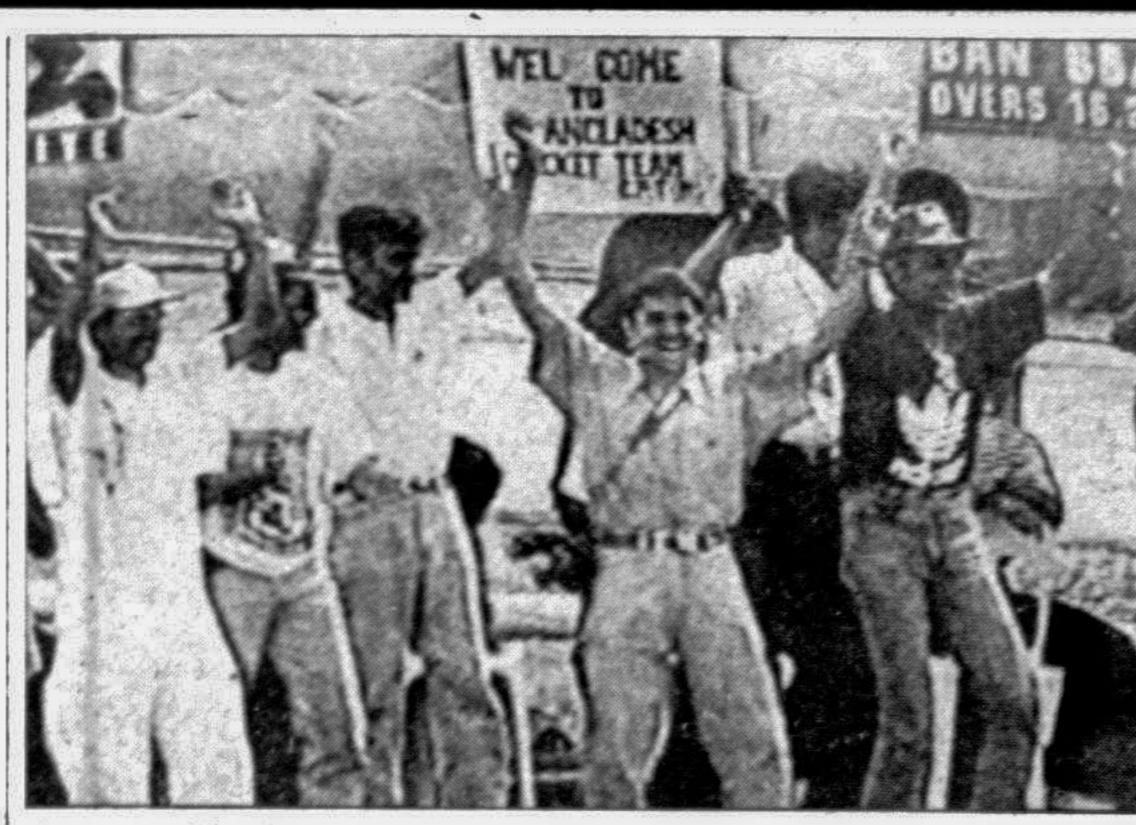
BUCHAREST, Sept 15 Fourth-seeded Alberto Berasategui of Spain upset thirdseeded countryman Carlos Moya to win the 500,000 dollars Romanian Open tennis tour nament on Sunday, reports AP.

It took 1:20 hours for Berasategui to defeat Moya 6-1, 7-6 (7-5) for a prize of 66,400 dollars. His victory gave him 170 ATP points.

Berasategui received the award from retired Romanian tennis star llie Nastase who, with lon Tiriac, ran this year's tournament.



A tion from yesterday's national women's handball match between Dhaka DSA and Barisal DSA at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex. - Star photo



A section of Bangladeshi supporters, who were present at the Killat Club ground in Kuala Lumpur yesterday to cheer their heroes, are in good spirits seeing their team score reading 68 without loss in the 17th over of their innings.

Our tears are for joy

vesterday, you shed a drop of tear or wiped a glistening driblet from a Bangladeshi you have nothing to be ashamed of. As cricket's bash-

ful and debonair skipper Akram Khan picked up Pepsi's Asian Cricket Council trophy which dare I say resembled the sail of a Bangladeshi boat, at Kuala Lumpur's Killat Club ground, the warmth of nationalism played wonders with our emotions, nay! havoc with our impassioned sensibility of having won something that the world saw Live.

It is not for me to advocate how many homes have Star Sports satellite channel, but yesterday millions from across the region, from Syria to Japan, from Indonesia to Mongolia. understood the power of the crimson fireball against the green paddy field as it fluttered on zillions of television screens. And, that can cause goose pimple all over you if ever you believe in Amar Sonar Bangla.

The Killat Club stadium during the Bangladesh-UAE final yesterday was hot and humid. so went on the commentators. But, they had no way of knowing about the blistering heat and the streams of adrenaline

SL target Test

triumph

15 : Sri Lanka are

on course to take

over the Test

cricket arena as

they have the one-

day game, team

leaders said today as they

relished their innings and 77

run win over Zimbabwe, reports

underdogs than their Asian ri-

vals, Saturday's victory was

another important boost for Sri

Test matches we could without

any hesitation reach the pinna-

cle of Test cricket too in the

near future," said Sri Lanka

said that after becoming world

champions, Sri Lanka should

now focus more on Test cricket.

vated to Test status in 1981, but

have won only one in 10

matches, on average, since

forced on the defensive last

year, when after winning a se-

ries in New Zealand, they went

to Pakistan and won and then

triumphed in the World Cup

the second and final Test on

chief Ana Punchihewa believes

that one day victories will set

the pace for Sri Lanka becom-

ing the best cricketing nation

Sri Lanka meet Zimbabwe in

Former Sri Lankan cricket

The rest of the world was

Skipper Arjuna Ranatunga

The island nation was ele-

manager Duleep Mendis.

"If we can be exposed to more

Lanka.

then.

this year.

Wednesday.

by the year 2000.

Though Zimbabwe are bigger

Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed that rushed through the offices in Dhaka, the factories in Chittagong, the homes in Khulna, the mango gardens of Rajshahi and elsewhere in this country of crores of cricket

crazy commonalties. There was always the nagging fear that our boys may not be able to pull it off in the match where it matters most. Incubus reminded even the best of patriots about the Kenyan catastrophe when we failed to book even one of the three slots reserved for ICC Associate Members for the 1996 World Cup. The fact that UAE emerged ICC champions then and had never lost to any Associate Member only helped to spoil the previous night's slumber.

Bidyut and Bulbul's delightful performance was breakfast served in bed. But the middle order collapse caused tummyaches for the habitual late risers. With nine wickets down and the 200 mark nowhere in sight, even the most partisan of optimists had visions of celebrations among the sand dunes of the Emirates, along the azure · of the gulf. Then came Saiful and Salahuddin to exhibit a trait Barigalees are not famous for - patience. With masterful nudges and prods, the resolute couple wagged the Bangladesh tail, perhaps enough to frustrate Al Saffar and company.

"I am convinced that these

wins in the shorter version of

the game will give the necessary

impetus to perform to true po-

tential in the longer version of

critics who challenge the coun-

try's strategy of exploiting the

spin-inducing home wickets

Fourteen of the 20 Zimbab-

wean wickets to fall in the first

Test were captured by spinners

Muttiah Muralitharan and

new-kid Jayantha Silva. Of the

eight Test wins Sri Lanka has

recorded, five have been regis-

It is because of this that

many of the critics contend that

it may take longer than ex-

pected for the side to make a

long-term breakthrough away

in Australia just before the

World Cup as proof of inconsis-

bowlers, save left armer

Chaminda Vaas, is also used by

against Zimbabwe, the home

side dropped lacklustre pace-

man Pramodya Wickremans-

inghe and brought in two new

faces, left armer Sajeewa de

Silva and schoolboy Nuwan

Soysa, to enhance its fast bowl-

have both returned from ad-

vanced training at the Madras

pace bowlers foundation in

Silva and the tall Soysa

tency in winning overseas.

They cite a 3-0 Test drubbing

The absence of genuine fast

For the two-match series

against foreign teams.

tered on home turf.

from home.

critics.

ing arsenal.

neighbouring India.

However, Sri Lanka still face

the game." Punchihewa said.

There was disappointment when Bangladesh were skittled out three deliveries short of the stipulated 50 overs. But, having reached 212 with the 32-run last wicket partnership that to me was the turning point of the final, many Bangladeshis rushed late to their offices a 11.30 BST content that to some extent national pride had been redeemed. Legendary Indian cricketer Sunil Gavaskar's observation during the lunch break that "a contest lay ahead" was enough to inject ebullience into the sagging spirits of Bangladeshi fans. Housewives in Siddeswari,

and I believe all over the country, stopped their cooking as Khaled Mahmood Sujon made early breakthrough to put an abrupt and timely end to UAE's dangerman Saleem Raza's blitzkrieg. Doctors rushed home from their clinics, officers kept in touch with the score through minuscule transistor radios, vendors stopped at wayside shops, somebody said President Biswas should have declared Sunday a public holiday. as the Bengal Tigers reduced the Desert Lions to 49 for 4.

The long standing fifth wicket proved to be UAE's bane as Bangladeshi bowlers restricted the run-rate to the vicinity of three, where as four would have been the Arabs' delight. Subsequently, Salahuddin, Rafique and Bulbul spun the leather to send in enough variety of deliveries to mesmerise the likes of Arshad Laig and other seemingly Pakistani names. The asking run rate climbed in tandem with the mercury.

Victory for Bangladesh was always on order after UAE's 15-20 overs. But, somehow it was difficult to come to terms with success after so many flops, failures and fiascos in the past. The musallis left for Zoh'r after the fall of UAE's sixth wicket. And, after that it was a matter of calculating the margin of Bangladesh's triumph. In the end, it was a comprehensive conquest followed by exhilarated exultation that can only come after supreme subjugation of a supposedly superior side.

It was past lunch hour here when Akram thanked his players for a memorable performance at Killat. But, that did not stop jubilant Bangladeshis at home from going out to the sweet shops. Celebrations began at home and that says a lot about the emotionality that Bangladeshis attach to cricket. Even a Dadiamma knows a googly from a chinaman.

Bangladesh's emphatic win by more than one hundred runs over favourites UAE means more than annexing the ACC Trophy, it is not about remaining unbeaten in a major tournament, it is beyond drubbing the best among ICC Associate Members, the tour de force brings to surface that in Asia, we are the best after reigning World Champions Sri Lanka, and former World conquerors India [1983] and Pakistan (1992); and, that is no mean achievement for a 25-year-old

Yes! You can indeed shed a drop of tear.

Seles to defend Nichirei title



TOKYO, Sept 15: Two-time champion Monica Seles will make her journey to the Ariake Coliseum, interrupted three years ago, for defending the 450,000-dollar Nichirei women's tennis title in

the tournament that begins today, reports AFP. Seles was eyeing a third straight victory in 1993 but a deranged spectator stabbed her in the back in a tournament at

Hamburg five months earlier. The 22-year-old Yugoslav-American's main worry this week is her shoulder injury. which has hindered her play throughout the season. She also has to consolidate her points in

the computer rankings. She has been ranked co-

Germany by a special WTA rul-

number one with Steffi Graf of

The ruling will end 18 months after her comeback or when she has played 14 tournaments.

Seles and three other top seeds received first-round byes before making their appearance on the outdoor hard courts, vying for the winner's cheque of 79,000 dollars and 210 ranking points.

The 28 leading players also included three former champions - Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario of Spain, Mary Pierce of France and Amanda Coetzer of South Africa.

Seles, who will take on either Mana Endo or Yone Kamio of Japan in the second round, was drawn in the same half Date, third seed, Naoko Swamatsu, seventh seed, and Coetzer, fifth seed. Date, four-time Japan Open

with local favourite Kimiko

champion, avenged her loss in the Atlanta Olympics by beating Sanchez-Vicario to win in San Diego last month, but her tight schedule caused her a first round elimination in the US Open three days later. Second-seeded Sanchez-Vi-

cario disappointed finalist in the French Open, Wimbledon and the Atlanta Olympics this season, seeks to save some face by winning back the Tokyo title she won in 1994 Other top contenders are de-

fending champion Pierce. fifth seed. At Sugiyama of Japan. sixth seed, and Wang Shi-Ting of Taiwan, eighth seed