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Neil Fairbrother (England Test cricketer) He can destroy your form in 20 minutes. About Wasim Akram.

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- 1 The winner of the man-of-the-series award in the Singer World Series is De Silva, Jayasuriya, 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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Diego under exclusive therapy

ALICANTE, Spain, Sept 17: Former Argentine star Diego Maradona is receiving treatment from Argentine psychiatrist Jacobo Zubcoff, who is based in the southeastern Spanish city. Zubcoff told Tuesday's AS magazine, reports AFP.

Zubcoff, who does not know the players, warned that if Maradona did continue to take stimulants he "could die on the football field."

IAAF accused of dilly-dallying

LONDON, Sept 17: Dean Capobianco, the Australian sprinter at the centre of a drug controversy at the Atlanta Olympics, has criticised the International Amateur Athletic Federation for the delay in setting a date for his arbitration panel hearing, reports Reuter.

Traces of the steroid stanozolol were found when Capobianco was tested at a meeting in Hengelo, Holland, in May. He subsequently competed in Atlanta after his national federation, Athletics Australia, found the collection procedures in Hengelo were seriously flawed and cleared him.

The Athletics Australia management board meets in Melbourne today to discuss the athlete's demand that the Australian federation pays his legal costs, estimated by his manager John Bicourt to stand at 70,000 dollars.

Sachin grills Pakistan

TORONTO, Sept 17: A magnificent, unbeaten 99-run captain Sachin Tendulkar helped India coast to an eight-wicket victory over Pakistan on Monday in the first of five limited-overs cricket matches for the Sahara Cup in Toronto, report agencies.

Tendulkar faced just 69 balls and struck nine fours and three sixes in an innings of controlled aggression, which capped a fine captain's outing and earned the 23-year-old the man-of-the-match award.

Both teams were restricted to a maximum of 35 overs after umpires delayed the start for four and half hours to allow the ground to dry, following three days of heavy rain.

After being sent in, Pakistan got off to a flying start but lost six wickets for the addition of just 44 runs at one stage and could manage only 170-9 off their 33 overs.

Indian medium-pace Javagal Srinath and Anil Kumble had put them in the winning position by curtailing Pakistan batsmen's big hitting.

Srinath claimed three wickets for 23 and Kumble bagged three for 32 as Pakistan batsmen failed to master the Indian attack.

The Pakistan batting revolved around Saeed Anwar and Ijaz Ahmed as they failed to build on a good start. Anwar's 34-ball 46 and Ijaz's 50-ball 35 apart, none of the Pakistani batsmen showed the inclination for a big innings.

On the other hand, the free stroking Tendulkar sent the Pakistan fielders on a leather hunt as he led the Indian charge. Once he survived the thundering first over from Waqar Younis, the Indian skipper unleashed the power of his willow on the Pakistani bowlers.

Tendulkar was involved in two big partnerships as India blunted the famed Pakistan attack to begin the series on a winning note.

After losing opening partner Nayyan Mongia early, Tendulkar got support from Rahul Dravid and the two were involved in a 90-run second-wicket stand which virtually settled the fate of the match.

Mongia, who scored nine runs in his new role as an opener, was bowled by a scorching delivery from Younis.

Dravid scored 39 runs off 50 balls but Aamir Sohail brought off a fine catch in the covers off Salim Malik to curtail his ambitions.

Mohammed Azharuddin, who lost the Indian captaincy after the tour of England, showed he had not lost any of his batting prowess as he struck an unbeaten 30 off 28 deliveries and added 65 runs in the unbroken third-wicket partnership with his former deputy Tendulkar.

Tendulkar twice lifted left-arm spinner Sohail for straight sixes and then clouted Younis over the square-leg fence for his third six.

Azharuddin emulated the Indian skipper by hitting off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq for his third six.

Four more matches (on Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday) will be played at the small but beautifully groomed Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club, mainly for the benefit of tens of mil-

lions of fans in Asia watching the rare series on television. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard for the first limited-overs international between Pakistan and India played on Monday at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club ground in Toronto. PAKISTAN: Anwar c and b Kumble 46; Sohail c Dravid b Srinath 12; Ijaz lbw Srinath 35; Wasim run out 5; Inzamam c Kumble b Prasad 5; Malik c Joshi b Kumble 3; Shahzad c Azharuddin b Kumble 0; Wasim run out 9; Moin c Tendulkar b Srinath 2; A Mahmood c Joshi b Prasad 6; Saqlain not out 22; Waqar not out 6; Extras (13lb, 9w, 2nb) 24; Total (for 9 wickets, 33 overs) 170; Fall of wickets: 44-1; 80-2; 91-3; 108-5; 123-6; 131-7; 135-8; 148-9.

INDIA: Mongia b Younis 9; Tendulkar not out 89; Dravid c Sohail b Malik 39; Azharuddin not out 30; Tendulkar 2 0 12 0 (17w); Extras (2lb, 3w, 1nb) 6; Total (for two wickets, 29.5 overs) 173; Fall of wickets: 18-1; 108-2.

in one-day internationals. Organisers were disappointed with the spectator turnout, but pleased simply to get the series underway after rain forced the postponement of matches on Saturday and Sunday.

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TENDULKAR, m o m

Table with columns: Bowling, O, M, R, W. Includes names like Younis, Akram, Mahmood, Sohail, Saqlain, Malik.

Result: India won by eight wickets. India lead the five-match series 1-0. Ma-of-the-match: S Tendulkar. Match reduced to 33 overs-a-side.

Spark of delight!

Our victory in the ACC tournament has sent a wave of delight throughout the nation and every Bangladeshi at home and abroad is walking an inch taller. Our boys have brought home the trophy despite heavy odds. The BCCB, every member of the team, manager, coach, all the officials deserve heartfelt congratulations for their outstanding performance. We are really grateful to our boys for bringing such joy to the nation and especially in the sporting arena in an otherwise depressed atmosphere.

I have always contended that if there is any sport in which Bangladesh has a chance in making a mark in the international field - it is cricket! Our team has proved this. Unfortunately, in the past cricket has not received the importance that it deserves and has been relegated after football. The NSC and Ministry of Sports have not given cricket the encouragement that it deserves.



Action from yesterday's Orient Bread national women's handball semifinal between BJMC and Rangpur. - Star photo

Chess Olympiad Mixed start for BD

Niaz Mursheed from Yerevan, Armenia Bangladesh made a sound start in the 32nd Chess Olympiad with a 3-0 lead against Mozambique here in the Armenian city of Yerevan on Monday.

With Niaz Mursheed the lone Grand Master of the country taking a day off on the inaugural day of the 14-round Swiss league meet, IM Ziaur Rahman, IM Reefat-bin Sattar and Saifuddin Lovlu beat their respective opponents of the African nation without much fuss.

Khandaker Kayes Hassan, the other player contesting on Day One, was also in a winning position till the filing of this report.

Bangladesh is expected to face one of the top countries in the second round tomorrow. On the other hand, the women's team, which had a tough pairing against Ukraine, one of the top bets on the staff side, were already 0-3 down with Rani Hamid, Tahmina and Masooda all losing their respective games. Rani and Tahmina offered some sort of resistance but Masooda caved in rather meekly.

Garri Kasparov, the unofficial world champion who is leading hot favourites Russia, did not appear today, but his country looked certain to win against Finland.

In all 127 countries are participating in the men's event and 82 in the women's section.

Danish league resumes today

The two-tier Danish Senior Division football league resumes tomorrow after a 11 day recess with title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club appearing against Fakirpoor Youngmen's Club in a Premier league match, billed as the Dhaka Stadium. In a match of the First Division Wari will face Victoria at the same venue.

The league was earlier suspended on September 8 to allow Mohammedans to play two away matches of the Asian Cup Winners' Cup championship against Laos Electricity Club and South Korean Hyundai.

Meanwhile, the Mohanagari League Committee, yesterday turned down a Mohammedan plea to defer the league for two more days so that their players may have time to recover after their hectic international schedule.

U-19 booters' camp today

Twenty of the 29 players called to the residential camp for the national U-19 team, to compete in the final phase of the Asian youth football championship, have reported to the selection committee secretary Abdul Gaffar yesterday. The other players are expected to join the camp today.

German football coach of Bangladesh Otto Pfister will conduct the training scheduled to start at the Mirpur Sports Village today.

The players who reported yesterday are - Hasan al-Mamun, Milon, Farhad, Iqbal, Faisal, Himu, Nazrul, Azim, Taju, Anwar, Sumon, Sentu, Nayyan, Shuvro, Ripon, Don, Tipu, Joy, Mizan and Shahjada. The final round will be held in South Korea from October 17-31.

Ansars, BJMC renew rivalry Sports Reporter Defending champions Bangladesh Ansars and Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) will clash in a repeat final after five semi-final opponents in the Orient Bread 11th national women's handball championship at the Dhammond Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

In the first semi-final, Bangladesh Ansars scored a resounding 23-5 goal win over Dhaka DSA with Jahannara notching highest seven goals for the winners. Ansars led the first 13-3.

Second Test begins today

COLOMBO, Sept 17: Zimbabwe have injury problems but are looking for a big improvement in their fortunes in the second and final cricket Test against Sri Lanka starting Wednesday, reports AFP.



ARJUNA RANATUNGA

Zimbabwe lost the first Test by an innings and 77 runs in side four days, but team manager Dennis Streak criticised the wicket at the Premadasa Stadium as unsuitable for a five-day match.

"It was a bad wicket. Not a good cricket wicket. But I hope there will be better cricket for both teams in the second match," said Streak.

The wicket turned on the first day and by the third day the ball was turning square," said Streak.

The Premadasa Stadium wicket was commissioned 11 years ago and has a notorious reputation for low bounce.

Only two Tests have been played there. The first against Australia in 1992 ended in a draw.

The Sinhalese Sports Cup (SSC) Ground, the venue for the second Test, is considered fairer as the wicket provides good bounce for pace bowlers.

Sri Lanka may use a three-man pace attack to exploit the track.

Zimbabwe have doubts about key fast bowler Heath Streak and left-arm pacerman Bryan Strang has been put on standby.

"If we are to make any changes it will only be out of necessity through injury," said Streak.

Zimbabwe's other key fast bowler Eddo Brandes returned home last week after the Singer World Series.

TEAMS ZIMBABWE (from): Alistair Campbell (capt), Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Craig Evans, Guy Whittall, Andrew Whittall, Henry Olonga, Craig Wishart, Ali Shah, Bryan Strang, Paul Strang, Mark Dekker, Wayne James, Heath Streak. SRI LANKA (from): Arjuna



ALISTAIR CAMPBELL

Ranatunga (capt), Aravinda de Silva, Roshan Mahanama, Sanath Jayasuriya, Asanka Gurusinghe, Hashan Tilakaratne, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Kamara Dharmasena, Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralitharan, Jayantha Silva, Sanjeewa Ranatunga, Marvan Atapattu, Ravindra Pushpakumara, Sajewwa de Silva, Nuwan Soysa.



Chinese Wu Yongmei (R) pushes the ball past Brazil defence during their match world volleyball Grand Prix in Macau on September 16. China won 15-7, 14-16, 15-7, 15-12. - APP/UNB photo

Leicester title bound

LONDON, Sept 17: Leicestershire can secure the English county championship crown without winning their final match after Surrey were thwarted in their penultimate game on Monday, reports Reuter.

Kent stayed on the title trail with a remarkable 148-run win over Hampshire, but Surrey and Essex both failed to push their claims. Surrey were held to a draw at Cardiff while Essex virtually dropped out of contention after losing to Sussex.

Leicestershire, who wrapped up a two-day victory over Durham last Friday, moved 14 points ahead of second-placed Surrey, with Kent a further point adrift. Essex, the only other team theoretically capable of overhauling the leaders, stood 23 points behind.

If Leicestershire earn maximum bonus points from their final game against Middlesex, starting at Leicester on Thursday, a draw will be enough to give them the title.

Surrey's hopes of lifting the championship for the first time in 25 years were doused by Glamorgan in Cardiff.

Set the unlikely task scoring 336 to win over what turned out to be 51 overs. Surrey finished on 205 for seven.

When Matthew Maynard declared the Glamorgan second innings at 442 for nine, Alec Stewart shuffled his batting order, sending in Brendon Julian to open.

Surrey slumped to 15 for two, then Chris Lewis plundered 40 runs off just 28 deliveries and Adam Holloake struck three sixes and eight fours in reaching 85 off 70 balls. But, when he was bowled by Robert Croft with the total on 154 for five, the struggle for victory became a battle for survival.

It was Kent's second hat-trick of the match following Dean Headley's record-equaling third triple of the season on Saturday.

McCague finished with figures of six for 51 and he and Headley have now taken more than 100 championship wickets between them this season.

Ian Salisbury returned career-best figures of eight for 75 as Sussex claimed a 137-run victory over Essex at Chelmsford.

Faced with a daunting victory target of 421, Essex were bowled out for 283 as leg-spinner Salisbury found some help from the pitch, and exploited it in style.

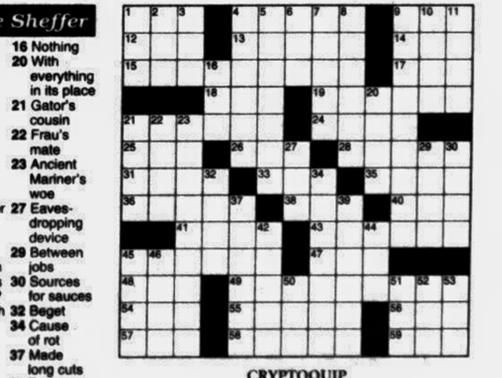
Gyarafas quits BUDAPEST, Sept 17: Hungary's top swimming official has resigned following allegations that half of the country's team went to Atlanta based on a qualifying competition that did not take place, an Olympic committee official said on Tuesday.

Tamas Gyarafas, the head of the Hungarian swimming federation, who has since resigned, did not know about the fraud before it appeared in the press," Lajos Babati, secretary of the Hungarian Olympic Committee (HOC), told Reuters.

He added that the discovery of the fraud would not affect the Olympics results of the Hungarian team who were the country's most successful team ever.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP KSW TCI QDNSWMBYV KMDWE NC SYME TLK QDVYHHI SW BWMWHI QHCLVEW MWE Saturday's Cryptoquip: YOU COULD EASILY CALL A PARROT IN A RAINCOAT POLLY UNSATURATED. Today's Cryptoquip clue: B equals M The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.