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SPORTS TALK



Mary Pierce (French tennis star) 'I have totally re-evaluated a lot of things in my life. I have to enjoy my life, and that is the most important thing. I am only 21 and it doesn't get any better than now, or the next four or five years. I have to really take advantage of this time, do the best I can and enjoy it at the same time.'

Tech Clemente's concern

COPENHAGEN, Sept 18: International soccer's biggest problem is refereeing mistakes, Spain coach Javier Clemente said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

'The big problem is refereeing mistakes. You need perfect referees, but where is the perfect referee?' Clemente said during a break on the second day of the three-day UEFA national coaches convention held by European soccer's governing body.

But Clemente, whose side were eliminated by hosts England on penalties in the Euro '96 quarterfinals in June, said perfection in football was not a good thing.

He said he did not favour the introduction of technology as a means of reducing the chances of mistakes by referees, such as televised slow-motion replays.

'In my opinion, technology must not come into football, because then the arguments will end and without arguments football will die.'

'We would lose the great attraction of football, that a modest team can upset a big team,' he said.

Euro '96 suffered from several glaring mistakes by referees including an apparently valid goal scored by Spanish striker Julio Salinas against England which was disallowed and a penalty awarded to the Czech republic in the final against Germany for a foul which video replays showed was a metre outside the box.

Clemente said he was against tampering with the laws of football as a means of encouraging a more attacking game and settling matches which ended drawn after extra time.

'The golden goal can be a traumatic experience, but then it also has its good side,' Clemente said.

'A replay would be ideal but there isn't space in a major competition lasting a short time.'

Clemente said the game's authorities were always looking to make football more dynamic and that this was central to discussions at the convention.

'Some time back we got to 23 effective minutes of play in 45 minutes, now it's up to 31. Ruling that the goalkeeper must not handle a back pass has contributed to this,' he said.

'The idea is that we should play more, but we'll still be 11 against 11 next year.'



The unstoppable Bangladesh Ansar Women's handball team, who won the national title for the tenth successive time, pose after beating BJMC 21-14 at the Dhanmondi Women's Complex yesterday. —Star photo

Orient Bread national women's handball Ansars triumph, BJMC slump

Bangladesh Ansars clinched their tenth consecutive national women's handball title by beating arch-rivals Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation 21-14 in the final, held at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex ground yesterday afternoon.

The winners, who had been facing the same opponents for

Moheshwarpasha hold Brothers

KHULNA, Sept 18: Moheshwarpasha Club held Brothers Union to a goalless draw in the Bull-Head Premier Division football league at the local stadium yesterday, reports BSS.

Both the teams failed to display their usual play because of wet ground condition following heavy shower in the afternoon. Awal, Kamrul and Salam of Moheshwarpasha were shown yellow card.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Table listing Roll of Honour for handball from 1983 to 1995-96, including winners and runners-up.

Stuttgart in top gear

BONN, Sept 18: Stuttgart went top of the Bundesliga on Tuesday with a convincing 2-0 win at Karlsruhe.

Bayern Munich dropped to second for the first time this season after Stuttgart's fifth win in six games, reports Reuter.

Former German international Thomas Berthold headed in a free-kick in the 11th minute to put Stuttgart ahead and Brazilian Giovane Elbert sealed victory with his third goal of the season in the 86th minute.

Karlsruhe, weakened by injury and suspensions, had Thomas Ritter sent off in the 79th minute.

Stuttgart's strong start has been achieved despite the loss of coach Rolf Fringer. He left to take charge of the Swiss national team before the German season began.

Caretaker trainer Joachim Loew, previously Fringer's assistant, looks set to become the new coach, Stuttgart executives said a deal could be completed this week.

In England, Third Division Lincoln added to Manchester City's misery with a shock 4-1 League Cup second round win over the managerless First Division club.

Luton beat Premier league Derby 1-0 in their first leg clash

Seoul rallies behind Tokyo's cause

TOKYO, Sept 18: South Korea has promised to support a bid by Japan, its co-host for the 2002 World Cup, for an executive seat on the sport's governing body FIFA, officials said here today, reports AFP.

The Japan Football Association (JFA) said it had received a letter from South Korea seconding the nomination of its vice-president Saburo Kawabuchi as a candidate for the FIFA executive board, reports AFP.

Kim Jung-Nam, executive director of the South Korean Football Association, handed the letter to his Japanese counterpart Junji Ogura on Monday in Dubai on the sidelines of the draw for the Asia Cup tournament, JFA officials said.

The JFA added one seat for Asia to its executive board in July and the Asian Football Confederation is due to close applications for the post of a fourth Asian executive on October 31.

The regional federation will elect the new FIFA board member from Asia on December 21. FIFA vice president Chung Mong-Jon, who heads the South Korean Association, said here last week that he would not oppose Kawabuchi's candidacy if Japan supported his idea of a seven-nation Northeast Asian Football tournament.

Japan has been reluctant to back the idea, citing doubts about its economic feasibility and the busy schedule of Japan's professional J-League, of which Kawabuchi is chairman.

and Tottenham were held 1-1 at Preston, another Second Division side.

Manchester City, relegated from the top flight last season and without a major trophy since 1976, looked set for a comfortable outing when German striker Uwe Rosler put them ahead after only four minutes.

But Terry Fleming Steve Holmes, Dutchman Gilbert Bos and Jon Whitney all replied.

Julian James was Luton's hero with a 26th minute winner. Michael Hot, a close-season free transfer from Blackburn, netted the first goal of his professional career in the last minute as Preston cancelled out Darren Anderson's second minute opener for Tottenham.

Blackburn scraped their first victory of the season with a 2-1 triumph over Second Division leaders Brentford.

Garry Liffrot and Chris Sutton, with his third goal in as many games netted for the struggling Premier League club before Nicky Forster pulled one back for Brentford.

Away in Scotland, Dundee avenged their defeat by Aberdeen in last season's League

Cup final with a 2-1 quarter-final win.

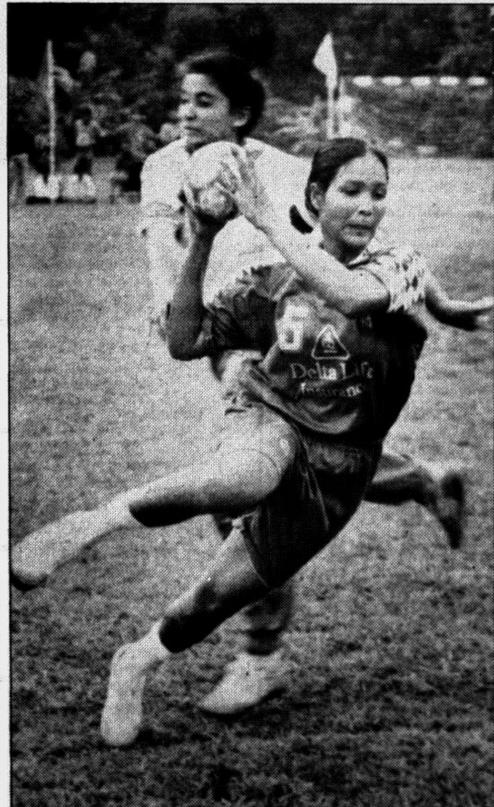
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Action on yesterday's Orient 11th national eves' handball championship final between Bangladesh Ansars and BJMC at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex. —Star photo

Chess Olympiad Niaz salvages some pride against Russia

Faisal Murshed from Yerevan, Armenia The country's lone Grand Master Niaz Murshed salvaged Bangladesh pride with a draw against Alexei Dreev of Russia when the other members of the men's team fell away in the second round of the 32nd chess Olympiad here on Tuesday.

Russia, the tournament favourites, did not call upon their top players — Kasparov and Kramnik — during the engagement. Murshed drew with Alexei Dreev 2645 in 22 moves. The draw was made by repetition of moves. In the Botvinnik System game Niaz with white pieces held the edge but could not find the right continuation and had to be satisfied with a draw.

IM Ziaur Rahman lost to GM Peter Svidler when he failed to handle a complicated middle game. The Sicilian Taimanov game lasted 41 moves.

In the third board IM Reefat-Bin-Sattar seemed to have a slight edge against GM Evgeni Bareev. In the French Winawer variation Reefat clearly held space advantage. But towards the end he went into his characteristic time pressure and Bareev showed his cool in wrapping up the game in 34 moves.

Young Enamul Hossain fought creditably on the fourth board against GM Rublevsky, despite the obvious difference in rating. In the Rossolimo attack, Rajib countered Rublevsky's attack on his kingside with a counter-attack on Rublevsky's king on the queenside. However in the process he lost a pawn and as seen so often, the Russian prevailed through accurate defence.

The men brought their points total to 4.5 out of 8 games. Earlier they beat Mozambique 4-0.

The women's team suffered another humiliating defeat, this time against IBCA, a special entry of blind players. Tanima and Masooda both lost on time, while Afroza Khanam was still playing.

In other boards, besides Russia, Germany is leading Philippines 2-1, Armenia is 1-1 against Slovenia and England won against Denmark 3.5-0.5. All these countries would end up with around 7 to 7.5 points out of eight.

State Minister for Youth and Sports, Obaidul Quader, witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

Swarna and Rashida scored eight and five goals respectively for Dhaka while Arefin scored seven goals for Rangpur.

Earlier, Dhaka clinched the third position beating Rangpur 14-11 in the third-fourth place play-off.

Jahan Ara scored highest ten goals for Ansars followed by Sahara who added five. On the other hand, Akherun netted four goals for BJMC.

With yesterday's victory, the Ansar girls earned a rare feat in local handball, winning the national eves' title ten out of the eleven times it has been held. On the other hand, for BJMC, it was their fourth successive defeat in the final to Ansars.

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Long way to go in cricket

Bangladesh became ACC Trophy champions. They have qualified to play in the next Asia Cup. It's a great achievement for Bangladesh cricket. Congratulations to all the members of the team. We are proud of you.

But what comes next? Are we serious about building our national team up to the level of Test cricket? Or do we remain satisfied with what we have achieved?

In 1982 ICC Trophy we played in the semi-final against Zimbabwe. Playing as underdogs against Bangladesh, Zimbabwe became the champions.

In 1986, we lost badly in the ICC Trophy. We were even beaten by Malaysia.

In 1988 we could not qualify because of our negligence in calculating the runrate during the tournament.

In the last 1994 ICC trophy in Kenya we lost badly. We could not qualify among three teams to stay in the last World Cup.

There was no technical committee to evaluate. Why we did not do well? What measures we should have taken to overcome the bottlenecks?

In 1989, I, on my own initiative, organised an under-17 Junior team's tour to England. Of course the BCCB gave all the support!

The boys were selected from Nirman schools tournament. It was a six-match series with 12 days coaching programme.

The boys had won all the matches including a match against the senior team of our host club. Was not than an achievement for Bangladeshi boys of under 17, who never ever went out of the country?

Almost all of them are today playing for the national side. During the tour we met the director of coaching Keith Endrew at Lord's. His comment was, 'You are one step ahead of English cricket.'

There was no follow-up after that. Since then no such arrangement was made for the younger cricketers.

It is so unfortunate that having all the support cricket needs, we couldn't exploit them properly.

In my opinion, following are some of our positive points: (a) We have cricket enthusiasts who keep track of cricket stayed all over the world.

(b) We have cricket lovers with whom you can introduce yourself as a cricketer for any help.

(c) We have more spectators than any associate member country.

(d) We have sponsors like K.Z. Islam, Beximco, Bangladesh Tobacco Co. and many more who are willing to sponsor cricket in Bangladesh.

(e) We have more talented cricketers than any associate member country.

Having the above support for cricket, we could help reach upto the expected standard.

I strongly feel that the call of the hour is to set up phase-wise national schemes to promote cricket in the country.

We need proper guidance for growing up of our young talents. Most importantly bringing in free and fair, and a congenial atmosphere in the sports arena and within the clubs so that our players can play tension-free matches which will help them in developing their talent.

Once again my heartfelt congratulations to the president and members of BCCB and officials and members of the Bangladesh cricket team.

My fervent request to all of you: please try to retain and enhance the glory we have achieved. We have to go a long way.

The author is former captain, Bangladesh cricket team, 1979.

Of an aesthetic Platini

LONDON, Sept 18: Michael Platini has embarked on a mission to make French grass greener before the World Cup kicks off in 1998, reports Reuter.

The former French captain and coach, now president of the organising committee, took journalists to glasshouses in a small village south of Paris on Tuesday to show them the grass earmarked for the Stade de France, venue for the World Cup opening match and its final.

The grass is the image 27 billion television viewers will keep in mind. 'I'm very fond of lawns,' said Platini, who was accompanied by co-president Fernand Sastra.

'I remember Atletico Madrid's pitch at the 1982 World Cup in Spain. I did not play against Austria that day, but I walked on the grass barefoot because it was so beautiful.'

A total of 12,500 square metres of grass will be used for a total amount of 100 million francs (20 million dollars), roughly 0.5 per cent of the entire stadium budget.

Hodde's new plan LONDON, Sept 18: Glenn Hodde will hold a nine-day training camp prior to England's Wembley World Cup qualifier with Poland on October 9 to allow them work on his new wing-back system, reports AFP.

Hodde, who will name his squad a week on Friday, hopes to bring the players together on Tuesday, October 1, and keep them together for a full week of preparations.

Premiership fixtures for the weekend in-between will be rescheduled. His plans may not, however, go down well with some Premiership managers worried about the possibility that their stars could pick up injuries on England duty.

Liverpool's Roy Evans, who lost Jamie Redknapp for the early part of the season after he was injured during Euro '96, has already expressed reservations while Tottenham's Teddy Sheringham suffered an injury during the build-up to Hodde's debut game in Molodova.

Arsenal had had goalkeeper David Seaman ruled out by injury after the 3-0 win in Kishinev.

But Hodde is determined to ensure his players spend as much time together as possible before England matches.

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