

Sport

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

HAVE once upon a time, the English were true barbarians. It may be hard to conceive that now home to thousands of Animal Rights activists, barely two hundred years ago the English soil was soaked by the blood of innocent and helpless animals.

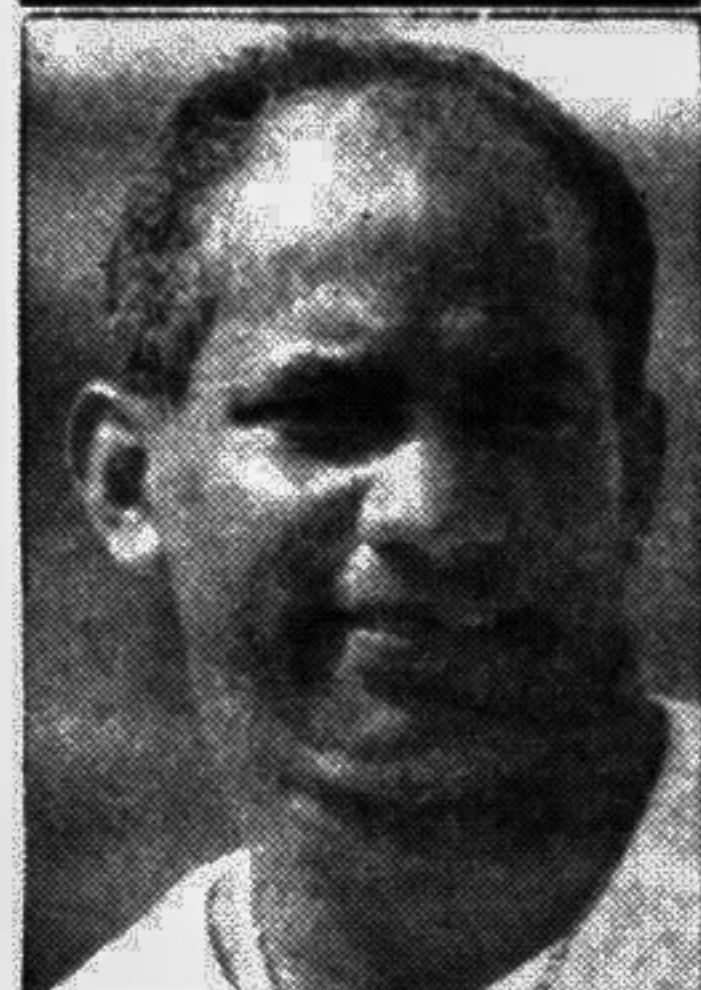
The English indulged in barbarous but popular sports and spectacles such as Bullbaiting and Bearbaiting.

In Bullbaiting, a bull was tethered to a stake and attacked by special trained bulldogs. In a similar sport called Bullrunning, men and women maddened the bull with hideous noises and then pursued and beat the animal to death.

Bearbaiting consisted of a contest between a bear chained to a stake and a pack of dogs. The bear was almost invariably torn to pieces by the dogs. In England bearbaiting was known as early as the 12th century, and was extremely popular during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Bears were kept and baited in public arenas called bear gardens.

Bullbaiting, bearbaiting, and similar practices were outlawed by the British Parliament in 1835. Thank God!

SPORTS TALK



Sanath Jayasuriya

[Explosive Sri Lankan opener]

"Records are meant to be broken... it was one of those days when everything came off."

About his record that was broken by Pakistan Shahid Afridi.

WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Sports Whizz Kid competition-56

Tick the Correct Answers

Competition closes : 8 pm November 8, 1996

- 1 How many one-day hundreds has Gary Kirsten scored?
2 How many sixes did Wasim Akram hit to create a world record?
3 Whose mark did Hasan Raza eclipse to become the youngest Test cricketer?
4 For how many years Gordon Greenidge has been appointed as the Bangladesh cricket coach?
5 Who won this year's Meril under-19 national soccer title?

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IBF in need of new system

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Nov 6: The International Badminton Federation will try out a new scoring system at the World Cup championships here next month, the Jakarta Post newspaper reported Wednesday, reports AP.

With the exception of the women's singles, all other events will take the deuce at the score 14-14 instead of 13-13 under the present system, the Post quoted organising committee secretary Leo Ch. Wiranata as saying.

Besides, players will be given a 90-second break between the first and second sets.

"During the interval, coaches will be allowed to talk to their charges on the benches beside the court," Wiranata said.

The new system will be introduced during the Dec. 11-15 1990,000 dollars World Cup Badminton Invitational championships, a season-ending Grand Prix event.

He said the IBF has been pursuing new rules for the World Cup over the past three years. Last year, the federation allowed the players to wear color clothes instead of the conventional white.



Kalabagan opener Atiar Rahman facing a delivery from Dhaka Wanderers' new-ball bowler Khaled Ashraf during yesterday's Damal Smriti cricket tournament encounter at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. —Star photo

Saiful shows them how

Sports Reporter

BRIEF SCORES

KALABAGAN KC: 211 in 46.2 overs (Atiar 50, Zakaria 45, Selim 34, Saiful 29; Tareq 4/34, Sentu 3/30, Shezan 2/27)

DHAKA WANDERERS: 167 for nine in 44.5 overs (Tareq 65, Shezan 30, Rashid 20; Saiful 5/22, Anis 2/37)

ESKATON 88: 163 in 49.4 overs (Babu 68; Morshed 3/25, Alam 3/38)

LALMATIA CLUB: 116 in 38.4 overs (Antup 37, Nahid 21, Shumul 5/10, Asad 2/12)

A brilliant all-round performance by skipper Saiful Islam gave Kalabagan, Krira Chakra a resounding start in the 17th Damal Smriti cricket tournament when they recorded a convincing 47-run win over Dhaka Wanderers Club in their Group C first round match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Saiful, the national all-rounder who scored 29 off 22 deliveries in the morning session to guide his side to a defendable 211, captured five wickets in the afternoon to restrict their counterparts to 167 for nine in 44.5 overs. Wanderers forfeited the tenth wicket as Sadrul Islam Tapan, who came to bat at two down, retired hurt without scoring any runs.

Electing to bat first, Kalabagan suffered an early setback when national opener Harunur-Rashid Iton returned to the dressing room with a duck being bold by Wanderers' new ball bowler Khaled with the scoreboard on 2.

But the other opener and wicketkeeper Atiar Rahman and one down Selim Shahed saved their side from further

damage in the top order with a valuable 47-run second wicket partnership before the latter was out on 10.

After a short 30-run partnership with Ali Ashraf (4), Atiar, who scored the only half century of the Kalabagan innings, returned to the pavilion in the 16th over leaving his side on 82 for four.

In his run-a-ball inning, Atiar hammered seven boundaries and reached exactly 50 facing 49 balls.

Middle order batsmen, Zakaria and Mahbubur Rahman Selim then played the most important partnership for the like-side outfit adding 70 runs in 18.1 overs.

Zakaria hit 45 off 76 balls before being caught and bowled

(34) then followed Saiful in the next over adding only one more run to Kalabagan account.

In his 22-ball quickie on the crease, Saiful hit three boundaries while Selim, who faced 43 deliveries, scored two fours.

After the departure of Selim on 196 in the 42nd over, the remaining three Kalabagan wickets fell in the next 5.1 over with the addition of a further 15 runs to close the scoreboard on 211.

While replying for Wanderers, Pakistani all-rounder Rashed Tareque hammered the highest 65 off 100 balls. Shezan (30) and Momen (20) were the other two Wanderers batsmen to reach double figures.

Medium pacer Saiful caused the main damage with five wickets for only 22 runs. National new ball bowler Anisur Rahman captured two wickets for 37 while Talha and Chandan took wicket each.

SHIMUL'S SHEER MAGIC

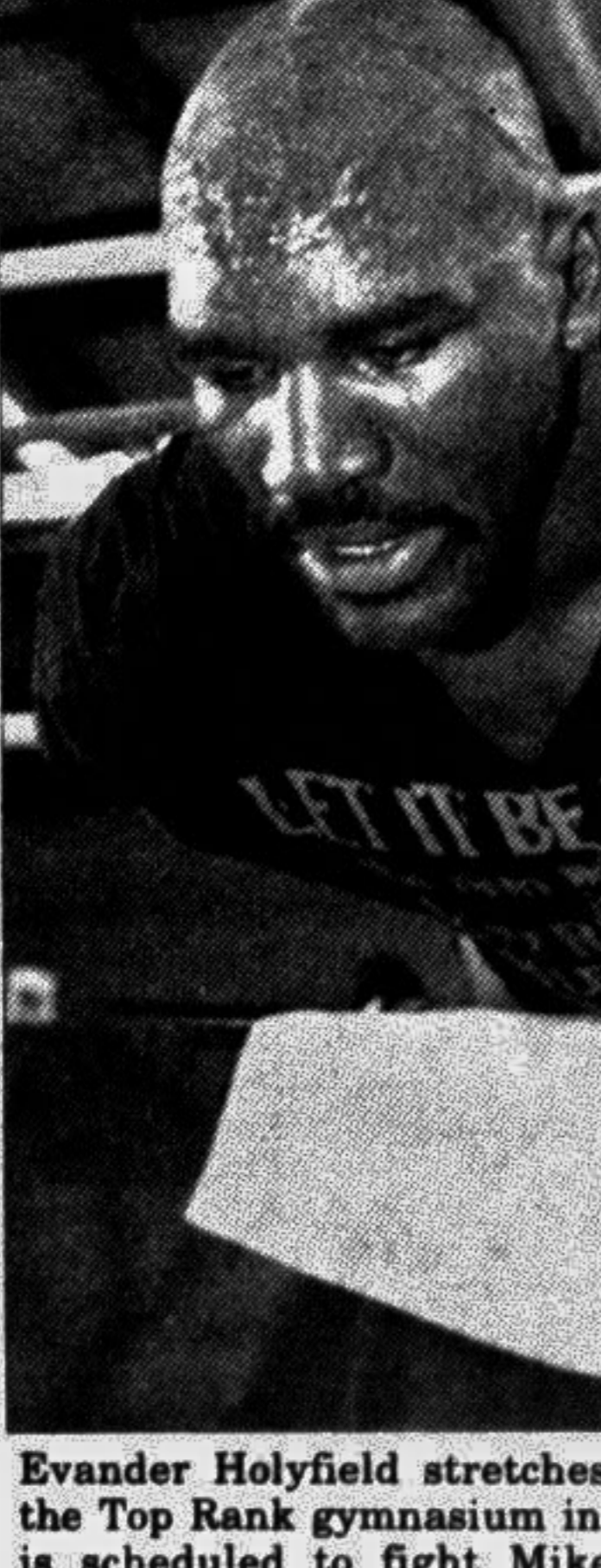
In the day's other engagement at the City Club ground, Mirpur, Eskaton Sabuj Sangha beat Lalmatia Club also by 47 runs.

In a low-scoring affair, Eskaton put into bat, were all out for 163 in 49.4 overs with lower middle order bat Saiful Islam Babu scoring highest 68 off 95 balls.

In reply, Lalmatia were booked at 116 in 38.4 overs mainly because of the magic of occasional Eskaton bowler T Hossain Shimul who captured five wickets conceding only ten runs in five overs, two of them maidens.

Opener Anup (37) and middle order Nahid (21) were the leading scorers for Lalmatia.

TODAY'S MATCHES
Abahani vs Bangladesh Boys (DCS)
Victoria SC vs Gopibagh FA (CCG)



Evander Holyfield stretches during a workout session at the Top Rank gymnasium in Las Vegas on Nov 5. Holyfield is scheduled to fight Mike Tyson Nov 9 for the WBA heavyweight crown. —AFP/UNB photo

Chunnu's plan for posterity

Sports Reporter

Ashrafuddin Chunnu, technical manager for the Bangladesh under-19 football team, has demanded a fresh football policy involving committee organisers in order to get fruitful results in international meets.

Chunnu (40), a former national star left-winger who recently took over the under-19 squad for a two-year term, was talking to a group of sports scribes at the Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association office last evening.

Speaking to the reporters, Chunnu demanded a professional football system in the country and asked the authorities concerned to plan immediately on how to introduce professionalism in football.

While elaborating his future plans, Chunnu said that a sound organising system helps to produce a champion team. He said, "We do not have as much talent these days as we had in the seventies or eighties. But we can overcome the problem by proper planning."

He said, "The football we play in this country is a far cry from the international standard. We still have throwing problems. The updates of modern football are not properly circulated among the booters. That was one of the primary reasons for our failure in the Asian Youth Football championship last month."

He said, "The money we spend for our teams are not enough. Only the federation cannot help in this regard. We need sponsors for our teams."

When asked about sponsors, Chunnu informed that a South Korean Business company operating in Bangladesh, has shown interest about sponsoring the Bangladesh national under-19 team.

While talking to the press, Chunnu also touched upon various points related to improving football in Bangladesh.

Chess league MSC lose a board

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club got off to a shaky start when they recorded a 3-1 win over Leonine Chess Club in the opening match of the First Division chess league at the MSC chess room yesterday.

In the first of the fifteen-round Swiss League, Mohammedans' three Grand Masters — Naz Moushah, Russian Mikhail Krasenkov and Indian Dibendu Barua won their boards while their team mate Enamul Hossain Rajib lost his match to Leonine's Sheikh Nasir.

Last year's runners-up Bangladesh Biman trounced Bangladesh Ansars by four points to nil. Biman's International Master Ziaur Rahman beat Jamilur Rahman, Syed Tahmidur Rahman defeated.

Arifuzzaman Shikder, Khandaker Kayes Hasan tamed Ali Anjad, Mintu while national women's champion and International Woman Master Rani Hamid edged past Tyebur Rahman.

In the day's other matches, BTMC beat Konica Sangkritik Sangha 3-1. Mohakhal Prodeep Sangha beat Dhaka University 2.5-1.5. Sheikh Russel Chess Club defeated Touchstone Chess Club 2.5-1.5. Narayanjan Daba Khelwar Kalyan Samiti outplayed Fire Service 3-1.

Sixteen teams are taking part in the league.

Sitalakhya Cup cricket

Sports Reporter

The second Sitalakhya Cup cricket tournament, organised by former cricketer Golam Rasul, will begin at the Narayanjan RP Shah Stadium today.

Eight teams are taking part in the meet. The teams are: Sitalakhya Cricket Club, Chandra Sporting Club, Narayanjan Rifles Club, Narayanjan Rifles Club Juniors, Rainbow Athletics Club, Eastern Sporting Club, Narayanjan Cricket Association and Madanganj Cricket Proshikhyan Shibir.

Tendulkar & Co take Titan trophy India tame 'invincible army'



TENDULKAR ... 67

BOMBAY, Nov 6: India beat South Africa by 35 runs to win the Titan triangular one-day tournament on Wednesday report agencies.

Earlier, Sachin Tendulkar offered the only resistance as India stuttered to 220 for seven after electing to bat.

The home captain made 67 but never got any support from his top order as Hansie Cronje's battery of bowlers took control midway through the innings.

Only a spirited unbeaten 43 off 42 balls from Ajay Jadeja at the death gave home side a total to defend in the day-night encounter at the Wankhede Stadium.

The early limelight had been shared by Tendulkar and Fannie de Villiers.

While the Indian captain was scoring at a run a ball, battering strike bowler Lance Klusener out of the attack with successive fours, De Villiers was excelling as both bowler and

fielder.

The South African seamer's first two overs were maidens and his first 25 balls went for four runs before, with his 26th, he had Sanjay Manjrekar caught behind to leave India on 38-1 after 10 overs.

Next over, De Villiers dived full length at short fine leg to catch Javagal Srinath off a leg-side Allan Donald delivery to make it 43 for two.

Mohammad Azharuddin, India's former captain, joined his successor at the wicket and immediately took two boundaries off Donald, one a glance through the vacant slip area and the second a flick through midwicket.

The two batsmen then settled down, pushing-and-running the total up to 91 before left-arm spinner Nicky Boje, attacking Azharuddin's leg stump from the wicket, had him caught behind as the batsman stayed rooted to his crease.

Rahul Dravid joined his captain to hint at a revival but wicket, with the score on 137, Tendulkar drove Boje to the waiting Cronje in the covers the innings seemed set to unravel.

All-rounder Robin Singh never looked like he would be able to break the stranglehold that developed as 36 runs came and three wickets fell between the 30th and 40th over.

De Villiers ended with three for 32 off his 10 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Titan triangular one-day series final between India and South Africa in Bombay Wednesday:

INDIA
Manjrekar c Richardson b De Villiers 7
Tendulkar c Cronje b Boje 67
Srinath c De Villiers b Donald 5
Azharuddin c Richardson b Boje 26
Dravid b De Villiers 31
R Singh run out 5
Jadeja not out 43
Mongia c Boje b De Villiers 15
Joshi not out 8
Extras (lb-6, w-2, nb-5) 13
Total (for 7 wks, 50 overs) 220
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Bowling table with columns O, M, R, W and names of bowlers like De Villiers, Klusener, Donald, Symcox, Boje, Cronje.

South Africa bowling table with columns O, M, R, W and names of bowlers like G Kirsten, A Hudson, L Klusener, D Cullinan, J Rhodes, H Cronje, N Boje, D Richardson, P Symcox, A Donald, F de Villiers.

India bowling table with columns O, M, R, W and names of bowlers like Srinath, Prasad, Kumble, Singh, Joshi.

Result: India won by 35 runs.



TENDULKAR ... 67



JADEJA ... 43 n.o

Taylor's men back home



TAYLOR ... 67

ADELAIDE, Nov 6: The critics said Australia's cricket tour to India was a disaster.

They lost the only Test to the hosts and failed to win a match in Titan triangular limited-overs series against them and South Africa, reports AP.

It was hardly the preparation Mark Taylor's men were looking for with a five-Test series against the powerful West Indies scheduled to start in Brisbane on Nov. 22.

Australian coach Geoff Marsh, however, had a simple message Wednesday for the Australian public: "Don't panic."

March, who took over from Bobby Simpson earlier this year, said the team's failure to win a game in India was probably a result of a lack of time to acclimatise, rather than any serious deficiencies in their

and a lot of excuses. But you have to be judged on your performance and we accept that."

Marsh said it would be a mistake to write off their chances of retaining the Sir Frank Worrell Trophy and rejected any need for major changes to the squad.

"This team has done well over the past 10 years," he said. "Just because they have six bad games I don't think you need to make big changes."

"The players are there, they've just got to get themselves in good nick (condition)."

But Healy said the losses could affect the confidence of the players.

"Team moral is fine but whether the losing streak affects our confidence is yet to be seen," he said.

Batsman Michael Slater said he was impressed with the spirit of his teammates despite the series of defeats.



Russian Grand Master Mikhail Krasenkov of Mohammedan Sporting Club making a move against his first round counterpart in the First Division chess league at the MSC chess room yesterday. —Star photo

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer and CRYPTOQUIP puzzle with grid and clues.