

BCB meeting

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will hold its first executive committee meeting on Thursday after Bangladesh won the sixth ICC Trophy and qualified for the 1999 World Cup in England, reports UNB.

The meeting will review the team's performance in the trophy and it's preparation for the forthcoming Asia Cup in Sri Lanka.

The prestigious competition with India, Pakistan World Champions Sri Lanka, will be held between July 15-31 in Colombo.

A tribute to Bradman

SYDNEY, Apr 21: Cricket great Sir Donald Bradman, widely recognised as one of the most famous Australians, today became the first living person apart from royalty to be featured on an Australian postage stamp, reports AFP.

Cricketer Prime Minister John Howard led an array of five government ministers officiating at simultaneous launches of the stamps in five capital cities.

Bradman, 88, was also announced the winner of the inaugural Australian Legends Award, an award that honours a prominent Australian's contribution to the national identity.

Current Australian cricket captain Mark Taylor accepted the award on Bradman's behalf at the Adelaide Cricket Ground, where the Aussies are preparing to take on the West Indies in the third Test starting Saturday, saying the real significance of the honour was that cricket had been identified as an outstanding and historic national sport.

One of the stamps features Bradman playing a cover drive, the other is a portrait.

It won't be the first time his famous face has been used to deliver letters.

In 1948 a photograph of just his eye, plus the world playing somewhere in England, was the only address used on a letter to Bradman from a correspondent in Amsterdam.

The letter was "delivered at Lord's without delay. A tribute to the English postal authorities Bradman late wrote in his book 'Farewell to Cricket'."

Bradman played 52 Tests for Australia between 1928, scoring 6,994 runs at an average of 99.94.

Bad news for Botha

NEWARK, New Jersey, Apr 21: Although the dispute about the International Boxing Federation's heavyweight decision has largely been settled in the ring, an appeals court has upheld a federal judge's decision that stripped Francois Botha of the belt, reports AP.

Botha lost his IBF title in March when US District Judge Dickinson R Debevoise in Newark ordered him disqualified because he tested positive for steroid use after defeating contender Axel Schulz in December 1995.

Debevoise's ruling set up a June bout in which Michael Moorer regained the IBF belt by defeating Schulz, of Germany. Moorer defended the title in November by scoring a 12th-round TKO over Botha, a South African.

Meanwhile, an appeal by Botha and the IBF questioning Debevoise's decision that topped an IBF decision was being considered in the 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

A three-judge panel agreed that the IBF was wrong in failing to disqualify Botha, noting that public policy in Germany and New Jersey, where the IBF is based, demands sanctions for drug use.

The German Boxing Federation recommended in February that Botha be disqualified and Schulz designated IBF champion.

Murali stalls Pakistan

COLOMBO, Apr 21: Ijaz Ahmed scored a century after being given a second stint at the crease as Pakistan took charge of the first cricket Test against Sri Lanka here today, reports AFP.

English umpire David Shepherd recalled Ijaz (98) from the pavilion even as new batsman Inzamamul Haq was about to take strike, after initially declaring him run out.

Ijaz went on to make 113; his seventh Test hundred, and number eight Saqlain Mushtaq hit 51 not out as Pakistan made 370 for nine in reply to Sri Lanka's first innings score of 330 by close of an eventful third day's play.

Saqlain, who earlier took five wickets, batted for 264 minutes to give his side a valuable 40-run lead on a wicket that is expected to assist turn over the remaining two days.

Ijaz played Muttiah Muralitharan to mid-wicket and found himself stranded at the bowler's end as non-striker Salim Malik took a step forward and then turned his back on him.

provided such an alternation is made promptly."

There is no law on what constitutes promptness, although umpires generally overturn decisions before the batsman has left the playing area.

Match referee John Reid of New Zealand, who was sitting alongside Francis in the TV box, defended Shepherd.

"Justice has been done and that is what is important, not how long it took."

The Pakistanis were in danger of falling short of Sri Lanka's 330 when they lost three wickets for one run before lunch to struggle at 248 for six.

Saqlain put on 50 for the seventh wicket with Asif Mujtaba (21) and 38 for the eighth with spinning partner Mushtaq Ahmed (26) to lift Pakistan to a first innings lead.

Saqlain, who was on 37 when the ninth wicket fell, frustrated the Sri Lankan bowlers by adding 21 with last

Muralitharan, after the bowler had inzaman taken splendidly at mid-wicket by substitute fielder Ruwan Kalpage for 12.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka on Monday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 330 (H Tillakaratne 103, R Kaluwitharana 57, A Ranatunga 49, Saqlain Mushtaq 5-89, Mushtaq Ahmed 3-123)

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 200-2) Elahi lbw b Vaas 0
Raja c Ranatunga b Dharmasena 50
Ijaz c Dharmasena b Muralitharan 113
Malik run out 58
Inzamam c sub (Kalpage) b Muralitharan 12
Mujtaba c and b Muralitharan 21
Moin b Muralitharan 0
Saqlain not out 51
Mushtaq b Muralitharan 26
Nazir c Ranatunga b Muralitharan 2
Zahid not out 5
Extras: (b-11, lb-7, nb-14) 32
Total: (9 wkts) 370
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-102; 3-219; 4-247; 5-248; 6-248; 7-298; 8-336; 9-349.

Bowling:

	O	M	R	W
Vaas	28	3	72	1
Zoysa	10	0	55	0
Dharmasena	48	17	88	1
Muralitharan	53	19	98	6
Jayasuriya	3	0	15	0
De Silva	4	0	16	0
Ranatunga	3	1	5	0
Arnold	2	1	3	0

Reiffel wants to play in England

MELBOURNE, Apr 21: Experienced Australian fast bowler Paul Reiffel said today he was considering offers to play county cricket in England, reports AFP.

The Victorian seamer was a notable omission last week from Australia's 17-man squad to defend the Ashes in England and indicated at the time he may quit the game.

But speaking on radio here today 31-year-old Reiffel said: "I certainly said those things, but I would like to play cricket again."

"I'm going to take a few weeks to think about it and see what comes up."

Reiffel said he had received some interest from English county sides, but would not identify the clubs.

He said he was disappointed Australian selectors did not consult with him before naming the Ashes squad, saying he had recovered from hamstring muscle problems believed to be the reason behind his omission.

The Australian team leaves for England on May 10.



MURALITHARAN ... 6 for 98

man Mohammad Zahid (5 not out) in the last hour.

Muralitharan, who ripped through the middle-order with three wickets in 11 balls before lunch, finished with career-best figures of six for 98 — his seventh haul of five or more wickets in 28 matches.

Sri Lanka were hampered by a leg injury to left-arm seamer Nuwan Zoysa, forcing skipper Arjuna Ranatunga to share the second new-ball with Chaminda Vaas.

Ijaz was caught at point off

Nat'l cricket

Final round in Dhaka from Apr 30

Sports Reporter

The final round of the 23rd national cricket championship will not be held in Rajshahi as the host has expressed its inability to organise the meet. According to a BCB official last evening, the 10-team round will now be held in the capital from April 30.

Six zonal champions from the preliminary phases which were held in six different venues early this month will join Chittagong, Biman, Dhaka and Narayanganj — last year's four semifinalists. The six zonal champions are Noakhali, Nilphamari, Mymensingh, Rajshahi University, Jahangirnagar University and Dhaka University.

Dhaka University were declared winners in the Thakurgaon zone against Rajshahi as the latter refused to play the three-day match after first day of play.

The first round of the 10-team meet will be 50-over-a-side affairs while the semifinals and final will be three-day and four-day matches.

The format and the fixture of the championship will be finalised by the tournament committee today.



Cuban Netsser Bent (C), gold medal winner of the 100m backstroke at the World short-course swimming championship in Gothenburg on Apr 20, poses on the podium with the silver and bronze medalists. —AFP/UNB photo

Brazil bring in Nike kit

RIO DE JANEIRO, Apr 21: Brazil unveiled a new kit for their national soccer team on Thursday as part of a ten-year multi-million dollars contract with sports manufacturers Nike, reports Reuter.

Nike has added a thick green stripe down the sleeves of the famous gold shirt in one of the most dramatic changes ever made to the Brazilian kit. The stripe got a mixed reaction from the journalists present at the unveiling.

The national team shirt is a hugely sensitive matter amongst Brazilians and is treated almost as a matter of national security.

In 1987, a soft drinks company sponsoring the team caused an outcry by emblazoning a huge red emblem on the front of the shirt. Critics likened the move to putting the sponsor's name on the national flag. It was subsequently removed after just one game.

Ricardo Teixeira, president of the Brazilian football confederation (CBF), said Nike would provide a variety of investments in addition to the team strip.

These included the organization of a championship between shanty towns, the creation of a Brazilian soccer museum and the construction of a new headquarters to replace the decaying eight-storied building in central Rio which currently houses the CBF.

Monaco in Inter's path

LONDON, Apr 21: As far as Inter Milan goalkeeper Gianluca Pagliuca is concerned, Tuesday's second UEFA Cup semifinal at Monaco is for the championship, reports AP.

"We're basically going there to play for the cup," Pagliuca said. "This Monaco is far superior to the other two teams left in the competition. If we advance, we'll have our hands on the cup."

Pagliuca has all but written off the other semifinalists — Tenerife and Schalke 04. The Spanish club takes a 1-0 advantage into the second-leg game in Germany.

Many observers have also dismissed Monaco, who trail 3-1 to Inter after the first leg and are mired in a slump despite leading the French League.

Inter are the clear favorites. The Milan club is after its third UEFA Cup in seven seasons and doesn't figure to sit on the two-goal advantage in Monaco, where many Italian fans are expected from just across the border.

"Our strategy is to look for counterattacks," said Maurizio Ganz, who had two of the three goals in the first leg and leads the UEFA Cup competition with eight goals.

"We can't allow ourselves just to sit back and wait," he added. "We have to look for chances to take control. In the first leg we were afraid of them. Now the situation is reversed."

Ganz will start up front. But Inter will be without Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano, who is out with suspension — as is defender Alessandro Pistone. Also in doubt is Dutch winger Aron Winter with the flu and midfielder Nicola Bertini with a hamstring injury. Ganz may team up front with Marco Branca, with Youri Djorkaeff in support.

These are tough times at Monaco, who are still an overwhelming favourites to win their sixth French League title. Brazilian striker Sonny Anderson and defender Martin Djetou are questionable with injuries and two players — Patrick Blondeau and Viktor Ikepeba — have criticised the way the club is run.

Monaco will be without two suspended players, Ali Benarbia and Gilles Grimandi, as they try to win their first European trophy. The side lost to Werder Bremen 2-0 in the finals of the 1992 Cup Winners Cup.

Inter won the UEFA Cup in 1991 and 1994 and have also won the Champions Cup twice (1964 and 1965).

Tenerife and Schalke 04 are the forgotten teams, both looking for their first European titles.

With a 1-0 advantage from the first leg, Tenerife are the favourites to advance, despite playing before a sellout at Gelsenkirchen, Germany. The Germans will be without injured forwards Youri Mulder

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No. 72/96-97

Tenders in Bangladesh Form No 2911 under sealed cover are invited from Public Works Directorate enlisted special 1st class/1st class E/M contractor firms having valid ABC contractory & supervisory licence issued by Bangladesh Electrical Licensing Board, VAT registration certificate from National Board of Revenue, for the undermentioned work:

- Name of work: Supply & installation of 1 (one) 5-ton capacity split type & 2 (two) 1.5 ton capacity window type aircoolers as well as repair of the existing out of order aircoolers. Year 1996-97.
- Estimated cost of the work: Quoted rate basis.
- Earnest money: At the rate 2% on quoted rate.
- Time limit for completion of work: 120 days.
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- Last date of submitting written application for purchasing tender: 23-4-97.
- Date of receiving & opening tender: 30-4-97.
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- Name of offices to receive the tender schedule: Chittagong Public Works Division-3/4, Chittagong/ Bandarban Public Works Division & the office of the undersigned.
- Firms intending to participate in the tender should have past experience of installing & successful commissioning similar aircooler (cost of which not below Tk 10 lakh) under a single work order at govt/semi govt/autonomous/ international organisation. Past experience certificate of work should be issued by the officer (not below the rank of an Executive Engineer) of the organisation concerned.
- Application to purchase tender should be made at least 7 (seven) days prior to the last date of selling tender schedule on production of original copies of Electrical ABC & Supervisory Licence/VAT registration certificate issued by National Board of Revenue & enlistment register with attested photocopies of the papers to the Superintending Engineer, Chittagong Public Works Circle-2 through the undersigned. Such contractors/contractory firms as may receive permission to purchase tender after scrutiny of submitted papers, can purchase the tender form, tender schedule and related papers of rules & regulations (during office hours) on cash payment (non-refundable) of Tk 425/= (four hundred twenty-five) only. No tender form, tender schedule and rules & regulations etc. will be sold or supplied on the date of opening tender.
- Earnest money at the rate 2% (two per cent) of the estimated cost should be submitted with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/SDR/CD from any scheduled bank approved by Bangladesh Bank in favour of Executive Engineer, Cox's Bazar Public Works Division, Cox's Bazar. Contractors having permanent security deposit shall have to submit FD certificate/attested photocopy of certificate issued latest within three months from the Division concerned with the tender. Tender without earnest money will be treated as cancelled outright.
- Attested copy of VAT registration certificate must be submitted with the tender.
- Final work order will be issued and bill paid after receipt of fund allotment against the stated work. No final work order will be given or bill against work paid until receipt of fund allotment.
- Contractors/owners of contractory firms or their nominated representatives may attend the opening of tender.
- The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept any tender or reject/cancel all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever & the said authority is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

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BRIDGE NOTES
By An Expert

Hands from Bermuda Bowl

Score Pakistan 95 1/2 USA 154	♠A4 ♥986 ♦984 ♣K1863	Board: 62 Dir: East Vul: None
♠J9863 ♥A ♦Q653 ♣74	N W E S	♠KQ 102 ♥K73 ♦1072 ♣995
♠75 ♥QJ 10542 ♦KJ ♣A 102	Open Room WEST Solodar NORTH Munir EAST Levin Pass SOUTH Fazli ♥ All Pass	
Closed Room Masood Meckstroth Zia Pass Rodwell ♥ All Pass		

Pakistan finally stemmed the American tide with the set winding down. They gained 5 IMPs when the early bids at Levin's table preached caution while Zia, facing a different hand, had no reason to reject a club, but the magnificent diamond position left him with no losers there and he chalked up three overtricks.

Score: USA (E-W)+200

Closed Room

Masood, whose cuebid was Michaels. If he wanted to make one, seized his opportunity to wheel out this toy. Meckstroth passed (somewhat surprisingly) and Zia, whose ♠K was worth more since it was going to be protected against a potentially fatal opening lead, could do no less than jumps to game. If he couldn't make it perhaps it would be a good sacrifice. This time he made it.

With the 5-5 hand in dummy, the defense was easier. Rodwell led the ♠J. Rusinow in a suit known to be at least five long, and dummy's ace won. A trump was led and Meckstroth rose with the ace, risking a clash of trump honors. He knew that a club was going on the ♠K if Zia could reach his hand. He switched to clubs and two rounds were cashed. A third club was ruffed in dummy and Zia drew trumps. When he played a diamond up, his luck was definitely in and the magical position gave him the contract.

Score: PAKISTAN (E-W) +420
Net Score: PAKISTAN+ 220 (6 IMPs)
Score Carried Forward: PAKISTAN 101 1/2
USA 154

Hoddle names roster

LONDON, Apr 21: Strikers Alan Shearer and Les Ferdinand and goalkeeper David Seaman are among the players returning to the England team for the April 30 World Cup qualifier against Georgia, reports AP.

But goalkeeper David James, who has made a series of blunders recently for Liverpool, was left off the 25-man squad announced Monday by England coach Glenn Hoddle.

Newcastle strike partners Shearer and Ferdinand, Arsenal keeper Seaman and Arsenal defender Tony Adams missed last month's exhibition victory over Mexico with injuries but are fit for the vital home game against Georgia.

England must win the Group Two game in order to keep alive their hopes for automatic qualification for next year's World Cup in France. Italy, who beat England 1-0 at Wembley in February, lead the group.

Hoddle dropped five of the players he chose for the game against Mexico. The main omission was James, who made his England debut in that game in place of the injured Seaman but has since been blamed for goals that have virtually eliminated Liverpool from the Premier League title race and the

European Cup Winners Cup. Midfielder Paul Gascoigne, who recently returned to action with Glasgow Rangers after a long injury layoff, was also left off the squad.

Injuries forced Hoddle to once again plan without forwards Darren Anderson of Tottenham and Southampton's Matt Le Tissier. Liverpool defender Dominic Matteo and Everton striker Nick Barmby also were left out.

Along with Ferdinand, Hoddle has Tottenham's Teddy Sheringham, Liverpool's Robbie Fowler and Arsenal's Ian Wright to choose from as partners for captain Shearer up front.

The squad includes the Manchester United trio of David Beckham, Gary Pallister and Gary Neville, joined by his younger brother Phil.

SQUAD

David Seaman, Ian Walker, Tim Flowers, Nigel Martyn, Tony Adams, Martin Keown, Gary Pallister, Stuart Pearce, Gareth Southgate, Gary Neville, Sol Campbell, Graeme Le Saux, Phil Neville, David Beckham, Paul Ince, David Batty, Robert Lee, Steve McManaman, Redknapp, Nicky Butt, Alan Shearer, Les Ferdinand, Teddy Sheringham, Robbie Fowler, Ian Wright.



Jennifer Murray (L), a 56-year-old grandmother attempting to become the first female helicopter pilot to fly around the world, poses with co-pilot Quentin Smith in Middlesex, England on Apr 20. —AFP/UNB photo

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