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Sept 19, '97 In which year did Pakistan and India suspend Test tours between them?

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Bologna Who is the England cricket captain? Atherton 4 Who lifted the inter-division women's volleyball trophy?

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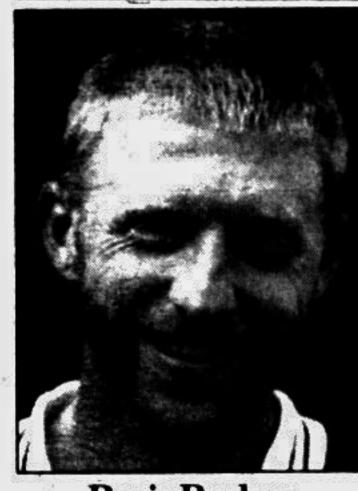
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Boris Becker

(German tennis superstar) "One day it would be nice to spend June (the Wimbledon season) in my home, to see spring in my garden not from a tennis

Wild card awaits Boris

BONN, Sept 10: Boris Becker was reportedly to accept a wild card to play in the Grand Slam Cup in Munich, starting on September 23, reports Xinhua.

The Grand Slam Cup, the most lucrative tournament in tennis which was created by his former manager and friend Axel Meyer-Woelden, was believed to be Becker's last appearance at a major tourna-

Last year Becker won the event which brings together the top performers from the four Grand Slams - Wimbledon and the US, French and Australian Opens.

The Grand Slam Cup, which pays out an astonishing 1.5 million US dollars to the winner plus appearance bonuses to Grand Slam champions, started in 1990.

Among Becker's opponents will be world number one Pete Sampras, who won the Australian Open and Wimbledon. as well as US Open champion Patrick Rafter of Australia and French Open winner Gustavo Kuerten Brazil. o f

Inter to comply with FIFA ruling

MILAN, Sept 10: Italy's Internazionale said on Tuesday they would bow to a ruling by world soccer's governing body FIFA and pay Barcelona an additional 1.8 million dollars for Ronaldo, reports Reuter.

The payment should bring one of the longest and most publicised transfer sagas in soccer history to a close.

Inter president Massimo Moratti said he was still opposed in principle to the additional fee, imposed by FIFA after months of dispute over the value of the Brazilian striker.

"I'm still of the idea that we don't owe Barcelona anything but at this point it's best to put an end to things and pay," Moratti said.

"Considering the value of money against the value of Ronaldo it's better to avoid ar-

guments. "Anyway, given the figure that Barcelona wanted on top of what we've already paid it

seems to me that essentially FIFA have agreed with Inter." The two high-profile clubs have been bickering about a

price for the world footballerof-the-year since Inter paid 26.1 million dollars in August to buy out his contract. Barcelona had reportedly

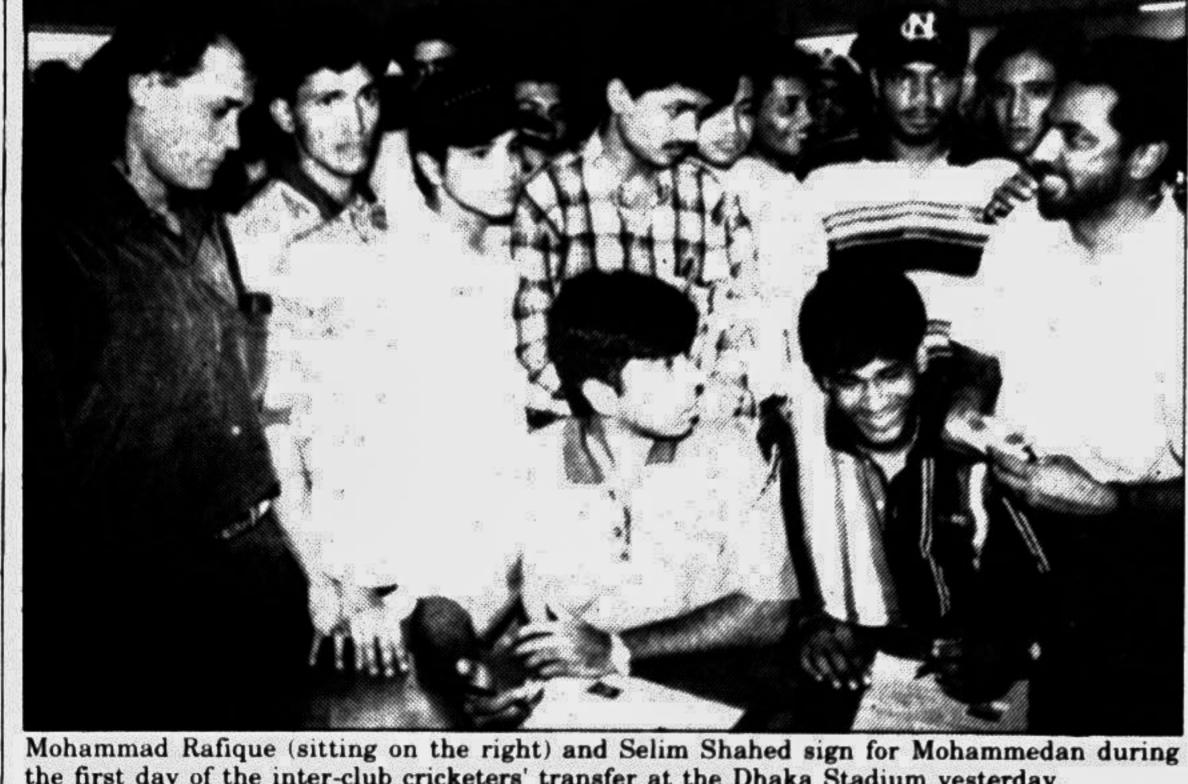
demanded a further 14.4 million dollars in transfer fees. Inter were said to have offered only 653,000 dollars. The two sides failed to agree

a price promoting FIFA to set up a special three-man arbitration | Sri Lanka. committee. The committee set a fee of 1.8 million dollars at a meeting in

Cairo on Monday. Neither club

is allowed to appeal against the

ruling.



the first day of the inter-club cricketers' transfer at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

- Star photo Cricketers' bourse begins

Sports Reporter

All the leading clubs com pleted their line-ups for the forthcoming domestic cricketing season as the inter-club cricketers' transfer began at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday under the auspices of the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan CCDM).

On the inaugural day of the four-day transfer. Abahani Krira Chakra, Mohammedan Sporting Club, Biman, Kalabagan and Brothers Union Club were found most active in the bourse for the upcoming season which begins with Damal Summer Smriti tournament at the end of the this month.

Premier league champions Abahani, who have kept their last year's squad almost intact with only Javed Omar Belim and Jahangir Alam Talukder Dulu missing, have roped in six youngsters — left-arm spinner Saifullah Gem from Brothers, off-spinner Monirul Islam Montu of Wari Club, right arm medium-pacer Ahmed Kamal Cornel of Ajax SC, wicketkeeper Rokon from BKSP and allrounder Azam Igbal, the younger brother of national skipper Akram Khan, from Agrani Bank. Dulu has signed for Mohammedans while Javed Omar is likely to join Surjo Tarun Club.

Besides, the Dhanmondi based club has confirmed the services four national crickRahman Durjoy, Zakir Hossain

and Sheikh Salauddin. Wicketkeeper Khaled Masood Pilot, all-rounder Al-Shahriar Rokon, opener Imran Hamid Partho and mediumpacer Ashfaq Ali Rahat have also decided to stay on.

Arch-rivals Mohammedans. who had a disastrous campaign last year when they lost eight out of their 16 league outings. have also organised a formidable side.

Although the Motifheel club could not confirm the services of their stalwart Aminul Islam Bulbul, who was surprisingly absent during the transfer scene, they have ensured the services of all-rounder Minhazul Abedin and seamer Hasibul Hasan. Ace all-rounder Mohammad Rafique from Biman also returned after playing two seasons for the national airliners.

The other two national cricketers from their last year's squad — Khaled Mahmood and Sanwar Hossain left along with Mustadir Litu. The trio have joined Brothers.

Besides. Mohammedans have roped in all-rounder Selim Shahed from Kalabagan KC, opener Sajid Hasan of Victoria Sporting Club, leftarm medium-pacer Manjurul Islam of GMCC and opener Mehrab Hossain Opi from Wari

Although Biman, lost

rounder Mosizur Rahman Munna, medium-pacer Sajal Chowdhury and former national skipper Faruque Ahmed

from Brothers Union. Opener Athar Ali and Habibul Bashar Sumon will stay with rational airline outfit alongwith Rupom Hasanuzzaman . Shanu and Mizanur Rahman Babul.

Right-arm medium-pacer Nazimuddin manna left Biman and joined Ajax Sporting Club and Kalabagan KC, who lost Atiar Rahman, Selim Shahed and Anisur Rahman have ensured Saiful Islam, Harun-ur-Rashid Liton, Zakir Hasan, Jewel Hossain Mona and Saikat

Besides, they have roped in wicketkeeper Ishtiaq Ahmed from Agrani Bank, all-rounder Nahid from Lalmatia and Masudur Rahman Mukul of Agrani Bank. Brothers Union have regis-

tered Khaled Masood, Sanwar

Hossain and Mustadir Litu of Mohammedan SC along with Sohel (Victoria), Shejan (Wanderers) and Shuvro (Agrani Bank) National opener Shahriar

Hoassin, Jahangir Alam, Halim Shah, Wahid and Salauddin will stay back with the Gopibagh boys In all, 130 tokens were issued

on the opening day off which 114 including two on commission, changed their allegiance.



The cricketers of Biman (L) and Brothers Union (R) pose for photograph after completing their transfer at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. - Star photo

Sachin plays down bait

tNEW DELHI, Sept 10: Indian cricket captain Sachin Tendulkar warned fans not to expect miracles

from his young eam as it flew out today to battle Pakistan in eight one-day internationals. reports AFP. "Don't expect too much,"

Tendulkar said ahead of a "fivematch series in distant Toronto

Dungarpur doesn't believe it!

NEW DELHI, Sept 10: The Indian cricket board president Raj Singh Dungarpur yesterday said a player placing a bet by himself did not mean a match was fixed and did not believe any Indian player could be involved in match-fixing, reports

"I don't think any Indian player is involved in any match-fixing. It is simply not possible to buy all the eleven players in a side," Dungarpur told reporters during the final session of the conditioning camp for the forthcoming oneday series to Canada and Pakistan.

"I don't think any Indian cricketer will sell himself. But if they are betting that does not mean the match is fixed.

The BCCI chief also criticised those who were making allegations without naming the offenders. In a veiled criticism of former all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar he said. "If they don't give the name then they are not cricketers. Why are they not telling justice Chandrachud?"

The one-man Chandrachud commission is enquiring into the charges made by Prabhakar that a teammate had tried to bribe him into throwing away a match in the 1994 Singer Cup in

He conceded players were jaded owing to hectic schedule. but defended the selectors. "If a team wins it is a good team. If it loses it is bad selection," he quipped.

starting Saturday, followed by three more games in Pakistan.

The 24-year-old, still looking for his first series win abroad after taking over as captain a year ago, has reason to be pessimistic of his team's chan-

With pace spearheads Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad nursing shoulder injuries and leading spinner Anil Kumble axed because of poor form, India's thin bowling resources look even weaker. Off-spinner Rajesh Chau-



SACHIN TENDULKAR

han, with 34 one-day caps, is the most experienced bowler in the 14-man squad. Of the others. Abey Kuruvilla has played 14 matches, Nilesh Kulkarni three and Debashish Mohanty and Harvinder Singh none at

These bowlers need a year to prove themselves," Tendulkar said. "We can't help it if someone is injured. You've got to go with what is available and this is the best we have. "I hope we can make up by

batting and fielding well. It's good that the batting is at fullstrength because we will have to put up a good score everytime." The only consolation for Tendulkar, rated as one of the world's leading batsmen, is that Pakistan too will be without

three frontline bowlers Wasim

Akram, Waqar Younis and

Mushtaq Ahmed.

Skipper Akram is out of action with a shoulder injury while Wagar and Mushtag opted out of the series to fulfil their commitments in English county cricket.

Tendulkar, however, admitted their absence will make little difference.

"Pakistan is always a tough side to beat. But we can pull it off if we are consistent. There's no point in playing one match well and the next three badly," he said.

In last year's series against Pakistan in Toronto, Tendulkar's men surrendered a 2-1 lead to lose 2-3. This year, India has won just four of their twenty one-dayers.

India's visit to Pakistan after the Canadian tour will be their first in eight years. The short tour was hastily arranged to commemorate the 50th year of independence for both nations.

Bid to co-host **2006 Games**

TRIESTE, Italy, Sept 10: This region in northeastern Italy has confirmed to the Italian Olympic Committee it plans to go forward with Austria and Slovenia in a joint bid for the 2006 Winter Olympics, reports

Giancarlo Cruder, president of the region of Friuli Venezia Guilia asked for a meeting with Mario Pescante, president of the Italian Olympic Committee, to discuss the next steps. The region is promising financial support.

The plan is the creation of local authorities in the bordering towns of Arnoldstein, Austria, Tarvisio, Italy, and Kranjska Gora, Slovenia. All three sites are within 10-15 kilometres (6-9 miles) of each other.

The group, which claims it is the first to present a threecountry bid, was among the nine candidates for the 2002 Games, which were awarded to Salt Lake City in the United

Hong Kong 6s

BCB picks seven

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday selected seven players for the Bangladesh team to take part in the Hong Kong International six-a-side cricket tournament, reports

Bangladesh alongwith nine Test playing nations and host Hong Kong will compete in the two-day meet, beginning on Sept 27.

The cricketers are: Akram Khan, Aminul Islam, Athar Ali Khan, Mohammad Rafique, Mofizur Rahman, Imran Hamid and Atiar Rahman. The selected players have

been requested to contact Ali Ahsan Babu, convenor of the

logistic committee.

Perera may play for Abahani

From Sports Reporter KATHMANDU, Sept 10: Sri Lanka's prolific striker Roshan Perera is likely to don the Abahani jersey in the domestic football, a reliable source said

The dark Lankan forward, who is currently playing for Mohan Bagan in India, will be available to play for the skyblue outfit from September 20 to October 10.

During that time, if fixture permits. Perera will be able to play maximum five matches.

Cute handball

Sports Reporter Satirtha Club recorded a 21-15 victory over Dhaka Mariner Young's Club in the lone Cute First Division handball league encounter at the court near Dhaka Stadium yesterday. The winners led the first

half 8-7. Rana of Satirtha Club scored highest nine goals while Shahidul and Ariful added five and four goals respectively to

the winners credit. On the other hand, Humayun scored four goals for the losers. West Jatrabari Kishore Sangha will take on Victoria Sporting Club in today's match at 4:30 pm.

Elite Paint tennis from Sept 22

Sports Reporter

The second leg of the Elite Paint national junior age-group tennis circuit '97 will begin at the Chittagong Club premises from September 22. The meet will be held in two

categories - under 14 and un-Interested boys and girls have been asked to register their names at the National

Tennis Complex through their respective organisations before September 18. The boarding and other facilities for the players from

outside Chittagong will be pro-vided by Chittagong Club Limited. Mahanagari Cup from Sept 17

Sports Reporter

The final round of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup football tournament, scheduled to begin on Sept 16, has been deferred for a

It was decided by the Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC), the organiser of the meet, in its meeting held at the Dhaka Stadium last night.

Earlier last Friday, the CCDM announced that the final round would commence from September 16.

A total of eight teams — Mohammedan SC, Abahani KC, Brothers Union Club. Muktijoddha Sangsad KC, Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool, Arambagh KS, Farashganj SC and Rahmatganj MFS - will split into two groups for the robin league phase.

Top two teams from each group will qualify for the semifinals.

Davis Cup Italian squad remains same

ROME, Sept 10: Italy's newly-appointed captain Paolo Bertolucci stuck to a tried and tested formula when he announced his first Davis Cup tennis side on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Bertolucci, whose team face last year's runners-up Sweden in a semifinal on September 19-21, named the same four men who knocked out Spain in a dramatic quarterfinal in April. They are Penzo Furlan, Marzio Martelli, Omar Camporese and Diego Nargiso. Camporese and Nargiso are ex-

Italy head in to the tie in Norrkoping, Sweden, seeking an improbable victory and an end to the squabbling which has plagued Italian tennis this summer Bertolucci's predecessor

Adriano Panatta, one of the ar-

chitects of the triumph over

pected to play doubles.

Spain, resigned in July after a contractural row with Paolo Gagani, president of the Italian Tennis Federation. The feud promoted the Italian players, who pledged their loyalty to Panatta, to consider pulling out of the Davis

It now falls to Bertolucci. three-times a Davis Cup finalist, to try to guide Italy into a final against either Australia or the United States.

Cup.



A faxed photo from Kathmandu shows a Maldives booter (C) breaking into tears after their SAFF Championship semifinal win over Sri Lanka while a teammate (L) consoles him. - Courtesy BPJA

Lankans in ignominy

Maldives move into final

From Al-Amin

KATHMANDU, Sept 10: Mohammad Nazim pulled off a late winner as the tournaments darkhorse Maldives stormed into the final of the first South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship with yet another sensational win over Sri Lanka in the first semifinal at the Dasarath Stadium here

In a ding-dong battle, the defender-turned-prolific scorer, who slammed the equaliser in his side's surprising 2-2 draw against aspirants Indians, once again rose to the occasion scoring the all-important goal in the 89th minute.

It was a brilliant finish to a combined attack down the left flank. Masoom played a couple of ones and twos with an overlapping left back Mahfooz before releasing a defence-slicing cross, which Nazim made no mistake to fire home with a perfect right-footer from an acute

But the Maldives victory cel ebration was marred by act of hooliganism of the moribund Sri Lankans, who with their free-style exhibition of karate and kung-fu, unleashed a terror in the field. Hell broke loose in the middle just after the Malaysian ref-

whistle as the unsporting Sri-Lankan players swooped on their opponents who were about to celebrate their passage in the final of the regional meet for the second time. The whole audience taken

aback when Amanulla and Co

ran riot with a series of punches

and kicks on the victors. The

doctor of the Maldives, who

Sri Lankan striker Roshan Perera (L) and Ahmed Azmoon

of Maldives fight for the ball during their semifinal clash

of the SAFF Championship in Kathmandu yesterday. The

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rushed onto the field to save their boys, was later found in a nearby hospital with critical

Although causality list could not be confirmed, the team manager of the Maldives team claimed in a post-match briefing, claimed that four of his players and the assistant coach sustained injury during the

Sri Lankan coach Sinnena, however, said that



none of his fighters was hurt during the sanguinary battle. which he termed as an "unfortunate event.'

The hooliganism, which raised an uproar at the stand. cast a shadow over the smooth progress of the tournament. Besides the poor handling by the inefficient organisers and the wayward approach of the SAFF general secretary Ananda Rajan, who came under severe criticism by the press people. kept his mouth shut to leave all in a sense of insecurity at the onset of the second semifinal between India and Pakistan the two perennial foes in this

But apart from the ugly episode it was by any standard a great game by the never-say-die Maldives booters, who outplayed their fancied opponents in every department of the

Appearing in a serious battle within only 24 hours after a tough match against India. their ever-energetic boys of their Bolivian coach Romoulo Cortez, took the lead in the 13th minute through their midfielder Shah Ismail, who found the net with a spectacular back volley.

But their joy was short-lived as Sri Lankans hit back two minutes later when a hardworking Kabir headed home an Amanulla free-kick from the left. But Amanulla and Roshan Perera, the lethal Lankan striking duo, were surprisingly ineffective under the tough marking of the Maldives defenders.

On the other hand, Maldives established their supreme authority in front of the home fans, who were drubbed by the Lankans in the league match. In the second half, Maldives came up firing on all their cylinders, to push the haughty Lankans to the wall before Nazim scored the brilliant goal.

It was a fairy-tale run by the rank-outsiders, who had to pull ogether themselves after their dentmarish World Cup campaign where they conceded as many as 59 goals.

The heroes will have to wait for the outcome of tomorrow's semifinal to know their opponents in the September 13 grand final

BAF basketball

TANGAIL, Sept 10: The Air Headquarters Unit and the BAF Base Bashar moved into final of the BAF inter-base basketball championship at the BAF Base Paharkanchanpur today, reports BSS.

The final match will be held tomorrow

The Air Headquarters defeated the BAF Base Matiur Rahman by 52-44, the BAF Base Bashar beat the BAF Base Paharkanchanpur by 110-88 and the BAF Base Matiur outplayed the BAF Base Zahurul Haque by 73-41 goals today.

For Mother

Teresa TIRANA, Sept 10: Albania's First Division soccer league has been postponed by a day because of the funeral of Mother Teresa, who was of Albanian descent,

officials said on Tuesday, re-

ports Reuter. The 1997-98 league, which was scheduled to start on Saturday, will now begin on Sunday after the government declared three days of mourning in Mother Teresa's honour starting on Thursday.

The Roman Catholic nun died in India on Friday of a heart attack aged 87.

ODNDQJYT GOODLJDA LRPBYT CZO BGNMRQE Saturday's Cryptoquip: WOULD THE BIG, RUG-GED WEIGHT LIFTER BE LIKELY TO PREFER A HUSKY AS A PET?

follow-up Today's Cryptoquip clue: O equals R 43 Important The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it 45 Bottom line 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.

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