Sports Reporter Dhaka Wanderers Club will take on Rayerbazar Sporting Club in the opening match at 2:30 pm as the Green Delta Second Division hockey league be-gins at the National Hockey Stadium this afternoon. In the other match billed for the inaugural day, Combined Sporting Club will face Dhaka Youngsters Club at 4 pm.

A total of 18 teams, split into four group for the first phase. are participating in the league.

Top two teams from each group will qualify for the super

league.
Following are the participat-

Group A: Dhaka Wanderers Club, Uttara Hockey Club Dhaka Hockey Club. East and Green Club and Rayerbazar SC. Group B: Combined SC. Caontonion SC, Uditi Club, Dilkusha SC and Dhaka

Group C: Mukta Bihanga TS, Barnak Samaj, Agrani Bank and Shishu Kishore Sangha. Group D: Raktim Sangha,

Youngsters Club.

Tejgaon Agragami, Shantina-gar Club and PWD SC.

into last four

SURABAYA, Indonesia, Sept 27: Top seed Dominique van Roost of Belgium will bid for her second WTA. Tour title on Sunday after overcoming Australia's Rachel McQuillan 6-2, 7-5 in the semifinals of the Wismilak International, reports AFP.

Her opponent will be the unseeded Czech Lenka Nemeckova, who surprised Maria Alejandra of Venezuela 6-4, 6-3 in the other semi.

Windy conditions made serving difficult and Van Roost served 14 double-faults, including an embarrassing five in one game. But she was more consistent that McQuillan with her groundstrokes, and had a bigger weapon with her powerful fore-

IOC official's optimism

SYDNEY, Sept 27: International Olympic Committee marketing chief Michael Payne said he was confident Sydney would avoid a "commercial feeding frenzy" seen in Atlanta which was worse than the IOC could have imagined, reports

Payne, the IOC's Worldwide Marketing Director, said the city of Atlanta had worked "acs tively against the organizing committee" but Sydney would be guarded from that because of its partnership between government and business.

"The problem in Atlanta was not so much what the organizing committee was doing or what the sponsors were doing ... it was what the city authorities were doing in their street vending programs and their advertising programs that distorted the presentation of the Games. Payne said Wednesday.

"You're here as the host city, you want to put your best foot forward to the world, you don't want to confuse the presentation, and we found that the city turned it into a commercial feeding frenzy outside of the official sponsors.

"That's what the world saw and that was a serious problem which sadly, a year before the Games, the IOC had already identified. (But) even in our willdest dreams we didn't think it would be that bad."

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Action from yesterday's Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup clash between Abahani Krira Chakra and Brothers Union which ended in a goalless draw at the Mirpur Stadium. - Star photo

Dominique moves Brothers owe Abahani one

Sports Reporter



The sojourn in the Dhaka football hit the snag in a most aweful way as Abahani Krira Chakra played to

a goalless draw with Brothers Union Club in the last group league encounter of the Shamsuddin Spinning Mahanagari Cup at the Mirpur Stadium last night.

With Abahani already confirmed of a berth in the last four as group champions and Brothers needing a point to make their way to the semifinals, the intention of the two teams was quite clear when they strolled in the middle after an exciting first match, where Rahmatgani and Farashganj split points in a one-all draw.

A few hundred supporters. who not only braved the inclement weather but also spent Tk 20 each to witness an otherwise absorbing battle, soon realised that they were being cheated by the two sides who played in a most friendly way with the ball mostly confined in the middle.

Hurt by the mock exhibition they jeered and pelted stones to the actors during the lemon break and after the end of the dull and insipid encounter, where not even single positive move was marked. Some enthusiastic supporters of Abahani later tried to attack the dressing room. But due to a timely intervention by the police, the booters were saved from any awkward situation.

It will be interesting to know what punishment these two giant teams receive from the disciplinary committee who have already seized the gate money of Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool and Arambagh Krira Chakra for playing a fixed-match on September 21.

With the draw, Abahani remained atop the four-team Group B table having raised their tally to seven points from three matches while Brothers Union emerged runners up in the group having increased their points to three from as many matches.

In the first semifinal tomor-

row afternoon at the same, Brothers Union will take on Group A champions Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra at 3 pm while Abahani will then face their arch rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club at 5

Earlier, in the day's first match forward Milan put Rahmatganj ahead in the 20th minute with an angular shot from the goalmouth melee while Selim levelled the margin for Farashganj with a right footer from the top of the box in the 76th minute.

Rahmatganj defender Shafique was sent off for assaulting a Farashganj forward in the 75th minute.

Both teams finished their Group B campaign at the bottom of the table having two points each to their credit.

GROUP B TABLE

Teams	M	W	D	LOF		GA Points	
Abahani	3	2	1	0	7	3	7
Brothers	3	0	3	0	0	0	3
Rahmatganj	3	0	2	1	2	3	2
Farashganj	3	0	2	1	3	6	2

ZIMBABWE: First innings

(overnight 263-4)

G Whittall not out

D Houghton b Cairns

Streak lbw b Cairns

O'Connor

Total:

Rennie c Harris b O'Connor

G Flower c Fleming b Vettori

A Flower c Harris b Vettori

P Strang c Harris b Vettori

Huckle c Parore b Vettori

Extras: (lb-10, nb-2, w-2)

B Strang c Fleming b Cairns

Matambanadzo c Fleming

A Campbell c Astle b O'Connor

Whittall whacks Kiwis



BULAWAYO, Sept 27: Guy Whittall's superb double century put Zimbabwe in the driving seat in the second and final Test against

New Zealand at the Queen's Sports Club on Friday, reports The diminutive 25-year-old

Bulawayo all-rounder hit a career-best undefeated 203 in Zimbabwe's first innings score

At the close of the second day's play, New Zealand openers Craig Spearman and Blair Pocock had put on 23 without

Still 338 runs behind with three days remaining. New Zealand need to score 211 to avoid the follow-on.

For the second successive day it was the batsmen who dominated on another hot day and an easy-paced wicket which made the bowlers toil.

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Resuming on their overnight 263-4, the home team added 98 for the loss of six wickets before being bowled out midway into the third and final session. Whittall, who was 66 not out

at the start of the day, went on to attain the second highest Test score by a Zimbabwean behind Dave Houghton's 266 against Sri Lanka in the 1993/94 season in the same

He beat by two Grant Flow-

LATEST

BULAWAYO, Sept 27: New Zealand were 268 for seven in reply to Zimbabwe's 461 at the close of play on the third day of the second and final Test today.

er's 201 against Pakistan in Harare in the 1994/95 season. And after fashioning a 38run 10th-wicket stand with last man Everton Matambanadzo. Whittall was left unbeaten on 203, compiled in eight and a quarter hours during which he faced 266 balls and hit 23 fours

and two sixes. Whittall also played a part in two other important stands: 78 for the fifth wicket with Houghton (32) and 73 for the seventh with Heath Streak (17). Strong on the pull shot and

his best in the second session. Daniel Vettori, the 18-yearold spinner, was the pick of the Kiwi bowlers, from 58 overs he finished with 4-165.

anything short, Whittall was at

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the second day of the second Test between Zimbabwe and New Zealand on Friday:

Fall of wickets: 1-144; 2-148 3-218: 4-244: 5-322: 6-343: 7-416: 8-420: 9-421

Bowling: Sewell O'Connor Cairns Vettori Harris

Dubai may get the nod

MILTON KEYNES, Sept 27 Dubai appears to be the most likely venue for an India-Pakistan hockey series, the dates of which are being finalised following informal meetings between officials of the two countries who are here for the sixth Junior World Cup hockey tournament, reports PTI.

Apparently, the successful conduct of the cricket series between the two countries in Toronto, for two years running. and the reciprocal visits across the border, are being cited as encouraging signs to revive hockey exchanges.



Indian batsman Azharuddin chats with his wife Ayesha, formerly Sangeeta Bijlani, after arriving at the Karachi Airport on Friday. - AP/UNB photo

DU clinch inter-varsity chess title

Sports Reporter

Dhaka University emerged champions in the Beximco inter-varsity chess championship which concluded at the BUET gymnasium yesterday.

In the five-team tourney which began on September 21, Dhaka University, led by International Master Ziaur Rahman, earned 15 out of possible 16 points to clinch the trophy. Khandkar Kayes Hasan, Hasi-bul Hanif, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu and Sheikh Nasir Ahmed were the other four members of the team.

BUET lifted the runners-up trophy with ten points to their credit while Rajshahi University became third with seven points. Besides, Chittagong University and Agricultural University were the other two teams who earned 5 and 2.5 points respectively.

Professor Iqual Mahmood the Vice-Chancellor of BUET, distributed the prizes.

Biman U-14 soccer qualifiers from Oct 1

Sports Reporter

The qualifying round of the Biman under-14 national football championship will commence in eight zonal venues across the country from October

Fifty-eight districts and Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) will be split into eight zonal groups for the eight berths in final round. The eight zones are:

Narayanganj: Munshigani, Chandpur, Narshingdi, Gazipur. Shariyatpur, Sunamganj and Narayangani

Manikganj: BKSP, Rajbari, Tangail, Gopalganj, Madaripur, Faridpur and Manikgani. Jessore: Jhenidah, Magura,

Narail, Chuadanga, Satkhira and Jessore. Barisal: Khulna, Bagerhat. Pirozpur, Jhalakathi, Barguna,

Patuakhali and Barisal. Joypurhat: Bogra, Rajshahi. Natore, Nawabganj, Naogaon, Pabna, Sirajganj and Joy-

purhat. Nilphamari: Rangpur. Gaibandha, Kurigram, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagar and Nilphamari.

Noakhali: Lakshmipur. Feni, Khagrachari, Bandarban, Rangamati, Brahmanbaria, Comilla and Noakhali.

Mymensingh: Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Netrokona, Kishoreganj, Sherpur, Jamalpur and Mymensingh.

Genoa let Salvemini stay on

GENOA, Sept 27: Genoa went back on a decision to sack coach Gaetano Salvemini on Thursday after a meeting between directors, coach and players, reports Reuter. The club dismissed Salvem-

ini in the morning following their dramatic exit from the Italian Cup on Wednesday night. But a few hours later they is-

sued a statement saying the decision had been reversed and Salvemini would stay on. "The directors, coach and

players of Genoa have thoroughly examined the situation created by recent result and have decided unanimously to proceed with the work started in the summer," the statement

Genoa, the oldest club in the Italian league, are second from bottom of Serie B having taken just one point from their first four matches.

New rules for spectators in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Sept 27. Belgium plans to crack down on soccer pitch invasions and crowd violence with new legislation allowing fans to be banned or fined without a court ruling, interior Minister Johan Vande Lanotte said on Tuesday, reports Reuter.

Supporters of Belgian soccer clubs Anderlecht, Sint-Truiden and Antwerp staged pitch invasions and briefly halted games in three separate matches last weekend. "There are two major rules -

exclusions and fines ... I think it will change the fans' mentality, these measures can be anticipated and will change their behaviour," Vande Lanotte told Belgian RTBF television.

Pallister relieved

MANCHESTER, England Sept 27; Manchester United defender Gary Pallister escaped a three-game suspension Wednesday when referee Paul Durkin agreed he should not have sent him off against Bolton, reports AP.

Durkin expelled Pallister and Bolton striker Nathan Blake Saturday after a flare-up that followed Blake's challenge from behind. After watching video tape of the incident from several angles, Durkin admitted Wednesday he should only have shown the yellow card to Pallister instead of the red one. While Blake's expulsion re-

mains and the Weish international striker misses three club games as a result. Pallister's punishment was reduced to a yellow card.

First one-dayer today

place has gone to Mohammad

Wasim, who made a century in

"He is a world-class bowler

under any conditions," Anwar

said. "He will give us an edge af-

ter giving a super performance in the county championship for Glamorgan which helped them to win the title."

hosting the one-day interna-

tional after more than five

years. The last one was in Jan-

uary 1992 when Sri Lanka

be Sri Lankan Ranjan

Madugalle who visited the sta-

dium on Saturday and declared

the pitch and outfield fit for

day and India's Sachin Ten-

dulkar was hoping to continue

am hopeful that we will per-

the pitch to favour the batsmen,

saying, "The outfield is a bit uneven, but I must thank the groundsman for putting extra

effort in laying down the track.

lieved man after his team re-

ceived a warm welcome and he

said he hoped the crowd would

enjoy exciting cricket during

war and we are looking forward

to, a thrilling series against

"It's a game of cricket not

The Pakistan captain Anwar

"I think the wicket will take

the three-match series.

ciation of the wicket.

them.

Tendulkar, 24, was a re-

form well tomorrow," he said.

his winning streak.

Both teams practised Satur-

"Ours is a young side and I

The Indian captain expected

Sunday's match referee will

played.

Hyderabad's Niaz Stadium is

Zealand last year in Lahore.

attack of the home team.

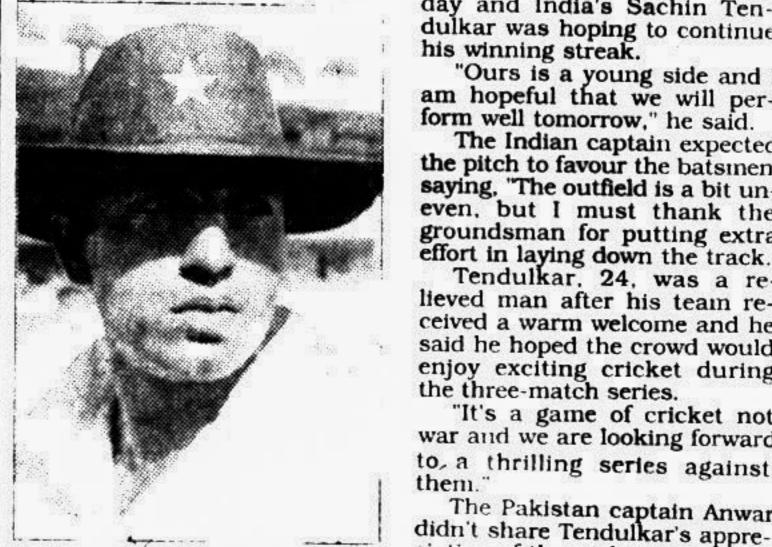
KARACHI, Sept 27: Arch-rivals Pakistan and India will meet Sunday for the first time in eight

years in the opening game of the one-day international threematch Wills Challenge Cup Series in the interior Sindh city of Hyderabad, reports AP. The Indian team which arrived on Friday in Karachi were in high spirits after their 4-1

victory last week in the Sahara

Cup in Toronto. Pakistan's newly appointed skipper Saeed Anwar is hoping for a more mature performance from his team after the Toronto debacle. India outclassed the 1992 World Cup champions in bowling, fielding and batting departments in the Sahara Cup.

The selection committee of the Pakistan Cricket Board dropped experienced Rameez Raja and Salim Malik from the 14-man squad, Young Salim



SAEED ANWAR

Elahi is likely to open the inturn and we will field two spinnings with Anwar. Malik's ners tomorrow," he said.

Karachi's National Stadium on his debut Test against New September 30 and the final daynight fixture is at the Gaddafi The return of Wagar Younis Stadium in Lahore on has also strengthened the pace

October 2. TEAMS PAKISTAN: Saeed Anwar (captain). Moin Khan (wicketkeeper). Salim Elahi, Mohammad Wasim, Inzamamul Haq, Ijaz Ahmed, Saqlain Mushtaq, Hasan Raza, Shahid

The second will be played at

INDIA: Sachin Tendulkar



Sahara Cup Sachin's saviour

NEW DELHI, Sept 27: (India Abroad News Service): The remarkable victory by the Indian cricket team

over arch-rivals Pakistan in the just-concluded Sahara Cup tournament in Toronto could not have come at a better time for both its captain and the

Battered and bruised after a year of sub-standard displays at home and abroad under the captaincy of Sachin Tendulkar. Indian cricket was at its lowest ebb on the eve of the series. It looked like curtains for coach Madan Lal and even the captain was fortunate to survive a coup bid plotted by a couple of the national selectors.

The immediate provocation for this was the drubbing the team suffered in Sri Lanka where it recorded just one win over Bangladesh - on the entire tour. The bowlers suffered at the hands of explosive opener Sanath Jayasuriya and the rest of the Lankan batting conceding a spate of world records in the first Test at Colombo. The performance in the one-day matches was no better and the call to replace the captain and the coach was getting everlouder.

The Indian selectors dumped pace bowler Venkatesh Prasad and vice-captain and leg-captain and leg-spinner Anil Kumble -- "rested" was the euphemism being bandied about and went for a new-look youthful side. On paper at least it looked woefully short of experience in the bowling department and the air was thick with dire predictions of more assaults by rival batsmen. Pakistan after all had only recently spoiled the Independence Cup party for

stage with Saeed Anwar racing to the highest score in one-day

But while the press had written off the team's chances, Indian cricket fans are a resilient lot. They showed their support during the camp held in New Delhi prior to the Toronto tournament, turning out in large numbers both at the ground and the hotel where the team staved.

the average man on the street appeared to have fired up the players, many of whom were

so dominated a one-day tour-

Ganguly has not always enjoyed the full confidence of his captain and was inexplicably dropped from the playing eleven for a couple of one-day internationals in the recent past. Even when in the squad, he has rarely, if ever, bowled his full quota of overs, despite the bowling department looking so bare.

Toronto has changed all that. Besides, the sub-standard pitches and the dampness in the air and ground were of great assistance to Ganguly's peculiar brand of slow medium-pacers. But his ability to "stick to his rask"; as Tendulkar Himself put it, and not get carried away, saw him break the back of the Pak-

istan batting time and again. Allied to that was his brilliant batting at the top order, opening the innings with wicketkeeper Saba Karim and Tendulkar. No batsman reached three-figures in this second annual event as the bowlers dominated. But Ganguly's 96 in the final game, ironically the only one which India lost, was the

highest score this year. The Indians were considerably helped by the absence of a star Pakistan batsman Inzamam-ul Huq, who got into a fracas with an Indian expatriate spectator in the second game of the series and had to serve out a two match suspension imposed on him by Match Referee

Jackie Hendricks.

Inzamam, known as the 'gentle giant of Multan' was apparently provoked by a stream of abuses directed at him through a megaphone, which many of the spectators were using to taunt each other and the players. Not surprisingly, the organisers promptly banned megaphones from the ground. But the damage to the Pakistan team had already been done. And with the spectator deciding to press charges,

the issue remains unresolved. Just how badly the team felt Inzamam's absence was amply proved in the final game when his unbeaten 71 guided them to a five-wicket victory and averted what would have been a humiliating whitewash.

The Pakistanis were also considerably weakened by the absence of star bowlers Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis and Mushtaq Ahmed who were either injured or had county commitments in England while India was still without the services of Javagal Srinath, nursing a shoulder injury.

CRYPTOQUIP

MIDDX Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HAVE YOU EVER CON-SIDERED THAT THE INDECISIVE INSECT MUST BE A

MAY-BEE? Today's Cryptoquip clue: D 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 focating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Afridi, Azhar Mehmood, Wagar Younis, Aaquib Javed, Shahid Nazir and Muhammad Hussain.

(captain). Ajay Jadeja, Saurav Ganguly, Robin Singh, Rahul Dravid, Muhammad Azharuddin, Abey Kuruvilla, Saba Karim (wicketkeeper), Debashish Mohanty, Harvinder Singh, Nilesh Kulkarni, Hemant Kanitakar, Vinod Kambli, Rajesh Chauhan.



Gulu Ezekiel eliminating them in the league

internationals (194). Before that had come disappointing tours of South Africa and the West Indies where the players appeared to lack spirit and confidence.

That confidence shown by

young and eager to perform. The appointment of Ajay Jadeja as vice-captain also seems to have done the trick. Jadeja is one of the most enthusiastic players in the side, showing a spirit sadly lacking among the more senior players. The team's body language

from the opening match was a revelation. The dead-weights had been dumped. In their place were new faces like Harvinder Singh and Debasish Mohanty, who had made a good impression even during the few opportunities he got in Sri Lanka. One man though ultimately

made the difference in the series and that was West Bengal all-rounder Saurav Ganguly. Described by his skipper as the team's "secret weapon", he picked up an unprecedented four man-of-the-match awards with a stunning all-round performance that saw him score 222 runs and take 15 wickets. Not since Mohinder Amarnath's star-turn in the 1983 World Cup has any all-rounder

India, the host nation, by Dhaka University team, who emerged champions in the

Beximco inter-university chess championship, receive the trophy from BUET Vice-Chancellor Professor Iqbal Mahmud yesterday. - Star photo

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