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A scramble infront of the Parashganj goal during the Club Cup match against Usha KC yesterday. Usha thrashed Farashganj 7-1.

- Star photo

C'wealth Games

Cricket sans **ODI** status

NEW DELHI, Aug 14: The cricket matches at next month's Commonwealth Games in Malaysia will not be granted official one-day status, the International Cricket Council (ICC) said today, reports AFP.

ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya said even though all matches would be played as per existing one-day rules, they won't go down in the record books since many teams do not have official status.

Cricket, a non-Olympic sport, is being introduced for the first time at the Commonwealth Games to be held at Kuala Lumpur from September 11-21.

England declined to take part citing domestic commitments, while the West Indies will be represented by three separate sides from Barbados, Jamaica and Antigua.

Other non-Test playing nations taking part in the 16-team even are Bangladesh, Kenya, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Canada and hosts Malaysia.

Dalmiya said the introduction of cricket at the Games was a one-off decision.

"The ICC saw the inclusion of cricket in the 1998 Games as a unique avenue for globalisation and development of the game," he said,

"It was with this that the ICC cleared cricket's inclusion on a trial basis and even assisted the organisers in administrative matters ranging from overseeing preparation of grounds and turf wickets to determining the teams that would participate,

he said. The ICC's verdict strengthens the Indian cricket board's stand to field a second-string team at the Games, while sending the national squad to an official one-day series against Pakistan in Canada in the same period.

BABF selects 24 for jr ABC qualifiers

Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation (BABF) initially called 34 players to form a national youth basketball team to participate in the qualifying round of the 15th junior ABC championship, reports

The qualifying round matches of the meet will be held in Dhaka during September 27-30 while the final round of the junior ABC Championship in India in November this year.

The selected players are: Rafique, Mukul, Siddique (Army), Noman, Rashed (navy). Niamat, Manjil, Zakir, Kabir (Rifles), Fazle, Shehan, Farhan (Josephites), Jyoti, Shiplo (Gregs), Russue (Mariners), Ata (Shawon), Theio (Suradh), Abir (Eagles), Evans, Deepok (Giants), Rabbi, Pappu, Hasan (Cantonians), Naim, Masud (Bakshi Bazar), Mamun, Bipu, Shakil (Kurmitola YS), Safi, Tanveer, Pinto (Gopalganj), Gias, Rajib (Satkhira) Ashfaque

(Chandpur). The players have been asked to report on August 18 at 5 pm at the Dhanmondi wooden floor gymnasium.

Nat'l v'ball on

Dhaka, Bangladesh Rifles and Bangladesh Army won their respective matches in the men's group on the opening day of the national volleyball championship yesterday, re-

ports UNB. Dhaka DSA beat Khulna DSA 15-10, 15-4, 11-15, 15-8, Rifles beat Comilla DSA 15-1, 15-1, 15-3 and Army beat Kushtia DSA 15-3, 15-5, 15-0 at the Mirpur Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium.

another match, Bangladesh Navy got walkover against Tangail DSA.

Two matches of the women's group were also held on the inaugural day. The matches between Bhola vs Kushtia and Pabna vs Rajbari were continuing when the last report came

BCCI refuses to play under IOA banner

the Indian cricket team is being MUMBAI, Aug 14: called upon to participate in the The Board of Con-Games under the IOA banner. trol for Cricket in India (BCCI) tou-You would kindly appreciate that under no circumstances ghened its posture would our board want to particvis-a-vis sending ipate in the Games under any its team to the September banner other than its own or Commonwealth Games at Kuala

> Cricket Council (ICC). "You would also appreciate that cricket is not an 'Olympic' event and any step that affects the autonomy of our board would have serious repercussions," Lele added. The BCCI secretary has also

that of the International

sought clarification from the IOA on certain points "so that there is no confusion or embarrassment to anyone.

Among the points the BCCI wants the IOA to clarify are the status of the matches in the Games (whether the organisers have found out from the ICC whether they are 'official' or not) sporting of sponsors' logos and random dope testing.

"The cricketers are professionals and they get paid for playing the matches. Our board is bound by a contract with ITC

Limited for team sponsorship and, as a result, it is imperative for our cricketers to wear "Wills" logos on their shirts during the matches in the Games and will not sport 'Reebok' or any other logo," Lele has made it clear.

About dope testing, Lele has explained that the BCCI, and the Indian cricketers, were in the dark about the substances which are 'prohibited' in the Games while adding that the board did not support drug abuse in sports in any way.

Since there is no practice of dope testing in cricket the board felt that "It may be unjust and unfair on our part to subject our cricketers to dope tests, especially because they are totally unaware of such practice and also of the drugs that are prohibited in the Games." Lele has written.

Stating that any wrong move in this subject would be a major source of embarrassment, not

just for Indian cricket, but for the entire sporting fraternity of the country as well, he said the BCCI has invited constructive suggestions on the issue.

Regarding Bradman



(AP): Sir Donald Bradman is living proof that champion sportsmen shouldn't be

judged as being only as good as their last game. Friday marks the 50th an-

Lumpur by refusing to allow it

to take part under the banner of

the Indian Olympic Association

In a hard-hitting letter to his

IOA counterpart Randhir

Singh, raising several queries

which "need to be addressed

immediately" BCCI secretary

Jayawant Lele yesterday said

BCCI was not affiliated to it and

the boards' parent body was the

International Cricket Council

that cricket was being intro-

duced for the first time in the

Commonwealth Games 1998

and that, on the request of its

organising committee (SUKOM)

to the ICC that the cricket-play-

ing nations agreed to send their

teams for participation in these

"It, however, appears that

"It was our understanding

(IOA), reports PTI.

(ICC).

Games.

niversary of Bradman's last innings in Test cricket. His international finale was in the fifth Test between Australia and England at The Oval in London. Aug. 14, 1948.

He was bowled for a duck, a tragic anticlimax to a brilliant

The Australian captain was given a standing ovation as he strode to the crease for his last test innings. He was 39, just weeks shy of his 40th birthday, and his first class career had spanned 21 years.

The English cricket team even gave him three cheers. He needed to score only four runs to finish with a Test average of 100. Nobody has been

close to this mark, before or It must have seemed elemenary that a man who could frequently belt 300-plus runs in an

innings could notch a measly four runs when he needed them. But he was bowled by he second ball he faced. England bowler Eric Hollies claimed the biggest scalp of his career and Bradman departed the wicket

with a Test average of 99.94. He had taken guard just before 6 pm local time and safely played the first ball, a leg-break from Hollies. The next was pitched on a

perfect length, a googly which spun past Bradman's forward defensive stroke and clean bowled him. Australia went on to win the Test by an innings and 149 runs and tie up the series 4-0, but it was little consolation to Bradman — the undisputed best batsman of all time.

If anyone deserved to achieve the incredible feat of a 100 average, it was Bradman. He was a national hero. And is still celebrated as a "living trea-

DG Bradman must have held every batting record in international cricket in his heyday. He played 52 tests scoring 6,996 runs in 80 innings at an average of 99.94. He scored 29 centuries and remained unbeaten 10 times.

Not only was Bradman prolific, but he scored his runs quickly.

He held records for hitting 2000 Test runs in 22 innings, 3,000 in 33 innings, 4,000 in 48 innings, 5,000 in 56 innings and 6,000 in 68 innings.

If he'd scored four runs in his

last innings, he would also have scored the quickest 7,000 runs in Test history. England's Wally Hammond achieved that milehim in 1932-33. stone, scoring 7,000 runs in 131

innings. He was the first batsman to score 900 runs in a series, hitting 974 (averaging 139) in

seven innings during a five-Test series against England in 1930. On that tour he had innings of 334 at Headingley, 254 at Lord's



SIR DONALD BRADMAN

and 232 at The Oval. In first-class cricket he scored 28,067 runs at an aver-

age of 95.14, including 117 centuries. He scored more than 200 in an innings on 37 occasions. Bradman was born in rural New South Wales on Aug. 27. 1908. He was the son of carpenter and farmer.

He was just 5 feet 7 inches (1.67-metre) tall but had the ability to tear any bowling attack apart.

Folklore says he practised as a boy by repeatedly hitting a golf ball against a corrugatediron water tank with a cricket stump just to sharpen his reflexes. Whatever he did, it worked.

He made his first-class debut for new South Wales in the Australian domestic competition in 1927, aged 19. He scored 118 on debut against South Australia in Adelaide. Bradman made his Test de-

but for Australia against England in 1928-29. He scored 18 and one and was responsible for running-out a senior batsman as England won the first Test in Brisbane. He was made 12th man for the second Test before returning

in the next match to score 79 and 112. He was never dropped from the starting XI again. It was after he scored 806 runs against the West Indies at the amazing average of 206 -

in 1931-32 that prompted England to employ the infamous "bodyline" tactics to combat

England fast bowler Harold Larwood (who later migrated to Australia) was ordered to bowl at the Australian batsmen to knock the confidence out of The bodyline series changed

tralians took a battering. One batsman suffered a cracked skull and others were taken to hospital after sustaining sickening blows to the body. Mounted police were called

the face of cricket. The Aus-

in to quell crowd unrest at the Adelaide oval in the third Test as the tempers reached boiling

England eventually won the series 4-1 but Bradman won the hearts of the nation by defying the bodyline tactics and scoring a respectable average of 56.57.

He toured England in 1934 and helped Australia reclaim the Ashes with a 2-1 victory. He captained Australia in all five series between 1936-37 and

As caption he won every series. On the 1948 tour his side was undefeated. If the Second World War had not interrupted his career, he would undoubtedly have set scoring records that would never be broken.

After his retirement, he faded out of public life and rarely granted interviews to journalists. The Bradman Museum was built in Bowral, new South Wales, as a tribute.

BBF picks 12 for Asian meet

Bangladesh Badminton Federation (BBF) selected eight men and four women shuttlers to play in the JVC Asian badminton championship to be held in Bangkok September 1-6. reports UNB.

Men: Russel Kabir Sumon. Mahbubur Rab, Khurshid Alam Kazi Hasibur Rahman Shakil Sarwar Hossain (Biman), and Syed Rashed Yusuf and Mustafa Mohammed Javed (Ansars) and Maruf Alam (Ahban). Women: Elina Begum,

Ayesha Khatun Nuri, Konika Rani Adhikari and Sarmin Ahmed (Biman). The selected players have been asked to report on Aug 17

Federation office at 5 pm.

SL defeat

SAfrica

Sports Reporter

Sri Lanka beat South Africa by 57 runs in the opening match of the Emirates triangula tournament at Trent Bridge Nottingham yesterday.

SCOREBOARD SRI LANKA:

Jayasuriya c Boucher b Donald Kaluwitharana c Cronje b Kallis Atapattu st Boucher b Symcox Aravinda c Kirsten b Donald Ranatunga run out Jayawardena c Boucher h Cronje Hathurushingh lbw b Cronje Wickramasinghe b Pollock Dharmasena c Boucher b Pollock 9 Perera not out Muralitharan c Elworthy b Pollock Extras: (b-4, lb-12, w-15, nb-7) 39 Total: all out in 47.5 overs

Fall of wkts: 1-85: 2-88: 3-102: 4-182; 5-192; 6-224; 7-235; 8 252: 0 254: 10 258

Bowler:	OM		E	W
Pollock	8.5	0	54	3
Elworthy	5	0	43	0
Donald	8	0	40	2
Kallis	7	0	22	1
Rindel	2	0	12	0
Symcox	9	1	42	1
Cronje	8	0	29	2
SOUTH AF	RICA			*
Kirsten b Wickramasinghe				0
Rindel c sub b Wickramasinghe				18

Kallis c Atapattu b Wickramasinghe Cullinan b Perera Symcox c sub b Dharmasena Cronje lbw b Muralitharan Rhodes c Hathurusingha Dharmasena Pollock not out Boucher run out (Jayasuriya) Elworthy b Jayasuriya Donald b Dharmasena Extras: (lb-7, w-10) Total: (all out in 49.0 overs)

10-201 Bowler Wickramasinghe Hathurusingha Muralitharan Dharmasena 0 36 Javasuriya Result: Sri Lanka won by 57

Fall of wkts: 1-0; 2-8; 3-30; 4-32;

5-66; 6-166; 7-175; 8-178; 9-178;

Arrigo's aim

MADRID, Aug 14: Atletico Madrid coach Arrigo Sacchi said on Thursday he planned to retire from soccer when his contract with the Spanish club expire at the end of the 1999-2000 season, reports Reuters.

Sacchi, former AC Milan and Italian national team coach, disclosed his decision ahead of Thursday night's 2-0 defeat against Deportivo La Coruna in a pre-season tournament.

National discard Sadeq still among goals

Usha paint Farashganj red Sports Reporter



Favourites Usha Krira Chakra advanced into the last four of the Jiban Bima Club Cup hockey tour-

nament with a 7-1 thrashing of Farashganj Sporting Club in their last Group B encounter at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium vesterday. Usha, with the emphatic vic-

tory, maintained their cent per cent record of winning all the three first round matches. The old town outfit will now take on Group C winners in the first semifinal, billed for August 18. The winners led the first

Centre-half Zia opened the account for Usha by deflecting a Musa hit in the fifth minute while skipper Kamal doubled the margin a minute later with a brilliant push from a Musa Farashganj appeared ready

the box. However, their enthusiasm came to a premature end when Kamal scored his second goal of the match to seal the first half after being nicely fed by Sadeq up front

The first-half margin could have been wider had the Usha stick-wielders not wasted all their chances on Kamal so that he could get his treble. Learning from the first half

faux pas, Usha pulled themselves together in the second session and added four more to their account. Defender Isa Miah made it 4-1 converting a short-corner in

the 36th minute. Irteza Kader Guddu scored the fifth goal for

Usha converting another short-

corner 20 minutes later. Mohammad Sadeq, who has been dropped from the national team for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Malaysia next month, then took charge for a good fight when they and scored two brilliant field goals in the space of nine minpulled one back in the 12th utes to add more clouds in the minute with Mukti deflecting a Farashganj sky. Rubel hit home from the edge of

WARI-1: BACHELORS-0 Earlier, in the day's first match, Wari Club posted a solitary goal win over Bachelors'

Forward Sabu struck the match-winner in the 21st minute with a field goal.

It was the first win for Wari in three first round Group B matches which enabled them to finish third in the four-team group ahead of their yesterday's opponents who lost all their

three matches. Farashganj Sporting Club. the losers of the other match of the day against Usha, emerged

second in the group with two There will be no matches

tional Mourning Day. Tomorrow Bangladesh Railway will meet Dhaka Ansars at 2:45 pm while holders Abahani Krira Chakra will take on Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha at 4:30 pm at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium.

respect for England, despite the

team's long failure to win a

major series, and gave it a

chance to beat Australia — as

long as bowlers Darren Gough

and Angus Fraser stayed fit and

had back-up from Derbyshire's

Dominic Cork and Leicester-

be a good one and England are

obviously back on track to

come from 1-0 down to win," he

I've just got a sneaking suspi-

cion they are relying on Gough

and Fraser and if there are any

injuries to those two they'll

Australia's batting, he said.

was stronger than South

Africa's "And our bowling

stocks are not totally reliant on

"England have got a lot of

have a tough time.'

Shane Warne.

"I think the series is going to

"I'd say Australia beware, but

shire's Alan Mullally.

played today because of the Na-

Border's words of wisdom



SYDNEY, Aug 14: Former Australian cricket captain Allan Border cautioned England against over-confidence after their series victory against South Africa, warning one win

did not guarantee an Ashes victory, reports AFP. Border gained a first hand view of England's performance in securing their 2-1 series win, the first in a major series for 12

The Australian A team coach and his side were at Headingley this week to watch England achieve the 23-run victory which clinched the series and saw the British press engage in a chorus of "Bring on the Aussies.

fore and has reservations. "They must be feeling pretty euphoric at the moment," he told Australian Associated Press from Linlithgow, where rain had halted the Australian A team's three-day match

Border has heard it all be-

"England had every right to talk like that after a great win against very good opposition and the end of its series drought, but Ashes victory predictions were a tad premature.

fidence. A lot of players have never tasted series victories and if you get confident, if you get the ball rolling, it can turn around close losses not close wins," said the veteran Ashes campaigner.

"It's a huge boost to your con-

"My message would be not to get carried away. You go to Australia and you have to take it up another level "I've heard 'Bring on the

Aussies' for the last six or more Test series and they've got their backsides kicked every time," he said. Winning at home was completely different to playing Australia on their home turf and

the doubled if more experienced England campaigners like captain Alec Stewart and Mike Atherton would be joining in

Border said he had a healthy

ICC's denial



The International Cricket Council (ICC) defended its pay scale for um-Thursday

after a British newspaper claimed Javed Akhtar received only 158 pounds (260 dollars) for umpiring the fifth Test between England and South Africa, reports AP. An ICC spokesman said the

Pakistani umpire had received a 662-pound (1,088 dollars) match payment plus 600 pounds (986 dollars) for expenses, a business-class airfare and accommodation. Akhtar's match payment comprised what he would have

received in Pakistan, which

was 12,000 rupees (266 dollars),

plus the maximum ICC Test fee of 500 pounds (822 dollars). The Daily Mail reported Akhtar had received a minimal payment for officiating in the five-day game while his English counterpart received 2,755

(4,529 dollars). The disparity was highlighted after Akhtar gave seven controversial decisions as England clinched the Test series 2-1 with a 23-run win in the fifth Test at Headingley.

England's Peter Willey, who shared the responsibilities in the crucial Test, picked up the

basic salary for a professional umpire adjudicating in a Test plus a bonus for his 11th Test appearance.

Britain's domestic news agency said Akthar would have earned more money per day doing an eight-hour shift at burger-chain restaurant Mc-Donalds. However, England's Umpires

Association chairman Barrie Leadbeater said English umpires were paid more because they were the only full-time officials making a living out of the game. "It is difficult to justify paying the others so much less but

if they were paid the same they would be rich men in their own countries, where the living standards are lower," he said. The ICC released a statement saying umpire fees vary from country to country, as did players' fees, according to differences in scale of cricket opera-

tions and variations in cur-

rency. "Recognising the differences in fee levels, the ICC fee is set on a scale basis, ranging from 200 pounds (330 dollar) per Test for the highest paid umpires to 500 pounds (882 dollars) for the lowest paid. Pakistan umpires are at this level," the statement

Pakistan 28/2

Sports Reporter

Pakistan were 28 for two in 5 overs in reply to India's 205 for seven off the stipulated 50 overs in the exhibition Azharuddin XI versus Rashid Latif XI match at Dubai last night.

SCOREBOARD

AZHARUDDIN XI: Tendulkar run out (Rashid Latif) 20 Ganguly B Mohammad Zahid Dravid c Rashid Latif b Mohammad Zahid Azharuddin c & b Mohammad Hussain Jadeja c Mohammad Akram b Shahid Afridi Kanitkar b Mohammad Zahid Laxman not out Karim run out (Mohammad Zahid) R Singh not out Extras (b-1, lb-5, w-8, nb-5) Total (7 wickets in 50 overs) Did not bat: Prasad, Srinath. Fall of wkts: 1-45; 2-63; 3-67; 4-

10 0 37 Mohammad Zahid 10 0 50 Mohammad Akram 9 0 32 Mohammad Hussain 7 0 15 Aamer Sohail 4 0 30 Shahid Afridi (Incomplete)

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100; 5-142; 6-196; 7-197

Aagib Javed

Ants stop play!

ALVECHURCH, England, Aug 14: A bizarre pitch invasion by thousands of flying ants forced the abandonment of an amateur league cricket match in Worcestershire, reports AP. Players and officials from

Guild cricket teams tried dousing the marauding invaders with boiling water but still the insects refused to leave the The game was finally abandoned with Dominies on 98 for

five chasing the home team's 240 for nine. Warwickshire-based entomologist Bob Ellis said the hot weather had brought on the

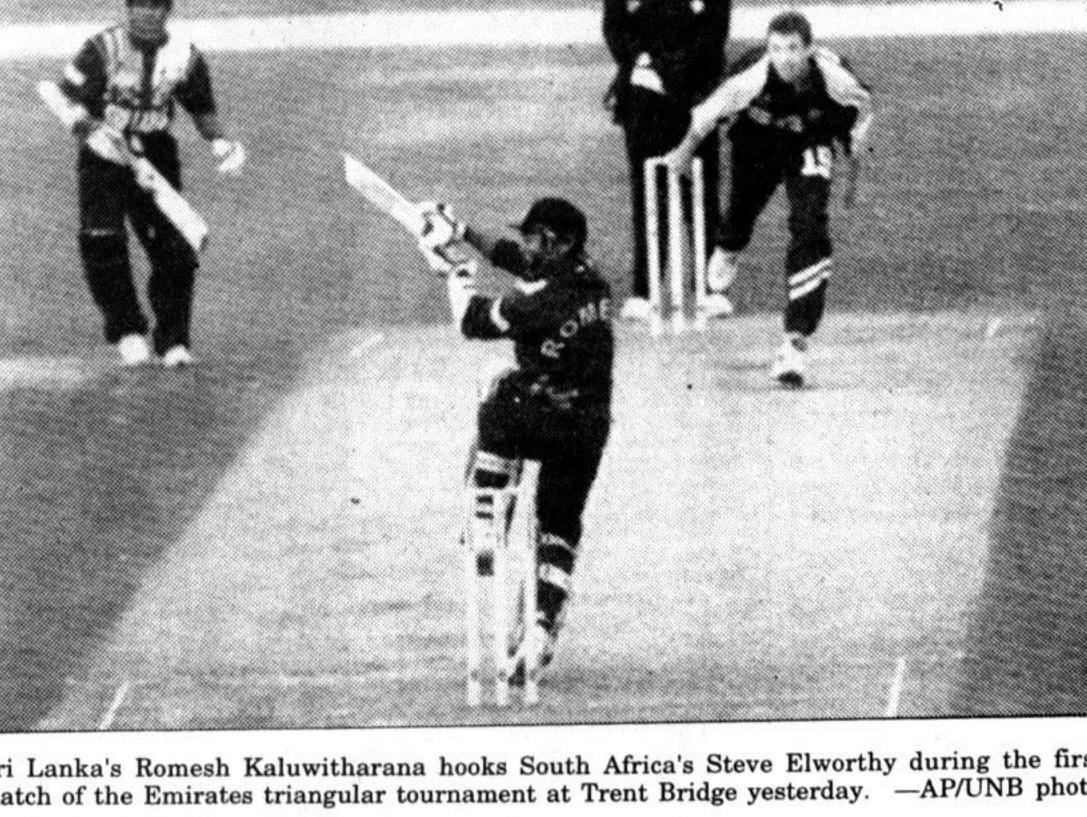
He said the insects mate once a year in hot weather and the swarm is later dispersed by the "If you are a flying ant this is the big day of your life. The fe-

He said the ants did not bite and were totally harmless. Worcestershire County Cricket Board secretary Alan Scrafton said ants occasionally caused interruptions to cricket but it was, he believed, the first time in cricket history that ants had brought a perma-

nent end to play.

Sri Lanka's Romesh Kaluwitharana hooks South Africa's Steve Elworthy during the first at the Bangladesh Badminton match of the Emirates triangular tournament at Trent Bridge yesterday. -AP/UNB photo





good players but to win a Test match you've got to take 20 wickets, you rarely win on a declaration and you need the chorus. bowlers who can take 20 wick-

said.