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Inter-college handball

Notre Dame, Dhaka Poly in final

Sports Reporter

Notre Dame College and Dhaka Polytechnic Institute moved into the final of the Power Inter-college handball tournament by winning their respective semi-finals at the Dhaka Stadium court yester-

In the day's first match, Notre Dame College outplayed BCIC College 24 goals to 8, while Dhaka Polytechnic Institute posted an easy 24-6 win over BDR School and College.

Yesterday's winners will face each other in the final at the National Indoor Stadium on September 4 at 4:30 pm.

The losers will meet in a third place play-off two hours before the final at the same

Ten percent for PM's relief fund

Sports Reporter Bangladesh Cricket Board has decided to donate 10 % of its gate money earning from the Wills International Cup to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

The knock-out one-day tournament involving nine Test playing nations will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from October 24 to November 1. According to one assessment, the board expects to raise Taka three crore from sale of tickets.

Cricketers say 'cheese'

BCB strikes Square deal Sports Reporter

Square Toiletries Limited became the official soap and toothpaste suppliers of the World Cup bound Bangladesh cricket team, according to a three-year contract with the Bangladesh Cricket Board.

The contract worth taka 15 lakh, was signed yesterday between Syed Ashraful Huq, the BCB general secretary and Anjan Chowdhury Pintoo, the managing director of Square Toiletries Limited.

As per the contract, Square will supply Meril Beauty Soap and White Plus Toothpaste to all members of the Bangladesh cricket team up to August 31,

BCB vice-president Ali Khabir Chand, joint-secretaries--Mahmud Ul Haque Manu and Dewan Shafiul Arefin Tutul -- were also present at the simple signing ceremony.

Sub-committees for Wills cricket

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday finalised the remaining two sub-committees -Stadium Facilities and Tickets and Seating -- for the forthcoming Wills International Cup to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from October

BCB vice-president Al Khabir Chand and board member Manjurul Islam have been appointed chairman and member-secretary of the Stadium Facilities Sub-committee while Brig KM Hassan, DG of BKSP, and Tanveer Mazhar Tanna, a BCB vice-president, have been nominated chairman and member-secretary for the Tickets and Seating Sub-committee.

Earlier on August 26, the board named nine other subcommittees.

Parreira in for Bafana job?

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 1 (Reuters/ Internet): Former Brazilian coach Carlos Alberto Parreira and high profile English managers Ron Atkinson and Howard Wilkinson have been approached to coach the South African national team, officials confirmed on Tuesday.

South African Football Association chief executive officer Danny Jordaan said he has spoken to all three to gauge their interest in taking the job vacated by Frenchman Philippe Troussier after the World Cup

He said Wilkinson, the former Leeds United manager and now director of coaching for the English Football Association, had already expressed an inter-

Parreira coached Brazil to the 1994 World Cup title and was in charge of the Saudi Arabia team at this year's finals, getting the sack when they failed to reach the second

round. The trio are being approached after a dismal response to advertisements for the position. Only five responses were received by Mon-

day's deadline. Two were from former Irish manager Eoin Hand, who has previously played and coached at club level in South Africa, and the assistant coach of the South African team, Trott Moloto.

C'wealth Games from Sept 11

Bangladesh squad leaves tonight

A 33-member Bangladesh team, led by Makbul Hossain. MP, leaves the capital tonight for Kuala Lumpur to take part in the 16th Commonwealth Games, reports BSS. The Games, to be staged for

the first time on Asian soil since its introduction way back in 1930, will take place in the Malaysian capital from September 11 to 21 with about 6,000 athletes and officials from 64-member countries taking part in 15 disciplines.

The events are athletics. badminton, boxing, cricket, cycling, gymnastics, hockey (men and women), lawn bowls, netball, rugby, shooting, squash, swimming, bowling and weightlifting.

Bangladesh will take part in cricket and shooting. Earlier Bangladesh also made entries to five other disciplines — athletics, boxing, hockey (men). swimming and weightlifting. But following directives from the highest office to reduce the number of team members due to the on-going devastating flood in the country, these five disciplines were subsequently dropped at the last hour.

Bangladesh has a chance to get a medal in shooting. Officials of Bangladesh Shooting Federation were happy that the team was going a few days earlier to get some practice over there.

Bangladesh's participation in cricket, which has been included for the first time in the Game's history, is a build-up

LONDON, Sept 1

(Reuters/ Inter-

net): Graeme Hick,

the only batsman

still playing first-

class cricket to

have scored 100 centuries, has

been left out of England's party

to tour Australia later this year.

was preferred to him in the

squad of 17 named on Tuesday.

Lanka which finished on Mon-

ADAM HOLLIOAKE

nal batting place.

day in defeat for England was

widely seen as a head-to-head between the two men for the fi-

Both scored centuries but

"It was one of the most diffi-

"It was a matter of deciding

The other difficult choice, of

That reflects the difficulties

Crawley, who is five years

cult decisions I've been involved

in," chairman of selectors

which player was going to be

the two spin bowlers, was re-

solved by bringing back Peter

Such of Essex four years after

faced by England spinners this

more effective in Australia."

he last played Test cricket.

younger, was given the nod.

David Graveney said.

Lancashire's John Crawley

The Test match against Sri

operation for the 1999 World Cup rather than any serious crack at a Games medal.

In all 11 shooters including four women will take part. They are — Lovely Chowdhury Akhi, Nasir Uddin, Mohammad Afzal, Fauzia Karim, Nazrul Islam, Saiful Islam, Atiqur Rahman, Quazi Shahana Parveen, Firoz Hossain, Sabrina Sultana and Qamrul Islam.

The team will be accompanied by Fazlul Karim as manager. Ansar Ali and Azizul Huq as coaches and Giasuddin Chowdhury as armour.

The shooting competition will start at Langkawi International Shooting Range on September 13.

Bangladesh earned its firstever gold in shooting in the 14th Commonwealth Games at Auckland, New Zealand, in 1990. Atiqur Rahman and Abdur Sattar Nini were the winners of the medal.

The cricket team comprises of 14 players and three officials. They are : Akram Khan (captain), Aminul Islam (vicecaptain) Khaled Mahmud, Musfigur Rahman, Khaled Masud. Sabbir Khan, Faruque Ahmed, Mohammad Rafiq, Azam Igbal, Shahriar Hossain, Shafiuddin Ahmed, Morshed Ali Khan, Hasibul Hossain and Naimur Rahman.

Vice-president Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Tanvir Haider will accompany the team as manager, former national skipper Gazi Ashraf

Hollioake to skipper in Dhaka

Hick left out of Ashes party

season. Robert Croft, the other

off-spinner chosen, and Ian

Salisbury, who has been left

out, took only one wicket be-

tween them in the six Tests

against South Africa and Sri

gling Essex side this year have

Such's 31 wickets in a strug-

"I've always regarded him as

very, very good off-spin

When conditions are right,

The pace attack is much as

expected, with Dean Headley of

Kent and Surrey's 20-year-old

Alex Tudor added to the guartet

of Darren Gough, Angus Fraser,

Dominic Cork and Alan Mul-

first-choice wicket-keeper, with

Lancashire's Warren Hegg, who

has yet to play in a Test match,

named as his deputy behind the

Bangladesh for the Interna-

tional Cricket Council knock-

out cup, which clashes with the

opening first-class game of Eng-

land's tour, against Western

The tour begins with a one-

There are five Tests, the first

A separate one-day squad, to

Michael Vaughan of York-

ENGLAND PARTY: Alec Stew-

beginning in Brisbane on

November 20 and the fifth

be announced later, will play in

a triangular series against Aus-

tralia and Sri Lanka in the new

shire will captain the England

A team touring South Africa

and Zimbabwe from January 9.

art (captain), Nasser Hussain

ton, Mark Butcher, Dominic

(vice-captain), Michael Ather-

day game against an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in

Australia on October 31.

Perth two days earlier.

starting on January 2.

None of the party will go to

Captain Alec Stewart will be

Lanka at a cost of 403 runs.

cost an average of 42.9 runs.

bowler," Graveney said.

he bowls people out."

stumps.

Hossain as coach and Ashrafuzzaman as team doctor.

Sixteen countries, split into four groups, will take part in the cricket competition. Bangladesh have been placed in Group "C" with South Africa. Barbados and Northern Ire-

Bangladesh will play their first match against Barbados on September 10, the second match against South Africa on September 12 and the third match against Northern Ireland the following day.

Bangladesh will also play in an exhibition match against hosts Malaysia on September 5 in Kuala Lumpur.

Out of the nine Test playing nations, England is the only country not taking part in the competition. The West Indies is sending three separate islands to the Games.

The Games were introduced in 1930 as the "British Empire Games hosted at Hamilton, Canada with participation of 11 countries. The name of the Games was changed in 1966 to the British Commonwealth Games and finally to the Commonwealth Games in 1978.

Canada organised the Games the highest four times in four cities - Hamilton (1930), Vancouver (1954), Edmonton (1978) and Victoria (1994).

Australia and New Zealand have hosted the Games thrice each, Scotland twice while England, Wales and Jamaica once

Cork, John Crawley, Robert

Croft, Angus Fraser, Darren

Gough, Dean Headley, Warren

Hegg. Ben Hollioake, Alan

Mullally, Mark Ramprakash,

Peter Such, Graham Thorpe,

COACH: David Lloyd

TOUR MANAGER: Graham

England A team party to

Zimbabwe and South Africa:

Michael Vaughan (captain).

Darren Maddy (vice-captain),

GRAEME HICK

Melvyn Betts, Dean Cosker,

Andrew Flintoff, Steve Harmi-

son, Paul Huchison, Richard

Key, Jason Lewry, Mal Loye,

Chris Read, Vikram Solanki,

Graeme Swann, Darren

England party for the ICC

Knockout Cup: Adam Hollioake

(captain), Ian Austin, Alistair

Brown, Douglas Brown, Mark

Ealham, Neil Fairbrother,

Matthew Fleming. Ashley Giles.

Graeme Hick, Nick Knight,

Graham Lloyd, Peter Martin,

Jack Russell, Chris Silverwood.

Manager: David Graveney.

Coach: David Lloyd.

Thomas, Matthew Windows.

Coach: John Emburey.

Manager: Phil Neale.

Alex Tudor.

Gooch.

BCB detonates local cricket

Sports Reporter

BCB is making pretensions of taking active interest in local cricket by giving a 40-day notice for players' transfer. Announcements so much in advance may prove a futile exer-cise, particularly in view of local clubs meeting on September 20 under the banner of the Cricket Committee Dhaka Metropolis (CCDM).

The CCDM announced yesterday that the inter-club cricketers' transfer for the season 1998-99 will take place at the Dhaka Stadium from October 10 to 13 everyday from 3 pm

to 6 pm.

The four-day transfer will involve players of twelve Premier Division clubs and ten First Division.

Meanwhile, the first meeting of the re-formed CCDM will be held at the Dhaka Stadium on September 20. This was disclosed by CCDM secretary Mahmud Ul Haque Manu last night.

SL prove a Test point

LONDON, Sept 1 (Reuters/ In-ternet): Sri Lanka looked forward to the prospect of more Tests against England after Muttiah Muralitharan rose above controversy over his action to inspire their historic triumph at The Oval on Sunday.

Sri Lanka surged to their first test victory in this country when they outplayed England to win by 10 wickets on the final day of the one-off game in which off-spinner Muralitharan had the fifth best match haul in Test history of 16 for

It was only the fourth Test played by Sri Lanka in this country since they became a Test-playing nation 17 years ago but their growing reputation, underlined over the last five days, has been rewarded by a better deal with England.

Three Tests are planned for England's 2000-2001 tour of Sri Lanka and the likelihood is that the Sri Lankans will have more than one Test here in 2002. The two teams have so far met six times, all in one-off

Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan, India and Zimbabwe have already played at least one three-Test series against Sri Lanka, and West Indies have met the island side in a two-Test encounter.

Sri Lanka have become a greater force in Test matches through formidable batting and varied spin attack, with Muralitharan the jewel in their slow bowling crown.

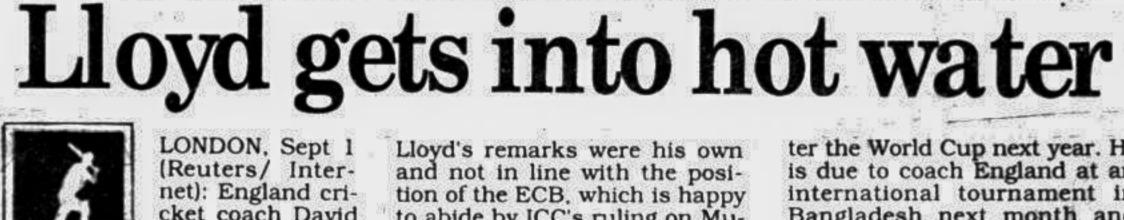
Highest honour for French heroes

PARIS, Sept 1: President Jacques Chirac today presented France's top award, the Legion of Honour, to the 22 members of the champion World Cup team while urging the country to uphold a winner's spirit, reports

Handing the red ribboned medal to the 22 players, Chirac said he hoped "the spirit of the World Cup remains in the hearts of the French."

At the ceremony at the Elysee Presidential palace, Chirac also handed out awards to former coach Aime Jacquet, to the head of the French World Cup organising committee (CFO) Michel Platini and to six other

since their July 12 victory over Brazil, won rounds of applause from a crowd of youngsters massed in the street as they trooped into the palace for the presentation.



French President Jacques Chirac (R) decorating World Cup hero Zinedine Zidane with the

Legion of Honour during a ceremony at the Elysee Palace in Paris yesterday.

comments.

ECB spokesman Richard Peel said Lloyd would be called before board representatives ments about Muralitharan's

England played Zimbabwe last That has to be taken into account. There have been occasions when he's been indis-

(Reuters/ Inter-

net): England cri-

cket coach David

Lloyd could face

the sack for rema-

rks about Sri Lankan spinner

Muttiah Muralitharan and a

subsequent argument with

television commentator

Geoffrey Boycott, an England

Cricket Board official said on

this week to explain his com-

"Presumably he could be

"We're aware that David's

sacked if we felt that was the

been severely reprimanded be-

fore," he added, referring to

comments Lloyd made after

appropriate action," Peel said.

Tuesday.

bowling action.

creet. Lloyd had hinted during England's Test match defeat by Sri Lanka that Muralitharan's action might be illegal. The Sri Lankan spinner effectively won the match with his 16 wickets. nine of them in England's second innings. He has been no-balled for

throwing in the past but was cleared by the International Cricket Council (ICC), the sport's governing body. Former England captain and

Boycott said the England coach "should keep his mouth shut." A statement by the ECB's chief executive Tim Lamb released on Tuesday said: "David to abide by ICC's ruling on Muralitharan's action.

"David has been advised that what he said was inappropriate and insensitive, and senior representatives of the Board will see him at the earliest possible opportunity to discuss his "We are taking this, and his

public argument with a television presenter, very seriously." "We need to establish from

David what happened in both incidents," said Peel, the ECB's director of corporate affairs. "He's a very passionate man but when remarks like this are made, they're not appropriate." Lloyd has a contract until af-



DAVID LLOYD

ter the World Cup next year. He is due to coach England at an international tournament in Bangladesh next month and then in the Ashes series in Australia immediately afterwards.

- AP/UNB photo

Sri Lanka have not made an official complaint about his remarks, though they protested publicly at the time.

Sri Lanka captain Arjuna Ranatunga said, comments by England coach about Muralitharan's bowling action provided them the needed boost for the historic win. Ranatunga said: "It gave us a little boost rather than having a negative effect. It helped Muralitharan to get more wickets."

"Murali knows he does not have a problem with his action." said Ranatunga. "We are not concerned about what other people are saying.

He has shown he is one of the best bowlers in the world. In fact. I would put him at number

The comments do not affect me because I know my bowling is all right," Muralitharan said. "I don't listen to commentaries or read the papers much so it does not affect me at all. I just heard it talked about in the dressing room."

Beaten England captain Alec Stewart described Muralitharan as a "special bowler" and would not be drawn on Lloyd's comments.

"His action has been filmed and passed by the ICC. He is a bowler of great quality," Stewart said. "He spins it more than anyone I have seen. He has variations, spins it away from you and is a match-winner."

Stewart said losing the oneoff Test to Sri Lanka had "taken a little gloss off our summer."

Richard Smith, Keith Semple

and 20-year-old wicketkeeper

Wayne Phillip earn their first

overseas assignments at this

The WICB said that negotia-

tions were still taking place re-

garding a visit to Bangladesh

SQUAD

Richard Smith (Trinidad &

Tabagol: Sherwin Campbell,

Floyd Reifer, Adrian Griffith,

Courtney Browne, Pedro

IAN BISHOP

Collins (Barbados); Wavel

Hinds (Jamaica); Ramnaresh

Sarwan, Neil McGarrell, Keith

Semple, Reon King (Guyana);

Wayne Phillip, Rawl Lewis (Windward Islands); Carl Tuck-

SCHEDULE

Nov 18-20: vs Board Presi-

Nov 23-25 : vs BCCI Youth

Nov 28-Dec 1: 1st Test at

Ian Bishop (captain),

prior to the India series.

Tour of India

Bishop to skipper WI 'A'

ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Sep 1: Trin-idadian fast bowler Ian Bishop, a stalwart of 43 Tests and 161 wickets, was named captain of a 15-

member West Indies A team to tour India in November and December, the West Indies Cricket Board announced Monday, reports AP.

The 30-year-old Bishop, who lost form and his place during England's tour of the Caribbean

earlier this year, is among five players on the team with Test experience. Opening batsman Sherwin

Campbell, another player discarded during the England series, is joined by his Barbadian colleagues, left-handed batsman Floyd Reifer and wicketkeeper Courtney Browne. Leg-spinner Rawl Lewis,

whose one Test cap was on the senior tour of Pakistan last winter, completes the quintet. Right-handed batsmen

Presidential plea ZAGREB, Sept 1 (Reuters/Internet): A personal plea from Croatian president Franjo Tudjman persuaded goalkeeper Drazen Ladic to change his mind about retiring from the national team, a newspaper reported on Tuesday.

Ladic, 35, had said he wanted to stand down because he lost motivation after this year's World Cup, where Croatia finished third. But he told the Jutarnji List

daily on Tuesday that coach Miroslav Blazevic did all he could to persuade him to stay -and then said the president also wanted him to continue.

"Blazevic handed me the telephone and said 'OK, now you tell him you don't want to be in the squad'," Ladic told the daily, but stopped short of revealing who was on the other side of the

"For those who cannot read between the lines, 'him' refers to president Tudiman," the daily

Ladic was left out of the original squad for the match against Ireland in Dublin on September 6, the opening match of their 2000 European championship qualifying campaign. But he announced his change

of mind on Monday and joined

the squad currently training in

the Adriatic city of Porec.

Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai. Dec 4-7: 2nd Test at Madras. Dec 9: One-day practice match at Bangalore. Dec 11: 1st One-day interna-

Team at Pune.

ett (Leeward Islands)

Nov 15 : arrival

dent's XI at BCCI, Mumbai.

tional at Bangalore. Dec 13: 2nd One-day international at Hyderabad. Dec 15: 3rd One-day interna-

tional at Ahmedabad. Dec 16: Return.

Tendulkar, Jadeja in C'wealth Games squad? NEW DELHI, Sept Matches at the Common-Kuala Lumpur," he said.



1: Batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar may be included in the Indian team for the Comm-

onwealth Games in Malaysia later this month, a cricket board source said today, reports The Indian selectors are

meeting on Wednesday to pick two squads one headed for the Kuala Lumpur Games from September 11-21 and the other for a limited-overs series against Pakistan in Canada from September 12-20.

The Indian cricket board. which wanted to field the best players against Pakistan, has apparently decided to bow to the wishes of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and send a top-staring team to the Games. "The board is likely to issue

a directive to the selectors to

pick players like Tendulkar

and Ajay Jadeja for the Com-

monwealth Games," a cricket board source said. "This is a way to do away with criticism that the board is more interested in making money — against Pakistan than winning a goal medal at

"I think the selectors are being told to pick two squads of equal strength. It may cost us victory at both places but at least the controversy will stop." Seles opens market

on day of plunge NEW YORK, Sept 1 (AP/ Internet): Monica Seles hopes her run at the US Open goes better than her brief stint at the stock market.

Seles, a two-time Open champion, rang the opening bell and swatted tennis balls onto the trading floor at the New York Stock Exchange on Monday. After an encouraging start, the market nose-dived and finished the day down 512.61 points.

"When I left, it was up 43 points," Seles said. "The chairman was so nice. He said come back, win or lose. I'm not so sure he wants me back after On the tennis court, Seles'

day finished on an up note. She

beat Florencia Labat of Ar-

gentina 7-6 (7-0), 6-2, to reach

the second round of the season's

final Grand Slam tournament.

wealth Games, where cricket is being introduced as a medal sport, have not been granted official status by the Game's ruling body. The five games against Pakistan are fullfledged internationals.

The Indian and Pakistani cricket boards receive 500,000 dollars each every year from the organisers of the Toronto series. There is, however, no appearance fee for the players at the Commonwealth Games. Plans to postpone the

Toronto matches were opposed by the organisers who cited prior commitments to local sponsors and the non-availability of hotel accommodation later on. Of the nine Test-playing nations, Australia are the only

ones to confirm fielding their

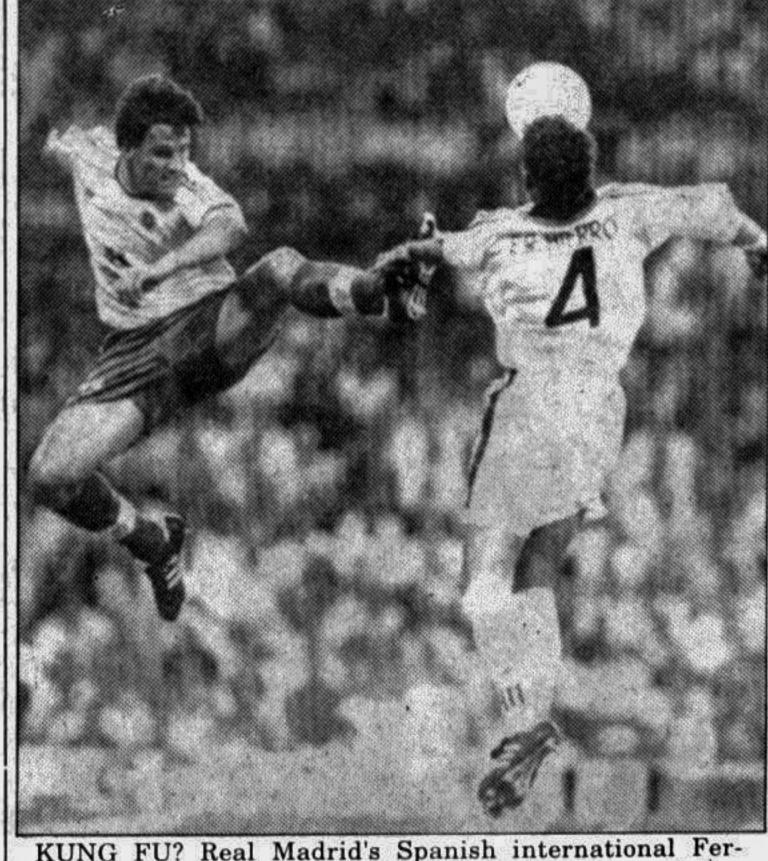
best team at the Games. The

West Indies will be represented

by three teams from Barbados,

Jamaica and Antigua. India and Australia have been drawn in the same fourteam preliminary group at the Games. Only one team from each of the four groups will advance to the semi-finals.

now a popular TV commentator French soccer figures. The players, national heroes



KUNG FU? Real Madrid's Spanish international Fernando Hierro (R) comes under a dangerous flying challenge from Villareal's Roberto during their Premier league fixture at Madrid on August 31. Real won 4-1. -AP/UNB photo