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Column One

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT the greatest collapse and a comeback in first-class cricket took place between Warwickshire and Hampshire when the two counties met at Birmingham on June 14-16 in 1922.

Warwickshire batted first and concluded their first innings at 203. Eight Hampshire batsmen were out for naught and two-down Mead was unbeaten on six, making up their first innings score of 15 in 8.5 overs. Howell finished with six wickets for seven runs and Calthorpe four for four. So whom do you think won?

Well, following on, Hampshire did very well after a jittery start. From 186 for six, they managed 521 for the second innings with George Brown (Lord Alfred Tennyson's grandson) and eight-down Livsey scoring centuries. Unfortunately for Warwickshire, they were bundled out for 155 in their second innings, giving Hampshire the match by a handsome margin of 178 runs.

Pooh! Never take anything granted in cricket.

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1. How many nations are taking part in the 16th C'wealth Games cricket?
12 16 20

2. Who is skipping Barbados in C'wealth Games cricket?
Wallace Gibson Campbell

3. Where were the previous C'wealth Games held?
England Canada Australia

4. How many countries are taking part in the 16th Commonwealth Games?
50 60 70

5. In how many disciplines, is Bangladesh participating in the 16th Commonwealth Games?
Two Seven Nine

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Shane Warne

(Master Australian leg-spinner)

"Hopefully, I will be a part of the Ashes series. I'm hoping to bowl in about a month."

Regensea reach Chattala Cup final

CHITTAGONG, Sept 13: Regensea Sports Club advanced to the final of Chattala Cup football tournament earning five points from their three league encounters, reports BSS.

The defending champions in the Chittagong First Division league drew 1-1 with Dhaka's premier league champions Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra at the M A Aziz Stadium here this evening.

Muktijoddha scored first in the 28th minute.

The local side struck the equaliser in the last minute of the first half through Munna.

Muktijoddha collected only two points from three encounters. Arch-rivals Abahani and Mohammedan will face tomorrow in the last league encounter.

Cricket coaching in Satkhira

SATKHIRA, Sept 13: A cricket coaching camp began at the Satkhira United Club on Friday, reports BSS.

The camp was inaugurated by the superintendent of police Mosharrar Hossain as the chief guest.

About 36 players participated in the coaching camp.

BAF b'ball

PAHAR KANCHANPUR, Tangail, Sept 13: Base Bashir clinched the title of the Bangladesh Air Force inter-base basketball championship concluded here today at Base Pahar Kanchanpur, reports BSS.

In the final they beat Base Matur Rahman 87-80.



International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya (C) addressing a press conference on the forthcoming Wills International Trophy at a city hotel yesterday. Accompanying him are (L-R) the event manager Asif Iqbal, ICC chief executive David Richards, Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury and BCB general secretary Syed Ashrafal Haq.

Dalmiya happy with Wills preparation Test tourney slot for Bangladesh likely!

Sports Reporter

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is actively considering Bangladesh as the tenth country for the proposed World Test championship. This was disclosed by ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya during a press conference at a city hotel last night.

The cricket supremo arrived in the capital on Saturday night to review the ongoing preparations for the forthcoming Wills International Cup, scheduled for an October 24 start. Dalmiya is due to return to Calcutta this morning.

Hosted by Bangladesh Cricket Board President and Deputy Minister for Shipping Saber Hossain Chowdhury, the ICC chief executive David Richards also spoke on the occasion.

Asif Iqbal, the event manager of the knock-out tournament involving nine Test playing nations, and BCB general secretary Syed Ashrafal Haq were also present.

Speaking to the press, Dalmiya, the Calcutta-based bespectacled cricket organiser, said that Bangladesh has the potential to emerge as the tenth Test playing country but needs to improve a lot in the longer version of the game.

"You should concentrate more on three or four-day cricket instead of one-day matches because that is the only way you know about a five-

day match," said Dalmiya.

He also revealed that Nasimul Ghani, the ICC development officer for the Asian region, has put up a high recommendation to make the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Prosthana (BKSP) the Regional Development and Coaching Centre for Asia.

"This is a very positive sign for Bangladesh cricket. The infrastructure you have at the BKSP is impressive and that is why Nasimul has recommended to make it a centre for the development of Asian cricket," said Dalmiya.

Apart from Bangladesh cricket, Dalmiya confirmed that the Wills International Cup will be held according to the schedule.

"The schedule of a tournament of such magnitude where all the full members of the ICC are taking part, can not be shifted because this has been finalised a year before. We understand that the country is going through its biggest natural disaster of the decade, but we hope things will start to im-

prove soon."

When asked if the situation worsens further what the ICC is going to do, the smiling Dalmiya said, "I don't think such a situation will come. Even though we are confident that we will cross the bridge when we come to it."

Besides, Dalmiya expressed his full satisfaction on the preparatory works for the Wills International Cup.

"I have seen the ground, also inspected the flood lights and the work going on for the electronic scoreboard. Things are going ahead of our schedule which is very encouraging," said Dalmiya, adding that this was a scheduled visit for him.

Replying to another question whether ICC will donate a percentage from their million dollar earnings to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, Dalmiya technically ducked the query saying he alone can not take any decision in this regard.

David Richards, the chief executive of the ICC, also asked the BCB to start playing longer version of cricket on a regular basis.

"Switching to Test cricket from One-Day level is very difficult unless you play first class cricket," said Richards who will sit with Pepsi, the official drink sponsor of the Wills International Cup, this morning before heading for England in the afternoon.

Bangladesh resign rain or shine Rafique scares S Africa but just not enough

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13 (Reuters/Internet): Mohammed Rafique shrugged off worries about the floods devastating his Bangladesh homeland on Sunday to rattle South Africa as he ripped out the Bangladesh middle order with three wickets for 13 runs.

Bangladesh were all out for 79 in 38.4 overs as Sunday's matches pushed the minnows out of contention for the semi-final places from the four round-robin groups in cricket's Games debut.

But the less experienced teams and their players have had their moments, none more so than Rafique, who swatted left-arm spinner Nicky Boje over the scoreboard.

Hundreds of Bangladeshi workers erupted in delight and cheered Rafique all the way to the pavilion after he got out trying to repeat the feat. He scored only seven, but lifted his team's morale.

Then Rafique took a brilliant diving catch at backward short leg to dismiss South African top-scorer Herschelle Gibbs (26), and got Kallis (10) and Dale Benkenstein (7) to sky catches off his left-arm spin.

Rafique has not heard from his family since leaving his Dhaka home for the Games because the floods have cut telephone lines.

"The ground floor of his house is totally submerged," a team official said.

Nearly 1,000 people have died in floods which have submerged much of Bangladesh over the past two months.

"I am worried. But when I am on the field, I don't think of anything else," Rafique told Reuters.

The match, on a difficult wicket which helped both seam

and spin and played in humid tropical conditions which aided swing, left South African coach Bob Woolmer less than happy.

"The wickets we lost were basically due to a lack of concentration," he said. "We certainly have not adapted to the conditions as much as we'd like to," he said.

Meanwhile, in an interview with BSS South African skipper Shaun Pollock has praised highly the Bangladesh bowling.

"They bowled very well. They maintained a very good line and length," said Pollock.

But on a tricky wicket the ever inconsistent Bangladeshi batsmen, who are always ready to resign whether it is shine or

regular intervals. Only Faruque, who offered some sort of resistance, scored a 48-ball 20. Captain Akram with a 13 was the other double digit scorer.

Bangladesh, who made one change in the line-up that played against Barbados with left-arm seamer Morshed Ali Khan coming in place of Hasi-bul Hossain, gave an early scare to the mighty South African when Safiuddin had experienced opener Andrew Hudson for a duck.

But it was Mohammed Rafique, who gave South Africa the real scare with his left-arm spinners. The tweaker captured two wickets for only 17 runs in his 7.3 overs.

Bangladesh will play their final Group league match against Northern Ireland at the PKNS ground tomorrow.

SCOREBOARD
BANGLADESH
Shahriar c Boucher b S Pollock 0
Azam c Elworthy b Williams 6
Faruque c Kallis b Hudson 20
Aminal b Kallis 4
Akram c Kallis b Elworthy 13
Naimur c Boucher b Kallis 0
K Mahmud c Pollock b Kallis 1
K Mahmud c Boucher b Boje 4
Rafique c Crookes b Boje 7
Shafuddin not out 1
Morshed run out 1
Extras: (lb-2, wb-15, nb-6) 23
Total: (38.4 overs) 79
Fall of wkts: 1-0; 2-39; 3-47; 4-51; 5-53; 6-59; 7-71; 8-71; 9-78; 10-79.

SAUTH AFRICA
Hudson c Aminal b Shafuddin 0
Gibbs c Rafique b Naimur 26
Crookes lb Shafuddin 3
Kallis c sub (Mushfiq) b Rafique 10
Benkenstein c Iqbal b Rafique 7
Pollock not out 10
Boucher not out 8
Extras: (lb-3, lb-4, wb-4, nb-5) 16
Total: (for 5 wickets in 24.3 overs) 80
Fall of wkts: 1-0; 2-12; 3-52; 4-56; 5-63

Result: Bangladesh lost to South Africa by five wickets.

Barbados, NZ smash opponents

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13 (Internet): Barbados thrashed Northern Ireland by 176 runs in their second Group C match of the Commonwealth Games cricket competition yesterday.

The Caribbean powerhouse were given a flying start by their star openers captain Philo Wallace (92) and Sherwin Campbell (60) who put on a partnership of 144.

Thanks to Wallace's — who hit 12 fours and two massive sixes in his 83 ball knock — and Campbell's aggression, Barbados piled up a massive 296 for five in 50 overs at the Rubber Research Institute ground.

Northern Ireland could manage just 120 for seven in reply.

New Zealand crushed Scotland by 177 runs as skipper Stephen Fleming stepped in with a critical century after

Scottish medium-pacer James Brinkley had openers Matt Horne (6) and Nathan Astle (18) back in the pavilion with the total at 39 at the Kelab Aman.

Fleming had no such problems, hitting two sixes and five fours in his 102 off 135 balls, as New Zealand scored 278 for six in their 50 overs. In reply, Scotland were all out for 101.

Sri Lanka clash with Zimbabwe on Monday in the first of the matches to decide a semi-final berth. India play Australia, Pakistan meet New Zealand and South Africa battle Barbados in decisive matches on Tuesday.

STANDINGS

Commonwealth Games cricket standings on Sunday (played, won, lost, no result, points):
Group A
Sri Lanka 2 2 0 0 4
Zimbabwe 2 2 0 0 4
Jamaica 2 0 2 0 0

Vivian tips for West Indies

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 13: Bating great Vivian Richards took a swipe at West Indian cricket officials today, saying they would be better off following Australia's methods to groom youngsters, reports AFP.

Richards, who is here at the Commonwealth Games as technical director of the Antiguan squad, called for a complete overhaul of the West Indian cricket system.

"Australia to me look a very organised side," the former West Indian captain said. "We can look to learn from their system, the way they play."

"But some people are a bit too stubborn to learn from others," Richards said that unlike Australia, the West Indies did not have a system to spot and train youngsters, who were being lost to American sports like basketball and baseball.

"I believe we can learn from countries like Australia, who have a good cricket academy and an institute for sports to make us a better team in the future," the 46-year-old said.

Richards, who was Antiguan's flag-bearer at the Games' opening ceremony on Friday, predicted a hard-fought series when Australia tour the West Indies next February.

He loves to watch Australian batsman Mark Waugh, but his favourite is India's Sachin Tendulkar. "Sachin wants to go after the bowling, just like me. I'd pay any money to watch him bat."

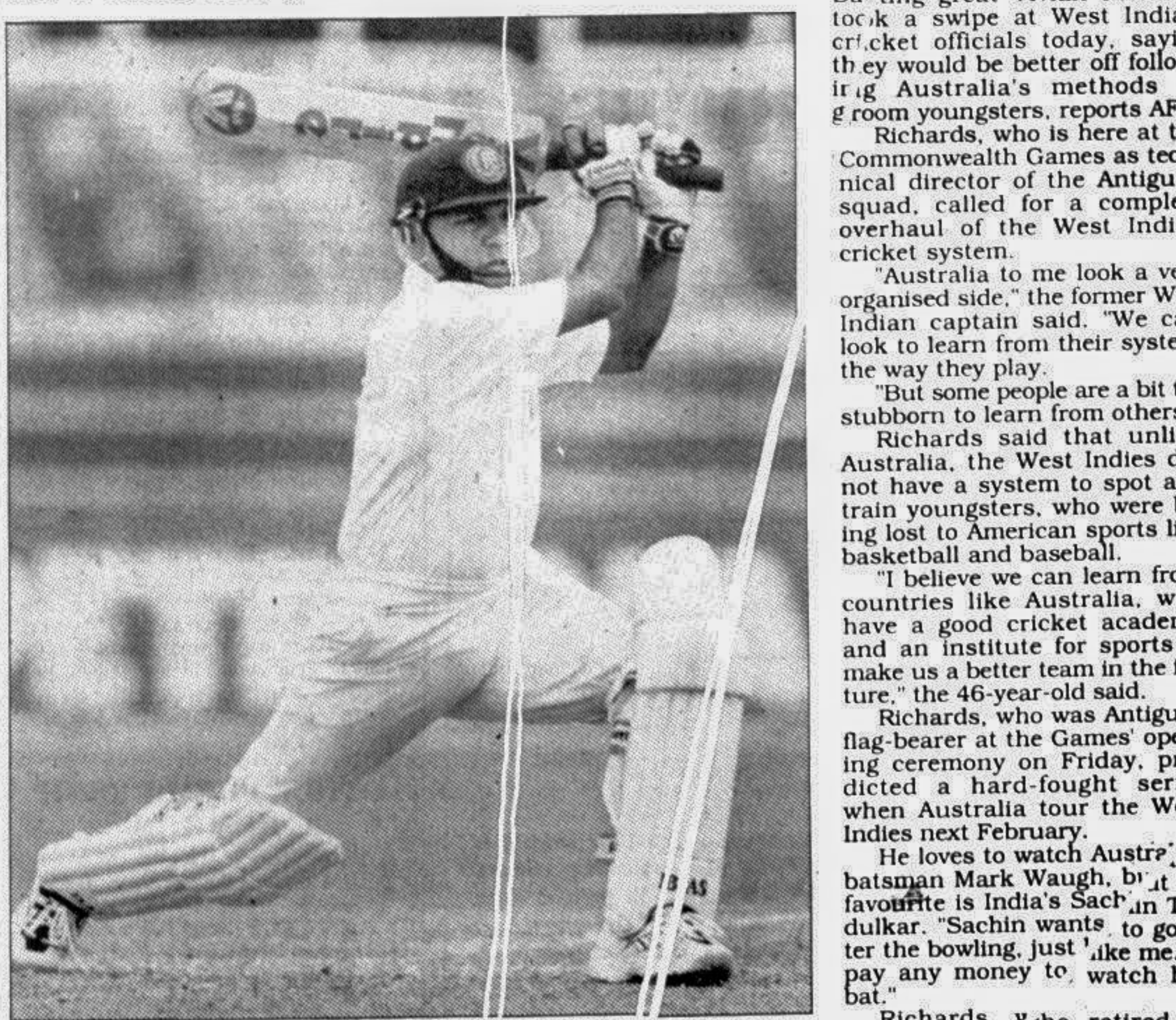
Richards, who retired in 1992, has not been considered for any coaching assignments by the West Indian establishment, despite being their top scorer with 8,540 runs in 121 Tests.



ABDUL QADIR



INTIKHAB ALAM



POSING FOR A PHOTOGRAPH? Bangladeshi batsman Khairul Mahmud apparently executing a copy-book full followthrough cover drive during the Commonwealth Games fixture against South Africa yesterday. The bitter fact however is that Mahmud scored only one. — AFP photo