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DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

That France's World Cup winning coach Aime Jaquet promised his wife that he would quit after France '98. Not surprising that. After all, how many wives like football? What is now being revealed as almost a prophecy is his bombastic addendum with the pre-World Cup vow, "After France's victory.'

The chap should be burnt like Joan of Arc instead of been decorated with fancy ribbons and expensive metal. He is soothsayer, an evil one, the Brazilians would say.

His wife is happy. Not because of the chunk of gold he won but because he kept his word. Are you sure he is normal? Keeping his word with his wife? His own wife!



COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-103 ✓ Tick the Correct Answers

Post to The Baily Star Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm,

Sept 25 '98, and draw shortly afterwards How many nations are taking part in the 16th

C'wealth Games cricket? Who is skippering Barbados in C'wealth Games cricket?

Wallace Gibson Campbell Where were the previous C'wealth Games held?

England | Canada | Australia How many countries are taking part in the 16th Commonwealth Games?

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

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAMIN



Lindsay Davenport

(American tennis player) "It was fun to sit and relax and think about what I had done. I accomplished a goal I most wanted to do." After winning the US Open title, her first ground Slam.

Troussier to sign deal Friday

PARIS, Sept 14 (Reuters/Internet): Philippe Troussier, the Frenchman who guided South Africa to the 1998 World Cup finals, will sign as coach of the Japanese national side in Tokyo on Friday.

Troussier, who had talks with Japanese Football Association (JFA) officials in Paris over the weekend, told Reuters on Monday he would not give detailed interviews until he had signed the contract.

"I am trying to sort out my travel papers and Japanese work permit and tying up loose ends before I leave for Tokyo. The JFA may be offended if I

Nicknamed "Le Sorcier Blanc" (The White Sorcerer), Troussier has coached the African national teams of Cote D'Ivoire, Nigeria, Burkina Faso and South Africa over the last

talk at this moment," he said.

five years. His new job, which is to prepare Japan for the next Asian Cup and the 2002 World Cup finais, is his first coaching appointment in Asia.



Scene from the Green Delta Insurance First Division encounter between Wari and Ansar at the Hockey Stadium yesterday. - Star photo by Amran Hossain

Green Delta Insurance hockey

B Sporting win, Wari too

Sports Reporter

Title aspirants Bangladesh Sporting and Wari Club maintained their all-win run in the Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league after winning their fixtures yesterday at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium.

Bangladesh Sporting, spearheaded by two Indian forwards Iqbal Singh and Davinder Singh, posted a thumping 5-0 win over Victoria Sporting while Wari Club handed Dhaka Ansars a lone goal defeat.

With their wins, both teams remained atop the eight-team league table having raised their tally to 12 points from four

Bangladesh Sporting, who scored 22 goals in their previous three matches with Igbal scoring a hat trick in each outing, led the first half 1-0 against the Victorians. It was again Iqbal who scored to give his side an early lead by converting a short corner in the 8th minute. It was Iqbal's 12th goal in his fourth appearance for the old Dhaka outfit.

Bangladesh Hockey Federa-

tion (BHF) have dropped the

idea of holding exhibition

matches between India and

Pakistan in aid of the flood vic-

tims. BHF general secretary

Shamsul Bari said yesterday

that organising the matches

would be too costly and the

primary aim of raising funds

the matches at the end of this

month after the Common-

wealth Games which is now be-

Talking to the Daily Star,

Mr. Bari said that they are now

thinking of holding the

matches before or after the

Asian Games which will be held

play the matches in Dhaka ei-

ther on their way to Bangkok as

part of their preparation for the

Games or on their way back

Another source close to the

"We will request the teams to

in Bangkok next December.

BHF earlier planned to hold

would be defeated.

ing held in Malaysia.

home," said Bari.

After relaxing in the remaining period of the first half. Bangladesh Sporting came with a different but positive approach in the second-half. The switch helped them to add four more goals.

German hockey coach due today

York Schumacher, a qualifled German hockey coach, will arrive today morning to groom the hockey players and local coaches, reports UNE

During his 40-day stay he will conduct a training programme with 20 local coaches and look after the junior national team, Bangladesh Hockey Federation general secretary Shamsul Bari said yesterday.

German government will bear the entire expenses of the coach, but Bangladesh Hockey Federation will have to provide food, local accommodation and transportation.

tion is trying to organise a

three-nation tournament in-

volving Bangladesh along with

India and Pakistan either be-

Hockey Federation (IHF) has

proposed to the BHF that

Bangladesh play an eight-

match home-away Test series

against India in the near future.

According to the proposal four

matches will be held in Dhaka

while the remaining four will

been finalised this month had

the IHF officials come with the

Indian team for the exhibition

matches. Since they are not

coming, probably it will take

some more time to finalise the

details," said the BHF general

Darshan, the state-run televi-

sion channel of India, has

shown keen interest to get the

TV rights of the proposed Test

It was also learnt that Door

"It was supposed to have

be held in India.

secretary yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Indian

fore of after the Asian Games.

Bangladesh-India Test series likely

Hockey charity delayed

Davinder Singh doubled the margin with a field goal in the 47th minute while Faridul made it 3-0 four minutes later with another field goal.

Proshanto Kumar then sealed the match with two successive field goals in the 58th and 68th minute. The winners will take on

Sonali Bank in their next match on September 18. WARI SLOW & STEADY

Earlier, Wari Club registered a solitary goal win over Dhaka Ansars to remain in the title contention.

Khurshid Hossain Setu scored the ail-important-match winner with a magnificent field goal eight minutes into the first-half. Wari Club will face

Bangladesh Railway in their next match on September 19. TODAY'S MATCHES

(Moulana Bhasani Stadium) Bangladesh Railway v Bach-

elors' Club (2:30 pm) Sonali Bank v Cantonian SC (4:15 pm)

Bierhoff best in Germany

BONN, Sept 14: AC Milan striker Oliver Bierhoff was voted German footballer-ofthe-year by a panel of sports journalists, reports Reuters.

Bierhoff, 30, beat veteran Bayern Munich libero Lothar Matthaeus and Kaiserslautern striker Olaf Marschall into second and third places in the vote organised by soccer magazine 'Kicker.

Bierhoff was the best scorer in the Italian Serie A last season with 27 goals for Udinese. He then moved to AC Milan and scored twice in a 3-0 win over Bologna in the club's opening league match last Saturday.

The tall blond striker went down in history two years ago, scoring the golden goal which gave Germany victory over the Czech Republic in the European Championship final at Wemb-

Since making his international debut in February 1996 against Portugal, Bierhoff has appeared 33 times for Germany scoring 20 goals.

Bierhoff won 501 votes compared with 196 for Matthaeus and 107 for Marschall.

BHF informed that the federa-

Juventus' French superstar Zinedine Zidane entering Turin prosecutor Raffaele Guariniel-10's office yesterday to answer questions regarding use of drugs in Italian football. - AP/UNB photo

C wealth cricket Last piece

Sports Reporter

of cake

Bangladesh will take on Northern Ireland in their last group C match of the Commonwealth Games cricket competition at the Rubber Research Institute ground in Kuala Lumpur

The match between the two no-hopers, which has been reduced to only academic interest after the teams bowed out of the meet having conceded two defeats from as many matches. will be a battle of their private

As far as Bangladesh is concerned it will be an acid test for manager-turned coach Gazi Ashraf, who will be waiting with his fingers crossed for a win to salvage some pride. Besides, this will also be an opportunity for Bangladesh to avenge its defeat to the fellow ICC associate member Northern Ireland, who defeated the touring Bangladesh team in a limitedover match at Belfast early last

ICC trio departs

Sports Reporter

International Cricket Council (ICC) president Jagmohan Dalmiya left the capital for Calcutta yesterday after a threeday visit to review the progress of the forthcoming Wills International Cup tournament to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in Dhaka from October 24.

During his visit, the ICC boss last Sunday inspected the ground, the newly-installed flood lights and electronic scoreboard and other facilities being developed at the Dhaka Stadium. He also called on the State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader the same evening.

David Richards, the chief executive of ICC, and Asif Iqbal, the event manager, who accompanied Mr. Dalmiya during the visit, left Dhaka yesterday evening.

Asif, the former Pakistan Test cricketer, will return to the capital on October 5 to supervise the final stage of the preparations and will be present during the tournament. Richards is due again on October 20, four days before the knock-out tournament involving nine Test playing nations gets under way.

Sabrina, Fawzia's narrow miss

LANGKAWI, Malaysia, Sept 14: Sabrina Sultana and Fawzia Karim of Bangladesh missed a bright chance of winning a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games here today, reports BSS. They collected 766 - just six

points short of bronze winning English duo — in the pairs air rifle and finished fourth, out of

Sabrina, who suffered a minor injury in her left hand, just before the formal meet, scored 384 out of possible 400. Fawzia scored 382. "I had a chance to win a

medal. If I could score, maybe, another six points, we might have brought at least a medal for our country," said a weeping Sabrina just after the event. However, Sabrina, a gold

medalist in the Commonwealth shooting competition held in Malaysia last year, said, "I was feeling a little bit of pain during the competition which was upsetting my concentration."

Canada and Australia got the gold and silver medals scoring 778 and 774 respectively. Out of the SAARC countries,

India and Sri Lanka got the fifth and ninth positions scoring 765 and 753 points. Bangladesh shooting offi-

cials said, "Bad luck has gripped us. Sabrina received hand injury. Qamrul Islam Titu had another blow at the beginning of his event - pairs free rifle prone (men) today. "Titu got upset and lost con-

centration when the computer broke down and could not record his first attempt," manager Fazlul Karim and coach Azizul Huq said.

Omrul, pairing with Saiful Alam Chowdhury Rinki, got the ninth position securing 1166

Sony's denial

TOKYO, Sept 14: Japan's Sony Corp today denied a newspaper report that said the electronics giants had offered 220 million pounds to buy English soccer club Newcastle United. reports Reuters. A Sony spokesman in Tokyo

flatly denied the newspaper report, saying. "We do not have such a plan. Britain's Sunday Mirror

newspaper reported last week that Sony representatives had already held preliminary talks with the soccer club's financial advisers. The report came at a time

when a series of rumours about soccer club takeovers had been circulating following news earlier this month that media tycoon Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB pay-TV company had agreed a 624 million pound takeover of Manchester United, one of Britain's top soccer clubs.

Pakistan level in style

TORONTO, Sept 14 (AP/PTI): Pakistan put their lacklustre performance in the Sahara Cup opener behind them and beat India by 51 runs in the second match to level the five-match series 1-

Beaten by six wickets in the first match, the Pakistanis turned things round, scoring 246 for nine off their 50 overs and restricting India to 195 all out off 46.3 overs. Again batting first after Indian captain Mohammad

1 on Sunday.

Azharuddin won the toss, Pakistan were given a strong start by hard-hitting opener Shahid Afridi, who scored 56 off 49 balls with two sixes and four fours. He received good support from captain Aamir Sohail. who hit 25 in a second wicket

partnership of 55, and Inzamamul. Haq whose 35 contributed to a third wicket stand When the innings threatened to fall part with the loss of three

wickets in the space of 13 runs. wicketkeeper Moin Khan skillfully ensured that Pakistan would reach a challenging total. He finished unbeaten 69, hit-

ting two of his eight boundaries off the last two balls of the innings. It was a career-best batting performance that later earned him the player-of-thematch award from former Pakistan captain Ramiz Raja. Off-spinner Hrishikesh Kan-

bowler Javagal Srinath, with two for 54 from 10 overs, and Ajit Agarkar, two for 59, were India's best bowlers. Missing key batsman Saurav Ganguly - who strained a left hamstring muscle in the

opening match, India were al-

ways under pressure against ac-

itkar, with two for 22, fast

curate Pakistani bowling. Pak-istan's sure-handed fielding featured eight catches, six in the deep as batsmen tried in vain to lift the run rate. Wicketkeeper Nayan Mon-

gia, opening the batting in place of Ganguly, topscored with 41

but no one else passed 30. Captain Mohammad



MOIN KHAN...p-o-m

Azharuddin made 25, and Navjot Singh Sidhu and Hrishikesh Kanitkar made 24

Veteran Salim Malik, in his 270th one-day international. was statistically Pakistan's best bowler taking four for 36 with his gentle medium-pacers. But the most effective bowl-

ing was done earlier by pacers Azhar Mahmood, with two from 38 from 10 overs, and Abdul Razzaq, who had three for 48 from 10 overs. The third match is at the same venue, the Toronto

Cricket, Skating and Curling Club, on Wednesday. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the second

match of the Sahara Cup oneday cricket series between India and Pakistan at Toronto on

Going on

Sunday: PAKISTAN Anwar c Azhar b Srinath

Afridi c Paranipe b Kanitkar Sohail lbw b Agarkar Inzamam c Prasad b Raul Malik c Mongia b Kanitkar ljaz c Mongia b Joshi Moin not out Azhar c Dravid b Srinath Razzaq c Mongia b Prasad Zahid c Azhar b Agarkar Aaquib not out

Extras: (b-3, lb-2, w-8, nb-2) Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 246 Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-80, 3-117; 4-127; 5-130; 6-173; 7-203, 8-207; 9-229.

Bowler Srinath Prasad Agarkar Joshi Kanitkar

Raul INDIA

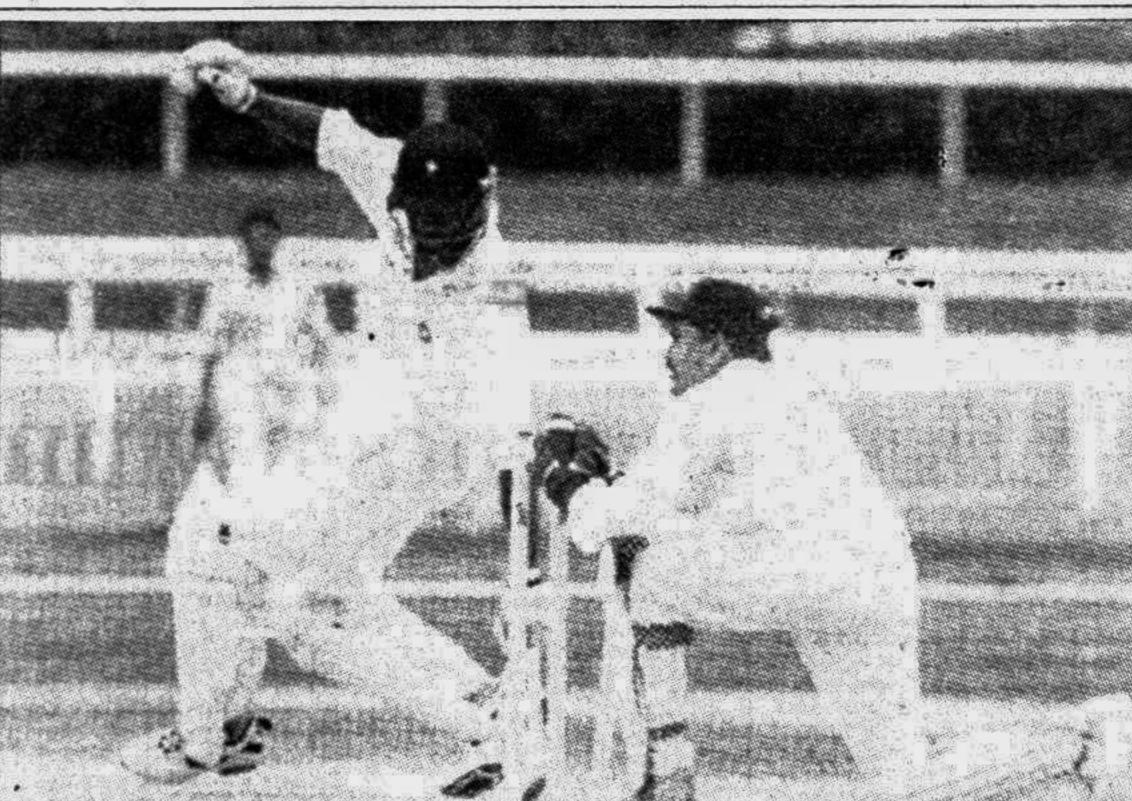
Sidhu b Zahid Mongia c Inzamam b Azhar Azharuddin c Moin b Azhar Dravid c and b Razzag Kanitkar c Sohail b Razzag Paranipe c sub (Youhanna) b Malik Raul c Azhar b Razzag Agarkar e Afridi b Malik Joshi c sub (Youhanna) b Malik Srinath not out

Prasad lbw b Malik Extras: (b-8, lb-2, w-4, nb-2) Total: (All out in 46.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-57; 2-96; 3-107; 4-138; 5-143; 6-152; 7-160, 8-162; 9-175; 10-195 Bowler Javed Azhar Zahid Razzag

Result: Pakistan won by 51 Player-of-the-match: Moin Khan. Next match: September 16.

Afridi

Malik



Hamish Anthony, Antigua's former West Indies allrounder, being stumped by Canada's wicketkeeper Danny Ramnarais during their Commonwealth Games cricket match at Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

SL clinch a cliffhanger on target for a total of around

knife edge.

KUALA LUMPUR. Sept 14 (Reuters) Internet): Under strength world champions Sri Lanka won throu-

gh to the cricket semi-finals at the Commonwealth Games on Monday with a stunning. cliffhanger victory over Zimbabwe. In a see-saw game either side

could have won, the Sri Lankans seemed to have the match wrapped up in the 46th over in the chase of Zimbabwe's total of 265 for seven in their 50 overs. They needed just three runs

to win and they had three wickets left. But then Zimbabwe seamer Heath Streak took two wickets

in successive balls to leave the

match on a heart-stopping

First he bowled Tilan

Samaweera with an inswinging yorker. Then he got Suresh Perera with an identical ball. But Streak could not achieve the hat-trick which would have saved the match for the fullstrength Zimbabweans and Sri

Lanka had the magnificent In-

dika De Saram (75 not out) to knock off the runs needed. Russel Arnold (44), De Saram and Chandika Hathurusinghe (60) turned the match around after paceman Mpumelo Mbangwa dismissed Sri Lanka's openers Avishka Gu-

nawardene and Lanka De Silva. The world champions had slumped to 115 for five but there was no sign of despair. The Sri Lankans went on the attack, cheered by a handful of compatriots waving the island's flag. "I just told them to play their

normal game," said captain Hashan Tillekeratne -- and by the time Hathurusinghe departed, they were comfortably poised. Sri Lanka's leading stars are not playing in the tournament,

but its younger talent took

Zimbabwe's top team head on. Left-handed Arnold hit two rare cover-driven sixes off Mbangwa and five fours in his wristy 37-ball innings.

Hathurasinghe hit six fours in his 60 and put on 85 for the sixth wicket with De Saram. The two played copybook style. stealing ones and twos and punishing loose balls.

De Saram hit three sixes and three fours in his 73-ball binge. Zimbabwe captain Alistair

STANDINGS Commonwealth Games cricket standings on Monday (played, won, lost, no result points): Group A 3 3 0 0 6 Sri Lanka 3 2 1 0 4 Zimbabwe

3 1 2 0 2 Jamaica 3 0 3 0 0 Malaysia Group B 2 2 0 0 4 the ball among trees well over Australia India Antigua 3 0 3 0 0 Canada Group C 2 2 0 0 4 South Africa 2 2 0 0 4 Barbados Bangladesh 2 0 2 0 0 Northern Ireland 2 0 2 0 0 Group D New Zealand Pakistan Scotland 2 0 2 0 0 Kenya

Campbell, who set the pace for his team with a sturdy knock. was bitterly disappointed at the

Note: One team from each

group qualifies for the semifi-

"We didn't bowl well enough. Our fielding was not what it should have been," he said. He did not blame the batsmen, but Zimbabwe should have set a bigger target. Campbell (82) and Murray

Goodwin (55) put on 109 for the

second wicket at a swift pace

against some poor bowling and

the Zimbabweans looked well

South Africa and Barbados in Wednesday's semifinal. Thursday's second semifinal will feature the winners of Tuesday's Australia-India match against the winners of

land game. Sri Lanka are the World Cup limited-overs champions but only Hashan Tillekeratne is here from that team.

Tuesday's Pakistan-New Zea-

But then six middle order

wickets tumbled for only 75

runs as the Sri Lankans tight-

ened their attack and kept Zim-

babwe to a total which was

manageable on a wicket that

was unusually dry in hot and

fall of Grant Flower (28), cut

and drove the hapless Sri

Lankan bowlers, hitting two

sixes and four boundaries in his

tiful stumping by Lanka De

Silva two balls after swatting

was an even greater delight,

scoring 82 off 119 balls with

four boundaries and four sixes,

one of which forced a search for

The expensive Chandana

had his revenge as a fielder.

running out Andy Flower and

Craig Evans with direct throws

when the Zimbabweans were

going well and not in need of

will play the winners of Tues-

day's Group C match between

Group A winners Sri Lanka

leg spinner Upul Chandana for

The left-handed Campbell

He eventually fell to a beau-

Goodwin, coming in after the

humid Kuala Lumpur.

57-ball innings.

the boundary.

quick singles.

a six to reach his 50.

There were two other matches Monday which had no bearing on the semifinals. Jamaica bowled out Malaysia for 83 and won by four wickets while Antigua, who scored 254 for seven, inflicted another heavy defeat on Canada, winning by 121 runs.

- AP/UNB photo