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# DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT in France a card game L called Baccarat dates from the end of the 15th century. The game is a popular form of gambling. According to the rules. two or more players use one or more decks of cards. One of the players acts as the banker. The players may bet a total of any amount equal to or less than the amount of the bank. The cards count according to the number of marks, with tens and face cards counting zero. The object of the game is to form a combination of two or three cards totaling a count as close as possible to 9 or 19. After the bets are made, the banker deals the cards, one at a time and facedown, until each player has two. The player may ask for another card, which is dealt face up. After all have been supplied, the cards are faced and the bets are settled, the count nearer to 9 or 19 winning. In case of a tie, the bets are withdrawn.

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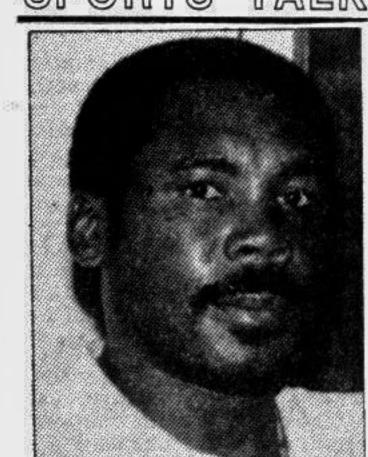
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# **Cuthbert Gordon**

(Director of coaching for the Bangladesh cricket team) "We are incapable of dealing with the international stage because it's a higher standard and you don't play to that standard in Bangladesh. We finished the ICC, we came back and we have no development plans, we have no way to train and practice properly. All the other countries have gone very much ahead to develop their cricket to a higher standard."

### Afzal finishes fifth

LANGKAWI, Malaysia, Sept 17: Afzal Hossain of Bangladesh finished fifth in the individual air rifle (men) shooting event securing 683.2 points in the Commonwealth Games here today, reports BSS.

Afzal, who scored 100.2 in the final, equalised his total with fourth position winner Mutalip Abdur Razak of Malaysia and he was three points behind bronze winner Zlatko Beneta of Australia. Feroz Hossain finished 11th

in the event. In women's individual sport rifle prone, Sabrina Sultana and Lovely Chowdhury became 21st and 23rd securing 573 and 562 points respectively.

## Unprepared for Wills Cup

# 'Ground' for concern

Al-Amin

Cricket officials

here have every

reason to be elated

after the recent

visit of Interna-

tional Cricket

Council (ICC) president Jagmo-

han Dalmiya, who in an inter-

view with the press expressed

his satisfaction over the ongo-

ing preparations for the Wills

Cup tournament beginning in

world cricket supremo however

belies the fact that the ground

work for the eleven-day knock-

out tournament leaves a lot to

be desired. This may sound

amusing since Dalmiya himself

inspected the face-lifting oper-

ation at the Bangabandhu Sta-

dium during his brief visit to

the capital earlier in the week,

but some matters escaped the

The Bangladesh Cricket

Board (BCB) has selected three

practice grounds for the nine

participating nations. Fortu-

nately or unfortunately.

Dalmiya and his accompanying

ICC chief executive David

Richards were deprived of the

opportunity of exploring the

neglected territory. Had they

been to the Dhanmondi Cricket

Stadium or the Sultana Kamal

Sports Complex, two of the

three grounds, they would per-

haps have returned with a dif-

ferent understanding. The third

practice venue is the BUET

Dhanmondi Stadium ground

will leave the beholder in a

dilemma whether it is meant

for cricket or grazing cows.

With knee-high blades of grass

dominating the bumpy surface.

The present condition of the

playground.

bespectacled ICC president.

The vote of confidence by the

Dhaka from October 24.

the muddy outfield is always ready to greet passersby with a whiff of stink and putrefaction. And if one ventures to have a feel of the adjacent dressing rooms, one will be happy to see a banner reading "Help the flood victims". But after a few steps in to the almost dark corridor, the inquisitive observer will discover a few laggards playing cards inside a smallish room, livened up Sri Lankan captain Arjuna Ranatunga and

four-colour posters. Although the newly-christened Bangabandhu Stadium, a financially profiteering concern, has become the source of inspiration for our hyperactive cricket officials, ironically it is the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium which is exclusively designated for cricket.

Wasim Akram smiling from

With the Bangabandhu Stadium getting maximum attention from the ground committee of the BCB, the negligence meted out to the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, venue of most of the matches of Dhaka cricket, can only epitomise the board's stepmotherly attitude.

The silver lining is that the National Sports Council (NSC), custodian of all the sports venues, has taken up the responsibility of upgrading all the three practice grounds up to international standard. Although the gala event is only a month away and Major Enam. NSC's director of sports who has been assigned to complete the works, still making airyfairy statements, chances of presenting even sub-standard practice ground could be a long

"The ICC president expressed to the NSC chairman (State

Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader) his 200 percent satisfaction over the preparation", said Enam while talking to this reporter over telephone.

"I'm confident of presenting the visitors with grounds of international standard". Enam pledged. The mehendi-haired director however admitted that he is not an expert but has seen some practice venues on television. Enam, who was dumped at the BKSP after the fall of President Hussain Mohammed Ershad in 1990, however did not explain what inspired him to take a job in which is not an ex-

The BCB grounds committee secretary Alam Chowdhury said that they were eager to prepare the practice venues. But they were not allowed to do so by the NSC, who provide the fi-

"We have requested Mr. Enam at least to do the soil test before preparing the pitch. But he (Enam) said that it would not be required", said Alam.

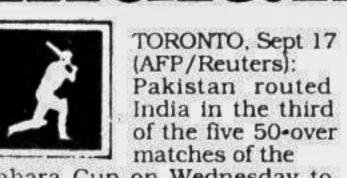
The big question is why BCB already involved in lucrative matters that are beyond their technical expertise, has surrendered to the NSC the very important aspect of preparing the practice grounds, which should have been their business.

BCB might feel momentarily content for drawing wool over Dalmiya's eyes regarding practice grounds by the help of a publicity booklet infested with concocted information on a happy combo of sufficient grounds and three-day matches round the year. But can BCB find enough wool to cover Bangladesh's miserable Malaysia mishap?



PADDY FIELD? The outfield of the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium is in a pathetic condition epitomising the actual state of cricket administration and infrastructure in the country. - Star photo by Amran Hossain

# Indians blown away



Sahara Cup on Wednesday to take a 2-1 lead in the series. After a hesitant start, Pakistan scored 257 for five, the highest score so far in this se-

With an early upset of Shahid Afridi out for a duck, leg before to Ajit Agarkar, in the

He and Anwar put on a partnership half century in 50 minutes exactly, off 11.4 overs.

Ganguly. the pitch completely dried out and favouring the batsmen. Moin Khan and Ijaz Ahmed putting away three fours between them in the final two

With the wicket apparently favouring batsmen, India were

tage of the situation. Ganguly, apparently recovered from an injury to his left leg which kept him out of the second match of the tournament on Sunday, looked ready for another high scoring innings, scoring off the first ball.

But he was run out by Saqlain Mushtaq after scoring just 23 half way through the ninth over.

Navjot Singh Sidhu was leg before to Aaquib Javed.

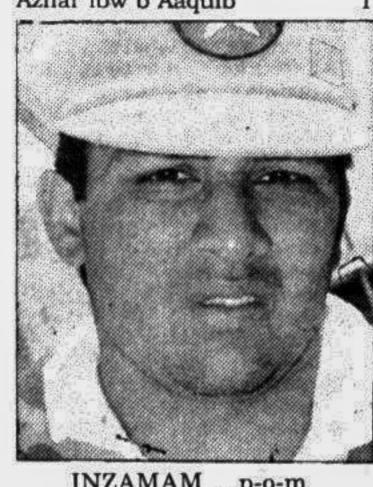
at 62 for four. It took India 31.5 overs to

reach the century mark and it was all over bar the shouting from the 3,000 or so spectators. most of whom were Indian expatriates.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard in the third oneday Shahara Cup match between India and Pakistan on

Wednesday: PAKISTAN

127, 4-203, 5-214. R Bowler: Srinath 52 59 Agarkar 51 Prasad Ganguly Kanitkar 6 0 31 0 16 Joshi



INZAMAM ...p-o-m

Dravid b Zahid Kanitkar c Ijaz b Afridi Paranjpe c Malik b Saqlain Agarkar run out Joshi c Malik b Zahid Srinath c Saqlain b Sohail 43 Prasad not out Extras: (b-6, lb-8, w-6, nb-2) 22

Total: (All out in 46.2 overs) 180 Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-44, 3-46, 4-62, 5-75, 6-78, 7-112, 8-122, 9-140, 10-180 Bowler:

22 35 Aaquib Azhar Zahid 20 Saglain 14 0 30 Sohail 0 11 Afridi Result: Pakistan beat India

by 77 runs. Player-of-the-match: Inzamamul Haq. Next match: September 19.

sudden volte-face, the Indian cricket board today decided without giving any reasons, not to send Sachin Tendulkar and three other players to Toronto to reinforce the team in the Sahara Cup series against Pakistan, reports PTI.

board president Raj Singh Dungarpur had announced that Tendulkar, Ajay Jadeja, Anil Kumble and Robin Singh would proceed to Toronto to join the team for the last two games of the five-match one-day series, **BCCI** secretary Jayawant Lele gave out this reversal of deci-

Lele told from Baroda that he got a faxed message from Dungarpur, who was in the capital on a brief visit, that the plan to send the four had been dropped.

"I don't know the details. But I was informed by Raj Singh that they were not going to Toronto," he explained.



The residential camp of the national cricket team for ACC Trophy is likely to resume on Sunday at the BKSP in Savar. reports UNB.

The ACC Trophy is scheduled to be held in Nepal from October 3 to 13.

Bangladesh Cricket Board has asked all of the initially selected 39 players and six other associates, called later to assist the team, to report to the board office at 3 pm on Satur-All the 14 members of the

Commonwealth team, who returned home Wednesday night. are among the initially selected players.

The initially selected 39 are: Akram Khan, Aminul Islam Bulbul, Azam Iqbal, Shahriar Hossain Biddyut, Farooque Ahmed, Khaled Mashud Pilot, Khaled Mahmud Sujan, Naimui Rahman Durjoy, Hasibul Hossain Shanta, Morshed Ali Khan Sumon, Shafiuddin Ahmed Babu, Mohammad Rafique, Mushfiqur Rahman Babu. Shabbir Khan, Golam Mortuza, Zakir Hossain, Sanwar Hossain. Ehsanul Haq. Parvez Ahmed, Sajjad Ahmed Shipon, Javed Omar Belim Gulla, Hannan Sarkar, Al Shahriar Rokon, Mehrab Hossain Opee, Habibul Basher Sumon, Ridwan Hasan, Nasirul Islam Nahid Hassanuzzaman, Rashedul Haq. Atiar Rahman, Fahim Muntasir Sumit, Towhid Hossain. Mahfuzur Rahman Munna, Enamul Haq Moni, Tanveer Khan, Zakir Hasan, Ahsanullah, Tahmid Bashir and Harun-ur Rashid Liton.

The six associate players are: Sajal Chowdhury, Shuvro Timir. Bappi, Bhola and Colonel

### Muktis meet Assam Police tomorrow

League champions Mukti-joddha Sangsad Krira Chakra will take on Assam Police Club on Saturday in their first match of the Independence Day Cup football tournament in the Assam town of Naogaon, reports UNB.

Five leading clubs of India including, national league champions and runners-up. split into two groups, are also taking part in the tourney which will be played round robin league basis.

### Newcombe wants an end to it

BRISBANE, Sept 17 (AP): Australian Davis Cup captain John Newcombe said Thursday an independent party should try to heal the rift between tennis officials in Australia and US Open runner-up Mark Philippoussis.

Newcombe said he'd lost count of the number of times he had tried to persuade Philippoussis to return to the Davis Cup team. Newcombe has threatened to

quit if his good friend and team coach Tony Roche resigns because of the row with Philippoussis. He said a third party, from candidates he would not name, could be the only solu-

## ACC camp may resume Sunday O'Neill C'wealth legend "I was thinking about the

KUALA LUMPUR Sept 17 (AFP): Susie O'Neill had to shut out talk of records today to establish herself

as the most successful Commonwealth Games athlete of all

The 25-year-old Olympic and world champion from Australia won the women's 200 metre butterfly in a Commonwealth record time of 2min 06.60 sec — the second fastest in history - to get her sixth gold of the Kuala Lumpur Games and 10th in all Commonwealth

Amidst all the talk about overtaking the nine Commonwealth gold medals of Australia's 1968 Olympic champion swimmer Mike Wenden, O'Neill was so determined that she beat teammate Petria Thomas by almost four seconds. "I just wanted to win that

race," said the sportswoman known as "Madam Butterfly," who swam back down the pool to wave to friends in the capacity 4,000 crowd at the Bukit Jalil Pool.

race all day, about the 10 gold medals and my coach Scott Volkers had a talk to me and made me get that all out of my mind.

"I had to focus on the job at hand which was the 200m butterfly and that helped me a lot tonight.

"I found it pretty have before the race, because of all the talk of records of 10 golds and Michael Wanden. "Scott made me realise to concentrate on the 200 fly and

not think about the records and do the best job I could. "I'm glad it's over, it's probably the best feeling of my life that I've finished it now." O'Neill blitzed her Com-

monwealth record of 2:07.29

when she won 1996 Atlanta Olympics. O'Neill leaves Kuala Lumpur with six golds and two silver medals. She has won five silver medals at the three Common-

wealth Games she has been to. In an astonishing performance, O'Neill, swimming her eighth final in six nights. surged away from Thomas who

has only beaten O'Neill once over the distance in five years. "It's the best Commonwealth

"I was a bit disappointed about the first one (Auckland 1990) and I only swam in two events at the last one. "I've really enjoyed it and now I can savour it for a while." Earlier, Australia's defending champi a Matt Dunn won

Games I've been to," said O'Neill.

the 200m n 'ley in the championship rec 1 time of 2:00.26 from England's James Hickeman (2:01.87) and Robert van der Zant of Australia (2:20.73). Hickman, who won the 200m butterfly in a new English

the butterfly and breaststroke legs, but Dunn, who shared in Australia's world record victory in the 200m freestyle relay on Sunday, pulled away over the

record on Wednesday, led over

backstroke and freestyle legs. England's Sue Rolph won the women's 50 metres freestyle to get her second gold after the 100 metre freestyle.

Scotland's Helen Sheppard was second and Toni Jeffs of New Zealand got the bronze.

# Burki believes it's true



KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept 17 (Reuters/ Internet): A former Pakistan Cricket

Board (PCB) chief told a hearing on Wednesday that he was convinced allegations of match-fixing and betting in Pakistani cricket were true.

Javed Burki, a former captain and PCB chairman between 1994 and 1995, was addressing the hearing set up in response to accusations by Australian players Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh that former Pakistan captain Salim Malik offered them a bribe to "throw" a match in 1995.

Burki said that Pakistan opener Saeed Anwar had told him that he was asked not to play well and get himself out in a Singer Cup match against Australia in Sri Lanka in 1995.

"Saeed (Anwar) never gave me this in writing after his brother was threatened with dire consequences by some unknown persons if he officially reported the matter to the authorities," Burki told Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum. An interim report by the Pakistan Cricket Board two weeks ago recommended that Malik and two other players,

Wasim Akram and Jiaz Ahmed, be dropped from the national side until the hearing was con-



Burki said he had recommended to his successors that batsmen Malik and Ahmed never be selected for the national side again after the 1995 incident. "I advised the cricket board

Akram was reported to have

retired from international

cricket on Wednesday, saying

he wanted to clear his name.

officials who took over from me to make sure that Salim Malik and Ijaz Ahmed never played for Pakistan again," said Burki. "I had also suggested to the authorities to warn Wasim Akram.

Burki added: 'We thought of conducting an open inquiry against Salim Malik in 1995 when he was the captain. But we rejected the idea when we were told by our solicitors that if the Pakistan captain was found guilty of offering a bribe to members of the other team, the Pakistan team could be brought

into disrepute. "\* ly advice was that whatever steps were needed to be taken should be taken quietly by the board and the matter be

# Ato outclasses 'em all

Frankie Fredericks of Namibia

and Barbados' Obadele Thomp-

200 title last year at the World

Championships, was fastest out

of the blocks and rather than

tying up which he has done in

previous finals, he extended the

gap with 30 metres to go, raising

his arm at the line in a victory

Boldon, who won the world

JAVED BURKI



and Tobago's Ato Boldon destroyed a high class field of sprinters here today to take the 100 metres title and break Linford Christie's Games record, reports

KUALA LUMPUR

Sept 17: Trinidad

The 24-year-old, who had never won aloo metres championship before came home in 9.88 seconds, the fourth fastest time this year, ahead of

salute. "I will break the world record. There's no doubt about that, I always keep my promises," said Boldon, who had threatened to do it here, although the wind he had wanted failed to arrive.

His mid-race burst left Fredericks, whose quest to win a 100 metres title looks at the age of 30 to be over, battling it out with Thompson, who had run the second fastest time this year, 9.87 at altitude last weekend, and Australian Matt Shirvinton for the minor medals.

The importance of the victory was immediately apparent as the Trinidadian stuck out his chest and saluted the crowd, kneelt to pray and then went on

victory lap draped in the Trinidadian flag, a sight not seen at the Commonwealth Games since 1966.

add to his two Olympic silvers at 100 metres, took defeat with his usual good grace and said he was delighted he had changed his mind and come to compete. "What can you say there are

Fredericks, who has this to

eight people in the race and only one can win," he said. "I'm really glad I came now

but I was really upset by what

the prime minister said about me being only the second best athletes in Namibian history. "I would have liked to have defended my 200 metres title as

well but I have to satisfy my sponsors and run in Tokyo this weekend," he added. Shirvinton, who was only a reserve for the world junior re-

lay team two years ago, ran the race of his life at 19 while newly crowned European champion Darren Campbell, coached by Christie, found life too hot to handle finishing fifth, and will soon depart for a back operation in Germany.

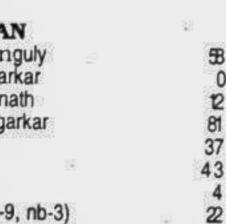
### Anwar b Ganguly second over, Pakistan quickly Afridi Ibw b Agarkar pulled together with the second Sohail Ibw b Srinath wicket partnership of Saeed Greenidge Inzamamul b Agarkar Anwar and Inzamamul Haq. Malik b Prasad Inzamam scored a tournaljaz not out ment high, so far, of 81 before Moin not out being clean bowled by Agarkar, Extras (lb-10, w-9, nb-3) his composed batting earned Total: (for five wickets in 50 overs) him the player-of-the-match

Anwar scored a respectable 58 before bowled by Saurav Pakistan's scoring picked up tempo in the final 10 overs with

overs. however unable to take advan-

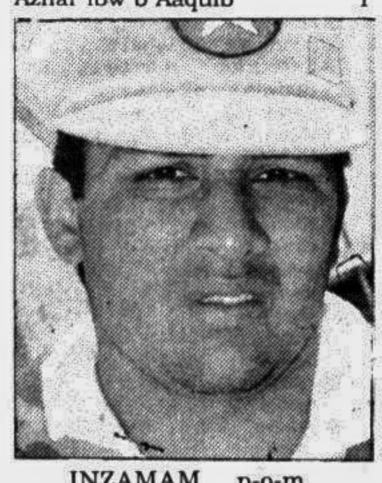
Less than three overs later,

India never regained the initiative with Rahul Dravid being clean bowled by Mohammad Zahid for just nine, with India



Fall of wkts: 1-0, 2-42, 3-

INDIA Ganguly run out Sidhu Ibw b Aaguib Mongia c Sohail b Malik Azhar lbw b Aaguib





Less than 24 hours after

ATO BOLDON ... 100m gold