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Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT 'coursing' is a sport where hares are chased by greyhounds, not by scent but by sight. It is supposed to be a test of the greyhound's speed. It is one of the most ancient of field sports. Since the 1880s it has been practised in the UK on enclosed or park courses. It should have been banned by now by the very popular animal rights activists in the UK.

As for me, I still practise a sport of a similar nature on the streets of Dhaka. I try to find a toilet by sight, not by scent.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-104

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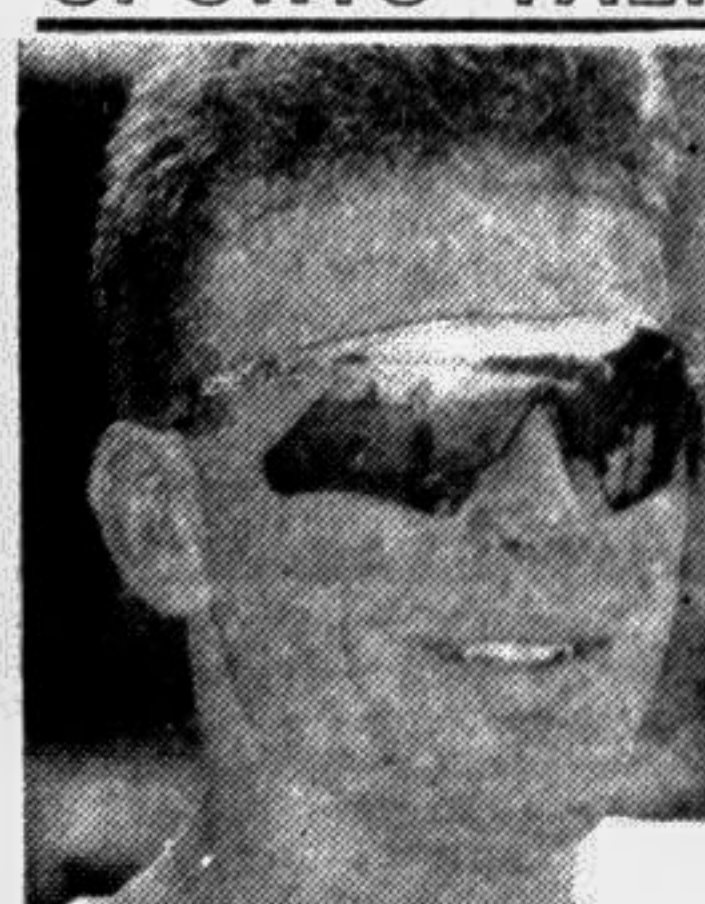
Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 9 '98, and draw shortly afterwards

- How many centuries were scored in the third Sahara Cup?
One Two Three
- Who earned the player-of-the-series in the Sahara Cup?
Afridi Azharuddin Inzamam
- Which county does Saqlain Mushtaq play for?
Surrey Lancashire Kent
- The next Commonwealth Games will be held in:
Sydney Toronto Manchester
- Who became Commonwealth cricket champions?
India South Africa Australia

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SPORTS TALK



Alec Stewart
(England cricket captain)
"He spins the ball more than any other finger spinner I have seen. He can make it drop, bounce and drift it away and bowl a leg spinner. You must always praise and admire fellow cricketers and Murali's effort deserves praise."
On Sri Lanka off-break bowler Muttiah Muralitharan.

WHIZZ KID-103 correct answers

- How many nations are taking part in the 16th C'wealth Games cricket?
Ans: 16
- Who is skipping Barbados in C'wealth Games cricket?
Ans: Wallace
- Where were the previous C'wealth Games held?
Ans: Canada
- How many countries are taking part of the 16th C'wealth Games?
Ans: 70
- In how many disciplines, is Bangladesh participating in the 16th C'wealth Games?
Ans: Two



Esha
Boost WHIZZ KID-101 winner



Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division encounter between Bangladesh Ansars and Sonali Bank at the Moulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium. — Star photo

Muktijoddha bow to BSF

Premier league champions Muktijoddha Sangsad KC were beaten 2-0 by the Border Security Force (BSF) of India yesterday in the final match of the Independence Day Cup football tournament at the Naogaon Stadium in Assam, reports UNB.

The visiting freedom fighters' team, which emerged Group A winners, reached the final defeating Nagaland Police 3-0 in the semis. Earlier, in the round robin league, they beat Assam Police 3-0 and Punjab Electricity Board 2-0.

Ctg Kishore football final

Sports Reporter
Holders Blue Star Club will take on Majhirghat Krira Chakra in the final of the Chittagong Mahanagari Kishore football league at the Dampara Police Lines ground in Chittagong tomorrow afternoon.

Minister for Manpower and Employment MA Mannan will witness the final and distribute prizes among the winners as chief guest.

AB Bank TT leagues in Nov

Metropolis AB Bank Table Tennis leagues — men's Senior Division and First Division, and women's team events — will begin on November 5 at the NSC Wooden Floor Gymnasium, reports UNB.

Green Delta hockey Ansars find late touch

Sports Reporter
A second-half rally enabled Dhaka Ansars to come from behind and register their maiden victory in the Green Delta First Division hockey league when they defeated Victoria Sporting Club 2-1 in one of the two matches played at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Trailing the first half by a goal, the Ansars staged a brilliant comeback after the lemon break and scored two goals in 13 minutes to pull off a sensational win and earn three valuable points.

Nurul Amin brought parity for the Ansars by converting a penalty corner in the 45th minute while Babul Miah blasted the board with a field goal to wrap up the match in the 58th minute.

Earlier, forward Danesh Kamal had put the Victorians ahead through a field goal in the 10th minute of the proceedings.

Ansars, with the win, are second from bottom after the first phase of the eight-team league, having raised their tally to four points from seven matches. On the other hand, Victoria, with their sixth defeat against a draw, remained at the bottom of the standings with only one point.

Bachelors win
In the other match of the day, Bachelors Club recorded a solitary goal win over promotees Cantonian Club.

Khwaja Waiz struck the all-important match-winner with a field goal 21 minutes into the first-half.

It was the third win for the Nawab Bari outfit which raised their tally to ten points from seven matches. For Cantonian, it was their fourth defeat against two wins and a draw which kept them glued to their previous collection of seven points from as many matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES

(Moulana Bhasani Stadium)
B Railway v Sonali Bank (2.30 pm)
Bangladesh SC v Wari Club (4.15 pm)

Reader's Opinion

Bangladesh cricket in context
Md Eradatullah
Ever since Bangladesh's glorious victory by winning the ICC Trophy against Kenya in Kuala Lumpur, it has met with debacles, one after another in almost every encounter abroad. It seems from their performance in Kenya, New Zealand, Ireland, England and Scotland and finally in the Commonwealth Games at Kuala Lumpur that they are not familiar with the bowing action of the type executed by their contenders. Or they have totally forgotten whatever batting they learnt. It is extremely disappointing and hard to believe. How can one imagine that a team like Bangladesh can score only 63 runs against Northern Ireland and thus suffer a crushing defeat by 114 runs? After all these vagaries many would justifiably say that Bangladesh withdraw from the World Cup Tournament next year to avert further possible ignominy. This is however, a little bit of an emotional outburst. But the question which haunts the cricket fans of the country is why this miserable plight of Bangladesh cricket after winning ACC and ICC trophy? Undeniably, there are many identifiable reasons and if we are to salvage whatever image is still left and if we sincerely want to avert further humiliation in the biggest cricket bonanza, it is high time that an objective analysis of the whole situation be made and reforms undertaken.

By now it has been proved beyond doubt that our players cannot perform outside the country as much as they can in the domestic cricket. The answers are quite a few and simple. The major snag is lack of experience and exposure to play international matches. Time and again we hear from the eminent commentators that Bangladeshi cricketers have talent but they cannot perform upto their full ability. This is one particular side the management, coach and the captain must give due attention. Efforts should be made to remove the drawbacks of individual players. Experience and exposure can be frequently gathered by sending team to neighbouring

In the day's another match, Basabo Tarun Sangha and BG Press shared points in a 1-1 draw at the same venue.

Aminul put Basabo ahead in the 23rd minute but Liton scored the equaliser two minutes later.

Today's matches: Sadharan Bima vs Avijatrik Malibagh, and PWD SC vs Mohakhali Eleven.

Chess Olympiad from tomorrow

An 11-member Bangladesh team will participate in the 33rd Chess Olympiad to be held at Elista in Kalmeika Republic of Russia, reports UNB.

More than 100 countries will take part in the competition which begins tomorrow and will conclude on October 12.

Bangladesh will compete both in men's and women's groups.

The men's team: International Masters Ziaur Rahman and Reefat-bin-Sattar, Abdullah Al-Rakib, Enamul Hossain Rajib, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu and Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon.

The women's team: International Woman Master Rani Hamid, Tanima Parvin, Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa and Zakia Sultana.

Seven team members — four men and three women — left Dhaka Thursday for Russia. The remaining members, including an official, will leave on Monday.

India-Zimbabwe first ODI today

Star Sport Monitor
Zimbabwe Cricket Union yesterday announced a 14-member squad for the three-match one-day international series against India starting today.

The ZCU also released the itinerary for the tourists it includes a three-day match against the President's Eleven beginning October 2 and the one-off Test on October 7.

ZIMBABWEAN: Alistair Campbell (captain), Andrew Flower (vice-captain), Murray Goodwin, Craig Evans, Gary Brent, Paul Strang, Andrew Whittall, Mluleki Nkala, John Rennie, Craig Wishart, Health Streak, Adam Huckle, Trevor Madondo, Mpumelelo Mbanjwa.

INDIA: Mohammad Azharuddin (captain), Ajay Jadhava (vice-captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, Robin Singh (senior), Rahul Dravid, Navjot Sidhu, Jagavallu Srinath, A. Agarkar, Nayan Mongia, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Debasis Mohanty, Rahul Sanghvi.

ITINERARY

- Sept 26: First ODI at Queen's Sports Club.
- Sept 27: Second ODI at Queen's Sports Club.
- Sept 30: Third ODI at Harare Sports Club.
- Oct 2: Three-day game vs president's XI at Sunrise Sports Club.
- Oct 7: Test at Harare Sports Club.

MU fans fail to protest

MANCHESTER, England, Sept 25: A supporters protest against BskyB's £23.4 million pounds (1.05 billion dollars) bid to take over Manchester United failed to materialise on Thursday, reports Reuters.

The independent Manchester United Supporters Association issued fans with a card before their Premier League game against Liverpool at Old Trafford urging fans to sing a protest song at 2030 (1930 GMT) 15 minutes before half time.

But at the appointed moment United fans continued to sing songs in support of their team rather than attacking the takeover.

Liverpool supporters mocked the United supporters during the game by singing 'You sold your soul to Sky.'

WHIZZ KID-103 Boost winner Rafiath Rashid

(Viquarunnessa Noof School)
(Please bring your ID card and a passport size attested photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on Sept 30.)

Slater savages Karachi



KARACHI, Sept 25 (Reuters/AP): A career-best 221 by opener Michael Slater gave Australia a flying start to their tour of Pakistan as the tourists reached 438 for five against Karachi on the first day of the four-day match today.

The 28-year-old New South Wales batsman was dismissed for a splendid knock to beat his previous best of 210 against Sri Lanka at Perth three years ago. Half centuries by Waugh twins, Steve and Mark further boosted the Australian innings. They fully exploited the pedestrian Karachi attack by maintaining a run rate of more than 4.5 an over.

Steve scored a watchful 92 while Mark hit an elegant 66, but there was disappointment for skipper Mark Taylor who scored only one on a wicket

tailor-made for the batsmen. Last time Taylor played here four years ago, he notched up a pair.

Taylor struggled for 21 minutes for his one run before he was trapped in front of the wickets by medium fast Ali Gohar. The left-hander tried to play a straightish delivery half forwardly and was adjudged leg before.

Slater, dropped on the third ball of the match and again on 74, batted for 18 minutes over five hours during which he received 146 balls. He dispatched 26 boundaries and six sixes.

Slater, whose 221 was his third double century, reached three figures off 167 balls with 15 boundaries. His 200 came off 248 balls with 22 boundaries and five sixes with the fourth 50 coming off only 22 balls and included a boundary and four sixes.

Slater was involved in two fruitful partnerships after Mark Taylor had won the toss and elected to bat.

For the second wicket, he added 132 runs with Mark Waugh whose 94-ball 66 included seven fours and two sixes. For the third wicket, he played a straightish delivery half forwardly and was adjudged leg before.

Steve missed a deserved century when he was caught behind off-spinner Shahid Afridi after occupying the crease for 155 minutes during which he received 145 balls. He dispatched six boundaries.

Leg-spinner Ali Husein Rizvi got rid of brother Mark after he got a faint edge while trying to hoist the bowler over mid-wicket.

Waqar Younis, playing his first competitive match in three months, was completely wayward and seemed to lack fitness. He bowled seven overs in the day, in two spells.

Afridi and Rizvi shared four wickets between them. Afridi conceded 79 runs for his two wickets while Rizvi gave away 136 runs from 32 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the four-day cricket match between Karachi and Australia on Friday:

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

Slater c Atiq b Rizvi	221
Taylor lbw Gohar	1
Langer c Huda b Afridi	17
M Waugh c Atiq b Rizvi	66
S Waugh c Atiq b Afridi	32
Ponting not out	12
Healy not out	4
Extras: (lb-5, w-2, nb-18)	25
Total: (for five wickets)	438

To bat: Gavin Robertson, Michael Kasprovicz, Glenn McGrath, Stuart MacGill.
Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-41; 3-173; 4-394; 5-426.

Bowler (to date)	O	M	R	W
Younis	7	2	27	0
Gohar	11	1	35	1
Afridi	23	1	79	2
Rizvi	32	4	136	2
Sohail	16	1	73	0
Raza	2	0	14	0
Azad	10	0	69	0

KARACHI: Aamir Sohail (captain), Suleman Huda, Saeed Azad, Hasan Raza, Azam Khan, Faisal Iqbal, Atiq-uz-Zaman, Shahid Afridi, Waqar Younis, Ali Gohar, Ali Husein Rizvi.
Umpires: Salim Badar, Rizuddin.



Australian opener Michael Slater is applauded by Karachi captain Aamir Sohail after the batsman reached a double century. Slater went on to make a career best 221. — AP/UNB photo

Hoddle losing friends fast



LONDON, Sept 25: England coach Glenn Hoddle looks increasingly isolated as the approaches next month's Wembley duel with Bulgaria, reports Reuters.

Defeat in the European Championship qualifier on October 10 would be unthinkable.

When his team went out of the World Cup in a penalty shootout against Argentina the England coach had the sympathy of a nation and just as importantly most of the British media.

But since that fateful night in St Etienne in July many of the erstwhile supporters of the 40-year-old born again Christian have lost the faith.

Hoddle's release of a controversial World Cup diary his apparent obsession with a faith healer and increasing signs of tension with his players have left the traditionally voracious British press scenting blood.

The 2-1 defeat by Sweden in Stockholm in England's opening Euro 2000 qualifier cranked up the pressure several notches.

Critics would argue that Hoddle is merely being forced to lie in a bed of his own making.

His World Cup diary in which he revealed details of midfielder Paul Gascoigne's violent reaction to being omitted from the World Cup squad provoked suggestions that he had betrayed the privacy of his players.

In the book Hoddle also claimed that if he had been allowed to take faith healer Eileen Drewery to the World Cup Eng-

land would have done a lot better. It was a suggestion that prompted ridicule from much of the British media.

Even Hoddle's employers the English Football Association, have begun to doubt his ability to do the job.

Hoddle met the FA last week to discuss the World Cup and it was soon revealed that he no longer had unanimous support from the FA's international committee.

At that meeting a sub-committee was set up to discuss with Hoddle a two year contract extension that would take him to the 2002 World Cup.

FA chief executive Graham Kelly said the extension depended on how Hoddle reacted to certain situations namely FA concerns over the diary and Drewery.

This month Hoddle was also forced into a public show of unity with key defender Tony Adams after the Arsenal stalwart claimed in a book of his own that he and not Alan Shearer, should have been England's World Cup captain.

Then came the shock defeat by Sweden which Shearer pointedly blamed on the media obsession with Adam's book and Drewery.

Venables, now manager of Crystal Palace was quoted as saying 'The England job would be suited to an older man. It has certain pressures that are best dealt with by an even attitude.'

October 10 is going to be a very important day on Hoddle's calendar.

WC cricket uniforms unveiled

LONDON, Sept 25: Branded pyjama cricket when it emerged two decades ago, the one-day tainly reached new levels in the fashion stakes, reports AP.

A handful of international cricketers took to the catwalk at London's Fashion Cafe Thursday to model new uniforms for the 12 teams competing at the 1999 World Cup.

The new uniforms, designed by Asics, feature a national icon of the competing nation, names and numbers.

Defending champions Sri Lanka have a symbolic lion across their shirt, while the green and gold strip of Australia, runners-up at the last World Cup, are complemented by a symbol of the Southern Cross.

The World Cup starts in May next year and will be played in England, Wales and the Netherlands.



Pakistan off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq escorts a model down the catwalk during a fashion show in London on Sept 24. The model is attired in a uniform to be worn by Pakistan at next year's cricket World Cup. — AP/UNB photo