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Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT a lot of sports managers worry about getting bald. They think they are losing hair quickly by pulling at them in tense encounters. But the manager could not be more wrong. Some of you will say, they are usually wrong. Because the best way for a man to know whether he will go bald is to look at his mother's father. Now that could be a task, trying to get a picture of your maternal grandfather. But one has to in order to find out his potential baldness, because baldness is hereditary, but the gene controlling it is on the sex-linked chromosome and skips one generation.

One consolation for you guys who worry too much about loss of hair.

Your daughter's son will be bald even if he never becomes a football manager.



Wasim Akram

(Ace Pakistan all-rounder)
The match fixing allegations are a conspiracy, especially with the Pakistan Cricket Board.

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3. Which county does Saqlain Mushtaq play for?	Surrey	Lancashire	Kent
4. The next Commonwealth Games will be held in:	Sydney	Toronto	Manchester
5. Who became Commonwealth cricket champions?	India	South Africa	Australia

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Cricketers off to Nepal

A 14-member national cricket team left yesterday for Kathmandu to take part in the ACC Trophy tournament beginning from October 3, reports APB.

Chess Olympiad results

International Master Reefat bin Sattar made a good start in the 33rd Chess Olympiad beating his English opponent in the first round of the men's group at Elstka in the Russian republic of Kalmekia on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Despite this creditable win, Bangladesh lost 1.5-2.5 points against the Grand Master student England, according to a message received here yesterday.

Abdullah Al Rakib drew with his English opponent while country's another International Master Ziaur Rahman and Enamul Hossain Rajib lost their first round ties.

In the women's group Bangladesh lost their inaugural round matches to Russia 0.5-2.5 points, also on Tuesday.

Kazi Shahana Parveen Nipa managed to snatch half a point from her Russian rival with draw. But International Women's Master Rani Hamid and Tanima Parveen lost their respective matches.



SO FAR SO GOOD: International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive David Richards (C) speaking during a press conference at Hotel Sonargaon yesterday regarding the ICC's views on the upcoming Wills International Cup. Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Saber Hossain (R) and vice-president Tanveer Mazhar Tanna were also present. —Star photo

Richards leaves reassured

Sports Reporter

The International Cricket Council (ICC) have expressed its satisfaction over Dhaka's preparations for the forthcoming Wills International Cup scheduled to begin at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on October 24.

"During our three-day stay we have inspected the venue, its flood lights, the practice venues and also finalised various issues with the government and the board for the upcoming mega event and we are now all set for the tournament," said David Richards, chief executive of the ICC who arrived in the city on Monday.

Richards also disclosed that two different agreements were signed with the board and the government during their stay.

"We have signed a contract with the BCB on Tuesday regarding our sharing of the responsibilities as organiser and hosts. Besides another agreement was signed with the government this morning on the security, traffic, power supply, insurance and customs aspects. These are very basic agreements required for official formalities," he added.

It might be added that Sadharan Bima Corporation have decided to extend insurance coverage of the tournament.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader and BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury signed the agreement on behalf of the government and the board respectively.

About the newly installed flood lights and dressing rooms at the Dhaka Stadium, David said, "The lights are terrific. I have not seen better lights any-

where in the world. According to international standards, a day-night match can easily be played under lights with the capacity of 1800 to 2000 lux, but I found the lights here are of 2400 lux which has exceeded our expectation. We need some minor adjustments in the dressing rooms at the practice venues which we hope to get better before the tournament starts."

Replying to another question, David said that there was never any possibility of the tournament being shifted from Dhaka.

"We never thought of such a change," he said.



He also informed the press that ICC is almost set to sign a contract with "Kodak" to be the official film sponsor of the knock-out tournament which involves all the nine Test playing nations. If they reach to an agreement with Kodak, the press photographers will be provided with free films during the tournament.

David also revealed that three former international cricketers—Nasimul Ghani of Pakistan, Bobby Simpson of Australia and Zimbabwean Andy Pycroft—have been given the responsibility of assessing the feasibility of awarding Bangladesh the Test status. The three will visit Bangladesh af-

ter the Wills International Cup.

David, who left the city last night, also confirmed that "bowl-out", a term similar to tie-breaker in football, will be introduced in the Wills International Cup to get a result from an abandoned match. Five bowlers from each team will bowl two deliveries each and the team hitting the stumps most will be declared winners. If the score remains tied from the first ten deliveries, the result will be decided through sudden death methods.

Bangladesh Cricket Board President Saber Hossain Chowdhury, vice-president Tanveer Mazhar Tanna and ICC executive Campbell Jamieson were also present at the press conference.

Asif Iqbal, the event manager of the Wills International Cup who also arrived in the city along with David, was not present as he left the capital for Sharjah last morning.

Asif will be back in Dhaka on October 8 and will stay here until the tournament ends.

Answering to a question, Saber, the local cricket boss, said that they have abandoned the idea of holding two international matches between Bangladesh and two other participating teams.

However, Saber said that there was a possibility of the BCB hosting a couple of exhibition matches at the BKSP ground between local selects and New Zealand and Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe will be the first team to arrive on October 17 followed by New Zealand who will arrive the day after.

Simpson pulls for Pak selectors

ACB won't let 'em testify

UNDATED, Sept 30 (AFP): Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has ruled out any of its players appearing before a judicial commission investigating match-fixing and bribery allegations in Pakistan. Australian sources here said Tuesday.

Australian board chief executive Malcolm Speed has said no player would be available to appear before the commission, they said.

up by Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) in 1995 due to lack of evidence. Australian players had refused to testify during that inquiry.

Australian captain Mark Taylor and Mark Waugh had showed their willingness to appear before the judicial commission but only after the Australian board's approval.

Meanwhile, former Australian cricket coach Bob Simpson says Pakistan should be free to select who they liked until allegations of match-fixing as it is and get on with the game," he said.

"They won't be affected at all. They've been under a lot more pressure than this before."

Although Simpson never captained or coached an Australian side to a Test series victory on Pakistan soil — a feat that has proved elusive for almost 40 years — the 63-year-old said this tour provided an excellent chance, particularly with paceman Glenn McGrath back on board.

"They've got a good side and it looks like McGrath is heading back to form which is vitally important," Simpson said. "He was sadly missed in India. So it's a huge boost that he's back playing again."

Rachael Heyhoe Flint, the former England women's captain, said: "I almost can't believe it after seven years. I'm absolutely thrilled to bits, not for my own personal gain but for the sake of cricket, because the MCC needs funding."

"It is great that people will now respect the MCC fully. I reckon that over the last two or three years the club has been looked on in a very poor light but now its image is brilliant."

MCC members overturned a 211-year tradition with an emphatic 69.8 per cent vote in favour of opening the doors of Lord's to women.

Sadharan Bima KS defeated Mohakhali XI 2-0 in the Metropolitan Second Division football league at Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla Stadium yesterday, reports APB.

PWD SC and Prantik KC settled for a goalless draw in the other encounter.

Nothing's been settled so they can do as they like," Simpson said of Pakistan's selectors including the players under a bribes investigation.

"They are probably within their rights to select players until something is proven."

Despite an interim report by the PCB — which recommended that Malik, batsman Ijaz Ahmed and former captain Wasim Akram be dropped until an inquiry was concluded — the three players have been named in the Test squad for Australia's series in Pakistan.

Simpson, the Australian coach for 10 years, held the reins in 1994 when they toured Pakistan.

Simpson said he had "suspicions" about Pakistan players at the time, but "no-one had put their finger on it" until the trio made the allegations public.

Although Mark Waugh and captain Mark Taylor have reportedly been called to appear before the judicial inquiry, Simpson said the investigation would not disrupt the Australian team with the first Test starting on Thursday.

"I think they'll just accept it

Wills Int'l Cup

Big names on commentary team

Sports Reporter

Eight international cricket personalities will commentate on the Wills International Cup matches to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from October 24, according to a fax received here from WorldTel, who has been designated for the production of the event by Doodardshan.

The list includes former England captains Tony Greig and Geoffrey Boycott, former Australian captain Ian Chappell, former New Zealand captain Martin Crowe, former Indian captain Ravi Shastri, former South African batsman Barry Richards and former West Indies fast bowler Michael Holding.

Australian injured leg-spinner Shane Warne, who was also supposed to be a member of the commentary team, is missing in the WorldTel list as they are yet to confirm his inclusion.

Railway rout

Dhaka Ansars

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Railway posted their win in the Green Delta First Division hockey league when they handed Dhaka Ansars a 5-0 defeat in one of the two return leg matches played at the Maulana Bhashani Stadium yesterday.

In an one-sided affair, Monirul Alam and Indian forward Kirpal Singh scored two goals each while Ripon completed the rout for the Railwaymen who led the first half 2-0.

Railway, who also won their first leg clash against Ansars by a lone goal early last month, raised their tally to 12 points from eight matches.

Ansars, with their sixth defeat in eight matches, remained second from bottom in the eight-team league table with their previous four points.

In the other match of the day, Sonali Bank and Victoria Sporting Club split points in a 1-1 draw.

Shamim put the bankers ahead in the very first minute with a brilliant field goal while Danish Kamal levelled the margin for Victoria from a penalty stroke in the 58th minute.

The draw raised Sonali Bank's tally to 13 points from eight matches. While Victoria have only two points on completion of their eighth match.

No matches will be played today.

MCC Ladies XI

LONDON, Sept 30: The Marylebone Cricket Club will mark Monday's historic vote to admit women members by setting up an MCC women's team, reports AFP.

Incoming MCC president Tony Lewis said Tuesday: "I take over this week with the chance to take the game forward after the historic vote that we all wanted, that formally allows women to become an integral part of the Lord's set up."

"As a solid indicator of our intention to put the members' vote into tangible cricket terms I want to set up an MCC Ladies XI."

"I don't know what fixture list they will have, but it will represent the double. We have invited women to join our club by last night's vote and soon we will be inviting them to represent our club as full women members."

Rachael Heyhoe Flint, the former England women's captain, said: "I almost can't believe it after seven years. I'm absolutely thrilled to bits, not for my own personal gain but for the sake of cricket, because the MCC needs funding."

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Rawalpindi Test begins today

Taylor set for another try



RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Sept 30 (Reuters/Internet): Australian captain Mark Taylor will be hoping to rewrite his personal record book and Test match history when he leads his team out in the first of a three-match series against Pakistan starting on Thursday.

Taylor is bidding to be the first Australian captain to win a Test series in Pakistan in 39 years and erase memories of the pair he scored on his side's last visit here in 1994/95.

"On my last tour here in 1994-95, I had just taken over the captaincy of Australia and started in a new role with a pair in the Karachi Test which Pakistan won, in the memory of which is fresh in my mind and I want to erase that," he said.

It was in 1959-60 when, under Richie Benaud, the Australians last won a three-match series in Pakistan with victories in two Tests but none in 13 subsequent Tests.

Taylor has grown in stature as a batsman and captain with victories against West Indies, South Africa and England in 22 wins from 42 Tests.

"We hope to play as well as on the last tour here but we would need a lot of luck on this tour. Pakistan is a very strong side and we realise that they are even stronger at home but we

are here to play exciting and entertaining cricket," he said.

"Although Shane Warne is not with us, we do have Stuart MacGill who has done well in the opening game of the tour and he could be useful," he said.

Asked about the official commission of inquiry into allegations of match-fixing and betting in Pakistan cricket, Taylor said, "We are here to play cricket and keep ourselves focused on that. Our main job here is to play Test cricket."

Tim May, Shane Warne and Mark Waugh alleged that captain Salim Malik offered a bribe to throw a game during the last tour. The Australian Board has refused to let its players testify to the commission — only Waugh is in the touring party.

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But the wicket may decide whether they include medium-pacer Damien Fleming who made his debut here on the last visit and took a hat-trick.

"The wicket is hard and firm, the grass has been taken off and we will make a decision about the bowlers on the morning of the match," said Taylor.

The fast bowlers are likely to be Glenn McGrath and Michael Kasprorc, supported by Damien Fleming if off-spinner Gavin Robertson is left out. Leg-spinner Stuart MacGill, who took nine wickets in Karachi, will be playing in his second Test.

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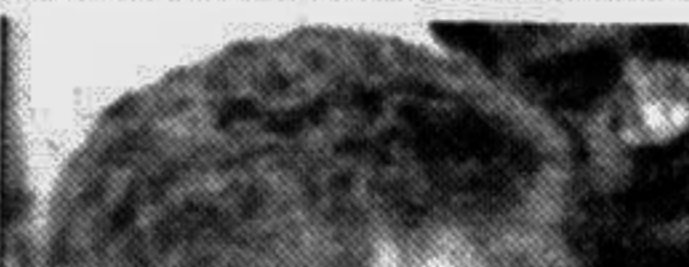
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Result: Zimbabwe won by 37 runs and India won the series 2-1.

Player-of-the-match: Craig Wisart.
Player-of-the-series: Sachin Tendulkar.

hitting him for three uppish fours in four balls. Jadeja was first to go, though, attempting to hit Pommy Mbangwa for six over long-off and being well caught by the tall Andrew Whittall high on the very edge of the boundary. Andy Flower caught Ganguly down the leg side as he attempted to glance Adam Huckle.

Then came a good partnership between Rahul Dravid and Robin Singh.

After a stand of 57 Dravid drove a catch straight to mid-on, but this was followed by another good partnership, of 54, with Mongia. Singh, who scored 57, looked particularly dangerous, especially when some of the Zimbabwean bowlers allowed him free rein on the leg side, where he hit three huge sixes. In the end, though, he perished by the sword, caught on the deep square leg boundary.

Zimbabwe found their best form too late, but this win will have given them a boost for the Test match. Earlier, Craig Wisart's maiden one-day international century guided Zimbabwe to a respectable total of 259 for five.

Just four fours and two sixes flew off opener Wisart's bat but he grafted superbly for his 102 off 122 balls before he was spectacularly caught and bowled by Ajit Agarkar in the 48th over, an over after reaching his century.

With Andy Flower, whose 55 included three fours and two sixes and came off 73 deliveries, Wisart shared 113 runs for the third wicket.

Their partnership lasted

from the 12th to the 35th over and prompted the middle order to throw the bat at the ball in the latter overs.

Big-hitting number five Craig Evans took proper advantage of 26 deliveries to score his unbeaten 28.

However, had India held their catches Zimbabwe might not have fared as well. Flower was dropped on nought, Wisart on 22 and Evans on seven — all off unlucky seamer Debasis Mohanty.

Later, Craig Wisart's century earned him the player-of-the-match award; the player-of-the-series was rather more difficult. Only Campbell, with two fifties, had really starred in more than one of the three matches, but adjudicators Mike Haysman and Ravi Shastri decided on Tendulkar.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard in the third and final one-day international between Zimbabwe and India at Harare Sports Club Wednesday:

ZIMBABWE
Campbell b Agarkar 4
Wisart c b Agarkar 102
Goodwin c Mongia b R Singh 22
A Flower c Jadeja b Mohanty 55
Evans lbw b H Singh 31
Rennie not out 28
Streak not out 10
Extras (fb-7, nb-1, w-2) 10
Total: 259 (50 overs)

Fall of wkts: 1-4; 2-39; 3-152; 4-209; 5-240

Did not bat: A Whittall, E Brandes, A Huckle, M Mbangwa.

Bowling
Agarkar 10 1 44 2
Mohanty 10 0 38 1
R Singh 7 0 48 1
Ganguly 3 0 12 0
H Singh 10 0 33 1
Sanghvi 6 0 47 0
Tendulkar 4 0 30 0

INDIA
Ganguly c Flower b Huckle 40
Tendulkar c Evans b Streak 2
Azharruddin c Campbell b Brandes 2
Jadeja c Whittall b Mbangwa 22
Dravid c Streak b Whittall 27
R Singh c Rennie b Brandes 57
Mongia c Huckle b Streak 25
Agarkar run out (Flower) 19
Sanghvi b Streak 8
Mohanty not out 4
H Singh run out (Brandes) 2
Extras (fb-1, lb-8, w-5) 14
Total: (All out in 47.2 overs) 222

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-10, 3-62; 4-72; 5-126; 6-181; 7-190; 8-214; 9-219; 10-222.