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Column One DID U KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT on the first day of the Battle of the Somme, 1 July 1916, some British officers were so confident of easily breaching the German lines that they gave their men footballs to kick as they advanced across no-man's land towards the German trenches.

Despite obvious preparations for the assault, including a weeklong artillery bombardment, the British suffered the heaviest casualties in their history: 19,000 men were killed on the first day. In spite of this, the attack continued and several small gains were made — the German line was almost breached 14 July. After a lull, the battle started again 15 Sept when tanks were used for the first time: some 47 tanks were available to the Allies of which most broke down. This attack made some progress but when the battle finally died away mid-Nov the total Allied gain was about 8 miles at a cost of 615,000 Allied and about 500,000 German casualties.

Never mix work and play. Playing football in the warfield? How naive?

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SPORTS TALK



Martina Hingis
(World No 1 tennis player)
"I haven't had enough time to recover since the US Open, but I also have to work on my fitness."

After withdrawing from the Grand Slam Cup due to an injury.

Div II soccer

Prantik KC registered their fourth victory in the Metropolitan Second Division football league beating Sadharan Bima by 1-0 goal at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

With the day's win, Prantik secured 14 points from 7 matches while Sadharan Bima collected 10 points from the same number of outings.

Makbul netted all-important goal for the winners in the 38th minute.

In the day's another match, PWD SC defeated Eskaton Sabuj Sangha by a solitary goal.

After the barren first half, Shamim scored the match-decider in the 75th minute.

PWD have secured 12 points from 7 matches while Eskaton Sabuj Sangha collected 10 points from the same matches.

Monday's matches: Gandaria Famous SC vs Jatrabari KC (2 pm). The Muslim Institute vs T&T Club (4 pm).

The Minister also informed

Faruque on saline, rain still a threat Bangladesh-Malaysia ACC match today

From Ai-Amin



KATHMANDU, Oct 4: Reigning champions Bangladesh will take on Malaysia in their second group A match of the Pepsi second ACC trophy on the second day of Institute of Engineers in Kathmandu, Nepal, tomorrow morning.

A match of the Pepsi second ACC trophy on the second day of Institute of Engineers in Kathmandu, Nepal, tomorrow morning.

Weather permitting, the match will start at 9 am BST. In the day's other matches, Papua New Guinea (PNG) will meet Singapore in another group A clash on the first ground of the Institute of Engineers. United Arab Emirates (UAE) will take on Thailand in a group B match at the Saint Xavier School ground. The other match of the day of group B will be held between Hong Kong and Japan at the Tribhuvan University ground.

Bangladesh's new skipper Aminul Islam is eager to take the field so is the manager Enayet Hossain Siraj. But the weather pundits forecast more rain in Kathmandu tomorrow. "I'm eager to toss as a full-fledged captain," said the dark and dapper captain to The Daily Star at Hotel Soaltee tonight.

"This is a frustrating experience. We are here to play cricket. But the weather is not friendly. The wicket is underprepared. Even the organisers have no protective equipment to save the ground from even a



State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader (2nd from R), and Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury (C) are inspecting the Bangladesh National Stadium yesterday.

slight drizzle. The environment is totally different here," said a dejected Aminul.

"But the players are ready to take the field and they are in real good mood," Aminul added.

The national team had a practise session at the Institute of Engineers ground in the af-



AMINUL ISLAM
termin. Aminul and his company, however, spent the morning watching the Malaysia-Maldives match.

"There is nothing special in the two teams," said Aminul. But manager Siraj came up with a different frame of mind. "It's true that they do not have quality players. But I can tell you they are spirited teams."

Specially, the way an unheralded Maldives fielded their limited resources in today's match against Malaysia it was a treat to watch," said Siraj.

Former Bangladesh skipper and middle-order batsman Faruque Ahmed is likely to miss tomorrow's match against Malaysia as he is suffering from diarrhoea. Although, the team management is concerned about him, Faruque was confident about playing in tomorrow's match.

"I'm all right. I'm fit to play," said Faruque while preparing saline at his room today.

Bangladesh was forced to split points with PNG in their opening match which was washed out due to rain on Saturday, the inaugural day of the ten-nation meet. Three other matches scheduled on the opening day were also washed out.

Malaysia defeated Maldives in a rain-affected group A match yesterday.

Batting first, Malaysia were all out for 156 in 44 overs while Maldives reached 69 for four in 26 overs when rain stopped the match. Malaysia were declared winners on their superior run-rate.

The day's other match between hosts Nepal and Thailand could not be held due to rain and both teams earned one point each.

33rd Chess Olympiad Bangladesh eaves beat Brazil

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh men's team suffered a big 5-3.5 defeat at the hands of Greece in their fifth round clash in the 33rd Chess Olympiad on Saturday in Elista, Russia, according to a message received here last night.

International Master Ziaur Rahman was the lone Bangladeshi who could manage a draw against Grand Master Igor Miladinovic while the other three — IM Refaat-bin-Sattar and two rated players Enamul Hossain Rajib and Abdullah Al-Rakib lost their respective boards. With the defeat, Bangladesh now have 9.5 points to their credit out of a possible 20.

In the eves' group, Bangladesh women posted an emphatic 2.5- .5 win over Brazil.

Zakia Sultana and Tanima Parveen won their respective boards while Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa drew her match.

In the sixth round yesterday, Bangladesh were scheduled to face Iraq in the men's group and Czech Republic in the women's group.

Tiebreaker at the ACC?
From Sports Reporter
KATHMANDU, Oct 4: Anil Kalavar, the technical director of Asian Cricket Council, said that if the weather continued to play foul the tie-breaker system to decide a winner might be introduced at the ACC tournament here.

"We are contemplating to make some changes in the game rules if we cannot hold a match due to rain, we will use the tie-breaker rule," said Anil.

The tie-breaker will also be in effect at the Wills International Cup to be held in Dhaka.

Terminating the prevailing weather in Kathmandu as extraordinary during this time, Anil said that he was hopeful of holding most of the matches.

Kumble enjoys another sunrise

HARARE, Oct 4: India needed less than an hour to beat a Zimbabwean President's XI by an innings and 71 runs on the final day of their three-day tour match at Sunrise Sports Club today, reports Reuters.

Resuming their second innings on 106-5 needing 244 to make India bat again, the President XI were dismissed for 173 just 57 minutes into the day's play.

Anil Kumble continued his domination of the match in ripping through the middle and late order to take five for 18. The wrist-spinner took five for 35 in the first innings as the home side tumbled to 156 all out and scored his sixth first-class century — 100 not out — as India amassed 400-5 declared.

The only noteworthy resistance came from Bryan Strang, who smashed 48 off 39 balls with five fours and two sixes. Strang added 53 with the obdurate Craig Gurr, who finished with 13 not out, for the seventh wicket.

The one-off Test, which will end the tour, starts at Harare Sports Club on Wednesday.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the three-day match between ZCU President's XI and India on Sunday:

ZCU PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings 156 all out.
INDIA: First innings
Jadeja c Penney b Strang 61
Sidhu lbw b Strang 19
Dravid b Vermeulen 25
R Singh c Marillier b Viljoen 47
Tendulkar c Viljoen b Price 70
Mongia not out 70
Kumble not out 100
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, w-1, nb-5) 8
Total: (For 5 wickets declared) 400

Did not bat: Srinath, Sanghvi, Mohanty, Harbhajan Singh.

Fall of wickets: 1-37; 2-98; 3-144; 4-182; 5-240.

Bowler: O M R W
Matambanadzou 8.4 1 33 0
MacKay 25.2 7 94 0
Strang 24 5 105 2
Price 17 3 62 1
Vermeulen 5 0 17 1
Viljoen 15 2 82 1
Johnson 1.4 0 5 0

ZCU PRESIDENT'S XI: Second Innings
Marillier c Dravid b Mohanty 15
Vermeulen lbw b R Singh 28
Viljoen c R Singh b H Singh 21
Johnson c Mohanty b H Singh 19
Madondo lbw b Kumble 7
Penney c Sidhu b H Singh 7
Gurry not out 13
Strang b Kumble 48
Price c Dravid b Kumble 4
MacKay lbw b Kumble 4
Matambanadzou lbw b Kumble 0
Extras: (b-11, lb-3, w-1, nb-1) 16
Total: (All out in 54.5 overs) 173

Fall of wickets: 1-36; 2-50; 3-81; 4-82; 5-91; 6-107; 7-160; 8-164; 9-168; 10-173.

Bowler: O M R W
Mohanty 9 5 16 1
R Singh 8 3 15 0
Tendulkar 6 1 23 0
Harbhajan Singh 15 3 60 3
Kumble 13.5 7 18 5
Sanghvi 3 0 17 0

Result: India won by an innings and 71 runs.

Healy catches history



SYDNEY, Oct 4 (Reuters): Ian Healy, by his own admission, is not the world's most naturally talented wicketkeeper.

His earliest critics said he was not agile enough behind the stumps while the purists still maintain that he rises too early when he takes the ball.

But Healy has confounded his critics through a combina-

tion of hard work and dogged determination and it is no surprise that he has finally broken fellow-Australian Rod Marsh's world record for the most dismissals in Test cricket history.

The key to Healy's success lies in his work ethic. When he began his Test career against Pakistan at Karachi in 1988, Healy spent the morning before the match sharpening his reflexes by throwing a golf ball against a wall and then catching it — much in the same way that a young Don Bradman had once done.

A decade later, aged 34, Healy can still be found in the



ON TOP OF THE WORLD: Ian Healy, the Australian wicketkeeper, exults after gloving Pakistan's Wasim Akram for his world record 356th victim on the penultimate day of the opening Test at Rawalpindi yesterday.

car park outside his team hotel performing the same mundane exercise.

Healy's single-minded approach to the game has paid rich dividends as he transformed himself from a reliable backstop and handy batsman to one of the world's best keepers and a dashing strokeplayer.

His combination with leg-spinner Shane Warne has become part of cricketing folklore as the pair developed what

seems at times like a sixth sense.

While Warne's uncanny turn and lift has bewildered a generation of the world's greatest batsman, Healy has embraced and complemented his teammate's rich talents.

Healy's batting has also improved dramatically as a result of his labours, turning him from a reliable middle-order batsman to a genuine match-winner.

Two years ago, when under pressure to hold his place in the Australian team, Healy responded by smashing an unbeaten 161 against the West In-

ding 145 in the first innings was unlucky to be given out leg before. He was well forward to a ball from off-spinner Miller but was adjudged leg before by English umpire Peter Willey. Saeed made 19 with two fours.

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Moin added 34 runs with Malik for the fifth wicket while Malik-Wasim Akram partnership yielded 32 runs. In between Azhar Mahmood fell for one.

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GREATS BEHIND THE STUMPS

Top 10 world wicketkeepers (tabulate under Tests, dismissals, catches, stumpings):

Player	Dismissals	Catches	Stumpings
Ian Healy (Australia)	104	356	331
Rodney Marsh (Australia)	96	355	343
Jeffrey Dujon (West Indies)	81	272	267
Alan Knott (England)	95	269	250
Wasim Bari (Pakistan)	81	228	201
Godfrey Evans (England)	91	219	173
Syed Kirmani (India)	88	198	160
Deryck Murray (West Indies)	62	189	181
Wally Grout (Australia)	51	187	163
Ian Smith (New Zealand)	63	176	168

*Dujon's figures include two catches as a fielder.

Australia a wicket away



RAWALPINDI, Oct 4: Australia were on the verge of an historic and long-awaited victory against Pakistan on their home soil on the fourth day of the first Test here today, reports AFP.

The tourists are just one wicket away with Pakistan struggling at 137-9 in the second innings at close with a full day's play left. A 117 minute delay due to rain delayed the tourists historic win.

The Australians have 107 runs to play with to inflict an innings defeat on the home team. It will be their first win in Pakistan for 39 years.

Leg spinner Stuart MacGill returned with figures of 4-42. Veteran Salim Malik fighting an apparently losing battle top-scored for the home team with 48 not out in a pathetic display of batting by the Pakistanis.

Australian keeper Ian Healy had another reason to celebrate as he overhauled countryman Rodney Marsh's record of most dismissals when he caught Wasim Akram off Collin Miller. Healy now has 356 victims in 104 Tests.

The day began with overcast conditions and although the light improved with time the Pakistan camp was mired in gloom right from the word go.

Captain Aamir Sohail exposed his leg stump off Glenn McGrath and was bowled for 13. Pakistan lost the first wicket at 24. Pakistan then lost three wickets in the space of just seven balls to totter at 32-4.

Paceman Damien Fleming, who took a hat-trick on his debut at this ground four years ago, then claimed two wickets in three balls. He trapped Muhammad Wasim on the first ball of his fourth over.

One ball later Fleming had Inzamamul Haq leg before.

"It was a disgusting display of batting and once again we are near defeat due to our bad batting. Full marks to the Australians they were the better team," Sohail said.

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ties, his highest score in Test cricket.

Australia went on to win the match and the series.

Later that season, Healy hit a six to give Australia victory over South Africa in the series-deciding second Test at Port Elizabeth just when South Africa looked to be on the verge of a stunning upset.

Healy's statistics make compelling reading. Before the start of the current Test against Pakistan, Healy had claimed 353 scalps (328 caught and 25 stumped) from 103 Test appearances. He had also scored 3,906 runs, including three centuries and 21 50s, at an average of 28.72.

He equalled Marsh's record of 355 dismissals with two catches on the opening day at Rawalpindi, then claimed the outright record in Pakistan's second innings when he caught Wasim Akram.

Such is Healy's standing in Australia, where cricket is unrivalled as the national game, that one of the first to congratulate him when he equalled Marsh's record was Prime Minister John Howard.

"I think Healy has made an incredible contribution to the strength of the Australian batting line-up," Howard said.

"And the other thing I admire about Ian Healy is his tremendous enthusiasm. He is unfailingly energetic, he just bounces around, he's put up with some personal disappointment . . . but has still stayed with it."

Healy's stubborn approach to cricket has also come at a price. He has broken his fingers at least 10 times and is unable to straighten several of his digits which are now horribly bent.

He has also been criticised for his sometimes over-zealous approach to the game, with his detractors accusing him of sledging and unnecessary appeals bordering on harassment.

Last year Healy was demoted from vice-captain after becoming the first Australian to be suspended under the International Cricket Council's code of conduct when he was put out for two matches for dissent during the South African tour.

Healy criticised his own behaviour after he stomped off the field and threw his bat through the dressing room door when he was dismissed in the third Test after being adjudged caught behind down the leg side.

Even now, with the world record in his keeping and his career drawing to a close, the fire still burns within the fiercely patriotic Healy.

"It is something I will cherish for the rest of my life. I was waiting for it and it was not coming. I felt like a batsman on 99 and the single was not coming for 150 overs," Healy said about his record.

"I'd definitely like to get to 400 (wickets), he said. "You could call that a long-term goal but the shorter-term goals are just as important . . . to make sure I keep motivated, focused, playing well and putting in the same energies as I did years ago."

Warne waiting for next weekend
MELBOURNE, Oct 4: Shane Warne could be back bowling as early as next weekend after taking part in a trial match today, reports Reuters.

Warne, 28, is recovering from shoulder surgery that has forced him to miss Australia's current tour to Pakistan.

Warne said he would increase his workload this week and would test his shoulder with some light bowling work.

The leg-spinner fielded at first slip in the trial match for Victorian state players. He did not bowl but took a diving catch with no ill effects.

Warne said he would travel to Brisbane with the Victorian Sheffield Shield team next weekend for trial games even if he was not ready to bowl.

He said he was pleased with his progress but added he would only test his bowling next weekend if his rehabilitation went according to plan this week.

"It's coming along all right. I've just started doing a few extra things," he said.