

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT athletic contests and other types of public spectacles were a feature of the religious and social life of ancient Greece and Rome. In Greece the games served at first as an element in various religious observances: Some were held in honour of the gods, some as offerings of thanksgiving. Others, in later times, were held in honour of living persons. The Greek games, with their attendant processions, feasts, and music, played an important role in developing the appreciation of physical beauty that is typical of Greek art and literature. Until a relatively late stage in Greek history, the participants in the games were drawn from among the citizens rather than from among professional athletes. As the games took on an increasingly professional character, they rapidly declined in public esteem. The four major cycles of games were the Olympian Games, the Pythian Games, the Isthmian Games, and the Nemean Games.

The gods have obviously gone. But the tradition of feasts remain till today. At the Dhaka Stadium a portion of *ghugnee* with a squeeze of *limboo* is an all-time favourite. Also common to the mind a delicacy called *bara* (12) *jhaal* (13) *masala*. Of course, you may sometimes end up with having *chouda* (14) antacids.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID
 COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-105

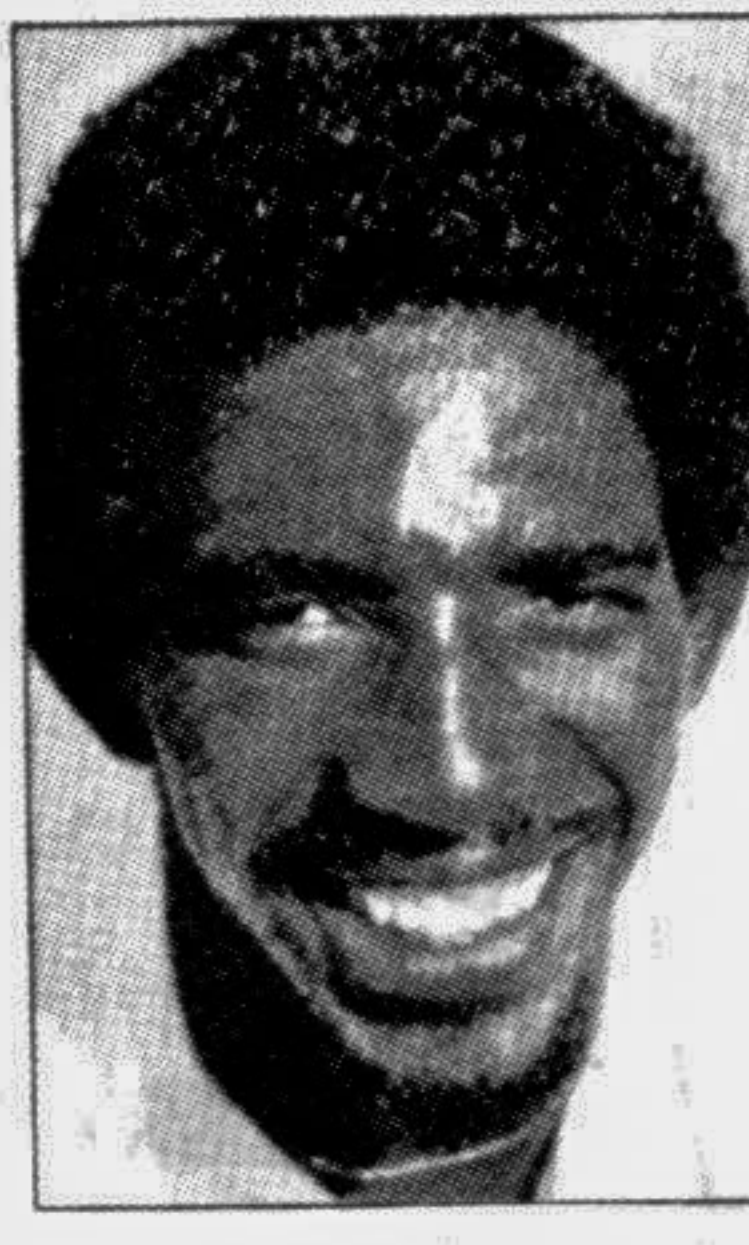
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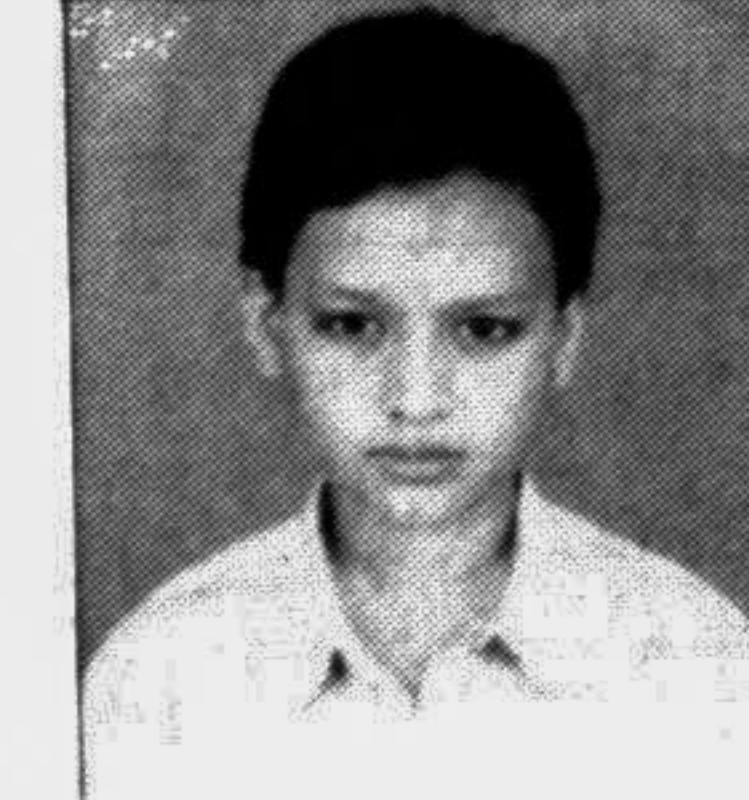
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SPORTS TALK



Phil Simmons
 (West Indian cricketer)
 "How can cricket take place in such treacherous weather?"
 Complaining about playing in England.

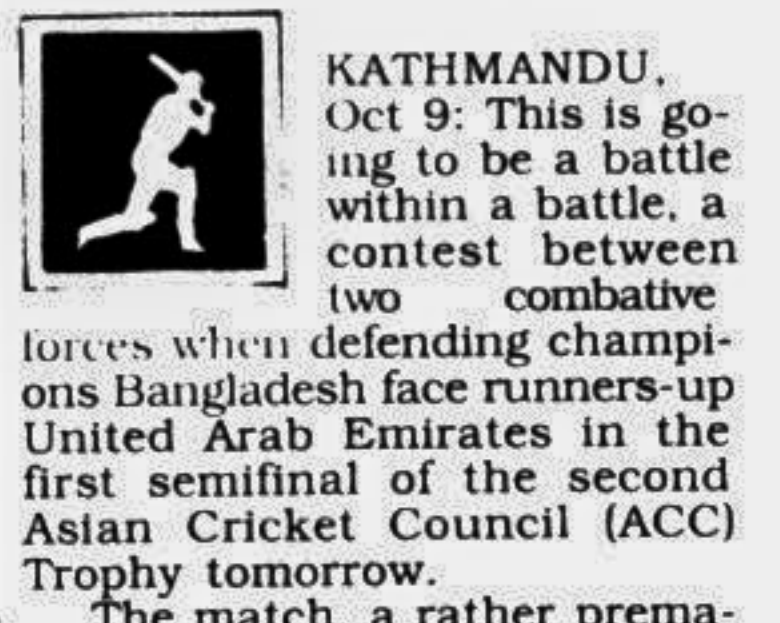


Md Saquib Khan
 Boost Whizz Kid-102 winner

Bangladesh-UAE first semi today

Credibility put to test

From Al-Amin



KATHMANDU, Oct 9: This is going to be a battle within a battle, a contest between two combative Bangladesh face runners-up United Arab Emirates in the first semifinal of the second Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Trophy tomorrow.

The match, a rather premature clash between the two better sides of the tourney, weather permitting will kick off at the Tribhuvan University ground at 9 am local time. Star Sports and Nepal TV will cover the 50-over-a-side contest. Live and when the TWTI crew starts beaming the game to different parts of the world, it will have the proud distinction of becoming the first international electronic media group in Kathmandu to cover an event of this magnitude.

Bangladesh, who finished top from Group A, were in a state of uncertainty regarding their semifinal opponents until Hong Kong recorded a comprehensive six-wicket win over hosts Nepal at the Engineering University ground today. The impressive victory of Hong Kong put them atop Group B ahead of UAE by virtue of better net run-rate. Hong Kong will take on Malaysia in the second semifinal at the same venue on October 11.

Although Hong Kong heaved a sigh of relief by avoiding the ICC champions, both Bangladesh and UAE, the finalists of the first edition in Malaysia in 1996, looked relaxed ahead of what many are regarding as a final before the final.

"Definitely this match will be the most exciting one in the tournament, and for us it will be the first acid test in the tournament so far," said the skipper of Bangladesh Aminul Islam at the Engineering Campus ground, where the national team had their practice in the evening ahead of the crucial match.

"The UAE are a strong side. Although I did not see them in action, I believe this team is better than the previous one that played in Malaysia three years ago. But if we can play up to our potential we will definitely win tomorrow," said Aminul.

Although all the members of the team had a light training session, left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique mysteriously gave it a miss for nursing what he claimed "an old injury on his right leg". He stayed back in the hotel.

"The team lacked a spinner, but with the arrival of Moni Bhai (Enamul Haq) we are more confident," said Aminul. Veteran left-arm Enamul Haq arrived in Kathmandu in the afternoon. The southpaw went straight to practice ground from the Tribhuvan Airport to have the feel of the condition.

A confident Aminul, who predicted some changes in the team, said: "We are here to defend the title and my spirited side is not thinking anything less than a victory," said Aminul.

Aminul's UAE counterpart Seed-Al Safar said that it will be a tough game. Terming Bangladesh a "good side" the UAE captain said: "They have topped the group. They have won against some pretty good sides. But I think they are going to come mentally hard tomorrow. There are seven or eight players in the UAE Squad here who played against Bangladesh in Malaysia three years back."

"I think both are pretty balanced sides. The only difference is that yours are an experienced lot. Bangladesh have been playing a lot of matches since they won the ICC Trophy," said Safar adding that it will be their first match at the Tribhuvan University ground.

Today's umpires: S. K Bansal (Ind) & B.C Cooray (SL)
Match referee: Ashanta Demele (SL)

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Kathmandu chronicle

From Sports Reporter
KATHMANDU, Oct 9: Once again the national cap kept away from the young medium-pacer Mushfiqur Rahman who left the Nepalese capital today making room for left-arm spinner Enamul Haque without playing a single match in the ACC Trophy tournament.

This must be yet another disappointing experience for him after the Commonwealth Games where he was not picked up for a match and thus he could not make his national debut.

"It's very disappointing. I'm always ready to play. But it is the team management who will decide when I will play," said a gloomy Mushfiq on his departure for Dhaka.

Earlier, Enamul arrived here this afternoon to bolster the Bangladesh bowling battery.

AMBASSADOR'S DINNER
 Bangladesh's Ambassador to Nepal Mohiuddin Ahmed hosted a dinner at his residence on Thursday in honour of the national cricket team. All the players but vice-captain Khaled Mahmud, coach Gordon Greenidge, manager Enayet Hossain Siraj and other officials attended party which ran until 10pm.

Aminul, who is on his maiden mission as skipper, asked for an additional tweak on Thursday after their match against the Maldives.

Enamul, who played an instrumental role in the inaugural ACC Trophy in Malaysia two years ago, will replace right-arm medium-pacer Mushfiqur Rahman.

Meanwhile, Syed Ashrafu Huq, general secretary of BCB, will also fly to the Nepalese capital tomorrow to attend an executive committee meeting of the ACC which will be held day after tomorrow. Ashrafu will return on the same day after the meeting.

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Dravid's dogged determination

Tourists take slim lead



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LATEST

HARARE, Oct 9 (Reuters/AP): Zimbabwe, 59 runs behind India on first innings, were 219 for two in their second innings at the close on the third day of the one-off Test at Harare Sports Club today.

Earlier, Zimbabwe fast bowlers Heath Streak, Henry Olonga and Mpuumelo Mbangwa combined to take four wickets.

Beginning the day on 248-6 in reply to Zimbabwe's fragile 221 India seemed likely to build a big first innings lead.

Rahul Dravid, on 104 overnight, looked in fine fettle and well set to extend his century to be a big personal score.

But partner Robin Singh, beginning on nine, was trapped lbw to Olonga for 15. Ajit Agarkar and Jayasingh Prasad both underlined once more the weakness of the tail by falling victim to Streak.

Dravid, suddenly left with last man Harbhajan Singh, decided to lash out and was brilliantly caught in the covers by Neil Johnson off Mbangwa for 118.

Just two balls after the midmorning drinks break India were all out adding only 32 runs to their opening score. When they might well have expected a first innings lead of well over 100, it turned out to be 59.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the one-off Test between Zimbabwe and India at Harare Sports Club on Thursday:
ZIMBABWE: First innings 221

INDIA: First innings (overnight 6-1)
 Mongia b Olonga 6
 Sidhu c Flower b Olonga 6
 Kumble b Streak 29
 Dravid not out 104

Tendulkar c Campbell b Johnson 34
 Azharuddin c Johnson b Olonga 1
 Ganguly lbw b Olonga 47
 R Singh not out 9
 Extras: (lb-3, w-4, nb-10) 17
 Total (for six wickets) 248

Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-22; 3-43; 4-124; 5-127; 6-215.
 To bat: A Agarkar, J Srinath, H Singh.

Bowler (to date): O M R W
 Streak 23 6 51 1
 Olonga 20 6 50 4
 Johnson 18 5 64 1
 Huckle 15 2 39 0
 Mbangwa 13 4 28 0
 Evens 3 0 8 0
 Goodwin 2 0 5 0

Inzamam wastes his chance

Rawalpindi in trouble



RAWALPINDI, Oct 9: Pakistan's Muhammad Wasim and Inzamamul Haq might be axed for the second

Test after both batsmen flopped while representing Rawalpindi on the second day of the four-day side game against Australia Friday, reports AP.

Selectors gave both middle-order batsmen a chance to regain their form after Pakistan were crushed by the Test against Australia earlier this week.

On a wicket where young Pindi openers Muhammad Naveed and Asif Mehmood put on a handsome century stand, Inzamam and Wasim made only five and eight respectively.

Test batsman Ijaz Ahmed, not included in the Pakistan's first Test line-up, made 33 with the help of three fours and a six off Gavin Robertson as Rawalpindi finished the day at 196 for seven in first innings.

This was in reply to Australia's first innings total of 355. Azhar Mahmood was unbeaten on 13 while Shakeel Ahmed was yet to get off the mark at draw of stumps.

Wasim was run out in a terrible mix-up with Inzamam at the stroke of tea break. Inzamam followed him soon after the resumption when he casually drove off-spinner Collin Miller straight to Michael Slater at mid-wicket.

Naveed and Asif, the two Pindi youngsters, earlier defied Australian bowlers for 40 overs. Naveed was a bit shaky earlier in his innings, taking boundaries off medium fast Michael Kasprovic in the slip cordon. Mahmood, however, played with lot more authority, hitting most of his nine boundaries through the covers as both batsmen put on an impressive 108 runs for the first wicket.

Kasprovic broke the 166-minute opening stand when he got a lucky leg before decision of Mahmood from umpire Javed Akhtar with the ball going a long way down the leg side. Mahmood's brilliant 51 featured nine fours and came off 126 balls.

Two runs later, Naveed tried to reach his half century with a big hit but lost his stumps off the bowling of Robertson after making a fine 48 off 134 deliveries.

Pindi lost five wickets in space of 59 runs although at one stage they were strongly placed at 108 for one.

Earlier, Australia added another 27 runs to their overnight total of 328 for seven before their first innings closed at 355. Azhar claimed the wickets of Robertson (42) and Kasprovic in his third over of the day to finish with four for 83 while Jaffer Nazir (3-66) and left-arm spinner Shakeel Ahmed (3-98) captured the remaining wickets.

Fall of wks: 1-108; 2-110; 3-122; 4-126; 5-167; 6-167; 7-194.
 To bat: Zahir Shah, Jaffer Nazir.

Bowler O M R W
 Fleming 17 2 30 0
 Kasprovic 23 10 33 1
 Miller 23 10 33 1
 Robertson 19 4 50 2
 Lehmann 5 4 3 1
 Umpires: Javed Akhtar and Nazir Junior.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the four-day match between Rawalpindi and Australia on Friday:
AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 328 for 7)
 Taylor c Azhar b Nazir 13
 Slater c Nazir b Azhar 4
 Langer b Shakeel 42
 M Waugh c Nazir b Azhar 41
 Ponting c Naveed b Shakeel 88
 Lehmann c Shakeel b Nazir 103
 Healy c Naveed b Shakeel 15
 Robertson b Azhar 42
 Kasprovic c Ijaz b Azhar 8
 Fleming c Abbasi b Nazir 0
 Miller not out 14
 Extras: (b-11, lb-8, nb-6) 25
 Total: (All out in 99 overs) 355
 Fall of wks: 1-10; 2-35; 3-50; 4-107; 5-215; 6-250; 7-302; 8-341; 9-341; 10-355.

Bowler O M R W
 Mahmood 23 2 83 4
 Nazir 21 5 66 3
 Shakeel 30 4 98 3
 Zahir Shah 13 0 54 0
 S Javed 7 0 17 0
 Naveed 5 0 18 0

RAWALPINDI: First innings
 Naveed b Robertson 48
 Asif Mahmood lbw b Kasprovic 51
 M Wasim run out 8
 Inzamamul c Slater b Miller 35
 Ijaz c Miller b Lehmann 3
 Shahid Javed c Fleming 11
 Robertson 11
 Azhar not out 13
 Nadeem Abbasi b Kasprovic 11
 Shakeel Ahmed not out 0
 Extras: (b-10, lb-1, nb-5) 16
 Total: (for 7 wks in 79 overs) 196

Peshawar Test
Waqar, Aaqib overlooked

RAWALPINDI, Oct 9: Pakistan named a 14-member squad for the second Test against Australia to be played at Peshawar beginning Oct 15, reports AP.

Paceman Waqar Younis, batsman Muhammad Wasim, all-rounder Muhammad Husain and medium fast Aaqib Javed have been dropped from the 15-member team which was crushed by an innings and 99 runs in the opening Test at Rawalpindi.

Off-spinner Saqlain Mush-taq has gone to England to be with his ailing father and is not available for the Peshawar Test.

The selectors have recalled two young paceman Shoab Akhtar and Muhammad Zahid to strengthen the fast bowling department. Zahid took 14 wickets in his debut Test against New Zealand in 1996 home series but has been struggling with back problem.

He has recovered fully and it's a good sign that he is showing to regain his rhythm," chief selector Wasim Bari said.