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Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the Roman games differed radically from the Greek games in several respects. In Greece the people were often part-cipants, whereas in Rome they were mere spectators, and only professional athletes, slaves, and prisoners customarily took part. Also, the Greek games depended for their entertainment value chiefly on competition among athletes, whereas the Roman games were often characterised by the staging of battles fought to the death and involved large numbers of human beings and also beasts.

We are like the Romans because the people here are mere spectators. Again we are like the Greeks because of the entertainment value. Again we are like the Romans because we have battles fought among officials to the death of a sport. Truly, we are classical nation.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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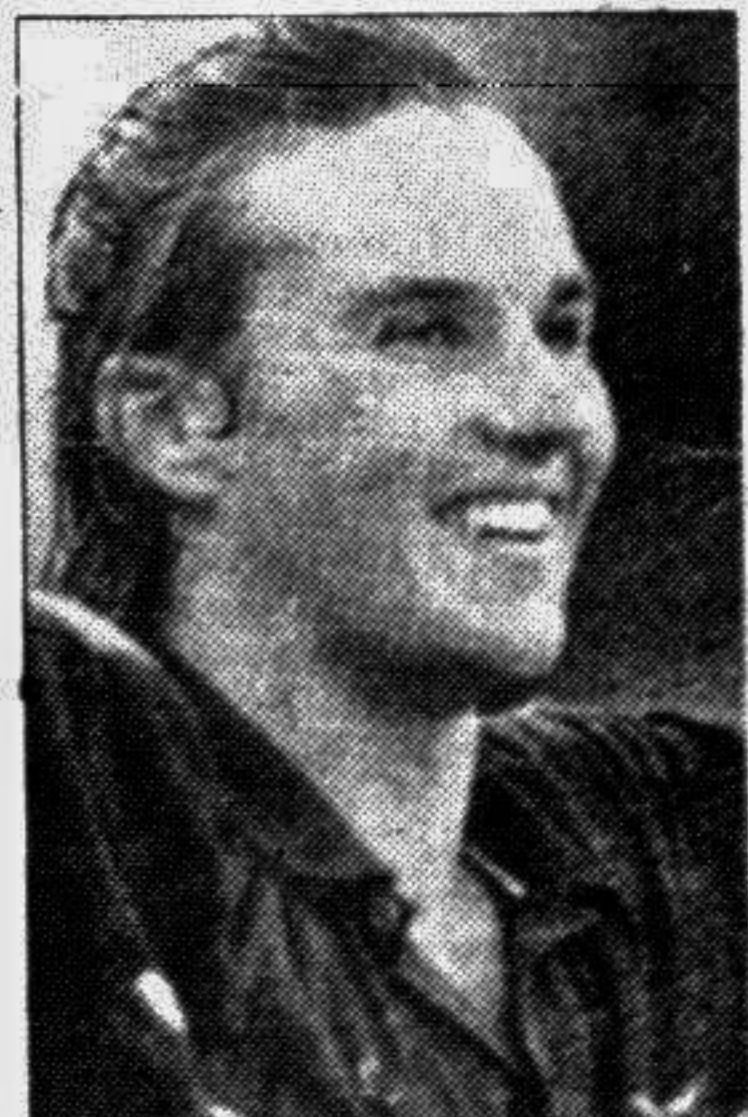
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1	How many ODI centuries has Tendulkar hit so far?	17	18	19
2	Who is England's cricket coach?	Lloyd	Botham	Gooch
3	Who is the new France soccer coach?	Platini	Cruyff	Lamere
4	Next Asia Cup cricket will be held in:	Dhaka	Colombo	Calcutta
5	Who lifted this year's 1st Division hockey league title?	MSC	AKC	BSC

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SPORTS TALK



Patrick Rafter
(Australian ace tennis player)
"If Australia loses Tony Roche as Davis Cup coach, I'm going to resign too."
After hearing that Tony Roche might step down as Australian coach because of a feud with Mark Philippoussis.

Div II soccer

Basabo Tarun Sangha beat Prantic KC 1-0 in the Metropolitan Second Division football league at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Iqbal scored in the 48th minute.

In the day's another match, Jurain Janata Club and Mohakhali Eleven shared points in a goalless draw.

Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Oct 11: Mohammedan Sporting Club earned full points in the CJKP First Division football league beating Brothers Union 3-0 at M A Aziz Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Mohammedans led the first half 1-0.

Nakib scored twice while Alfaz scored the other.

Mohammedans took the lead through Alfaz who netted the ball off a cross from Liton in the 2nd minute (1-0).

Nakib doubled the margin in the 54th minute while Liton gave him the ball into the box (2-0).

Nakib's header entered into the Brothers net in the 72nd minute off a lob of Nazrul Babu (3-0).



READY TO ROLL: The electronic scoreboard at the Bangabandhu National Stadium was switched on for the first time by its manufacturing technicians from Display Solutions Incorporated yesterday. — Star photo

Electronic scoreboard passes test

Sports Reporter

The newly-installed electronic scoreboard at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, which will be used in the Wills International Cup, was tested for the first time yesterday evening.

Two technicians of the South African company Display Solutions Inc — Gideon C Ackerman and Raymond D Castles expressed their complete satisfaction to *The Daily Star* about the board saying that it was fully ready for operation.

Both the new floodlights and the electronic scoreboard will be formally inaugurated by Finance Minister S A M S Kibria today at 5:30 pm.

According to the two Capetown-based technicians, it will have a number of interesting features including the speed-check of balls delivered by the bowlers.

"Speedster '98", an specially designed scanner, will be used to measure the speed of the deliveries.

Besides, catch phrases such as "good catch," "oh! no!," "4 runs," "great six" etc. and animation

will provide a unique experience for the fans.

It may be mentioned that, Display Solution Inc. has installed electronic board at the GABBA, Lord's and all grounds in South Africa.

WORLDTEL OFFICIAL DUE TODAY

Meanwhile, John C Bodnar, a senior producer of WorldTel, arrives today on a day's visit.

Nearly 60 officials, engineers and technicians of the WorldTel will work during the tournament, said Sajjadul Alam Bobby, the convener of the BCB's Electronics Media sub-committee.

The WorldTel production team will start arriving from October 20 with the largest group of 28 members expected on October 22.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

Spectators of the Wills International Cup wanting to bring their own vehicles to the Bangabandhu National Stadium, will have to enter the stadium through the southern gate commonly known as the Mosque Gate. Afterwards they will have to park at the Paltan Maidan.

According to press release of the Security, Gate, Law and Order Sub-committee yesterday, cars with stickers will enter through the western gate and will park on the northern side of the general car park at the Paltan Maidan.

No vehicles will be allowed to enter through the eastern and northern gates. They will be the only exit points.

Besides, no cars will be allowed to travel outside the stadium during the tournament other than ones bearing stickers.

Carrying of any unauthorised materials including explosives into the stadium will strictly be prohibited.

BCB will also establish a few 'May I Help You' booths in the galleries to provide necessary medical support in case of emergencies.

Nat'l age-group swimming Nov 5

Sports Reporter

The three-day long Keya Cosmetics 18th national age-group swimming championship will begin at the National Swimming Pool in Mirpur from November 5 under the auspices of Bangladesh Swimming Federation (BSF).

The participants of all the districts, clubs and other affiliated organisations of the BSF have been asked to report to the federation at 4 pm on November 3 and be present at the medical tests the following morning at 8 am.

Kathmandu Chronicle

From Sports Reporter

KATHMANDU, Oct 11: The general secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Syed Ashraf Haq has arrived in Kathmandu to attend the special meeting of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) to be held at a local hotel here tomorrow. The meeting, likely to be attended by the GSs of 16 member-nations and five associate members, will decide the venue of the next ACC Trophy. It was learnt from different sources that Sharjah will be the venue for the third edition of the tournament.

WELCOME BREAK

The Bangladesh cricket team today took a welcome break from the pressures of a most demanding task. The whole team, for a refreshing change, travelled to picturesque Nagarkot. A beautiful place for sight-seeing, Nagarkot is located south-east of Kathmandu. A place more than a thousand feet above sea level, it is a tourists' heaven from where one can see the Himalayan range. The national team returned to the hotel in the afternoon. The team will go back to business from tomorrow morning to prepare for the final against Malaysia, to be held at the Tribhuvan University ground on October 13.

Div I hockey

Sporting suffer maiden loss

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Sporting Club tasted their first defeat in the Green Delta First Division hockey league when Sonali Bank handed them a 0-2 at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Having already emerged champions of the eight-team league, Bangladesh Sporting approached the game casually and were made to pay for doing so when Bank forward Shameem struck in the ninth minute. The same player was on target six minutes from time.

Sonali Bank raised their tally to 22 points from 12 matches and moved into second place in the table with a temporary one-point lead over Wari Club who have 20 points with one match in hand.

On the other hand, Bangladesh Sporting remained at the top with 31 points on completion of their 12th outing.

In the day's other match, Victoria Sporting Club posted a 2-1 win over Cantonian Sporting Club.

After a barren first half, Mohammad Chand and Danesh Kamal scored one goal each for the Victorians in the 49th and 53rd minutes while Hasnat pulled one back for Cantonians in the 65th minute.

It was Victoria's third win from 12 matches which increased their tally to 11 points. On the other hand, Cantonians remained on seven points.

Bangladesh-Malaysia final tomorrow

Hong Kong sent packing



KATHMANDU, Oct 11: Malaysia set up a final clash with holders Bangladesh when the gate-crashers to the 2nd ACC Trophy pulled off an upset 41-run win over fancied Hong Kong in the second semifinal of the ACC Trophy at the Tribhuvan University ground here today.

The spirited Malaysians, who failed to make even to the last four in the first meet, surprised all and sundry in Kathmandu when, defending a fighting total of 174 for nine in a reduced 40-over match, they shot their more colourful opponents out for a meagre 133 in 36.4 overs.

Hong Kong, losing semi-finalists in Kuala Lumpur three years back, looked as if in a hurry to catch the first available flight back home when, in a mad chase, they virtually threw away their wickets. They were off to a horrible start, losing two wickets without opening the account in the first over of Muniandy from where they never recovered. Rahul Sharma, who scored a strokeful 50, was the only Hong Kong player to play with some purpose. But support at the other end was virtually at a premium.

Muniandy, who made the early in-roads, claiming two wickets in the sensational first over, finished with four for 11 runs in his six overs. The medium-pacer, who had earlier

scored a quick-fire 16 off 12 balls was later declared the man-of-the-match.

Earlier, the Malaysian total was built around a disciplined 48 from opener Suresh Singh and an useful 26 from Navaratnam.

For Hong Kong, skipper Stewart Brew claimed four wickets, two in successive deliveries in the final over, giving away in all 38 runs. Despite Brew's efforts, the most discouraging aspect of the Hong Kong side was the uncontrolled bowling and bizarre fielding. The Hong Kong bowlers gave away a staggering tally of 32 extras which included 22 wides.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard of the second semifinal match of the Pepsi ACC Trophy between Hong Kong and Malaysia played at the Tribhuvan University ground Sunday:

MALAYSIA
Rakesh Madhavan c Tailor b S Hussain 13
Suresh Singh lbw b Brew 48
Suresh Navaratnam run out (Zubair/Brew) 26
Ramesh Menon c b Sharma 3
K Ramadass c M Hussain b Brew 3
Mathew William st S Hussain b Sharma 8
Rohan Selvaratnam c Zubair b Sharma 17
M Muniandy b Brew 16
Jeevendran Nair not out 2
Chew Pok Cheong b Brew 0
Venu Ramadass not out 6
Extras: (b-2, lb-8, w-22) 32
Total (9 wickets in 40 overs) 174

Fall of wkts: 1-43; 2-93; 3-99; 4-108; 5-130; 6-136; 7-153; 8-168; 9-168.

Bowler
Zubair 8 1 32 0
Brew 8 0 38 4
M Hussain 5 0 23 0
Raza 5 0 12 0
S Hussain 6 0 26 1
Sharma 8 0 33 3

HONG KONG
Sada Hussain lbw b Muniandy 0
Riaz Farcy b V Ramadass 14
Kamran Raza c Navaratnam b Muniandy 0
Stewart Brew c Nair b Menon 4
Rahul Sharma c K Ramadass b Muniandy 50
Ravi Sujanan st K Ramadass b Chong 9
Geoff Hurrell b Nair 13
Munir Hussain c Selvaratnam b Navaratnam 10
Bharat Gohel not out 10
Mohammad Zubair lbw b Muniandy 9
Jignesh Tailor b Navaratnam 2
Extras: (b-2, lb-3, w-6, nb-1) 12
Total: (all out in 36.4 overs) 133
Fall of wkts: 1-0; 2-0; 3-14; 4-36; 5-54; 6-97; 7-97; 8-111; 9-130; 10-133.

Bowler
Muniandy 6 2 11 4
Ramadass 2 0 30 1
Menon 7 3 16 1
Navaratnam 6.4 2 12 2
Cheong 8 0 35 1
Nair 7 1 24 1
Result: Malaysia won by 41 runs.

Player-of-the-match: M Muniandy
Umpires SK Bansal (Ind) and Rizuddin (Pak)
TV Umpire: BC Cooray (SL)
Match referee: Ali Zia (Pak)

South Asian Federation Games in Sept

SASF secretariat in Dhaka

From Al-Amin

The two-day meeting, chaired by the president of the Nepal Olympic Association (NOA) Rukma Shamsheer, was attended by the presidents and secretary-generals of the seven member nations. Besides, the secretary-general of the Olympic Committee of Asia (OCA) Raja Randhir Singh was also present.

The meeting has approved Dhaka as the permanent SASF Secretariat. The BOA president will supervise its organisation and will appoint the office bearers. The present BOA office will be the temporary location of the SASF secretariat, said Mr. Chowdhury while talking to the Bangladesh journalists covering the cricket event in Kathmandu.

"Although India had earlier proposed to build the secretariat in Madras, they have finally agreed to comply with Dhaka's bid. This is certainly an achievement for us," said Mr. Chowdhury.

"We had to shift the date of the Games for the third consecutive time for obvious reasons," said Mr. Chowdhury. The biennial sporting extravaganza was earlier scheduled to be held last year in Kathmandu, which hosted the inaugural edition in 1984. But following requests from the organisers, it was rescheduled for March, 1999.

This time around the Games' date has been deferred after both India and Pakistan expressed their reluctance to attend three Olympic events in one calendar year. Moreover, the general elections of Nepal will be held in May next year.

The organisers here are confident to complete the swimming complex, the shooting range and the renovation work at the Dasarath Stadium, the main venue, before March.

"We have visited different venues to see the progress. I think the work will be completed before the stipulated time," said Mr. Chowdhury, who left Kathmandu for Dhaka this afternoon.

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