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Column One

DID U' KNOW? (The Professor does)

THAT we learn from old newspapers about a cricket match in Bengal played in the 1870s. The match was played between Eastern Bengal and Calcutta. In all probability English players of Dhaka and other areas formed the Eastern Bengal or Purbabanga team. There may have been one or two non-English players in the side. This was then news. The Calcutta team comprised of cricketers residing in Calcutta. Eastern Bengal were badly beaten by Calcutta. In reply to Eastern Bengal's 170 runs Calcutta scored 317.

If the same teams are formed today, we will not find a single Englishman in either side; unless, of course, Fairbrother decided to drop by.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN
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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	Lemerre
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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Martina Hingis
 (Former world No 1)
 "Turning 18 is a new stage. I've been waiting for it."
 After being presented with a car on her 18th birthday.

Div I hockey

Bangladesh SC and Sonali Bank Club won their respective matches in the Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh SC, who earlier clinched the league title, beat Wari Club 2-1 after leading the first half 1-0 in the last match of the league.

Prashanta scored two field goals for the winners in the 24th and 42nd minutes while Shahabuddin netted one field goal for the losers in the 56th minute.

Earlier, in another match, Sonali Bank defeated Bangladesh Railway 3-2 after dominating the first half 2-1.

Shamim put the bankers ahead in the 20th minute by a field goal while William doubled the margin in the 24th minute, also by a field goal.

Titu completed the winners tally in the 62nd minute by a field goal.

Kirpal Singh and Premjit Singh scored one goal each for Railway.

Asian under-19 soccer

CHIANG MAI, Thailand, Oct 19: Under-19 Asian football championship result today, reports AFP.

Thailand 4 (Pisan Ramra 23, Suthes Suksomjit 38, 71, Thongchai Akarapong 54) India 0.



A BANGABANDHU STADIUM FIRST? Zimbabwean cricketers to the Wills International Cup took to rugby at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday morning during a warming-up session. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

Wills Cup: Itsy bitsy teenie weenies

Lightastic
 The England and Zimbabwe cricketers had the first feel of the new floodlights at the Bangabandhu National Stadium when they had their net practice yesterday afternoon.

The lights seemed a far cry from the old dim, gloomy ones and both the teams were visibly enthusiastic about the system.

As daylight started to fade, the couple of hundred present at the stadium were expecting the floodlights to be switched on at any moment. The wait was getting a bit too long for comfort when an visibly anxious BCB secretary Syed Ashraf Haque rushed to the players' dressing room and inquired from joint secretary of the Board Mahmudul Haque Manu "What's wrong with the lights?"

"The voltage is low," came the reply signifying the fact that the mega-million event may still be a bit insecure and unsure in certain departments.

Thankfully, as the practising England players were beginning to get a bit apprehensive, the four towers started showering light in all its glory. "This is fantastic."

"These are the best lights I've ever seen anywhere in the world. The lights here are even better than the one at the MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground)," exclaimed an impressed England skipper Adam Hoolioake after the practice.

Russell Philing anxious
 Phil Russell, the reputable

Rabeed Imam & Al-Amin

South African pitch expert, was roaming around the main wickets and the ones for practice at the stadium apparently with his fingers crossed. Some rather unexpected rain has upset the preparations of the pitches over the last couple of weeks and Russel, who is scheduled to leave the capital tonight, was looking for some clue as to how they were going to behave.

The slowness and lack of bounce in the practice wickets was evident as the England batsmen struggled to play their shots freely.

Bridle up, Asif!

"We can only accommodate the journalists, but not their family members and relatives in the press box". This unbridled statement was delivered by

none other than the event manager of the Wills International Cup Asif Iqbal at a press briefing yesterday.

The pressmen, who were inquiring about the media facilities, were taken aback after the former Pakistan captain unleashed that terrible stroke.

It was not known what prompted Asif to gather the impression that local journalists might have sought accreditation cards for their family

members, but he was diplomatic enough to withdraw his remarks following protests from the aggrieved fourth state.

Alam puts his foot down

A day of football is enough! said the press-shy ground secretary Alam Chowdhury referring to the football and rugby that was played by the England and Zimbabwe teams at the stadium. "No more of these stuffs tomorrow", said Alam obviously concerned about the possible damage to the outfield.

The cellar is drying up

They didn't expect the weather to be so sultry. Still the Englishmen will not mind the itchy conditions as long as they have enough 'sportsdrink'. But the stock of the popular tonic has become a concern as the England management feels they have not brought sufficient amount of it to combat the Dhaka heat.

BCB separates friends

At the stadium, there were two friendly photographic technicians' from 'AllSport'. The two enterprising young men were seen busy taking photos from different angles and were keen to exchange views with local journalists inside the ground. However, a conversation was rudely interrupted by one over-enthusiastic BCB official, who literally forced the local pressmen off the field.

Qadir back with a bang!

MELBOURNE, Oct 19: Former Pakistani leg-spinner Abdul Qadir raised memories of his glorious past when he took eight wickets for 67 runs in a district match in Australia on Saturday, reports AFP.

Qadir, 43, played havoc for Carlton against Footscray in a two-day match in which he bowled 33.2 overs. Qadir, who took 236 wickets in 67 Tests for Pakistan, is contracted to play and coach in South Australia.

Qadir came to prominence in 1977-78 when he took six wickets in a Hyderabad Test against England, he took 9-56 against England in the Lahore Test in 1987-88, his best bowling in Tests.



The Pakistani spinner faded out of the international action in 1992-93 after he broke his leg during an exhibition match in England.

Holding coming to Dhaka

West Indies fast bowling legend Michael Holding will arrive in the capital tomorrow morning in his capacity as a TV commentator at the Wills International Cup scheduled to start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from October 24.

Holding will be the first of six WorldTel commentators. The others are former England captain Geoffrey Boycott and Tony Greig, South African batting great Barry Richards, former New Zealand captain and batting maestro Martin Crowe and former Indian skipper Ravi Shastri.

Shastri who was also a member of the WorldTel team in the Coca-Cola Independence Cup last January, is coming on October 22 while Barry Richards and Martin Crowe are due the following day.

Boycott is expected on October 26.

Meanwhile, a 65-member WorldTel crew will start arriving from today.

The American-based TV company will use 18 cameras this time, four more than they did during the Independence Cup.

'BLACK CAPS' DUE TODAY

The 19-member New Zealand team, who will feature in the only pre-quarterfinal against Zimbabwe on the inaugural day, will be arriving tonight.

The 'Black Caps', led by Stephen Fleming, will be the third team to arrive after Zimbabwe and England.

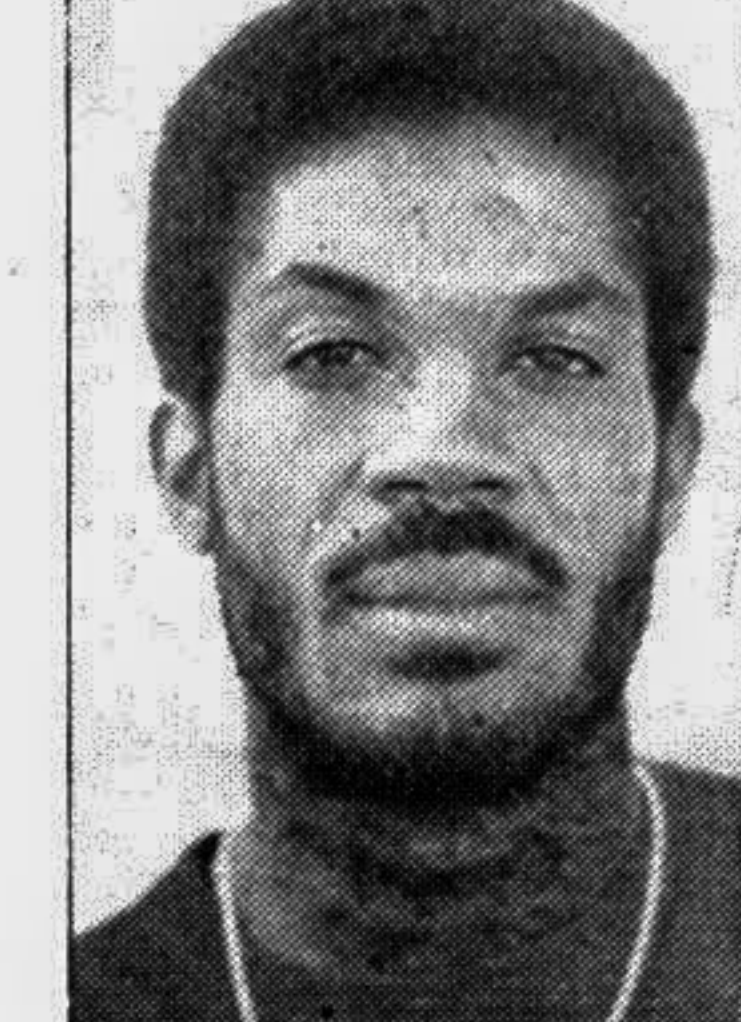
Team: Stephen Fleming (capt), Geoff Allott, Mark Bailey, Simon Doull, Matthew Horne, Shayne O'Connor, Alex Tait, Paul Wiseman, Nathan Astle, Matthew Bell, Chris Harris, Craig McMillan, Adam Parore (wicketkeeper) and Daniel Vettori.

Officials: Steve Rixon

Sports Reporter
 (coach), John Graham (manager), Mark Harrison (physio), Ashley Ross (technical advisor) and Gilbert Enoka (player coordinator).

PRACTICE SESSIONS

England and Zimbabwe had



MICHAEL HOLDING

two practice sessions each at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Although, both teams were due to use the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium and Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex ground respectively, event manager Asif Iqbal informed the press that the three practice venues including the BUET ground, will require another two to three days to be ready. Asif added in case of rain, they might consider allowing all teams to practice at the National Stadium.

After light warm-up sessions in the morning the England players indulged themselves into their national pastime — football while the Zimbabweans preferred rugby to sweat it out.

Both teams had net practice in the evening under the newly-installed floodlights.

England, who will meet South Africa in the quarterfinal on October 25, will play two practice matches against Zimbabwe and Bangladesh at BKSP on October 21 and 23.

The matches will start every day at 9.30 am.

Pasia lifts singles title

Dilip Pasia clinched the men's singles title in Elite Steel Open tennis tournament beating Manik by 6-0, 6-4 at Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday, reports UNB.

In the boys' singles group, Alamgir secured the title defeating Shahriar Haider by 6-4, 6-2 sets.

In the men's doubles, Dilip Pasia and Sakib pair secured the title beating Jhijan and Romy by 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader distributed prizes among the winners.

Schools b'ball

St Gregory's High School outplayed Green Herald School by 99-51 points in the Nissan Fan Schools basketball tournament at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first session 40-21.

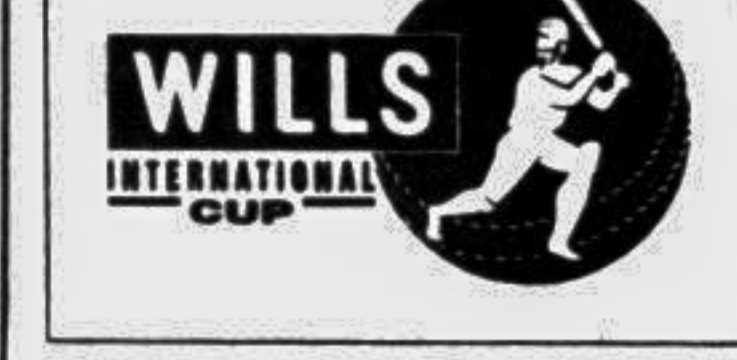
Emdad caged highest 45 points for St Gregory's while Russel scored 13 for Green Herald.

In the day's other match, St Nicholas High beat Mastermind by 57-45 after leading the first half 29-19.

Ashish and Aminur of St Nicholas scored 14 points each while Tansir of Mastermind caged 12.

ICC allots officials

Sports Reporter



The International Cricket Council (ICC) yesterday named the umpires, TV (third) umpires and match referees for the first five matches of the Wills International Cup. Six umpires — Steve Bucknor of West Indies, Srinivas Venkatraghavan of India, David Orchard of South Africa, Steve Dunne of New Zealand and two Englishmen David Shepherd and Peter Willey, have been chosen by the ICC for the nine-day long knock-out tournament. Besides, the ICC also appointed Sri Lankan Ranjan Madhugale and England's Raman Subba Row as the match referees for the mega event involving nine Test playing nations.

The followings is the full schedule of the matchers and officials for the first five matches:

No.	Date	Stage	Match	Umpire	TV Umpire	Referee
1.	Oct 24	QF	New Zealand v Zimbabwe	Bucknor & Willey	Shepherd	Subba Row
2.	Oct 25	QF	England v South Africa	Venkat & Dunnes	Bucknor	Madhugale
3.	Oct 26	QF	Sri Lanka v winners of match 1	Shepherd & Willey	Venkat	Subba Row
4.	Oct 28	QF	Australia v India	Bucknor & Dunne	Orchard	Madhugale
5.	Oct 29	QF	Pakistan v West Indies	Shepherd & Orchard	Willey	Subba Row
6.	Oct 30	SF	Winners of match 2 v 3	To be confirmed later		
7.	Oct 31	SF	Winners of match 4 v 5	To be confirmed later		
8.	Nov 1	Final	Final	To be confirmed later		

Note: Matches will be day-night affairs and will start at 2 pm BST.

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