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# DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT in 1887, there was quite a debate regarding a match between Calcutta's Presidency (college) and the Dhaka College cricket club. There are suggestions that newspapers of both Bengals carried a lot of writing regarding the match. The match was played at the Eden Garden. It was learnt from newspapers in advance that on that day the "Honourable Lieutenant-Governor and other important male members of royalty would be present at the match venue." And the "Dhaka College principal Mr Booth and Professor Mr Taper and Babu Sardaranjan have left for Calcutta in the company of the players." Sardaranjan was the team captain.

Dhaka won the match. Some Calcutta papers were critical about this, saying that "actually it was a defeat for Dhaka." Why should the papers of Dhaka accede to that? A Bangla paper in Dhaka published a lengthy opinion on the matter. At one stage the author reasoned: "Three numbers of opinion of my colleague is totally false. On the second day the Presidency players were about to begin batting by keeping the 'dour' of the first day intact. But Rowe and Wheeler (Presidency's shaheb) and some other Presidency players agreed wholeheartedly that even if they (Presidency) played a thousand times better on the second day it was in one way impossible for Presidency to recover the losses of the previous day." Then Sarada Babu asked Rowe shaheb: "Do you then agree that based on the previous day's play the Dhaka College versus Presidency College match is resolved in favour of Dhaka?" Rowe shaheb gave his assent to that.

"Sarada Babu then said, Therefore, the reason for which we came from Dhaka has been fulfilled. It is not necessary to play any further.' Thereafter it was proposed that both the teams play a scratch (friendly) match on that day."



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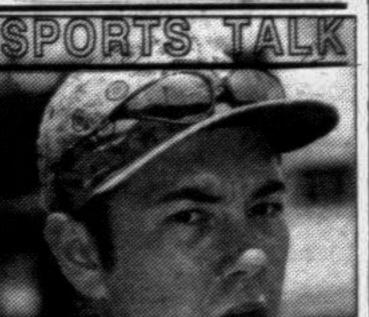
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### Women's world all-star soccer from Feb 14

WASHINGTON, Oct 25: The first FIFA women's World All-Star match will be played on February 14 in Los Angeles, the United States, said the president of the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup Organising Committee Saturday, reports Xinhua.



Neil Fairbrother looks for a single.

Star photo

# BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

# Requiem for the home team

By Shakil Kasem

As the lights 2000 lax or whatever get brighter by each passing evening, there is darkness in the shadows and the canyons of the Bangladeshi soul. The saddest spectacle on view in this cricketfest and carnival of lights, is the sight of Bangladeshi cricketers reduced to the level of paying public in

their own country. No less a person than Dr Ali Bacher has insisted that Bangladesh needs to get stronger as a side, if it is to play in a competition of this kind. Self respecting cricketers of this country may want to take this statement with a sizeable hunk of salt and try and read behind the lines. Whilst trying our best to get stronger as a side, should we not also acquire the required muscle as well to make ourselves heard within the ivory tower that is the ICC? While we are at it why not

Kenya do the same as well? It was deemed in their infinite wisdom by the framers of this competition that inclusion of any other teams, would have prolonged the duration of the competition: Translation; it would have inconvenienced the big brother, the Group of Nine. We do not want to do that, surely. Perish the thought. What's the score by the way? 122 years of test cricket and only nine test playing nations?

Hmm. It is no secret that some from amongst the G-9 were less than enthusiastic about this tournament being held at all. Disneyland was a No-No, as the ICC figured that there were to many legal threads for comfort to be unraveled. Dhaka was initially shot down as a venue. Among the reasons being cited, the prospects of rains during this time of the year being the most pronounced. Strange how a few strategically planted whispers in a few select ears changed weather conditions in this part of the world, once Sharjah in turn shot down the idea of a tobacco giant sponsoring the

The point is, the regulatory body of world cricket did in fact bend over backwards to convince, cajole and coax the main protagonists to make this global meena bazar a reality. Would the cynics be wrong to assume that compromises were commonplace and rampant? Down, Fido. Ours not to reason why, is it?

Are we to assume that Bangladesh's inclusion was likely to have reduced the format of this tournament, to rubble, such indeed would have been the consequences of a tenth nation playing? Undoubtedly, such an earth shaking occurrence would have registered fairly high on the Richter Scale. Certainly the tight schedules of the Big Boys

of world cricket would have been torn asunder, notwithstanding the fact that at least two of these teams were languishing at the Sonargaon Hotel since the 18th for six whole days before the tournament actually began. For sure, the frail Bengalee mind is reeling from the shock of even harboring such a thought. If indeed this tournament was meant for Test playing countries, why was it no test country volunteer to host it?

It is obvious that one must leave the whyfores and wherefores of Bangladesh's non inclusion, to more qualified minds to ponder and judge, as my rather inadequate store of grey cells is unable to cop with the demands of logic and rea-

As the pre quarter finals are out of the way. Bangladeshis at the Bangabandhu Stadium, perforce paid good money to cheer the histrionics of a bits and pieces English side and the exploits of a South African team sans Pollock, Donald and Gary Kirsten. Jonty Rhodes was expected to put on a show, which he did. For him, all in a day's work. Ho hum.

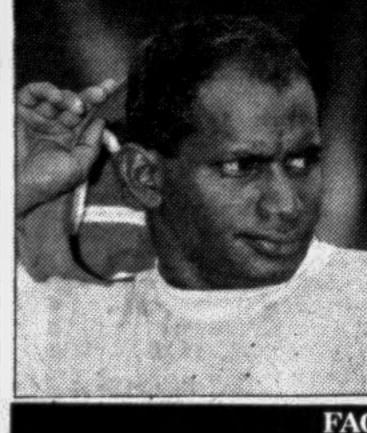
Perhaps the satisfaction of spending hard earned money to watch one's own home grown heroes and peers perform on the world stage, has its very own innate and intrinsic thrill. bordering on the orgasmic. It is perhaps because of this we should be forgiven for feeling aggrieved. But let us not kid ourselves anymore. Those hackneyed cliched phrases that international cricket would be

instrumental for a cricketing revolution in our country, do not hold water anymore. We already have more youngsters playing cricket than we care to know. Will the tournament inspire the present lot of Bangladeshi players to perform better having watched a galaxy of stars at close quarters, well what is the point if they cannot play against them?

Globalisation, is a catchy term, but it runs the risk of becoming gimmicky, if certain issues are not addressed to everybody's satisfaction. For instance, this tournament will recorded under the heading of One Day Internationals, irrespective of the fact that only test playing countries are taking part. As to why only test playing nations should participate, and not also other countries with ODI Status, is a question that demands to be answered. Particularly since. there was no place in the world other than our own backyard where their tournament got played

The one game, one world concept is incomplete if the world of one day cricket is segmented. Any arguments put forward by the powers that be to justify this discrimination is insulting to our national level of intelligence. It is frightening too. Colonialism is a hated term and that ideology was thought to have been dead and buried. It would be unfortunate indeed if a few stray embers of that ideology should ignite the flames of a future cricketing Raj. That is something we can do without.

## STAR FOR THE DAY



Sri Lankan masterblaster Sanath Jayasuriya always relishes the challenge of hitting over the top and he possesses the ammunition to get the job done. Coupled with his gentle but reliable left-arm orthodox bowling and outstanding fielding ability, he is an asset for any captain.

FACTFILE Sanath Teran Jayasuriya Born: 30 June 1969, Matara. **Major Teams:** Sri Lanka, Colombo Cricket Club. Known As: Sanath Jayasuriya. Sanath Jayasuriya. Pronounced: **Batting Style:** Left Hand Bat. Bowling Style: Slow Left Arm Orthodox. ODI Debut: Sri Lanka v Australia at Melbourne, World Series, 1989/90.

Latest ODE: Sri Lanka v England at Lord's Emirates Triangular Tournament. 1998. **ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS** including 20/08/1998 6 4359 151\* 6-29 983.4 12 4803 144 33.35

# SCOREBOARD



Scoreboard of the Wills International Cup match between England and South Africa at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

ENGLAND A Brown c Kallis b Symcox Knight c Boucher b Kallis Ealham c Rhodes b Kallis Hick lbw b Kallis Fairbrother b Rindel Lloyd Ibw b Boje Hollioake not out Russel c Benkenstein b Dawson Gilles not out Extras: (b-3; lb-19; w-9; nb-3) Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs) 281

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-80, 93, 4-94, 5-95, 6-207, 7-256 Bowler: Dawson Symcox 45 48 Kallis 19 Cronie 0 39 20 37 Crookes 0 Rindel 0

SOUTH AFRICA Cullinan c Fairbrother b Hick Rindel c A Brown b Giles Kallis run out Cronje c A Brown b Hollioake Rhodes not out Benkenstein not out Extras: (b-1, lb-8, wb7, nb-2) Total: (For 4 wickets in 46.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-113, 2-124. 3-135, 4-252,

67

Bowler P Martin 55 Austin 53 Ealham 51 Giles Hick Hollioake Brown Result: S Africa won by 6

wickets. Player-of-the -match: Daryll Cullinan.

# Words of wisdom

Sports Reporter

How long should we wait, To cheer of Bangladesh?

A million people is Paying today, To see II of our boys playing tomorrow

"Bangladesh wins the world This may be my dream today But should not be my son's; And must not be my Grand

These are the banners that some Bangladeshi cricket fans want the Bangladesh Cricket Board to hang in the gallery for the benefit of WorldTel cameras. The fans Farah Muneer, Farhana Kabir, Sifat Shahreen and Ahsan Zaheer made this extraordinary request in a letter to Ahmed Sajjadul Alam of the Media Centre of Wills International Cup. They wrote they were compelled to do so because they could not get tickets for any of the matches. Had they got the tickets, they would have hung the banners themselves to show the world-wide TV audierice their aspiration for the cricket of Bangladesh, the touching letter concluded.

### Pakistan ignore Waqar, Mushtaq

KARACHI, Oct 25: Pakistan left out speed merchant Wagar Younis and leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed from their squad for the Wills International Cup cricket tournament underway in Dhaka, chief selector Wasim Bari announced today, reports

Wagar missed the whole series against Australia due to an elbow injury but claimed he is

Wagar, who is the second highest wicket-taker in one-day cricket after Wasim Akram with 281 wickets in 171 matches, last week lashed out at selector's in a newspaper inter-TEAM

Aamir Sohail (captain). Saeed Anwar, Shahid Afridi. Jaz Ahmed, Inzamam Ul Haq. Salim Malik, Yousuf Yohanna, Moin Khan, Wasim Akram, Shoaib Akhter, Azhar Mahmood, Aaquib Javed, Saqlain Mushtag and Arshad Khan.

Coach: Javed Miandad. Manager: Azhar Zaidi. Lightning strikes

# booters JOHANNESBURG, Oct 25:

About eight footballers collapsed after being struck by lightning during a South African premier soccer league match here today, reports AFP. Several players had to be carried to the dressing rooms and Peter Matsitse and Martial

tal. There were no immediate reports on their condition. The incident occurred 11 minutes from the end of a national championship match in which Jomo Cosmos were leading home team Swallows 2-0 at the George Goch stadium near the city centre.

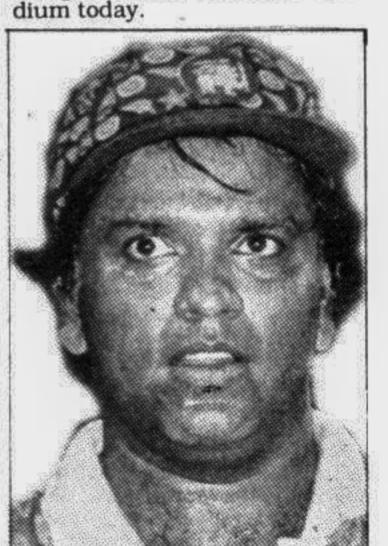
team.

Chimbonsoul from Moroka

Swallows were taken to hospi-

# World champs take on Kiwi resilience

After prevailing in a last ball drama against luckless Zimbabwe, Stephen Fleming's New Zealand face the might of the world champions Sri Lanka in the first quarterfinal of the Wills International Cup at the Bangabandhu National Sta-



RANATUNGA

Both teams had practice yesterday morning--the Sri Lankans at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) ground and New Zealand at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium(DCS).

Although Arjuna Ranatunga's side will start as firm favourites, the Kiwis can take heart from the fact that they enjoy the edge in head to head clashes between the two coun-

The two teams have met each other on 39 occasions in one day internationals with New Zealand winning 24 times while the Lankans have 12 victories to their credit. The sides have played one tied match and there was no results twice. In the match against Zim-

babwe, New Zealand were unusually sloppy on the field,and were guilty of dropping catches and bowling too many wayward deliveries. Only the resilient batting of skipper Fleming Adam Parore and a swashbuckling last ditch cameo from Chris Harris ensured the Kiwis don't pack their bags early.

Fleming knows there is little margin for error against as formidable an opponent as Sri Lanka . " Obviously they have world class players and are a very confident team. We can not afford to make too many mistakes against them. But it only Rabeed Imam

takes three or four players to play well on the day and you can win a match. We have players with the ability, so it will be interesting."

Only young Daniel Vettori managed to bowl his off-breaks with any consistency against Zimbabwe and Fleming's work is cut out in that department. However, with a powerpacked batting line-up consisting of brilliant stroke players like Nathan Astle. Craig McMillan and the captain himself, New Zealand are quite capable of up-setting the odds on any given

Fleming can do with a little discretion from McMillan, who, after dubiously given caught behind, didn't hide his feelings and was duly reprimanded by the match referee.

Opener Matthew Horne may have his first outing in place of Matthew Bell while left arm opening bowler Shayne O'Connor could replace Jeoff Allott.

Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lankan captain rated New Zealand as "a very good one-day "Naturally their level of confidence is on a high now after

the win against Zimbabwe.But

we are the world champions and we will play like that," said Ranatunga The Lankans, with their electrifying brand of strokeplay are a huge favourite in Bangladesh and the fans can expect a whirlwind opening stand from Sanath Jayasuriya and Romesh Kaluwitharana.Sri Lanka's depth in the middle is awesome .Marvan Attapattu will bat at number three fol-

lowed by Aravinda de Silva and

new fitness fanatic Arjuna

Ranatunga (who has by his own

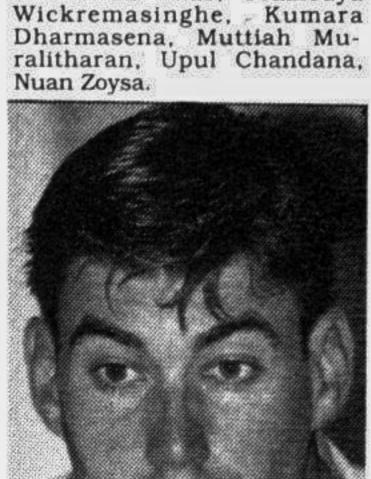
admission shed 10-kg weight over the last few months). The bowling will be bolstered by the fact that ace paceman Chaminda Vaas has returned from a long injury layoff. Also back in contention is another left-armer Nuan Zoysa regarded as the quickest among the Sri Lankan lot. But all eyes surely would be on off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan .fresh from his recent heroics against England

Sri Lanka and New Zealand both are excellent fielding sides , so despite the world rankings, the match promises to be an absorbing one.

Aravinda de Silva, Arjuna

TEAMS SRI LANKA(FROM): Sanath Jayasuriya, Marvan Atapattu,

Ranatunga(Captain), Roshan Mahanama, Hashan Tillekeratne, Avishka Gunawardena, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Chaminda Vaas, Pramodya



FLEMING

NEW ZEALAND( FROM): Nathan Astle, Matthew Horne, Stephen Fleming, Craig McMillan, Adam Parore, Chris Harris, Alex Tait, Simon Doull, Geoff Allott, Matthew Bell, Daniel Vettori, Shayne O'Connor, Mark Bailey, Matthew

# McMillan escapes unhurt

Sports Reporter

New Zealand middle order batsman Craig McMillan was severely reprimanded by the match referee Raman Subba Row yesterday for his misconduct during their opening Wills International Cup clash against Zimbabwe at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

The right-hander, who stayed back at the crease for a while after being adjudged caught behind by West Indian umpire Steve Bucknor, was summoned by the match referee for a hearing yesterday. But McMillan went scot free as Row did not award him with any suspension or fine.

# Wills Cup: Itsy bitsy teenie weenies

Syed Ashfaqul Haque & AlAmin

#### DISGRACEFUL Some officials of the

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) seemed to be out on an assignment to earn adverse publicity for the organisation. From the very beginning of the showpiece they have handled the local media with a degree of incompetence and ignorance, causing undue inconvenience to journalists and photographers on duty. Before the match started. a high-flying BCB official refused to let the local lens-men take snaps of the England and South African players, for reasons best known to him. While the foreign photographers were busy clicking away their cameras inside the stadium, local professionals had to engage in an uncalled-for argument with the overbearing official to get the permission. But by the time he finally relented, the England

team had already left for the

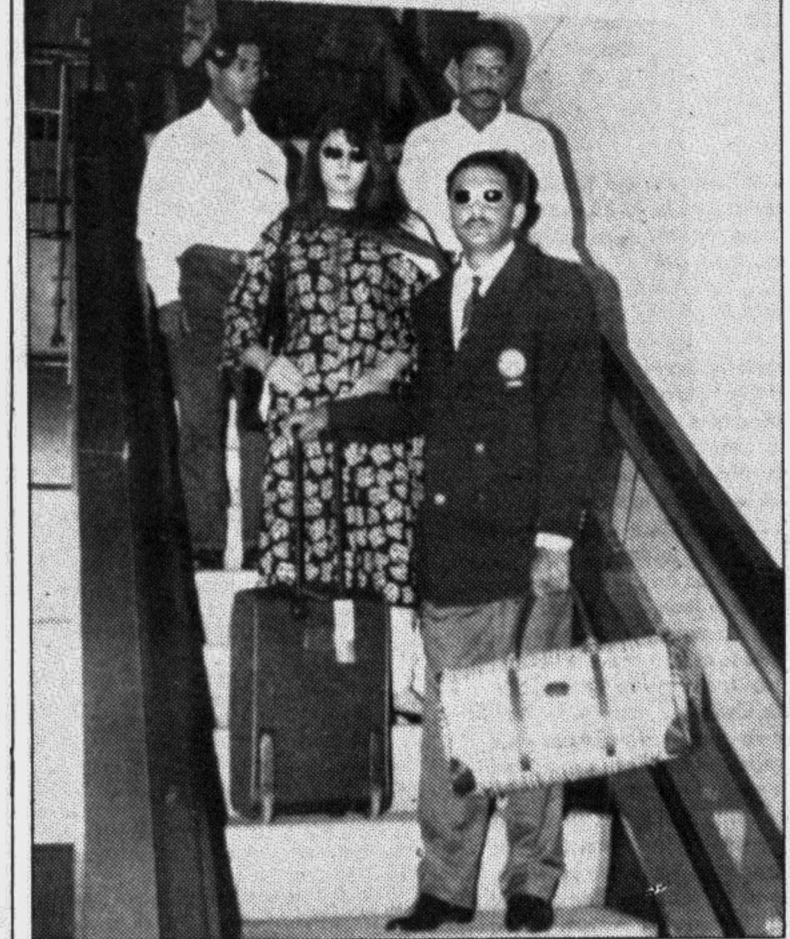
dressing room. Only a few of the sprinting local photographers managed to persuade the Proteas to wait for an extra minute for their pictures.

### TWO AUSSIES IN TOWN

The first batch of the Australian team reached the capital yesterday. One-day specialist Michael Bevan and spinner Brad Young checked into the Sonargaon Hotel in the afternoon. Bevan and Young, who flew in from Australia, had the instant opportunity to see what was going on at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. On their arrival at the hotel, both of them stood in front of the big TV screen in the lobby for some time before leaving for their

PRICE HIKE

Touts were also seen offering



THE CAPTAIN AND HIS LUGGAGE: Mohammad Azharuddin arrived at the ZIA yesterday with the Indian

tickets for the first quarterfinal match but they were less in number. Experiencing dull business the day before, the black marketers were seen offering gallery tickets of Taka 150 and 120 at Taka 80 or 90 in the morning. But very soon they came to their senses and realised that the gallery was almost full, that more spectators were pouring in. And before the first drink break, prices of the tickets went up to Taka 200 and 250 each.

### STINK BOMB

Some spectators at the western gallery (Gate-19) were absorbed in an exciting battle between England and South Africa. But a pungent odour brought them down to earth. A soil pipe that passed underneath the seats somehow started leaking. The beleaguered fans rushed to leave the spot to stay away from the unmistakable stench of urine

#### CAPTAINS' CARNIVAL All the captains clicked so

far in the knockout tournament. Results of the first two matches show that all the four captains played pivotal roles for their sides, some in vain, some in triumph. Stephen Fleming, the New Zealand captain, hit a sparkling 96 to overhaul a Zimbabwe target of 258 Saturday. Alistair Campbell set the trend for the captains, hitting the first hundred of the meet. Yesterday, it was England captain Adam Hollioake who led from the front to pile up a huge total for his team, hitting an 83 not out. Then South African captain Hansie Cronje scored 67 off 56 balls to break the English hearts. So, a beaming England manager David Lloyd could not resist saying. "This must be the tournament of captains."

#### FATAL ATTRACTION Word was there that the In-

dian cricketers were on their way to the hotel. A group of teenaged girls rushed to the entrance and kept waiting for the stars from the neighbouring country. At last, after an hour, the Indian team finally arrived at the hotel. The girls went hysterical. Choking and giggling, one of them only could utter, "A-ja-ye, A-ja-ye.' She was waiting for an autograph but she was so lost in seeing the man of dream that she collapsed. Not in his arms, but on the floor.