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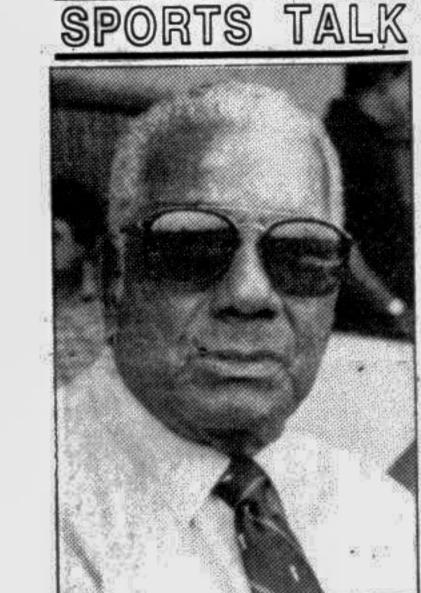
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Sir Clyde Walcott

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"I think he is a very knowledgeable individual in cricket and he should do very well as captain."

On Brian Lara.

Azhar's men off to Sharjah

MUMBAI, Nov 3: The Indian cricket team, led by Mohammad Azharuddin, left here today for Sharjah to take part in the three-nation tournament there. scheduled from November 6 to 13, reports PTI.

India, World champions Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe are three teams taking part in the championship.

BUET to take part in nat'l basketball

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) will take part in the forth-coming 21st national basketball championship to be held at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium from December 6, says a press release. Interested cagers of BUET

have been asked to report at the university gymnasium on November 10 at 4:15 pm.

Besides, BUET will also take part in the inter-university badminton and table tennis championships, billed for a December 2 start.

Interested shuttlers and paddlers have been asked to report at the Physical Education Department of BUET on November 15 at 4:15 pm.

Reporters' Unity's annual sports

Dhaka Reporters' Unity will hold its annual sports competition at the Unity office on November 12-19, reports UNB. Six events will be held in the competition. The events are chess, table tennis, carom, bridge. Ludu (for the spouses and children of the members)

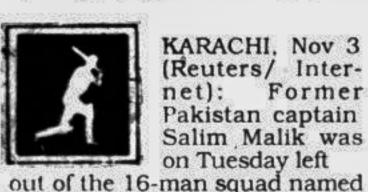
and mini marathon, said a press release issued yesterday. Any member of the Unity can take part in more than one event of the competition without any entry fee. There will be separate options in carom con-

test for the couples. Interested ones have been requested to entry their names by November 10.



Bangladesh Swimming Federation (BSF) general secretary Mosharraf Hossain (L) speaking at a press conference yesterday in connection with the Keya Cosmetics 18th national agegroup swimming championships which starts tomorrow at the Mirpur National Swimming Complex.

Malik axed from Pak squad



Salim Malik was for the first one-day cricket international against

The opening match of the three-game series will be played in Karachi on Friday followed by matches at Peshawar and Lahore on November 8 and 10.

Australia.

The series will give the hosts a chance to salvage some pride after they lost their three-Test series to Australia 1-0. It was Australia's first series triumph in Pakistan in 39 years. The selectors have recalled

17-year-old Hasan Raza, the world's youngest Test player, after leaving him out for two sea-Also back in the side are

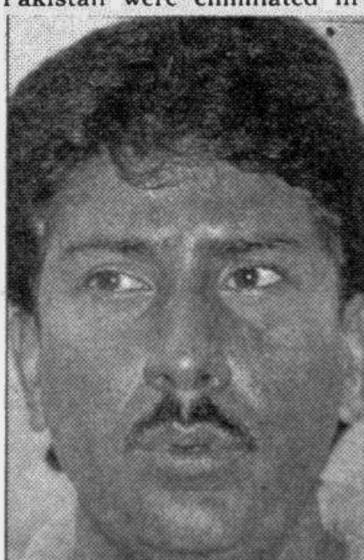
middle-order batsmen Azam Khan and pacemen Mohammad Akram and Kabir Khan. Uncapped Naveed Qureshi, who scored a century against Australia in a four-dayer three weeks ago, has also been named in the side.

Malik, a veteran of 274 oneday internationals in which he has scored 7,045 runs, was left out after a series of poor scores, in the Sahara Cup, the three-Test series against Australia

and in the Wills International Cup at Dhaka.

In the Sahara Cup against India, he scored 163 runs from five innings whilst against Australia he scored 111 runs in five

In Dhaka, he scored 16 as Pakistan were eliminated in



SALIM MALIK

the quarterfinal by the West "I am the second leading

scorer for Pakistan in both lev-

els of the game after Javed

Draw at the WACA

Miandad. I don't think my potential can be judged from a couple of innings," the 35-year-

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old Malik said. Malik was recalled this season after spending 18 months in the wilderness chiefly because of betting and match-fixing allegations being investi-

gated by a judicial commission. An interim report released by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) two months ago recommended that Salim, Wasim Akram and Ijaz Ahmad should not be selected until the investigations are completed.

charges. The selectors also ignored Inzamam-ul-Haq. Saeed Anwar, Mushtaq Ahmad, Waqar Younis and Mohammad Zahid

All three players deny the

for the opening match. "They are injured. All of them have expressed their inability to play in the first game. But we will see if they should be picked for the remaining two matches," chief selector Wasim Bari said

TEAM

Aamir Sohail (captain) Shahid Afridi, Salim Elahi, ljaz Ahmad, Yousuf Yohanna. Naveed Qureshi. Azam Khan. Hasan Raza, Moin Khan. Wasim Akram, Azhar Mahmood, Shoaib Akhtar, Kabir Khan, Mohammad Akram, Saqlain Mushtaq and Arshad Khan.

Nasser's lucky escape

PERTH. Nov 3: England number three Nasser Hussain narrowly escaped serious injury when he

was struck on his protective grille as the tourists drew their initial first-class game against Western Australia today, reports AFP.

The acting captain was hit by a bouncer from fast bowler Shane Jurgensen in the first over after lunch when he attempted to hook but failed to make contact.

The grille appeared to absorb, most of the impact but still

early in the tourists' first in-Butcher had 10 stitches and played no further part in the

Western Australia's acting captain Justice Langer declared his side's second innings at 268 for three shortly before lunch. leaving the tourists to score 282 to win off 63 overs - a rate of

4.47 an over. But England were never in

Makeshift opening batsman

Western Australia wicketkeeper Ryan Campbell makes an abortive attempt to stump England batsman John Crawley on November 3. - AP/UNB photo

hour workout, hitting seven

cultured boundaries in a knock

of 65. Left-hander Graham

in the middle, making 64.

Thorpe also spent valuable time

opener Ryan Campbell carried

his overnight 117 to 146 before

he was caught in the deep by

substitute fieldsman Peter such

hander Langer for 41 to finish

with two for 68 after failing to

take a wicket in the first in-

Croft also removed Test left-

from off-spinner Robert Croft.

Earlier Western Australian

caused blood to spurt from Hussain's nose. England physiotherapist Wayne Morton ran out to patch him up and he continued his innings without apparent discomfort.

Hussain, 30, who had not scored at the time, remained at the crease for just over an hour to make 28.

He became the second Eng-Opener Mark Butcher was hit ball from Matthew Nicholson

the hunt. When play was called off 15 minutes early by mutual agreement, they had sauntered to 192 for four.

John Crawley had a useful two-

land batsman to be struck a savage blow in this game. above the right eye by a short Scoreboard at the end of

four-day game between Western Australia and England at the WACA ground on Monday: WA: First innings 334-8 dec

(Katich 106, Langer 85, Nicholson 58 n.o; Gough 4-74). ENGLAND: First innings 321 (Hussain 118, Ramprakash 81; Nicholson 7-77.

SCOREBOARD

WA: Second innings Hussey b Mullally Campbell c sub (Such) b Croft Langer c Ramprakash b Croft Katich not out Dighton not out

Extras: (lb-2, nb-1) Total: (for 3 wkts dec) Fall of wickets: 1-90; 2-210; 3-220

Bowling: Gough Cork Croft Mullally Fraser Ramprakash 6

ENGLAND: Second innings Crawley c Katich b Nicholson Cork c Nicholson b Cary Hussain c Katich b Jurgensen Thorpe not out Ramprakash Ibw-b Oldroyd Hegg not out Extras: (b-4, lb-5, nb-1) Total: (for four wkts) Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-88; 3-

121; 4-162 Bowling: Kirgemsem Nicholson Harvey Oldrovd Katich Results: Match draw.

Age-gr swimming from tomorrow

The Keya Cosmetics 18th national age-group swimming championships begins at the National Swimming Pool in Mirpur tomorrow, reports BSS. State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will inaugurate the three-day competition in the morning as the chief guest.

Managing Director of Keya Cosmetics Limited Abdul Khaleq Pathan will attend as the special guest.

Speaking at a news conference yesterday general secretary of Bangladesh Swimming Federation Mosharraf Hossain Khan said at least 600 boys and girls from 45 teams are expected to take part in 10 events. Last year 435 boys and girls

from 36 teams took part in the meet. The events are: boy's and girl's under-10, 11-12 years, 13-14 years, 15-17 years and youth

(under 20).

Bangladesh rout Thailand 6-1

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Hockey final against India tomorrow

Sports Reporter Bangladesh set up a final clash with favourites India by thrashing hosts Thailand 6-1 in their last round match of the four-nation invitational tournament at the Bangkok National Hockey Stadium yester-

This is the for first time that Bangladesh is playing a hockey

final in any tournament. The final will be contested at

the same venue tomorrow. According to a faxed message received here last night Bangladesh led the first half 4-0. Centre-forward Ariful Haq Prince opened the floodgates in the eighth minute and captain Mamun-ur-Rashid doubled the score four minutes later from a penalty corner.

Prince, the young stalwart from Ajax, then struck twice in the space of four minutes to ensure Bangladesh an unassailable lead at the breather.

Bangladesh, who recorded a hard-fought 3-2 win over Uzbekistan in the inaugural match and went down fighting to India 1-4, added two more goals in the second session.

Mamun struck his second goal of the match in the 42 minute while Shuvro completed the Thai rout scoring the sixth goal two minutes later.

Attack on Captains Walk

SYDNEY, Nov 3 (AFP): Vandals damaged busts of several Australian cricket captains on display in New South Wales and stole the one of current skipper Mark Taylor, a report said Tuesday.

The damage to the Captains Walk in the sleepy town of Cootamundra, the birthplace of Sir Donald Bradman, comes just weeks after cricket-mad Australia hailed Taylor a hero for his 334 not out against Pak-Eleven Australian captains

were honoured with the \$1,550 bronze busts in the walk, which was opened in August this to mark Bradman's 90th birthday, the Daily Telegraph said. Eventually all 40 Australian captains will be on display, al-

though The Don's bust is housed in Bradman's Cottage, a small museum near the walk. Among those who had their granite bases damaged during the attack were Ian Chappell

Greg Chappell, Bill Lawry and Allan Border. Taylor's manager, John Fordham, said he was "extremely disappointed" at the

damage. "I know Mark hopes that the bust stolen is returned and the appropriate action is taken against the vandals," he said.

Cootamundra Shire Council vowed to prosecute those responsible but said theft -- not vandalism -- was the likely motive.

"Vandals go to wreck things, these people were trying to steal the busts," said council general manager Shane Godbee. "The damage wasn't actually to the faces of the busts -- they tried to lift the busts from their bases."

In 10 years Bangladesh will be where SL & Zimbabwe are now

David Graveney, manager of the England cricket team, is a man at the heart of the game in England. His position as the chairman of selectors gives him a unique insight into cricket and the structure of the game in England. On October 27, he took time out to speak to Nausher Rahman at the Sonargaon Hotel on a host of topics, ranging from the changes needed to improve the level of the game and the globalisation of the sport.

Daily Star Sport: Mr. Graveney, can we start with your opinion of the standard of cricket in England, the level of the game being played there right now?

Graveney: The county championship... it's not too bad. We're, I think, having a reassessment of our championship in the year 2000 ... but yes it's not going too badly. My main concern is on two fronts really. It's the types of wickets we play on. I don't think they are particularly productive to produce Test match players. And also our experience in playing 50-over cricket is not as great as other players... For Azhar to be making his 300th one-day appearance... it's a huge difference from what we're normally used to.

DSS: What changes would you make specifically?

G: I would probably go for a two divisional system as far as domestic cricket is concerned. I would like to see the wickets improved greatly so that maybe we might introduce something like Australia have ... like a first innings points maybe. And as far as 50-over cricket, it is really to enter as many competitions as we can.

DSS: Do you think this flawed structure is the reason for England's somewhat dismal performances?

G: Well I wouldn't say dismal performances... we've just won our first 5 Test match series for the first time in 12 years, so I wouldn't say that's dismal. We won in Sharjah that's within the last 12 months. But, you know, we could win obviously more often and I just think that those 2 factors would help. DSS: Well what about the 12

years before that, any reasons for the standard of cricket G: Well we've had a lack of success certainly, and hopefully

my suggestions will help the situation. DSS: Do you think the series against South Africa is a turning point in English cricket, a

rebirth almost? G: Well it would give our players a lot of confidence in terms of going to Australia. Playing in Australia, or trying to beat Australia in Australia is always going to be extremely difficult. But we should see how we go... we need to stay in the contest because we've always lost in Brisbane straight off. So we should see what happens, but it will be extremely difficult... Australia are quite rightly the number one team in the world... but, you know, they're a team to be beaten and if we can get off to

a good start we can stay in the DSS: Realistically though, how far do you think you can go in the Ashes?

G: Well you never enter any sporting contest unless you think you've got chances to win,

and I know that I would speak on behalf of all our players and that would be the case. We realise our record in Australia is not very good... I was speaking to the players today and the Australian press have already written us off as not being a viable team to win, so, we should

DAVID GRAVENEY

see how we go. DSS: Do you prefer being the underdogs?

G: It's not for us to decide who is the underdog, it's for others to decide. But this could be quite right that we are considered to be the underdogs because of Australia's impressive record in recent years... and certainly, you know, they come into this series having just beaten Pakistan in Pakistan which is also a very difficult thing to do.

DSS: The absence of Shane Warne is going to help your cause by how much, in your opinion?

G: Well there's some doubt in terms of whether Shane Warne will be available. I would say at the outset that it would be a tragic loss to the game of cricket if he didn't come back into the game because he's such a fantastic performer. He'll be back, and we have to beat Australia with Shane Warne in or not with Shane Warne in. I happen to know that Stuart MacGill is a worthy replacement, so they'll have enough ammunition even if Shane Warne is not there to

start with. DSS: Now you say that Australia is a very good team. On the whole though, do you think Test cricket now is as strong as it was, say, 10 years back?

G: I think it's always very difficult to compare generations to generations. People say sort of, Who is the best player that ever was'... it's something difficult to do. I think the game of cricket is much stronger

world-wide, in terms of ten years ago Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka weren't the forces they are know. Bangladesh... you advance the clock 10 years ten. years time, they'll be exactly where Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe are at the present stage. So, I think the game is flourishing.

DSS: So are you in favour of expanding cricket all over the

G: I think that's right, yeah. I think the objects of this particular tournament are to raise money to invest in cricket world-wide, I think it's a worthwhile thing and hopefully the tournament will be a suc-

DSS: What of the fears that if the game does expand to a certain extent it might lower the overall standard of the game?

G: It would never lower the overall standard because the more people that play, the better it is for the world cricketer. DSS: What are your thoughts on the proposed Test championship, whereby through a sys-

tem of points, at the end of an

allotted period of time, you can say for sure that a certain team is the best test team? G: Well its difficult to do because obviously it's very difficult for all countries to play each other. But any system that tries to identify who actually is the best team in the world is

quite a good idea. DSS: A lot of the teams are using this tournament as a starting point for the World Cup next year, and the nucleus of the teams they have here will essentially be the same for the World Cup. Is it the same with England?

G: Yeah, more or less. Obviously the Ashes party is in Australia at present, in that team, can tell you, its got quite a lot of players who'll be in the World Cup. But I think probably for us, the side that probably takes part in the Carleton and United tournament in Australia after Christmas will probably be more reflective of who will play in the World Cup.

DSS: So this early loss will not set back your World Cup

preparations too much? G: Well there'll be four people who lose in the quarter-finals and the interesting fixture of this particular tournament is because it's a shootout. It's different from any other tournaments we take part in where initially, in every tournament, you can play a few games before you actually get to the knockout stage. New Zealand and ourselves and Zimbabwe are the early casualties but there'll be two other casualties before we

get to the semi-final stage. DSS: Are you in favour of a format such as this considering that the teams have to travel such a distance to play, in some cases, only one match?

G: If the mathematics add up in terms of fundraising, then it's obviously quite a good thing to do. I'm sure the players don't mind it. Where the tournament is situated in the calendar will effect certain sides more than others. For instance, we've stopped playing domestic cricket for the last month but everybody else has been playing cricket quite regularly... so it puts us at a slight disadvantage.

Tour of South Africa

Shock withdrawal of Lara, Hooper

CAPE TOWN, Nov 3: West Indies captain Brian Lara and vice-captain Carl Hooper have pulled out the team's tour to South Africa, United Cricket Board of South Africa chief executive Ali Bacher said today. reports AFP. Bacher said he had been told

of the two players' withdrawals by his counterpart in the West Indies, Steve Camacho. "Camacho assured me this tour will still take place ... and I

believe this will happen," Bacher said. One report said the two players, who were due to arrive in Johannesburg today, were in London, having withdrawn from the team because of a dis-

pute over money with the West Indies Cricket Board. It appeared the two players were dissatisfied with their contracts for the South African

Lara and Hooper were due to fly to South Africa from Bangladesh, where they had played for the West Indies in the Wills limited overs knockout tournament, in which they were beaten in Sunday's final by South Africa. Other members of the tour

party were expected to arrive in

would seriously damage the

five-Test tour, which begins of-

The absence of the two stars

South Africa on Wednesday.

ficially today with a match against the Oppenheimer XI in-Johannesburg. Only on Sunday, however, Lara said in Bangladesh he was looking forward to the tour.

Pakistan at the National Stadium in Lahore. The teamplayed out an exciting 4-4 draw.



Action from yesterday's Champions' Trophy encounter between Australia and hosts - AP/UNB photo