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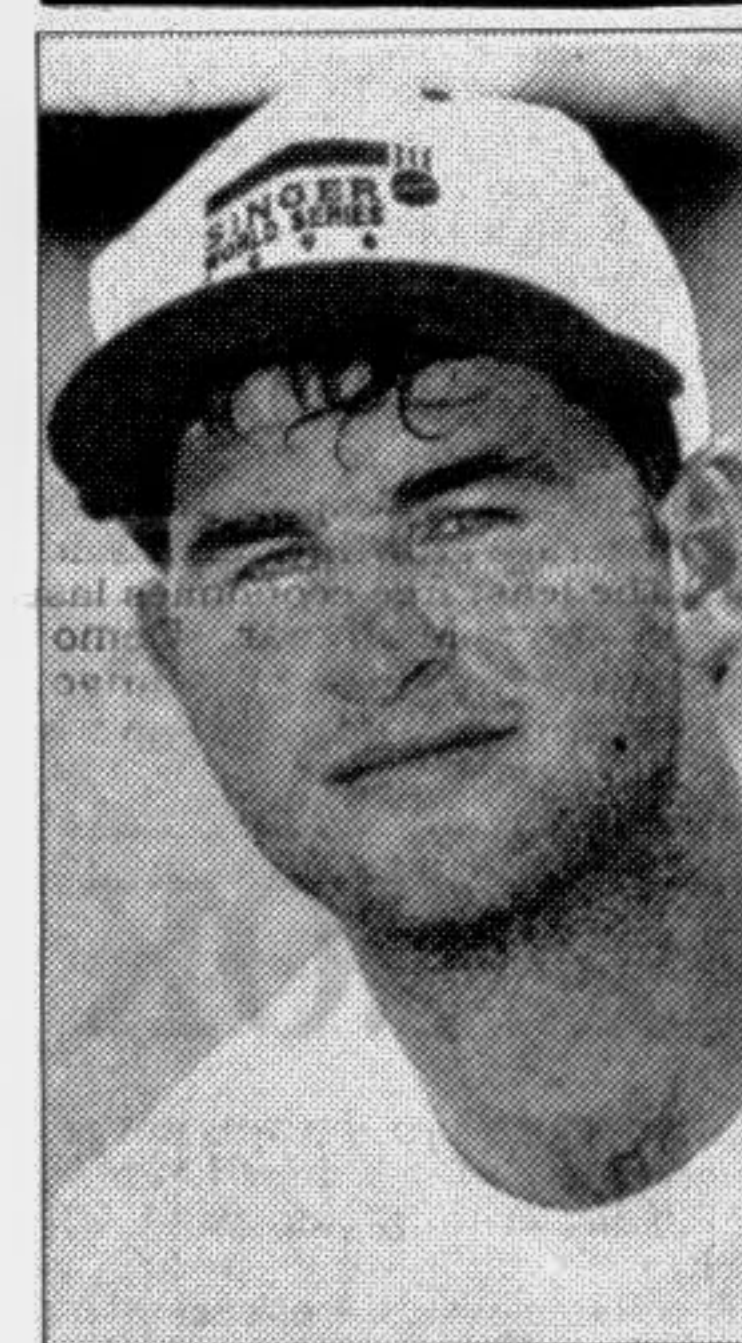
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Alistair Campbell
(Zimbabwe cricket captain)
"I play cricket, cricket and cricket."
While quipping to query what he does when he does not play cricket.

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT many sports can be traced to ancient Egyptian or Greek times. Coursing was believed to have taken place in Egypt in 3000 BC, using Saluki dogs. Wrestling took place in what is now Iraq more than 4,000 years ago; a form of hockey was played in Egypt about 2050 BC, and falconry, boxing, track and field athletics, and fencing were all played more than 4,000 years ago.
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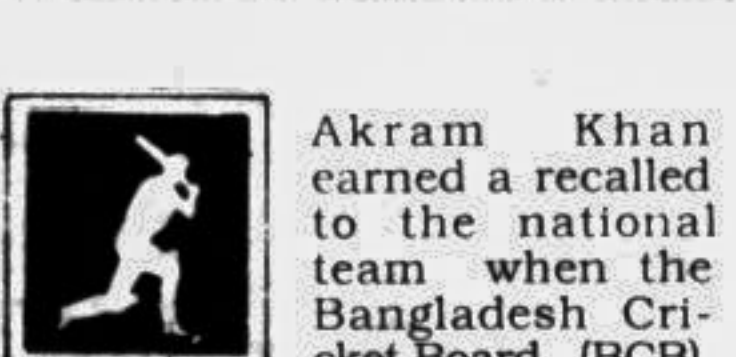
Bangladesh-WI A matches on Betar

Bangladesh Betar will broadcast live four cricket matches between Bangladesh and visiting West Indies teams to be played in Dhaka and Rajshahi, reports APB.
Betar's Dhaka centre will air two one-day and one three-day matches to be played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium while the one-day match at Rajshahi will be broadcast simultaneously from both Dhaka and Rajshahi centres.

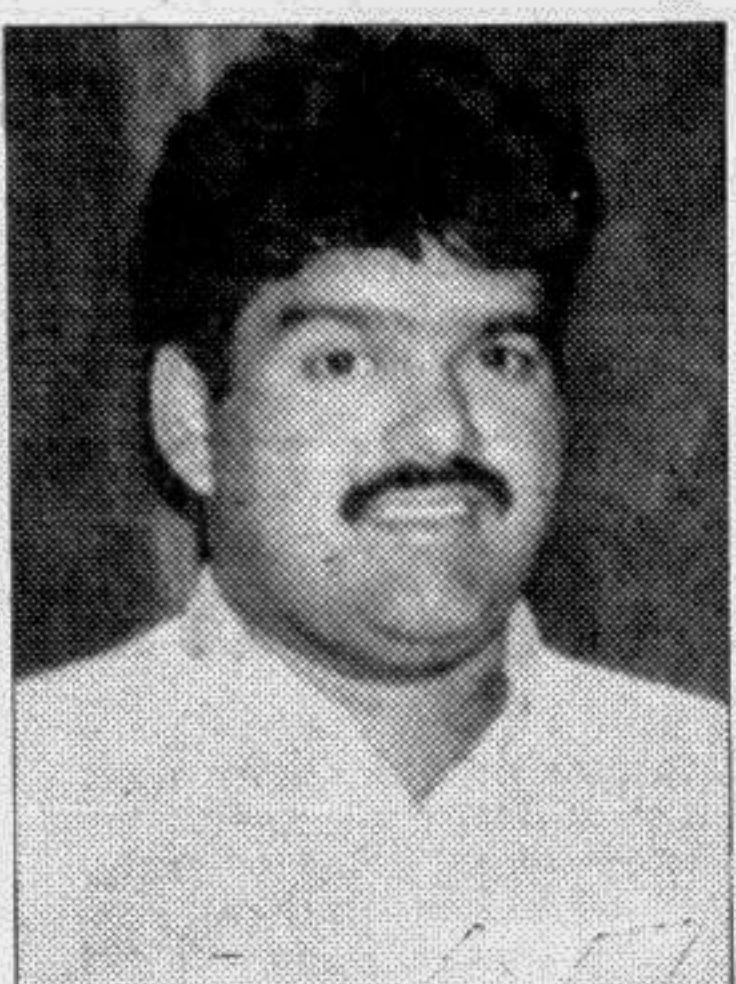
Sydney Olympic Stadium to host IAAF Grand Prix

SYDNEY, Nov 5: Next year's Grand Prix athletics final is unlikely to be held in Sydney's main Olympic Stadium because Australian athletics officials do not want the tax payer to foot the bill, reports AFP.
The International Amateur Athletic Federation council meeting in Monaco this month will decide the venue and Cologne, Germany is now the favourite.
The IAAF has told bidding cities to pay all air travel for athletes and agents and to give the host television broadcaster one million US dollars.
"We don't have the funds and I don't think it would be reasonable to ask the tax payer to pay," Athletics Australia competition manager Brian Roe said today.

BCB announce squad for one-dayers Akram Khan back in the fold



Akram Khan earned a recalled to the national team when the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced a 16-member squad for the three limited-over matches against the visiting West Indies A team. Akram, the most successful captain of Bangladesh, was booted out from the elite echelon after the disappointing tour of the national team to Eng-



AKRAM KHAN

land, Scotland and Ireland. The burly right-hander, who led Bangladesh to the ICC Trophy triumph in Malaysia last year, was not only stripped of his captaincy, but in a surprise move by the selectors, also denied a place in the ACC Trophy squad.

Although the decision brought out a welcome sigh of relief for the neutral followers of the game, the national selec-

tors, however, failed to provide any satisfactory reasons for their uncanny attitude of chopping and changing.

Aminul Islam, who replaced Akram, has retained his job after successfully leading the national team in the ACC Trophy, a sub-standard tournament that held in Kathmandu last month.

Also returning to the national team after a long-time is Harun-ur-Rashid. The balding Kalabagan opener donned the national cap in the ACC Trophy way back in 1996.

Besides, young off-spinner Fahim Muntasir Sumit, got his first call to the national team, and will fill the void of injured left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique.

Apart from the three inclusions, the selectors kept faith on the ACC squad. Only Sabir Khan, who didn't play a single match in Kathmandu, was excluded.

Bangladesh will play the first limited-over match against the second string side from the Caribbean at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on November 7. The second of the three over-limit exhibition match will be held in Rajshahi on November 9. The last one-day will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on November 10.

The West Indies A, who were scheduled to arrive in Dhaka last night, is expected to fly in the city early this morning due to a delay in flight schedule. The touring side, in their ten-day visit to Bangladesh, will also feature in a three-day match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, starting from November 12.

Meanwhile, the BCB have

announced the rate of tickets for the two limited-over matches as well as the three-day match to be played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The rate of tickets of two limited-over matches (per day per person) are: VIP- Tk 300; Club House (west)- Tk 250; Club House (East)- 200; International Gallery- Tk 150; Special Enclosure (Club Concession)- Tk 50; Western Gallery- Tk 50; Eastern Gallery- Tk 40.



HARUN-UR-RASHID

BANGLADESH SQUAD
Aminul Islam (captain), Khaled Mahmud (vice-captain), Javed Omar, Belim, Shahriar Hossain, Harun-ur Rashid, Faruque Ahmed, Al-Shahriar, Akram Khan, Enamul Hogue, Fahim Muntasir, Khaled Masud (wicket-keeper), Safuddin Ahmed, Hasibul Hossain, Moshed Ali Khan, Hasanuzzaman and Mushfiqur Rahman

Invitational hockey Bangladesh finish runners-up

Bangladesh emerged runners-up in the four-nation invitational hockey tournament when they lost 0-2 to India in the final played at the National Hockey Stadium in Bangkok, yesterday.

Mohammad Riaz and Komol Horo scored one goal each for the winners in the first half.

In the second half, Bangladesh, playing in their first ever international final, put up a better show against their mighty counterparts and restricted them from increasing the margin.

Bangladesh, earlier, beat Uzbekistan 3-2 and outplayed hosts Thailand 6-1 in the robin league to qualify for the final. They lost their other first round match to India 1-4.

Age-gr swimming 17 new marks on Day One

Seventeen new records were set on the inaugural day as the three-day long Keya Cosmetics 18th national age-group swimming championships got underway at the National Swimming Complex in Mirpur yesterday.

On the inaugural day, Sabura Khatun of Kushtia set a new mark winning the 100m freestyle (11-12 age-group) in 1 minute and 12.27 seconds.

The other records were set by Butiqur Islam (11-12) of BKSP in 100m freestyle, Mosharrif Hossain (15-17) of Bangladesh Ansars in 100m freestyle, Kamala Akhter (13-14) of Ansars in 100m backstroke, Wasul Islam (13-14) of BKSP in 100m backstroke, Taniya Afrin (11-12) of Chhapinabagan in 100m butterfly, Shariful Islam (11-12) of Kushtia in 100m butterfly, Monirul Islam (15-17) of Kushtia in 200m individual medley, Badrul Alam (18-20) of Jessore Education Board in 200m freestyle, Mumtaz Shirin (13-14) of Kushtia in 200m breaststroke, Niamul Haque (13-14) of Ansars in 200m freestyle, Ratna Khatun (11-12) of BKSP in 100m breaststroke, Shariful Islam (11-12) of Kushtia in 100m breaststroke, Monirul Islam (15-17) of Kushtia in 100m breaststroke, Moon Moam Ahmed (18-20) of BKSP in 100m backstroke, Kamala Akhter (13-15) of Ansars in 200m individual medley and Niamul Haque (13-14) of Ansars in 200m individual medley.

A total of 441 natants from 38 teams are taking part in the championships.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader declared the meet open at the morning.

Butcher's caught in bad spell

ADELAIDE, Nov 5 (Reuters/Internet): England opener Mark Butcher has been in the wars again.

Butcher, who has 10 stitches in his face after being struck by a delivery while batting against Western Australia at the weekend, collided with Peter Such during training on Thursday.

The pair clashed heads during a game of indoor tag after rain prevented the players from using the outdoor practice wickets.

Butcher suffered a cut on his nose while Such sustained a cut above his left eye.

Butcher complained of headaches and blurred vision for 48 hours after the first incident but is still expecting to play in the four-day match against South Australia starting in Adelaide on Saturday.

"I'm looking forward to having another go," he said. "Only then will I know if it's affected me but I'm confident it hasn't."

Thursday's mishap was the latest in a series of injury worries for the England management.

England captain Alec Stewart (back) and opener Michael Atherton (hip) missed the game against Western Australia because of injury. Both are likely to play this weekend.

Mark Ramprakash missed training on Thursday because of a head cold while all-rounder Ben Hollis is still recovering from a groin strain.

Elliott keeps reminding

MELBOURNE, Nov 5 (Reuters/Internet): Discarded Australian Test opener Matthew Elliott hit his second century of the season on Thursday as Victoria struck back on the second day of their Sheffield Shield match against New South Wales.

Elliott made 108 as Victoria finished the day at 165 for two in reply to NSW's first innings total of 390.

Corey Richards top-scored for NSW with a magnificent 161 after starting the day unbeaten on 113.

Victorian paceman Paul Reffel and David Saker took three wickets each.

Elliott, who was dropped from the Australian team at the start of the year, led the Victorian run chase in dashing style at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

He reached his 50 off just 58 balls then brought up his hundred from 122 deliveries.

WICB fire Lara, Hooper



ST JOHNS, Antigua, Nov 5 (Reuters/AFP/AP): The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) has sacked captain Brian Lara and vice-captain Carl Hooper for failing to travel to South Africa for a tour, the CANA news agency said.

A new captain and vice-captain would soon be chosen and the board was proceeding with the South African tour, WICB president Pat Rousseau told a press conference yesterday.

There had been no good explanation why Lara and Hooper had not proceeded to South Africa, he said. The players were angry over tour payments and travelled to London instead.

The board also imposed fines on seven players who had like Lara and Hooper, flown to London.

Rousseau was talking after a meeting between the WICB and the West Indies Players Association (WIPA).

Reports from Johannesburg suggest that Lara failed to attend the meeting aimed at resolving a dispute over contracts for the South Africa tour.

There is believed to be anger at the timing of the row which only blew up when the team were en route to South Africa via Bangkok after finishing runners-up to South Africa in a knockout tournament in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Ali Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board of South Africa, said he had been told by Steve Camacho, his West Indian counterpart, that Lara, vice-captain Carl Hooper and senior player Jimmy Adams, had failed to arrive.

The three players are believed to be in London with six other members of the 16-man squad selected for a five-Test tour of South Africa.

Seven players plus manager Clive Lloyd and coach Malcolm Marshall arrived in Johannesburg early Wednesday.

According to Bacher, the players were represented in Antigua by two members of the recently-formed WIPA, former Test players David Holford and

Roland Holder.

Lara was appointed captain last year and led the West Indies to a series win over England but he has had several clashes with officials. He was involved in four disciplinary hearings before being made skipper.

Lara, who holds the world Test record score of 375 and the world first-class record of 501 not out, was also fined by English county Warwickshire after failing to arrive for a game earlier this year.

Lloyd, meanwhile, is determined to bring a cricketing element back to the tour. The seven players in South Africa

involved, enough that a pullout would hurt the West Indies' chances against the tough South Africans.

The board also has a tougher task because it is not negotiating with individuals but with the players' association, which recently got a large cash contribution from the board, an office from the Barbados government and, on June 1, appointed its first executive officer. The association would be looking for an opportunity to show its mettle.

Neither side will discuss details of the fees. But the Barbados Nation newspaper on Wednesday said the players want to be paid above their tour fee for one-day internationals and for a one-week training camp to be held before the Nov. 10 start of the South Africa tour; increased meal allowances; and some guarantee of security in Johannesburg, where two Pakistani players were mugged while on tour last year.

The Nation quoted unnamed Caribbean sources as saying that the players were upset that they would be paid less for the South Africa tour than their 1996-1997 Australia tour, which also was a five-Test series. The Nation said those who had played in less than 15 Test matches would be paid about 16,000 dollars for South Africa, compared to 22,000 to 25,000 dollars for the Australia tour; and senior players 50,000 to 60,000 dollars compared to 60,000 to 70,000 dollar for Australia.

Still, the West Indians are believed to be the second-highest paid cricketers in the world behind the Australians.

The last major revolt by the West Indians came in 1978, when they then-poorly paid islanders snubbed the regional team and contracted to Australian magnate Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket.

When that was disbanded, the West Indians negotiated substantially better contracts with the board and began a 15-year winning streak that earned them the reputation as the best team in the world.

LATEST

JOHANNESBURG, Nov 5: The West Indian cricket tour of South Africa appeared in greater jeopardy today when the seven players already in South Africa told management they wished to leave, reports AFP.

The players said they wanted to join other members of the squad who remained in London when a dispute arose between the players and the West Indies board.

A source close to the team said the new demand by the players came after captain Brian Lara and his deputy Carl Hooper were fired and dropped from the team at a meeting of the West Indies board in Antigua Wednesday after a pay dispute.

will have a net practice at the Wanderers ground in Johannesburg today.

Earlier Wednesday Lloyd cancelled a scheduled press conference saying he would wait for the outcome of the meeting in Antigua before making any statements.

In a statement Tuesday, the WICB implied that the dissent was limited to Lara, a controversial but brilliant batsman who pulled out of the team two days before its departure for the 1996 Australia tour and abandoned the team following the third Test match on a 1995 tour of England, and Hooper, who also quit the England tour.

But it has become clear that many more top players are in-

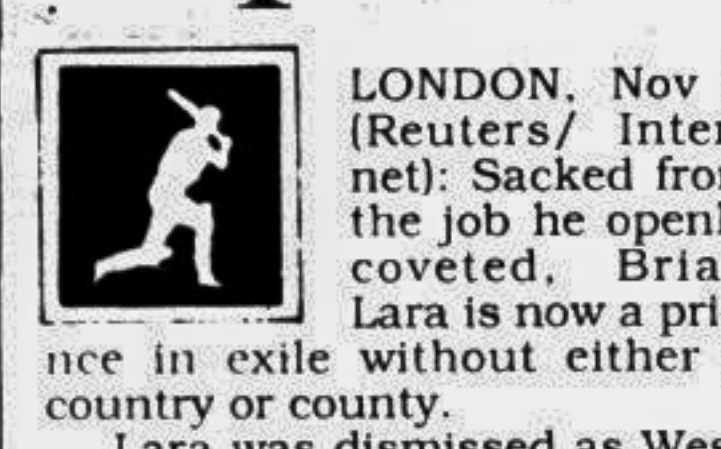
g the middle of a tour of England and contemplated pulling out altogether.

Persuaded to remain with the team, he reeled off wonderful centuries at Trent Bridge and the Oval but was then stunned to find he was one of four players fined for bad behaviour.

Lara responded by withdrawing from the subsequent tour of Australia two days before the party was due to leave.

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A prince out in the cold



LONDON, Nov 5 (Reuters/Internet): Sacked from the job he openly coveted, Brian Lara is now a prince in exile without either a country or county.

Lara was dismissed as West Indies' captain on Wednesday over a pay dispute after refusing to join the first official Caribbean tour of South Africa.

The world record holder for the highest innings in both Test and first class cricket will also return to Warwickshire next year after a troubled season in charge of the English county.

Four years ago, in a shot heard around the world, Lara broke Sir Garfield Sobers' world Test record.

In the course of a golden summer with Warwickshire he then became the first batsman in history to score more than 500 runs in an individual innings.

Nothing that year seemed beyond the smiling young Trinidadian who scored his runs at a breathtaking rate with gloriously uninhibited strokes to all parts of the field.

Unlike Sobers, who needed to play all year round merely to earn a living, Lara was also able to cash in on his fame and the sponsorship deals rolled in.

Early signs that all was not sweetness and light emerged during 1994, with reports of chronic lateness and clashes within the county captain Dermot Reeve.

Concerned at the possibility of burnout, he decided not to honour his three-year contract with Warwickshire and announced he would not return in 1996.

In the following year, apparently disillusioned with the back-biting and indiscipline among the West Indies' team, Lara returned home briefly during

the best person to head a revival.

Visibly worn out by the pressures of captaincy, Richie Richardson retired from Test cricket during the World Cup but significantly the West Indian authorities did not turn to Lara.

Instead they appointed the admirable Courtney Walsh as interim skipper, finally turning to Lara after another unsuccessful expedition to Australia last year.

Against England in the Caribbean this year, Lara proved an unorthodox but ultimately successful skipper.

The challenge of leading the West Indies also seemed to renew his enthusiasm for the game that had made him rich beyond his dreams.

Lara was still capable of rare brilliance with the bat, although his test average has steadily declined over the years and, in most people's eyes, he has been supplanted as world number one by India's Sachin Tendulkar.

But the demons were still bubbling below the surface as demonstrated during his final season as captain of Warwickshire this year.

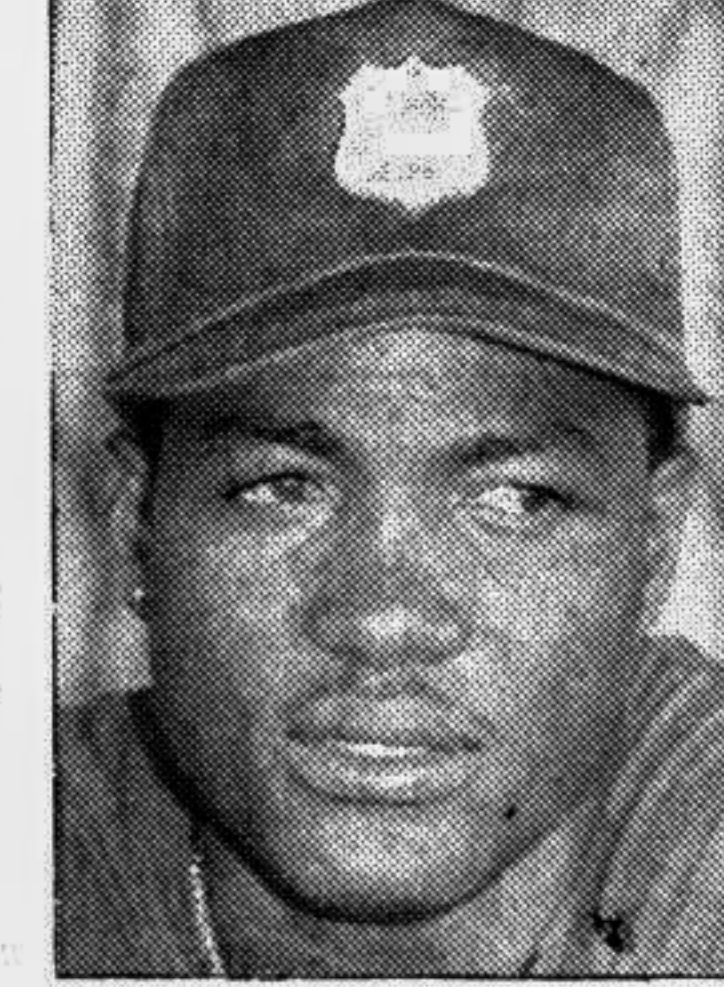
His penchant for the unusual, which had generally worked with the West Indies, did not meet with the same success with a county team, he was again lax in his off-field responsibilities and, crucially, the runs dried up.

Now Lara is in a cricketing limbo when, at the age of 29, he should be at his peak of his powers.

If his Test career is over, and nothing can be taken for granted in the mercurial world of West Indies' cricket, Lara will be remembered as a flawed genius, capable of great innings but not ultimately a truly great player.

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BRIAN LARA

controversy and Lara were inseparable.

He was forced to apologise for a racist remark, reported in an Indian magazine, and also for his part in an altercation with the West Indies' long-standing Australian physiotherapist Denis Wright on a flight from Bombay to London.

Lara's many defenders said his problems stemmed from intense frustration with the steady decline in West Indies' cricket and his belief that he

Coca-Cola Trophy

India face world champs today

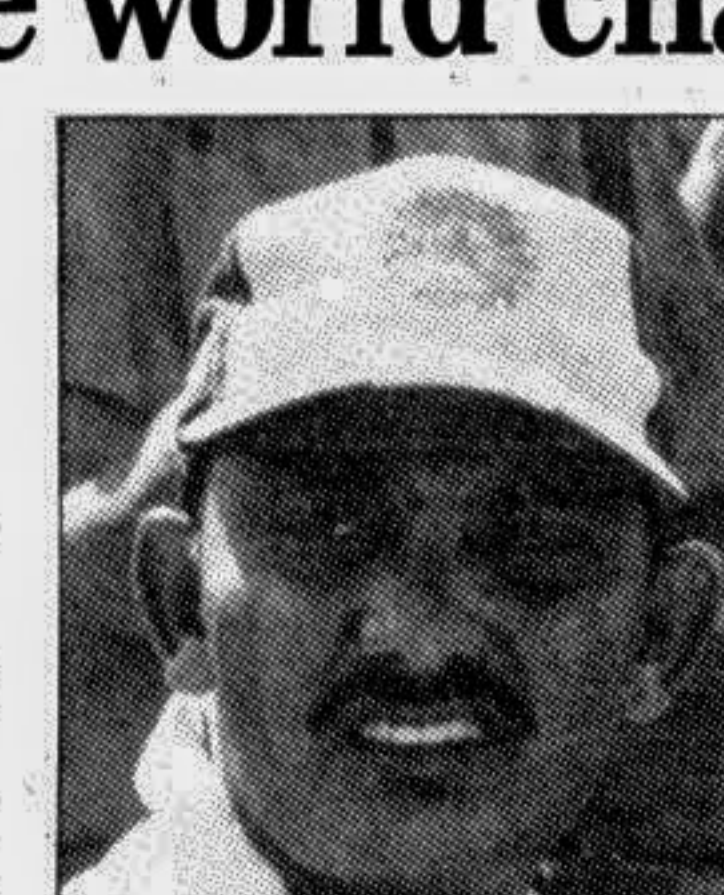


SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Nov 5: Mohammad Azharuddin chases a world limited-overs scoring record when his Indian team face Sri Lanka in the opening match of the triangular Coca-Cola Trophy tomorrow, reports Reuters.

Already a veteran of 301 one-day internationals, India's captain needs just 94 more runs to achieve the world's highest aggregate in the shortened version of the game.

Former West Indies opener Desmond Haynes holds the record with 8,648 runs in 238 matches.

Azharuddin wants to beat Haynes' mark in style — by scoring a century. "It is time I made a good hundred," said the skipper, who scored just one run in his last two matches in



AZHARUDDIN

the recent Wills International Cup in Dhaka.

Blaming "too much cricket" for his "indifferent form," Azharuddin said: "It's difficult to play up to your potential every day. This (loss of form) is bound to happen one day."

But then every player experiences the same syndrome: It's nothing new, the most important thing is to remain positive, and we are approaching the Sharjah tournament with this positive attitude, hoping that our batting, which is our main weapon, will click."

World Cup holders Sri Lanka, seeking to make up for their semifinal exit from the Dhaka tournament, are hampered by an injury to off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan.

Muralitharan injured his shoulder and collar bone while fielding against South Africa in the Dhaka semifinal.

The Daily Star-Standard Chartered Cricket Quiz '98 Draw Munawwar to go to Nepal

The draw of the final round of The Daily Star-Standard Chartered cricket quiz '98 was held at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday afternoon.

Munawwar bin Abdul Aziz, a 35-year-old businessman from RK Mission Road, who was surprisingly present at the draw, won the first prize — two Dhaka-Kathmandu-Dhaka air tickets, while Prohit Halder, a 20-year-old student from New Model Degree College bagged the second prize — two Dhaka-Calcutta-Dhaka tickets.

The third prize — dinner for two at the Sonargaon Hotel, went to Mohammad Amzad Hossain, a student from Salimullah Hall of Dhaka University.

The lucky entries were picked by former national cricket captains ASM Faruque

fuz Anam thanked all the participants of the quiz competition and also expressed his gratitude to the Standard Chartered Bank for their cooperation in arranging the quiz. He also reassured that The Daily Star would continue with their trend of promoting sports by organising such competitions in future.

Geoff Williams said that the Standard Chartered Bank was delighted to be a part of the Wills International Cup by sponsoring the quiz competitions and also congratulated the winners.

Bipul Gain and Farah Diba, the winners of the first and second prizes in the first round, were also present and received their prizes.

(Photo on Page 11)

ATTENTION PRIZE WINNERS
Prize winners of Round-2 are requested to contact AFM Jamaluddin, Establishment Manager, with a passport size photograph between 10:30 am-4pm on all working days at The Daily Star office to collect their prizes.

The draw was conducted by Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed, Advisory Sports Editor of The Daily Star.

In his welcome speech, Mah-

Round-2 correct answers

Question	Answer
1. Brain Lara halls from	Trinidad & Tobago
2. Bangladesh played their last ODI against	India
3. Overs per side in the 1975 World Cup was	60
4. Pakistan beat England in the 1992 WC final by	22 runs
5. In which year did South Africa attain Test status	None

Saber's stadium formula

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) wants to utilise the well-equipped Bangabandhu National Stadium under mutual understanding with its owner, the National Sports Council and Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

Talking to BSS at his office, the Deputy Minister for Shipping and BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury said, "We don't want any misunderstanding among ourselves on utilisation of the stadium."

"It's neither BCB property nor of BFF. The apex body of Bangladesh — National Sports Council — is the owner and caretaker of the stadium and NSC is allotting the Bangabandhu National Stadium for various sporting events and occasions in the national interest on priority basis."

Saber Chowdhury said, "We are ready to sit with BFF in the

presence of State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, who is also NSC chairman, to find out the ways for the best possible utilisation of the stadium considering the priority of sports."

"And that will definitely help us avoid all sorts of confusion," he said.

The state minister is likely to sit with BFF and BCB presidents on November 9.

NSC has allotted the stadium to BCB from October 1 to March 31 for the international and Premier cricket league matches.

The transfer of cricketers, which was scheduled to start on November 10, is going to be shifted by at least one week due to the tour of the West Indies A team, the BCB president said adding that "it will be finalised in a meeting of Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan

(CCDM) today."

Regarding the BFF's claim for the Bangabandhu National Stadium at this moment, the BCB president said the post-monsoon period is the suitable period for the cricket season in Bangladesh and "We have to organise all the cricket events — tournaments, leagues, international matches — within this stipulated time."

"So we are really under serious pressure of programmes as well as ground crisis in Dhaka."

"Moreover, to improve the standard of cricket as well as to fulfil the instructions of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for introduction of the longer version of matches BCB has decided to hold 80-over-a-side Premier league matches which will consume more time than the previous years," the BCB president said.

First one-day starts in Karachi today Pakistan hit by injuries



KARACHI, Nov 5 (Reuters/Internet): Pakistan are without five leading players because of injury for the first one-day international against Australia on Friday.

Batsmen Saad Anwar and Inzamam-ul-Haq, fast bowler Waqar Younis, leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed and pace bowler Mohammad Zahid have been ruled out of the opening game in the three-match series.

Pakistan coach Javed Miandad said the number of injuries to the key players amazed him. "I am surprised. It's only the start of the season and most of

the players have broken down. I wonder how they had been playing in the past seasons. Maybe they were carrying injuries in the matches."

Miandad said his team had vulnerable middle-order batting but emphasised the players were fit.

"I don't think it will be wise to play men in form who can't give their best in the field. I had promised that only fit players will play and I have shown that," he said.

Australia's one-day captain Steve Waugh also faces fitness problems in his squad.

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

AUSTRALIA (from): Steve Waugh (captain), Mark Waugh, Michael Bevan, Ricky Ponting, Adam Gilchrist, Darren Lehmann, Damien Martyn, Andrew Symonds, Gavin Robertson, Brendon Julian, Damien Fleming, Glenn McGrath, Michael Kasprovicz, Brad Young.

TEAMS
PAKISTAN (from): Aamir