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Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT in addition to decathlon, pentathlon and triathlon, there is an event called Biathlon. It is an athletic competition for combined cross-country skiing and rifle shooting. Competitors carry a single-shot, small-bore (0.22 calibre) rifle and ski over prepared courses. Men compete individually over six and a half mile or twelve and half mile distances. During the former they have two shooting competitions and in the latter four. In both cases the shooting sections are divided equally between prone and standing shooting, and in each position the athletes have five shots at a target 50 metres away. The relay event is 4.6 miles. Each member of the four person relay team shoots once prone and once standing and has eight shots to make five hits at each of the two targets. There are time or distance penalties for each target missed. The women's equivalent distances are 4.5 miles, 9.3 miles, and 1.8 x 4.5 miles relay.

And, if you think I am pulling your leg, you could write to L'Union Internationale de Pentathlon Moderne et Biathlon (UIPMB), which is the international governing body for biathlon competitions.

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4	Which team emerged champion in the national age-group swimming?		
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5	Who will lead Bangladesh at Asian Games hockey tournament?		
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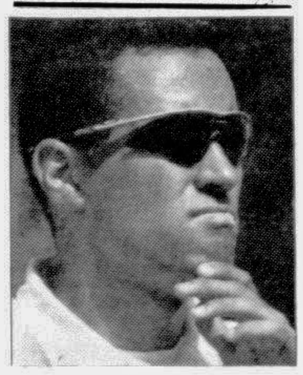


Adam Hollioake

(England one-day cricket captain)

"I am used to the heat, but the humidity was so oppressive. There was no respite from it.

Talking to journalists at the Wills International Cup in Dhaka.

Adams kept on his toes

ST. JOHN'S Antigua, Nov 18: West Indies middle-order batsman Jimmy Adams, who was injured on the flight to South Africa for their current tour, is to stay with the team on fully pay, reports Reuters.

Adams, who cut two tendons on the little finger of his right hand with a bread knife, will be out of action for at least six weeks.

"Jimmy will get his full tour fees, but he is not officially a part of the squad," West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) chief executive Steve Camacho told the Daily Antigua Sun newspaper, whose report was quoted by the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) on Tuesday.

Bangladesh sending 70 to Bangkok Asiad

A 70-member contingent will represent Bangladesh at the 13th Asian Games to be held in Bangkok from December 6-20, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Olympic Association *chef-de-mission* and National Sports Council (NSC) secretary ASM Ali Kabir his assistant.

BOA yesterday announced the contingent which will participate in eight disciplines — athletics, swimming, hockey, kabaddi, boxing, weightlifting, golf, and billiard & snooker — out of the 38 disciplines of the Games.

The squad comprises 44 sportsmen, 15 officials and 11 other contingent officials, including seven journalists, one photographer and a physician.

Of the eight participating, two teams — golf and billiard and snooker — will participate in the Asiad at their own expenses.

The 14-member kabaddi team comprising 10 players, two team officials and two technical officials:

Players — Zahidul Islam, Tariqul Islam, Qayyum Sikdar, Hafizur Rahman, Ashraful Alam, Faruque Talukder, Shahidul Islam, Mir Zulhas, Badsha Miah and Ziaur Rahman.

Team officials — Z Alam (Manager) and Abdul Haq (Coach).

Technical officials — Amir Hossain Patwari and Jahangir Alam Chowdhury.

The 18-member hockey team (16 players and two officials):

Players — Mamunur Rashid (captain), Rafiqul Islam Kamal, (vice-captain), Issa Miah, Masudur Rahman Shuvo, Khurshid Alam, Rabiuddin Ahmed, Russel Khan, Jahangir Alam, Tutul Kumar Nag, Musa Miah, Mirazul Ahsan Miraz, Alamgir Alam, Shamsuzzaman, Ariful Haq Prince, Ishtiaq Ahmed Sapu and Ashiquzzaman.

Officials — Khwaza Rahmatullah (manager) and Ehtesham Sultan (coach).

The six-member Athletics team (four athletes and two officials):

Athletes — Shafiqul Islam, Mahbub Alam, Eliasuddin, and Bony Amin.

Officials — Ibrahim Chengis (manager) and Tian Zhao-Jhong (coach).

The six-member swimming team: (four swimmers and two officials):

Swimmers — Abdur Razzak Khan, Kazi Monirul Islam, Niaz Ali and Abdul Hamid Ripon.

Officials — Shahjahan Miji (manager) and Luo Ben-Jhian (coach).

The 4-member weightlifting team (two lifter and two officials):

Weightlifters — Pradip Chandra Das and Bidyut Kumar Roy.

Officials — Siddiqur Rahman (manager) and Jhang Jiang.

The 3-member boxing team (two boxers and one officials):

Boxers — Biplabul Haq Biplob and Asadur Rahman Asad.

Officials — M A Matin.

The 5-member golf team: (four golfers and one official):

Golfers — Saad Rahim Chowdhury, Syed Iqbal Azim, Shawqatuzzaman and Sadiq Mohammed Monirul.

Official — Shakil Kasem.

The 3-member billiard & snooker team (two players and one official):

Players — Mohammad Mufazzal Hossain and Sajjad Syed.

Official — Sayedul Haq Majumdar (manager).

Asian Games-bound national hockey team members warming up at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday afternoon.
—Star photo by Anisur Rahman

G'land withstand Windies

KIMBERLEY, South Africa, Nov 18: The West Indies had to settle for a draw in the opening first-class match of their South African tour Tuesday as Finley Brooker and Wednell Bossenger led a defiant display by Griqualand West, reports AFP.

Brooker, 24, the captain of the Griqualand B team, took full advantage of his chance to play in the senior side by hitting 111, his maiden first-class century, as the hosts piled up 435 for nine in their second innings.

They had started the fourth and final day on 123 for five, still needing 72 to avoid an innings defeat.

Promising wicketkeeper Bossenger, 22, 102, his second first-class hundred.

Brooker, a product of South African cricket's development programme, and Bossenger broke a 108-year-old Griqualand West record by putting on 148 for the eighth-wicket.

South African Test player Pat Symcox slammed a half-century off 22 balls on a disappointing day for the tourists.

Griqualand West finished last in the nine-team South African domestic first class competition last season and were without star batsman and captain Kepler Wessels, who missed the match with a knee injury.

Even though the West Indians had a depleted attack, they would have expected to wrap up an easy win.

They started the match short of at least one top-line bowler in order to give all their batsmen a chance and were without fast bowler Courtney Walash in the second innings because of a sprained left ankle.

Back-up fast bowlers Franklyn Rose and Mervyn Dillon could not make major inroads and off-spinner Carl Hooper was the most impressive.

Occasional legspinner Shivnarine Chanderpaul came in for heavy punishment, particularly forms Symcox who smashed four sixes and four fours in racing to one of the fastest half centuries in South African first-class cricket history.

Despite Symcox's effort, Griqualand seemed booked for defeat when he was leg before wicket shortly before lunch to Hooper, one ball after reaching his fifty.

The home side were only 63 runs ahead at that stage with three wickets left. But Brooker and Bossenger batted with composure four most of the afternoon to earn their side a draw.

With the light fading, play was called off an hour early, immediately after Bossenger was dismissed.

The West Indians start a four-day match against champion province Free State in Bloemfontein Friday, their last outing before the first Test starts Johannesburg on November 26.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the fourth and final day of the tour match between Griqualand West and the West Indies on Tuesday:

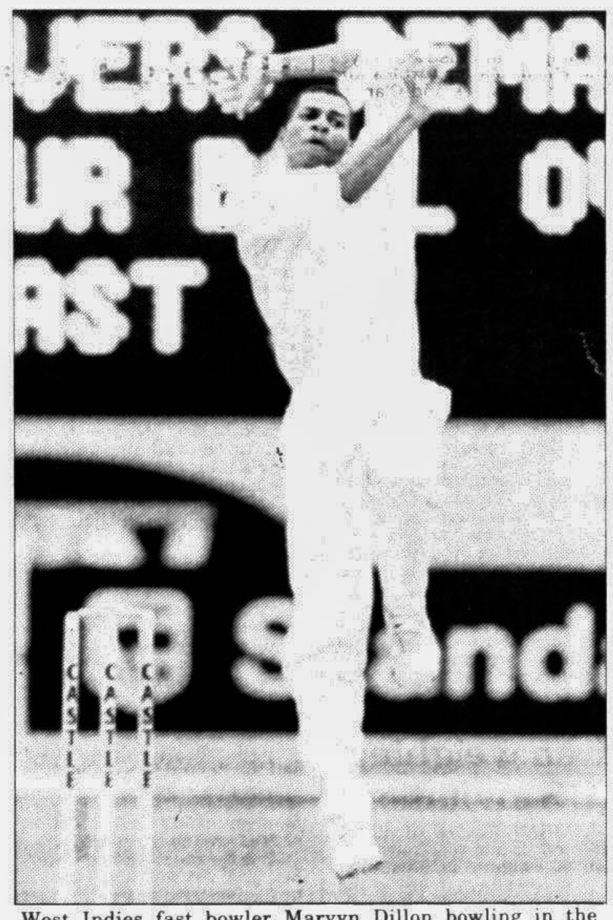
GRIQUALAND WEST: First innings 271 Barnard 58, Brooker 46; Dillon 4/70)

WEST INDIES: First innings 466 Lara 101, Chanderpaul 42, Ganga 50, Hooper 109, Jacobs 40, Dillon 44; Kruis 3/113, Symcox 3/102, Swanepoel 3/101).

GRIQUALAND WEST: Second innings

Arthur run out (Williams)	46
Gidley c Wallace b Hooper	4
Bosman c Williams b Dillon	8
Barnard st Jacobs b Chanderpaul	76
Dry c Lara b Chanderpaul	4
Botha c Lara b Rose	5
Brooker run out (Williams)	111
Symcox lbw b Hooper	50
Bossenger c Wallace b Rose	102
Kruis not out	12
Swanepoel not out	0
Extras : (b-4, lb-4, nb-9)	17
Total: (for 9 wkts in 136. 4 overs)	435

Fall of wkts: 1-17; 2-46; 3-79; 4-86; 5-99; 6-193; 7-258, 8-406; 9-435.



West Indies fast bowler Marvyn Dillon bowling in the tour match against Griqualand West on November 17.
— AP/UNB photo

Bowlers:	O	M	R	W
Rose	25.4	6	85	2
Dillon	30	7	90	1
Hooper	33	10	63	2
Chanderpaul	32	5	126	2
Ganga	13	4	45	0
Lara	1	0	8	0
Lambert	3	0	10	0

Result: Match drawn.

Thackeray the spoilsport

NEW DELHI, Nov 18 (Reuters/ Internet): Right-wing Hindu leader Bal Thackeray has threatened that his Shiv Sena party will not allow Pakistani cricketers to play on Indian soil, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported on Tuesday.

Pakistan tours to India have been called off in the past after threats by Hindu militants and Shiv Sena activists dug up a pitch in Bombay in 1991 to sabotage one.

Pakistan are expected to tour India early next year.

Asked whether Shiv Sena activists would dig up pitches to disrupt games, Thackeray was quoted as saying: "I have many ways and I don't want to spell them out now."

PTI quoted Thackeray, whose party leads a coalition government in the western state of Maharashtra, as saying that if the Board of Control for Cricket in India had "any sense of shame" it would not invite the Pakistan team.

"I am at a loss to understand why we should be so polite and diplomatic with Pakistan when they don't deserve it," PTI quoted him as saying.

Thackeray, whose party commands a huge following in Bombay, Maharashtra's capital, says India and Pakistan, which have tense relations and a bitter territorial dispute over Kashmir, should not play sport while India's soldiers suffered in border violence.

India and Pakistan share a passion for cricket that goes back to their days under colonial rule but have fought three wars since the end of British rule in 1947.

Karate competition

The fourth Kashem Group karate competition '98 will be held here on December 19 and 20 under auspices of 'Shaolin Temple', a reputed martial art school of the city, reports BSS.

Interested participants have been requested to confirm their entry with Jiban Bima Club at 121, Motijheel Commercial Area everyday between 5 pm and 8 pm.

Annual sports

Sports Reporter

The annual sports of Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association will begin at the compound of the organisation today.

The meet, which includes badminton and table tennis, will be inaugurated by chief justice ATM Afzal at 4:15 pm. Attorney General Mahmudul Islam and president of the association Habibul Islam Bhuiyan will also grace the opening ceremony as special guests.

Nat'l rowing tomorrow

The Star 23rd national rowing competition, organised by Bangladesh Rowing Federation, will be held on the river Buriganga at Postagola Point tomorrow, reports BSS.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader who will be the chief guest will inaugurate the competition.

Managing director of British-American Tobacco Company (Bangladesh) Limited Hugh E. Tweed will be present as special guest.

77 boats from Dhaka and other districts will take part in six events of the competition.

The events — 7 paddler (men), 7 paddler (women), 25 paddler (kosha boat), 50 paddler (kosha boat), 50 plus paddler (sarengi boat), and 50 paddler (chip boat).

Dubious distinction

KARACHI, Nov 18 (AFP/ Internet): Regional side National Bank of Pakistan were dismissed for 20 Tuesday, setting a record low for first class cricket in the country.

Nadeem Iqbal of Pakistan Customs took a hat trick during his devastating spell of six wickets for nine runs.

The previous lowest first class innings in Pakistan was 27 made by Dera Ismail Khan against Pakistan Railways in 1964-65.

The world record low in first class cricket is 12 by Oxford University against MCC "A" in 1877 and Northamptonshire against Gloucestershire in 1907.

NBP were bundled out in 18.3 overs. Extras were the top scorer with four. Four NBP batsmen were dismissed for zero. Skipper Sajid Ali put up most resistance, lasting 28 balls for his innings of three.

Selectors leave out Malik

KARACHI, Nov 18: Pakistan cricket selectors recalled the injured trio of Inzamamul Haq, Saeed Anwar and Mushtaq Ahmed but ousted Salim Malik for the first one-day international against Zimbabwe to be played on Friday, reports Reuters.

The three players missed the Wills International Cup and the three one-day international series against Australia which the tourists won 3-0.

"The three players have confirmed their fitness, they played a warm-up game on Tuesday and all of them performed well besides passing the fitness tests.

"Nevertheless, Mushtaq will not participate in the first match," chief selector Wasim Bari said. The match will be played in Gujranwala.

Anwar had a stiff back while Inzamam and Mushtaq were suffering from knee injuries, but there was no place for batsman Salim Malik who was dropped for the first one-dayer against Australia which the visitors won by 86 runs. He was recalled for the next two games but without success.

"Salim is not in the 27 probables announced for the series against Zimbabwe. But that doesn't mean he will not be selected. If he performs in the domestic circuit and scores runs, we might consider him," Bari added.

There was an encouraging news regarding paceman Waqar Younis who has nearly regained fitness. "He is almost fit. He wanted to skip the first one-dayer so that he can undergo a last fitness test in a domestic match. In all probability, he would be in the second one-day side," Bari said.

TEAM

Aamir Sohail (captain), Saeed Anwar, Ijaz Ahmed, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Yousuf Yohanna, Moin Khan, Azhar Mahmood, Wasim Akram, Shahid Afridi, Shoaib Akhtar, Saqlain Mushtaq.

Reserves : Mushtaq Ahmed, Hasan Raza and Mohammad Akram.

Zimbabwe start with win

KARACHI, Nov 18 (Reuters/ Internet): Skipper Alister Campbell gave Zimbabwe a winning start to their tour of Pakistan when he led his team to a five-wicket victory over Karachi in a one-day game on Wednesday.

Campbell stroked an unbeaten 71 to steer Zimbabwe to the winning target of 235 with 24 balls to spare. His 109-ball innings included four boundaries.

Together with Craig Evans, Campbell added 86 runs for the unbroken sixth wicket stand in 81 balls. Evans slammed a rapid unconquered 55 that contained three fours and three sixes.

Karachi, put into bat, managed to reach 233 for nine in 50 overs, thanks mainly to a 101-run fourth wicket stand in 166 balls between Sohail Jaffar and skipper Iqbal Imam.

Jaffar scored 63 with four boundaries and Imam contributed 51 with five fours.

Shahid Afridi bloomed briefly but entertained a small crowd by hitting three fours and a six in his 21-ball 28.

Grant Flower was the pick of Zimbabwe bowlers when he not only put brakes on Karachi scoring but also captured four wickets for 40 runs.

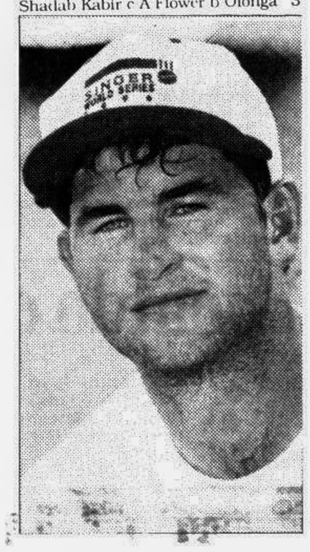
Zimbabwe face Pakistan in the first one-day international at Gujranwala on Friday followed by matches at Sheikhupura and Rawalpindi on Sunday and Tuesday respectively.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day cricket match between Karachi and Zimbabwe on Wednesday:

KARACHI

Shadab Kabir c A Flower b Olonga	3
Shahid Afridi c Mbangwa b Streak	28
Hasan Raza c A Flower b Mbangwa	10
Sohail Jaffar c Streak b Olonga	63
Iqbal Imam c Mbangwa b G Flower	51
Zafar Jadoon c Rennie b Huckle	19
Arif Mahmood b G Flower	19
Suleman Huda c Wishart b G Flower	9
Zeeshan Malik c Rennie b G Flower	2
Kashif Ibrahim not out	4
Ali Raza not out	1
Extras: (lb-2, w-13, nb-9)	24
Total: (for nine wickets in 50 overs)	233



CAMPBELL ... 71 n.o.

Fall of wkts: 1-42; 2-47; 3-69; 4-170; 5-197; 6-198; 7-219; 8-222; 9-231.

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Streak	8	0	40	1
Olonga	6	0	48	2
Mbangwa	5	1	17	1
Evans	7	2	26	0
Huckle	10	0	38	1
G Flower	10	0	40	4
Wishart	2	0	8	0(w1)
Campbell	2	0	14	0

ZIMBABWE

G Rennie c Zeeshan b Kashif Ibrahim	5
G Flower c Zeeshan b Shahid Afridi	26
M Goodwin c Iqbal b Kashif Ibrahim	0
A Flower c Zeeshan b Shahid Afridi	36
A Campbell not out	71
C Wishart st Zeeshan b Arif Mahmood	22
C Evans not out	55
Extras: (lb-2, w-11, nb-7)	20
Total: (for five wickets)	235

Did not bat: A Huckle, H Streak, H Olonga, M Mbangwa.

Fall of wkts: 1-6, 2-11, 3-64, 4-64, 5-149.

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Raza	8	0	32	0
Ibrahim	9	0	59	2
Afridi	10	0	36	2
Imam	10	0	61	0
Mahmood	9	0	45	1

Result: Zimbabwe won by five wickets.

Atherton included

BRISBANE, Nov 18: England opening batsman Michael Atherton will play in the first Ashes cricket Test against Australia starting in Brisbane Friday after passing a fitness test, reports AP.

The former England captain, who was given a cortisone injection in his lower back, was included in a 12-man squad named Wednesday for the opening match of the Ashes series.

Fellow batsman John Crawley was also included in the squad after being assaulted in Cairns in north Queensland state on Sunday night. Crawley suffered cuts and bruises to his face but was one of seven batsmen named by England.

With England's other opener, Mark Butcher, in poor form with just nine runs in five first-class innings this tour, Atherton's importance in the five Test series has increased greatly.

Australian pace spearhead Glenn McGrath immediately pledged to give Atherton, whose movement will be restricted because of the injury, a torrid time.

"I'll probably loosen him up with a few short ones," said McGrath. "If he's got a bit of a dodgy back then he's probably not getting under short balls as well as he would like to do."

"I've had quite a bit of success against Athers, last time he was captain as well as probably one of the linchpins in the team. If we can knock him over early it sets us up and puts us in a better position."

However, former England great Ian Botham warned Australia not to underestimate Atherton's fighting qualities.

MICHAEL ATHERTON

"He's a world-class player and not many sides have got players of that sort of quality," Botham said. "England will be delighted in the camp that he has passed a fitness test."

And he also said Butcher would rise to the challenge of the Ashes opener.

"I'll just take you back to the series in England (last year) a lot of your so-called experts and ex-players were calling for Australian captain Mark Taylor's head," Botham said.

"They had that shoved back down their throats so I wouldn't shout too much about Butcher yet."

TEAMS

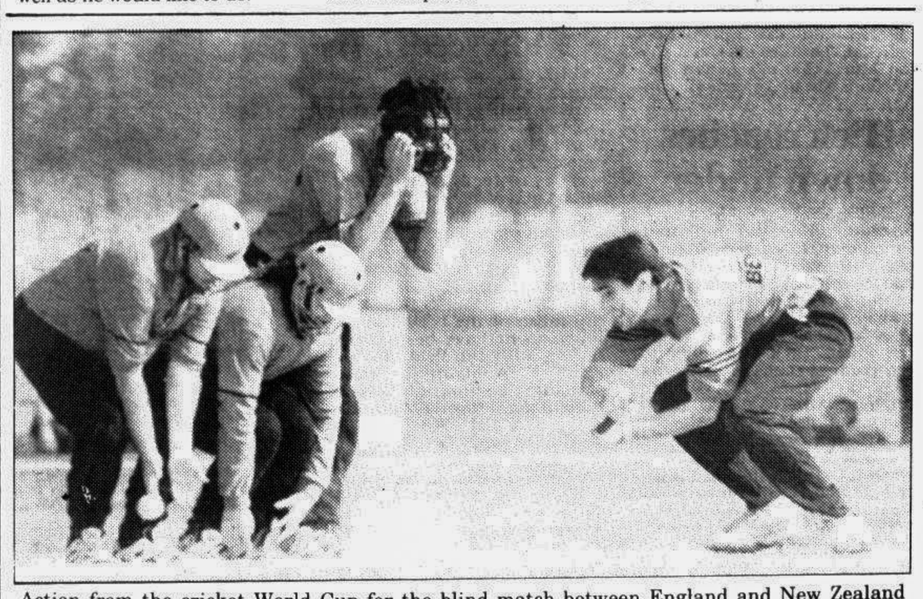
AUSTRALIA: Mark Taylor (captain), Steve Waugh, Michael Slater, Justin Langer, Mark Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Ian Healy, Damien Fleming, Stuart MacGill, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath, Michael Kasprowicz (12th man to be named).

ENGLAND: Alec Stewart (captain), Michael Atherton, Mark Butcher, Nasser Hussain, Graham Thorpe, Mark Ramprakash, John Crawley, Dominic Cork, Robert Croft, Angus Fraser, Alan Mullally, Darren Gough (12th man to be named).

JPC chess

Saleh Chowdhury moved into the final of the Jatiya Press Club 44th founding anniversary chess tournament beating Qazi Hannan in the semifinals at the club yesterday, reports BSS.

In the final Saleh will face either Monwar Ahmed or Abu Musa Hasan.



Action from the cricket World Cup for the blind match between England and New Zealand in New Delhi yesterday.
—AP/UNB photo