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Column One SPORTS TALK



Dave Houghton

(Zimbabwe coach)
"We have won about 60 per cent of our one-day matches in the last 12 months and our players have matured a lot. I expect the team to do well."

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Competition-115

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May 14 '99 and draw shortly afterwards

1	Who will replace Bob Woolmer as South African cricket coach?	
Ford	Stewart	Marsh
2	When England last hosted cricket World Cup?	
1975	1987	1983
3	Umpire Steve Bucknor is a Guyanese	
4	The final match of the 1999 cricket World Cup will be held at Edgbaston	
5	The World Cup match between Bangladesh and Scotland will be played in Edinburgh	

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Joypurhat lift Biman Cup

JOYPURHAT, May 8: Hosts Joypurhat clinched the Biman Cup under-14 national football championship beating Chittagong 2-1 in an exciting final at the local stadium today, reports UNB.

All three goals came in the last 21 minutes of the match. Akash and Rinku scored for the home side while Russell netted the lone goal for the port district team.

Last year's runners-up Joypurhat took lead in the 59th minute by a nice goal from Akash while Rinku widened the margin in the 74th minute.

Russell scored the face-saving goal for Chittagong just one minute before the final whistle capitalising on a defensive error.

Quamrunnahar Putul MP witnessed the final and later distributed the trophy.

Nabakumar beat Motijheel High

ANZ Grindlays
National School Cricket

Nabakumar Institution beat Motijheel Govt High by two wickets in a rain-curtailed match of the ANZ Grindlays Bank 17th national schools cricket tournament at the Utara Friends Club ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Batting first Motijheel Govt scored 176 for 4 in reduced 20 overs.

In reply, Nabakumar reached their target of 177 runs in the last ball losing 8 wickets.

MOTIJHEEL GOVT HIGH :
176 for 4 in 20 overs (Faisal 51, Riaz 48, Abid 24; Rony 1/25, Sun 1/30).

NABAKUMAR INSTITUTION:
177 for 8 in 20 overs (Rony 60, Rasheed 57; Taharat 4/23, Abid 30).

Meanwhile, a BCB press release said yesterday that Ganabhan High School and Natun Kuri Shikkhalaya were suspended for next seven years on disciplinary ground.

Can Kenya kill?

LONDON, May 8 (AFP/Reuters/Internet): A comparable scenario would have had Liechtenstein beating Brazil in the football World Cup. Not one-nil, not two-nil but by three or four.

Kenya did not just beat the West Indies in the Indian city of Puri in 1996, they humiliated them in what was the biggest upset in 24 years of cricket World Cup history.

That day, February 29, was the stuff of sporting fairytale. Minnow eats great white shark. The Kenyans had miracle gone into the match star-struck by their opponents, the 1975 and 1983 tournament winners and the 1983 finalists.

Captain Maurice Odumbe had said: "The West Indies have always been our favourite cricketers. It's an honour to play with them ... We try to play like the West Indies, aggressive and entertaining at the same time."

Hours later, it was Kenya who were doing a lap of honour around the Nehru stadium, their heroes having lost dramatically by 73 runs, dismissed for a not very aggressive, not very entertaining 93.

Nothing recently has suggested that Kenya are capable of repeating the feat in the 1999 World Cup but South Africa, Sri Lanka, England, India and Zimbabwe - their Group A opponents in the coming weeks - will be extremely wary of the African side.

But one thing they are determined to do is to have fun. A victory against anyone would be an added bonus, said their coach Alvin Kallicharran, the former West Indies Test batsman.

"We are underdogs. We love being underdogs. That means we will play without any pressure and we are going to enjoy ourselves. We are going to have fun," he said.

Seven of the side that won against the West Indies in '99 re-

turned Tom was the first indigenous Kenyan to captain the country.

Odumbe, meanwhile, is a name synonymous with Kenyan cricket. There have been six Odumbe cricketing brothers. Edward played alongside Maurice's side in 1996. Maurice, the then-captain, had taken three for 15 from 10 steady overs of off-spin in the match.

Martin Suj, a seamer who has played for Transvaal, also returns.



Cricket is still largely a part-time sport for Kenyan players. Even as the team prepared for the World Cup, many of them were able to attend training sessions only after finishing work.

Cricket was introduced to Kenya at the turn of the century and supplied the bulk of the East African side which played in the 1975 World Cup. In 1981 Kenya branched out on its own

FIXTURE
Kenya - Group A
First-round
May 15 Zimbabwe, Taunton
May 18 England, Canterbury
May 23 India, Bristol
May 26 South Africa, Amstelveen (Netherlands)
May 30 Sri Lanka, Southampton

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