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EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS



Wasim Akram

(Suspended Pakistan cricket captain)

"I think what has happened is that in Pakistan sport has a lot to do with politics and this is more political than anything

On betting and bribery

Bangladesh clinch Naadee Carrom C'ship

Bangladesh won the title of Naadee Carrom Night Championship outplaying the host Maldives in Male on August 2-4. reports UNB.

Five SAARC countries, including India, Sri Lanka and Maldives, took part in the tour-

naments, organised by Maldives Carrom Federation. The 3rd SAARC Countries Currom Championship was

also held in Male where the Bangladesh team participated. On the way to return home. the Bangladesh team attended a "rules orientation course" at Chennai in Indian held under the auspices of the Interna-

Saturday. England 98 for one at tea

tional Carrom Federation on

MANCHESTER, England, Aug 8: Former captains Alec Stewart and Mike Atherton showed their experience as England began their bid to save the third Test against New Zealand at Old Trafford on Sunday, reportsAFP.

By tea Stewart (43 not out) and Atherton (35no) had taken the score to 98 for one, still 199 behind New Zealand as England made a positive start in their attempt to score 297 to make

New Zealand bat again. The stand was worth 79 and brought back memories of their 226 partnership which helped save England in last summer's Old Trafford Test against South Africa, when Stewart made 164.

When the Kiwis declared at their lunchtime 496 for nine. England were committed to batting five sessions to save the match and go to The Oval for the final Test with the series still level.

But England lost stand-in captain Mark Butcher in the seventh over for nine and his contribution of 86 in six innings threatens to put his place

in doubt. Butcher fell lbw to Dion Nash, but Stewart arrived with aggressive intentions and moved to 34 out of England's 74 for one, his stand with Mike Atherton reaching 50 in 69 balls.



Scene from the Abahani-Arambagh Super Four match of the Premier League yesterday Abahani won 2-0.

Abahani narrow the gap

Abahani Krira Chakra kept alive outside chance of regaining the title when they recorded a 2win over Arambagh Krira Sangha in a "super four' match of the Keya Premier Football League at the Bangabandhu

National Stadium yesterday. The popular Dhanmondi outfit confirmed their sixth win in the League even before the day's first match at the big bowl reached the halfway mark. Abahani's victory provided a refreshing change as two of their foreign recruits were in the thick of things against a side that is considered a bogey

for the giants. Sabir Pasha, the Indian forward of the sky blues, broke the evening's duck in the 38th minute, heading home a nice lob from midfield dynamo Ar-

Six minutes later, Opuju, one of the two Nigerian recruits of Abahani, gave his side a seemingly unassailable 2-0 lead with

HYDERABAD,

announced

would be fully fit and ready by

this month end to regain his

place in the Indian team and

said his operated right shoulder

has improved a lot and he was

conference after the World Cup

Azharuddin said, "The shoulder

injury was there for quite a long

time and as a precautionary

measures I went for the opera-

tion, I am doing a lot of exer-

batsman, who was replaced by

Sachin Tendulkar as skipper on

July 28, opted out of selection

for the coming triangular one-

day tournaments in Sri Lanka

(Sept 24 to Oct 1) as he ex-

pected to recover full fitness

the doctor who had, operated

on him in England - on June

immediately after India's cam-

paign had ended - before opt-

ing out of selection, Azharuddin

said it was on the doctor's ad-

enough rest and give the in-

jured shoulder time to repair

the damage. On his advice only

I opted out of the side touring

Sri Lanka and Singapore." he

batting also contributed to In-

dia not qualifying to the semi-final at the World Cup.

Cup, except for a few matches,

was not consistent enough with

my batting, which shattered our

hopes to clinch the cup," he

cricket board president that he

expected to regain full fitness

only by this month end. de-

le clared he would be available to

Azhar, who had informed the

said in reply to a question.

Azhar admitted that his poor

"I admit that in the World

The 36-year-old wristy

Addressing his first press

feeling better, reports PTI.

cises for recuperation."

only by August end.

vice that he opted out.

Aug 8: Deposed

India cricket cap-

tain Mohammed

Azharuddin today

Sports Reporter

a scorching right-footer past Arambagh custodian Abir. And, had there been a little luck, Abahani would have won by a bigger margin.

The metal work, however, stood against their way twice in second half to deny them a more resounding day on the field. Abahani were deprived of what would have been their third goal 16 minutes into the second session when Iqbal's powerful grounder ricocheted off the far post.

Abahani had to be content with two goals as Mintu's 76th minute placing from a handshaking distance also rebounded, this time off the righthand post. Although Abahani domi-

nated the entire proceedings with a better brand of football, it was Arambagh, who gave their more colourful opponents an early scare when the traditional giant-slayers got a penalty in the 15th minute.

Azzu focused on fightback

represent Hyderabad in the All

India Moin-Ud-Dowla Gold Cup

cricket tournament, scheduled

to commence in the third week

ready to play in the tournament

and I will even play Ranji Tro-

phy matches for my home

Anshuman Gaekwad's com-

ments to BCCI on his cap-

taincy, Azhar said: "I don't

think it will be wise to comment

on the coach. I am very confi-

the World Cup. The report

which he has given to BCCI is a

confidential affair and I am not

Asked about former skipper

dent he has done his job well in

He confidently said, "I am

When asked about coach

of next month.

aware of it."

Indian referee Udayan Haldar pointed to the dreaded spot when Sabir Pasha pulled down

a menacingly poised Titu in the forbidden zone. But Aminul, the national custodian, who has had a wonderful season so far, was not to be undone by the frightful call from the man in

The young goalie dived full to his right to parry off Ritu's 12-yarder to make sure Abahani avoided yet another debacle against Arambagh, who forced a one-all draw in the first phase. The victory therefore granted a delightful vengeance for the sky-blue supporters.

Team Rank M W D L F A Pts AbaKC 3rd 12 6 4 2 17 8 22 Arambagh 4th 12 4 3 5 15 17 15

TEAMS

Abahani KC: Aminul, Dulal, Kingshuk, Ghansah, Partho. Sentu, Iqbal, Arman, Mintu, Opuju and Sabir Pasha.

Arambagh KS: Abir (Lovlu). Titu, Choton (Shamim), Mizan. Mithu, Montu, Taju, Manik, Abidul Akin, Ritu and Johny (Tota)

Referee: Udayan Halder.

Azhar should retire from the

game after the World Cup de-

bacle, he said, "Winning and

losing are part of a sportsman

and these things are bound to

happen in any international

Asked about the progress of

matches. I refuse to be dragged

the cricket academy he pro-

posed to set up in Hyderabad.

he said, "I have forwarded all

the necessary proposals to the

Andhra Pradesh government

the moment there are none, but

I hope in the future I shall rope

in, someone and this academy

will be better than the Aus-

tralian Academy (run by the

Australian Institute of Sports in

Adelaide)."

On sponsors, Azhar said, "At

and I am awaiting their reply."

into this issue anymore."

Nat'l TT' ends

singles title securing 12 points in the final round. Runner-up Mostafa of Bangladesh Ansars also got 12 points. But Mahbub was declared champion as he beat Mostafa.

Mahbub bagged the doubles title with Mostafa when they defeated Hamlet and Edison pair of Bangladesh Biman 21-17, 21-10, 21-17 in the final.

He, pairing with Rinu (Biman) got the mixed doubles title eliminating Manosh and Shamima 21-15, 21-12 and 21-19 in the final. Mahbub was adjudged best

player-of-the-championship and was given the Sachin Chaki award. Deputy Minister for LGRD

Saber Hossain Chowdhury witnessed the finals as the chief guest and gave away trophies among the winners. President of Bangladesh

Table Tennis Federation Syed Yousuf Hossain, Managing Director of Muktijoddha Kallyan Trust SMJ Aktramuzzaman and other officials were pre-

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Nat'l women's h'ball begins

The 13th national women's handball championship, organised by Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF), began at the Sultana Kamal Women Sports Complex yesterday, reports BSS. State Minister for Youth,

Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader inaugurated the championship as the chief Vice-President of Bangla-

desh Olympic Association Lt Col (retd) Faruq Khan, MP, BHF President Lt Col (retd) MA Hamid and other officials of the federation were present. In all 17 teams, split into six

groups, are taking part in the tournament on round robin league basis.

The six group champions will play in the final round on knock-out basis. The participating teams are:

Group A- Bangladesh

Ansars, Jessore and Dinajpur. Group B-BJMC, Panchagar and Netrokona. Group C- Dhaka and Jhalakathi

Group D- Madaripur Rangamati and Nilphamari. Group E- Rangpur, Kushtia ed Raishahi.

Group F - Chittagong metropolis, Naogaon and Barisal On the opening day, 11

matches were held.

not guilty

NEWCASTLE, England, Aug 8: England captain Alan Shearer on Sunday insisted he was innocent of any wrongdoing after being sent off for the first time in his career in Newcastle United's home English Premiership defeat by Aston Villa on Saturday, reports AFP.

Shearer, who was playing in his 100th game for Newcastle. was dismissed by referee Uriah Rennie for a 71st-minute challenge on defender Colin Calderwood after being booked for an earlier foul on the same

"I challenge anyone to watch on television the incident which got me sent off from any angle and at any speed and if, after total scrutiny, there is the slightest foul then I will accept

the decision without further comment," said Shearer. "If, however, it is proven beyond all doubt that no foul was committed then I would hope that something could be done. tack look increasingly tootla-



Winners of the Coca-Cola national table tennis championships.

treble Mahbub Al-Billah of Bangladesh Biman earned triple titles in the Coca-Cola 23rd table tennis championships that concluded at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday, reports BSS. Mahbub Clinched the men's singles title securing 12 points the final round. Brown Staffs.

cials of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) will be in Dhaka during the second

Four senior offi-

Bangabandhu Gold Cup football tournament, General Secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) Harunur Rashid, MP. said here yesterday, reports

The country's lone international football tournament begins at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on August 27. The officials are: AFC vice president and Executive Committee member of the international football federation

(FIFA) Mohammad Bin Hamam Al-Abdullah of Qatar, AFC General Secretary Peter Vellappan. AFC vice president Monifal Fernando (Sri Lanka). FIFA member Worawi Makudi (Thailand). Besides, general secretary of

Malaysian Football Associa-

tion Paul Moni and general secretary of South Asian Football Association (SAFA) Ananda Raja will arrive here to witness the matches.

Rashid, who is also member-secretary of the Bangabandhu Gold Cup Organising Commit-tee, said that the AFC and FIFA officials have confirmed their arrival during the tournament.

We have also invited some other Asian and world football dignitaries. But they did not confirm their arrival," he said. Twelve foreign teams sent their entries to the organising committee and one of them would be dropped to accommodate the Bangladesh team,

Rashid said, adding that a decision about that team would be decided later. The, 101-member organising committee headed by Minister for Home, Post and Telecommunications Mohammad

Nasimi will have its first meet-

ing on August 10.

The first Bangabandhu 'Go Id Cup football tournament was held in 1996.

Basic Crick et Academy st arts in Septem ber

Sports Reprorter Basic Cricket A cademy, a new coaching scho ol for aspiring cricketers will oegin operating from the fi rst week of September at the Orient Club ground in Lalbag ,h.

Former coac h of BKSP and present Abaha' ni coach Sarwar mran, will be director of the academy.

Youngster's interested in joining the academy are requested to contact-- Cricket Corner at \$,7/2, GM Plaza, New Elephant 'Road (phone 863913) or the office of Orient Club.



New Zealand batsman Nathari Astle raises his bat on reaching the three-figure Old Trafford on August 7.

Astle alights Old Trafford

Shearer pleads England face defeat tween England and New



England, Aug 8: New Zealand, inspired by Nathan Astle, put themselves in a winning position here on Saturday as they left England facing a desperate rearguard action to save the third Test, report s Astle scored 101 and put or i

153 with Matthew Bell (83) at: New Zealand ended the day or 1 399 for six, giving them a 200. run lead with two days to play. England, under acting captain Mark Butcher after Nasse r

Hussain broke a finger in the second Test, spend the entire day trying to limit the damage as the bat dominated the ball. The hosts, bowled out for 199 in the first innings, will have to improve radically when they bat again on Sunday if they are

not to go 2-1 down with just on a Test in the series to play. New Zealand, starting the day on 128 for two, were indebted to Astle and Bell for set . ting the tone.

While Bell defended cau-

tiously, Astle, 27, provided the fireworks on a gloomy, overcas it He unleashed a string of mid-wicket sixes off spinners Peter Such and Phil Tufnell and drove impressively on the ciff side, making the England a.t-

Astle said: "I struggled during the World Cup - it's just a confidence thing with me. Today I just struck the ball, it's the only way I know to play.

Skipper Stephen Flenning added: "We achieved what we aimed for. We scored at a good clip and it advanced the game for us. "We only aim to bat once and there's no chance of us dec lar-

ing. We may not be a team of

stars but we play as a colle ctive Bell's was the first wicket to fall, after facing 224 balls, and batting for five-and-threequarter hours. In sight of a maiden century, he top-eriged a pull off Dean Headley and Mike Atherton, running back from

mid-on, took the catch. Astle, dropped just be fore off Andy Caddick, followed soon

He reached three figures off

174 balls, hitting three sixes Zealand at Ole's Trafford on Satand four fours during a stay of almost three hours but then urday: hooked Caddick's straight to ENGLANID: First innings

long leg. Roger Twose and Adam Parore both flattered to deceive before falling to Such's off spin but Craig McMillan, who had been out of form in the previous two Tests, and Chris Cairns then produced a flourish at the end of the day.

up his half-century off 97 balls and finishing on 58 not out. All-rounder Cairns, meanwhile, mixed defence with the long handle to finish on an undefeated 29 as the pair put on

McMillan flicked Headley to

the fine leg boundary, bringing

Off spinner Such went for four sixes near the end of the day to spoil his figures but was still the most successful bowler. taking three for 81. SCOREBOARD

Score at close of play on the third day of the third Test be-

Umpires: D Shepherd (Eng) and R Tiffin (Zim)

199 (M Ram' prakash 69 n.o., D

nings (over night 128-2)

S Fleming Ibw b Such

R Twose Ibw b Such

C McMillan not out

C Cairr is not out

280; 5-321; 6-331

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H'eadley

Tufnelf

Such

N Astle c Such b Caddick

A Paror e c Butcher b Such

Extras: (b-1, lb-17, nb-3)

Total: 6 wkts (131 overs)

M Bell c A therton b Headley

M Horne b Caddick

NEW ZJEALAND: First in-

Fa II: 1-46; 2-110; 3-263; 4-

To bat: D Vettori, D Nash, C

9 97

8 67

Nash 3-46)

Sisters Prianka and Labonno with former national cricketer Minhazul Abedin Nannu, who vis ited the girls' Gandaria residence on August 7 as part of the Pepsi-Daily Star 'Nannu at your doorstep' contest. - Star photo