

Column One SPORTS TALK



Steffi Graf

(German tennis legend) "I have done everything I wanted to do in tennis. It is time to stop."

While announcing her retirement.

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SAF Games preps delay cricket camp

Sports Reporter The primary camp to select the Bangladesh team for the three-day and two one-day internationals against West Indies in October, will not start before the first week of September.

Although the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Sabar Hossain Chowdhury earlier on August 6 said that the camp would start from the third week of August, it was learnt yesterday that the board would not call the cricketers before the first week of September.

BHF picks 33

Bangladesh to play in three int'l tourneys

Bangladesh will take part in three hockey tournaments in India and Pakistan in October and November this year, officials sources said yesterday, reports BSS.

A Bangladesh team will leave for India in the second week of October to take part in a six-nation tournament to be held at Chandigarh from October 16-26.

Football feast await fans

Sports Reporter



Indonesia will take on Japan in the inaugural match of the 2nd Bangabandhu Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on August 27, according to the fixture announced by the Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday.

Twelve teams, 11 from abroad and hosts Bangladesh, will be split into four groups for the first round, which will end on September 3.

The four group champions will qualify for the semifinals billed for September 5 while the final will be held on September 7.

Bangladesh, drafted in group A along with Kerollet Football Club of Hungary and a Malaysian team, will begin their campaign on August 31 when they take on Malaysia.

Rio de Janeiro Soccer Federation, the first Brazilian team to appear in a tournament in Bangladesh, have been pencilled in group B along with South Korea and Thailand.

Group C favourites Ghana will meet Nepal in their first engagement on August 28. The following are the groupings:

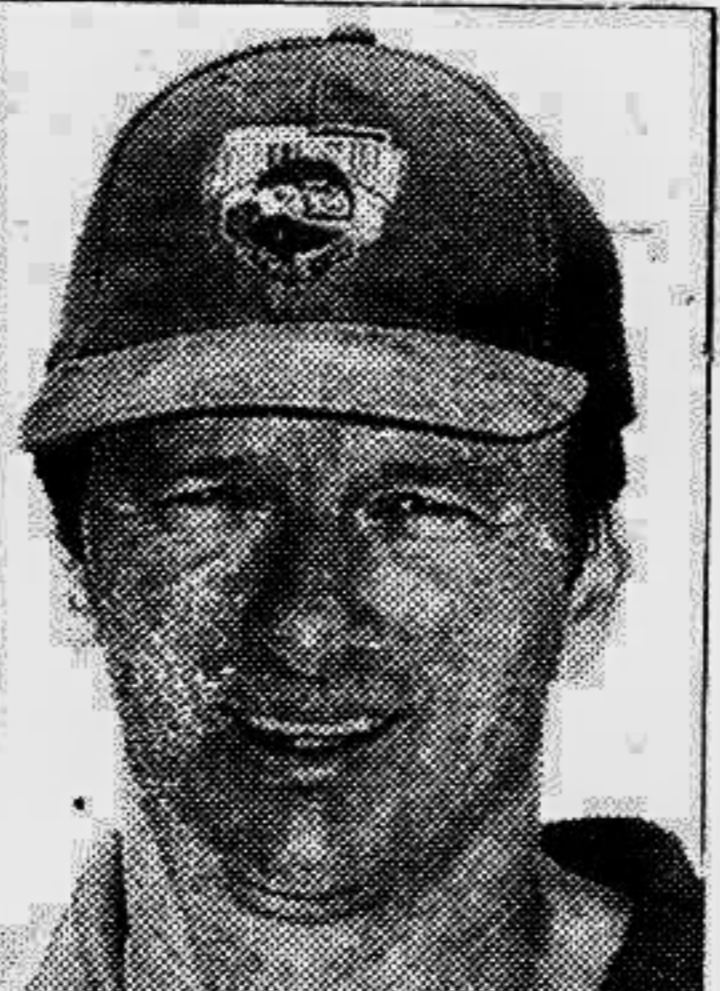
- Group A: Kerollet FC (Hungary), Malaysia, Bangladesh

Table with columns: Date, Match No, Match, Time. Includes fixtures for Aug 27-31 and Sep 1-7.

Waugh relishes meeting Ranatunga again

Arjuna Ranatunga during their forthcoming tour. Waugh said before the squad departed today that he would be surprised if Ranatunga was not selected as a specialist batsman.

Waugh said playing on the sub-continent would present a few challenges to his side, but the team was excited at the prospect of playing its first one-



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day game since its World Cup victory over Pakistan at Lord's in June. Waugh said he carried some helpful psychological baggage.

Waugh said Jaysuriya might struggle to adequately replace Ranatunga as Sri Lankan captain. "Jaysuriya is a good player but it's going to be a big test for him taking over the captaincy, particularly from Ranatunga who was such a strong character and pretty much a strong

Good show by Warne, Gillespie

BRISBANE, Australia, Aug 16 (AFP): Fast bowler Jason Gillespie and spinner Shane Warne staked

Slater's 104 from 152 balls featured two sixes in one over off Test spearhead Glenn McGrath after seamer Adam Dale applied the brakes with 2-18 from eight overs.

Gillespie had the top team on the back-foot when he trapped Mark Waugh in front for 12. Steve Waugh (44) and Michael Bevan (52 not out) steered Australia to 214 for six.

Gillespie did not bowl at full pace but his rhythm and control were good enough to convince Marsh he would not be a risk in the Test series.

Gillespie, who had not bowled in match conditions since injuring his back on tour in the West Indies last March, took 1-26 from 10 overs to show his ability ahead of next month's Test series in Sri Lanka.

The South Australian bowler, who has taken 50 Test wickets at 21.30, earned strong reviews from Australian coach Geoff Marsh.

Marsh was also happy with Waugh, who took 2-35 off nine overs in his first spell since orchestrating Australia's World Cup final triumph over Pakistan last June.

SA beat India

JOHANNESBURG, Aug 16 (Reuters): South Africa beat India 2-1 in the second Test of their five-match series at the Randburg Astro near Johannesburg yesterday.



Bayern Munich's legendary footballer Lothar Matthaeus obliging his tiny fans at the German champions' club premises in Munich on August 15.

Iqbal unscathed Delayed law for delayed matches

Sports Reporter The Dhaka Mohanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC), though belatedly made an amendment in the league bye-laws to stop unnecessary delays forced by errant teams during the progress of a match.

The DMFLC, in an emergency meeting last night, decided that the referee would wait for a maximum of 15 minutes if any team refuses to play and then make the final decision on the field.

The meeting, however, surprisingly failed to come up with any punitive measures against Abahani's midfielder Iqbal, who manhandled Indian referee Udayan Halder during the sky-blues troubled match with Mohammedan Sporting Club last Saturday.

Meanwhile, the DMFLC has decided to hold the last six 'super four' matches after the Bangabandhu Cup, scheduled to be held from August 27 to September 15. The matches will be played at the Sher-e-Bangla Mirpur National Stadium instead of the Bangabandhu National Stadium, which will be handed over to the cricket board.

No football today League moves to Mirpur Stadium

Sports Reporter The Dhaka Mohanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) has postponed both the Keya Premier Division Football League matches sched-

uled at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today because of non-availability of Police.

According to a DMFLC official yesterday, the Dhaka Metropolitan Police will not be able to provide any security support at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today as they will be busy at the Prime Minister's meeting at the adjacent Paltan Maidan.

The DMFLC will have to hand over the Bangabandhu National Stadium to Bangladesh Football Federation after tomorrow's matches for the preparation of the 2nd Bangabandhu Cup.

Asian Club C'hip Mukhtijoddha play Bagan at Calcutta

Premier Division Football League champions Mukhtijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra will take on Mohun Bagan Club in their Asian Club Championship away match at the Salt Lake Stadium on September 21.

The home match will be held at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur on September 11. According to Mukhtijoddha official yesterday, the all-reds are likely to leave the city by air on August 20.

Odumbe back in the saddle

NAIROBI, Aug 16: Maurice Odumbe was named Kenya's cricket captain for the second time today, reports Reuters.

Odumbe, who was sacked in 1997, takes over from Asif Karim. He retired from the international game last month a few weeks after captaining Kenya in the World Cup.

Odumbe, a gifted batsman, captained his country to a remarkable win over West Indies during the 1996 World Cup.

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Action from yesterday's Premier Division football league match between Mukhtijoddha and Arambagh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Nakib treble sinks Arambagh

Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib scored a brilliant hat-trick to throttle defending champions Mukhtijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra to a resounding 3-0 win over Arambagh Krira Sangha in a 'Super Four' match of the Keya Premier Football League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The lanky forward pounced in all the three goals in the second session to become the fourth player to score a hat-trick in this year's League. The treble also enabled Nakib to pip Badda Jagoran striker Khokon as the leading individual scorer with ten goals.

Table with columns: Team, Rank, M, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Mukhtijoddha 2nd 14 4 3 7 16 23 15. Arambagh 4th 14 4 3 7 16 23 15.

Although Nakib was a pale shadow of his former self in the first phase where he scored only three goals from nine matches, the prolific marksman showed a remarkable return to top form, blasting seven goals in the last four matches.

Brothers' striker Mizan scored the first hat-trick in the League against Fakirerpool YMC. Abahani's injured midfielder Zakir earned the fabulous feat against Rahmatganj while Brother's Riaz scored the third hat-trick in the second meeting of the Gopibag outfit with Fakirerpool.

In Monday's match, Nakib opened the floodgates in the 62nd minute, shooting home an Effieni low cross from the right of the Arambagh box. The goal brought a welcome relief for Mukhtijoddha, who had an otherwise disappointing first half with the players appearing not to have recovered from a 3-1 thrashing by Abahani in their

previous match. The much-needed breakthrough, however, changed the complexion of the game completely with a rejuvenated all-reds showing no mercy to the hapless Motijheel outfit.

Nakib scored his second goal three minutes later. This time the former national marksman found the net with a trademark header off a neat Masud Rana floater from the left, giving no chance to Arambagh custodian Lovlu.

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Mukhtijoddha: Arpan Dey, Hasan al Mamun, Jewel Rana (Mamun Joarder), Rajani, Titu, Masud Rana, Bakhtiar (Joy), Liton, Tushar, Walid (Effieni) and Nakib.

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

WI, Australia tour schedule of NZ

- WEST INDIES Dec 5-7: New Zealand A, Taupo. Dec 10-13: Auckland at Auckland. Dec 16-20: New Zealand first Test, Hamilton. Jan 26-30: New Zealand second Test, Wellington. Jan 2: New Zealand one day international (ODI), Auckland. Jan 4: New Zealand ODI, Taupo (Day/Night). Jan 6: New Zealand ODI, Napier (Day/Night). Jan 8: New Zealand ODI, Wellington. Jan 11: New Zealand ODI, Christchurch (Day/Night). AUSTRALIA Feb 16: New Zealand ODI, Wellington (Day/Night). Feb 19: New Zealand ODI, Auckland (Day/Night). Feb 23: New Zealand ODI, Dunedin (Day/Night). Feb 26: New Zealand ODI, Christchurch (Day/Night). March 1: New Zealand ODI, Napier (Day/Night). March 3: New Zealand ODI, Auckland (Day/Night). March 5-8: Northern Districts, Hamilton. March 11-15: New Zealand first Test, Auckland. March 18-21: Central Districts, Napier. March 24-28: New Zealand second Test, Wellington. March 31-April 4: New Zealand third Test, Hamilton.

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SCOREBOARD NEW ZEALAND: First innings 236. Essex: First innings. Priehard c Croy b Allott 11. Grayson c Fleming b Cairns 0. Phillips lbw b Allott 4. Robinson c Fleming b McMillan 200. Walton lbw b O'Connor 9. Irani lbw b O'Connor 24. Peters c Vettori b O'Connor 99. Hyam b O'Connor 37. Law not out 63. Thompson c O'Connor b McMillan 8. Anderson c Fleming b O'Connor 3. Extras: (b-10, lb-11, w-2, nb-12) 35. Total: (all out in 174.4 overs) 493. Fall of wickets: 1-5; 2-14; 3-21; 4-43; 5-98; 6-302; 7-400; 8-454; 9-484; 10-493.

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Bowler O M R W Irani 10 5 14 1 1 Thompson 14 5 24 1 1 Anderson 17 5 39 4 1 Law 9 1 33 2 1 Phillips 22 4 82 2 2 Grayson 1 0 1 0 0 Result: Essex won by an innings and 40 runs. Toss: Essex. Umpires: P Adams and J H Harris.