

Rajshahi kabadi, h'ball results

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 6: Abahani Krira Chakra and Bandhan Krira Chakra won their respective matches in the First Division Kabadi league at the district outer stadium yesterday.

Abahani defeated Diganta Prasery Sangha 61-52. They got three and two 'lomas' respectively.

In the second match of the day at the same venue, Bandhan KC defeated Muhuabagan Club 71-55. They got three and one 'lomas' respectively.

In the Saturday's matches, Raj Sporting Club and Upashahar Modern Boxing Club collected full points winning their respective matches.

Raj Sporting achieved an easy win over Balkali Shanghai 96-29.

Upashahar Modern Boxing Club defeated Lotus club 60-58.

Meanwhile, Star Sports Club beat Kalabagan Krira Sangskritik Sangha 22-10 the Rajshahi Metropolitan handball league yesterday at the Rajshahi Govt Collegiate School play ground.

Dider and Masum made nine and six goals for the winners. Murad and Iraj scored six and three goals respectively for the losers.

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bing three wickets for 44 runs, but Langer hung around for 280 minutes for 52 to ensure Australia didn't lose the initiative given by the early batsmen.

Langer was out with seven runs required, caught at forward short leg off part-time spinner Hasan Tillekeratne, but Australia were not to be denied the victory.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of play in the 4-day tour match between Australia and Sri Lankan Board XI played at the Saravananthi Stadium on Monday:

BOARD XI: First Innings 228

AUSTRALIA: First Innings 179

BOARD XI: Second Innings 271

AUSTRALIA: Second Innings (Overnight 39 for no loss)

Blewett c de Saram b Gallage 148

Slater c de Saram b Herath 51

Langer c Dilshan b Tillekeratne 52

Healy c Tillekeratne b Gallage 2

S Waugh c Jayawardene 21

b Villavarayen 21

R Ponting c Perera b Herath 10

Hayden not out 11

Warne not out 4

Extras: B-4, lb-9, nb-9 22

Total (For 6 wkt in 101 overs) 321

Fall of Wickets 1-115; 2-249;

3-251; 4-278; 5-293; 6-314;

Bowler O M R W

Gallage 12 4 28 2

Villavarayen 15 4 38 1

Herath 33 7 111 2

Perera 15 2 46 0

Arnold 25 7 81 0

Tillekeratne 1 0 4 1

Result: Australia won by four wickets.

Wasim may be

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hold its final hearing on Wednesday, after which Justice Qayyum will submit his findings with the chief patron of the PCB and the government.

However, the commission proceedings could be prolonged if any of the four persons called to appear before it on Wednesday on the request of the legal counsel for Wasim, decides to ask for another date to be cross examined.

The four are Rashid Latif, Basit Ali, Sarfraz Nawaz and Majid Khan. In view of the advice given by Naushad, Yawar and Zaman, the sources say Mujeeb is now convinced that the ad hoc committee would be put in an embarrassing situation if they immediately lift the suspension on Wasim before the conclusion of the commission's probe.

In this changed scenario, the sources say in all probability Moin Khan will now be appointed as makeshift skipper for the Toronto matches with the team being picked from among the players currently attending the training camp in Lahore.

In that case, Wasim will have to wait until the tournament in Sharjah in October to make a comeback.

The chief selector is expected to hand over the Pakistan squad for the Toronto series to the Board on Tuesday.

"We have already held a preliminary meeting of the selection committee and on Tuesday, we will submit our squad to the Board, whose responsibility it is to announce it when they want to," stated Naushad.

Heyns sets new world swim mark

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 6: Penny Heyns overcame high altitude, cold water and what she called "pathetic turns" to break the women's 100 metres breaststroke short-course world record on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Heyns clocked one minute 5.57 seconds on the final day of the South African short-course championship to better the mark of 1:05.70 set by Samanta Riley of Australia in Rio de Janeiro in December 1995.

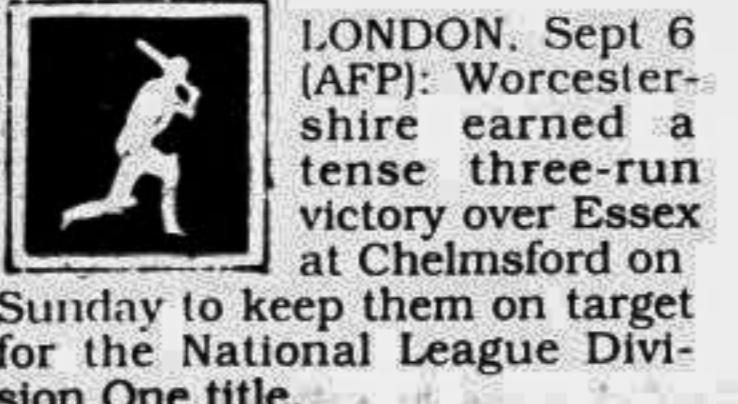
It is the ninth world record the South African has set in the past seven weeks but her first in a short-course (25-metre) pool.

Heyns broke her own world long-course records in the 50, 100 and 200 metres breaststroke at the Pan Pacific Games in Sydney last month.

"I'm pleased with my time, especially because the water's cold and it's at altitude, but I think I've still got a lot to learn at short-course," Heyns told the South African Press Association.

"My turns are pathetic. Because I swim without goggles I can't see the walls."

Worcester earn tense win



LONDON, Sept 6 (AFP): Worcestershire earned a tense three-run victory over Essex at Chelmsford on Sunday to keep them on target for the National League Division One title.

They now only have to win their last two games against Hampshire and Lancashire to make sure of finishing in top spot after this latest success enabled them to leapfrog over the Red Rose side.

Defending a total of 211 for six, the visitors looked poised to win without too much trouble as they reduced their opponents to 103 for five in the 21st over but in the end Essex pushed them to the last ball.

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He reached his 50 from 66 balls with four fours and added two more before Smith nipped one back at him to have him lbw in the 36th over.

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Simon Cook for a straight six and went on to reach 37 before he swung Angus Fraser to deep mid wicket.

Weston completed his 50 off 74 balls before he drilled a short ball from Fraser to Ramprakash at short mid wicket in the 34th over.

But Adrian Rollins, Cork and Karl Krikken ensured Derbyshire set a challenging total and Smith then struck twice in the first four overs of the Middlesex reply.

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McMenemy to stay in the saddle

BELFAST, Sept 6: Lawrie McMenemy has been offered an extended contract by the Irish Football Association (IFA) to stay on as Northern Ireland coach for the 2002 World Cup qualifying campaign, reports AFP.

McMenemy's current deal expired at the end of the qualifying for Euro 2000 and pressure was mounting on him following Saturday's 3-0 home defeat by Turkey, which ended their hopes of reaching the finals.

However, the IFA's 10-man international committee had already unanimously decided at a meeting on August 25 to keep faith with McMenemy and his coaching team of Joe Jordan and Pat Jennings.

Although Northern Ireland have recorded just one competitive win during McMenemy's 12-match reign the IFA believe "sufficient progress" has been made to renew his contract.

IFA general secretary David Bowen said: "After discussions in respect of the great progress which has been made over the past year-and-a-half, particularly with the advent of the Under-21 side and the new professionalism and organisation within the international department, the international committee decided unanimously to inform the team manager and his staff that they very much wish them to continue into the next World Cup campaign."

UNDATED, Sept 6 (Reuters/AFP):

Two goals from veteran skipper Dragan Stojkovic and one from Dejan Savicic gave Yugoslavia a 3-1 win over Macedonia in Belgrade while Cyprus notched up another famous victory beating Israel 3-2 in their respective Euro 2000 qualifiers on Sunday.

Yugoslavia-Macedonia

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Savicic sealed Yugoslavia's victory moments after coming on as a replacement for Stojkovic, when Boban Babunski deflected his speculative shot from the left flank past helpless keeper Petar Milosevic.

over the bar moments later.

The Yugoslavs regained their composure and took a deserved 36th minute lead through Stojkovic, back in the side after a rib injury, after a Predrag Mijatovic cross found him at the post.

Mijatovic was the provider again nine minutes after the interval when he put Stojkovic through with a defence-splitting pass and the skipper blasted the ball into the roof of the net to double the lead.

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