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1 Who are the current FA Cup champions? Man United | Arsenal | Liverpool

2 Who is Sri Lanka's cricket coach? Whatmore | Yardley | Fernando

3 Who won the Confederations' Cup title? Brazil | Mexico | USA

4 Who is the Bangladeshi cricket captain? Mdizbul | Akram | Aminul

5 Which stadium will host the final of 2002 World Cup? Yokohama | Suzuki | Nagoya

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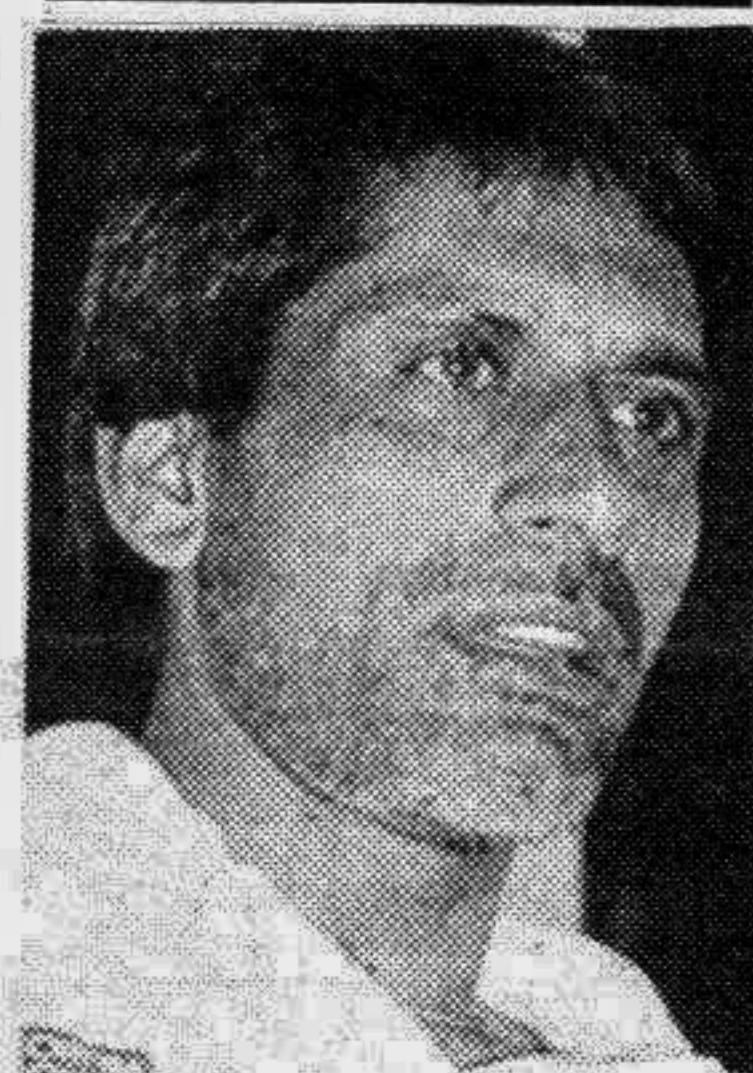
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Wasim Raja

(Former Pakistani cricketer)
"If you are a professional, you cannot do anything deliberately."

While turning down charges that Pakistan threw away the World Cup final against Australia.

Saqain misses Surrey finale

LONDON, Sept 7 (Internet report): Surrey off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq will miss the county champions' final match of the season against Yorkshire at The Oval.

Saqlain has been released to play for Pakistan in Toronto and will leave on September 14.

Surrey have an agreement with the Pakistan Cricket Board that Saqlain would stay until the end of the season.

But as they wrapped up their first championship since 1971 last week, they feel they can now release him for international duty.

Rajshahi kabadi, h'ball results

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 7: Jagrata Shangha and Shiroil Sporting Club won their respective matches in the First Division kabadi league yesterday.

In the first match at the Rajshahi Outer Stadium, Jagrata defeated Morning Star 112-19.

In the second match, Shiroil Sporting Club defeated Bright Star Club 91-25.

Meanwhile, Kalabagan Sporting Club defeated Kadigran Junior Club 13-9 in the Metropolitan handball league at Rajshahi Govt College School playground.

Border takes over for now

MELBOURNE, Sept 7: Former Australian cricket captain Allan Border was confirmed today as the world champions' interim coach for next month's tour of Zimbabwe. Reports Reuters.

Border takes over from Geoff Marsh, who has announced his retirement from the coaching role at the end of the current tour of Sri Lanka.

Australian Cricket Board chief executive Malcolm Speed said Border's appointment would provide stability while the search continued for a permanent replacement.



Players of both Japan and Ghana gather for a photograph with the tournament officials including chief guest Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina after the final yesterday. —Star photo

Modesty takes over football

Sports Reporter

The JFL selection coach Mitsunaga Shitara revealed that a calm and cool approach was the reason behind his team's success in the Bangabandhu Cup.

The soft-spoken coach said this while talking to a host of pressmen at the post-match briefing after his team's 3-2 win over Ghana in the final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last night.

"Football is a passionate game. My team kept its cool and utilised the chances," said a happy Shitara.

The last two matches were very tough for us, as we had to win both of them through golden goals. But it is part of the game and I'm very happy today," Shitara added.

"I'm surprised the way Ghana played and lost because they were clear favourites against us with their superior physical ability. They played better than us but it was luck which favoured us," he said.

Shitara also thanked Bangladesh Football Federa-

tion for inviting them in the 12-team tournament.

When asked whether he had any complaints against yesterday's refereeing, the JFL coach said he was absolutely happy with the way the Filipino referee



Jerry Endress conducted the game.

The Ghana Olympic team, coach Giuseppe Dossena was also found quite content with the refereeing.

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