SPORTS



Wasim Akram

(Pakistan cricket captain) "For the first time, I think we have a team that can beat Australia on their home soil."

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ENERGY RELEASING VITAGINS

Ctg sports

From CU Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Sept 21: Chittagong Nasirabad Government High School became champions at the sub-regional inter schools football tournament yester-

Nasirabad School beat Feni Sagalnaiya Pilot High School 1-0 in the final at the M A Aziz. Stadium.

Meanwhile, Rangamati Shah Girls' High School won the inter schools handball event beating Chandraghona Girls' High school 11-6. In the boys' event Chittagong Municipal Model High School clinched trophy defeating Rangamati Shah High School 18-0.

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Sept 21: Abahani Krira Chakra defeated Khulna Shipyard Club 4-2 in the Meglina Cement 12th DSA Cup football tournament at the local stadium on Monday, reports

The winners dominated the first half 3-1.

Meanwhile; the first semifi-Cork and his team were booed nal between Moheshwarpasha from the field on Friday when Club and Winners Club will be they apparently fed runs to held on September 25 while Hampshire batsmen in order to Khulna Newsprint Mills Club achieve a run chase and set up a will face Ulka Club in the other result. That action worked to semi on September 26 at the the advantage of both counties. Khulna stadium. Hampshire cemented a place in the First Division for 2000

Law to stay at Essex

LONDON, Sept 21 (Internet report): Australian batsman Stuart Law has agreed a new two-year contract with Essex County Cricket Club as the overseas player.

In 1999 he was the leading run scorer in the country with 1833 runs at an average of 73.32.

Stuart also received the Norris Trophy as the Essex Fielder of the Season having taken 30 catches in the County Championship matches. .

Not surprisingly he was nominated as the Essex Player of the Season and received his award at a Dinner sponsored by Ridley's, the Essex Brewer. The award is worth £1,000 as

part of the valuable sponsorship deal with Ridley's. England Under 19 opening batsman Ian Flanagan was nominated as the Essex Young Player of the Year and received his award from second eleven captain-coach John Childs.

Bangabandhu Stadium for cricket forever - Saber

Sports Reporter

President of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Saber Hossain Chowdhury believes that they have got the Bangabandhu National Stadium for cricket

permanently'. Few might disagree, but the cricket supremo looked pretty confident while making the sensational revelation to a host of journalists at his BCB office last evening.

"The National Sports Council (NSC) has officially handed over the ground to us on September 8. We have got a latter from the NSC where, unlike the previous occasions, it did not fix a time barrier", said Saber, adding, "it obviously implied that we have got the

venue" for an indefinite period. It was however not immediately known whether the NSC. who owns the all-purpose venue, has finally obliged the long-standing demand of cricket connoisseurs.

The BCB president in no uncertain term claimed that the ruling body of local sports has only acted according to the commitment of the highest of-

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had declared in June this year at a civic reception, awarded to cricketers after their heroic performance in the England World Cup, that cricket would get a permanent venue

from the coming season. "I believe when the Prime Minister announces something, it is like a law. You can say that the Prime Minister had earlier made similar commitments and it did not work. But the proposed cricket stadium at Maghbazar did not see the light

The second batch of the

Bangladesh contingent for the

8th SAF Games will fly to

Kathmandu this afternoon. The

batch is eighty-four strong and

comprises of participants of six

disciplines (athletics, karate,

kabadi, shooting, table tennis

and weightlifting), the manager

of the boxing team and nine

de Mission of the contingent

Mizanur Rahman Manu is

Manzur Hasan Mintu, adminis-

trative manager Shahabuddin

Chaklader, treasurer Munir

Hossain, three journalists and

two photo-journalists are the

Mahfuzur Rahman Siddique is

going to the Nepalese capital

two days ahead of his team in

order to fill a vacant slot on the

of the football and the swim-

ming teams, and four contin-

gent officials reached the

The remaining four teams of

boxing, taekwon-do, volleyball

and wrestling are due to leave

Members of the six disci-

ms of collusion during their

English County Championship

match last weekend, after the

England and Wales Cricket

no case to answer.

Board (ECB) found that they had

when they stopped the hosts two

runs short of their 285-run tar-

egated as a result of Hamp-

shire's win, lodged a complain

with the ECB, claiming that the

sides brought the game into

the first innings batting points

required to clinch a top flight

birth, were looking for a win in

order to climb up the table and

gation today, an ECB spokes-

man said: "After examining the

match data and questioning

both umpires and both captains

at length, the ECB Cricket

Department has concluded that

the game of cricket was not

brought into disrepute. As a

result, no action will be taken

Division format has had the

desired effect in making the

PPP Healthcare County Cham-

pionship intensely competitive.

The tension is at its greatest in

the final round of matches

when teams are aware of the

points requirements to achieve

"The onset of the Two

against either side.

Emerging from an investi-

gain extra prize money.

Derbyshire, having achieved

disrepute.

Warwickshire, who were rel-

Derbyshire captain Dominic

LONDON, Sept 21

(Internet report):

Neither Derbysh-

ire nor Hampsh-

ire will be purish-

ed following clai-

plines leaving the city today:

the capital next Friday.

Games venue last Wednesday.

The first batch, comprising

Manager of the boxing team

travelling with the batch.

other contingent officials.

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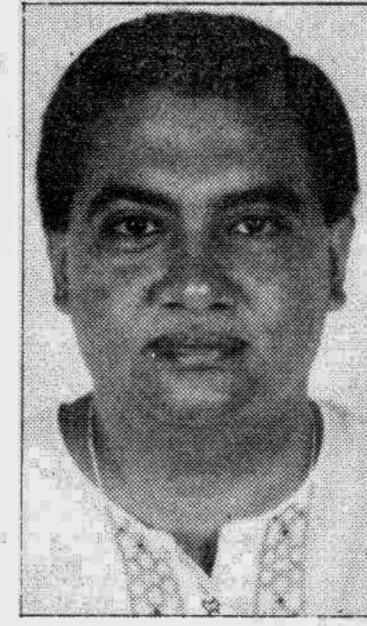
Parliament whip and Chief

Deputy Chief de Mission

contingent officials.

of day despite every possible ef-forts from the highest office", said Saber. Terming the Bangabandhu

National Stadium as an established cricket venue in the cricketing world. Saber said that it was not an acceptable procedure on the part of NSC to



SABER HOSSAIN

use the venue for cricket as well as football.

The Bangabandhu National Stadium has been a source of prolonged tug of war between cricket and football.

"It is not technically possible for us to share the ground with other sports. We are already facing difficulties to prepare the ground for our matches

Bangladesh contingent to Nepal SAF Games

Second batch leaves today

Sports Reporter

Athletics: Abdullah Hel Kafi,

Mahbub Alam, Shafiqul Islam,

Shahidul Islam, Shah Delwar

Hussain, Nilufar Yasmeen, Naz-

rul Islam, Abdur Rahim Nai-

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8th SAF BAMES

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KATHMANOU

Jianyi (coach) and Iqbal Hos-

Karate: Rezaul Karim, Shoeb

Khan, Badrul Alam, Shariatul-

lah Ishim, Hossain Ali, Rubina

Akhter, Anamika Hoque, Bibi

Morium, Khaled Mansur

(coach) and KM Rahman

"Both captains were quite

open about the fact that at

lunchtime on the third day they

had reached an agreement that

Derbyshire would chase 285

runs in four sessions.

sain (manager).

laiman Majumder. Huang

against the visiting West Indies. We are now left with only two pitches to play a series of inter-national matches against different visiting teams. Although the ground committee is working hard to get things in order, I am not sure whether the outfield would be ready in such a short period of time", said Saber in an unofficial yet lively

cogitation with the press. Saber however said that they were not only eyeing this par-ticular venue, but also planning to ensure as many a ground as possible across the country to fulfil their commitment of establishing a strong infrastructure for cricket.

"We have applied for Test status. Moreover, we are keen to host the 2011 World Cup. To attain those targets we need to do a lot of things.

"At this moment we are planning to get indoor facilities at least in two places outside Dhaka by the end of this year" said Saber.

The cricket boss also said that they were planning to organise Thana level cricket from this year, initially in the capital. In this regard they were already working on locating a possible ground.

Replying to a query, Saber said that they were ready to welcome any private initiative to build cricket stadiums in and outside the capital.

"We have discussed the matter in the last board meeting. But we have put forward certain conditions like the availability of indoor facilities and gymnasium along with the stadium", said the BCB boss.

Kabadi: Tariqul Islam

Ashraful Alam, Abdur Rouf,

Abdul Quaiyum Sikdar, Zahidul

Islam, Badshah Miah, Mir

Julhas, Ziaur Rahman, Yunus

Ali, Delwar Hossain, Abdul

Hakim (coach) and Nazrul

Husne Jahan Sagar, Saiful

Alam, Asif Hossain, Kamrul

Islam, Harunur Rashid, Badrul

Islam, Lovely Chowdhury, Sab-

rina Sultana, Kazi Shahana

Parveen, Afia Khatun, Ruma

Yasmeen, Toufigur Rahman,

MA Gaffar, Anowar Hossain

Mohammad Ali, Li Wan Hui

(coach), Jiao Yongde (coach)

Ishtiaque Ahmed (manager)

and Ziauddin Ahmed (asst

Huq. Nasimul Hassan, Khan-

dokar Al-Mostafa, Khandokar

Al-Mahbub, Saleha Parvin,

Farhana Parvin, Moumita

Alam, Mihir Ghosh (coach) and

Nurul Alam Chowdhury

laın, Mizanur Rahman, Anwar

Hussain, Alamgir Hussain,

Bidvut Kumar Rai, Feroz Mah-

Weightlifting: Hamidul Is-

Table Tennis: Mosaddegul

Shooting: Feroz Hossain.

(manager).

Islam (manager)

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12th Asian Cup football

Bangladesh in Group 3

Sports Reporter Bangladesh will take on Uzbekistan in their 12th Asian Football Cup 2000 qualifying round opener in Abu Dhabi, UAE, on November 20, according to Bangladesh Football Fed-

Bangladesh is pencilled in Group 3 along with Uzbekistan, India, Sri Lanka and hosts

The qualifying round will be held from November 20 to 28 on

a league basis. Bangladesh will meet UAE on November 22, Sri Lanka on

November 24 and India on November 28. The qualifying rounds will be held in ten groups. The group winners will join defending champions Saudi Arabia and hosts Lebanon in the finals

scheduled for next year.

FIXTURES								
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Nov 20	BD vs UZB	6:45 pm						
ST	UAE vs IND	9:00 pm						
Nov 22	SL vs UZB	6:45 pm						
	BD vs UAE	9:00 pm						
Nov 24	BD vs SL	6:45 pm						
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Nov 26	SL vs IND	6:45 pm						
	UAE vs UZB	9:00 pm						
Nov 28	BD vs IND	6:45 pm						
	UAE vs SL	9:00 pm						
	Oil	340						

Asian Jr chess

Rajib suffers defeat

VUNG TAU CITY, Vietnam Sept 21: Grand Master norm holder Krisnan Sasikiran drew with Liang Chang of China in the seventh round but maintain his led in the boys' section of the Asian Junior Chess Championship here, reports PTI. National 'A' champion Sa-

sikiran (6) was one point clear of second placed Hafizulhilmi (5) of Malaysia who defeated Laylo Drawin of the Philippines (4) to edge closer to the top seeded Indian in the race for the top spot.

Defending champion Tejas Bakre of India (4.5) beat Enamul Hossain Rajib (3) of Bangladesh, but he has virtually surrendered his chances of retaining the crown he won in Rasht (Iran).

Liang Cheng, Nguyen T Binh, Bakre, Nguyen Hoi Nam and Ahmed Aziz - were joint third with 4.5 points each.

In the girls' section, national women's champion S Vijayalakshmi (4.5) defeated Vietnam's Chao Thi Ngoc Giao (3).

Top seeded Viji started with Slav defence leading to an unusual set of moves by her opponent. The Indian had the advantage in centre and the luxury of moving her pawn in d6 square. She soon went one piece up with an exchange and the Vietnamese girl resigned.

Pallavi Shah (3) suffered her fourth consecutive defeat while M R Sangeetha (3) won against Constantinou Connie (1.5).

China's Wang Yu (6) had a comfortable draw against Dang Bich Ngoc of Vietnam to lead the event. The second seed Le Thien Kim (5.5) of Vietnam was in the second position. She beat her compatriot le Thi Phuong

Women's cricket at Sharjah!

the men's cricket team, it's the turn of women to play the willow game at the desert outpost of Sharjah, reports PTI. India, New Zealand and Eng-

Australia and South Africa in another tri-nation tournament at Dubai in February next year, the release said.

the United States for another triseries in which England and New Zealand will be the other

Alamgir offered

LONDON, Sept 21 (Internet report): Worcestershire have offered a new three-year contract to left-arm paceman Alamgir Sheriyar, the country's leading wicket-taker for the 1999 campaign. And club chairman John

Elliott is optimistic that the former Leicestershire player, whose current deal has come to an end, will put pen to paper. The midlands county are

looking for Sheriyar to form a deadly opening attack with Australian Test star Glenn McGrath, who will replace Tom Moody as their overseas player for the 2000 season.

class wickets this summer, one more than Somerset's England paceman Andrew Caddick, although it was not enough to save Worcestershire from being relegated to Division Two of the championship. He has been rewarded for his

efforts with an England A tour slot for the winter tour of New Zealand and Bangladesh. There has been speculation that the 25-year-old would keep

Kapil named Indian coach



NEW DELHI, Sept 21 (AFP): Kapil Dev, India's former cricket skipper and the world's leading Test wicket taker was named Tuesday as the new national team coach.

Kapil, who retired in 1994 after becoming Test cricket's most successful bowler with 434 wickets, was appointed to succeed Anshuman Gaekwad for a two-year term.

The appointment concludes a shake-up of the national side. which saw captain Mohammad Azharuddin replaced as skipper by star batsman Sachin Tendulkar, following India's poor showing in the World Cup when it failed to qualify for the semifinals.

Kapil led India to its greatest triumph, when the national side lifted the World Cup in 1983, during which he played an astonishing innings of 175*

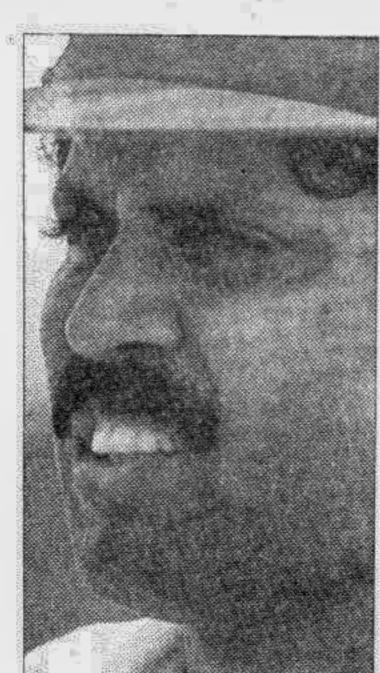
Barlow meets **Obaidul**

Eddie Barlow, director of development of cricket, yesterday called on State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Qader at National Sports Council, reports UNB.

The minister asked Barlow to raise the standard in Bangladesh. Qader also urged him to take short and longterm plans for cricket.

Barlow requested the minister to expand facilities at Dhanmondi ground and gymnasium of the NSC. Quader assured him of taking necessary

Bangladesh Cricket Board President and Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Saber Hossain Chowdhury and Secretary of Youth and Sports Ministry ASM Shahjahan were present.



KAPIL DEV

against Zimbabwe in a league match, rescuing India from 17/5. A tall, naturally gifted cricketer. Kapil was an all-rounder of the highest class. As a bowler, he was perhaps India's first world-class pacer. He had a lovely out-swinger that claimed several victims over the years. Kapil, now a businessman, had enviable control over line and length with an ability to move the ball both ways.

With either the ball or bat or as captain, he played a critical role in most of India's Test wins in the late '70s and '80s.

Also Tuesday, AC Muthiah, a top Indian industrialist with interests in the petrochemical business, replaced Raj Singh Dungarpur as president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

The 58-year-old Muthiah was elected unopposed after former chief minister of Maharashtra, Manohar Joshi, pulled out.

The board also appointed South Africa's Andrew Leipus

as the Indian team's physical

PROFILE

Kapil Dev Ramlal Nikhanj Born: January 6, 1959; Chandigarh Major teams: India, Worcestershire, Northamptonshire,

Haryana Known as: Kapil Dev Batting style: Right-hand bat Bowling style: Right-arm fast medium

Test debut: India v Pakistan at Faisalabad, 1st Test, 1978/79 Last Test: India v New Zealand at Hamilton, Only Test, 1993/94 ODI Debut: India v Pakistan at Quetta, 1st ODI, 1978/79 Last ODI: India v West Indies at Faridabad, 1st ODI, 1994/95 Wisden Cricketer of the Year: 1983 STATISTICAL RECORD

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Waugh ready to defy doctors



GALLE, Sri Lan-ka, Sept 21 (AFP): Australian skipper Steve Waugh is set to defy doctor's

orders and play in the second Test against Sri Lanka here Wednesday. The combative Waugh has been advised to give his shattered nose more time to heal

and was delaying a final deci-

JAYASURIYA sion on whether to play until late Tuesday. But he dropped a strong hint

here that he was ready to take the field in a match Australia, trailing 1-0 in the three Test series, cannot afford to lose. "I want to play in the Test match and captain Australia.

am not going to walk away from it easily," he said after a prematch practice session here on Tuesday. Waugh broke four parts of

his nose in a stomach-churning

collision with teammate Jason Gillespie during the first Test played at Kandy 11 days ago. It took two hours of surgery to reset the nose and waugh was forced to miss Australia's weekend victory over a Board XI in

Colombo.

are but I am feeling pretty good," "The nose is certainly a lot

better than it was a couple of days ago but I haven't really had a full test," he said. "The doctor said I'd have to wear a helmet even while fielding. I guess it would be hot work

but you do it in batting so there's no difference." The doctors had advised Waugh to take it easy and not rush into playing too early be-

cause if he got nit again in the nose, the broken bone "would be knocked straight out". "The advice is not to play, but they always look at the worst scenario," said Waugh:

"To be fair to everyone ! have to decide today realistically. Anyway, if it's not good enough this afternoon, it won't be tomorrow," he added. If Waugh does not play, his place will be taken by Simon

Katich of Western Australia who will make his Test debut. Australia will also be looking at the fitness of fast bowler Glenn McGrath who is recovering from the strained left thigh which kept him out of the

Colombo match.

Sri Lanka, on a high after their decisive first Test victory, their first against Australia, will use 21-year-old left-arm leg-spinner Rangana Herath to be Muthiah Muralitharan's spin partner.

Herath, who took six Australian wickets for the Board XI in a 4-day game two weeks ago, will replace rightarm leg-spinner Upul Chandana from the team that won the first Test at Kandy by six wickets.

The Test will also be vital for former captain Arjuna Ranatunga, who is in danger of losing his place in the series if he fails to improve his run-rate.

Ranatunga, who was eased out of the one-day side earlier, made four in the first innings and a shaky 19 not out in the second, after being dropped on

Skipper Sanath Jayasuriya said he expected the Aussies to "I don't know what the odds come out firing on all cylinders.

"We are aware of their capabilities and we are ready for them. We are keen to keep the lead in the series, if not win it," he said.

Waugh was to decide later Tuesday at the team meeting whether he will be fit enough to play. If he is not his deputy Shane Warne will take over.

SQUADS



STEVE WAUGH

Waugh (captain), Shane Warne, Greg Blewett, Michael Slater, Justin Langer, Mark Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Ian Healy, Colin Miller, Glenn McGrath, Damien Fleming, Simon Katich.

Sri Lanka (from): Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Russel Arnold, Aravinda de Silva, Arjuna Ranatunga, Mahela Jayawardene, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Chaminda Vaas, Muthiah Muralitharan, Nuwan Zoysa, Rangana Herath, Upul Chandana.

Umpires: Dough Cowie (New Zealand) and Bulathsinghalage Cooray (Sri Lanka), TV umpire: Kandiah Francis (Sri Lanka). Match Referee: Cammie Smith (West Indies).



European Ryder Cup team captain Mark James (R) and his American counterpart Ben Crenshaw share a light moment during a photo session at the Logan Airport in Boston upon the European team's arrival on September 20. USA will try to regain the title from Europe in the three-day biennial golf tournament which begins in Massachusetts Friday. -AFP photo

"The feeding of runs to assist in the setting of targets has become an accepted practice over the years in Championship cricket and the afternoon session of the third day set up a highly competitive and exhilarating final three sessions of

The ECB also rejected claims that Hampshire had gifted their opponents the first innings batting points required to ce-"In some quarters of the media it had been suggested that

before lunch on the third day

Hampshire had consciously as-Prize-giving ceremony

MYMENSINGH. Sept 21: The prize-giving ceremony of 1999 First Division football, cricket, hockey and chess leagues organised by Mymensingh District Sports Association (MDSA) was held here today. reports UNB.

Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives and Bangladesh Cricket Board President Saber Hossain Chowdhury distributed the prizes.

The winners of the leagues Football: Champions - Al Helal Green, runners-up -Boikalee KC.

Cricket: Joint champions -Shapla KC and County. Hockey: Champions -Mohammedan SC, runners-up Surjomukhee Niketon. Chess: Champion — Mukul

Boys Club, runners-up -

Friends Eleven Club.

sisted Derbyshire in their quest for the two batting points," the

ECB spokesman continued. "Hampshire strenuously deny this suggestion and the umpires have confirmed that the cricket in this passage of play was competitive. All but two overs in the session were bowled by front-line bowlers and the sixth bowler used took a wicket in his

brief spell." There was some concession. though, that the fight for promotion places could be open to collusion in future and the ECB will look into regulating the later matches of the tourna-

ment more strictly in future. "The Board will be giving consideration to the appointment of match referees for key matches in the final round and to other suggested measures to help prevent the integrity of the competition being called into question," the spokesman added.

Dominic Cork meanwhile hit out at those who accused him of collusion. Speaking exclusively to an Internet web site, he said: "I'm

sick and tired of people saying

there's something wrong with

"I don't need to prove anybody wrong. I went in to win a cricket game. "Hampshire are in the First

Division but I'm not looking

after any other county: I'm

looking after Derbyshire.' Cork also took a shot at counties, including Warwickshire, who prepared pitches specifically designed to gain a result. Warwickshire beat Sussex inside two days at Edgbaston last week on a pitch described by one journalist as one, "on which one would hesitate to graze a yak".

"Let's get the pitches right," Cork countered. "I see games over in two days. We lost by two runs on the fourth day.

mud. Prodip Chandra Das, Akramul Haque and Fen Chuanguo (coach). NEW DELHI, Sept 21: After ECB sees no collusion

land will play in a triangular one-day series at desert venue from October 25, a Women's Cricket Association of India release said here yesterday. India will also clash with

Besides, India will also tour

new deal

Sheriyar picked up 92 first-

his options open regarding his future and try to cash in on his season of success with a move from New Road after four years.