

David Houghton

(Zimbabwe coach) "What should have been a comfortable victory turned out to be a bit of a nail-bitter". After beating Kenya in the LG Cup opener.



COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN Competition-120

Tick the Correct Answers Post to The Baily Star Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm Oct 1, '99 and draw

shortly afterwards Who won the Singapore Cricket Challenge?

Zimbabwe | W Indies Who lifted the 2nd Bangabandhu

Cup Japan Ghana Brazil Who was the man-of-the-series in the Aiwa Cup?

Jayasuriya Gilchrist Dravid Where will the next ICC mini World Cup be held?

Sharjah Canada

Who will captain Bangladesh football team in the SAF Games? Jewel Rana | Alfaz | Masud Rana

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EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAININS

Nazmul Haq chess Prize-giving



PALLAB ... champion

The prize distribution ceremony of the first Shaheed Major Nazmul Haq chess tournament was held at the Khilgaon Pallima Sangsad premises here on Sunday, reports UNB.

President of Bangladesh Olympic Association and Army Chief Lt Gen Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman distributed the prizes as chief guest.

Tournament champion Shawkat Hossain Pallab of Bangladesh Ansars received a prize money of Tk 8,000 while second to fifth position holders Abu Sufian, Nasir Ahmed, Aminul Islam and Ahmedul

Haq received Tk 2,875 apiece. Sixth to eleventh position holders got Tk 875 each and the

best woman player Zakia Sultana received 1,000 taka. A total of 104 players took part in the nine-round Swiss league basis tournament.

Quader greets

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader congratulated the players and officials of the Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club for their outstanding performance in the All Airlines Cup, reports

He said. "The success of the Mohammedans will inspire the country's football to regain its

Calcutta All Airlines Gold Cup

Dhaka Mohammedan champs

Sports Reporter



Mohammedan Sporting lifted the 15th All Airlines Gold Cup football title with a 3-2 tiebreak win over East Bengal in the final at

Haldia, Calcutta yesterday. The match rolled into a shoot-out after both sides were locked in a one-all draw after the regulation 90 minutes followed by a barren 30-minute sudden-death extra time. Although both

Mohammedan and the Calcutta giants showed inexplicable ability in missing the mark during the penalty shoot-out, the black-and-whites eventually prevailed over the home side when Shahjada coolly converted the last spot-kick much to the delight of the visi-Coming in as a substitute in

the second half, the stout defender rose to the occasion to neatly place the ball into the upper right hand post of the East Bengal custodian.

Shahjada apart, Nakib and Jahangir were the other scorers for Mohammedan in the shootout while Vijayan and Falguni found the net for East Bengal. East Bengal's hopes of winning the title were effectively shattered when Chanchal, who took

Asian Jr Athletics

Bangladesh team

goes to S'pore

today

team, led by Mohiuddin Ahmed

Mushtaq, leaves here for

Singapore today to take part in

the eighth Asian Junior

Athletics Championship, re-

The four-day meet begins in Singapore on September 30.

are: Atiar Hasan Sikder, S M

Mohiuddin Ahmed Mushtaq (manager) and Ibrahim Chengis

ipate in 100m and 200m

sprints, while Habib in 400m.

Sikder will also take part in

Div III cricket

Sports Reporter

Division Qualifying Cricket

gin in the city from today.

Championship 1998-99 will be-

four groups, will take part in

the championship. Matches

will be played at three different

venues. They are Mohakhali T & T ground, Uttara Friends Club

ground and Mirpur Outer

The Lotus-Kamal Third

Twenty-five teams, split into

. from today

Sikder and Reza will partic-

Maruf Reza, Habibur Rahman,

The members of the team

ports BSS.

(official)

long jump.

Stadium.

A five-member athletics

the fifth 12-yarder, blasted the ball miles over the bar. The outcome came as sheer disappointment for the 20,000



NAKIB

home crowd. They were stunned when Mohammedan took the lead early in the first half. thanks to a brilliant header from Nakib.

The former national striker was on his knees after a fine Ruhul Amin flag-kick came by his way beating the outstretched East Bengal goalie.

But the slender lead did not last long as East Bengal hit back in the second half with Vijayan punching a low grounder past Nizam from a goal-mouth scramble.

Apart from the two goals, the clash of the two popular clubs of the subcontinent never met the desired expectations of the crowd due to poor ground con-dition. The shabby ground was so unplayable that the players had to concentrate more on mustering their balance than displaying their skill. The lone foreign participant

in the six-team invitational tourney, Mohammedan had earlier moved into the final with yet another tiebreak victory over Calcutta Mohammedan in the first semi-final on Friday. The black-and-whites however had mixed fortunes in their Group League matches. They got off to a flying start with a 4-0 victory over the Combined Haldia County side. but conceded a lone-goal defeat to Mohun Bagan in their second match.

With this win Mohammedan got a winners' purse of Rs. 1.5 lakh apart from the champion's trophy.

victorious Mohammedan team is likely to return home tomorrow.



could not dampen the spirits of Bangladeshi supporters who were present at the Dasharath Stadium yesterday. — BPJA photo by Amran Hossain

Fleming brimming with confidence

Black Caps come to India

BOMBAY, Sept 27: Zealand's cricket team arrived here on Monday, hoping their recent success in England will give them the confidence to win their first Test series on Indian soil in seven attempts, reports AFP.

The three-Test rubber comes less than a month after Stephen Fleming's men recorded New Zealand's first-ever series victory in England, coming from behind to win 2-1.

Fleming, however, conceded the task ahead was not easy against an Indian team which has not lost a home series since

"It is going to be very tough," the stylish left-hander said. "Our batting was not very great in England. We have to bat very well against the Indian

spinners who are expected to be the main wicket-takers. "It was great to win in England, but India will be a different challenge. I am quite

confident it will be a good series," Fleming said. The genial captain said the team got together only four days before departing for India, hav-

ing taken a well-earned break after the tough four-month grind in England which began with the World Cup. "We could not practice at home because of the weather

conditions and are looking forward to go out and get some play," Fleming said. New Zealand open the tour

with a three-day match against the Board President's Eleven at Pune from Thursday.

The play another warm-up game against India's second string at Jodhpur from October 5, before the first Test starts in the northern town of Mohali on October 10.

The second Test will be played at Kanpur from October 22 and the third at Ahmedabad from October 29, before the tour winds up with five one-day internationals.

Fleming, who played in

India as a member of Lee Germon's squad in 1995 and again during the 1996 World Cup, said the team was handicapped by the absence of the injured pace duo of Simon Doull and Geoff Allott. "It is always disappointing

when you don't have such players in your team," he said. "But at the same time we have confidence in the replacements for the two and see it as an opportunity for them to gain experience.

The Kiwis have two slow bowlers in off-spinner Paul Wiseman and left-armer Daniel Vettori, with Chris Harris chipping in as the third spinner if the need arose, Fleming said. This will be New Zealand's

first tour without their Australian coach Steve Rixon, who made way for former Kiwi Test star David Trist after the England series.

Stephen Fleming (capt), Dion Nash (vice-capt). Nathan

Astle, Matthew Bell, Chris Cairns, Chris Drum, Chris Harris, Matt Horne, Craig McMillan, Shayne O'Conner, Adam Parore (wicketkeeper), Andrew Penn, Craig Spearman, Daniel Vettori and Paul Wiseman.

Trist. Coach: David Manager: Jeff Crowe.

ITINERARY Sept 26: Arrive

Sept 30 - Oct 02: NZ V India 'A' Pune Oct 05-07: NZ v Board XI Jodhpur

Oct 10-14: First Test Mohali Oct 17-19: NZ v Karnataka Bangalore Oct 22-26: Second Test Kanpur

Oct 29 -Nov 2: Third Test Ahmedabad Nov 5: 1st ODI Rajkot Nov 8: 2nd ODI Hyderabad

Nov 11: 3rd ODI Gwalior Nov 14: 4th ODI New Delhi Nov 17: 5th ODI Guwahati Nov 18: Depart

Rough start for Kapil Kapil came down heavily on In-



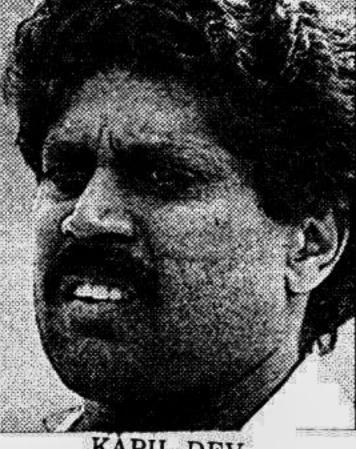
NEW DELHI, Sept 27: Indian cricket great Kapil Dev began his stint as the national coach on the wrong foot

today when officials turned down his demand for curtailing the team's international commitments, reports AFP.

Officials also refused to increase Kapil's initial tenure of two years, saying the constitution of the Board of Control of Cricket (BCCI) would have to be changed to accommodate his request.

Kapil, 40, Test cricket's highest wickettaker, was appointed national coach earlier this month in place of Anshuman Gaekwad, who was sacked following India's failure to qualify for the World Cup semifi-

Soon after his appointment,



dia's hectic schedule which has

seen the national team play

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KAPIL DEV

Not shooting high hopes

From Hasan Masood in Kathmandu

Sep 27: With little bits of hope, Bangladesh shooters will begin their campaign here in the 8th SAF Games from tomorrow.

Although Bangladesh won five golds in the previous meet at Madras in 1995, this time the shooters have hardly any chance because of their poor recent performance.

On the opening day, there will be three events with Bangladesh taking part in two — the men's free pistol and the women's air rifle. The other event billed for the day is sport pistol. Asif Hossain, Abdul Gaffar

and Toufique Rahman will compete in the free pistol, while three eves will take part in the air rifle event. However, none of the shoot-

ers could impress in a practice session this morning at the BIS Complex, the venue for shoot-Bangladesh team manager

Ishtiaque Ahmed also said they have hardly any scope of winning any gold. "I can think of four silvers

but no gold. I don't want to give any false hopes. It is the fact," said the downhearted manager. "Besides, I will also blame Bangladesh Olympic Association for not providing us with the correct information about our opponents. India is far ahead of us than what we had gathered about them from the

unconvincingly. Bangladesh will participate in nine of the 13 events. Each event has two golds-individual and team.

association." added Ishtiaque

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Peshawar to host 9th SAF Games

From Sports Reporter KATHMANDU, Sep 27: The 9th SAF Games will be held in Peshawar in April 2001. This was announced formally by the Pakistan Olympic Association president Wazed Ali Shah at a press conference here today.

Speaking to a host of re-porters, Shah also revealed that two more disciplines -- badminton and squash -- have been included in the 9th SAF Games in addition to the twelve of the 8th meet. The 12 disciplines of the 8th

SAF Games: athletics, boxing, football, swimming, weightlifting, kabadi, wrestling, table tennis, volleyball, taekwon-do. shooting and karate. He also revealed that hockey

was not included as most of the seven South Asian Sports Federation members did not favour it in a meeting held prior to the press conference.

Security for WI, Eng A will be adequate

Adequate security measures will be taken during the West Indies and England A tours. This was decided at an interministerial meeting with State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader

in the chair, reports BSS. The meeting was informed of preparations for the two oneday internationals and threeday match with the West Indies and a three one-dayers and one three-day and four-day fixtures

against England A. President of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Sports ASM Shahjahan, additional secretary of the Ministry of Information D N Bepary, senior officials of Bangladesh Television, Bangladesh Betar, BKSP, BCB joint secretaries Mahmudul Huq Manu and Dewan Shariful Arefin Tutul

and NSC officials were present. The West Indies led by Brian Lara, arrive on October 1 on a 10-day tour before leaving for Sharjah while England A will arrive here on October 18 on a 19-day tour.

Salt Lake names Olympic mascots

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept 27 (Reuters): The hare, coyote and bear chosen to be the mascots for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games have now been named — Powder, Copper and Coal.

The names, chosen during a

four-month search, were announced on Saturday night during halftime at the Brigham Young University-Virginia football game in Provo. Utah. Powder is a female hare, Copper a male coyote and Coal a male bear.

The animals were named af-

ter a statewide contest involv-

ing Utah school children, fol-

lowed by a nationwide "Three Names for the Games" vote. The results draw on Utah's mining history and the world famous "powder" snow that winter sports enthusiasts.

Broken promises renewed

From Hasan Masood

KATHMANDU, Sept 27: medallist. Mahbub Alam, who has been neglected by the Bangladesh Amateur Athletics Federation (BAAF) for the last four years, will be at the Dasharath Stadium athletic track here winning the 100m bronze yestomorrow to defend his 200m terday ahead of Kafi with his sprint title. career-best 10.54 seconds.

The soft-spoken sprinter hopes to retain his crown but does not expect a change of heart by BAAF.

In the 7th SAF Games, held in Madras way back in 1995, Mahbub won the only gold in athletics, clocking 21.22 seconds. The BAAF was quick to promise then that he would be awarded with Taka one lakh for bringing home the glory. But four years have gone by;

BAAF is yet to keep that promise. And, sadly though, the athletics officials 'kept on avoiding him since then and were promoting Abdullah Hel Kafi instead'. "I had been roaming around

the BAAF for the last four years for my award, but none of the officials were eager to help me in this regard," said the gold

Kafi, the Bangladesh na-In the three 100m trials held tional champion, had a bad in Dhaka for the Kathmandu start and managed only to finmeet, Mahbub was not even alish a distant fifth. lowed to take part. But that could not prevent Mahbub from

Mahbub said he was fully concentrating on his main event- 200m sprint. "I will give my best tomorrow to earn at least one gold in

athletics for my country," said a confident Mahbub. Kathmandu's high altitude of more than 3000 feet above

sea level could pose a problem.
"I'm having a little problem in breathing because of the high altitude here. I have had the problem in the 100m event. But tomorrow, I'm going to give my life for the 200m gold," Mahbub

He is considering Indian Anil Kumar, who won the 100m gold on Sunday, as his main

challenger in the 200m. Meanwhile, it was gathered that BAAF has promised Mahbub a purse of Taka 2 lakh if he retains his 200m gold.

But the question is if Mahbub fails tomorrow, will he be getting his Taka one lakh arrears?



MAHBUB ALAM

The Bangladesh football team which played against the Maldives.

Bangladesh's dismal run on

From Sports Reporter

KATHMANDU, Sept 27: The disappointing run of the Bangladesh contingent continued on the second day of the 8th SAF Games as they won only one silver and four bronzes here today. All the medals came from

karate. Rezaul Karim won the day's lone silver in the men's under-50kg karate competition. In the final, Rezaul was beaten by

Besides, Badrul Alam Badal clinched the bronze in men's under-60 kg, Hossain Ali bagged the silver in men's under-70kg while Shamima Ibrahim and BIBI Morium got the bronzes in women's under-53 and 60-kg respectively.

Damang Syngkon of India.

In the kabaddi first round, Bangladesh lost their opening match to India by 8-21 points. Trailing the first half 2-16, Bangladesh made an inspirational comeback in the second session scoring 6 points against India's 5.

But that was not enough to stymie the Indians. Meanwhile, three new Games record in athletics were set today by the Sri Lankans.

Rohan Prodeep Kumara won the men's 400m sprint in 45.77 seconds. The previous record of 46.12 seconds was held by his compatriot Sugath Tilekaratne.

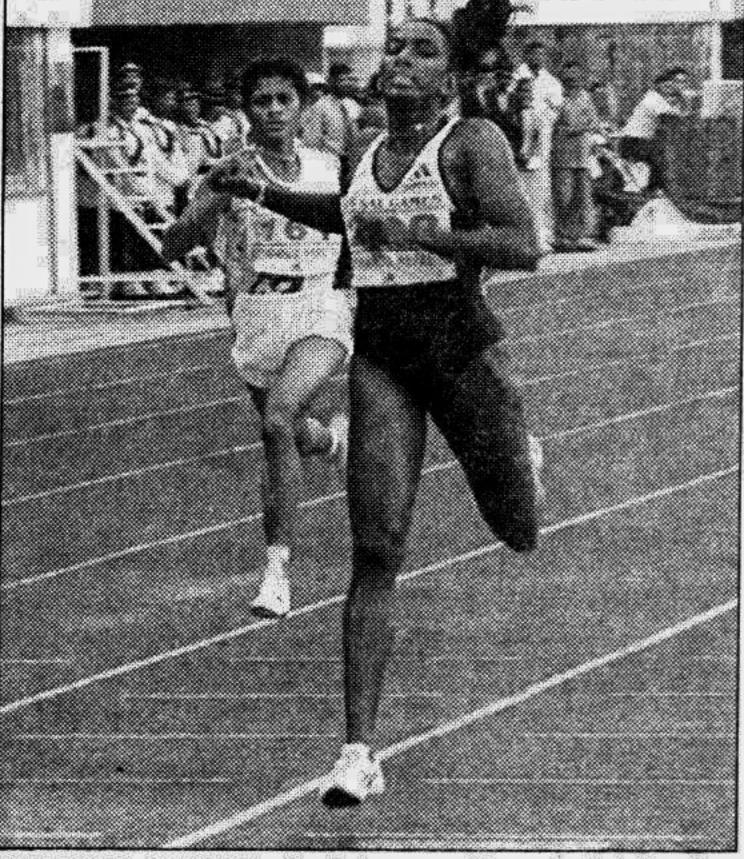
He set the mark in Madras in

1995. His teammate and ace sprinter Damayanti Darsha. who also set a new record in 100m on Sunday, broke the 400m mark today. Dharsha clocked 52.11 seconds to win gold. Indian Shiny Wilson had the previous record of 52.12 seconds set in Madras SAF Games.

The day's last athletics record was set by Sri Lankan Sriyani Kulawansa in the 100m hurdles. The tall women hurdler took 13.12 seconds to win the gold, bettering her own record of 13.34 seconds.

MEDALS TABLE (DAY TWO)

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| India | 23 | 24 | 8 | 5 |
| Nepal | 9 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Sri Lanka | 8 | 10 | 20 | 3 |
| Pakistan | 3 | 5 | 11 | 1 |
| Bangladesh | 0 | 2 | 7 | |
| Bhutan | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Maldives | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
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DAZZLING DARSHA: Sprint queen Damayanthi Darsha of Sri Lanka powers to victory in the women's 400 metres yesterday. She created a new Games mark with 52.11 seconds eclipsing Indian Shiny Wilson's 52.12. _ AFP photo

Schools B'ball

- BPJA photo by Amran Hossain

St. Gregory's reach final

Sports Reporter

St. Gregory's Har of ar see into the ana - the thin McCarthy schools basketball tournament defeating St. Joseph's High by 90-50 points in the first semi-final at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yes-

The Gregorians led the Josephites 35-17 at the breather. Jyoty, the prolific scorer, led the St. Gregory's attack with highest 43 points while Imdad scored 22.

Plan to squeeze England matches

inside a month LONDON, Sept 27: All England's international matches would be confined to one month of the year, if a Football Association blueprint revealed

on Sunday is given the goahead, reports AFP. The major changes, drawn up by FA technical director Howard Wilkinson and set out in the News of the World, would see all England matches played in a short period at the end of the season and an end to friendly internationals.

There are also plans for a winter shut-down in the uomestic game. Wilkinson said: "This is an attempt to preserve international soccer as a long-term en-

tity in football's calendar. "It guarantees an international manager a time span more than he is guaranteed "In addition it would give him players free of any in-

volvement in club plans. My proposals have been presented as a discussion document." Under the plans, four to six weeks in May, June or August would be set aside for interna-

tionals - after European and domestic action has finished. Lazaridis blow for Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, England, Sept 27: First Division leaders Birmingham City suffered a blow on Monday when it was revealed on Monday that Australian star Stan Lazaridis is likely to be out of action for two months, reports AFP.

The 27-year-old Australian international winger, who moved from West Ham in the summer, pulled a hamstring during the first half of Birmingham's 2-0 win over Queens Park Rangers on Saturday.