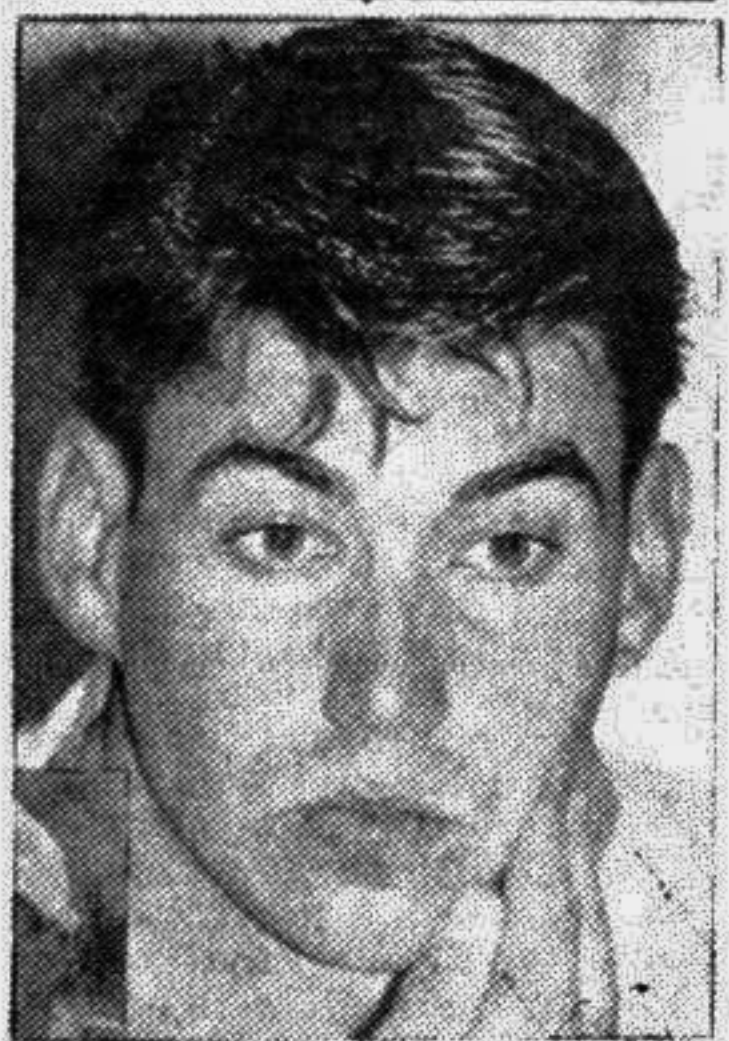


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Stephen Fleming
(New Zealand cricket captain)
"I watch soccer and Australian Rules Football. Basically I am a family man and enjoy being with my near and dear ones."

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3 How many Test wickets has Kapil Dev taken?	432	433	434
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Bangabandhu Gold Cup in Nov

CHITTAGONG, Oct 11: Bangabandhu Gold Cup tournament, organised by Uttar Madarsha Bangabandhu Gold Cup Committee, will begin in the first week of November, reports UNB.

Intending clubs have been advised to contact Alapan, Fatehbad High School Gate or United Pharmacy, Madarsha High School Gate by October 25 for registration.

Talbot also approves it

SYDNEY, Oct 11: Australian head swim coach Don Talbot wants swimwear manufacturers to make the controversial full-length bodysuit widely available after it was approved by the sport's world governing body, reports AFP.

FINA said Sunday the swimwear was legal after Talbot raised questions over whether the costume provided extra buoyancy.

Talbot said he was satisfied with FINA's ruling but added he hoped the suits became available to all swimmers before next year's Sydney Olympics.

The suits have so far been worn by only a handful of top swimmers, including Australian sprinter Michael Klim, who used the suit for the first time in Brisbane in July.

"I have no problem with that decision at all because all I wanted was to make sure it was legal," Talbot said Monday.

"Now I want to make sure it's available to everyone because it's not in the best interests of the sport if advanced technology is only available to a certain few."

"I wouldn't like someone to win because they have the best technology and not because they're the most talented person."

Talbot said he had been told by Speedo, which manufactures swimwear for the Australian team, that bodysuits would be widely available.

FINA's executive bureau met in Kuwait at the weekend to determine the legality of the suits, reviewing research and design reports from sportswear companies.

Meghna Life Summer Athletics from today

BAAF boss names the 'corrupt'

Sports Reporter

The 3-day Meghna Life 6th Summer Athletics Championship, an annual summer meet of Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation (BAAF), will begin at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur this afternoon.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will inaugurate the tournament through a colourful opening ceremony.

Around three hundred athletes including 50 women are expected to take part in the championships which conclude on October 14.

A press conference was held yesterday at the National Sports Council auditorium in connection with the meet with BAAF president Kamal Ahmed Majumder MP in the chair. Nizam Uddin Ahmed, managing director of Meghna Life Insurance Company, BAAF acting general secretary Tofazzal Hossain and federation officials were present on the occasion.

Tofazzal Hossain revealed that 175 athletes had reported to the BAAF by yesterday afternoon and that they were expecting another about 125 to report later in the day.

He also revealed that out of a budget of Taka 2,98,000, sponsor Meghna Life Insurance was providing Taka one lakh.

Of the 36 golds on offer, 11 will be decided today.

Speaking to a host of reporters, BAAF president Kamal Ahmed Majumder MP said, the federation was the headquarters of all the corrupt people in the past and his main job was to bring the federation into the right.

He said officials like Jahangir Foyez and Altaf were always busy in human trafficking.

in the name of sending athletes to different international meets.

Replying to another query, Majumder said poor accommodation arrangements in Nepal and abuse of office by a BOA official, who was General Team Manager, were the main reasons for the failure of the athletes in the recently concluded SAF Games in Kathmandu.

"Mahbub was our main medal prospect in Nepal but he was thrown out from his hotel room by the General Team Manager (Lt Col Lutful Haq) one day before his 200m final. Mahbub was severely upset by that behaviour and that affected his performance."

"I strongly demand an inquiry about this matter and I would request the State Minister (for sports) to take proper action against this misconduct," Majumder said, adding that soon BAAF would lodge an official complaint with NSC against the General Team Manager.

He also announced that Mahbub, who won the silver in the 200m sprint, will be awarded Taka 30,000 today during the opening of the summer meet as per the BAAF commitment before the SAF Games.



Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation president Kamal Ahmed Majumder (2nd from L) speaking at the press conference at the NSC auditorium yesterday.

McGrath, Waugh dominate

Tourists seize control

BULAWAYO, Oct 11: Glenn McGrath's haul of five for 36 helped Australia to a 274-run lead at the end of the second day of a three-day match against the Zimbabwe President's XI on Sunday, reports Reuters.

An unbroken third wicket stand of 156 from Steve and Mark Waugh averted a second innings batting embarrassment for the tourists at the Queen's Club.

By the close of play Steve was unbeaten on a scintillating 99 while Mark, playing an unaccustomed quiet role, was 54 not out in a total of 158 for two.

Resuming on 25 for one in reply to the tourists' first day score of 335 for seven declared, McGrath struck quickly to remove Zimbabwean Mark Vermeulen (15) with the aid of Ian Healy's second catch although the home side rallied to make a respectable 219.

Some of the best batting of the day followed during a third wicket stand of 90 between the talented Trevor Matondo (59) and obstinate opener Trevor Gripper who was finally run out for a marathon 59 compiled in a shade under five hours from 211 deliveries.

In contrast Matondo, 22, lashed Damien Fleming for a huge straight six and blasted another 12 boundaries in his 102-ball innings that was barely disturbed by a vicious blow to the head from a McGrath bouncer.

One of only four black players to have reached test level for his country, Matondo is the

only specialist batsman and would have played more than two Tests and two one day internationals had he not been disciplined several times for an inclination toward enjoying late nights.

Matondo finally fell to McGrath when he gloved an attempted hook to Healy and Fleming plucked the heart out of the middle order with three wickets in 13 balls immediately after lunch.

LATEST

BULAWAYO, Oct 11: Australia beat the Zimbabwe President's XI by 244 runs on the third and final day of their match at the Queen's Club today, reports Reuters.

Scores: Australia: 335-7 declared and 304-5 declared (Steve Waugh 161, Mark Waugh 116). Zimbabwe President's XI 219 and 176.

Eddo Brandes offered tail-end resistance with a belligerent 30 but when McGrath returned to the attack he quickly wrapped up the innings.

Australia's only concern during a workmanlike first two sessions was the woful bowling of seamer Matthew Nicholson who produced five no balls and 18 wides during his 13 overs.

The tourists were quickly in trouble when they battered again with Michael Slater (0) trapped lbw and Greg Blewett (1) falling to a mistimed pull with just two runs on the board.

Steve's innings required just 102 balls and contained 14 fours and a six while Mark's knock spanned 104 balls and included seven boundaries.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day tour match between the Zimbabwe President's XI and Australia on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA: 335-7 decl (J Langer 148, M Waugh 63)
PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings (overnight 25-1)

Gripper run out	59
D Mariller c Healy b McGrath	15
M Vermeulen c Healy b McGrath	59
T Matondo c Healy b McGrath	59
C Carlisle c Healy b Fleming	9
M Mbangwa not out	0
G Lamb lbw b Fleming	0
B Moore-Gordon c Ponting b Fleming	1
E Brandes c Fleming b Warner	30
J Rennie lbw b McGrath	0
R Price lbw b McGrath	2
M Mbangwa not out	2
Total: (all out)	219
Extras: (lb-1, lb-8, w-18, nb-14)	41
Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-36; 3-126; 4-151; 5-151; 6-161; 7-211; 8-217-9-217.	

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Rennie	18.3	2	36	5
Fleming	17	7	41	3
Nicholson	13	1	56	0
Warne	22	7	51	1
Ponting	6	2	7	0
M Waugh	4	0	19	0

AUSTRALIA: Second innings	O	M	R	W
G Blewett c Mariller b Brandes	1			
S Slater lbw b Rennie	1			
M Waugh not out	99			
M Waugh not out	54			
Extra: (lb-3, w-1)	4			
Total: (For two wickets)	158			
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-1				

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Rennie	10	1	30	1
Brandes	6	2	31	1
Mbangwa	9	1	29	0
Price	8	1	52	0
Gripper	3	1	13	0

Football Super-4 from October 21

Sports Reporter

The last round of the Super-4 phase of the Premier Division Football League resumes at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur from October 21.

Four teams -- Mohammedan Sporting, Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra, Abahani and Arambagh Krira Sangha -- will meet each other for the last time this season to determine the winners of the coveted title.

In the Super-4, the teams had already met twice last August before the Bangabandhu Cup.

Mohammedan are leading the championship table with 33 points from 15 matches having won 10, drawn three and losing two.

Abahani trail MSC with 31 points, followed by holders Muktiyoddha, who have 30 points.

Ex-PCB boss survives

KARACHI, Oct 11: A former chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Zulfiqar Ali Bokhari and his son escaped a murder attempt amid a wave of sectarian violence in the country, family sources said today, reports AFP.

They said people armed with automatic weapons entered Bokhari's home in the town of Jhang in the central Pakistani province of Punjab late Sunday but they fled when a guard opened fire.

The 67-year-old Bokhari, who held the post from 1995-98, belongs to the minority Shi'ite community. His family members run a Shi'ite orphanage in Jhang.

Family sources said both father and son were not at home at the time.

Mohammedan party for SAF gold Airlines Cup

Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting has arranged a reception to felicitate the SAF Games football gold medal winners and the club's own football team, which won the All-India Gold Cup in West Bengal, India recently. The programme will be held at the Purbani Hotel at 7 pm this evening.

Bangladesh Football Federation president and Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation, Mohammad Hanif, and State Minister for Youth and Sports, Obaidul Quader, will attend the reception as chief and special guests.

Special chess on

The first national special chess competition for the visually disabled began yesterday at the chess room of National Sports Council, reports UNB.

President of Bangladesh Chess Federation and chairman of the Public Service Commission Dr M Mustafa inaugurated the four-day meet, organised by Interfili-Bangladesh Disability Programme.

Director of programme in Bangladesh Mrs Barbro Henriksson presided over the opening ceremony, also addressed by Chess Federation general secretary Syed Sujuddin Ahmed.

Twenty-two players were jointly leading the competition securing full points after the first round matches.

In all 48 players from 15 districts are taking part in the competition.

Curry Power

LONDON, Oct 11 [Internet report]: Former England all-rounder Ian Botham will use curry power on his latest 850-mile walk to raise funds for leukaemia research.

Botham, who has already raised 3.5 million pounds for the cause begins his marathon walk from John O'Groats in Scotland to Land's End, the UK's southern tip, on Monday.

During the month-long walk, Botham will be joined by several other celebrities including singer Elton John and cricketers Viv Richards, Mike Gatting and David Gower at different stages.

Botham, a big fan of curry and tandoori dishes, has asked the Indus Restaurant in Doncaster, South Yorks, for 400 onion bhajis and samosas each, 200 tandoori chicken, 250 lamb tikkas, 160 nans and 150 king prawns, according to restaurant proprietor Nayeem Din.

Lauding the efforts of Botham to raise funds, particularly to treat leukaemia-afflicted children, Nayeem Din said the restaurant would supply the popular Asian dishes free of charge. "It is for a good cause and we have decided to make our own contribution to the cause in this way," he said.

While Ian Botham will lead the walk, his parents, wife and over a dozen volunteers accompany him, some of them on motorcycles collecting donations from the public.

This is Botham's eighth walk for the charity and he has pledged it will be his last. On average, he will walk for about 25 to 30 miles per day.

The idea of raising funds for fighting the dreaded disease struck Botham 15 years ago when he had gone to a London hospital for a minor operation.



Indian fast bowler Javagal Srinath is jubilant after trapping New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming leg before on the second day of the first Test at Mohali yesterday. — AFP photo

Srinath retaliates

MOHALI, India, Oct 11: India fought back through half centuries by Sadagopan Ramakrishnan and debutant Debangshi in the second innings on the second day Monday of the first cricket Test being played in this north Indian city, reports agencies.

With the wicket playing easy in the afternoon, the Indian openers batted confidently to take the score to 115 without loss at close of play. Ramesh and Gandhi were 58 and 52 not out respectively.

India, bowled out for a paltry 83 in the first innings, were just 17 runs in arrears of the tourists' 132-run lead.

New Zealand's hopes of continuing the clatter of wickets were dashed by Ramesh and Gandhi who had both been dismissed without scoring in the first innings.

The left-handed Ramesh's 58 included seven boundaries but he came close to being dismissed in successive Dion Nash overs after tea.

On the first occasion, New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming failed to hold on to a low edge at slip when Ramesh was 41. Two runs later he aimed a loose drive and the ball dropped just short of Fleming and raced away for four.

Nash, who took a career-best six for 27 on the opening day, failed to gain a breakthrough in his 12 overs.

Gandhi grew in confidence after a hesitant start, using his feet well to the spinners to play some flowing drives.

He hit four fours, the best being a lovely straight drive and a rasping square cut off left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori.

The day began encouragingly for Fleming and Nathan Astle for Fleming posted 57 runs for the fourth wicket.

Astle unleashed three fours off seamer Venkatesh Prasad in

one over. One boundary was through the slips, but the two others were pull shots of short, lifting deliveries.

Srinath, kept away from the attack for the first 45 minutes of play, struck with his third delivery to end the promising stand.

Srinath trapped Fleming leg-before with a sharp inswinger for 43.

New batsman Craig McMillan pushed the scoring along, hitting three quick boundaries, punishing left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi and Srinath.

But he and Astle then fell in quick succession. Astle edged a delivery from Srinath and Anil Kumble at Gully scooped up a good catch.

McMillan followed two runs later. He offered no shot to Joshi and was given out leg before. New Zealand slumped to 181 for six.

New Zealand suffered another blow when Prasad came back into the attack and clean bowled Chris Cairns between bat and pad.

Prasad was unlucky as wicketkeeper Manav Prasad failed to accept a difficult chance offered by Dion Nash.

New Zealand progressed to 207 for seven at lunch.

Srinath, playing in his 37th Test, claimed his sixth haul of five or more wickets. He also became the highest wicket taker against New Zealand with a tally of 26 in seven Tests.

New Zealand failed to add to their lunch score when Srinath found the edge off Nash and debutant Manav Prasad picked up his first catch in Test cricket.

Srinath then uprooted Daniel Vettori's middle stump, the batsman being unsighted by a thick cloud of smoke from the nearby fields which engulfed the stadium briefly.

Off spinner Vijay Bhadraraj

had last man Shayne O'Connor caught at short-leg for his first Test wicket, leaving Adam Parore unbeaten on 13.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the first Test between India and New Zealand on Monday:

INDIA: First innings 83 (D Nash 6-27)

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 119-3)

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
M Bell b Srinath	6			
M Horne c Ganguly b Srinath	6			
C Sparman c and b Kumble	51			
S Fleming lbw Srinath	43			
N Astle c Kumble b Srinath	45			
C McMillan lbw Joshi	22			
A Parore not out	13			
C Cairns b V Prasad	7			
D Vettori b Srinath	2			
S O'Connor c Gandhi b Bhadraraj	24			
Extras: (lb-5, lb-11, nb-8)	2			
Total: (All out in 91.1 overs)	215			
Fall of wickets: 1-7; 2-8; 3-99; 4-156; 5-179; 6-181; 7-199; 8-207; 9-212.				

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Srinath	22	9	45	6
V Prasad	19	6	56	1
Ganguly	1	0	1	0
Kumble	18	3	49	1
Bhadraraj	14.1	4	26	1
Joshi	17	8	22	1

INDIA: Second innings	O	M	R	W
D Gandhi not out	52			
S Ramesh not out	58			
Extras: (lb-1, nb-4)	5			
Total: (for no wicket)	115			

D Gandhi not out	52
S Ramesh not out	58
Extras: (lb-1, nb-4)	5
Total: (for no wicket)	115
To bat: R Dravid,	S
Tendulkar, S Ganguly	V

Cairns	9	1	35	0
Nash	12	4	30	0
Vettori	20	4	38	0
O'Connor	3	1	6	0
Astle	6	2	5	0

Umpires: Srivinas Venkataraghavan (India) and Peter Manuel (Sri Lanka)

Third Umpire: S H Shekon (India).

Match Referee: Ranjan Madugalle (Sri Lanka)

Shastri for Bangladesh

From Our Correspondent

MOHALI, Oct 11: If cricket is to be globalised more matches should be played in places like Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, observes cricket-turned-commentator Ravi Shastri today.

Talking to a group of people during a break in the commentary session, the former Indian all-rounder said, "ICC talks about globalisation of the game. Then they should have continued with the World Cup Knock-out tournament at Dhaka. By shifting it off to Nairobi, they have undone all the good work that they had done in 1998."

"Also to globalise the game, the Test-playing nations should play more games against countries like Bangladesh, Kenya or for that matter even Holland. You cannot spread the game only by organising tournaments at places like Kenya," he said.

Meanwhile, the Punjab Cricket association will organise a tournament with the champion domestic side of each country in September this year. While disclosing it the president of the Punjab Cricket Association, IS Bindra, said, "We will invite the winners of the Red Stripe Bowl in the West Indies, the champions of the Sheffield Shield, the Ranji Trophy champions and so on. The winners of the domestic championships in Bangladesh and Kenya will also be invited. The teams can have two national players of their country other than the ones already in the side."

Giving an example he said, "If Mumbai were to play, they could utilise the services of Anil Kumble and Javagal Srinath other than the players that they have at the moment."

The tournament is planned to be held between September 12 to 24, 2000.

FRIEND-TURNED-FOE

They were great friends once upon a time. However, time and trading of few odd comments against each other have driven Kapil Dev and Yograj Singh miles