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4	Who won the men's 100 m in the Summer Athletics?	Mahbub	Yasin	Ratan
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Due to some unavoidable reasons draw of the **WHIZZ KID Competition-122** could not be held last night. It will now take place next week, November 5. —Sports Editor



Bangladesh opener Javed Omar plays defensively against England A during the one-day match yesterday. —Star photo

SPORTS TALK



Dennis Bergkamp

(Arsenal's Dutch superstar)

"I feel you have to be a successful foreigner. If not, it's a waste of talent in England."

Cricketers' transfers Jan 15-17

Sports Reporter

The inter-club cricketers' transfers will be held on January 15-17.

The decision to shift the players' bourse from November 6-8 was made after a meeting of the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) on Thursday night.

The CCDM has also decided to start the most colourful Premier League in February.

Meanwhile, the Damal Smriti Tournament, the traditional curtain-raiser will commence from November 9. But unlike previous years, only 12 First Division outfits and six top Second Division teams will take part. The Premier League outfit will take part in the newly introduced CCDM Cup, which will be announced later.

Fu Wang Cup golf Tanveer's

Sports Reporter

Syed Tanveer Hussain lifted the Fu Wang Cup at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.

The tournament was participated by a record number of golfers.

President of the KGC and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen. Muhammad Mustafizur, BB, teed-off the competitors at the lush green expanse in the morning and gave away prizes later in the evening.

OTHER RESULTS

Ladies' winner: Eun Suk Choi; Senior winner: Cdre Mujib Rahman; Junior winner: Aamer Chowdhury; Best gross: Sadia Quddus; Ladies best gross: Rajin Amalan; Second best gross: Shawkat-uz-Zaman; Runner-up: M H Samad; Ladies' runner-up: Jung Sook Jung; Second runner-up, A K Fazle Rabbi; Front nine winner: Brig Sakaawat Hussain; Back nine winner: Col M Aminul Islam; Nearest to pin: Sadat Quddus; Longest drive: Hee Yoon

Bangladesh fail to ride on sound start

Fag end meekness proves vital

Al-Amin

Consistency, it seems, will never be the hallmark of Bangladesh cricketers when it counts most.

Bangladesh got off to a sparkling start, scoring 50 runs in the ninth over without loss. But then suffered an all-too-familiar spectacular middle-order collapse to end up with a modest 226 in their one-off Starship limited-over match against the visiting England A at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Although there was no devil in the wicket, Bangladesh batsmen wilted under the pressure of their own creation when the stage was set for a 250-plus score.

Opener Shahriar Hossain more than justified his skipper Aminul Islam's decision to bat first with a typically aggressive 34 off 40 balls with the help of five fours to give the home side a resounding start.

Runs however dried up after Shahriar departed at the score 56 in the 11th over, offering a tame catch at mid-off.

Javed Omar cut his way to a disciplined 48 to lay the foundation of what promised to a big total. The right-hander, with limited strokes up his sleeves, put on 62 runs for the second wicket with one-down Habibul Bashar before both fell at the score of 118. Javed was clean bowled by a wicked yorker from England captain Alleyne while Bashar, who scored a brilliant 83 for BCB XI in the first limited-over match against the visitors at the same venue on October 23, never looked comfortable and departed for a score 25 off 46 balls.

The fall of two quick wickets

throwing a challenging total.

With wickets tumbling one after another and when they were reduced to 204 for 8 in 45.2 overs, prospects of Bangladesh batting out their share of 50 overs looked bleak. But, thanks to some enterprising batting from Aminul Islam Jr. and freshman Bikash Ranjan Das, Bangladesh put up a face-saving total.

Aminul Jr. hammered a sweetly timed six against leg-spinner Schofield in the 47th over that landed on the screens at the Paltan End. But Bikash smote the biggest sixer in the final over, a huge heave over mid-wicket against Ronnie Irani.

With the wicket in the 17th over, Bangladesh lost their way completely in the last ten overs, losing six wickets with the addition of only 27 runs.

Aminul Islam and Al-Shahriar stayed on the wicket for a while, but the most ominous aspect of the Bangladesh innings was the absence of a long innings.

Recalled to the national side after a long layoff, Al-Shahriar scored only 11 before holing out in the deep off Franks. But Bangladesh suffered a bigger blow when skipper Aminul quickly followed Al-Shahriar after making 30 off 37 balls.

The right-handed skipper became the victim of a soft dismissal when he played an attempted off-drive into the safe hands of Schofield, the most successful English bowler with 4/49 in his 10 overs.

After the departure of Aminul at 200/6 in the 44th over, the visitors with their tails up ran over the lower order; thus effectively evaporating Bangladesh's hopes of

BRISBANE, Oct 29: Pakistan captain Wasim Akram has criticised the itinerary for the early part of their tour of Australia because it has not allowed his side enough time to prepare for the three-Test series, reports Reuters.

Akram's team played two one-day games in Perth earlier this week and have only one first-class match — against Queensland starting here on Saturday — before the opening Test against Australia begins next Friday.

The Australian Cricket Board should think, "Let's give them a fair chance, give them two games and let them settle into the different climate," Akram was quoted as saying in newspapers on Friday.

"Since we played Sri Lanka (in a Test last March), we've played the World Cup (in England) and one-day games in Canada and Sharjah."

"Nobody asked me from the Pakistan board about the itinerary. I go tour by tour and when I arrived here I was shocked."

However, Akram said he had faith in his squad, and would probably field a Test-strength side against Queensland. "Our Test players need to be playing this weekend," he said.

Akram is set for his first appearance of the tour in the match against Queensland while wicketkeeper-boatsman Moin Khan, who missed the second limited overs game in Perth because of illness, is expected to return.

Soccer league resumes Oct 31

The super-four matches of the Koya Premier Division Football League will resume tomorrow at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, reports UNB.

The matches became uncertain as Mohammedan SC had refused to play in the wake of Abahani's allegation of a fixed match between Mohammedan and Arambagh on August 11. They, however, agreed to play after reaching settlement yesterday.

According to the new schedule, league leaders Mohammedan will take on Abahani, who are two points behind the leaders, at 3:30 pm while in the first match Mukti Joddha face Arambagh at 1:30 pm.

Dhaka Mahanagar Football League Committee (DMFL) chairman Abdur Rahim told newsmen that both Abahani and Mohammedan had agreed to play after a successful dialogue between Lukman Hossain, Mohammedan Club general secretary, and Anjan Chowdhury Pinto and Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnu of Abahani.

The dates for the remaining two matches are yet to be confirmed.

Believe it or not!

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Board last night set a new precedent by fielding a national team without including any players from the country's two most popular clubs Abahani and Mohammedan.

The team selected to play England A was done maybe on merit rather than opting to bow to popular demand which is the norm.

The team included three players each from Bangladesh Biman (Aminul, Javed Omar and Habibul Bashar) and Surj Tarun (Khaled Masood, Al-Shahriar and Enamul Hoque), two from Brothers Union (Khaled Mahmud and Shahriar Hossain), one each from Ajai (Aminul Islam Jr.), Victoria (Sabbir Khan) and Wanderers (Bikash Ranjan Das).

Among the players Bikash donned the national cap even before playing in the Premier League.

The Indians, leading 1-0 in the series, gained the initial advantage when Tendulkar won the toss and elected to take first strike on a dry wicket that is expected to crumble later.

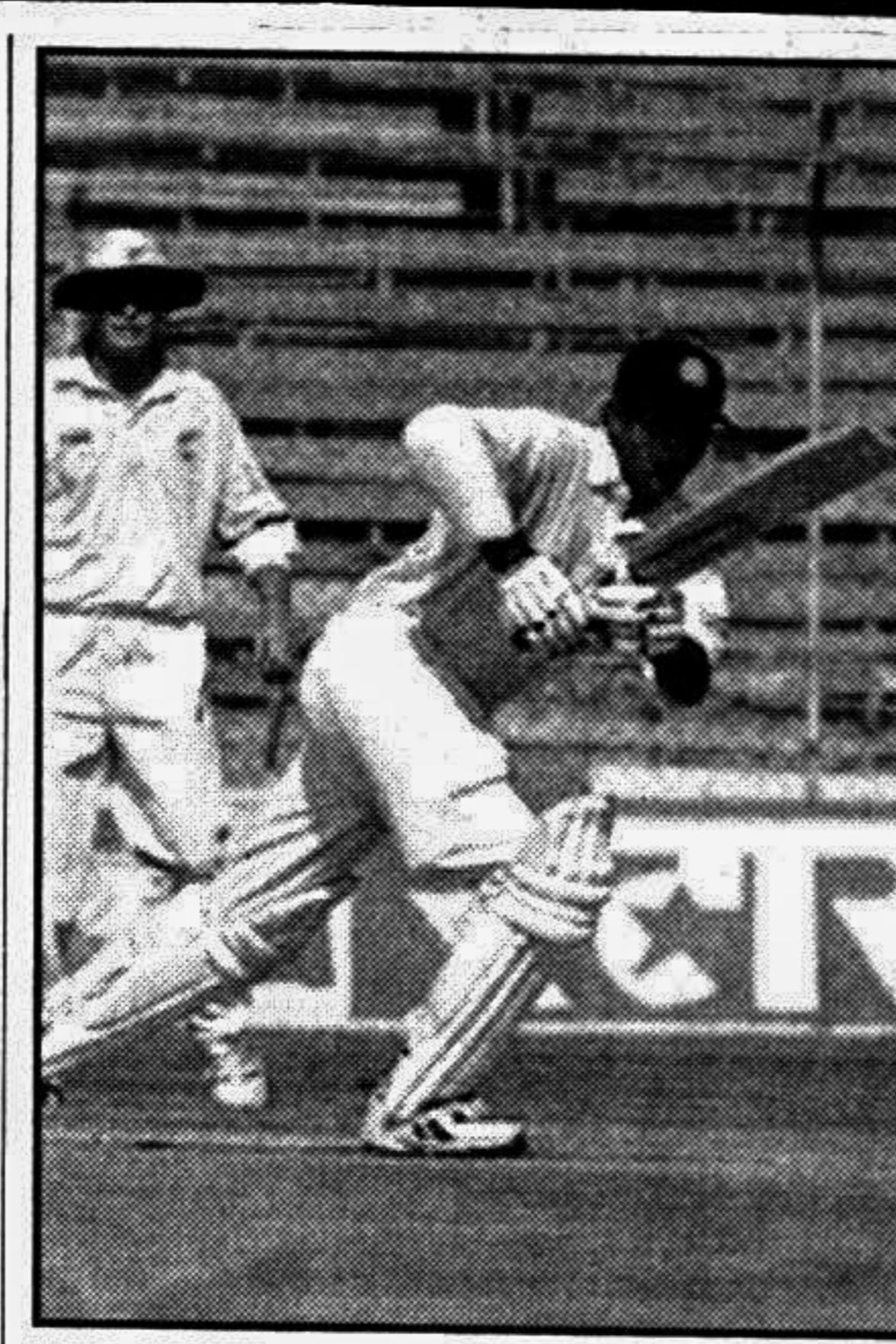
The wicket did not turn on the first day, unlike the one at Kanpur where India won the second Test by eight wickets, but it was too slow to help the six Kiwi bowlers.

Tendulkar, the stylish left-hand opener, followed half-centuries in the first two matches with his second Test hundred studded with 14 boundaries.

Tendulkar reached his 21st century and the second in the series, after surviving two chances with the second new ball late in the day.

He was on 93 when Nathan Astle, running back from the slips, spilled a top-edge off Chris Cairns. Three runs later, wicketkeeper Adam Parore floored an easy catch off Dion Nash.

Tendulkar, however, raced



THE CENTURIONS: India opener Sadagopan Ramesh (L) and skipper Sachin Tendulkar are in action during the first day's play of the Ahmedabad Test yesterday. — AFP photo

Tendulkar, Ramesh dictate



AHMEDABAD, Oct 29: Sachin Tendulkar and Sadagopan Ramesh cracked sparkling centuries as India flogged New Zealand's bowling in the third and final cricket Test here today, reports AFP.

Tendulkar played a captain's knock of 104 not out and Ramesh made 110 as India unleashed their batting might on the hapless Kiwis to reach 311 for three by close of the opening day's play.

Saurav Ganguly was unbroken on 51 at stumps, having added 129 runs for the unbroken fourth wicket with his captain.

Both teams went in with just four specialist bowlers in a match New Zealand must win to draw the series.

India dropped young all-rounder Vijay Bharadwaj to play one-day regular Ajay Jadeja in only his 14th Test match.

Seamer Venkatesh Prasad was also brought back in place of left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi, whose bowling in the Kanpur Test left Tendulkar unimpressed.

The New Zealanders were forced to make two changes, leaving out the injured Craig McMillan and out-of-form opener Matthew Bell. They were replaced by Canterbury captain Gary Stead, who flew in on Wednesday as a reinforcement for McMillan, and all-rounder Chris Harris.

Left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori went for 103, Cairns 1-56 and off-spinner Paul Wiseman 0-50 as the Indians took a heavy toll of the bowling.

India lost just one wicket in the morning session when Devang Gandhi, whose 88 was the highest individual score in the Kanpur Test, edged Cairns to the wicketkeeper after making six.

David, who went to lunch on 29, added just four more af-

ter the break when he was caught on the second attempt by Parore while trying to cut Vettori.

Ramesh moved from 89 to 97 with two boundaries off Vettori, before reaching the three-figure mark with a quick dash for a single as the throw by Cairns narrowly missed the stumps.

Ramesh celebrated the feat with another four off Vettori, but his innings was cut short by the gentle medium pace of Harris shortly before tea.

Harris, playing his first match in the series, moved one away from the left-hander's bat and the edge was snapped up low at first slip by Craig Spearman.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the third Test between India and New Zealand on Friday:				
INDIA: First innings				
Gandhi c Parore b Cairns	17	4	56	1
Ramesh c Spearman b Harris	110			
Dravid c Parore b Vettori	33			
Tendulkar not out	104			
Ganguly not out	51			
Extras: (lb-1, b-3, nb-3)				7
Total: (For three wickets)	311			
Fall of wickets: 1-20; 2-102; 3-182				
To bat: A Jadeja, M Prasad, J Singh				
Bowler O M R W				
Cairns 17 4 56 1				
Nash 17 4 46 0				
Harris 12 3 40 1				
Astle 2 0 12 0				
Wiseman 14 2 50 0				
Vettori 58 2 123 1				

NEW ZEALAND: Stephen Fleming (captain), Matthew Horne, Chris Harris, Craig Spearman, Nathan Astle, Gary Stead, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Dion Nash, Daniel Vettori and Paul Wiseman.

