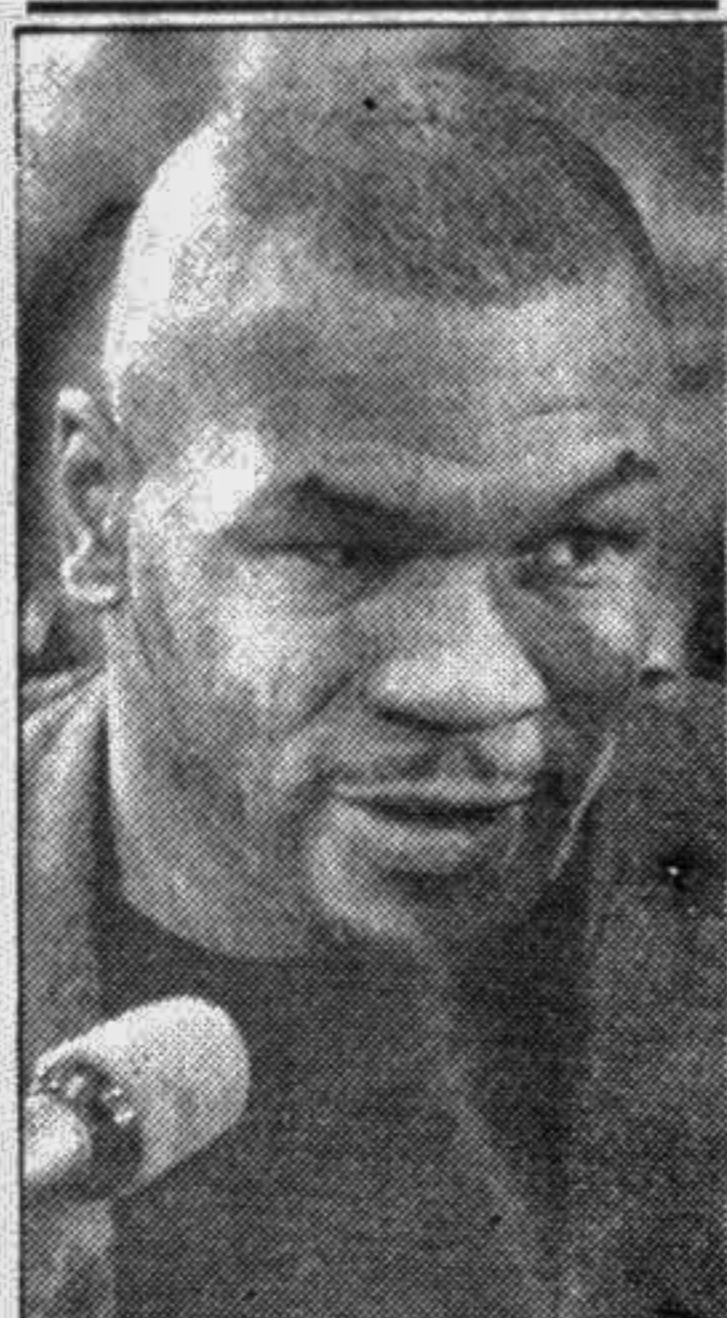


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Mike Tyson

(Great American boxer)
"Whatever you say about me — good or bad — you've got to have the heart to get into the ring with me."

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-123

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm
Nov 26, '99 and draw
shortly afterwards

- How many Test wickets did Malcolm Marshall grab?
376 390 396
- Who won the Sharjah Cup last month?
Pakistan W Indies S Lanka
- What is the name of Steve Waugh's son?
Austin Jacobs Larry
- Who is the vice-captain of India?
Dravid Jadeja Ganguly
- Who became champions in the Keya Premier Division soccer league?
Abahani Mukti Joddha Mohammedan

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WHIZZ KID-122

Boost winner

Israt Jahan

Lalmatia Girls' High School, Dhaka

(Please bring your ID card and a passport size attested photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star at 7:00pm on November 17)

WHIZZ KID-122

Correct answers

- Which country won the SAF football gold?
- Who is the captain of Brazil?
- Ans. Cafu
- How many teams will play in next year's Asia cup cricket?
- Ans. 4
- Who won the men's 100m in the Summer Athletics?
- Ans. Mahub
- Who lifted the Grand Slam Cup title?
- Ans. Russekli

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Nov 12: Cosmos Club defeated Mohammedan Sporting Club 2-1 in the Senior Division Football League played on Thursday at the Khulna Stadium, reports BSS.

Half-time score was 0-1 for the winners.

Down with a goal in the first half Cosmos Club fought back and scored twice in the second half.

In the second match, Brothers Union defeated Moushumi Club 2-1.

At the same ground Victoria Club won against Town Club 2-0.

Barguna soccer

BARGUNA, Nov 12: Sonia Eleven defeated Nabagaran Club 2-0 in the inaugural match of the First Division league at the local stadium today, reports UNB.

Barguna District Sports Association organised the league.

In tomorrow's match, Kewarunia Club will take on Eleven Bullet Club at the same venue.

Cricketers' silent march today

CWAB refuses to back down

Sports Reporter

The Cricketers' Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB) has condemned the CDDM meeting held on Thursday night saying the organisers of Dhaka Premier Division cricket league have totally ignored their one-point demand of holding the inter-club cricketers' transfers for the Premier League this month.

After nearly 300 cricketers from all the divisions gathered at the Abahani playground in Dhanmondi yesterday morning, the CWAB leaders reiterated their decision to boycott the maiden three-day format National League if the transfers were not conducted.

Chaired by CWAB president and former national skipper Minhazul Abedin, vice-president and national skipper Aminul Islam, general secretary and former national skipper Faruque Ahmed, joint-secretary Khaled Mahmud and organising secretary Naimur Rahman were present and spoke.

The CWAB president blamed the CDDM for the stalemate. He also announced that the cricketers will bring out a silent procession from Jatiya Press Club this morning to press home their demand.

"We began our movement for getting the Dhaka Stadium from this place and we want to

start our next course of action from that place," said Minhazul.

"The CDDM has dishonoured us," he added.

"We only want to hold the inter-club transfers in this month but they deferred it by a day from their date of transfer. This reflects how much they disrespect us," said Minhazul.

"We also flatly reject the proposed pay roll scheme of BCB," he said.

Nat'l youth hockey starts Nov 26

The 18th national youth hockey championship will begin from November 26 at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium, reports UNB.

Nineteen teams split into two groups will take part in the competition.

Group A: BKSP and Faridpur, Narayanganj, Jessore, Comilla, Chittagong, Dinajpur, Barisal and Gopalganj DSAs.

Group B: Dhaka DSA, Dhaka Board, Rajshahi, Sylhet, Mymensingh, Munshiganj, Rangpur, Patuakhali, Gazipur and Khulna DSAs.

"We have decided not to hold anymore talks with the CDDM until the matter is resolved," Minhazul added.

Faruque Ahmed said a majority of the Premier Division cricketers will sacrifice their income than playing in the National League.

"This is a conspiracy to destroy cricket and we will not allow that to happen. If 120 players are involved in the League what happens to the others?" asked Faruque.

"We don't know how much the division will pay us for a match. The divisions are announcing teams without the cricketers' concern," added Faruque.

The speakers also fired a broadside at CDDM chairman Tanvir Haider for calling the CWAB an illegal organisation and its leaders *bhua* in different national dailies.

They termed Tanvir's remarks as illogical.

"If today I'm the national skipper and tomorrow I'm not then does that mean I will also become a nobody overnight?" said an angry Aminul Islam.

Most of the CWAB leaders have demanded the immediate removal of Tanvir from the posts of BCB vice-president, chairman of selection committee and head of the CDDM.

12th Asian Cup qualifiers

BFF names final twenty

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday named a 20-member national team for the 12th Asian Cup Group Three qualifying round scheduled to begin in Dubai from November 20.

Bangladesh will take on Uzbekistan in their opening match on November 20. The other three other games are against hosts UAE (November 22), Sri Lanka (November 24) and India on November 26.

Six members of the SAF Games gold-winning team are missing. Goalkeeper Mohammad Ponir, inspirational skipper Jewel Rana and defender Masood Rana have gone into retirement while defender Hasan-al-Mamun is suffering from typhoid.

Midfielders Mintu and Liton were ignored from the 24-man primary selection which began the camp at the BKSP under Iraqi coach Samir Shakir from November.

Shimul, Nizam and Rokuzzaman are the other players along with Hasan-al-Mamun who failed to make it into the final twenty.

The BFF list does not mention who will lead the team. BFF joint-secretary Badal Roy said that will require approval of technical committee chairman Abdul Mueed Chowdhury.

However, according to coach Samir Shakir, ace forward Akbar Ahmed, who was vice-captain under Jewel Rana in the SAF Games squad and scored the only goal in the final

against hosts Nepal, would be named skipper and midfielder Iqbal Ahmed will be his deputy.

Samir, who guided Bangladesh to their maiden SAF success last October, thought his team was weak in defence without Jewel Rana, Masood Rana and Hasan-al-Mamun.

The inclusion of Mohammedan central defender Monwar Munna would hopefully bolster the back four.

"I'm satisfied with the midfield and frontline," the experienced Iraqi said.

He considered UAE and Uzbekistan too strong for Bangladesh. Instead, he sounded optimistic of doing well against India and Sri Lanka.

"Winning against India and Sri Lanka should be our goal and I have a feeling that we will beat them again," Samir said.

SQUAD

Biplab Bhattacharyya, Rakib Mehbub, Nizam, Matruur Rahman Munna, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Monwar Munna, Rajani Kanta Barman, Kingshuk Chakma, Tito, Monwar Hossain, Iqbal Hossain, Anwar Hossain, Alfaz Ahmed, Mizanur Rahman Dawn, Shahajuddin Tipu, Sourav Majumdar Raju, Mujibur Rahman Ritu, Kamuzzaman Selim, Parvez Babu and Faisal Ahmed.

Forty two nations, split into ten groups, are taking part in the qualifying round. The ten

group winners will join defending champions Saudi Arabia and hosts Lebanon in the final round next year.

GROUPS

Following are the countries participating in the 12th Asian Cup qualifiers:

Group 1: Iraq, Oman, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan.

Group 2: Iran, Syria, Bahrain and Maldives.

Group 3: UAE, Uzbekistan, India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Group 4: Qatar, Kazakhstan, Jordan, Pakistan and Palestine.

Group 5: Kuwait, Turkmenistan, Yemen, Nepal and Bhutan.

Group 6: South Korea, Myanmar, Laos and Mongolia.

Group 7: Indonesia, Hong Kong and Cambodia.

Group 8: Thailand, Malaysia, Taipei and North Korea.

Group 9: China, Vietnam, Philippines and Guam.

Group 10: Japan, Singapore, Macau and Brunei.

FIXTURES

Date Match

Nov 20: BD vs UZB

Nov 22: UAE vs IND

Nov 24: SL vs UZB

Nov 26: BD vs UAE

Nov 26: IND vs UZB

Nov 26: SL vs IND

Nov 28: UAE vs IND

Nov 28: BD vs SL

Forget speed, Shoaib

PERTH, Nov 12 (Reuters/AFP): Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar should ease off the throttle in the best interests of his team, former Australian fast bowler great Dennis Lillee said today.

"I've always believed fast bowlers should give it everything, but Shoaib will be of little use to his captain if he tries relentlessly to achieve a personal goal ahead of the general interests of the touring team," Lillee wrote in the West Australian newspaper.

Lillee said he hoped the 24-year-old dynamo could achieve the target during the remaining two Tests of Pakistan's three-Test Australian tour, "but from what I have seen I have my doubts."

Akhtar, the world's fastest bowler and nicknamed the 'Rawalpindi Express' declared on arrival in Australia last month that he aimed during the tour to become the first bowler

to be clocked at 100 mph. He has previously bettered 97 mph, but during the first Test in Brisbane he was regularly around 90 mph with a quickest delivery of 93.7 mph.

"That's consistently 9.3 to 9.9 mph off the money — and

in Brisbane he swung the ball, bowled a lot better and got results. That's the point about good fast bowling. Shoaib has to realise he must bowl within himself and let only the occasional one go, because it is the change of pace that is so often the undoing of a batsman."

In the Brisbane Test, won by Australia by 10 wickets, Akhtar took four for 153 in the first innings and none for 25 in the second.

Making his last competitive appearance at the age of 50, Lillee last month grabbed three wickets for eight runs when he played in a selection XI against Pakistan.

Shoaib, caught behind for two, fell to the last ball of Lillee's career.

Friday Cricket Tournament on

Sports Reporter

Friday Cricket Tournament, organised by the Old D.O.H.S Sports Club, began at the D.O.H.S ground in Banani yesterday, says a press release.

Chief of Army Staff Lt. Gen. Mustafizur Rahman BB inaugurated the competition as chief guest. President of the D.O.H.S Association Lt. Col. M.A. Hamid, tournament committee chairman Lt. Col. M.A. Latif Khan, high ranking civil and military officials and a good number of spectators were present on the occasion.

In the opening match of the tournament, Sri Lanka CC beat Josephites Club by 53 runs. Munna of Sri Lanka CC was declared man-of-the-match.

that's a long way off" Lillee observed in his Friday column.

"A lot of guys over the years bowled at around 90 mph, so Akhtar is really stuck in the rut with them."

"Jeff Thomson (Australia), Michael Holding and Andy Roberts (West Indies) stood out as the 97 mph plus men, Lillee said.

The record is held by Thompson — Lillee's pace partner from the 1970s — who reached 99.7 mph in 1975.

Lillee said it seemed the faster Akhtar tried to bowl, the less he was on his game which was to take wickets.

"When Shoaib cut back a bit

Transcom Cup Golf Jang's

Sports Reporter

CS Jang clinched the Transcom Cup played yesterday at the Kurmitola Golf Club course.

The tournament attracted a number of local and foreign participants.

KC president and Chief of Army Staff M Mustafizur Rahman, BB, tied-off the competitors in the morning and gave away prizes at the Club House in the evening.

Winners are as under:

Ladies' winner: Hyun Ok Byun; Senior winner: Major Gens S Ameer Ali; Junior winner: Anika Chowdhury; Best gross: Chan Lee; Ladies' best gross: Jin Sook Yoon.

Second best gross: Sadig Quddus; Runner-up: Shaiful Islam (Babul); Ladies' runner-up: Jung Sook Jung.

Second runner-up: Maj Gen Ahsanullah; Front nine winner: Brig D Lahiri; Back nine winner: Sajjad S Ahmed; Near-est to pin: A T M A Bari; Longest drive: Y D Choi.

Zimbabwe in depths of despair

HARARE, Nov 12:

Zimbabwe's cricket fortunes slumped to their lowest point here Friday when they were all out for 102 against South Africa in the second of two Tests, reports AFP.

It was their worst batting performance since they were elected as a Test nation seven years ago and was 25 runs lower than their previous worst, against Sri Lanka.

They had the misfortune to bat on a "green-top" wicket after being put into bat against one of the world's best attacks.

But they never recovered from a disastrous start when their opening batsmen Grant Flower and Trevor Gripper were both out with only six on the board.

Only Neil Johnson reached as many as 20 runs. It was a dismal failure by the Zimbabweans and might well mean a second innings victory in two weeks by the South Africans.

Shaun Pollock caused the most havoc when he took four wickets for 32 and took two catches in the slips. Then captain Hansie Cronje came on to mop up the tail, finishing with 3-14.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Zimbabwe innings on the second day of the second Test against South Africa on Friday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings (overnight 48 for three)

G Flower c Kallis b Klusener 5

Gripper b Pollock 1

Goodwin c Cronje b Pollock 17

Johnson c Boucher b Pollock 20

A Flower c Boucher b Pollock 8

Campbell c Pollock b Cronje 15

Rennie c Cullinan b Klusener 11

G Whittall c Pollock b Klusener 3

B Strang lbw b Cronje 1

Olunga c Boucher b Cronje 1

Mbangwa not out 1

Extras: (lb-7, nb-3) 10

Total: (All out in 46.5 overs) 102

Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-6; 3-35; 4-59; 5-64; 6-79; 7-86; 8-101; 9-101.

Bowler

Donald 10 5 10 0

Pollock 17 7 32 4

Klusener 12 3 39 3

Cronje 7.5 2 14 3

Weekes worried about WICB

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados, Nov 12: Former Test players in the cricket committee of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) are so frustrated by the WICB's attitude they are considering resigning en bloc, reports Reuters.

Sir Everton Weekes told the Barbados Nation newspaper proposals by the committee were ignored by the WICB executive.

"I do to meetings discuss matters that concern West Indies cricket with others who have played for the West Indies and then find that our recommendations are overturned by those with no cricket background," Weekes said.

"It gets you thinking about resigning en bloc. And then people wonder why great cricketers like Sir Gary Sobers aren't involved in our administration."

The committee's frustration has been increased after its recommendations on the terms of reference for the next team manager were rejected. It proposed the manager should have experience at first class or Test level.

"If we're not going to be listened to you wonder why they appointed this committee in the first place," said Bryan Davis.

The committee was set up by Pat Rousseau after he was appointed WICB president in 1996.

The WICB came under fierce attack after a players' strike before the disastrous tour of South Africa in 1998-99. The West Indies have failed to win a Test on their last two overseas tours and failed to qualify for the second stage of the World Cup in England earlier this year.



CWAB president Minhazul Abedin (L) addressing a gathering of cricketers at the Abahani Club ground in the city yesterday.

Lehmann reminds selectors

ADELAIDE, Nov 12:

Darren Lehmann staked a claim for a second Test berth in Hobart next Thursday proved inconclusive with both speedsters taking 3-64.

At the close on the opening day of the four-day cricket tour game, Pakistan, who won the toss, were 65 for two in reply to South Australia's 250 and marginally on top.

Lehmann was in sublime touch against a Pakistani attack, missing Test spearheads Wasim Akram and Shoaib Akhtar, but the South Australian tailend crashed to lose 39 for six and left him stranded.

The Australian World Cup team member stroked 15 fours and belted two sixes and, with Test No. 3 Justin Langer averaging only 15 since the first Test against Sri Lanka in August, Lehmann is in the firing line for a call-up.

The more Langer struggles, the more likely it is that West Australian Simon Katich, Victorian Matthew Elliott or Lehmann will come into the star-studded Australian batting lineup this summer.

Lehmann, who admitted he was upset with the national selectors when they omitted him from the West Indian tour in February, has learned to keep his feelings to himself when it comes to selection issues.

"You've just got to chalk them up and hopefully a spot comes up there at some stage but you can't be worried about it until that happens," Lehmann said.

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Lehmann ... 136 no

Mohammad probably won a points decision because his wickets were among the top four SA batsmen — David Fitzgerald for seven, Daniel Harris for 24 and Jeff Vaughan for 40 — while Waqar cleaned up the tail.

Waqar was on a hatrick when he dismissed Brad Young (three) and Graham Manou (duck) on either side of the tea break but Lehmann safely negotiated his next delivery.

Pakistan's fielding was again atrocious, Saeed Anwar at first slip, Akram off his own bowling and Ghulam Ali at

gully all dropped catches