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Who won the 2000 Trophy in West Indies?

Windies Pakistan Zimbabwe

Who was the man-of-the-series in 2000 Trophy?

Inzamam King Ambrose

Who is South Africa's cricket captain?

Kirsten Gibbs Pollock

Who was the man-of-the-match in the Asia vs World Eleven cricket match?

Tendulkar Bevan De Silva

Who is the fastest man in the country now?

Mahbub Sattar Mizan

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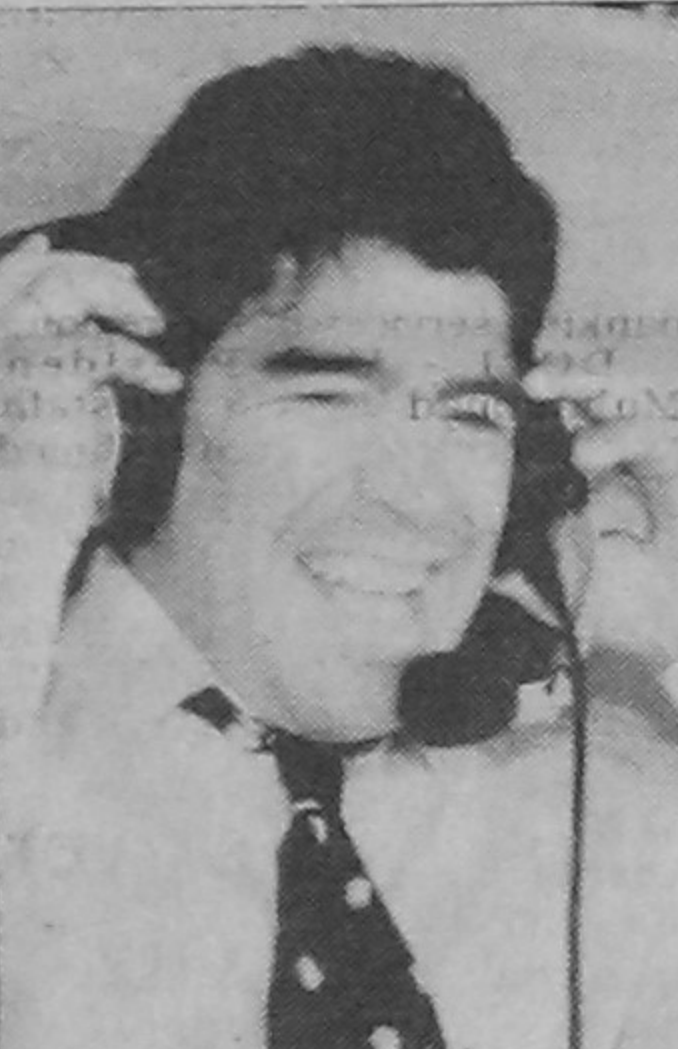
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SPORTS TALK



Diego Maradona

(Argentine soccer legend) "I'm going to do everything possible to go."

On an invitation to play in Lothar Matthaeus' testimonial match on May 26.

Asia Cup

Inter-ministerial meeting held

An inter-ministerial meeting was held yesterday to successfully organise the forthcoming 7th Asia Cup Cricket Tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from May 28, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth, Sports Obaidul Quader chaired the meeting held at the ministry's conference room.

Deputy Minister for LGRD and BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Internal Resources Division Secretary Abdul Mueyed Chowdhury, Youth and Sports Secretary Manik Lal Samadur and other officials concerned were present at the meeting.

The meeting sought cooperation from all to successfully hold the tournament and stressed on ensuring total security to all foreigners.

Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and champions Sri Lanka will take part in the region's prestigious tournament.

Prize-giving ceremony

The prize-giving ceremony of the Independence Day Spade Trump Competition, organised by Jatiya Press Club, was held at the club yesterday, reports BSS.

JPC president Khondker Monirul Alam and general secretary Swapan Kumar Saha distributed prizes while sports sub-committee convener Kamaluddin Sabuj conducted the function.

Amirul Islam Kagojee received the championship prize while Quazi Abdul Hannan got the runner-up.

Enamul Hoque Chowdhury, Nurul Hasan Khan, Akhtaruzaman Nawab, Kamalur Rahman, Saiful Alam and M. M. Mubasher Hossain finished third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth respectively.

Former JPC general secretary Hasanzaman Khan and other club members were present on the occasion.

Abahani digging own grave

Sports Reporter



Abahani Krira Chakra hurtled to their second successive defeat in the Jharkhand Premier Division Cricket League and more importantly relinquished their title hopes, which had looked a formality just the other day.

Out to prove cricket's age-old adage as a game of glorious uncertainties, the Dhanmondi giants, needing a victory to lift the title in their penultimate league match, were bundled out for 79 in reply to a moderate Bangladesh Biman total of 189 for 9 in the stipulated 50 overs.

The crushing 110-run defeat not only served a surprise blow to Abahani's championship hopes, but also earned them the dubious distinction of scoring the lowest innings in this year's Premier League.

The debacle hot on the heels of their three-wicket defeat against Surjo Tarun also left Abahani in a rather embarrassing situation as they had started early celebrations after winning a record 13 straight games.

The outcome ushered in an exciting prospect of a two-way heavy battle for the title now between Abahani and Kalabagan, who would be in search of a big win against Mohammedan today. And if they can make it, Kalabagan should really fancy their chances of finishing on par with Abahani. To do that, Kalabagan would have to beat Abahani in the last Super League match on May 12. The championship will then be decided on net run rate.

Presently Abahani enjoys an impressive net run-rate of +1.04 despite the heavy defeat against Biman. On the other hand Kalabagan has a net run-rate of +0.64.

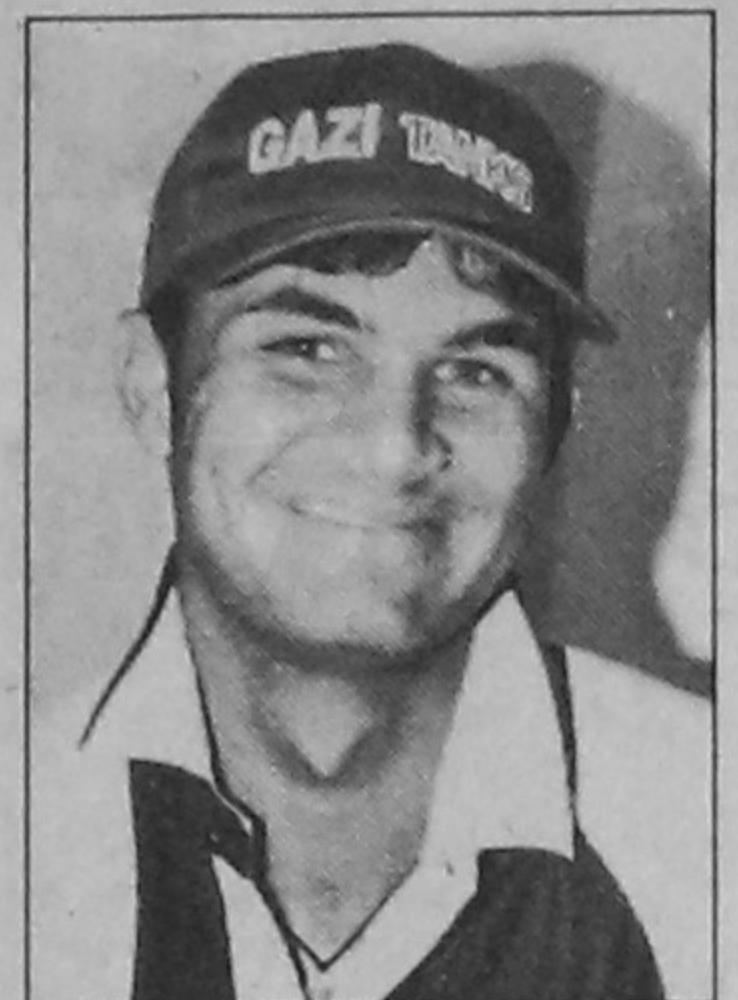
Back in the day's match it came as a shock for a few thousand Abahani supporters when their beloved team lasted only 18.1 overs in the face of some hostile bowling from Biman's Pakistani pacer Shahid Nazir. The tall right-arm made an early breakthrough in the Abahani innings when he bowled his compatriot Mohammed Hossain in the very first over of his opening spell of three overs.

Nazir then returned in his second spell in the 16th over to rattle the stumps of Naimur Rahman and sent Asadullah Khan for a first ball duck with a gem of a yorker in successive deliveries. Nazir also heralded the fall of Abahani's last wicket to finish with four for 28 from his five venomous overs.

An injury plagued Abahani, who missed the services of opener Mehrab Hossain and wicketkeeper Mizanur, never looked comfortable against a motivated Biman and lost wickets at regular intervals. Naimur with 24 fought a

lone battle, but others including skipper Akram, who made 10, miserably failed to build the innings on a slow and turning wicket.

Earlier, the Biman total was based around a fine half century by Imran Farhat. The Pakistani opener gave the national airline outfit a solid start after they had opted to bat first, putting on 87 runs with Javed Omar, who chipped in



FARHAT ... 57



SHAHID NAZIR ... 4 for 28

with 30. The southpaw hammered six fours in his 74-ball 57. Skipper Faruque Ahmed, who missed the previous match, scored 28 but national captain Aminul Islam continued his nightmarish campaign in the league with a duck. With this win Biman avenged their first round defeat against Abahani. But the defending champions, who conceding a stunning 17-run defeat against Kalabagan in an earlier Super League game, are already out of title contention.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Super League match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Biman at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday: BIMAN Javed Omar c Zahid b Naimur 30

Farhat c Anis b Naimur	57
Habibul c Asad b Naimur	6
Faruque c Akram b M Hussain	28
Aminul sr c Mortuza b M Hussain	0
M Akhtar run out	4
Hasanzaman lbw b Habibul	8
Atar c Naimur b M Hussain	12
S Nazir b lqbal	7
Aminul jr not out	9
Sharful not out	2
Extras: (b-8, lb-3, nb-1, w-14)	26
Total: (for 9 wks in 50 overs)	189
fall of wickets: 1/87; 2/98; 3/115; 4/121; 5/134; 6/136; 7/159; 8/166; 9/174	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	10	0	45	1
lqbal	3	0	25	1
A Rehman	10	2	27	0
Naimur	10	1	32	3
Anis	7	0	33	0
M Hussain	10	1	16	3

ABAHANI KC

M Hussain b S Nazir	4
Zahid c Aminul sr b Aminul jr	1
Azam lbw b Sharful	14
Naimur b S Nazir	24
Akram c Faruque b M Akhtar	10
Anis run out	1
A Rehman c Habibul b Farhat	8
Asadullah lbw b S Nazir	0
Mortuza run out	1
lqbal b S Nazir	0
Hasibul not out	0
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-2, w-9)	16

TODAY'S MATCHES

Super League Kalabagan KC v Mohammedan SC Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
Relegation League Agran Bank v Gopibagh FA Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Asian Junior Hockey

China thrash Bangladesh

Bangladesh suffered a frustrating 6-2 defeat against China in their last Group B engagements of the 4th Asian Cup Junior Hockey Championship despite a 1-0 lead till 18th minute in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, reports UNB.

The result placed Bangladesh fourth in the six-team group ahead of lowly Iran and Uzbekistan. They will play two classification matches on Friday and Saturday to decide their position in the 11-team fray.

Bangladesh will battle for the 5th or 6th place if they win their first classification match with third finisher of Group A on Friday. Otherwise, they will have to struggle for the 7th or 8th place of the meet on Saturday.

Substitute Shamim Reza, a forward of the Sonali Bank Club in the Dhaka League, scored both goals for Bangladesh.

He scored a nice field goal in the 15th minute to put Bangladesh ahead while he netted another field goal in the 64th minute.

In the last two meetings, Bangladesh played to a one-all with China in the 5th Asia Cup in Kuala Lumpur last year while they conceded a 0-4 goals defeat against the Chinese in the Asian Games in Bangkok in 1998.

Asian Youth championship

31 called in primary camp

The residential camp of the under-19 football team for the forthcoming Asian Youth (under-19) championship to be held in Dhaka next July, will begin at the BKSP from May 15 with 31 players.

The primary selection have been made through a three-day long trial held at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur last week. Seventy four booters took part in the trial held under the supervision of coach Abu Yusuf.

The selected booters have been asked to report to coach Abu Yusuf at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office at 3 pm on May 14.

The booters are: Nesaruddin Ahmed (Victoria SC), Titumier Chowdhury (Chittagong), Shamim Hossain (Rajbari), Rafiqul Islam (Jessor), Nadim Ahmed Khan (East End Club), Abu Sayeed (BKSP), Kamal Ahmed (Narashingdi), Masud Alam (Comilla), Firoz Mahmud Hossain (Arambagh), Rezaul Karim (Rahmatganj), Aminur Rahman (BRTC), Mahmudul Hasan (Badda Jagarani), AKM Mainul Islam (Rajshahi), Uzzal (Mirpur Chalanika), Dulal (Abahani), Shahnoor Rahman (BKSP), Tanvir Chowdhury (Badda Jagarani), Selim (Mohammedan SC), Asadur Rahman (Chittagong), Monwar Hossain (Naogaon), Tariqul Islam (Pabna), Hanif Prodhan (Narayanganj), Jahane Alam (Sylhet), Shaidan Sen (Muktijoddha Sangsad), Anwar Faisal (Pabna), Rokonzaman Kanchan (Farashganj), Shawkat Ali (Rahmatganj), Maksudul Alam Bulbul (Dhanmondi), Ashrafur Kader (BRTC), Abul Hossain (Wari Club) and Rashedul Islam (East End Club).

City Club thrash Bima

Sports Reporter

A superb half century by opener Wasim Nayem guided City Club to a comprehensive nine-wicket win over Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha in a Premier Division Relegation League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Wasim, the Pakistani recruit, scored an entertaining 93 not out as City Club, chasing a paltry Bima total of 146, reached 148 in 21.5 overs with nine wickets to spare.

Wasim smote 17 boundaries in his 85-ball knock.

Besides, his compatriot Rehan Rafique scored an unbeaten 33.

Earlier, put into bat, Bima were restricted to 146 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs with middle order Sajjad Khan making the highest 37.

For City Club, medium pacer Al-Amin returned with three for 13 followed by Saifulah Magdi and Minhaz Ahmed who took two wickets each.

With yesterday's win, City Club joined Bima and Victoria Sporting Club at the top of the six-team Relegation table with each having 12 points from 14 matches.

BRIEF SCORES

Sadharan Bima KS v City Club Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium
SADHARAN BIMA KS: 146 for 9 in 50 overs (Sajjad 37, Saiful 28, Nakib 23, Selim 21, Al-Amin 3.13, Saifulah 2/18, Minhaz 2/34)
CITY CLUB: 148 for 1 in 21.5 overs (Wasim 93 n.o., Rehan 33 n.o., Jewel 14)
Result: City Club won by nine wickets.

Barlow flown to Singapore

Sad he has to miss Test party

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh cricket coach Eddie Barlow, who suffered a cerebral infarction last month, said on Tuesday he was disappointed he would not be able to join the celebrations when Bangladesh were granted Test status.

The jovial South African has been an important cog in Bangladesh's campaign for the elusive Test status. It is widely expected that the International Cricket Council would approve Bangladesh as the 10th Test playing nation in its Lord's meeting next month.

Boarding a Bangladesh Biman flight, Barlow left Dhaka for Singapore at 10.30 am yesterday for further treatment at Mount Elizabeth Hospital. He will remain there for a week before flying home to Cape Town.

"I've had some memorable days here and it's such bad luck that I won't be able to join Bangladesh's millions of enthusiastic cricket fans when they celebrate the country's elevation to test status," said Barlow, before leaving in an ambulance for the airport.

Barlow, the 59-year-old former South African Test all-

rounder, replaced Gordon Greenidge as Bangladesh coach last year.

He had collapsed at his Gulshan residence on April 29 at around 7pm while having a chat with his wife Cally. He was rushed to the Combined Military Hospital and put into the intensive care unit.

Since then Barlow was recuperating slowly but not significantly. Although he can speak,



EDDIE BARLOW

but his left side is still paralysed, for which he was having physiotherapy for the last few days.

"He is improving and doctors at the hospital are satisfied at the improvement," Cally said to the BSS, adding: "It would take time for his recovery."

In a message to the cricketers of Bangladesh her ailing husband said: "Bangladesh cricketers should work hard, both on and off the field for themselves and country's cricket as well."

"I wish every success of Bangladesh cricket," Barlow played 30 Tests for South Africa during 1960s, scoring 2516 runs at an average of 45.74. He also took 40 wickets with his medium pacers.

However, the timing of his illness could not have come at the worst possible stage. Barlow, at the helm of rebuilding country's cricket infrastructure, was supposed to prepare Bangladesh for the Asia Cup, starting in Dhaka from May 28.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has appointed Imran Sarwar, the inspirational coach of Abahani Krira Chakra, to lead the team in the prestigious meet.

Reefat maintains lead

Sports Reporter



International Master (IM) Reefat-bin-Sattar of Biman continued with his domination in the Professional Chess Championship.

In yesterday's 13th round, Reefat beat Monir Hossain of Leonine Chess Club. Reefat adopted French defence with his black pieces and won the board after 44 moves.

It was Reefat's 11th win against two draws which raised his tally to 12 points and kept him atop the 16-player table with one and a half-point lead over fellow IM Ziaur Rahman.

Zia, the defending champion, defeated Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of Titus Club yesterday.

Playing with blacks, Zia also followed French defence against Kashem and won the match after 48 moves.

IM Abdullah Al-Rakib of Biman was in the third position with 8.5 points. On Tuesday, Rakib beat Mainuddin Ahmed of Chittagong. Rakib, who played with black pieces, checkmated Mainuddin after 40 moves.

Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib of Titus Club won his board against Dewan Shahidul Amin Tipu of Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha. Playing with black pieces Rajib took 30 moves to win the board.

In the other matches, Khandkar Aminul Islam of Leonine Chess Club beat Shawkat Hossain Pallab of

Ansars, Abu Sufian Shakil of Ansars beat Arifuzzaman Sikdar, Saifuddin Lovlu of Titus Club beat his teammate Syed Rubul Kabir Shiplu while Sheikh Nasir Ahmed of Ansars beat Taibur Rahman Sumon of BLET.

Standings: 12 points--Reefat, 10.5 points--Zia, 8.5 points--Rakib, 8 points--Rajib, 7.5 points--Amin, 7 points--Shiplu and Shakil, 6.5 points--Lovlu and Monir, 6 points--Pallab and Mainuddin, 5 points--Nasir, 4.5 points--Tipu, 4 points--Arif, 3.5 points--Sumon and 1.5 points--Kashem.

Today's matches: Reefat v Arif, Lovlu v Shakil, Rajib v Shiplu, Nasir v Tipu, Zia v Sumon, Amin v Kashem, Rakib v Pallab and Monir v Mainuddin.



Abul Kashem Bhuiyan (R) makes a move against Ziaur Rahman during their 26th Professor Abdur Razzak National Chess Championship engagement at the NSC yesterday. —Star photo

Intikhab angry at Viv



KARACHI, May 9: Former Pakistan captain Intikhab Alam threatened Tuesday to sue West Indian maestro Viv Richards if he accused him of foul play in the mid-1970s.

"I really can't believe this, I mean I don't believe Richards can say this and if he has said this I am disappointed," Alam told AFP.

Richards said in an interview with Indian magazine "Cricket Talk" that a former Pakistan captain had forfeited the toss during the home series against West Indies in 1974-75.

"I will not take names but Clive Lloyd went out for the toss in one of the Tests and came back and said, 'you know what? I just lost the toss and was told by the other captain that I had won,'" Richards was quoted as saying.

Alam, 47, who led Pakistan in 17 Tests, was Pakistan's captain in the Test Richards mentioned.

"A man of his (Richards) stature can't issue such a statement, but if he has said this I will not spare him and sue him," Alam said.

"I can easily drag anybody in this but I have a character," he said. Alam said he suspected the Indian lobby was creating this "hanky panky."

"My job was to tell the authorities of any evidence against players and its up to them to take a decision," he said.

Alam called on the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to make Judge Malik Mohammad Qayyum's match-fixing inquiry report public.

"It will be good for Pakistan cricket's future to solve this matter once and for all," he said.

Alam said he suspected the Indian lobby was creating this "hanky panky."

"I suspect because their players names have been dragged so they want to involve Pakistan also," he said.

PCB chairman General Tauqir Zia has said he would make the report public and that any player found to have been involved would be punished.

Johnson to run in Europe

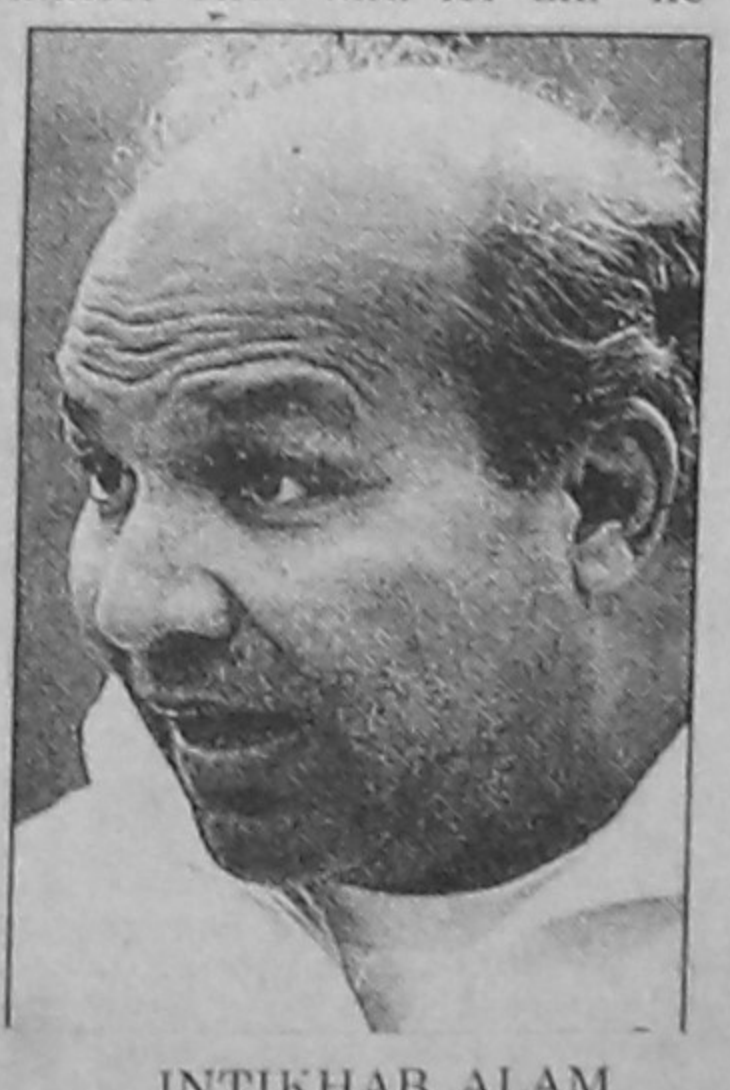
BOULDER, Colorado, May 9: Double world record-holder Michael Johnson will compete in Europe twice next month as part of his Olympic buildup, his management company said yesterday, reports Reuters.

Johnson, who on Saturday became a father for the first time, will run the 200 metres in Seville on June 9 and in Rome on June 30. Heather Novicks, a spokeswoman for Gold Medal Management in Boulder, said in a telephone interview.

The world record-holder at 200 and 400 metres, Johnson also will compete over 400 metres at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, Oregon, on June 24. Novicks said.

Johnson's wife, Kerry, gave birth to their first child, Sebastian, Saturday in Dallas, Novicks said. No other details were available.

Johnson, who earlier this spring broke the world 300-metre record and ran the fourth-fastest 200 metres ever, in 19.71 seconds, hopes to win Olympic gold at both 200 and 400 metres in Sydney, duplicating his 1996 Atlanta Games performance.



INTIKHAB ALAM

Nothing new for Guyana



GEORGETOWN, May 9: Guyana's notorious weather made sure not a ball was bowled on the fourth day of the gripping opening cricket Test between West Indies and Pakistan at Bourda Oval on Monday, reports AFP.

West Indies were to resume on 222 for seven, replying to Pakistan's first innings total of 288, but torrential morning rains soaked the Guyana capital and flooded the ground which has the reputation of being West Indies' and, indeed, one of international cricket's wettest venues.

Several days of cricket have been lost at this ground in previous years and, a decade ago, a Test between West Indies and England was cancelled, and two limited-overs internationals played instead.

Such has been the problem with the weather in this South American nation that the Guyana Cricket Board in the last two years have requested that most, if not all, of the national side's matches in the Busta Cup West Indies first-class championship be played

away from home. Neither side travelled to the ground, preferring to send management officials to scope out the bleak sight of much of the ground being underwater and the canals around the outside perimeter overflowing with the deluge.

More unstable weather was in the forecast for the remainder of Monday and for Tuesday's final day of the match, which now seems headed for a draw, making the two remaining Tests in the series in Bridgetown and St. John's more critical for the sides to achieve a result.

West Indies Cricket Board president Pat Rousseau and his team have been accused in recent years of paying too much attention to the financial side of the game and not enough to the cricket.

It's one of the charges that have been levelled at him in the run-up to this weekend's annual general meeting of the WICB in Georgetown, where one of the main agenda items is the election of a new president and vice-president for the next two years.

During the signing of the television coverage agreement with BskyB in London last week, Rousseau again alluded to his well-worn philosophy that unless there is enough capital there can be very little cricket development in the West Indies.

It's one of the reasons why he made the ambitious bid to the International Cricket Council to host the 2007 World Cup. He believes the returns West Indies cricket will get back from the investment will be "pressed down, shaken together and running over".

With such a conviction, it means that the consistent wash-outs of international matches in Guyana over the last decade has proven to be costly to the WICB and to cricket development in the region.

Though no one has control over the weather and even the brightest forecasts can sometimes be flawed, it makes Bourda Oval and Guyana a less attractive investment for the regional cricket authorities.

Unlike previous years, when they could have pocketed moneys advanced for the purchase of tickets, the new refund policy See page 14



Youth and Sports State Minister Obaidul Quader speaking during the opening ceremony of the Futuro-II at a city hotel yesterday.