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Competition-131

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Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

June 9, 2000 and draw

shortly afterwards

1 Who is the number one

women tennis player at the

moment?

Hings Pierce Williams

2 Who won the European

Champions League?

M United Real Madrid Lazio

3 Who won the UEFA Cup?

Valencia Galatasaray Fiorentina

4 Who lifted national schools

cricket title?

St Joseph M Singh Zila Cig Khastagir

5 Who is the coach of Bangladesh

football team?

Harrison Van Gaal Shakti

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (if any)

POWERED WITH

EN-VITS

ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK

Andre Agassi

(American tennis star)

"She's like a tennis match. I

had to take it one point at a

time."

About Steffi Graf.

Amritto Lal

Dey Chess

Sports Reporter

Five players were sharing

the lead yesterday on completion

of the 4th round of the Amritto

Lal Dey International Rating

Chess Tournament-2000,

organised by the Barisal Chess

Club.

Fide Master Enamul Hossain

Razib, FM Rezaul Haque,

Sawkat Hossain, Pollab,

Arghyadip Das and Prodip Gosh

of India have all collected 3.5

points.

With 3 points 11 players are

occupying the second slot. They

are: International master Abu

Sufian Sakil, Sk. Nasir Ahmed

and Rohul Islam Boly. Tailor

Rahman Sumon, Syed Ruhul

Kahr Shiplu, Soham Das of

India, Feroz Ahmed, Arman

Munir and Shanem.

Shoaib not

changing

his action

LONDON, MAY 31 (Reuters):

Shoaib Akhtar, set to make a

belated debut for Nottingham

hamshire in next week's county

championship game with

Worcestershire, has no intention

of changing his bowling action.

The 24 year-old paceman,

nicknamed the "Rawalpindi

Express", said: "It is still the

same and there is no way I am

going to change it."

Clive Rice, the county's

cricket manager, added his

weight, saying: "I have no

qualms whatsoever about his

action.

"Anyone who runs into the

wicket as quickly as he does

would be doing remarkably well

to throw the ball."

Shoaib has missed the start

of the English season because

of Pakistan's tour to the West

Indies where injuries confined

him to just one match.

He is expected to miss Not-

tinghamshire's games this week

as he is pledged to make up for

time by helping them win

in both the championship

and one-day league.



VITAL KNOCK: Naimur Rahman, the Bangladesh all-rounder sweeps Anil Kumble during his superb cameo against India yesterday. —Star photo by A K M Mohsin

India vs Sri Lanka

Onus on batting prowess

Sports Reporter



Defending champions Sri Lanka will take on India in their second match of the Pepsi Asia Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium this afternoon.

Weather permitting, the day-night match will start at 2:30 p.m. local time.

Both Sri Lanka and India have already earned two points following wins against the hosts in their respective first engagements. Sri Lanka won the tournament opener by nine wickets while India last night recorded an eight-wicket win over Bangladesh. The victors of today's match will consider themselves a prime candidate for the final.

Experts are predicting a high-scoring match today as both teams have formidable batting line ups.

The new-look Sri Lanka, who have made a change in their batting order by introducing champion batsman Aravinda de Silva as an opener against Bangladesh on Monday, are likely to stick to the same strategy against India.

On the other hand, India are likely to beef up their already strong batting by selecting experienced Ajay Jateja in today's squad. According to a source close to the Indian camp, they may not field wicket-keeper Nayan Mongia, who flew in the capital yesterday to replace the injured Saba Karim. In that case, Rahul Dravid will continue to stay behind the stumps.

If Mongia is included, youngster Hemang Badani, who made his debut against Bangladesh yesterday, will be dropped to pave the way for Jadeja.

This will be the first meeting among the two nations after the 1999 World Cup where Sri Lanka were battered by 157 runs.

TEAMS
Sri Lanka (from): Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Mahela Jayawardena (vice-captain), Aravinda de Silva, Marvan Atapattu, Russel Arnold, Tilak-eratne Dilshan, Indika de Saram, Romesh Kaluwitha.

Bacher to go rugby

JOHANNESBURG, May 31 (Internet report): Unite Cricket Board managing director Dr Ali Bacher is making moves in the direction of replicating rugby's Super 12 competition, and ap-

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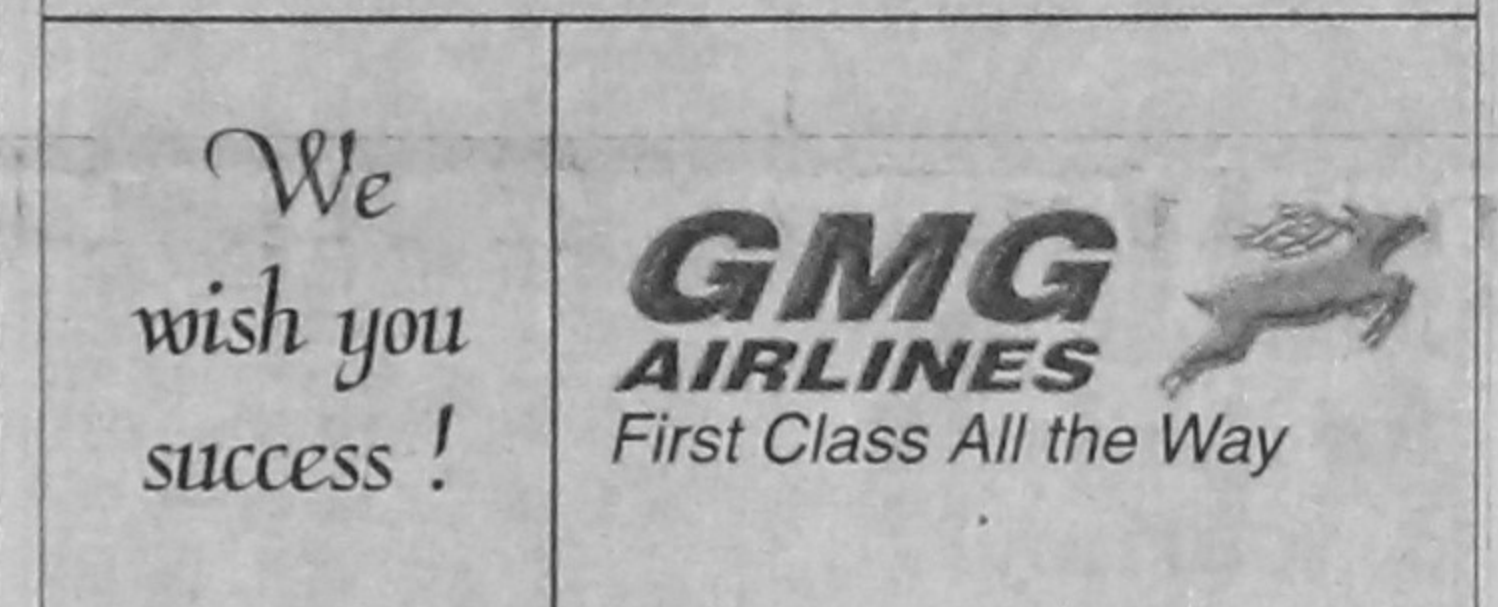


India (from): Saurav Ganguly (captain), Rahul Dravid (vice-captain), Sachin Tendulkar, rana, Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul Chandana, Nuwan Zoysa, Sajeewa de Silva and Kausalya Weeraratne.

Mohammad Azharuddin, Hemang Badani, Nayan Mongia (wicket-keeper), Robin Singh, Ajay Jadeja, Sunil Joshi, Anil

Kumble, Ajit Agarkar, T Kumaran, Nikhil Chopra and Amit Bhandari.

Bangladesh Cricket Team



BANGLADESH-INDIA SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Pepsi Asia Cup match between Bangladesh and India at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday: BANGLADESH (Overnight 98 for 2 in 25.2 overs)

	R	B	4s	6s
Shahriar c Joshi b Kumaran	11	34	2	-
Javed b Kumaran	1	6	-	-
Habibul c Azhar b Tendulkar	57	96	3	1
Aminul c Kumble b Tendulkar	47	72	2	-
Akram c Badani b Agarkar	64	52	8	1
Naimur not out	39	38	2	1
Rafique b Kumaran	8	5	-	1
Enamul not out	5	3	-	-
Extras: (lb-8, nb-6, w-3)	17			
Total: (For 6 wks in 50 overs) 249				
Fall of wickets: 1/2; 2/30; 3/124; 4/131; 5/236; 6/243				

	O	M	R	W
Agarkar	10	2	37	1
Kumaran	9	0	54	3
Ganguly	4	0	35	0
Kumble	9	0	43	0
Joshi	7	0	31	0
Badani	1	0	6	0
Robin	4	0	11	0
Tendulkar	6	0	24	2

	R	B	4s	6s
Ganguly not out	135	114	6	7
Tendulkar c Bashir b Mushfiqur	36	25	4	2
H Badani c Aminul b Enamul	35	51	3	-
Azharuddin not out	35	43	4	-
Extras: (lb-8, w-5, nb-2)	11			
Total: (For 2 wickets in 40.1 overs) 252				
Fall of wickets: 1-85; 2-152				

Did not bat: Rahul Dravid, Robin Singh, Saba Karim, Sunil Joshi, Anil Kumble, Ajit Agarkar and T Kumaran.

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	7	0	54	0
Rafique	7	0	48	0
Mushfiqur	9.1	0	59	1
Naimur	10	0	45	0
Enamul	5	0	28	1
Bashir	2	0	14	0

Result: India won by 8 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Saurav Ganguly (India).



DAYS PEPSI MAN: India skipper Saurav Ganguly receives Pepsi man-of-the-match trophy from Mohendra Swarup, Executive Director of the Pepsi Co. South Asia, for his sizzling 114-ball 135 not out against Bangladesh yesterday. —Star photo

Pakistanis due today

Sports Reporter



A 14-member Pakistan team, led by wicket-keeper Moin Khan, will arrive in the capital this afternoon to take part in the ongoing Pepsi Asia Cup.

12 members of the Pakistan team are coming directly from West Indies where their three-match Test Series concluded on Tuesday while the other two-opener Saeed Anwar and all-rounder Azhar Mahmood will fly in from Lahore.

Pakistan will take on hosts Bangladesh in their opening match tomorrow. They will meet arch rivals India the following day and Sri Lanka in their last match on June 5.

SQUAD

Moin Khan (captain), Inzamam-ul-Haq (vice-captain), Imran Nazir, Saeed Anwar, Mohammad Wasim, Yousof Youhana, Abdur Razzak, Azhar Mahmood, Wasim Akram, Mohammad Akram, Sabbir Ahmed, Shahid Afridi, Arshad Khan and Shoaib Malik.

Officials: Brig (ret) Khwaza Mohammad Nasir (manager), Javed Miandad (coach) and Dr Dan Kiesel (physio).

Olympic Games

10-member squad to go to Sydney

Bangladesh will send a 10-member team to the Sydney Olympics to be held in the Australian city in September this year, reports BSS.

The team includes six athletes, one manager, one chef-de-mission, according to a press release of Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA).

BOA president and Chief of Army Staff Mohammad Mostafizur Rahman and secretary general Zafar Imam will go to Sydney to attend the general meeting of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Bir Bahadur, MP, has been nominated the chef-de-mission and BOA member S M Intiaz Khan will accompany the team as manager.

The athletes are: Athletics — Mahboob Alam and Fauzia Huda; shooting — Sabrina Sultana and Firoz Hossain; swimming — Samedul Islam and Doly Akhtar.

IOC will bear the cost of eight members including players, manager, and chef-de-mission from its solidarity fund.

Qayyum report confuses Imran

KARACHI, May 31: Legendary all-rounder Imran Khan said Wednesday the match-fixing issue was still alive despite the release of the judicial commission report in Pakistan, reports AFP.

"Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum's report should have killed the issue but the issue is still open," Imran told this news agency.

The 47-year-old Imran, who now heads his political party — Movement for Justice — said he could not comprehend on what charges the players had been fined.

"I am confused for what reason the players have been fined and it is said that players have been condemned," he said.

Justice Qayyum's report, released earlier this month, imposed life bans on Salim Malik and Ata-ur-Rehman and fined six other cricketers, including former Pakistani captain Wasim Akram.

"No one understands what they are fined for. If they were involved they should have been banned," he said.

"Australian players Shane Warne and Mark Waugh were fined for having contacts with a bookie in 1998, but it's unclear why players like Wasim Akram and others are fined," he said.

Imran said he had not yet read the report.

"I was very busy with my political party but I would like to read it. It seems inconclusive."

Imran said the game's governing body, the International Cricket Council (ICC), should act swiftly.

"Until and unless they get to the bottom of the matter it will never die," he said.

Imran said video cassettes containing Salim Malik's conversation with undercover reporters of British newspaper News Of The World were incriminating.

"Malik's tapes can reveal much more. Doubts are cast over the whole Australian team as Malik claims that a one-day match in 1994 was doubly fixed by both Australia and Pakistan," he said.

"Malik claims that match-fixing is an on-going thing, (whereas) previously I thought it was only done in 1994," he said.

Imran also lashed out at umpiring decisions against Pakistan in the Antigua Test.

"There were dubious decisions and it is time the ICC implement the idea of neutral umpires at both ends," he said.



Singles from the Gallery

Hasan Masood



Veteran Indian stumper Nayan Mongia arrived in the capital yesterday to replace injured wicketkeeper Saba Karim in the Indian squad for the Pepsi Asia Cup. He is likely to will play in today's match against Sri Lanka.



NAYAN MONGIA

Karim, who sustained an injury on his right eye and forehead while fielding against Bangladesh on Tuesday, returned to Calcutta yesterday morning for treatment.

He was accompanied by Samiran Chakraborty. The team manager later flew back.

Upon his arrival, Mongia rushed to the Bangabandhu National Stadium in the afternoon to watch his teammates in action. Later in the evening Mongia went to the nets.

DRAVID TAKING

NO CHANCES

In the past Rahul Dravid had

to take over wicketkeeping responsibilities whenever he least expected it.

The elegant Bangalore batsman had to put on the gloves during the match against Bangladesh.

Although, Dravid doesn't usually grumble, but the nature of Saba Karim's injury certainly played on his mind. And as a result, he wore a helmet even against the pacers.

Perhaps, Dravid has learnt a valuable lesson.

untrue that the ICC would give such instructions.

INCREDIBLE SIGHT

Craig Prentis thinks it's amazing. Why?

"I've travelled around the world but I have never seen a place where it is possible to conduct a game following such intense rain the previous night," said the AllSports photographer who came all the way from London to cover the Pepsi Asia Cup.

"I have been to Tests not only in England but also South Africa and West Indies. Though I have never seen such a wonderful ground (Bangabandhu National Stadium) anywhere. The groundsman are real good here," said the Kent based photo-journalist.

"This is a fantastic ground and one should be proud of it."

GOLFING

CRICKETERS

Sri Lankan coach Dav Whatmore, vice-captain Mahela Jayawardena and physiotherapist Alex Kountouris spent a day off at the Kurmitola Golf Club course on Tuesday.

The Lankan trio arrived at mid-day to play nine rounds. Whatmore brought along his own set.

Just as the contest was getting interesting the heavens opened up to bring a premature end to their excursion.

They weren't the only cricketer-cum-golfers to visit the 18-hole course as Indian umpire S. Venkat joined in.

However, the day was not totally wasted since the KGC later presented some souvenirs to the distinguished guests as a token of goodwill.

On Monday it was the turn of Indian coach Kapil Dev and Ajay Jadeja to pay a visit to the club.

Second Test from today

Zimbabwe in selection problem



NOTTINGHAM, England, May 31: Zimbabwe may have won two tour matches ahead of the second and final Test which starts here at Trent Bridge on Thursday but they still face real difficulties, reports AFP.

After a comprehensive defeat by an innings and 209 runs at Lord's, England's most crushing Test victory for 26 years, the

tourists did record their inaugural first-class victory against county opposition when they beat Yorkshire by 32 runs.

They followed that up with a one-day win in a meaningless match against an MCC side largely made up of average county players and recently retired professionals.

Captain Andy Flower will

know better than anyone not to read too much into the Yorkshire result.