

## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Aamir Sohail**  
(Pakistan cricketer)

"The ICC and Test playing countries should generate more revenue and pass it down fairly to the players."

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Investigators quiz Azhar

NEW DELHI, June 22 (AFP):

Former Indian cricket captain

Mohammad Azharuddin was

questioned for more than five

hours Thursday by federal in-

vestigators probing match-fix-

ing allegations.

Special Crime Branch officers

of the Central Bureau of

Investigation (CBI) questioned

Azharuddin after he presented

himself at CBI headquarters

Thursday morning.

Neither Azharuddin nor the

CBI spokesman would make

any comment to the press after

Thursday's questioning.

Meanwhile, an AP report

from Cape Town revealed, dis-

graced South African captain

Hansie Cronje said on

Thursday that there was no

proof that Azharuddin was in-

involved in match-fixing.

Testifying before a commis-

sion probing corruption in

South African cricket, Cronje

said Azharuddin introduced

him to Indian gambler and jew-

eler Mukesh Gupta during a tour

to India in 1996. Azharuddin

had not been party to discus-

sions during which Gupta of-

fered him a bribe to throw a

match, Cronje said.

"I don't believe Azharuddin

knew what the conversation

was about. He might have had

an idea, but that would have

been speculation on my side,"

Cronje said. "I thought he just

introduced me to someone who

wanted to get into diamond

dealing in South Africa."

Azharuddin however has

denied ever knowing Gupta, and

has vehemently rejected allega-

tions that he had ever been in-

involved in match-fixing.

Cronje said he had never

discussed his Gupta meeting

with Azharuddin, whom he had

considered a good friend.

## Jr athletics postponed

The 18th National Junior Athletics competition, scheduled to begin on June 30, has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances, reports UN.

Fresh date for the two-day meet would be announced later, said a press release of Bangladesh Amateur Athletic Federation here yesterday.

# ICC meet in Paris

Sports Reporter



The all-important Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the International Cricket Council (ICC) got under-

way at Paris yesterday. The ICC is expected to go through a roller-coaster ride for the next seven days of its annual meeting in the wake of wide-spread match-fixing scandals in the cricket. Although it is not clear yet whether the Hansie Cronje-Salim Malik issue tops its agenda, but this is for sure that these embarrassing disclosures would dominate the proceedings.

Besides the 'fix' issues, the game's governing body would

reach a decision on Bangladesh's application for Test status on June 26. Bangladesh had earlier won five out of the required seven votes from the nine Full members in last year's AGM. But this time around the Test-aspiring nation has already earned the vote of confidence from all but England.

Although a questionably conservative section of British press is currently very active in running campaign against Bangladesh's bid, it is almost certain that ICC would approve their application and make them as the tenth Test-playing nation with immediate effect.

The Cricket Committee meets today and, in all proba-

bility, will pass their positive recommendation on to Executive Committee meeting on June 29.

The ICC delegates, now in France to meet the TV rights bidders for the 2003 and 2007 World Cup, move to game's headquarter at Lord's after finalising the financial aspect.

The 2003 event will be held in South Africa and the next one of the quadrennial cricket extravaganza will played in the West Indies in 2007. It was learnt that among the short listed bidders TWI, who won the TV rights of the 1999 England World Cup, have dropped out, leaving Zee TV and World Sports Group in the race.

# Tons-up tourists tighten grip

Anwar, Inzamam hit hundred



GALLE, Sri Lanka, June 22 (AFP): Centuries by Saeed Anwar and Inzamamul Haq saw Pakistan take complete control of the second cricket Test against Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium on Thursday.

Anwar made a sedate 123 and Inzamam a scintillating 112 as Pakistan finished the third day strongly played at 341 for five, a lead of 160 runs on the first innings. Sri Lanka made 181.



ANWAR ... 123

After Anwar hit his 10th Test century and his second against Sri Lanka, it was Inzamam who dominated the batting. The strongly-built stroke-maker took the Sri Lanka bowling by the scruff of the neck to race to his 11th Test century off 135 balls.

Inzamam went to his hundred by hitting Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya for four consecutive fours after the drinks break. His century comprised 16 fours and he batted for 170 minutes.

Inzamam lost his wicket to a rather casual shot in the penultimate over of the day when he sparred at Ravindra Pushpakumara with one hand off the bat and got an outside edge to wicket-keeper Ramesh Kaluwitharana.

Inzamam made his 112 runs in 215 minutes off 163 balls, hitting 18 fours. With Younis Khan, who was unbeaten on 24 at the close, he put on 74 for the fifth wicket.

Anwar, playing the sheet anchor role, put together three half-century partnerships that enabled Pakistan to build on a substantial first innings lead. Having shared an opening partnership of 71 with Mohammad Wasim on the opening day of the Test, Anwar had further support from Younis Youhana (41) and Inzamamul Haq in stands of 89 and 105.

With the pitch playing well, the Sri Lankan bowlers had meagre rewards as Pakistan piled on the runs.

After going through an unsuccessful morning session they took three wickets in the next two sessions as Pakistan completed 267 runs during the day.

Youhana was brilliantly stumped by Ramesh Kaluwitharana off spinner Muttiah Muralitharan for 41 in the fourth over after lunch, and Anwar was out in the second over after tea when he attempted to cut part-time bowler Russel Arnold and gave a catch behind the wicket.

Anwar's knock of 123 came in 339 minutes off 237 balls and comprised 12 fours and two sixes. Muralitharan was the pick of the Sri Lankan bowlers, finishing the day with figures of three for 84 off 35 overs. The rest of the bowling looking quite ordinary on an excellent batting pitch.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play

on the second day of the second cricket Test between Sri Lanka and Pakistan at Galle International Stadium on Thursday:

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 181

**PAKISTAN:** First innings (74 for 2 contd)  
Anwar c Kaluwitharana b Arnold 123  
M Wasim c Ranatunga b Muralitharan 29  
Mahmood b Muralitharan 0  
Youshana st Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan 41  
Inzamam c Kaluwitharana b Pushpakumara 112



INZAMAM ... 112

Younis Khan not out 24  
Razaq not out 0  
Extras: (lb-2, nb-10) 12  
Total: (For 5 wickets in 113 overs) 341  
Fall of wickets: 1-17: 2-72: 3-161: 4-266: 5-340  
To bat: Moain Khan, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Arshad Khan.  

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	26	6	54	0
Pushpakumara	16	2	77	1
Herath	19	3	66	0
Muralitharan	35	11	84	3
Arnold	15	4	36	1
Jayasuriya	2	0	22	0

# Spain leave it very late



BRUGES, Belgium, June 22: Spain's miracle-workers scored twice in injury-time to beat 10-man Yugoslavia 4-3 here on Wednesday, as both sides reached the quarter-finals of Euro 2000 after a heart-stopping finale, reports AFP.

Spain, who needed a win to be sure of reaching the last eight from Group C, were facing elimination from the tournament as the regulation 90 minutes ended with Jose Antonio Camacho's side trailing 3-2.

Slavisa Jokanovic, who plays his club football in Spain for newly-crowned champions Deportivo La Coruna, had been dismissed for picking up a second yellow card in the 63rd minute with the score at 2-2. But Yugoslavia, who have had a man sent off in all three matches at Euro 2000, were hit by a double-whammy during five memorable minutes of stoppage time.

First they were rocked by an equalising penalty converted by Gaizka Mendietea, despite protests from the Yugoslav camp, and then they were stunned by Alfonso's half-volley - his second goal of the evening.

That earns Spain a mouth-watering tie with world champions France in the last eight while Yugoslavia will meet co-hosts Holland.

Camacho, who only just avoided a repeat of Spain's first-round exit from France 98 under then coach Javier Clemente, said: "All that counted was winning - whether we managed it in the first few minutes or in the last few."

"Football is decided by goals - and we deserved to win," he said.

"It was a heroic match... the players believed they could

qualify, they kept saying that there was still time."

Match-winner Alfonso said: "It was a very important, very emotional game. It was very difficult and we are very happy to have won and gone through."

Teammate Josep Guardiola, voted Man-of-the-Match, said: "The difference between heaven and hell is one minute."

Asked about his feelings as the first 90 came up, Guardiola said: "I was already thinking that I'd be feeling sad for the three hours on the bus back to the hotel."

"And that I'd wake up the next morning and be feeling sad as I took a flight back to Spain."

Yugoslav coach Vujadin Boskov paid tribute to both sides.

"Spain were my favourites before the tournament started and after tonight they are back in that spot," he said. "I'd prefer to face France rather than Holland in the quarter-finals because I think we're more used to their game."

Unfortunately for Boskov he did not get his wish.

Asked about his feelings at the final whistle, Boskov said: "I already knew that the Norway match against Slovenia was 0-0, so I was happy. I knew it all."

"My heart was going a bit in the first half," said the 69-year-old. "But in the second half, I was calm."

As for having three players sent off at Euro 2000, Boskov

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Doly Akhter of Ansars powers through the pool to win the 100m freestyle gold at the national age-group competition yesterday.

—Star photo

## Bangladesh face Malaysia today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take on Malaysia in the second semifinal of the Asian Hockey Federation Under-16 Hockey Championship in Singapore this evening.

The first semifinal is between India and Thailand.

Bangladesh finished second in Pool B behind India in the first round. They beat Japan in the opening match 5-1 and then lost to India 0-1 in the second match.

However, Bangladesh confirmed their berth in the last four defeating Oman 2-1 in their final match on Wednesday.

The winners of today's semifinals will lock horn in Sunday's final.

## BKSP natants dominate

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) made an impressive start in the Keya Cosmetics 19th National Age-Group Swimming Championships which began at the Bangladesh Navy swimming pool in Banani yesterday.

On the opening day of the three-day long meet, BKSP led the medals table with highest nine out of 24 golds decided. Bangladesh Ansars followed them with seven golds while Kushtia were in the third spot with five golds. Dinajpur, Narayanaganj and Chapainawabganj earned one gold each.

Following are the winners on Day One:

**BOYS' GROUP**  
100m freestyle (11-12 years): Mousa Siddique (BKSP)

100m freestyle (15-17): Nazrul Islam (BKSP)

100m breaststroke (18-20): Tanjil Islam Khan (BKSP)

100 backstroke (13-14): Rabiul Alam (BKSP)

100m butterfly (11-12): Romeo Siddique (BKSP)

200m individual medley (15-17): Neeqamul Haque (Ansars)

200m freestyle (18-20): Saiful Islam (BKSP)

200m breaststroke: Mashur Rahman (Dinajpur)

200m individual medley (10): Mizanur Rahman (Chapainawabganj)

400m freestyle (15-17): Wasiul (BKSP)

200m butterfly (18-20): Abdur Rahman (BKSP)

200m freestyle (13-14): Monirul Islam (BKSP)

**GIRLS' GROUP**  
100m freestyle (11-12): Laboni Akhter Jui (Kushtia)

100m freestyle (15-17): Doly Akhter (Ansars)

100m breast stroke (18-20): Merina Akhter (Kushtia)

100m back stroke: Sobura Khatun (Kushtia)

100m butterfly (11-12): Rumu (Ansars)

200m individual medley (15-17): Doly Akhter (Ansars)

200m freestyle (18-20): Lipi Akhter (Ansars)

200m breast stroke (13-14): Sobura Khatun (Kushtia)

200m individual medley (10): Rozina (Narayanaganj)

400m freestyle (15-17): Kamala Akhter (Ansars)

200m butterfly: Lipi Akhter (Ansars)

200m freestyle (13-14): Sobura Khatun (Kushtia)

## 'Wasim the best'

KARACHI, June 22: Pakistani paceman Wasim Akram is the best in the elite club of bowlers who have taken 400 wickets in Tests, cricket great Imran Khan said Thursday.

"I rate him higher than Christopher Walsh, Sir Richard Hadlee and Kapil Dev," the former Pakistani captain told AFP.

"Yes, he is number four as far as tally is concerned but he has more quality," said Imran, who led Pakistan to victory in the 1992 World Cup and is Wasim's self-confessed mentor.

Wasim took his 400th wicket in the first Test against Sri Lanka at Colombo last week. He is the only bowler in cricket history who also has 400 wickets in one-day internationals.

"He is like Hadlee but has more variety than any of the other three greats of world cricket," Imran said.

West Indian Walsh is still the leading wicket-taker in Test matches with 454 scalps, followed by former Indian skipper Kapil Dev with 434 and New Zealand legend Hadlee with 431.

Wasim, 34, was mistakenly introduced as Imran Khan when he was named man-of-the-match after the Colombo Test, which Pakistan won.

"I don't mind being called Imran," said Wasim in a post-match interview. "I learnt a lot from him and he is a person I respect a lot."

Imran said he believed Wasim still had time to become the highest wicket-taker in Test history.

Shortly after reaching the 400 milestone Wasim said he would like to play for another year.



A goalmouth scramble during the Rajib Ali Gold Cup match between Abahani and Sonali Bank at the Moulana Bhashani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

# Usha, Abahani advance

Sports Reporter



Usha Krira Chakra and Abahani Krira Chakra moved into the 'super four' of the Rajib Ali Gold Cup Hockey Tournament winning their respective first round group finals at the Moulana Bhashani Stadium yesterday.

Moududur Rahman Shuvo scored his second successive hat-trick to guide holders Usha to a comprehensive 9-0 thrashing of Wari Club in their last Group C encounter while Abahani needed a tie-breaker (6-4) to overcome Sonali Bank in the Group B finale.

Shuvo, the lanky centre forward who put five past Mukta Bihanga, continued his prolific streak with four goals. National forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal and Ariful Haque Prince struck two each while Minhazul Aziz Moon completed the rout.

The winners led the first half 3-0. Prince, who also completed a hat-trick against Mukta Bihanga, opened the Usha account in the very first minute and Shuvo doubled the margin after 15 minutes. Kamal sealed the first half in 20th minute.

Usha confined Wari to their own half for much of the second session. In the process they pumped in six more goals, including a hat-trick by Shuvo. Kamal scored his second goal in

the 58th minute while Moon made it 8-0 after three minutes. Prince compounded Wari's misery with the last goal in the 62nd minute.

In the other match of the day, a half-strength Abahani edged past Sonali Bank in the shoot-out.

The match was locked 2-2 in the regulation 70 minutes with Abahani enjoying a 2-0 lead in the first session and Sonali Bank levelling the margin after the breather.

Veteran defender Mirajul Islam scored both the goals for Abahani from short corners in

the 27th and 32nd minute. On

the other hand, Shimul scored the first goal for the bankers in the 38th minute while Mamun equalised in the 67th minute.

In the tie breaker, Miraj, Nakib, Alamgir and Rajib scored for Abahani while Mamun and Monir found the net for Sonali Bank.

Abahani, the popular Dhanmondi-based outfit, missed the services of four regular faces--Mamunur Rashid, Hedayetul Islam Rajib, Asiq Abedin and Moksed Alam.

Mamun is set to join Usha Krira Chakra on mutual understanding while the other three are now performing national duty with the under-16s in Singapore.

Abahani had to borrow three players--Mizanur Rahman Rubel, Zakir Hossain and Shahidul Islam--from Bangladesh Sporting Club. Besides, they also brought in Jashimuddin Kanchan from Mariner Youngs Club under mutual understanding to make up the required numbers.

Apart from Usha and Abahani, Mohammedan Sporting Club have also booked their berth in the 'super four'.

The winners of tomorrow's Group D final between Mariner Youngs and Victoria Sporting Club, will be the other team in the second phase robin league which is likely to start from June 27.

MOUDUDUR ... hat-trick

# Holland bring France down



AMSTERDAM, June 22: Holland earned