

## Column One

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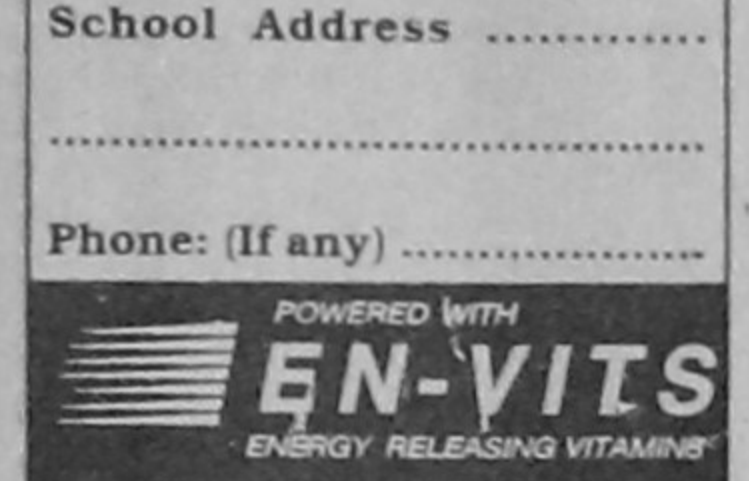
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- Who is the coach of Bangladesh football team?  
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### SPORTS TALK



#### Jimmy Adams

(West Indies cricket captain)  
"My personal goals are wrapped up in the team goals. We'd like to win the series and along the way play positive."

On the tour of England.

### Mahanama due today

#### Sports Reporter

Former Sri Lanka Test player Roshan Mahanama is scheduled to arrive in the city today to impart training to selected local cricketers.

The right-hand opener and a superb fielder during his salad days, he is one of the four ICC-nominated coaches who will provide specialised training in Bangladesh.

Former Indian wicketkeeper Kiran More and Pakistan all-rounder Mushtaq Muhammad are already here and former Indian Bishen Singh Bedi will be due shortly.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday selected 16 players to attend training under Mahanama.

The selected players are: Sajid Hassan, Nahidul Haq Shah, Ehsanul Haq, Rajin Saleh, Nasirul Alam, Imran Ahmed, Halim Shah, Azam Iqbal, Parvez Ahmed, Rashedul Haq, Javed Omar, belim, Shahriar Hossain, Habibul Bashar, Naimur Rahman, Mushfiqur Rahman and Al-Shahriar.

They have been asked to report at the BCB office by 5pm today.

### BCB delegation meets President

A 13-member delegation of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), led by State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

The members of the delegation apprised the President of the government initiatives for the development of sports, especially for popularising cricket in the country. They mentioned that Bangladesh just received Test status.

They said that Bangladesh has been included among the 10 Test playing countries and fourth among the Asian countries. The members also briefed the President about the structural development of cricket facilities in the country.

President Shahabuddin expressed his satisfaction that Bangladesh cricket is making noticeable development which needs fruitful backing from all quarters.



Bangladesh Cricket Board general secretary Syed Ashraf Huiq (C) briefing reporters about today's concert at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Also seen are (L-R) Hamin of Miles, Alok Malik, country manager of Pepsi-Cola, Aiyub Bachchu of LRB and Nagar Baul James.

## Abahani hold Usha

#### Sports Reporter

A late second half goal by Moksed Alam enabled Abahani Krira Chakra to hold defending champions Usha Krira Chakra onto a 1-1 draw in the second round of Ragib Ali Gold Cup hockey tournament at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Trailing the first half by one goal, Abahani went level with the Usha when Moksed converted a short corner in the 58th minute. Abahani will now begin the four-team robin league phase with at least one point.

Both Abahani and Usha fielded two Pakistani players each. Former Pakistani international Irfan Mahmood and Shahid Rabbani played for Abahani while Mohammad Saqlain and Mohammad Fayaz featured in the Usha.

Usha, the old town outfit, ruled over their sky-blue opponents during the first half. Having launched a series of futile offensives, they finally broke the evening's duck through a

penalty stroke in the 14th minute when Abahani defender Hasan Rony raised his stick above his shoulder to thwart a goal-bound hit by Moududur Rahman Shuvo.

Pakistani midfielder Mohammad Saqlain cleanly converted the penalty much to the cheer of his side.

Buoyed by the lead, Usha kept up the tempo but failed to increase the margin as former national skipper Mamunur Rashid named the Abahani defence with great aplomb, saving his side from conceding a couple of goals.

Abahani made a brilliant comeback in the second session to earn three short corners. They finally clinched the equaliser after getting the third short corner.

However, no matches will be played today.

Usha will take on Mohammedan Sporting Club in their next match tomorrow.

### TEAMS

Usha KC: Tushar Kanti, Yamin, Fayaz, Intiaz, Kurshid, Zahid, Khwaza, Tayeb, Arif, Haque Prince, Rafiqul Islam Kamal, Moududur Rahman Shuvo, Tutul Kumar Nag, Tayebul Islam Rana, Saqlain, Shibli and Mohammad Javed.

Abahani KC: Russel Khan Bappi, Hasan Rony, Nakib, Hedayetul Islam, Mahbub Harun, Mirajul Islam, Moksed Alam, Giasuddin Rubel, Shahid Rabbani, Asitir Rahman, Alamgir Alam, Mamunur Rashid and Irfan Mahmood.

Umpires: Latifur Rahman and Golam Kibria.

### ACC to disburse \$50m among 4 nations

#### COLOMBO, June 29: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will get 50 million dollars for development of cricket from the Asian Cricket Council. It was announced Thursday, reports AP.

ee. I don't know if the ball hit Abel Xavier's hand or not. It was too close a decision to call for a penalty but maybe if it had happened against France we'd be happy."

French coach Roger Lemerre was asked if the scenes at the end of the game took the gloss off their victory.

"On the contrary, this was a great moment of refereeing. He was just applying the rules. The International Board has decided the rules and if a sanction is decided you have to do it. The referee has intervened and the rules must be respected."

A UEFA spokesman confirmed: "Nuno Gomes was sent off for pushing and shoving the referee at the end of the match. The disciplinary committee will treat the case."

Television replays showed the ball went into touch off Abel Xavier's hand though without clearly proving whether it was intentional or not.

It was a sad way for Portugal to go out of the competition after four straight wins over England (3-2), Romania (1-0), Germany (3-0) and Turkey (2-0) and after they had led France for over half an hour.

Nuno Gomes, who had not scored for Portugal in 13 matches before the tournament began, put them ahead with a

superb shot on the turn after 19 minutes — his fourth goal of the competition — and Portugal held that lead until France worked a wonderful move down the right after 51 minutes.

Lilian Thuram and Nicolas Anelka combined well in space wide on the right before Anelka lost defender Jorge Costa with a delightful reverse pass into the path of Henry.

The striker picked his spot perfectly, placing the ball out of reach of goalkeeper Vitor Baia. It was his third goal of the competition and the first Portugal had conceded since the 18th minute of their opening match against England — a playing time of 392 minutes and a European Championship final record.

Until the final explosive scenes though, the match, the first competitive meeting between France and Portugal since their classic 1984 European Championship semifinal won 3-2 by the French, had really failed to live up to expectations and will mainly be remembered for its dramatic finale.

France keep alive their attempt to become the first world champions to win the European title and will now meet either Italy or the Netherlands in Sunday's final in Rotterdam.

## Open air Concert tonight

#### Sports Reporter

As part of the two-day national celebration for Bangladesh's elevation to the Ivy League of Test cricket, an open-air concert will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

Three leading bands of the country — Miles, LRB and Nagar Baul — will entertain the cricket fans under lights at the big bowl.

The showpiece event, sponsored by Pepsi, will start at 7.30 pm. The gates of the stadium opens at 6pm.

"We are very proud to be a part of the historic achievement. It is a unique opportunity to perform for a such an occasion," said the lead vocalist of Miles Hamin at a press briefing at the Conference Room of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office yesterday.

Aiyub Bachchu, who lead singer of LRB, and James of Nagar Baul echoed the same feelings and promised to play their hearts out.

But to be a part of a night to enjoy fans will have to buy a 500mg Pepsi bottle for the access card or fetch the elusive tickets from different city clubs.

We have printed 25,000 tickets, half of which has been given to the BCB," said the Alok Malik, the Country manager of Pepsi in Bangladesh.

"The board will distribute those tickets through different clubs," said the general secretary of BCB, Syed Ashraf Huiq adding that Pepsi would bear the entire expenses.

Besides, the Board is also seriously contemplating to organise the same programme in five divisional headquarters.

## Australia extends scholarship deal for cricketers

#### Sports Reporter

Australia is continuing its support for the development of Bangladesh cricket by extending another scholarship this year to a young Bangladeshi cricketer.

The Australian High Commission is providing an eight-week training programme at the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy in Adelaide, says a press release.

"We are very happy to extend this support for the development of Bangladesh cricket, just as Bangladesh has achieved Test status," said the Australian High Commissioner HE Mr Robert Flynn while announcing the scholarship.

This is the fourth scholarship being extended to Bangladesh and I am happy to note that all former scholarship holders have become members of national squad or the Bangladesh "A" team. I really hope that this kind of co-operation will continue into the future."

This scholarship has been extended since 1997 under a cricket cooperation programme initiated jointly between the Bangladesh Cricket Board and the Australian High Commission, Dhaka.

Six cricketers have already completed their training in Australia. Cricketers participating in this programme are selected by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), who chooses young players who will benefit from the rigorous training programme organised by the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy.

## Bookies back France

#### Sports Reporter

LONDON, June 29: France are 8-11 favourites with William Hill bookmakers to win Euro 2000 after their golden goal 2-1 victory over Portugal in Wednesday's semifinal, reports Reuters.

### LATEST ODDS

8-11: France  
7-4: Netherlands  
5-1: Italy

Test here at Lord's on Thursday. Shervin Campbell was 53 not out and Adrian Griffith 26 not out, reports AFP.

In the 100th Test at this historic ground, England's stand-in captain Alec Stewart won the toss and elected to field.

West Indies have a proven weakness at the top of their batting order, which the England bowlers wanted to exploit in overcast conditions on a damp pitch.

But their all seam, all right-arm attack, were unable to breakthrough.

In their last 93 Test innings the West Indies have had just three opening stands of 100 or more.

During that period Campbell has had nine partners at the top of the order and one of them, Griffith, was recalled for this match after the West Indies dropped Chris Gayle from the team that won the first Test at Edgbaston by an innings and 93 runs.

Not for the first time England began without a third man, insurance for good deliveries edged through the slips and instead opted for fine leg, cover for bad bowling.

The result was a succession of boundaries nicked through the slip cordon. Campbell, on 20, demonstrating his usual hard-wicket habit of driving without moving his feet saw a flamboyant stroke off Darren

## Huge Marvan, Sanath tons

## Feast of runs in Kandy

#### Sports Reporter

KANDY, Sri Lanka, June 29: Centuries by Marvan Atapattu and Sanath Jayasuriya in a record 335-run opening stand steered Sri Lanka to a formidable 449 for five on the second day of the third and final Test against Pakistan Thursday, reports AFP.

record for the first-wicket of 159 set by Sidath Wettimuny and Ravi Ratnayake against India at Kanpur in 1986-87.

The last occasion an opening partnership was 11 years ago when Australians Geoff Marsh and Mark Taylor put on 329 against England at Nottingham.

Both Atapattu and Jayasuriya made full use of misuses at 37 and 66 on the way to his fourth Test century. He has faced 450 balls and hit 19 fours and a six.

Pakistan who delayed taking the second new ball by 32 overs, struck back in the final session to claim four wickets for 33 runs, with off-spinner Arshad Khan taking three.

Razzaq dismissed Russel Arnold for 24 edging a catch to wicketkeeper Moin Khan with the score at 401, before Arshad picked up the wickets of Aravinda de Silva (0), Mahela Jayawardene (2) and Arjuna Ranatunga (6), reaping just rewards for sending down a marathon spell of 51 overs.

The destroyers of the Sri Lankan batting in the first two Tests, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis were wicketless after bowling 43 overs between them.

Pakistan hold an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the second day of third and final cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka played at Asgiriya International Stadium on Thursday:

**SRI LANKA** First innings (overnight 140/0)

Atapattu not out 199  
J'suriya c Younis b Razzaq 188  
Arnold c Moin b Razzaq 24  
De Silva c Younis b Arshad 0  
M. Jayawardene b Arshad 2  
Ranatunga c Mushtaq b Arshad 6  
Dharmasena not out 4  
Extras: lb-14, lb-7, w-1, nb-4) 25  
Total: (For 5 wks in 153 overs) 449

Fall of wickets: 1-335, 2-401, 3-402, 4-412, 5-434.

To bat: P. Jayawardene, C. Vaas, N. Zoysa, M. Muralitharan.

**Bowler** O M R W

Akram 15 25 6 4 0

Waqar 18 0 80 0

Arshad 51 7 134 3

Razzaq 33 10 65 2

Mushtaq 26 2 108 0

**PAKISTAN:** Saeed Anwar, Imran Nazir, Yousuf Youhana, Inzamamul Haq, Younis Khan, Wasim Akram, Abdur Razzaq, Moin Khan, Waqar Younis, Arshad Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed.

Sri Lanka skipper Sanath Jayasuriya runs for a single on way to scoring a huge 188 against Pakistan on the second day of the third and final Test in Kandy yesterday.

Atapattu remained unconquered on 199 having blunted the Pakistan attack for a marathon 649 minutes, while Jayasuriya scored 188 at the Asgiriya International Stadium here.

Their 335-run stand was the fifth best all-time partnership, and easily broke Sri Lankan

made use of some poor catching by the Pakistanis on a unhelpful pitch, to forge their big stand.

Jayasuriya, playing in his 50th Test, missed four times between 50 and 140.

He notched his sixth Test century and his first for two years, batting for 467 minutes.

Setu Venkateshwaran, chief executive of sponsors Standard Chartered Bank, speaking at a press conference yesterday in connection with the second schools chess tournament which begins in the city tomorrow. Bangladesh Chess Federation general secretary Syed Sujauddin Ahmed (2nd from R) was present.

—Star photo

## Sound start by Windies

#### Sports Reporter

Gough fly past Dominic Cork's right hand at third slip. Derbyshire captain Cork then suffered in turn himself. First left-hander Griffith, on 19, drove loosely outside off-stump against Cork's second ball of the morning. But Craig White at third slip could not hold on with his left hand to the sharp chance. West Indies 48 for nought.

Griffith added a single before surviving an lbw appeal from Test debutant Matthew Hoggard, umpire John Hampshire turning down the appeal after the ball had pitched outside off-stump.

Cork had worse luck when Campbell on 35, the only right-

hander in the tourists' top seven, drove wildly. The ball was going straight to Mike Atherton at first slip but Graeme Hick, at second slip, stuck out his left hand, and neither man could hold the chance although the fault was Hick's.

Yorkshire pace bowler Hoggard, made an impressive start with a maiden opening over, repeatedly going past Campbell's outside edge.

But Campbell can strike the ball cleanly and a magnificent back-foot cover driven four off Hoggard, complete with a high flourish of a follow-through took him to his fifty off 72 balls including eight fours.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at lunch on the first day of the second Test of five between England and West Indies at Lord's on Thursday:

**WEST INDIES:** First innings

Campbell not out 53

Griffith not out 26

Extras: 0

Total: (For no loss in 30 overs) 79

To bat: W. Hinds, B. Lara, S. Chandrapaul, J. Adams, R. Jacobs, C. Ambrose, F. Rose, R. King, C. Walsh.

**Bowler** O M R W

Gough 5 1 17 0

Caddick 8 3 26 0

Hoggard 7 3 17 0

Cork 7 2 13 0

White 3 0 6 0

**ENGLAND:** M. Atherton, M. Ramprakash, M. Vaughan, G. Hick, A. Stewart, N. Knight, C. White, D. Cork, A. Caddick, D. Gough, M. Hoggard.

**Umpires:** J. Hampshire (England), S. Venkatraghavan (India).



France's Zinedine Zidane takes the match-winning spot kick against Portugal in the first semifinal of the Euro 2000 in Brussels on June 28.

—AFP photo