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Column One SPORTS TALK



Athar Ali Khan
(Former Bangladesh cricketer)

"I think this is a great moment for Bangladesh cricket. We'll get better only if we play against the top Test playing nations. If you don't play the toughest teams, how can you get yourself tough?"
After getting Test status.

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

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3	Who led the German bid for 2006 World Cup?	Gerhard Schröder	Walter Lübke	Walter Lübke
4	Where did the voting for 2006 World Cup take place?	Italy	Belgium	Switzerland
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Fariha S Ahmed
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WHIZZ KID-132

correct answers

- When did ICC recognise Bangladesh as the tenth Test playing nation?
Ans. June 26
- Who is the new ICC president?
Ans. Gray
- When did Bangladesh become ICC's associate member?
Ans. 1977
- When will the next cricket World Cup be held?
Ans. 2003
- Which country will host the next cricket World Cup?
Ans. South Africa.

WHIZZ KID-131

winner



Samia Shoumic
(Viquarunnisa Noon School)

Colts play Pakistan today

Asian U-17 tourney
Sports Reporter

Bangladesh will take on hosts Pakistan today at the Karachi National Stadium as the inaugural Asian Cricket Council under-17 cricket tournament begins in Karachi.

Hasibul undergoes knee surgery

National seamer Hasibul Hossain underwent an arthroscopic surgery on his left knee in Bangalore yesterday, according to a message received here last night.

The operation was performed by renowned surgeon Dr. Thomas Chandi at the Hospital for Orthopedics, Sports Medicine, Arthritis and Accident Trauma (HOSMAT). Chandi was assisted by Dr. Shahadat Hossain, a trainee from Bangladesh.

Hasibul was injured during a Premier Division cricket league match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Kalabagan Krira Chakra in March. He was struck by a bat hurled in his direction by Pakistani Zahoor Elahi.

He was initially out of action for more than a month before making a brief appearance in the super league. Hasibul also played in the Asia Cup.

The tall right-arm medium-pacer is expected to return home after a week.

Office b'ball

Turas Tiles Limited earned a comfortable 94-76 points victory over Bangladesh Police in the Office basketball tournament here yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners dominated the first half 46-33 at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium.

This was the top score for the winners, caging 36 and Shawpan 18 points while Asan scored 26 and Baier 25 for the losers.

Four matches are billed for opening day.

Ten teams, split into two groups for the round robin tournament which will held in seven venues—four in Karachi and one in Hyderabad, Thatta and Quetta.

Bangladesh have been placed in Pool A along with Nepal, Kuwait, Maldives and Pakistan while Pool B consists of Sri Lanka, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia.

The colts, led by Nafees Iqbal, will then enjoy a three-day break before they take on Nepal in their second match at the Asghar Ali Shah Stadium in Karachi on July 19.

The following day Bangladesh will face Maldives at the National Bank of Pakistan Sports Complex in Karachi before winding up their

group fixtures against Kuwait on July 21 at the United Bank Limited Sports Complex also in Karachi.

Top two teams from each group will play in the semifinals scheduled for July 25. The final will be held on July 25.

The youngsters, who reached Karachi on July 11, played a couple of practice matches in Karachi on Wednesday and Thursday. They thrashed Tahir Academy by 118 runs and then registered a seven-wicket win over AO Academy.

SQUAD

Nafees Iqbal (captain), Nasiruddin Faruque, Shafiqul Alam, Ashraf, Shariful Islam, Ali Arman Rajan, Kuntal Chandra, Anwar Hossain, Prosenjit Bose, Manjurul Islam, Sabuj Islam, Mahbulul Alam, Sharif, Talha Jubair, Golam Faruque Chowdhury (coach) and Sallab Hossain (manager).

FIXTURES

Pool A	Pool B
Pakistan	Sri Lanka
Bangladesh	UAE
Nepal	Singapore
Kuwait	Malaysia
Maldives	Saudi Arabia
Date	Venue
July 15:	Bangladesh v Pakistan
	Nepal v Kuwait
July 16:	Sri Lanka v Singapore
	Saudi Arabia v UAE
July 17:	Singapore v Malaysia
	Sri Lanka v Saudi Arabia
July 18:	Pakistan v Kuwait
	Maldives v Nepal
July 19:	Sri Lanka v UAE
	Singapore v Saudi Arabia
July 20:	Saudi Arabia v Malaysia
	Singapore v UAE
July 21:	Bangladesh v Nepal
	Sri Lanka v Malaysia
July 22:	Bangladesh v Maldives
	Pakistan v Nepal
July 23:	Bangladesh v Kuwait
	Pakistan v Maldives
July 24:	Malaysia v UAE
	1st semifinal (A1 v B2)
July 25:	2nd semifinal (A2 v B1)
	Final
	NSK: National Stadium, Karachi
	UBL: United Bank Limited Sports Complex, Karachi
	NBP: National Bank of Pakistan Sports Complex, Karachi
	NSH: Niaz Stadium, Hyderabad
	AAS: Asghar Ali Shah Stadium, Karachi
	MST: Macl Stadium, Thatta
	BSQ: Bugli Stadium, Quetta.

England fly on Flintoff

MANCHESTER, England, July 14: England cruised to a comfortable eight-wicket victory against Zimbabwe in their NatWest Trophy tri-series one-day international here at Old Trafford on Thursday, reports AFP.

At the close man-of-the-match Andrew Flintoff, on his home ground, was 42 not out off just 45 balls and Graeme Hick 23 not out off 23 balls as England chasing a mere 115 won with 29 and a half overs to spare.

Flintoff, criticised in the English press for being overweight, put his 17 stone frame to good effect sweeping leg-spinner Paul Strang for a huge six over long on and then pulling him in the same area for another maximum.

Earlier he had the nerve to cover-drive Heath Streak, Zimbabwe's fastest bowler on the up for four.

In the field captain and wicketkeeper Alec Stewart equalled Australian glovesman Adam Gilchrist's record of six catches in a limited overs international innings set against South Africa in Cape Town last April.

Remarkably, in 38.4 overs England failed to bowl a single wide.

Andy Caddick battled into the wind to help England make an excellent start.

After 26 overs, Zimbabwe, already in the final, were struggling at 65 for six after losing four wickets for 10 runs.

Caddick delivered eight overs for 26 plus the vital wicket of Neil Johnson.

It was no wonder a couple of his colleagues gave him a pat of approval after finishing that opening spell in a match England needed to win to put distance between themselves and the West Indies.

Johnson, with 95 not out and 51 already in the tournament, attempted to drive Caddick's 10th ball of the match but had little room to manoeuvre and nicked a catch behind to Stewart for seven.

Caddick, despite bowling from the less favourable end, still managed to get plenty of carry through the Stewart but could be excused two shortish balls which Murray Goodwin pulled for four.

off Darren Gough, even though the ball appeared clip the top of the pad.

That left Zimbabwe at 38 for two after deciding to bat first. It became 55 for three with the 'bonus' run-out dismissal of Alistair Campbell, one of the star batsmen of the competition.



FLINTOFF, m-o-m

It was an important piece of cricket for England with Campbell having announced his arrival with two fluent boundaries.

The left-hander turned Mark Ealham towards short fine leg and was sent back by Goodwin, but the throw of Marcus Trescothick to Stewart was too quick for Campbell to regain his ground.

Goodwin, not quite at his best, needed 67 balls to make 22 before attempting to cut a delivery from Ealham, which seemed back to bowl him in the 23rd over at 64.

Kent all-rounder Ealham proved impossible to get away, returning fine final figures of 10-4-19-1.

Zimbabwe promoted Bryan Strang for a spot of pinch-hitting but, after playing air shots at four balls from Alan Mullally, he got an inside edge and was bowled.

Without adding to the score, Grant Flower flashed outside off-stump at Mullally and gave Stewart his third catch to leave the Africans six men down.

Flower and Stuart Carlisle then shared a stand of 49 before Zimbabwe lost their last four wickets on 114.

Flower was caught by Stewart for a top-score of 28 off Yorkshire all-rounder Craig White, before Dirk Viljoen, one of three ducks in the innings,

fell to the same duo.

Then Trescothick, in his first over in international cricket took two wickets in two balls.

First the Somerset seamer had Carlisle caught behind for 19 to give Stewart his sixth catch before he had last man Paul Strang plumb lbw for naught.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the NatWest Trophy one-day international between England beat Zimbabwe at Old Trafford on Thursday:

ZIMBABWE
Johnson c Stewart b Caddick 7
Whittall c Stewart b Gough 15
Goodwin b Ealham 21
Campbell run out 10
A. Flower c Stewart b White 28
B. Strang b Mullally 1
G. Flower c Stewart b Mullally 0
Carlisle c Stewart 0
b Trescothick 19
Viljoen c Stewart b White 0
Streak not out 0
P. Strang lbw b Trescothick 0
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-8) 13
Total: (All out in 38.4 overs) 114
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-38, 3-55, 4-64, 5-65, 6-65, 7-114, 8-114, 9-114, 10-114

Bowler O M R W
Caddick 8 2 26 1
Gough 8 1 31 1
Mullally 8 2 13 2
Ealham 10 4 19 1
White 3 0 13 2
Trescothick 1 4 0 7 2

ENGLAND
Trescothick lbw b Streak 29
Stewart lbw b Streak 12
Flintoff not out 42
Hick not out 23
Extras: (lb-1, w-3, nb-5) 9
Total: (For 2 wkts in 20.3 overs) 115
Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-57
Did not bat: Graham Thorpe, Matthew Maynard, Craig White, Mark Ealham, Andy Caddick, Darren Gough, Alan Mullally.

Bowler O M R W
Johnson 3 0 12 0
B. Strang 6 1 22 0
Streak 6 0 32 0
Whittall 2 1 15 0
P. Strang 2 3 0 28 0
Viljoen 1 0 5 0

Result: England won by eight wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Andrew Flintoff.
Next match: England v West Indies, Chester-le-Street, July 15.

STANDINGS

NatWest Trophy triangular series table after England beat Zimbabwe by eight wickets on Thursday (played, won, lost, no result, tie, points, run-rate):

Zimbabwe	4	3	1	0	6	0.13
England	3	1	1	0	3	1.27
Wides	3	0	2	1	0	1.097

No room for Aravinda

COLOMBO, July 14: Sri Lanka's cricket selectors on Friday left out veteran batsman Aravinda de Silva for the first Test against South Africa starting at Galle next Thursday, reports AFP.

De Silva, 32, who failed the series against Pakistan last month, was replaced in the squad by exciting left-hander Kumar Sangakkara.

Former captain Arjuna Ranatunga, however, found a place in the 16-man squad led by dashing opener Sanath Jayasuriya.

The team includes three spinners in Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul Chandana and Kumar Dharmasena, an indication that the wicket at the Galle International Stadium will turn.

The team was picked as South Africa and Sri Lanka prepared to clash in the Singer Cup final at the Premadasa Stadium later on Friday.

SQUAD
Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu (vice-captain), Russell Arnold, Mahela Jayawardena, Kumar Sangakkara, Arjuna Ranatunga, Prasanna Jayawardena, Nuwan Zoysa, Muttiah Muralitharan, Upul Chandana, Kumar Dharmasena, Dinuk Hettiarachchi, Dilhara Fernando, Avishka Gunawardena, Chaminda Vaas, Ruchira Perera.

Cronje scandal Indian judge gets death threats

NEW DELHI, July 14: An Indian government prosecutor pursuing match-fixing charges against sacked South African captain Hansie Cronje has been provided high security following death threats, the police said Friday, reports AFP.

K.C. Mittal was escorted away from a court by heavily-armed policemen Thursday after an unidentified caller said the prosecutor would be attacked in his chamber between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., a police official said.

"We have also provided security at the counsel's home in view of the security threat," an official from Delhi Police said, adding that efforts were on to track down the person who alerted detectives on Thursday.

He said Mittal, who was appointed the government's counsel only last year, was handling several "sensitive cases" including charges in April by the Delhi Police against Cronje and three of his teammates in a match-fixing scandal.

"It is a big case and we cannot take chances," he said of the probe into the biggest scandal in cricket history which led to Cronje's sacking and opened a Pandora's Box of charges and counter-accusations.

The Delhi Police on April 11 released tapes of purported conversations between Cronje and London-based Indian bookie Sanjay Chawla and said the pair had plotted to fix matches during South Africa's tour of India in March.

The police have also laid charges against Cronje's teammates Herschelle Gibbs, Nicky Boje and Pieter Strydom.

Two Indians have been arrested so far in connection with the scandal and the police say they are currently examining a nexus between the underworld and bookmakers engineering results of international cricket matches.

Sahara Cup set to restart

NEW DELHI, July 14: India and Pakistan will play five one-day matches in Toronto, Canada for the Sahara Cup from September 9-17, organisers said today, reports Reuters.

The first three Sahara Cups were played from 1996 to 1998 but the series was not held last year following a 10-week border clash in Kashmir.

"We are participating in the series. We have applied to the government for the necessary clearances and do not expect any problems," Jaywant Lele, Secretary of the Board for Control of Cricket in India, told.

United boss could quit

LONDON, July 14: Martin Edwards, chief executive of Manchester United Plc, may step down from the top job at Britain's richest soccer club on Monday, according to a report on the club's website, says Reuters.

Edwards had been expected to leave in September but the website on Friday cited "various sources" saying the move had been brought forward to allow his successor, Peter Kenyon, time to settle in before the new season began.

Lanka lift Singer Cup

COLOMBO, July 14 (Internet report): An exhilarating display and five wickets from Muttiah Muralitharan saw Sri Lanka to a 30-run victory over South Africa in the Singer Cup final here today.

Skipper Sanath Jayasuriya and Russell Arnold scored half centuries as the home side piled up 294 for seven in their 50 overs, and Muralitharan then took five for 44 as South Africa fell short in their run chase.

Jayasuriya and opening partner Avishka Gunawardena set the tone for Sri Lanka's innings with a stand of 84 in just 11 overs in front of a sell-out

crowd of 30,000 in Colombo. The South Africans were frustrated when a confident caught behind appeal against Gunawardena was turned down in the eighth over.

He struck eight fours in making 49 from just 47 balls before finally being bowled by Paul Adams, the only South African to escape heavy punishment.

Jayasuriya contributed 68 before he was run out by Jonty Rhodes with the score on 174 for four, but there was no let-up as Kumar Sangakkara and Russell Arnold continued the run spree.

Wicket-keeper Sangakkara celebrated his inclusion in the squad for the forthcoming Test

series with 43 and Arnold's running between the wickets was superb as he made 51 from 53 balls.

Sri Lanka had high hopes of passing 300 but South African skipper Shaun Pollock dismissed Arnold and Upul Chandana in the final over of the innings to leave them six runs short.

The tourists needed a good start in reply and Gary Kirsten and Andrew Hall provided it as they put on 91 in 17 overs.

Hall was the first to go, bowled by Muralitharan for 35, and Sri Lanka then struck a vital blow when Jacques Kallis was run out for seven.

South Africa lost two more wickets before they had reached 150 and Kirsten followed when he was stumped by Sangakkara off Muralitharan after making 76 from 94 deliveries.

There was still hope while Jonty Rhodes and Lance Klusener were together but Kumar Dharmasena bowled tightly and they fell further and further behind the required rate.

Rhodes was lbw to Kumar Dharmasena for a run-a-ball 43 and Klusener followed in the 48th over when he became Sangakkara's third stumping of the innings for 39.

Pollock weighed in with a breezy 22 at the end, but Sri Lanka had already done enough to make victory certain.

SCORECARD

Scoreboard in the Singer Cup triangular one-day tournament final between Sri Lanka and South Africa on Friday:

SRI LANKA 294/7 (50 overs)

Jayasuriya run out 68
Gunawardena b Adams 49
Atapattu c Kirsten b Kallis 11
Jwardene c McKenzie b Boje 27
S'kara c Rhodes b Klusener 43
Arnold c Klusener b Pollock 51
Vaas not out 17
Chandana c Boucher b Pollock 1
Extras: (lb-10, w-10, nb-7) 27
Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs) 294
Fall: 1-84, 2-110, 3-167, 4-174, 5-254, 6-291, 7-294

Did not bat: Kumar Dharmasena, Nuwan Zoysa, Muttiah Muralitharan.

Bowler O M R W
Pollock 9 4 0 54 2
Terbrugge 1 1 4 0 138 0
Adams 10 1 29 1
Kallis 10 1 64 1

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Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya runs for a single during yesterday's Singer Cup final against South Africa in Colombo. —Internet photo

PCB chief dismisses it

KARACHI, July 14: Pakistan cricket boss General Tauqir Zia on Thursday allayed fears that Asia was posing a threat to the International Cricket Council (ICC) and might jeopardise its autonomy, reports AFP.

"This may be the perception of some people but as the chief of Asian Cricket Council (ACC) I assure you that it can never threaten ICC as the governing body," Zia said, on Pakistan return from Sri Lanka.

"I don't think the recent events that went against Asian countries give this impression. There is nothing concerning and ICC remains the supreme body and it will continue to remain the supreme body," Zia said.

Sources said India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan last month objected to the distribution of funds generated by the ICC from the 1998 'mini-World Cup' in Dhaka.

British press reports recently said the formation of the Asian Cricket Fund (ACF) in March was a threat to the ICC and that the ACF may take over the reins of the game's governing body.

"Why should we take the reins? Its in nobody's interest and ICC realises Asia's importance and that's why they have given us 50 per cent of the funds in a recent meeting," Zia said.

The award of television rights to a company in Rupert Murdoch's media group for the next two World Cup tournaments had not angered Asia, Zia said.

It was a decision of the Executive Board and was taken after consensus, Pakistan was supporting Zee TV and TWI bids but such things happen."

Zia also denied that the ICC's commission on Code of Conduct may require Pakistan to reopen a match-fixing inquiry.

South African cricket chief Bacher last month claimed that Pakistan's two matches in 1999 World Cup were fixed.

Bacher now must substantiate his allegations or action will be taken against him, but we still want to have good relations with South African Board," he said.

Zia said Waqar Younis would be asked to explain why he had brought Pakistan's name into disrepute following ball tampering charges against the fast bowler.

"Younis raised suspicions and we want to have his explanation," he said.

Pakistan captain Moin Khan said his team's poor show in the Singer Cup was due to an overdose of cricket.

"We have been playing non-stop cricket and that affected performance in Sri Lanka," he said.

Younis, suspended for one match by New Zealand referee John Reid during the Singer Cup tri-series in Sri Lanka on Sunday, is in Australia on a personal trip.

Jamie, Saqlain shine

LONDON, July 14: Somerset's Australian captain Jamie Cox's brilliant 171 helped the home side build up a commanding first-innings lead on Day Two of their County Championship Division One match against Lancashire at Taunton, reports AFP.

Resuming on 48 without loss former England opener Mark Lathwell and Cox had soon built up a century opening stand — but almost immediately the hosts then lost two wickets in the space of as many runs.

However, any hopes of a Lancashire fightback were dented by an excellent third-wicket partnership that fell just one run short of 200 when Peter Bowler (95) was caught behind.

Although the visitors then took three wickets for 53 runs, by the time Aussie Joseph Scuderi, who qualifies as a 'home'

player because of his Italian and thus European Union ancestry — finished the day with four for 31 — finally ended Cox's innings, the damage had been done and it was Somerset who looked in good shape, 131 ahead on 370 for six.

At Grace Road, eight wickets fell for 64 runs in 27.1 overs as Durham's promising lunchtime total of 107 for two disintegrated to 171 all out.

However, Leicestershire fared little better with the bat as they were soon 25 for three.

But opener Darren Maddy (39 not out) and Aftab Habib (36 not out) steadied the ship to bring the second-innings total up to 98 for three at stumps, a lead of 149.

In the battle of the relegation strugglers at Derby, Kent built up a small first-innings lead of 76 after resuming the day 154 runs behind.

Robert Key (83) and India star Rahul Dravid (55) — who

put on 140 for the second wicket — were the pick of the batsmen, while captain Matthew Fleming's resolute 47 went some way to making his side's first innings a respectable 257 for eight when bat light stopped play.

Yorkshire edged into a negligible first-innings lead of 16 on a rain-affected day in their top-of-the-table clash with Surrey at the Oval.

Michael Vaughan (80) and Aussie Darren Lehmann (55) helped the Tykes make 242 — but the day belonged to young Pakistani off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq who ended the day with figures of six for 63 in his 30 overs.

The hosts were one for one in reply at stumps after Mark Butcher was trapped lbw by Chris Silverwood.

In Division Two, Nottinghamshire failed to take advantage of dismissing Worcestershire for 284 as they still

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