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4	Where did the voting for 2006 World Cup take place?	Italy	Belgium	Switzerland
5	Who conducted the voting?	UEFA	FIFA	AFC

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SPORTS TALK



Tiger Woods

(US golfing phenomenon)
"It's the ultimate. This is the home of golf. This is where you always want to win. To have a chance to complete the Slam at St Andrews is pretty special."
After winning the British Open.

Lanka lifts ICC U-17 Asia Cup

KARACHI, July 25 (AFP): Sri Lanka lifted the inaugural Under-17 Asia Cup cricket tournament beating hosts Pakistan by 57 runs in the final on Tuesday.

The 10-nation event was held from July 15-25 under the ICC development programme.

Press reports quoted the ICC development manager Nasimul Ghani as saying that India did not participate in the event in protest over Pakistan senior team manager Brigadier Mohammad Nasir's remarks in Sri Lanka last month.

Nasir reportedly alleged India was the hub of match-fixing activities and all bookies come from India.

Sri Lanka compiled 229 all out in 44.3 overs with openers Ishan Muttalip (72) and Hashish Ratnayake (80) putting on 149 for the first wicket.

The islanders collapsed in the middle of their innings against some fine off-spin bowling by Munir Ansari, who took 4-54.

Munir, who bowls with a similar action like Sri Lankan Muttiah Muralitharan, was declared best bowler of the tournament with 20 wickets.

Pakistan was also given a sound start of 86 by skipper Salman Butt (73) and Khalid Latif (39) but lost nine wickets for 87 runs to finish at 173 in 40 overs.

Man-of-the-match left-arm spinner Ishara Dilshan finished with 3-25.

Sri Lankan skipper Jeehan Jayasuriya, who has joined himself on Sri Lankan senior team's captain Sanath Jayasuriya, said it was a big honour for his team to lift the Asian zone trophy.

"The boys have done well and we are delighted," he said.

Sri Lanka had defeated Bangladesh in the semi-final while Pakistan downed the UAE.

Jewan Mandis was adjudged man-of-the-tournament for his 183 runs and 4 wickets and Mohammad Ashraful of Bangladesh best batsman-of-the-tournament.



Scene from the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League match between Mariner Youngs Club and Azad Sporting Club yesterday. —Star photo

BD to face England

ICC Knock-out 2000 starts on Oct 3



NAIROBI, July 25 (AFP): Test babes Bangladesh will open their International Cricket Knock-out 2000 campaign against England in Nairobi on October 5.

Hosts Kenya, who are currently enjoying the one-day status, will get the two-week tournament underway with a game against India on October 3.

All 10 Test playing countries as well as Kenya will feature in the tournament, the draw for which was published here on Tuesday by ICC Chief Executive David Richards.

Bangladesh hosted the first ICC Knock-Out in 1998, and the ICC hopes this year's event, to be held in Africa for the first time, would provide a similar catalyst for the growth of the

game here as it did in Bangladesh, who were admitted as a Test-playing nation in May.

"As a means of producing the

FIXTURE

Oct 3: India v Kenya	Oct 4: Sri Lanka v West Indies
Oct 5: England v Bangladesh	Oct 7: Australia v WM1
Oct 8: Pakistan v WM2	Oct 9: New Zealand v Zimbabwe
Oct 10: South Africa v WM3	Semifinals
Oct 11: WM5 v WM6	Oct 13: WM4 v WM7
Oct 15: WM8 v WM9	Final
Oct 16: Reserve Day	

schedule, a seeding system has been introduced whereby a country is positioned according to its performance in the 1999 World Cup played in Britain," Richards said.

Kenya, India, England, Bangladesh, West Indies and Sri Lanka will be involved in the opening qualifying rounds between October 3 and 5, of which three winners will proceed to the quarterfinals, joining the seeded countries - Australia, South Africa, Pakistan, New Zealand and Zimbabwe.

The event is intended to raise money to fund the operations of the ICC, especially its development programme, which has been designed to introduce cricket, on a global scale, beyond its present boundaries and to raise its profile in countries where the game is already established.

Stars line up for Marshall



LONDON, July 25 (AFP): Some of the most famous names in world cricket will be taking part in a special charity match here on Thursday in memory of Malcolm Marshall.

The former West Indies fast bowler died of cancer last November aged 41 and all proceeds from the match at the Honourable Artillery Company ground in the City of London will go into a trust set up to support Marshall's seven-year-old son Mali.

Players from England, Australia, India, Pakistan, plus a

host of Marshall's former West Indies team-mates will be involved in a 40-over match between an International Professional Cricketers Association



MALCOLM MARSHALL

XI, captained by Robin Smith, a long-time colleague of Marshall's at Hampshire, and a Malcolm Marshall XI led by Vivian Richards.

The Marshall XI features

present West Indies captain Jimmy Adams, Curtly Ambrose, Brian Lara and Courtney Walsh, all of whom are currently on tour here for the Test series against England. Former West Indies' opening batsman Gordon Greenidge, who also played alongside Marshall for Barbados and Hampshire, is in the team, too.

Among other famous names taking part are England international Darren Gough, Alec Stewart, Graeme Hick, Graham Thorpe and Andrew Flintoff together with Pakistan all-rounder Wasim Akram and India batting great Mohammed Azharuddin.

Fast bowler Glenn McGrath (Worcestershire) is one of three Australian Test players currently on the county circuit who are involved. The others are leg-spinner Shane Warne (Hampshire) and batsman Justin Langer (Middlesex).

McGrath, 31, the International Cricketer of the Year, said: "Malcolm was without doubt one of the best bowlers ever... he was a phenomenal cricketer."

"I met Malcolm a few times, the last time during the West Indies tour of 1999. He was a great guy and we had a lot of laughs with him. He really enjoyed life, both on and off the pitch, and that's what it's all about."

Yorks get a taste of Walsh



LEEDS, July 25: Yorkshire became the latest team to suffer at the hands of Courtney Walsh as the star West Indian bowler took five wickets for 19 runs in 16 high class overs on the first day of the Vodafone Challenge match here at Headingley on Monday, reports AFP.

Walsh, preparing for the third Test at Old Trafford in which he aims to improve on his present world-record tally of 467 wickets, was virtually unplayable with the new ball and returned to claim the last three Yorkshire wickets in the space of five balls.

An inexperienced Yorkshire line-up included two debutants, John Inghis and Scott Richardson, on his right knee after the medical tests confirmed that he was only suffering from muscular pain.

The wicketkeeper told the Dawn newspaper from London on Monday that he has been advised two weeks of extensive exercises and physiotherapy for the stiff muscles but that he was still uncertain about his participation in the Singapore triangular tournament.

The newspaper also reported that vice-captain Inzamam-ul-Haq had consulted a specialist and was advised against surgery.

foot to collect nine boundaries in a half century made from 115 balls.

He was eventually removed thanks to a blinding catch at short leg by Hinds off Corey Collymore for 53 and Byas, who ran out of partners as the tail was blown away by Walsh, finished untroubled on 41 having faced 107 balls.

Yorkshire were bowled out for 126 in 63 overs but fought back spiritedly with the ball.

Their own West Indian, Lesro Weekes, who has been in Yorkshire for the last six years playing league cricket as well as helping the second team, ripped out the first three batsmen in a fine burst which brought him three for 16 in eight overs.

Chris Gayle, Adrian Griffith and Sherwin Campbell all failed and when Hinds edged a drive at Chris Elstob to be caught behind the wicket the West Indians were 38 for four.

But the pressure eased slightly when Weekes rested and Paul Hutchison was forced to leave the field with a shoulder injury.

Skipper Jimmy Adams defended stubbornly and Ramnaresh Sarwan played most of the attacking shots to steer the tourists to 83 for four at the close.

Football goes into shootout

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has okayed the introduction of tie-breakers in this season's Senior Division league. This was confirmed by acting BFF general secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu yesterday.

The Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) in its meeting last Thursday, adapted the idea from the Japanese League and formed a three-member committee, headed by Kazi Mishu, to ascertain whether the revolutionary system would prevent occurrence of "dead matches."

The report of the three-man group was presented to the BFF on Saturday which gave its approval on Monday.

Under the proposed experiment, if the scheduled 90 minutes of an encounter ends in a draw then the teams will go into a tie-break situation. The winner will earn two points instead of three for an outright victory. The unlucky team will collect a point.

The Senior Division Football League kicks off from August 25. Ten teams will take part in the Premier League while ten sides will play in the First Division.

Sailab the forgetter

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Under-17 cricketers could not return home yesterday as tour management forgot to confirm their tickets in Karachi.

The colts were scheduled to fly back home by a PIA flight in the afternoon.

According to a source at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), the 16-member team was denied to board the PIA carrier because there was no prior reconfirmation of their tickets.

BCB member Sailab Hossain Tutul is the manager of the team. Besides, the joint-secretary of BCB Mahud-ul-Haq Manu is also accompanying the team in Pakistan.

The team is now expected to arrive tomorrow.

Calcutta Chess

Mostafa shares the lead

Sports Reporter

Golan Mostafa Bhuiyan continued his impressive run in the Telegraph School Chess Championship, being held in Calcutta, India.

Mostafa collected five and half points at the end of the sixth round of the competition yesterday. He is now sharing the top spot with two other Indian aspirants.

Mostafa defeated Paromita Gosh in this round.

Besides, seven other Bangladeshi players are taking part in the meet. They are - Syed Ejaz Hossain (4.5 points), Nazir Salehin (4 points), Rowan (4 points from five games), Nayeem Arefin (4 points), Nazir Afrin (3 points), Minhazuddin Ahmed (3 points) and Saima Almas (2.5 points).

Biman survive Wari scare

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman overcame a defiant Wari Club to win an exciting five-setter in one of the three AB Bank Senior Division Table Tennis League matches held at the NSC Wooden-floor Gymnasium yesterday.

The holders were taken aback when Pappu led the Wari charge from the front in a virtual clash between youthful exuberance and experience.

He won the first game against long-serving national stalwart Nasimul Haq Kochi by straight sets (21-10, 21-17) and then went on to beat Mostafa 13-21, 21-18, 21-16 to tie the clash at 2-2.

But the experience of Kochi prevailed over Edison in the deciding set, which the southpaw won 8-21, 21-15, 21-15.

It would have been a different story had Pappu got a little support from his teammates -- Edison and Rubel.

Rubel lost to national star Mahbub 11-21, 21-17 while Edison conceded defeats against Mostafa and Kochi.

With this victory Biman joined last year's runners-up Armanitola JS at the top of the table, both having clinched three straight wins. It was on the other hand Wari's first defeat from four games.

Meanwhile, in the other matches of the day, Engineers Club defeated Brothers Union 3-1 and Armanitola Junior blanked Swabinaghi Boys 3-0.

Meanwhile, four matches were decided in the First Division league earlier on the day.

Dikusha and Uttara Club scored identical 3-0 victories over ORCA and Young Pegasus respectively while both Mariner Young and Swaminagar TTS won against Mohammadpur Boys and Monsur Sporting by 3-1 sets.

Soya America 6th Asian Women Juniors Handball

Baptism of fire for locals

Sports Reporter

Hosts Bangladesh suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of China in their opening Soya America 6th Asian Women Juniors Handball Championship Group B match at the Shaheed Suhrawardi National Indoor Stadium yesterday.

In the other fixtures of the day, defending champions Republic of Korea made a victorious start by setting off Chinese Taipei in Group A while India recorded a 39-8 mauling of Nepal in the same group.

2 BANGLADESH - 12, CHINA -

In a contest between unequal opponents, the Bangladeshi girls were completely outclassed by the far superior Chinese.

The visitors, with an average height of 1.75 metres also towered over the slightly built locals which gave them a decisive edge.

The outcome of the game was a foregone conclusion by the time the first half ended. The

winners by that time had taken a 20-5 lead.

In the second session, Bangladesh made a spirited comeback and scored seven goals against nine to bring the few thousand partisan crowd something to cheer about.

For China, Nili Fei top scored with six goals followed by Yun Liu who added five. Zhao Mei Liu, Zhi Qiao Zhang and Zhao Fang netted three goals each while Hongli Zhang, Li Huang, Na Liu, and Wei Li had two apiece.

For Bangladesh, Shahida Khatun stood out. The lanky left-hander from Panchagarh struck eight goals.

Erina Nahar, Rozina, Mina Khatun and Dalia scored were the others to get on the score-sheet.

Yun Liu of China was later named as the player-of-the-match.

Bangladesh will meet Japan in their next match today while China are scheduled to face Japan in the last match of

three-team group tomorrow.

TEAMS

Bangladesh: Shahla Parveen, Dalia Akhter, Rozina Khatun, Afroza Begum, Rukhsana Parveen, Anwara Begum, Shahida Khatun, Lipi Begum, Kaniz Farhan, Erina Nahar, Mina Khatun and Farhana Yasmeen.

China: Nili Fei, Yang Li, Yun Liu, Hongli Zhang, Zhao Mei Liu, Zhi Qiao Zhang, Li Huang, Na Liu, and Wei Li, Zhao Fang Li and Miao Tan.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA - 32, CHINESE TAIPEI - 26

In the day's first match, holders Republic of Korea registered a 32-26 win over Chinese Taipei.

The winners led the first half 18-10.

Park Ji Hyun scored highest nine goals for Korea while her compatriot Park Hyo Jin and Seo Young Me added six goals each.

On the other hand, Lai Wan Yu of Taipei scored ten goals.

Korea's Park Ji Hyun was named player-of-the-match.

INDIA - 39, NEPAL - 8

In the day's last outing, India ran over a hapless Nepal by 39-8 goals.

Rini Eapann scored highest 11 goals for the winners. She was later named the player-of-the-match.

Earlier, Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad declared the seven-nation meet open through a colourful ceremony.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, Bangladesh Handball Federation President Lt Col (ret'd) Abdul Hamid, Bangladesh Olympic Association vice-president Lt Col (ret'd) Faruk Khan MP and Khalequzzaman, the MD of sponsors World Trade Promotion Centre, were present on the occasion among other distinguished guests.

The opening ceremony was marked by a group dance performed by the dancers of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

The inauguration programme and the day's matches were telecast live by Bangladesh Television while Bangladesh Betar provided live commentary.

TODAY'S MATCHES:

Nepal v Chinese Taipei (3 pm)
Republic of Korea v India (4:30 pm)
Bangladesh v Japan (6 pm)

Ponting plays it down



MELBOURNE, July 25 (Internet report): Ricky Ponting is confident there will be no ill-feelings if he takes over the Australian vice-captaincy from Shane Warne next month.

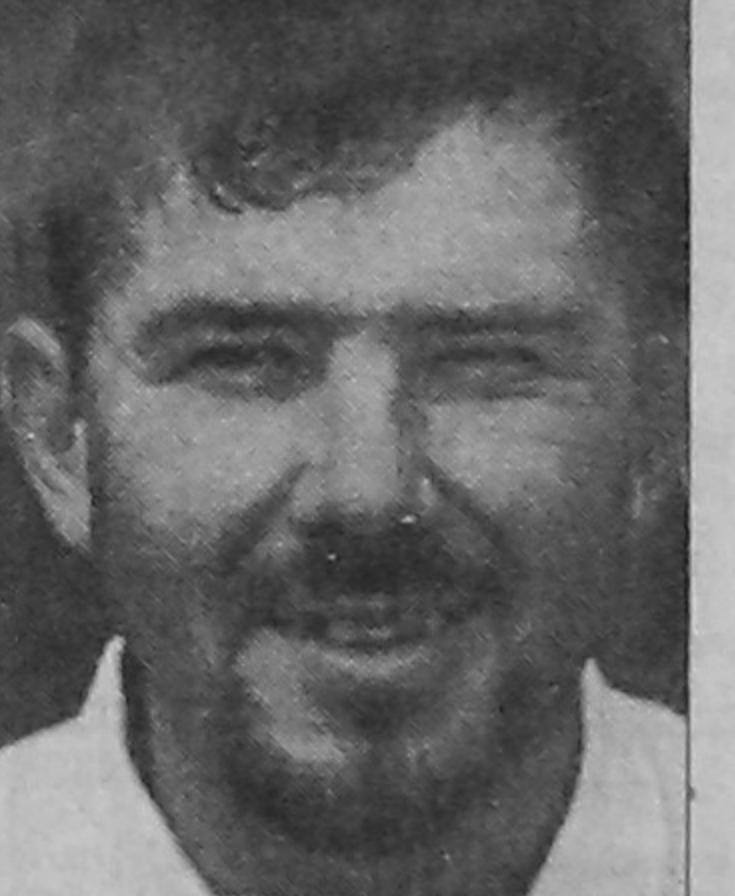
Warne is expected to lose the position at the next Australian Cricket Board (ACB) meeting after his highly-publicised phone sex calls to a woman while in England playing county cricket with Hampshire.

Ponting is tipped to fill the role when he makes his return from ankle surgery in next month's series of three one-day internationals against South Africa at Melbourne's Colonial Stadium.

The Tasmanian batsman said on Tuesday it could be difficult initially, taking over from Warne while the record-breaking leg-spinner was still in the team, but he was sure

Warne would take any change well.

"It will probably be a funny feeling at the start, getting the chance to take it away from one of Australia's greatest cricketers," said Ponting.



RICKY PONTING

"I'm sure Shane would live with that quite well and hopefully he can play on for a number of years to come."

"He's taken 300 wickets now and everyone in Australian cricket thinks he can go on and maybe take close to 500 wickets."

"That's something I'm looking forward to, being around for most of that."

Embarrassing publicity over the disclosure of Warne's phone calls to the English woman is expected to prove the last straw for Warne's vice captaincy, given previous incidents in his career.

Warne gained bad publicity with his run-in with two youngsters at a match in New Zealand earlier this year for taking a photo of him smoking along with his involvement with an Indian bookmaker in 1994.

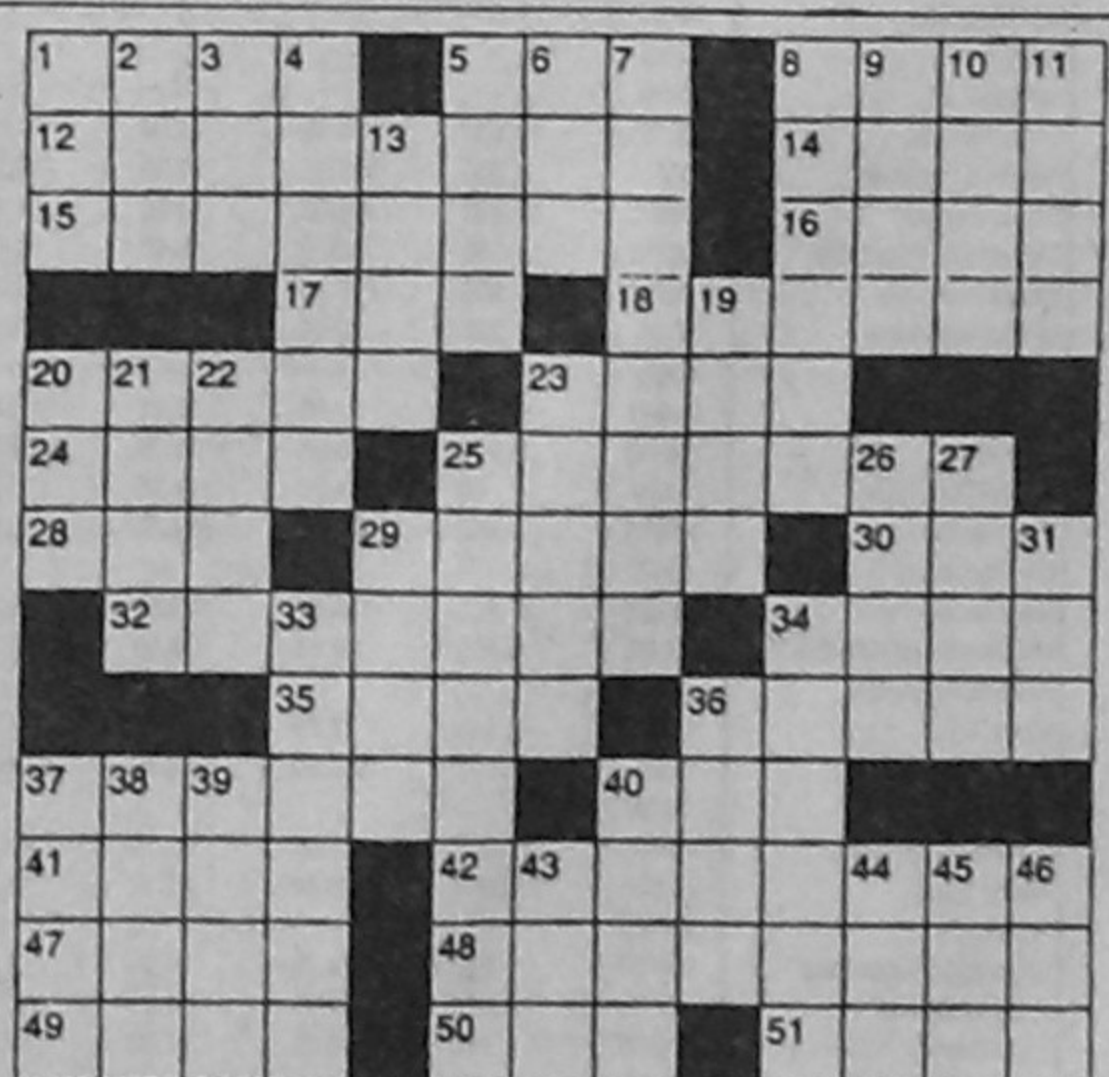
Ponting has also been guilty of off-the-field indiscretions. Early last year he admitted

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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34 Double agent			45 Put on a show
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Sa urday's answer



CRYPTOQUIP

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DZWFQLD DZS YEVS OWDD WY

XQL Z XFVVYWMC OQOVMY

Saturday's Cryptogram: THESE PRESENT-DAY COWBOYS ALL WANT TO BE CALLED HERD PROCESSORS.

Today's Cryptogram Clue: O equals M

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.