

Column One

NOTICE

For unavoidable reasons the draw of **WHIZZ KID Competition-134** could not be held last night. It will now be held on August 18. —Sports Editor

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1 Who is the world's most expensive football player?
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2 Who won the ICC Under-17 Asia Cup?
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3 Bagladesh's opening match in the second ICC Knock-out tournament is against:
 South Africa West Indies England

4 Who won the NatWest tri-series?
 West Indies Zimbabwe England

5 Name the winner of the British Open golf:
 Faldo Woods Els

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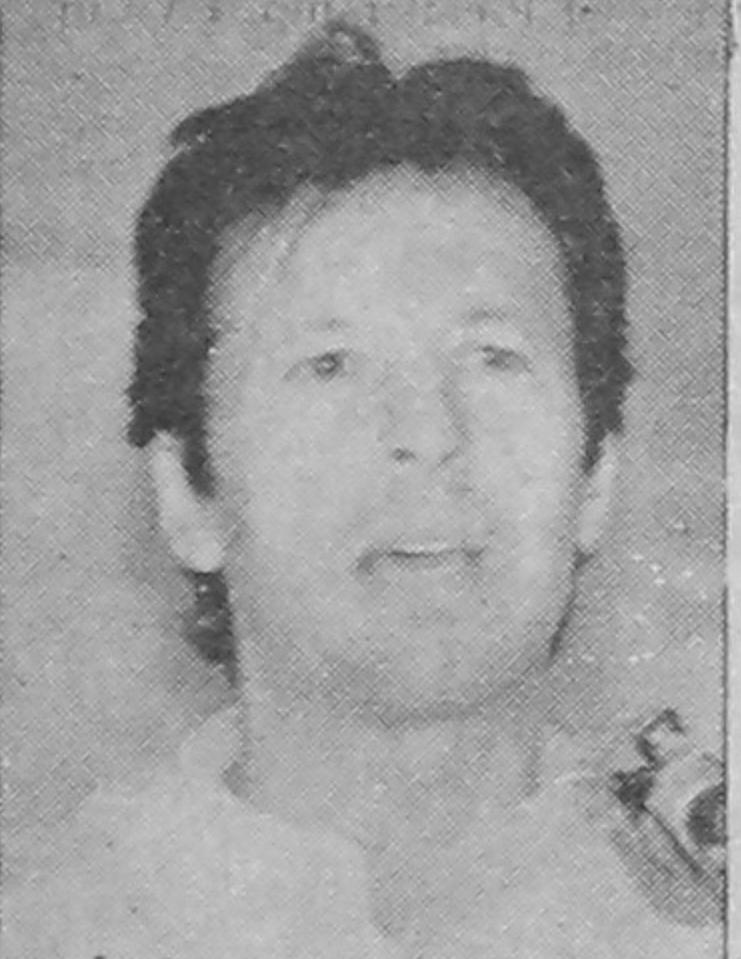
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SPORTS TALK



Imran Khan

(Pakistan cricket legend)
 I always believe in more Pakistan-India series as people in the sub-continent are crazy about the game and they do not want to see cricket destroyed because of politics.

After India decided to pull out of Sahara Cup.

Graveney pulls for Hussain

LONDON, Aug 11 (Internet report): Captain Nasser Hussain has received a vote of confidence from England's chairman of selectors David Graveney after another failure for Essex.

The England skipper, who is enduring a horror run with the bat, had hoped to use Essex's County Championship match with Worcestershire to rediscover his touch but again disappointed.

He managed to add just a single to his overnight score of nine before pushing forward to Worcestershire paceman Kabir Ali and was caught behind.

Hussain has now scored only 144 runs in first-class cricket this summer in 12 completed innings — 74 for Essex and 70 for his country.

But Graveney is not unduly worried about his lack of runs.

Graveney said: "Nasser would like to get runs but I am no more or less concerned about his form than he is."

"He said he is not in the best of form and I hope he gets a second opportunity at Kidderminster on a good wicket, but it is not a huge issue for me. It only becomes an issue for the critics."

"Duncan Fletcher (the England coach) will be here on Friday and if Nasser is batting then fine. But the main thing is to have a chat about his views on the last Test match and the one coming up at Headington."

Graveney added: "Everyone has to accept that these guys now play virtually 12 months of the year and there will be a time when it doesn't go their way."

"But Nasser Hussain is a quality player. He was a quality player yesterday and he will be a quality player tomorrow."



Harunur Rashid, MP, general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation, speaking to newsmen during a conference organised in connection with the 16th Federation Cup tournament yesterday. —Star photo

Arambagh-Wari opener

Fed Cup kicks off today

Sports Reporter

Arambagh Krira Sangha take on Wari Club in the inaugural match of the 16th Federation Cup tournament. The traditional curtain-raiser to the local football season, kicks off today at 4pm at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

In the other match Farashganj Sporting Club will meet Muslim Institute at 6pm.

Food Minister Amir Hossain Anu will inaugurate the 16-day competition as the chief guest.

Seventeen teams, split into four groups, will take part in the knock-out first round.

Moazzem, however, stated that fans would have to avail tickets from the second round onwards.

Ticket prices for second round are: Western Gallery -- Tk 20, Eastern -- Tk 15 and VIP (Gate 2 and 3) -- Tk 30. For two semifinals, scheduled on August 25, the rates are: Western -- Tk 25, Eastern Tk 20 and VIP -- Tk 40. The rate for the August 27 final are: Western -- Tk 30, Eastern -- Tk 25 and VIP -- Tk 50.

He also said that no sponsor was yet to come forward and BFF has estimated Tk eight lakh 40 thousand will be required to smoothly hold the tournament.

Harunur Rashid said that they were still trying to arrange a sponsor. In case one was

found then an announcement would be made before the inaugural match.

The champions will receive Tk one lakh as cash award while the runners-up will be richer by Tk 75 thousand.

According to Moazzem, negotiations were going on for live telecast of the second round.

FIRST ROUND GROUPS

Group A: Arambagh KS, Wari Club, BRTC and Victoria Sporting Club.

Group B: Farashganj SC, The Muslim Institute, Dharmundi Club and Prantik KC.

Group C: Brothers Union, PWD, YMCA, Fakirerpool and Shantinagar Club.

Group D: Rahmatganj MFS, Sadharan Bima KS, Mirpur Chalantika, Agrani Bank and Bangladesh Army.

SECOND ROUND GROUPS

Group One: Abahani KC, Badda Jagarani, Group A and Group C winners.

Group Two: Muktijoddha Sangsad, Mohammedian SC, Group B and Group D winners.

Law bails Essex out

his old teammates

LONDON, Aug 11: Essex made do without a major contribution from out-of-form England captain Nasser Hussain as they took the upper hand on Day Two of their County Championship Division Two clash with Worcestershire at Kidderminster Thursday.

Former England bowlers Angus Fraser and Phil Tufnell took three wickets each as Nottinghamshire were bowled out for 245 in reply to Middlesex's impressive first innings of 412.

Chris Tolley was Nottinghamshire's top scorer with 60. Forced to follow on, and the home side had gone a little way to avoiding an innings defeat by reaching 29 at the close without loss.

In Division One, Hampshire set about chasing a total of 279 runs against Leicestershire at Southampton.

Former Leicestershire bowler Alan Mullally had put the home side in with a chance of victory after making it nine wickets for the match against

But it was not without cost, three wickets falling as the West Indies added another 110 runs to leave the game poised for an early declaration tomorrow.



Players and officials of Bangladesh Biman's women and men's teams who lifted the AB Bank Table Tennis titles yesterday. —Star photo

Biman paddlers retain crowns

Sports Reporter
 Bangladesh Biman maintained their supremacy in men's and women's table tennis when they retained their AB Bank league titles yesterday.

On the final day Biman confirmed the Premier Division championship with an exciting 3-2 win over Armanitola Jutbo

Sangha. Rochi led the way for national airline team in their final super league encounter. The ageing former national champion defeated Gautam 21-12, 21-16 and then overcame Hamlet 21-11, 22-24, 21-18. Mahbub won the other match for the holders with a 21-16, 23-25, 21-19 victory over Gautam. For Armanitola, Hamlet beat Mahbub 21-16, 21-19 while Mansoor beat Mustafa 21-17, 21-16.

Biman's men remained unbeaten in the league earning full 22 points from 11 matches. Armanitola finished second with 18 points from 11 matches.

In the women's league, Rumia gave Biman a good start defeating Ratna of Mirpur Table Tennis Club 15-21, 21-11, 24-22 while Saleha then made it 2-0 with a 21-16, 21-12 win over Shilma.

Saleha and Rumia then beat Ratna and Shilma in the doubles 15-21, 21-12, 21-16.

Biman women's team finished with ten points from five matches while Mirpur TTC trailed them by two points.

Meanwhile, in the First Division league Dilkusha Sporting Club clinched the championship with a 3-0 win over Mariner Youngs Club in their last match.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation president Syed Syed Hossaini, managing director of AB Bank Mohammad Saami and joint-MD of AB Bank Abu Hanif Khan were also present.

Aussies back in action

BRISBANE, Aug 11: Mark Waugh used a winter practice match here Friday to prove he still has plenty to offer Australian cricket, reports AFP.

Waugh hit a polished 77 as the Australian one-day team held out a valiant Queensland XI in its first hitout for almost four months.

Waugh and Damien Martyn (53 not out) were the most impressive of the Australian batsmen, helping the world champions to 238 for seven from 50 overs.

Brett and Shane Lee then snared three wickets each as Australia snuffed out an early surge from the Queensland XI, who were dismissed for 163 in the 45th over.

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The pace attack again looked ordinary without Curly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh as Bailey led a recovery with an unbeaten century.

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He was treated roughly by Bailey who looted him for six over long-off, hitting a spectator who needed hospital treatment although he was not seriously injured.

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Mariner thrash Sonali Bank

Sports Reporter

Mariner Youngs Club recorded their third win in the Green Delta Premier Division hockey league with a 5-1 drubbing of over newcomers Sonali Bank at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, forwards Biaka Lusal and Musa Mia struck two goals apiece for the winners while Mohammad Razzaq added the other. veteran defender Iteza Kader Guddu

pulled one back for the bankers.

Biaka, the lanky attacker from the hilly areas of Sylhet, opened Mariner's account with a flick after being nicely fed by Musa in the 44th minute but seconds later scored his second and Mariner's fifth.

Mariner, with yesterday's win, raised their tally to nine points from four matches, one drift of third placed Abahani Krira Chakra who have 10 points. Holders Mohammad Sporting Club and Usha Krira Chakra are jointly sharing the top spot with 12 points each.

On the other hand, it was the fourth successive defeat for Sonali Bank in as many matches, which kept them at the bottom of the nine-team league.

TEAMS

Mariner Youngs Club: Rinku, Tabib, Isa Miah, Zia, Emad, Asif, Yousuf Ali, Moiuddin, Biaka, Musa Miah, Javed, Razzaq, Firoz and Ghous.

Sonali Bank: Rubul Amin, Guddu, Kuddus, Monir, Farid, Shimul, Hasan, Afzal, Rubel, Sekander, Atique, Mortaza, and Raffian.

FIRST DIVISION

Meanwhile, in the day's other match, Railway recorded a 2-0 win over Mukta Binhanga Tarun Sangha in a First Division engagement.

Mahfuz Reza put Railway the 13th minute while Sudhir sealed the match converting a short corner in the 30th minute.

It was the third win for Railway who now have 10 points from five matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division: Mohammad SC v Ajax SC (4pm)

First Division: Victoria SC v Dhaka Wanderers (2:15 pm)



Sonali Bank's Sekader (L) wins possession against Mariner's Musa Miah during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Bailey makes WI toil



DERBY, England, Aug 11: Former England batsman Rob Bailey added to the West Indies' bowling problems

Thursday ahead of next week's Fourth Test at Headingly.

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