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- Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?
Wasim Waqar Moin
- Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?
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SPORTS TALK



Mohinder Amarnath
(Former Bangladesh cricket coach)
"I am happy that I am teaching a new game to a bunch of disciplined youngsters."

Who is currently on a coaching assignment in Morocco.

Langer lifts Middlesex

LONDON, Aug 22: Middlesex captain Justin Langer continued his excellent run of form with an unbeaten 76 on a rain hit opening day of the County Championship Division Two match with Gloucestershire at Bristol on Monday, reports AFP.

The Australian star, with two centuries from his previous two games, pulled Middlesex round from 24 for three in the 12th over to 151 for five at tea, when heavy rain ended play.

Jon Lewis claimed three for 61, to move past 50 wickets for Gloucestershire this season, while there was one apiece for Mike Smith and Tim Hancock.

The sides occupy the bottom two places in the table, but such is the tightness of the league that promotion remains a possibility for both counties.

Gloucestershire, with a game in hand on most of the other sides, went into the match without veteran batsman Kim Barnett and wicketkeeper Jack Russell, who were rested ahead of Saturday's NatWest Trophy final with Warwickshire at Lords.

Langer elected to bat when he won the toss, but he might have been wondering about his decision as Andrew Strauss, Mike Roseberry and Mark Ramprakash departed cheaply.

In the day's other match century-maker Vikram Solanki and rookie James Pipe spearheaded a spirited Worcestershire fight-back against midlands rivals Warwickshire at New Road.

The duo helped their side recover from just eight for three to close on a more impressive 231 for five off 64 overs in this Division Two encounter.



An Abahani attack on the Badda Jagorani goal during their Federation Cup clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Abahani stay in the race

Sports Reporter



With their reputation on the line, Abahani Krira Chakra staged a remarkable comeback in the 16th Federation Cup when the popular Dhamondhi outfit served Badda Jagorani a 2-0 defeat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Arambagh Krira Sangha put the holders on the verge of elimination at the nascent stage of the season's curtain-raiser meet when they upended Abahani 3-1 in their previous match. But the big guns did exactly what they needed to do on their way to semifinals from

Group A, that is winning the match by no less than a margin of two goals.

The victory of Abahani was a trial of strength by a proven force against a team that is good enough to pull up one or two upsets.

Although Badda have had a reputation of being the boggy team for Abahani since their elevation into the top flight, but they seriously lacked big match temperament and were simply outclassed by the mentally bruised Abahani under lights last evening. Badda had won three out of their four meetings last season.

Midfield playmaker Abdul

Kayum Sentu was the hero of Abahani yesterday. The bantam attacker scored the first goal early in the first half and then set up captain Iqbal to clinch the much-needed second goal midway through the second session.

The two-goal win enabled Abahani to finish second ahead of Badda on superior goal aggregate after all the three teams — Badda, Arambagh and Abahani — ended up with six points each in a virtual group of death. Arambagh, with a better goal difference, finished atop the table.

Although Badda had a far

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Mohammedan squeeze thru'

Sports Reporter



Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club continued their winning spree in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with a hard-fought 3-2 win over Mariner Youngs Club in a crucial match at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

In a see-saw encounter, Shamim Reza, Tahir Zaman and Shahidullah Tahir scored one goal each to propel Mohammedan to their sixth straight win in the nine-team elite league. They also remain atop the table with a maximum 18 points from six matches.

On the other hand, two Pakistani recruits Ghulam Ghous and Mohammad Razzak scored one goal each for Mariner. It was the second defeat for the Arambagh-based outfit having also played six matches. They stay in fourth position with 12 points.

From their five previous matches Mohammedan had scored 36 goals, but Mariner proved a stiff test of their character.

However, it was Pakistani legend Shabbaz Ahmed and his compatriot Tahir Zaman who helped Mohammedan dominate the first session and enjoy a 2-1 lead during the drinks break.

Tahir initiated the first goal with a neat minus to Shamim Reza after a brilliant solo run down the left in the 14th minute. Tahir, after going past two Mariner defenders and an advancing custodian Ashique, passed the ball to an unmarked Reza who took no time in sending the ball home with a reverse hit.

With that goal, Shamim remained the leading scorer of the league with ten goals so far.

Mariner equalised after ten minutes when Ghous blasted the ball from a short corner.

Mohammedan, however, regained the lead when Indian umpire HS Sakhi awarded a penalty stroke after Tahir was fouled by the Mariner goals keeper.

The former Pakistan captain, had little trouble in scooping the ball into the net.

After the breather, Mariner brought the scores level thanks

to Razzak's superb individual effort through the right in the 36th minute.

But it was the popular Moti-lal outfit who had the last laugh. Tiro scored the winner in the 55th minute after being brilliantly fed by Rana from the right.

Mohammedan take on Usha Krira Chakra in their next match on Friday.

TODAY'S MATCH
Abahani KC v Usha KC (4 pm)



Mariner Young's Pakistani forward Abdur Razzak (foreground) tries to dodge past fellow countryman Tahir Zaman of Mohammedan during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League engagement at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

Bevan eyeing Test berth



SYDNEY, Aug 22 (Internet report): Sure, he has challenges to his one-day crown and there will be days when he is not as effective as he would like to be. But at the end of the day, Bevan is a dashing cricketer capable of wonderful things at the crease and in the field.

Which begs the question: how can Bevan be such a fine one-day player and not be in the Australian Test side?

That question was asked again when last Wednesday he slashed what appeared to be an effortless century against South Africa in the opening match of the Super Challenge series at Melbourne's Colonial Stadium.

For years Bevan seemed to be a perpetual No.6 batsman. One who had the uncanny ability to win matches for his country through a shrewd tactical brain and impeccable batting skills. He was so successful there that his captain Steve Waugh rightly described him as the game's best finisher.

But eventually, Waugh realised that Bevan was such a valuable weapon in shaping the early part of the innings, rather than just come in to apply the finishing touches.

So, Waugh placed Bevan at No.4 and he has rapidly become a key figure in the Aussie lineup. From No.4 Bevan can dictate the pace of an innings and, with the field closer in the first 15 overs, use a wider range of shots.

Bevan said that a few years ago he had a taste at No.4 and enjoyed it so much that he jumped at the opportunity to play there permanently.

So what is the main difference between batting at No.6 and batting at No.4?

The main difference is simply that at four you can bat for a longer time, Bevan said.

"Basically, I just try to bat the time. From four the ultimate aim, I guess, is to get 100 off 100 balls. You have to play a different way. At six, you have to work singles to start your innings because the field is already out; at four you can hit boundaries as well as take quick singles."

Steve Waugh recently said



MICHAEL BEVAN

Bevan's career average of 50-plus was no accident, rather the product of hard work.

"It's no coincidence that Michael Bevan averages over 50 because he works hard at it," Waugh said.

"He knows the game inside out. He knows where to score his runs, when to take the risks and when not to."

Many cricket judges have hoped to see Bevan bloom as an all-rounder. Many also believe that he can repeat his heroics of three years ago when he scored 85 not out against the West Indies at Adelaide, and bowled 4-31 and 6-82, capping one of the finest all-round performances ever seen in Australian cricket.

Given the opportunity, Bevan has the brilliance to trouble the West Indies again when they visit Australia in the coming summer.

But as a one-day specialist or Test all-rounder? That's the question that needs to be answered.

"At the end of the day, I still believe I'm good enough and I'm going to try to keep improving," Bevan said of his Test hopes.

"Since I played my last Test (January 1998) I've averaged almost 80 in first-class cricket so I can't do much more."

"All I can do is be patient, keep improving and be in good form when it comes."

Michael Bevan can make a contribution not just as a champion one-day player but also as a handy Test all-rounder. All he needs is the opportunity to do so.

Reefat's hat-trick GM hunt

Sports Reporter

International Master Reefat bin-Sattar continued his excellent form in the Penta Media Grand Masters Chess Tournament in Madras, India, with an upset win over local Grand Master Dibendu Barua yesterday.

It was his third successive win, all against Grand Masters. In four days, Reefat, who has a Fide rating of 2467, started his giant-killing run on Saturday, beating Russian Grand Master Alexander Fomina in the sixth round. The next day he toppled Uzbek Grand Master Saidali.

Playing with white pieces against the Petrof defence of Barua, Reefat checkmated his more vaunted opponent (2502) after 36 moves.

With yesterday's eighth round win, Reefat moved to the fourth place along with three others, each having collected four points.

Reefat will meet Indian International Master Devaki Prasad today, according to a Bangladesh Chess Federation e-mail message last night.

Kazakh Grand Master Yevgeny Vladimirov is leading the 12-round league with six points. With half a point less, Indian Grand Master Shashikaran follows hard on the heels of Yevgeny. International Master GB Prakash of the hosts is in the third position.

Joarder to call it a day

Sports Reporter

Former national footballer Mamun Hossain Joarder has decided to call it a day.



Considered one of the most speedy wingers of the country in the nineties, Joarder will officially retire after playing briefly for Muktiyoddha Sangsad against Mohammedan Sporting Club in their crucial Federation Cup clash this evening.

Born in Chuadanga in 1968, Joarder began his career with local club Athletics Kings Club and later came to Dhaka to play for Azad Sporting Club in 1985.

After spending five seasons with different clubs, he joined Abahani Krira Chakra in 1990-91 and played for the famous Dhamondhi based club for three seasons before he joined Muktiyoddha in 1995. He returned to Abahani for a season in between 1995 to 2000.

Joarder played for the national team from 1989 to 1997.

Fed Cup changes

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has made an amendment to the schedule of the 16th Federation Cup football tournament.

According to the change, the semifinals will take place on August 25 and 26.

As a result the final will now be held on August 28.

All three matches will kick off at 5 pm everyday.

Chanderpaul set to return

Sports Reporter

LONDON, Aug 22 (Internet report): West Indies batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul is hoping to return to the side this week after being out of action for seven weeks with an elbow injury.

The Guyana left-hander, who has not played since the Second Test defeat by England at Lords on July 1, could make his comeback in the four-day match against Somerset at Taunton starting on Wednesday, according to a report by Reuters on Monday.

Chanderpaul, who has been suffering from damaged tendons in his right elbow, was given the go-ahead to resume practising on Monday.

The tourists, smarting from their humiliating defeat against England by an innings and 39 runs inside two days in the fourth Test at Headingley last week, need Chanderpaul's batting experience to lend weight to their inconsistent top order. The Caribbean side were

skittled for 172 in their first innings and just 61 in their second, with Chanderpaul's fellow Guyanese Ramnaresh Sarwan standing out on both occasions.

Arambagh sail on Bakhtiar

Sports Reporter



Arambagh Krira Sangha, powered by a superb hat-trick by Mohammed Bakhtiar, romped into the semifinals of the 16th Federation Cup following a comprehensive 5-1 win over First Division side Shantinagar Club in one of the two Group A matches played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Bakhtiar scored the second, third and fourth goals for his side while Mujibur Rahman Ritu and Lutfar Rahman Nayan were the others to get on the score sheet.

Munna pulled one back for Shantinagar Club.

With yesterday's win, Arambagh, who stunned giants Abahani 3-1 in their previous game on Sunday, emerged group champions on superior goal difference ahead of Abahani and Badda Jagorani Sangsad. All the three finished with six points. Abahani booked the other place in the semis with a 2-0 victory over Badda later in the day.

Arambagh dominated the match from the start and had a decisive first half lead of 4-1. Ritu, the lanky Arambagh forward, put his side ahead with a neat placing in the 23rd minute

after being nicely fed by man of the match Bakhtiar.

Bakhtiar then took over the charge himself and scored three goals in a row in the 24th, 29th and 34th minutes take the game beyond Shantinagar's reach.

Shantinagar had a couple of wonderful chances to come back into the match. They were awarded two penalties in either halves but Arambagh custodian Pannu thwarted both the spot kicks.

Arambagh will take on either Mohammedan Sporting Club or Muktiyoddha Sangsad in the first semi-final on Friday.

Yellow card: Kamal (Arambagh)

TEAMS

Arambagh KS: Pannu, Govinda, Bipal, Barat, Nira (Shamim), Kamal, Bakhtiar, taj (Prince), Nayan, Ritu (Alok) and Apu.

Shantinagar Club: Jahangir (Shakil), Ramjan, Mizan, Abul, Arman, Lavlu, Faruque (Jainal), Abed, Masud, Shakil and Munna.

Referee: Golam Mustafa.

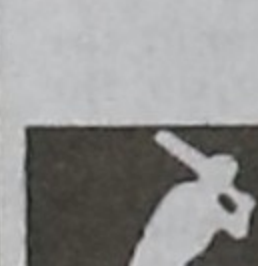
TODAY'S MATCHES

Rahmatganj MFS v Prantik KC (3:30 pm)
Mohammedan SC v Muktiyoddha Sangsad (5:30 pm)

GROUP A TABLE

Teams	M	W	D	L	G	Pts
Arambagh	3	2	0	1	9	4
Abahani	3	2	0	1	6	4
Badda	3	2	0	1	5	3
Shantinagar	3	0	0	3	2	0

Pak-SA battle today



SINGAPORE, Aug 22: It will be a battle of equals when South Africa and Pakistan square off in the Singapore Challenge 2000 triangular cricket meet at the Kallang ground on Wednesday, reports AP.

The South Africans will be out to avenge their Sharjah Cup loss to Pakistan earlier this year, which incidentally was disgraced skipper Hansie Cronje's last assignment.

Under new captain Shaun Pollock — who has led by example — the South Africans appear

strength at the moment does not worry the team management much. They flew second-choice wicketkeeper Nic Pothas in from Barbados, where he was doing duty for the South Africa A team, as a replacement for the injured Mark Boucher.

But the void created by Jonty Rhodes' absence will be hard to fill.

Ekushey Television and Sony Max will show the match live with the coverage starting from 8 am Bangladesh time.

Andrew Hall does have tremendous potential with the bat and is quite a handy bowler at the death, but he does not measure up to the lofty standards set by Rhodes in the field.

"We will all have to strive 10 per cent harder to make up for Jonty's absence," skipper Pollock said.

The South Africans still have plenty of depth in their lineup, and Pollock admitted that his main problem was to find the right combination for the game.

With Gary Kirsten, Neil McKenzie, Jacques Kallis, Andrew Hall and Daryll Cullinan, the South African top-order has a settled look to it.

Pollock confirmed that unless it is a rain-curtailed game, Large Klusener would bat lower in the order to make the slog overs count. There are a few bowling spots up for grabs, however.

Pollock, Kallis, Klusener and Nicky Boje form the core of the attack and will be backed up by two of the remaining four specialist bowlers in the side: Makhaya Ntini, Nantie Hayward, Paul Adams and Roger Telemachus.

Pakistan are unlikely to tinker with the side that defeated New Zealand. Azhar

Malimood, who sprained his left ankle during practice Tuesday, was nevertheless confident of taking the field Wednesday.

Skipper Waqar Younis and coach Javed Mianidat are toying with the idea of playing leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, but with Kabir Khan bowling so well the other day, and off-spinner Arshad Khan picking up three wickets, it will be a tough decision.

On paper the two sides look well matched, but it is South Africa's superior fielding that gives them the edge.



WAQAR YUNIS

to have regained the aura of invincibility that they sported over the last five years in international cricket.

Fresh from their strong win over Australia in the final game in Melbourne, the South Africans will be looking to add another feather to their cap by winning the trophy in their debut in Singapore.

The fact they are a bit under-



SHAUN POLLOCK

DRU sports from Aug 28

The annual sports competition of Dhaka Reporters Unity begins with bridge and tennis events at 10 am on August 28, reports UNB.

A total of 11 events will be held during the two-month competition.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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 - Thither
 - Some-where out there
 - Gist
 - Bushel
 - Fractions
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 - 34 Pinnacle
 - 36 Finished
 - 37 More crafty
 - 39 Fast-forward
 - 41 Born
 - 42 Melody
- DOWN**
- Come together
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 - 21 Parisan pal
 - 22 Nursery rhyme
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 - 27 Skedaddled
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 - 30 Looked Grinchlike
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 - 32 Ticklish
 - 33 Muppet
 - 34 Went blonde
 - 35 Summer-time abbr.
 - 36 Garrett of "Every-body Loves Raymond"
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