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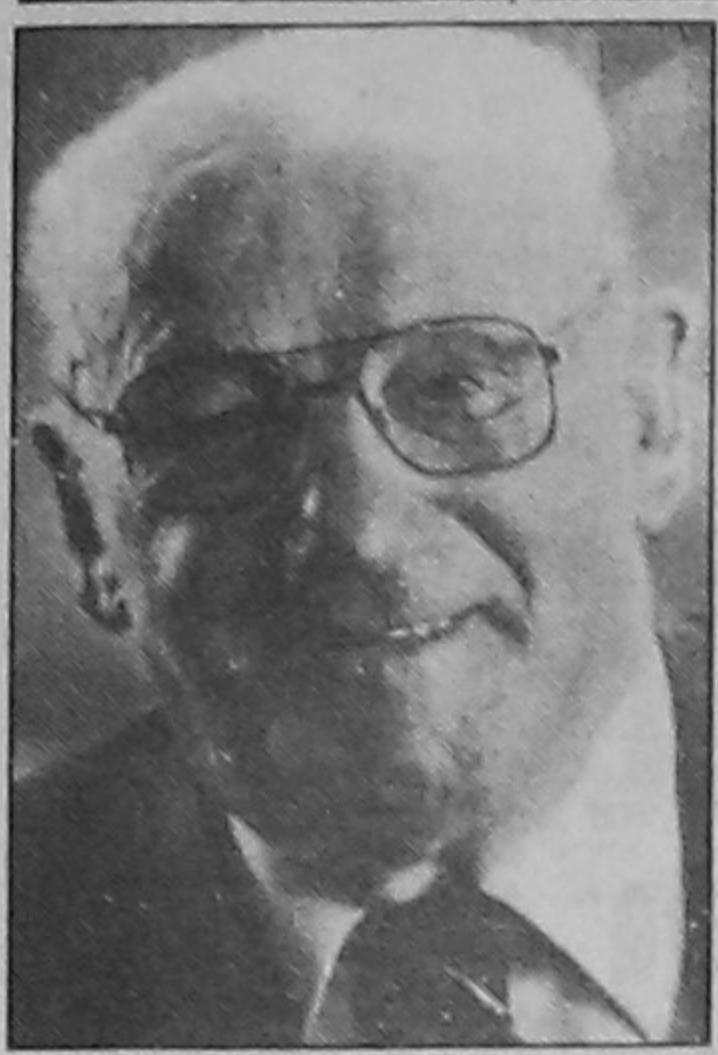


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(Cricket legend)
"I was never coached. I was
never told how to hold a bat."

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Rifat Khanchari Tamvir

2 Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?

Wasim Waqar Mehtab

3 Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?

Aminul Akbar Naimur

4 Who won the AB Bank Men's TT title?

Armanul Biman Marinos

5 Who was voted Germany's footballer-of-the-year in 2000?

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WECCA formed

Sports Reporter

The inauguration ceremony of Weekend Cricket Club Association (WECCA) was held at a local hotel on September 7, says a press release.

Nine Dhaka-based holiday cricket clubs have formed the WECCA to organise a weekend version of cricket in an organised way.

The clubs are: Ramblers, Commonwealth Cricket Club, Sri Lankan Club, Friends United, Renegades, G Team, Cavaliers, Josephines and Millennium Club.

The main purpose of the WECCA is to organise cricket tournaments, set up cricket clinics for youngsters, arrange social events, charity matches for former cricketers, organise overseas tours and friendly matches against foreign teams.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) general secretary Syed Ashraful Huq in his message on the founding of the WECCA said: "All those who have been associated with the game for their love of cricket have now joined hands to give weekend cricket a more serious and competitive shape and yet enjoy the game in the spirit that it demands."

The executive committee of WECCA consists of president Fariduddin Khan Rumi, general secretary Hassan Sayeed, treasurer Golam Nowshir, Prince and a member from each of the nine clubs.

Gaekwad new Indian coach

NEW DELHI, Sept 13: Former coach Anshuman Gaekwad has taken the charge of the Indian national cricket team after legendary Kapil Dev had resigned from the office, an official said on Tuesday, reports AFP.

"I spoke to Kapil's predecessor Gaekwad at his office in Baroda and he has accepted, though reluctantly, to be the coach for an interim period lasting until October," Jaywant Lele of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) told this news agency on Tuesday by telephone from Baroda.

Gaekwad had coached India at the 1999 World Cup in England.

Lele said Gaekwad was "hesitant" but relented after BCCI president A C Muthiah put in a special request.

MSC lesson for Brothers

Sports Reporter


Alfaz Ahmed scored two goals and set up the other for his partner in the up front Imtiaz Ali and Nakib to hasten holders Mohammedan Sporting Club to a resounding 3-0 victory over Brothers Union in the lone National Bank Premier Football League match at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The inspirational Mohammedan captain set the course of the match in the 22nd minute with a close range shot before Nakib striking the second six minutes later to settle the issue even before the match reached the halfway mark.

Alfaz then drove the last nail in Brothers' coffin twenty minutes away from the final whistle when he let loose a spectacular right-footer past a bemused custodian Milon. Alfaz's second goal, a curler from acute angle

heading into the far post, was a testimony to his class.

The facile victory, Mohammedan's fourth from as many games, took them atop the League table with maximum 12 points. They are however closely followed by their bitter foes Abahani Krira Chakra, who recorded three straight wins so far.

Suspicion of the Mohammedan fans' were also blown away with yesterday's outcome where the black and whites reigned supreme. In the previous match, Mohammedan had a close shave against Rahmatganj where they struggled to win the match by a solitary goal.

Brothers, the aspirants-turned-pushovers once again showed their vulnerability in the defence. The four-man defence wall of Emadul, Shahjahan, Polash and Chanchal was so fragile that Mohammedan faced a little resistance to run over it, especially when the match grew older.

The Gopibagh outfit had also

their share of problems in the striking zone. They got an early opportunity to send Mohammedan on the back foot when Parvez lobbed a perfect cross to an unmarked Nepalese Basanta Tharu. But the impulsive forward headed the ball wide off the mark from a hand-shaking distance.

Basanta got another chance in the 26th minute when he blasted a right-footer from inside the box, but only to be denied by the metal work. It was Brothers' third defeat in a row after their upset victory against Badda Jagorani in their opening match.

Yellow cards: Jahangir and Titu (Mohammedan)

TEAMS
Mohammedan SC: Ponir, Rizaul, Faisal, Ruhul Amin, Jewel, Bipul (Jahangir) (Pappu), Motur Munna, Selim (Titu), Rakib, Alfaz and Nakib

Brothers Union: Milon, Emadul, Shahjahan, Polash, Chanchal, Proshanta (Dipu), Bal Gopal, Salahuddin (Monir), Parvez, Basanta Thapa (Amin Khan) and Hari Khadka

Mohammedan striker Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib (R), who scored one goal, here creating an opportunity against Brothers Union during their National Bank Premier Division Football League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

34th Chess Olympiad

BCF expects better results

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) hopes Bangladesh would improve on its ranking in the forthcoming 34th Chess Olympiad to be held in Istanbul from October 27 to November 13.

BCF general secretary Syed Sujauddin made this declaration at a press briefing yesterday.

Newly-appointed national team coach Latvian Grand Master Igor Rousis and International Master Zlaur Rahman, who will lead the Bangladeshi men, were also present.

Sujauddin said that Bangladesh, who finished 53rd out of 110 nations in the 33rd Olympiad held in Elista, Russia in 1998, are aiming for a top 40 finish this time around.

The men's team consists of players -- IM Zlaur Rahman, IM Reetab-bin-Sattar, IM Abdullah Al-Rakib, Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib, Ruhul Kabir Shuplu and Saifuddin

Lovelu while the women's team includes: International Women's Master Rani Hamid, Tanima Parveen, Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa and national women's champion Nazrana Khan Iva.

Sujauddin however added that the participation of former national champions Tanima and Nipa was unsure and that has created doubts regarding the participation of the women's team.

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The general secretary also disclosed that the National Sports Council (NSC) has allotted Taka six lakh for the team's participation.

Rousis has been appointed for five months initially with provisions for extension for a salary of 1,500 dollars per month.

Sujauddin also revealed that Rousis has agreed to sacrifice his place in the Latvian national team for the Olympiad as he considers his new assignment more important. He was a mamba of the Latvian team that finished tenth the last Olympiad.

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Kapil, embroiled in a match-fixing scandal that has rocked the game from South Africa to South Asia, quit on Tuesday, less than halfway through his two-year contract as coach.

That brought to an end a dazzling career during which he captained India to their 1983 World Cup win, held the record until March as the most successful bowler in Test history and won acclaim as one of the game's greatest all-rounders.

Kapil was questioned last week by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) following allegations of match-fixing made against him by former India all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar.

Kapil, who denies the allegations, sobbed uncontrollably during a television interview after the scandal broke earlier this year and said he would

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