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SPORTS TALK



Muttiah Muralitharan
(Sri Lankan star leg-spinner)

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Coach hails Hollooke

LONDON, Sept 14 (Internet report) Surrey coach Keith Medley hailed the all-round contribution of Adam Hollooke to Surrey's second County Championship in as many years today and claimed he could use it as a springboard to reclaim his England place.

Hollooke has concentrated all his efforts on turning Surrey into the outstanding team in domestic cricket since being dropped by England after last summer's World Cup.

His determination was ably demonstrated by his superb catch at third slip to dismiss Saurav Ganguly Wednesday and earn Surrey the point they needed to seal the title.

Medley believes his demonstration was typical of a player he describes as a "fantastic leader", and one who he is confident can reclaim the form which will return him to the international stage.

"The players have had the utmost respect for him over the last three or four years," explained Medley.

"He leads from the front and doesn't ask anyone to do something that he wouldn't."

"You know where you stand with him and if he gives someone an earful you know that emotion has passed 10 seconds later and you can carry on again - he's a fantastic leader."

"If we get a side down he knows how to knock them out, he's not shy of that. I tried to be aggressive when I played, but some of the field-placings I've seen from him I can't believe, and they only work because the other players have total belief in him, and nine times out of 10 they work."

Hollooke's last appearance for England was in the defeat by India at Edgbaston which ended their hopes of progressing beyond the first stage of the World Cup and he has since been by-passed under the Nasser Hussain-Duncan Fletcher regime.

But Medley is in no doubt that he has the talent and temperament to succeed at that level.

"Adam's a realist and it's fantastic he's thrown himself into Surrey cricket, but he knows if you're short of runs and wickets at whatever level then you have to be questioned," he said.

"He's been under-performing with the level of ability he's got and it's up to him to go away and give himself every chance of playing for England again."

"He needs to be getting more centuries, and big centuries. If he wants to be considered by England again, which I think he will do."

Abahani owe Kennedy one

Sports Reporter



Abahani Krira Chakra had a lucky escape against a spirited Farashganj Sporting Club when the popular Dhanmondi outfit scored a 1-0 victory in their National Bank Premier Football League match at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Kennedy, the Ghanaian recruit of Abahani let his side off the hook with a header fourteen minutes away from the final whistle in a see-saw match. It was Kennedy's fifth goal of the season.

Although Kennedy made the headline, it was however the

brilliance of Abahani's national custodian Biplob that saved them from a possible debacle. Biplob parried off three distinctive scoring chances including a point blank effort from Farashganj forward Polash in the 67th minute.

The match was also a study in striking contrast, where Farashganj buoyed by the monumental presence of their fresh Nigerian defender Abdullah, hardly allowed Abahani to have a shot at the target.

Playing his first match, the tall and muscular Nigerian not only effectively defused the attacking duo of Kennedy and Don with tough marking, but also inspired the old town outfit

to play a more attacking game. The highly impressive Abdullah also showed his dead-ball skills when he fired a superb free-kick over the Abahani wall at the stroke of the final whistle, only to be denied by an ever alert Biplob for a corner.

Abahani, well aware of the fact that Farashganj have created a stir in the league with an impressive unbeaten record, would be a tough proposition. But they found them hotter than expected and coach Amalesh Sen was forced to make a defensive move by withdrawing striker Don for an additional midfielder Sentu in the second half.

Sentu gave Abahani more steel in the middle and they got back the impetus. Once they even got as many as five corners within the space of three minutes.

The all important goal originated with Kanchan delivering a long throw deep inside the Farashganj box, which central defender Ashraf could only deflect to a lurking Kennedy near the far post. Kennedy gently nodded the ball in (1-0).

With this win Abahani joined holders Mohammedan Sporting Club at the top of the table - both have 12 points following four straight wins.

On the other hand it was Farashganj's first defeat. They remain with their previous collection of five points.

Yellow cards: Abdullah, Bidyut (Farashganj) and Iqbal (Abahani)

TEAMS:

Abahani: Biplob, Titu, Nazrul, Ghansha, Dulal (Mithu), Iqbal, Zakir, Galib (Arman), Kanchan, Don (Sentu) and Kennedy.

Farashganj: Dhanu (Abir), Jewel (Sohel), Abdullah, Ashraf, Masud Rana, Chandra, Askar Babu, Bidyut, Mithu, Polash and Jalal.

Referee: Golam Mostafa



A mid-pitch action during yesterday's National Bank Premier Division Football League clash between Abahani and Farashganj at the Bangabandhu Stadium. —Star Photo

Kamal on target again

Sports Reporter



National forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal slammed his second hat-trick in the Green Delta Premier Division.

Hockey League to propel Usha Krira Chakra to a convincing 4-0 win over Bangladesh Sporting Club in their return leg clash played at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Saqlain, the discarded Pakistani midfielder, put Usha ahead in the 12th minute after being brilliantly

fed by Kamal. Four minutes later Kamal doubled the margin flicking home a Saqlain pass.

After the breather, Kamal scored his second from an Asif Bajwa pass in the 66th minute. He completed his treble from another Asif pass, a minute

The winners led the first half 3-1.

Pakistani striker Akmal Naveed struck twice while his compatriot Aleem Raja, Zahid Biswas and Siam-e-Noor added one each. Bachchu pulled one back for Azad.

The outcome of the match, however, left both Ajax and Azad at the bottom of the nine-team league table with each having four points from 11



A goalmouth scramble during the Green Delta Premier Hockey League match between Usha and Bangladesh Sporting at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

The Usha captain's first hat-trick was against Ajax Sporting Club in July.

Usha's eighth win in eleven matches raised their tally to 25 points. On the other hand, Bangladesh Sporting suffered their seventh defeat which kept them on eight points.

The winners who led the first half 2-0, thrashed their opponents 6-0 in the first round.

before the final whistle.

Kamal has scored 14 goals so far, two less than the league leading marksman Shamim Reza of Mohammedan Sporting Club. Shamim's teammate and national winger Ramiz is in third place with 13 goals.

AJAX WIN BIG

Earlier, Ajax Sporting Club won their first league win in style after mauling Azad Sporting Club 5-1.

The team collecting lowest points after completion of the return leg, will be relegated to First Division next season.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division
Mohammedan SC v Farashganj SC (4 pm)

First Division
Wari Club v Bachelors Club (2:15 pm)

Windfall bonus for Aussies



SYDNEY, Sept 14 (Internet report) The success of Australia's record-breaking cricket team will see state and international players receive a 3.9 million Australian dollar bonus, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) announced on Thursday.

Figures from the ACB's 1999-2000 Annual Report reveal that revenue for Australian

Brescia get Baggio

BRESCIA, Italy, Sept 14: Promoted Brescia said Thursday they have signed veteran Italian international Roberto Baggio, 33, who was out of contract after leaving Inter Milan, reports AFP.

Baggio signed a two-year deal with a get-out clause allowing him to leave next summer if the club are relegated from Serie A.

Udinese and Napoli had also been interested in signing him but did not pursue a deal after failing to reach agreement on terms, while French side Lens were also briefly in the frame.

Baggio won a host of honours in the 1990s playing for Fiorentina, Juventus, AC Milan, Bologna and Inter Milan.

cricket has reached a record 80 million USD. This amount, which is subject to audit clearance, is up 10 million USD from last year.

Under the player payment formula used by the ACB and the Australian Cricketers' Association, 20 per cent of this money up to 60 million USD and 25 per cent of over 60 million USD is allocated to the player payments pool.

During 1999-2000, the ACB provided 13.3 million USD to the players pool and as a result of the higher than expected level of revenue, the Board will add an extra 3.9 million USD.

ACB Chief Executive Malcolm Speed said the level of revenue reflected the strength of the game on and off the field.

"While the Australian team was breaking records on the field, commercial and public support of the game grew off the field," Speed said.

"Key indicators of cricket's health - match attendance, sponsorship and media rights revenue - reached new levels in 1999-2000."

Speed said that the level of interest in the game also reached record heights.

"An increase in television, Internet and radio audiences and record participation rates firmly established cricket as Australia's favourite team sport

during the year," he said.

In terms of participation, the 1999-2000 ACB Annual Report reveals that 488,000 Australians play some type of organised cricket. In addition, more than 500,000 young Australians learn the game through the MILO Cricket programs.

Talent hunt camp at BKSP begins Sept 17

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Pratisthan (BKSP) starts residential training camp on athletics, basketball, swimming, boxing and gymnastics on September 17 under its talent hunt programme, a press release said here yesterday, reports BSS.

The trainees will be provided food and accommodations at the institute.

At least two trainees in each discipline from the districts will be accommodated in the programme.

Intending sports persons have been requested to join the camp on September 17 at 11 am along with a nomination letter from their respective district authorities and two passport size photographs.

MSC off to Agartala

Sports Reporter

Premier Division football league champions Mohammedan Sporting Club left for Agartala, Tripura, yesterday morning to play an exhibition match against Agartala Eleven.

The match, organised by Tripura Football Association to mark the opening of a newly-built stadium in Agartala, was scheduled to be held later in the afternoon.

Mohammedan were invited to play by the Sports Ministry of Tripura Government and Tripura Football Association.

The 33-member team will return in the evening.

Maradona in car accident

HAVANA, Sept 14: Argentine footballing legend Diego Maradona was involved in a minor car accident late Wednesday in Havana, medical officials told AFP.

"He is fine," a medical official said of the 1986 World Cup winner who has been in Cuba recovering in a clinic from cocaine addiction.

BCCI chief slams Kapil

CHENNAI, Sept 14: Cricket board president A C Muthiah on Wednesday hit back at Kapil Dev's criticism of the functioning of BCCI and favoured engaging a foreign coach for the Indian cricket team, reports PTI.

Muthiah told that Kapil did not have enough expertise to comment on the working of the board.

Reacting to Kapil's resignation letter in which the former coach stressed the need for professionalism in running BCCI, Muthiah said, "If he is a professional, he should answer whether he had sent the coach's report (on the team's disastrous tour of Australia in December-January last)." "If he had sent a report, it would only be in the possession of the board president," he said.

Muthiah said it was under Kapil Dev's coaching that India lost a home series (against South Africa in March this year) after a long time.

The board president said appointment of a foreign coach at this stage would be proper as he would be more well-versed with the latest developments in the training techniques.

He said either New Zealander John Wright or Australian Geoff Marsh would be engaged. The board's AGM in Chennai later this month would take a decision on this matter.

An Indian coach can take up the job later, he added.

Jayasinghe included

SYDNEY, Sept 14: World Championship silver medalist Susantika Jayasinghe, dropped from Sri Lanka's 4x100-metre Olympic relay team for skipping practice, is back in the lineup, an official said Thursday, reports AP.

Jayasinghe, second in the 200 metres at the 1997 track world Championships, is seen as her country's best medal hope at the Sydney Games.

She left a relay practice session at home, however, leaving the team short on baton-passing experience, and was dropped from the quartet.

"Now she will run in three events - 100 metres, 200 metres and in the relay team," team manager Sunil Gunatilleke said.

"We have sorted out matters and they are all doing baton-changing practice," Gunatilleke added.

Jayasinghe, 25, did not accompany the Sri Lankan team to Sydney. She instead flew to Tokyo, saying she needed to see a doctor. She arrived in Sydney Tuesday.

Jayasinghe pulled out of the Asian Games in Bangkok two years ago, pleading injury. The newspaper Island in Colombo later quoted her as saying she was being bothered by local sports officials and couldn't concentrate on training.

Jayasinghe has not identified any of the officials, but in the past has said the harassment included sexual advances. She also has claimed that powerful politicians were plotting to kill her husband.

Alves's damaging revelations

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 14: Renata Alves, former secretary to Brazil coach Wanderley Luxemburgo, who stands under investigation for tax evasion, claimed she saw "suitcases stuffed with dollars" at the home they once shared during an alleged affair, reports AFP.

Alves, 32, who is accused of complicity to defraud the tax authorities, brandished a diary Wednesday containing the names of 37 players with varying dollar sums and annotations which she alleged Luxemburgo had written next to them.

Alves, who was Luxemburgo's secretary between 1993 and 1996, said she was speaking out to save her honour but did not mention any players by name among the 37.

However, she replied in the affirmative when reporters asked her if the 37 included Elvelton, Zinho, Mazinho and Edilson.

Luxemburgo, currently in Sydney with the Olympic squad, faces a variety of other allegations, including a claim last week that he falsified his age while playing for Flamengo.



Badda custodian Titumir (R) fisting the ball away before Muktijoddha striker Farhad could reach during their National Bank Premier Division Football League clash at the Bangabandhu Stadium. —Star Photo

Muktis survive Badda scare

Sports Reporter



An 84th minute strike by Farhad guided title aspirants Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Cha-kra to a squeaky 1-0 win over Badda Jagarani Sangsad in their National Bank Premier Division Football League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday afternoon.

After Muktijoddha skipper Rajani's long cross was not gathered properly by Badda custodian Titumeer Chowdhury, the ball went to an unguarded Liton who shot towards goal found Farhad, apparently offside, and he did the rest.

Muktijoddha, having already suffered a setback against Farashganj as they won a tie-breaker but lost a point, struggled against Badda throughout the proceedings. They missed badly the service of Indian recruit IM Vijayan, who has gone home completing his three-match stint.

They suffered another blow when the star custodian Aminul Haque left the ground with a chest injury. He got hurt

following a mid-air collision with one of his defenders while trying to grip a Monwar cross from the right side.

On the other hand, Badda played spirited football and created two very good opportunities in the first half. But they failed to cash in on those due to their myopic forwards.

After the lemon break, Badda kept on attacking and earned another good chance in the 61st minute when Awlad got the ball inside danger area off a Riad cross from the right side. But Awlad failed to head the ball home from close.

After surviving the close call, Muktijoddha staged a late second half rally and came close to taking the lead when Asif got the ball from a Hasan Al-Mamun cross in the 70th minute. But he failed to connect, much to the frustration of coach Manik.

However, the red and whites finally settled the issue with Farhad converting the match-winning in the 84th minute.

Muktijoddha, with yesterday's win, raised their tally to

11 points from four matches. Badda remained glued to their previous collection of three points.

Yellow cards: Prodeep (Muktijoddha) and Bulbul (Badda)

TEAMS

MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD: Aminul (Bijan), Hasan Al-Mamun, Rajani, Sujon, Prodeep, Masood Rana, Tushar, Mintu (Sourav Raju), Asif, Abdullah (Liton) and Farhad.

BADDA JAGARANI: Titumeer, Papal, Fattai, Lajuk, Mahmud, Riad, Monwar, Tanveer, Shaheed (Nurul Islam), Sadeq (Bulbul) and Walid.

Referee: Abdur Rakib.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division
Rahmatganj MFS v Victoria SC (3:30 pm)

Arambagh KS v Dhanmondi Club (5:30 pm)

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

First Division
Muslim Institute v PWD (3:30 pm)

YMC Fakirpool v Agrani Bank (5:30 pm)

Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

Horne steadies Kiwis



BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe, Sept 14: New Zealand opening batsman Matthew Horne steadied his side with the third day of the first Test match against Zimbabwe here Thursday, reports AFP.

Horne's 110, which included 13 boundaries, was brought to an end by leg spinner Paul Strang, who trapped him lbw.

Replying to Zimbabwe's first innings total of 350, New Zealand ended the day on 252 for seven, a deficit of 98 with three wickets in hand.

Horne went on to secure his fourth Test century and it could hardly have come at a better time for New Zealand, as none of the other top six batsmen made more than 14.

This was mainly down to Strang, who was returning sensationally to Test cricket after missing the last 14 Zimbabwe have played in the last two years through a wrist injury. Strang, who had captured Matthew Sinclair on Wednesday, went on to dismiss overnight watchman Paul Wiseman, Stephen Fleming, Nathan Astle and Horne as the innings dissolved from 109-2 to 180-6.

Then with the final ball of the day Strang captured the wicket of Craig McMillan for 58.

his sixth of the innings. Fleming and Astle, who was astonished at being given out caught behind, fell in the same over.

McMillan was also shocked to receive marching orders from umpire Russell Tiffin, believing he had not snicked the ball to wicketkeeper Andy Flower.

He had put on 72 runs for the seventh wicket with Chris

Cairns and they appeared set to resume on Friday.

The match now looks destined for a draw, the two sides failing to complete their first innings inside three of the scheduled five days and with the pitch remaining placid and unhelpful to the bowlers.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the third day of the first Test between Zimbabwe and New Zealand on Thursday.

ZIMBABWE: First innings 350 (A Campbell 88, H Streak 51, P Wiseman 5/90, C Cairns 2/77)

NEW ZEALAND: First innings (overnight 62-2) Richardson c Carlisle b Streak 6

Horne lbw b Strang 110
Sinclair lbw b Strang 12
Wiseman lbw b Strang 14
Fleming c Rennie b Strang 11
Astle c A. Flower b Strang 0
McMillan c A. Flower b Strang 58
Cairns not out 33
Extras 8

Total (For 7 wks) 252
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-52, 3-109, 4-139, 5-139, 6-180, 7-252

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**
Streak 19 6 48 1
Nkala 48 6 40 0
P Strang 37.1 10 78 6
B Strang 22 6 49 0
Mutendera 11 3 22 0
Flower 10 3 40 0

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	37 Queued up	2 One side of	17 Tease
1 Over-actor	39 Summer attire	3 Of the	19 Deluge
4 Decisive defeat	41 Botched spirit?	3 Urals	20 Refuge
8 Coarsely ground corn	43 Tart	3 Othello, e.g.	22 Sweet red wine
12 GIs' entertainment	44 Toy shop staffer	4 Name of three English kings	23 Wanted poster
13 "La Duca"	46 Old-time harp	5 Hockey league	25 Datum
14 Allegory by Monogatari	50 Time of expression	6 Ms. Thurman	26 Frontic
15 "O Sole"	55 "The Shining" prop	7 Catches some rays	27 Chunder heads
16 Mechanical housing	56 Discourteous	8 Brandi Chastain's goal	28 Put your foot in your mouth
18 Jessica Parker	57 One-eyed	9 Now-I understand	29 Wealthy one
20 [Misplaced]	58 Hot tub	10 Grafon's "lorice"	30 High time
21 — Nui (Easter Island)	60 Even	11 The Tei-Tei	31 Carson's success
22 Impressionist	61 Cauldron	12 "Heart" writer	35 Lay in a hammock
23 Edgar	DOWN	13 The Tei-Tei	38 Hot dog
24 [Misplaced]	1 Doesn't know the words?	14 "Heart" writer	40 Amot
25 Parks or Bonheur	Solution time: 25 mins.		45 Apartment
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