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Marion Jones
 (American sprinting queen)
 "I don't play sports thinking about losing graciously. I play wanting to whip you."

Moin back at the helm

KARACHI, Sept 20 (AFP): Pakistani wicket-keeper Moin Khan will lead a 14-member squad named Wednesday for the ICC Knockout tournament scheduled for October 3-15 in Kenya, cricket board officials said.

Moin Khan, who regains the captaincy, missed last month's tri-series in Singapore due to injury. Fast bowler Waqar Younis led the team in his place.

Also back in the squad are all-rounder Wasim Akram -- rejoining after a month's rest -- and off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq who has taken over 66 wickets this season while playing for county champions Surrey.

Middle order batsman Younis Khan has been dropped and replaced by Faisal Iqbal, who played in the one-day international against Sri Lanka earlier this year.

TEAM

Imran Nazir, Saeed Anwar, Iqbal Ahmed, Inzamamul Haq (vice-captain), Younis Youhana, Wasim Akram, Moin Khan (captain), Arshad Khan, Waqar Younis, Abdul Razzaq, Azhar Mahmood, Salim Elahi, Saqlain Mushtaq and Faisal Iqbal.

Shoaib goes down under

LONDON, Sept 20 (Internet report): Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has flown to Australia to consult the orthopaedic surgeon who operated on Sliane Warrne two years ago.

The Dawn newspaper quoted family sources as saying that specialists in England could not diagnose the exact nature of Shoaib's knee injury.

The pace bowler, who has been out of competitive cricket since April, was advised by the specialist not to undergo surgery but has been given a rehabilitation programme to follow. He has reportedly already started training in Australia.

Shoaib's source said that Shoaib was expected to be back in action in the next two weeks but that his availability for the series between England and Pakistan would largely depend on his fitness.

Shoaib was initially under treatment in Nottingham, first for a side strain and then for a knee injury. A spokesman of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) told the newspaper that, if Shoaib confirms his availability, he will have to prove his fitness in warm-up matches against the tourists or in the domestic first-class competition, which begins on Oct 3.



FATAL FATAI: Badda Jagorani's Nigerian recruit Fatai (R), whose own goal let his team down, duels with Mohammedan captain Alfaz for possession during their National Bank Premier Division Football League clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

— Star photo

MSC owe Fatai one

Sports Reporter



A suicidal goal from Badda's Nigerian defender Fatai allowed Mohammedan Sporting Club to walk away with a 2-1 win in the National Bank Premier Football League at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The tall Nigerian, in a bid to thwart an Alfaz cross from the right, headed the ball into his own net fourteen minutes away from the final whistle, letting the holders squeak into their sixth successive win and consolidate their lead with maximum 18 points.

Apart from the fatal blunder from Fatai, both sides scored one goal each in the first half.

Former national captain and central defender Jewel Rana gave Mohammedan a fifth minute lead with a back header off a Rakib flag-kick.

But the Mohammedan joy did not last long as Badda pulled off the equaliser in the 20th minute with their substitute forward Bulbul driving a neat grounder from inside the box past a bemused veteran custodian Ponir.

Playing without their left wing back Ruhul Amin, suspended for one match after picking up his third yellow card in the previous game against Farashganj, Mohammedan lacked the necessary firepower in their attack.

Besides, the heavy outflow caused by incessant rain denied

both sides of playing their usual game. The green top at the big bowl was so badly damaged that it only led the players to play physical game instead of making any concerted effort.

As the match grew older, the middle of the pitch, which was totally damaged by then, became a no-man's land with players from both teams trying hard not to step on to the injury-inviting zone.

Despite the unplayable ground condition, Mohammedan got a couple of opportunities in the first half. They came close to scoring when Motiur Munna lobbed a neat cross from the right, which Nakib headed wide off the mark.

Mohammedan created their best chance three minutes away from the short whistle when Nakib needed only to shot the ball into an empty net. But he not only missed it but also found himself lying on the ground at the courtesy of slippery turf.

The second half was a spectator's delight. The other notable incident apart from the late goal was an eight-minute suspension of the game following a foul committed by Jahangir of Mohammedan against Badda's custodian Ponir.

Jahangir apparently knocked his marker Monwar down while Badda were about to take a free kick from outside the Mohammedan box. Although the incident failed to catch the attention of referee Maruf Shikder, he made it up by consulting

Referee: Maruf Shikder

TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division
 Abahani v Arambagh KS
 (5:30 pm)

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium



SHAMILA BATOHI

Delhi Crime Branch chief K.K. Paul, meanwhile, said the interim report of the King Commission was not relevant to the Indian police investigation.

Batohi is hoping to return home with copies of eight audio cassettes which purportedly contain Cronje's conversations with a London-based Indian bookie, Sanjeev Chawla, during South Africa's tour of India in March.

"Probably they will have to come back for it (Cronje tapes)," said Delhi Police Commissioner Ajay Raj Sharma, explaining how complex legal hurdles prevented him from handing over the incriminating tapes.

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The police chief said the South African authorities will have to appeal to the Indian judiciary for copies of the tapes, which have been sealed by Delhi Police crime branch detectives as "court property."

Sharma said since Batohi and her deputy Jeff Edwards were scheduled to return home Friday it would not be possible for the pair to clear the legal procedures in just two days.

Batohi, who arrived in India on Saturday, has met Sharma and a host of senior detectives in the past two days but the procedural hurdles have dashed her hopes of collecting legally valid evidence in India.

She on her part has, however, told Sharma that samples of Cronje's voice would be sent to the Delhi Police once a court in South Africa granted permission.

Detectives here claim that they secretly taped conversations of Cronje and London-based Indian bookie Sanjeev Chawla before slapping the match-fixing charges.

They plan to use the recorded conversations as evidence against Cronje in a court. The case is likely to go up for trial next month.

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that it (King Commission) is not a regular court but a commission of enquiry. Its status is different," Paul argued.

Batohi had come armed with copies of the report but during her talk the police here informed her that the crime branch had already downloaded it from Internet, sources said.

"In short, she had nothing in hand while bargaining with us," the source added.

The South African prosecutor also hopes to meet two Indian bookies, Rajesh Kafra and Kishan Kumar, who were arrested in connection with the scandal and later released on bail.

Batohi is also likely to meet with Indian cricket board officials during her stay in India, sources said.

An Indian federal inquiry into match-fixing and corruption is likely to point fingers at several national and overseas cricketers later this month.

Safin sent packing**TEENNIS**

SYDNEY, Sept 20: Barely 24 hours after arriving in Australia, US Open champion Marat Safin was bounced out of the Olympic tennis tournament by Frenchman Fabrice Santoro 1-6, 6-1, 6-4, reports AP.

The top men's seed won the President's Cup on Monday in Uzbekistan. That victory moved the 20-year-old Russian ahead of Petri Sampras in the ATP Champions' Race, but the wear and tear of the last month finally caught up with him.

Lindsay Davenport, the top-seeded woman and defending gold medalist, won her opening match against Paul Stacar of Argentina, 6-2, 6-2. That made the US women 3-0, with No 2 seeded Venus Williams and No 3 Monica Seles winning Tuesday.

The competition is very strong here, mostly from my teammates," Davenport said. "Obviously we would like to sweep the medals. We think we have a good chance to do that."

Tenth-seeded Russian Elena Dementieva, a semifinalist at the US Open earlier this month, eliminated wildcard Miroslava Vavrinec of Switzerland 6-1, 6-1, No. 14 Ai Sugiyama of Japan lost to Australian Jelena Dokić 6-0, 7-6.

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Raj Shah eying gold

Sports Reporter

Raj Shah, a Bangladeshi American girl, has her sights set for a gold medal for the women's rowing event at the Olympics in Sydney, according to a message from Albany, New York. She is the Coxswain (captain) of the US national Women's Eight which is participating at the Olympics. Earlier her team finished runners up to Romania in the past two world championships held in Cologne in 1998 and Ontario in 1999.

Her father Dhiraj Shah who is from Jessore and graduated from Dhaka Medical College and later emigrated to America, is the Director of the Institute of Vascular Health at Albany. Dr Dhiraj is planning to found a hospital in Dhaka. Raj's mother who is from Bogra is an eminent painter and held solo exhibitions in New York and Boston.

Raj Shah, 25, also coxed for both men's and women's team at Brown University. At Brown she coxed men's team to back to back national championships in 1994 and 1995 before graduating.

She is now studying for Master's in Physiology at San Diego State University and plans to attend medical school to follow her father's path.

Tom McCarthy b'ball

BKSP, BAF Shaheen in last four

Sports Reporter

BKSP and BAF Shaheen College sailed into the semifinals of the Tom McCarthy School basketball tournament after winning their respective games held at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium yesterday.

BKSP won the first match 94-33 against Saint Joseph High School.

The winners led the first half 43-20.

BKSP's Amjad and Shaheen caged in 18 and 16 points respectively.

In the other match, BAF Shaheen College recorded a 78-36 victory over Sunbeams.

Adnan scored highest 24 points for the winners.

BKSP will take on Saint Gregory High School in the first semifinal while BAF Shaheen College will meet BN School in the second semifinal today.

Indo-Pak war in KL?

LONDON, Sept 19 (Internet report): Kuala Lumpur may host the Sahara Cup series between India and Pakistan next year, the Gulf News reported on Tuesday.

Although the Indian government is yet to decide, plans have been made to renew the series previously held in Toronto. The series of the last two years series were cancelled as the Indian government refused permission for the national side to meet Pakistan in light of the Kashmir crisis.

"The PCB has entered into an agreement with Sahara Television to stage the series next year in Kuala Lumpur," Zahid Bashir, marketing advisor of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) told the newspaper.

"We have got a written offer of 13 million USD from Sahara Television to play against India for the next five years in Kuala Lumpur. Sahara Television officials will also be talking to India and try to enter into an agreement soon."

"Sahara Television is yet to approach us. We are yet to hear from them," board secretary Jaywant Lele told Gulf News.

Nat'l boat race

The 25th national boat race will be held on November 23 and 24 at Baridhara Lake and Buriganga river adjacent to China-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge respectively, reports BSS.

The events are as follows: Three-oar (men) boat, seven-oar (men) boat, three-oar (women) boat, seven-oar (women) boat, 25-oar (men) boat (international standard), 50-oar (men) boat (Koshia), fifty-oar (men) boat (Sareng-type) and 50-oar (men) boat (chip).

Bangladesh Rowing Federation requested all divisions, affiliated districts, services teams, organisations and affiliated clubs to send their entries with fees to its Bangabandhu National Stadium office by October 5.

Making his Olympic debut at 31, Tarango beat wildcard Diego Camacho of Bolivia 6-0, 6-1, No. 16 seeded Michael Chang then lost to wildcard Sebastien Lareau of Canada 7-6, 6-3, joining Todd Martin and Vince Spadea on the sidelines.

A grim Chang shook his head when asked about the disappointing US men's showing.

"I can't find the words to tell you," he said.

Tarango became the oldest man to compete for the United States in Olympic tennis since Titanic survivor Richard Norris Williams, who played in the 1924 Games at age 32. Williams was no relation to the Richard Williams who is Venus' father.

Tarango had no trouble against Camacho, a 17-year-old who has no professional ranking. Tarango swept the first 10 games and completed the victory in 49 minutes.

Russel of Rajshahi reached the boys' under-16 final defeating Babu of BKSP 6-4, 6-2.

The matches will resume on September 27.

Sonali Bank Kamaled

Sports Reporter

A fabulous five-goal burst from ace national forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal powered Usha Krira Chakra to a 12-2 demolition of Sonali Bank in a Green Delta Premier Division hockey league return leg fixture yesterday.

Kamal, who is in devastating form this season, scored twice in the first session and then added three more after the breather to take his personal goal tally to 18-only second to Mohammedan's Shamim Reza's league high-est of 20.

Kamal apart Moududur Rahman Shuvrothree goals. Pakistani recruit Mohammad Saqlain (two goals) and Mamunur Rashid (two goals) also joined in the party.

Bank skipper Inteza Quader Guddu was the scorer of both his team's goals.

Usha who has 28 points from 12 matches, can now fancy their chances of finishing runners up to runaway leaders and defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club (36 points from 12 games). Abahani are Usha's main rivals with 26 points having played one game less than Usha.

Kamal made his intentions clear as early as in the second minute when he flicked home a Raja cross. Saqlain doubled the

lead going into the break.

Guddu made it 2-5 from another