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2	Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?	Wasim	Wasim	Moin
3	Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?	Abdur	Akram	Nasir
4	Who won the AB Bank Men's TT title?	Armanola	Bupan	Mario
5	Who was voted Germany's footballer-of-the-year in 2000?	Kahn	Samer	Reuter

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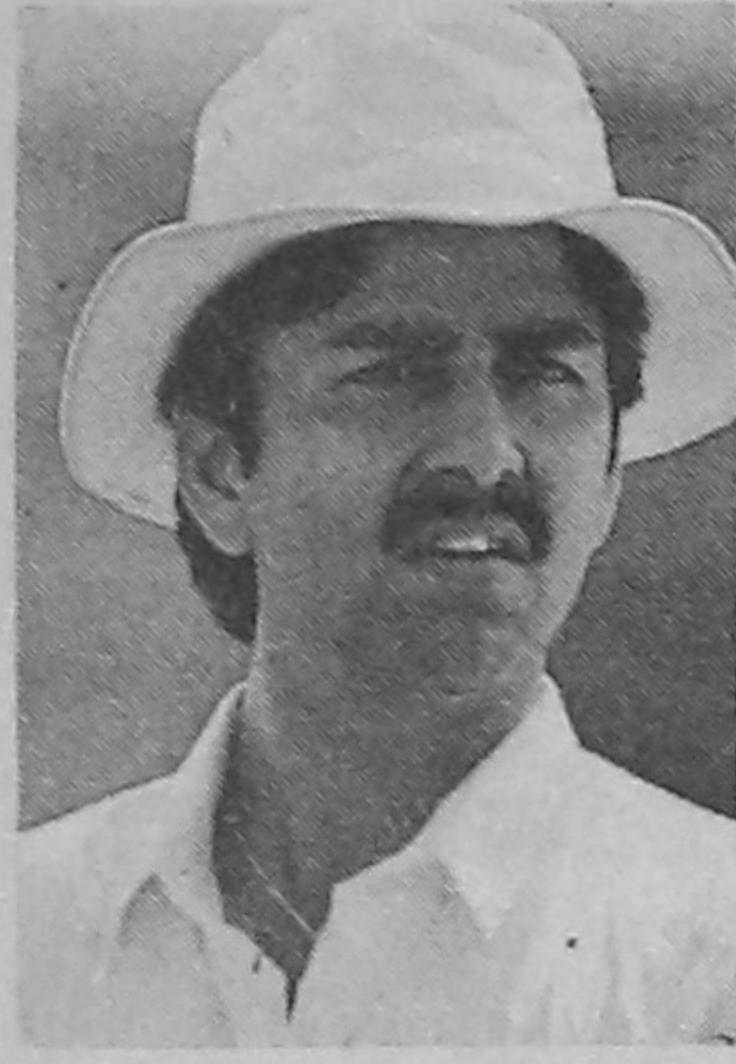
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SPORTS TALK



Manoj Prabhakar

(Former Indian Test star)

"I congratulate the selectors for taking such bold step. I'm sure that this will serve as a lesson to others. What has happened is for the good of Indian cricket, the system has to be changed."

On the omissions of Azharuddin, Jadeja and Nikhil Chopra from the Indian team for Kenya ICC Knockout tournament due to their alleged involvement in match-fixing.

Fingers crossed

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Liant Pakistanis have had a topsy-turvy tournament, starting with an uninspiring 2-2 draw against unfeasted Canada, a 8-1 romp over Britain followed by a last-gasp draw against Malaysia.

But they have one of the best penalty corner marksmen in the business, Sohail Abbas, whose six goals make him the second-highest scorer in the competition behind Jorge Lombo of Argentina.

"The world champions are tough to beat but winning is our only option," Pakistani manager Ishaquddin Siddiqui said.

"We will attack from the start and hope for the best. All the pressure will be on the Dutch."

There will also be pressure for hosts Australia, looking for their first Olympic gold despite a top-four finish in seven of their last eight appearances.

A draw against the Koreans will see the Kookaburras through, as long as they don't buckle under the pressure of performing before their vocal home supporters.

Australia also enjoy a better record, having lost just one match to South Korea in 26 meetings. In their last face-off at the Champions Trophy in May, Australia won 2-0.

South Korea's veteran manager Kim Sang-Ryul was, however, not worried by the track record.

Intercontinental

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The United States - who have reached the last four at the 12th time of asking - showed in their win over Japan, eventually secured on penalties - that they will be a tough proposition, built around their strong uncompromising back four.

They strolled out Japanese playmaker Hidetoshi Nakata for special treatment on Saturday and may target Spain's AC Milan striker Jose Mari.

The Americans also have a potential world star in Bayer Leverkusen's 18-year-old prodigy Landon Donovan.

However - discounting the penalty shoot-out victory over Japan - the US has drawn three of their four games in the competition, only beating the all-american Kuwaiti team inside 90 minutes. Spain might prove a step too far for them now.



Players and officials of Mohammedan Sporting Club, who have already ensured this year's league title by winning their match against Mariner Young's Club yesterday, pose for photographs after the game at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

—Star photo

MSC champs untested

Sports Reporter

Runaway leaders
Mohammedan Sporting Club became the first team in the history of Dhaka to clinch the prestigious Premier League title four times in a row.

The recipe of success owed a lot to the arrival of Tahir Zaman and Shahbaz Ahmed. Their presence especially Tahir's, who besides taking on the role of play-maker also discharged the duties of coach this season, has led some to believe that Mohammedan have monopolised the local hockey scene.

The popular Motijheel outfit with still two matches to play, confirmed the title when they dealt powerful Mariner Youngs Club a 8-1 drubbing in their return leg clash at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

It was Mohammedan's 14th straight victory and took their impressive tally to 42 points, 10 more than second placed Abahani.

The result also eclipsed Abahani's reign as champions from 1975 to 1978. Besides, Mohammedan also equalled their arch rivals feat of lifting the crown nine times.

The invincible black and whites wrap up their campaign with matches against Abahani and Usha Krira Chakra respectively.

The champions unlike their first round meeting in which Mohammedan fought out a 3-2 victory, found the going smooth this time.

Mohammedan, spearheaded by former Pakistan skippers Shahbaz and Tahir, toyed with their neighbours to score four goals in each half.

Tahir demonstrated his vast experience to dictate the pattern of play from the defence.

"Today our plan was to score through the local players as both I and Shahbaz would be tightly marked. And I think our tactics worked out perfectly judging from the scoreline," said Tahir who is playing his fourth successive season for Mohammedan.

"This season gives me immense satisfaction because my deeds will be recalled when people talk about the success of Mohammedan in the days to come," said the Falsalabandhu-based player who has yet to officially retire from the international scene, but regards his chances very slim to be included in the national team.

"I could have played in Olympics but due to a difference of opinion with the selectors I withdrew my name from the list of probables," he said.

Tahir hopes to play for the holders next season too.

Back to the day's match, forward Mahbubul Ehsan Rana scored four goals while his prolific partner Shamim Reza goal.

added two for Mohammedan. Midfielder Ashiquzzaman and wizard Shahbaz Ahmed increased the margin with a goal each.

On the other hand, mid-fielder Younis Biswas grabbed a consolation goal for the Arambagh-based club which remained fourth in the table with

mouth melee.

Rana then slammed his third from a Tahir pass in the 58th minute while maestro Shahbaz, playing his first match for the club since appearing in the first leg, showed why he is called the Maradona of hockey with a classic goal from the right following a solo

goal.

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Pak court rejects 'fix' petition

Badda beat Victoria

Sports Reporter

Badda Jagarani Sangsad recorded their second win in the National Bank Premier Division Football League with a 3-1 victory against Victoria Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Fatal substitute Lajuk and captain Monwar scored one goal each for the winners. For Victoria, Polo scored a consolation goal.

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KARACHI, Sept 25 (AFP): A superior court Monday dismissed as a publicity move a local lawyer's petition seeking jail terms for cricketers already fined through a match-fixing report, a court official said.

Justice Sabihuddin Ahmed of the Sindh High Court observed "the petition is aimed at seeking personal publicity."

He also ordered petitioner, Qadir Khan Mandokhail, to pay 10,000 rupees (200 US dollars) as fine, the said.

Mandokhail, 36, in his petition asked the court to jail cricketers found guilty by Justice Malik Mohamad Qayyum for match-fixing.

He said he was disappointed by the verdict and vowed to pursue the case in the country's Supreme Court.

Former Pakistan captain Salim Malik and pacer Ataur Rehman were banned for life by the Qayyum report.

Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Mushtaq Ahmed, Inzamamul Haq, Saeed Anwar and Akram Raza were fined between 200 dollars and 10,000 dollars after the report was made public last May.

run in the 68th minute.

"Usually I prefer to feed others instead of scoring myself. But seeing I was in a position to score I could not resist the opportunity."

I will probably play in the next match against Usha and that is going to be the last competitive match of my life," revealed the 36-year old legend.

Shahbaz inspired Rana to drive the last nail of Mariner's coffin with a well judged pass in the next minute.

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