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- Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?
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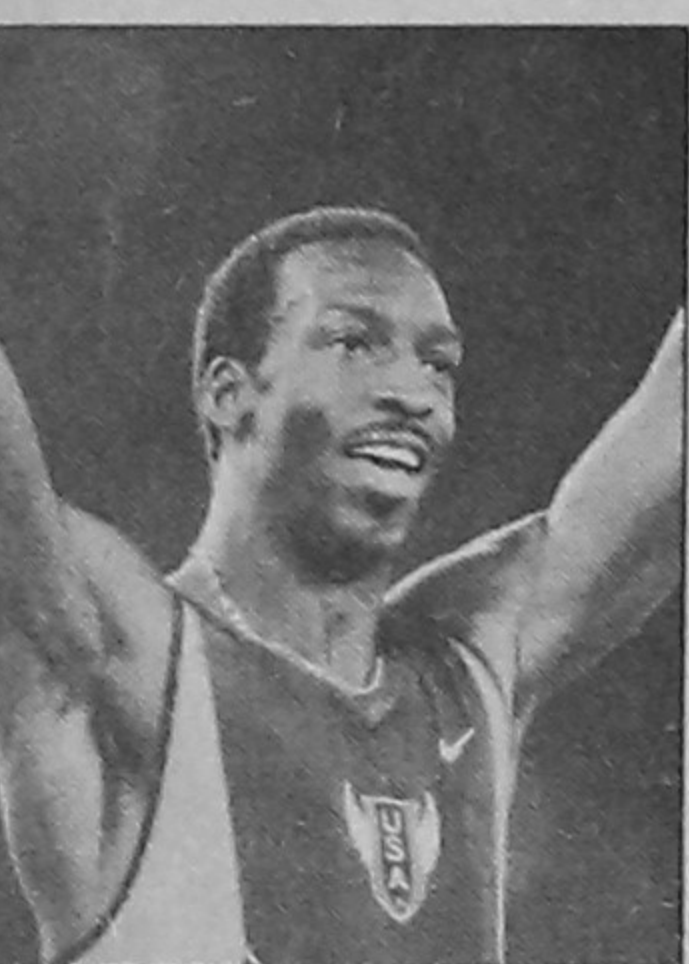
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Michael Johnson

(Sprinting legend)
"I just went out and did what I have been doing for the past ten years and tonight feels just as good as the first time."
After winning the 400 metres gold at the Sydney Games on Monday.

Indian fixing report delayed

NEW DELHI, Sept 26 (Internet report): The submission of the interim report of India's Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into allegations of match-fixing in cricket will be delayed by a week.

The report was originally planned to be submitted by this Friday. It is expected to list corruption charges against two English and three Pakistani cricketers. AFP reported earlier this month.

"We are seeking legal assistance on the evidence we have collected against some persons which might delay the submission of the interim report to the government," CBI joint director R N Sawani told the India Abroad News Service.

"We are taking legal opinion whether the evidence we have collected constitute an offence and whether action can be taken against a person found to be involved in match-fixing."

The agency had registered a preliminary inquiry (PE) into the case on May 2. To prepare the report, the CBI examined more than 100 people that included cricketers, cricket authorities and suspected bookies.

The CBI recorded statement of cricketers Mohammad Azharuddin, Manoj Prabhakar, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Nayan Mongia, Prashant Vaidya, Nikhil Chopra, former Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president I S Bindra and treasurer Kishore Rungta, former team manager Ajit Wadekar and former physiotherapist Ali Irani.

Gibbs off to a duck start

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 26 (Internet report): Gibbs was out for a duck off the fourth ball of the innings, leaving him with some work to do in seeking to re-claim his place in the South African team at the start of 2001.

Gibbs was given a six-month ban from international cricket by the United Cricket Board disciplinary committee for his part in the match-fixing scandal surrounding former captain Hansie Cronje.

The ban, which runs until December 31, was punishment for having agreed to Cronje's proposal to underperform in a one-day international against India in Nagpur on March 19, although he failed to perform poorly.

However, the ban does not apply to provincial matches. In the pre-season friendly, being played in Johannesburg, Gauteng batted first and scored 307/1 declared, thanks to centuries by Adam Bacher (106 retired hurt) and Sven Koenig (119).



Goalmouth action during the National Bank Premier Division Football League encounter between Brothers Union and Dhanmondi at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

R'ganj win old-town derby

Sports Reporter



Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society improved their prospects of playing in the 'super four' of the National Bank Premier Division Football League when they outplayed old-town neighbours Farashganj Sporting Club 3-1 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Skipper Saifur Rahman Moui kept up his sublime form netting twice while substitute Milan added the third for the winners who led the first half 2-1.

A penalty by Farashganj captain Ajmal Hossain Bidyut was their only consolation. Rahmatganj's fourth win on the trot brightened their chances of joining leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani and Mukhtijoddha Sangsad.

They moved into fourth place by raising their tally to 12 points from seven matches. A third defeat for fifth-placed Farashganj effectively killed off their own super four ambitions as they remained on eight points.

Rahmatganj, who barely escaped relegation -- finishing eighth in the ten-team table last season -- made a brilliant start against their neighbours. Monti, on target in the last four matches, broke the deadlock with a piece of individual brilliance in the 21st minute.

After receiving a long ball inside the danger area the na-

tional striker turned before unleashing a left footer past Farashganj custodian Abir.

Milan, replacing youngster Fakhrul Amin early in the first half, doubled the margin with a magnificent volley from the top of the box in the 40th minute.

Farashganj reduced their arrears two minutes before the breather through a penalty after Rahmatganj defender Apu brought down striker Alamgir.

Bidyut stepped up to send Rahmatganj's Nepalese custodian Upendra Man Singh the wrong way.

Farashganj's could have equalised during the closing seconds of the first half, had Jalal's angular shot from the right side not hit the post after defeating a diving Man Singh.

After surviving the close call, Rahmatganj sealed their win when Monti capitalised on a Shamim pass in the 52nd minute.

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In the other match of the day, Dhanmondi Club defeated Brothers Union through tie-breaker (6-5) after the regulation 90 minutes ended in a one-all draw.

Manju put Dhanmondi ahead with a header in the third minute while Basanta Thapa equalised for Gopibagh outfit in the 31st minute.

TODAY'S MATCH

Arambagh KS v Victoria SC (5:30 pm)
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

POINTS TABLE

(Tabulated under, match, win, win in tie-breaker, loss, loss in tie-breaker, goals for, goals against, points):								
Mohammedan	7	7	-	-	-	19	2	21
Abahani	7	6	-	1	-	17	3	18
Mukhtijoddha	7	5	1	-	1	11	2	18
Rahmatganj	7	4	-	3	-	9	9	12
Farashganj	7	2	-	3	2	5	9	8
Dhanmondi	7	1	2	3	1	6	13	8
Arambagh	7	1	2	4	-	3	11	7
Badda	7	2	-	5	-	6	6	6
Brothers Union	7	1	-	4	2	3	10	5
Victoria	7	1	1	6	-	8	20	2

Hattricks: Nakib (Mohammedan) against Dhanmondi, IM Vijayan (Mukhtijoddha) against Rahmatganj and Manju (Dhanmondi) against Victoria.
Leading scorers: 9 goals -- Nakib (Mohammedan), 8 goals -- Kennedy (Abahani), 6 goals -- Monti (Rahmatganj), 5 goals -- Manju (Dhanmondi), 4 goals -- Alfaz (Mohammedan), Asif (Mukhtijoddha), 3 goals -- IM Vijayan (Mukhtijoddha), Don (Abahani), Sohail (Victoria).



Scene from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League engagement between Abahani and Usha at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

—Star photo

China craving for 2008 Games

BEIJING, Sept 26: China's unprecedented golden haul at the Sydney Olympics has whipped up a wave of patriotic fervour and fuelled Beijing's already swaggering campaign to host the 2008 Games, reports AFP.

"What a great leap forward, what glory, we are proud of our athletes and the Chinese people," gushed the official Sports Daily after the Chinese team's medal tally soared to 22 golds after Tuesday's events.

Chinese sports officials had been filled with gloom even before 27 athletes were thrown off the team for doping on the eve of the games, saying China would be pressed to match the 16 golds won in Atlanta in 1996.

China was still hugging second place in the medals table behind the United States on Tuesday -- much to the delight of the committee running Beijing's bid for the 2008 Games. "Chinese athletes have never before obtained such good re-

sults and this will of course be a major boost for our candidacy," Guo Tan, spokesman for the bidding committee, told AFP.

The government is making a very high-profile play for the right of one fifth of humanity to stage the event, and Beijing is already festooned with 2008 banners.

A casual visitor would assume Beijing had already won, but although a hot favourite it must beat Paris, Osaka, Toronto and Istanbul in a vote by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in July next year.

State television is giving blanket coverage to Chinese success while ignoring superstar events on the track or in the pool where a series of drug scandals have left China embarrassed.

Millions of ordinary Chinese have been glued to the patriotic coverage thanks to television screens positioned around stations, airports and shopping

centres. The main channel shows every Chinese medal ceremony on every news bulletin, complete with teary-eyed Chinese athletes choking with pride.

Monday's bulletins featured three gold medals during which the national anthem was played from start to finish on each occasion.

China's tightly-controlled state press has been churning out special picture supplements pumped full of patriotic prose. "The dragon is dancing, the eagle has spread its wings," the Sports Daily waxed lyrical, while the Life Times Daily drew more on old fashioned Communist rhetoric for the headline "Hard work will always be repaid."

Sport in China, as in many communist countries, is an object of immense national pride and the authorities spend vast sums of money nurturing athletes even though hundreds of millions of Chinese still live in poverty.

Bd, Kenya play tomorrow

Bangladesh will play their first practice match against hosts Kenya on Thursday before their battle with England in the ICC Knock-out Tournament on October 5, reports UNB.

The Test babies will play another practice match against Sri Lanka on October 1.

The Bangladesh national cricket team left the city on Sunday for Nairobi to participate in the 11-nation tourney beginning in the Kenyan capital from October 3.

Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Sept 26: Khokon Smriti Pathagar defeated Chandradrip Pathagar-O-Club 4-1 in the Abdur Rab Serniabat First Division football league at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium today.

Five Star Club will face Confidence Club tomorrow at the same venue.

Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Sept 26: Taltola, Ali Smriti, Ambagan Club and Zinnaganar Club won their respective matches of the Mayor Cup football tournament last night at Collegiate School play ground.

Taltola blanked Ranibazar 6-0 in the first match. Sad made a hat-trick.

All Smriti defeated Reliance Club 1-0 in the second match.

In the third match, Ambagan defeated Islam Smriti by 1-0.

Meanwhile, Rangpur District emerged champions in the Rajshahi Divisional women's handball competition today at Riverview School play ground.

Rangpur defeated Rajshahi 17-11 in the final.

DRU carom semis today

Sports Reporter

The semifinals of the carom competition of Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) will be held today.

Uttam Chakravarty of Abashi meets Mujibur Rahman of Sonali Barta in the first semifinal and Arif Sohel of Bangladesh Patrika takes on the convenor of the tournament Mohsinul Karim Lebu of Mukhtakhantha in the other match.

The final is on September 28.

Meanwhile, the pairings for the doubles event scheduled to be held on September 30, have also been decided.

Mahmudur Rahman Khokon of Abashi and his partner Mujibur Rahman will face Uttam and Lebu in the final.

Kiwis to rotate injured bowlers

HARARE, Sept 26 (Internet report): All-rounder Chris Cairns, with a knee problem, and left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori, with a back problem, have already dropped out of the series.

Two other bowlers still in the squad, pace pair Dion Nash and Geoff Allott, are still recovering from back injuries that have limited their appearances in the past year.

"We have to look at rotating our scarce bowling resources and this means Nash and Allott are unlikely to play in all three one-day internationals against Zimbabwe," New Zealand coach David Trist said in a statement issued in New Zealand.

A shortened batting order is likely in the first one day in Harare to give more bowling options, with the extra bowler likely to be paceman Daryl Tuffey or off-spinner Paryl Wiseman, Trist said.

Cairns has gone to South Africa for treatment on a knee problem, and is expected to join the side in Nairobi for the ICC Trophy, which begins early next month. Vettori, though, has returned to New Zealand for scans on his re-injured back, and will certainly miss the tournament.

Jones stands

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International athletics officials are worried that the C.J. scandal could harm her gold medal chances. They also fear that her husband's drug taking could spread suspicion to her.

Jones is athletics most valuable asset. Her winning smile and stunning ability on the track makes her a sure fire hit with the public -- something that the sport has missed since the retirement of Carl Lewis.

"Jones is vital for the sport. She is the one athlete who can create chances in the sport. Any damage to her would be devastating," said one official. "She is a great natural athlete and needs to be protected from any rumours."

Jones has made no secret of her opposition to drug taking by athletes.

When Merlene Ottey was alleged to have taken drugs shortly before the World Championships in Seville last year, Jones was quick to speak out.

"Our beautiful and lovely sport has been marred," said Jones. "We have started the championships on a negative note. Hopefully our performances on the track will overshadow all of this."

Athletic officials will be hoping her words are heeded.

Akram may appeal



KARACHI, Sept 26: Star Pakistani all-rounder and former captain Wasim Akram said Tuesday he was considering an appeal against a fine for his alleged involvement in match-fixing.

"I received a show cause notice from Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and will consult my lawyer Khawaja Tariq Rahim before appealing against the fine," Akram told AFP.

The former captain was fined 300,000 rupees (about 5,000 dollars) and censured in the report on a match-fixing probe released in May.

Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum's report imposed a ban for life on Salim Malik and Ataur Rehman, while five senior players Waqar Yousif, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Mushtaq Ahmed, Saeed Anwar and Akram Raza were also fined.

Wasim said he was pleased to hear that a petition against all those mentioned in the report was dismissed in Sindh High court on Monday.



WASIM AKRAM

"I am happy and relieved, but it's sad that people try to get publicity by disturbing their national heroes," he said.

Local lawyer Qadir Khan Mandokhail, 36, filed a petition last month requesting the cricketers censured in Qayyum's report be jailed.

Justice Sabihuddin Ahmed dismissed the plea, and said "the petition is aimed at seeking personal publicity." He also imposed a fine of 10,000 rupees on the petitioner.

Censured cricketer, Akram, welcomed the verdict. "If two or three people get such treatment, then no one else will dare."

Akram was optimistic about Pakistan's chances in the forthcoming ICC tournament in Kenya.

"I am fit and will hopefully do my best in the coming season. We have a good team and will do well," he said.

Savon's counter punch

BOXING

SYDNEY, Sept 26: The great Felix Savon erased doubts his stellar career was on the slide by stopping US world champion heavyweight Michael Bennett in the marquee fight of the Olympics so far Tuesday, reports AFP.

The fight, eagerly awaited since Savon's no-show gifted the World Championship title to Bennett in Houston last year, lifted the Cuban colossus into Thursday's semifinals and two wins away from claiming his third Olympic gold medal.

He is out to equal the record of Hungarian László Papp and countryman Teófilo Stevenson with three boxing golds each.

Savon's mastery of the less experienced Bennett was the psychological boost for the Cubans heading into the business end of the tournament with fierce rivals USA losing Bennett and middleweight Jeff Lacy on Tuesday. The US have five boxers left, Cuba have 10.

The Cubans got both their boxers through to the semifinals on Tuesday. Lightweight Mario Kindelan looked all class in stopping Tigran Ouzlian of Greece on the 15-point rule (24-9) in the fourth round.

Gaidarbek Gaidarbekov out-boxed Lacy to cap a dominant session for the Russians winning all four of their quarterfinal bouts. Lacy could not come to terms with the awkward Gaidarbekov.

darbekov, who amassed an 18-3 lead when the referee stopped the fight 1:49 into the third round on the 15-point rule.

In the fight that packed out the arena, Savon was leading Bennett 23-9 when the referee stopped the bout under the 15-point rule with three seconds left in the third round.

Savon will fight Germany's Sebastian Kober in the semifinals on Thursday after Kober accounted for Canadian Mark Simmons.

Bennett was scheduled to face Savon in the World Championship final last August but the Cuban defaulted in protest against a disputed decision that went against a teammate.

Savon, with his enormous reach and dynamite right, had too much ring craft for the less experienced but much-touted American, who leaves the Olympics without a medal.

The Cuban built a 17-6 lead by the end of the second round and just when he appeared certain to clinch victory early in the third, Bennett caught him with two jolting right hooks.

Yet he returned to his powerful left jab to go on and secure victory.

The last American boxer to win an Olympic heavyweight title was Ray Mercer at Seoul in 1988. Those games were boycotted by Cuba.

Head Cuban coach Alcides Sagarra forbids his boxers to speak to the media during

tournaments, and Savon did not appear at a press conference with Bennett after the bout.

"Savon was the better warrior than me on the day, but I'm not ashamed of my performance because I dug down deep and did my professional best," said Bennett.

"I threw too many straight shots and let my heart take over when I should have kept patient and stayed focused and kept my head. I just gave up too many easy shots."

"I felt I hurt him in the third round because I have the power but he was able to sustain that punch and keep going as the true warrior he is."

Bennett would not criticise the 15-point rule which ended the eagerly-awaited bout one round early and which was greeted by boos from the capacity crowd.

"Rules and rules and I have no quarrel over the 15-point rule and that's the way it's got to be done, maybe they could look into it the next time."

Bennett, as team captain, urged his team to fight on after the loss of two more fighters Tuesday.

"Just hang on, don't give up, don't quit, only the strong survive."

Sobers' 'Six' bat on sale

LONDON, Sept 26: The bat with which Sir Garfield Sobers hit a world record six sixes in an over is to be auctioned at Christie's, Melbourne on October 4, reports AFP.

The short-handed Slazenger is expected to fetch up to 45,000 pounds (\$63,000 dollars). It helped Sobers make history on August 31 1968 when the West Indies left-hander was playing for Nottinghamshire against Glamorgan at Swansea.

Malcolm Nash was the unfortunate bowler. Normally a left-arm new ball bowler, he was bowling left-arm spin instead.

Nash saw his first two deliveries disappear into the stands of the Cricketer's Inn.

The third went into the pavilion enclosure and the fourth was sent over the scoreboard. The fifth was driven straight and although Roger Davis caught it he fell over the boundary in the process, causing another six to be signalled.

Sobers fiercely pulled the sixth ball out of the ground and into St Helen's Avenue. The ball itself was not found until the following day.

India Test cricketer Ravi Shastri equalled Sobers' record when batting for Bombay against Baroda at Bombay in 1984-85 he also struck six sixes. Tilak Raj the luckless bowler.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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