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1 Who scored the first hattrick in this year's Fed Cup football?

Ritu Kaushal Tameer

2 Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?

Wasim Waqar Moin

3 Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?

Abdur Razzaq Nazir

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

Armanita Biman Mariners

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

Kahn Sommer Reuter

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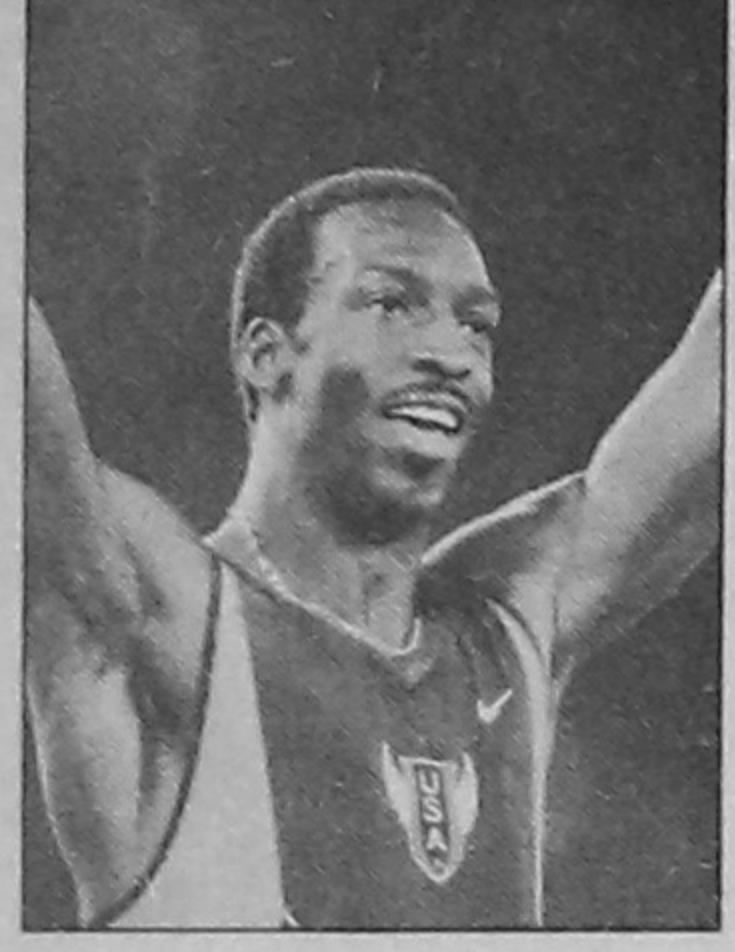
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SPORTS TALK



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 (PI) 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 Monga, 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 not out) and Sven Koenig (111).



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 Moni 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 Bidut was their only consolation.

Rahmatganj's fourth win on the trot brightened their chances of joining leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club, Abahani and Muktijoddha Sangsads.

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.

Moni, 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's defender Apu brought down striker Alamgir.

Bidut stepped up to send Rahmatganj's Nepalese custodian Upendra Man Singh the 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.

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
Aabahani	7	6	-	1	17	3
Muktijoddha	7	5	1	-	11	2
Rahmatganj	7	4	-	3	9	12
Farashganj	7	2	-	3	2	8
Dhanmondi	7	1	2	3	1	6
Arambagh	7	1	2	4	-	3
Badda	7	2	-	5	-	6
Brothers Union	7	1	-	4	2	3
Victoria	7	1	-	1	6	0

Hattricks: Nakib (Mohammedan) against Dhanmondi, IM Vijayan (Muktijoddha) against Rahmatganj and Manju (Dhanmondi) against Victoria.

Leading scorers: 9 goals -- Nakib (Mohammedan), 8 goals -- Kennedy (Aabahani), 6 goals -- Moni (Rahmatganj), 5 goals -- Manju (Dhanmondi), 4 goals -- Alfaz (Mohammedan), Asif (Muktijoddha), 3 goals -- IM Vijayan (Muktijoddha), Don (Aabahani), Sohel (Victoria).



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

—Star photo

Usha oust Abahani

Sports Reporter

Usha Krira Chakra revived their hopes of a runners-up spot in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with a 2-0 win over rivals Abahani at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Mohammad Saqlain scored both goals in the space of nine minutes.

The tall Lahore-based player gave Usha the lead converting a short-corner in the 54th minute and then sealed Abahani's fate with a field goal in the 63rd minute.

Usha ousted Abahani from the second position by raising their tally to 34 points from 12 matches, eight points short of Mohammedan Sporting Club who have already confirmed their fourth title in a row after defeating Mariner Young Club 8-1 on Monday.

On the other hand, Abahani have 32 points from 14 matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Farashganj v Bangladesh SC (2 pm)

Azad SC v Sonali Bank (3:45 pm)

Venue: Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

—Star photo

China craving for 2008 Games

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 games, presenting it as 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 to 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 super-star events on the track or in the pool where a series of drug scandals have left China embarrassingly impotent.

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.

"Jones is vital for the sport. She is the one athlete who can draw interest 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.

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 babes will play another practice match against Sri Lanka on October 1.

The Bangladeshi 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 Chandrapur Pathagar O-Club 4-1 in the Abdur Rab Seearab First Division football league at the Abdur Rab Seearab 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 Zinnanagar 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 hattrick.

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 Union (DRU) will be held today.

Uttam Chakravarty of Abash meets Mujibur Rahman of Sonali Barta in the first semifinal and Arif Sohel of Banglazabur Patrika takes on the convenor of the tournament Mohsinul Karim Lebu of Muktagantha 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 Abash and his partner Mujibur Rahman will face Uttam and Lebu in the final.

Kiwis to rotate injured bowlers

Sports Reporter

HARARE, Sept 26 (Internet report): All-round 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