

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

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Sept 29, 2000 and draw  
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1 Who scored the first hat-trick  
in this year's Fed Cup  
football?

Rita Kanchan Tanveer

2 Who is Pakistan's cricket  
team captain?

Wasim Waqar Moin

3 Who is the captain of  
Bangladesh cricket team?

Amrul Akram Naurur

4 Who won the AB Bank Men's  
T10 title?

Armanul Buan Mariner

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

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## SPORTS TALK



Wasim Akram

(Former Pakistan cricket captain)

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

About the forthcoming ICC  
Knock-out tournament in  
Kenya.

## SA stars set for Nairobi return

JOHANNESBURG, Sept 27  
(Internet report): With Allan  
Donald and Mark Boucher re-  
suming practice in their re-  
spective provinces South Afri-  
ca's ICC trophy hopes were  
given a major boost.

Donald missed South Afri-  
ca's tour to Australia and  
Singapore earlier this year as  
his contract with Worcestershire  
did not allow him the time re-  
quired to play in the respective  
ODI-series.

Boucher, the Protea vice-  
captain, missed the Singapore  
series after badly lacerating a  
finger with a knife after South  
Africa's 1-1 draw against Aus-  
tralia in Melbourne's indoor  
Colonial Stadium.

It has also been learned that  
South Africa will play a warm-  
up one-day match against New  
Zealand as part of their prepa-  
ration for the defence of the ICC  
tournament in Nairobi. No date  
has been set.

## Nandrolone, the cheats' choice

SYDNEY, Sept 27: The pow-  
erful anabolic steroid nandrolone  
is now favoured by cheat-  
ing athletes because it is avail-  
able in pill form that makes it  
harder to detect, a senior IOC  
official said Wednesday, reports  
AFP.

International Olympic Com-  
mittee Vice President Jacques  
Rogge also ridiculed a claim by  
America's world champion shot  
putter C. J. Hunter that he had  
tested positive to nandrolone  
because of a contaminated nutri-  
tion supplement.

An emotional Hunter, flanked  
by his wife sprint star Marion Jones,  
denied Tuesday knowingly taking  
nandrolone, despite testing positive  
four times to the banned drug,  
on one occasion up to 1,000  
times above the permitted level.

But Rogge, a doctor and vice  
chairman of the IOC medical  
commission, said it was impos-  
sible to reach such a concentra-  
tion of nandrolone by taking  
supplements.

"In my opinion there is no  
doubt about it," he told ABC  
radio. "This is not something  
you can have by accidentally  
taking the drug."

He said tests showing such  
a high level could only indicate  
an injection or intake of nandrolone  
pills.

Rogge said more athletes  
were using nandrolone because  
it is now available in pill form  
which makes it harder to detect  
than previously when it was  
available only in injectable form.

## Visa mismanagement

# Sloppy work by BCB

Sports Reporter



Unprofessional  
handling of visa  
matters and travel  
expenses has left  
the Bangladesh  
national cricket  
team in disorder.

Bangladesh are expected to  
reach South Africa on October  
8 to play a four-day match and  
three limited-over matches  
against South Africa 'A' follow-  
ing the ICC Knockout Tourna-  
ment commitments in neigh-  
bouring Kenya.

However, according to re-  
ports, the national squad,  
which left for Kenya on Sep-  
tember 24, did not collect their  
visas and for some inexplicable  
reason, weren't provided with  
the money that would bear  
their costs for the South African  
trip.

Fingers are being pointed at  
the Bangladesh Cricket  
Board (BCB) who left it very late  
to apply for the visas. The BCB  
made the request to the South  
African High Commission in  
New Delhi on September 21,  
only three days before the team  
flew to Nairobi.

Understandably, the South  
African HC failed to grant the  
visas as they couldn't get clear-

ance from their Home Ministry  
in such a short time.

It's common procedure to  
apply at least a week in ad-  
vance, but why the BCB waited  
until the last minute is difficult  
to comprehend.

Thankfully, the visa hassle

## Bangladesh play Kenya today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh take on hosts  
Kenya in the port city of Mom-  
bassa today as part of their  
preparations for next week's  
ICC Knockout Tournament  
starting in Nairobi from October  
3.

The newest Test team, led by  
all-rounder Naimur Rahman,  
arrived here on Monday and are  
staying at the Hotel White  
Sands in Mombassa.

They will play another  
warm-up game against Sri  
Lanka on October 1 before  
heading for the Kenyan capital  
the same day.

Bangladesh's first match in  
the 10-nation carnival is  
against England at the Nairobi  
Gymkhana ground on October  
5.

## Knight out of Kenya tour



LONDON, Sept 26  
(AFP): Nick Knight  
has been ruled  
out of England's  
squad for the ICC  
Knockout trophy  
tournament in Kenya next week  
and the one-day series in Paki-  
stan next month.

The Warwickshire batsman  
failed a fitness test on the knee  
injury on Monday, not fully  
recovered from surgery on a  
torn cartilage and his place will  
be taken by Worcestershire's  
Vikram Solanki.

Chairman of selectors David  
Graveney said: "It is a big blow  
losing both Nick and Alan Mul-  
lally. They are both consistent  
one-day performers and have  
been an integral part of our  
one-day set-up for the last few  
years. But their absence gives  
opportunities for other people."

Solanki, 24, was a member  
of England's limited overs set-  
up this summer and will fly out  
to Nairobi with the rest of the  
one-day squad on Thursday.

Graveney added: "Nick is an  
important member of our one-  
day squad and this is deeply  
disappointing news for all con-  
cerned."

Although Nick's injury is  
not a long-term one, we felt it  
would be too much of a risk to  
retain him in the squad for  
Kenya and Pakistan in case of  
further injuries to other players.

"Vikram Solanki made a  
good impression with the one-

day squad in South Africa and  
Zimbabwe last winter and this  
presents him with a further  
opportunity to establish himself  
at senior level."

Knight damaged his left knee  
when he fell awkwardly in a  
National League match against  
Durham.



NICK KNIGHT

Although the operation  
seemed to have been a success,  
the knee swelled up again last  
week and as Knight was un-  
likely to be 100 per cent fit for  
the opening game of the ICC  
tournament against Bangladesh  
on October 5, England decided  
against including him in the  
travelling party.

"I'm massively disappointed  
and frustrated," admitted  
Knight.

"I've been in good form all  
summer. I started the season in  
the Test team, but just recently  
I have had to sit and watch too  
much cricket."

## Latin ladies against hosts

SYDNEY, Sept 27: Argentina  
was assured a first ever Olympic  
hockey medal when its  
women team thrashed New  
Zealand 7-1 here on Wednes-  
day to qualify for the final  
against hosts Australia, reports  
AFP.

Two former champions,  
Spain and the Netherlands, will  
fight for the bronze in a replay  
of Wednesday's super league  
match which the Dutch won  
2-1.

Australia, the reigning  
champions and favourites,  
scored an equally devastating  
5-1 win over China to warm  
up ahead in Friday's final.

Nikki Hudson scored two  
goals to become the tourna-  
ment's leading scorer with six,  
while Julie Towers, Jenny Morris  
and Claire Mitchell-Taverner  
contributed one each for Aus-  
tralia.

But the Hockeyroos, hoping  
to become the first women's  
team to successfully defend the  
Olympic title, would have taken  
note of Argentina's brilliant  
strikes against the Kiwis.

Vanina Oneto pumped in  
four goals and Cecilia Rogoni  
two as the Argentines ran over  
the hapless Kiwis in a one-  
sided game at the State Hockey  
Centre.

Argentina were the only  
team in the six-nation super  
league not to carry forward any  
points from the preliminary  
round.

They finished with nine,  
winning all three second round  
matches against the Nether-  
lands, China and New Zealand.

New Zealand, who needed a  
win to qualify for the final,  
ended on four points.

Argentina had qualified for  
their first Olympics in 12 years  
by defeating the United States  
in the final of the Pan-American  
Games in Canada last year.

"This is a dream for us," Ar-  
gentine coach Sergio Vigil said.

may be over as the team man-  
agement is confident of getting  
the go-ahead from the South  
African HC in Nairobi.

But now the BCB is unsure  
on how to spend the tour budget  
of 78,000 dollars in time.

"The amount should have  
been carried by the team after  
proper endorsement. The team  
is already in Kenya now," said  
BCB general secretary Syed  
Ashraf Hossain while talking to  
The Daily Star over telephone  
last night.

He was optimistic that the  
problem would be solved before  
the tour got underway.

Earlier, Ashraf told AFP  
that "in all probability the trip  
will be canceled as we now have  
multiple problems after not  
getting visas for the team from  
New Delhi. We have logistic  
problems, including funding  
which the team was not carrying... I  
doubt the trip will go ahead."

Interestingly this is not  
the first time that a Bangla-  
desh team has faced visas  
trouble.

In 1998 the New Zealand  
High Commission in New  
Delhi refused to sanction  
visas. Following intervention  
of the New Zealand govern-  
ment the issue was over-  
come.

"The knee swelled up a bit  
last week, but I had the fluid  
drained off and I thought it was  
looking pretty good."

"I did some running on it  
yesterday and the decision was  
delayed to see if I suffered any  
reaction."

"There wasn't any reaction at  
all this morning, but as I  
probably wouldn't have been  
100 per cent fit for the first  
game in Kenya they've decided  
not to risk me."

A decision on whether  
Knight will take his place in  
England's squad for the one-  
day internationals in Sri Lanka  
in 2001 will be taken after the  
Pakistan series.

Wednesday September 27,  
11:01 AM

## Hard-up Zim Get a boost

HARARE, Sept 27 (Internet  
report): The Zimbabwe Cricket  
Union (ZCU) has agreed on a  
new pay formula for its players  
after a year of unrest within the  
squad.

The Zimbabwe players have  
long complained about their  
lack of remuneration but mat-  
ters came to a head in their  
recent tour of England when it  
appeared they were ready to go  
on strike.

As a result a committee  
comprising of an independent  
chairman, Lord Alexander of  
Wheaton, Andy Whittall as the  
players' representative and  
Bryan Thorne of accountants  
Deloitte Touche on behalf of the  
board, was formed to set up a  
new pay scale.

The ZCU have publicly an-  
nounced the findings of this  
committee, "so that the specu-  
lation as to the earnings of our  
players is brought to an end."

## MSC, Muktis meet today

Sports Reporter

Holders Mohammedan  
Sporting Club play Mukti-  
jodha Sangsad in a crucial Na-  
tional Bank Premier Division  
Football League match at the  
Bangabandhu National Sta-  
dium this evening.

The match between the  
popular Motijheel outfit and  
star-studded all-reds kicks off  
at 5:30 pm.

Mohammedan, who have  
won seven straight outings so  
far, are leading the ten-team  
league table with a maximum  
21 points.

Muktijodha are jointly  
sharing second spot with Aba-  
hani on 18 points. Both teams  
played seven matches.

## Green Delta Hockey

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Sporting Club  
and Sonali Bank won their re-  
spective Green Delta Premier  
Division Hockey League  
matches at the Maulana  
Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh Sporting beat  
Farashganj Sporting Club 2-1  
while Sonali Bank then handed  
Azad Sporting Club a 1-3 defeat  
in the second match.

Both newcomers raised their  
tally to 12 and 11 points re-  
spectively from 14 matches  
played.

## TODAY'S MATCH

Mariner Young's Club v Ajax  
SC (4 pm)  
Venue: Maulana Bhasani  
Stadium.

## Arambagh earn full points

Sports Reporter

Arambagh Krira Sangha  
registered their second win in  
the National Bank Premier Di-  
vision Football League with an  
easy 2-0 victory over promoters  
Victoria Sporting Club at the  
Bangabandhu National Sta-  
dium yesterday.

In a one-sided match which  
Motijheel club led 1-0 in the  
first period, Tajpu put the win-  
ners ahead placing home a  
Khokon free kick from outside  
the box in the 16th minute  
while Nigerian Cassias Akumu  
doubled the margin in the 62nd  
minute.

Arambagh moved into fifth  
position in the table having  
raised their tally to 10 points  
from eight matches.

On the other hand, it was  
Victoria's seventh defeat in  
eight matches which kept them  
on bottom with only two points.

## FIRST DIVISION

Earlier, Youngmen's Club  
Fakirpool blanked BRTC 3-0  
in a First Division encounter.

The winners led the first half  
2-0.

Nasir, Sohag and Arman  
scored one goal each for the  
winners.

## TODAY'S MATCHES

Premier Division  
Mohammedan SC v Mukti-  
jodha Sangsad (5:30 pm)

First Division  
Prantik KC v PWD (3:30 pm)

Venue: Bangabandhu Na-  
tional Stadium.

## Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent  
RAJSHAH, Sept 27: Jinnah  
Nagar Sporting Club, Ali Smriti  
Sangha, Benzir Ekadosh and  
Padma Sporting Club won their  
respective matches of the Raj-  
shahi Mayor Cup football tourna-  
ment at the Rajshahi College  
High School playground today.

In the first match of the day,  
Jinnah Nagar defeated Upa-  
shahar Ambagan Club 2-0.

Ali Smriti beat Dhul Marlo  
Chale Club 1-0 in the second  
match.

Dargahpara Talola Sporting  
Club and Benzir Ekadosh  
match ended in a 1-1 draw in  
the allotted time in the third  
match.

But in debreaker, Benzir  
Ekadosh defeated Dargahpara  
4-2.

In the fourth match of the  
day, Padma Sporting defeated  
Dashpukur Kashta Club 2-1.

## Batohi reaches home happy

JOHANNESBURG, Sept  
27 (Internet report): King  
Commission prosecutor Shamila  
Batohi, back home in South  
Africa, described her trip to  
India to get more evidence on  
match-fixing in South African  
cricket as "very successful".

Although she was reluctant  
to divulge too much about the  
evidence she had collected,  
reports suggest that Batohi has  
managed to obtain the trans-  
cripts of a crucial tape re-  
cording made of disgraced for-  
mer South African cricket cap-  
tain Hansie Cronje and an In-  
dian bookmaker.

"I can say that the trip was  
very successful. It was a good  
decision to go to India. It shows  
that if all parties work together  
we can get to the bottom of the  
match-fixing scandal."

She confirmed that the  
commission, which was to sit  
again next Monday, would re-  
sume only on October 9.

She is also expected to take  
up her appointment as head of  
the KwaZulu-Natal Scorpions  
police unit in November. The  
Scorpions, a national anti-  
corruption task force, were  
rocked last month by an inter-  
national corruption scandal.



An exciting moment during yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Azad Sporting Club and Sonali Bank at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

—Star photo

## Zimbabwe 183 for 8



HARARE, Sept 27:  
Three wickets for  
just 24 runs by  
Nathan Astle ena-  
bled New Zea-  
land to take  
command here in the first of  
three one-day internationals  
on Wednesday, reports  
AFP.

Coupled with some indiffer-  
ent batting by Zimbabwe—who  
at the end of their 50 overs  
could manage only 183 for 8,  
Astle's 10 overs could well have  
decided the match.

When introduced, Astle took  
a wicket with his first ball, an-  
other in his second over and the  
third later in his spell.

His accurate medium pace  
denied Zimbabwe the opportu-  
nity of forming significant part-  
nerships and he more than  
justified his captain Stephen  
Fleming's decision to put Zim-  
babwe in on to bat on what  
appeared to be a wicket on  
which a high score should have  
been attainable.

Zimbabwe began brightly  
enough when Alistair Campbell  
sped to 19 in 28 balls. But he  
was caught by Roger Twose off  
Shayne O'Connor and the new  
Zealand fast bowler dismissed  
Campbell's opening partner  
Craig Whistart in his next over.

Some resistance was offered  
by Andy Flower, Heath Streak  
and, at the end, by Paul Strang.

But it was never enough to pre-  
vent New Zealand from main-  
taining control of proceedings  
and the Kiwis are no doubt  
expecting victory and a 1-0  
series lead.

New Zealand made several  
changes for the match from the  
side which won the Test series  
2-0. Chris Nevin replaced Adam  
Parore behind the stumps and  
the one-day specialists Roger  
Twose and Chris Harris were  
brought in, together with Scott  
Syrus.

One-day debutants Glen  
Sulzberger and Daryl Tuffey  
also give a fresh look to the  
side.

Zimbabwe dropped Gavin  
Rennie for the match, allowing  
the return of Craig Whistart.  
Dirk Viljoen was brought in to  
try and strengthen the batting.

Mpumulelo Mbangwa, who  
was due to drop out, was re-  
called when Muleki Nkala re-  
portedly injured. Bryan Strang  
also returned to the side while  
Henry Olunga dropped to 12th  
man.

The umpires are Kevin Bar-  
bour and Graeme Evans, with  
Cammie Smith of West Indies  
the match referee.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the Zimbabwe  
innings against New Zealand in  
the first of three one-day inter-  
nationals at Harare on  
Wednesday:

ZIMBABWE					
Campbell c Twose b O'Connor	19				
Whistart c Fleming b O'Connor	7				
Carlisle c Nevin b Astle	31				
A Flower st Nevin b Sulzberger	34				
G Flower c McMillan b Astle	3				
Whittall hit wkt b Astle	10				
Viljoen run out	0				
Streak lbw b Harris	21				
P Strang not out	29				
B Strang not out	6				
Extras:	23				
Total: (For 8 wks in 50 overs)	183				
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-34, 3-91, 4-95, 5-118, 6-128, 7- 128, 8-150					

## B'baria cricket

From Our Correspondent  
BRAHMANBARIA, Sept 27:

Kazipara Boys Club defeated  
Prograti Cricket Club by 30 runs  
in Danania Cup competition at  
Edgah ground here today.

Winning the toss Kazipara  
batted first and collected 170  
runs losing all wickets in 40  
overs. Shafayet was the top  
scorer with 60 runs.

In reply, Prograti collected  
140 losing all wickets.

## Delayed by county duty



SYDNEY, Sept 27:  
(Internet report):  
The Australian Crick-  
et Board (ACB) an-  
nounced last  
week that Warne  
is to have surgery on his left  
knee to cure a long-term com-  
plaint.

The surgery is expected to be  
a routine cleaning up of the  
surface of the knee joint.

Warne recently completed a  
season in England with Hamp-  
shire, returning to Australia in  
August to play in the three-  
match one-day series against  
South Africa.

"He had a few niggles that he  
felt in England that we knew  
about. He felt 100 per cent go-  
ing into those three games,"  
Australian captain Steve Waugh  
told The Australian newspaper.

"Afterwards he was a little  
bit worried about what was  
happening but he wasn't 100  
per cent sure either way.