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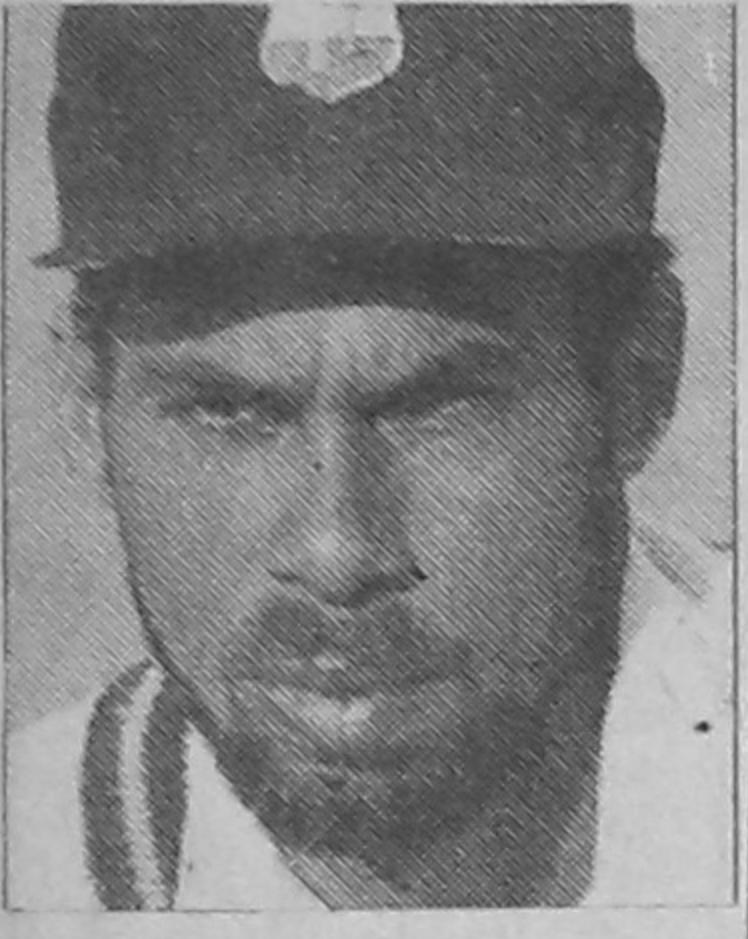
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- Who is India's new cricket coach?
Amarnath Gaekwad | Simpson
- Who lifted the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League title?
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- Who is the fastest man in the world?
Greene | Bailey | Johnson
- Who is the 400m Olympic champion?
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SPORTS TALK



Jimmy Adams
(West Indies cricket captain)
"It (his decision) will have to come in the next week to 10 days."

On Courtney Walsh's future.

Wasim on the attack

KARACHI, Sep 30: Pakistani all-rounder and former captain Wasim Akram has lodged an appeal with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) against a fine imposed on him after a judicial inquiry into match-fixing allegations, his lawyer said Saturday, reports AFP.

We have given a reply to the show-cause notice issued by the PCB and have appealed against the fine," the lawyer, Khawaja Tariq Rahim, told AFP.

The PCB issued show-cause notices to six top cricketers last week regarding penalties imposed against them in line with Justice Malik Mohammad Qayum's inquiry report on match-fixing.

Former captain Salim Malik and pacer Ataur Rehman were banned for life and fined one million rupees (20,000 dollars) while fines ranging between 100,000 and 500,000 rupees were imposed against Wasim, Waqar Younis, Inzamamul Haq, Saeed Anwar, Mushtaq Ahmed and Akram Raza.

Wasim was fined 300,000 rupees and also censured for his alleged match-fixing role.

Justice Qayum recommended the penalties in his report, after a year-long inquiry into match-fixing allegations in Pakistan cricket.

The PCB implemented the penalties after making the report public in May this year.

I hope the fine against Wasim will be withdrawn because he was exonerated by Justice Qayum," the lawyer said.

Pacer Rehman had said in his testimony that Wasim offered him money to bowl badly in a one-day match in New Zealand in 1994 but later retracted his statement.

Rahim said his client did not hide anything during the inquiry.

Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent RAJSHAHI, Sep 30: Rajshahi district emerged champions in the APTECH Computer Education friendly cricket competition organised by Aptechn Computer at the Rajshahi Stadium.

Rajshahi defeated Bogra by four wickets.

Winning the toss, Rajshahi invited Bogra to bat. Batting first Bogra were shot out for 157 in 28.8 overs.

In reply, Rajshahi reached the victory target (159) conceding six wickets in 27.3 overs.

Waiting

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that will consume 3 million dollars worth of fireworks.

The Harbour Bridge, Sydney's most beloved landmark, will be the centrepiece of festivities.

A pyrotechnical waterfall in the colours of the Olympic rings is to cascade off the bridge to signal the end of the display and the start of a night of non-stop partying for a city revelling in the praise heaped on the Millennium Games.



Players of both BRTC and PWD are in quest of the ball during their National Bank First Division Football League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

Brothers scrape home

Sports Reporter

TEAMS
BROTHERS UNION: Tony, Liton, Palash, Balgopal Mahajan, Babu, Chanchal, Parvez, Rikto, Dalim (Amer Khan/Echo), Hari Khadka and Basanta Thapa.

FARASHGANJ SC: Dulal, Shafi, Ashraf, Masood Rana, Abdulla, Arman, Kanuzaman, Askar Babu, Azmal, Mithu, Alamgir and Jalaluddin. Referee: Maruf Sikder.

BRIT ROUT

Earlier, in the day's first match, BRTC trounced PWD 4-0 in a First Division fixture.

The winners led the first half 3-0.

Sirajuddin struck twice while Ali and Rabi added one each for the winners.

The regulation 90 minutes produced no goals.

Most of the action was confined to the midfield which frustrated the sparse crowd present at the big bowl.

The Gopiball outfit rode on Parvez, Palash, Rikto and the Nepalese duo Hari Khadka and Balgopal Mahajan in the tie-breaker. Bidyut Abdullah, Al-Amin and Jalal converted for the old-timers.

The fate of the dull encounter was decided when a weak kick by Farashganj's Arman was saved by a diving Brothers custodian Tony.

Brothers eased their relegation fears taking their tally to seven points from eight matches.

They still remain second from bottom in the ten-team league table with a five-point lead over Victoria Sporting Club who have only two points from their eight outings so far.

POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	W/T	L	L/T	GF	GA	Points
Mohammedan	8	7		1		19	3	21
Muktijodha	8	6	1	1		12	2	21
Abahani	8	6		2		17	4	18
Rahmatganj	8	4		4		9	10	12
Dhamondi	8	2	2	3	1	7	13	11
Arainbagh	8	2	2	4		5	11	10
Farashganj	8	2		3	3	5	9	9
Badda	8	3		5		7	6	9
Brothers Union	8	1	1	4	2	3	10	7
Victoria	8		1	7		8	22	2



Scene from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League engagement between Ajax Sporting and Sonali Bank at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

—Star photo

Russia go rhythmic

GYMNASICS

SYDNEY, Sep 30 (AFP): Russia won the Olympic group rhythmic gymnastics gold medal Saturday, edging out a win over silver medallists Belarus when the nail-biting final came down to a tie-break.

Both the Russian and Belarusian teams recorded scores of 19.80 in the first round of competition - the five sets of clubs - setting up a showdown in the second and final rotation and leaving eventual bronze medallists Greece in third spot.

The team event in rhythmic gymnastics was first introduced in Atlanta in 1996, 12 years after the individual all-around competition began in 1984.

But in the second round of competition - the two hoops

and three ribbons - both the Russians and Belarusians again performed near-flawless routines and again recorded identical scores (19.70) for the two teams to be tied on 39.50.

The gold medal was then awarded to Russia, the 1996 world champions, as the result of a tie-break.

Taking into consideration their high and low scores in the two exercises, the Russians scored 39.52 to the Belarusians' 39.50.

The team event in rhythmic gymnastics was first introduced in Atlanta in 1996, 12 years after the individual all-around competition began in 1984.

"We have all very good gymnasts," Lafranchi said. "The scoring is not fair at all. But we work for the public. If the public are happy, we will win the gold medal."

Russia and Belarus had lagged behind top qualifier Greece in the preliminary rounds, which saw Atlanta gold medallists Spain knocked out of the competition.

The news caused waves in Australia, coming two months after Australian stars were approached about signing up with a 'rebel' competition. The rival series was apparently backed and organised by a media company that had failed to win a slice of the lucrative television rights owned by the International Cricket Council.

Russia is also a favorite for gold in the individual competition.

Current world and three-time European individual champion Alina Kabayeva leads the individual competition going into Sunday's final with Belarus' Yulia Raskina in second and fellow Russian Yulia Barsukova in third.

KABUL, Sep 30: Big time cricket will return to Singapore next year when it hosts a tri-nation series under flood lights. Singapore Cricket Association's secretary Anil Kalavera said Saturday.

Winners of the Founding Day Golf Tournament pose with Chief of Army Staff and president of the Kurmitola Golf Club Lt Gen M Mustafizur Rahman (4th from R) at the Savar Golf Club yesterday.

Azad axed from Pr Div Hockey

Sports Reporter

Azad Sporting Club have been relegated from the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League after they went down 2-1 to Bangladesh Sporting Club in their return leg clash at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Taleb and Jhunu scored one goal each for the winners. Rahul netted a consolation goal for the losers.

Azad's 13th defeat from 15 matches kept them at the bottom of the table on four points, eight adrift of second-placed Sonali Bank who lost 2-0 to Ajax Sporting Club in a later match.

With still one match to go Azad return to the First Division.

Bangladesh Sporting's fourth win raised their tally to 14 points from 15 matches.

After a barren first half, Aleem Raja and Jhunu scored one goal each for the Ajax.

Ajax finished their 16-match campaign with 14 points.

TODAY'S MATCH

Abahani v Mariner Youngs Club (3.45 pm)

Venue: Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

Naimur & Co face SL today

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh take on Sri Lanka in their second practice at the Mombasa Sports Club today.

After defeating hosts Kenya by 34 runs on Thursday, this will be the last warm-up match for Naimur Rahaman and his men before the Second ICC Knockout Tournament begins in Nairobi from Tuesday.

Bangladesh are scheduled to reach Nairobi tonight.

Founding Day golf

Sports Reporter

Major General Abdul Hafiz Mallick and Anika Chowdhury became men's and ladies champions in the Founding Day Golf Tournament held at the Savar Golf Club course yesterday.

The day-long competition drew a good number of local and foreign players.

Chief of Army Staff and president of the Kurmitola Golf Club Lieutenant General M Mustafizur Rahman teed-off and later gave away prizes as the chief guest at the club.

Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral A Taher, the Savar Area Commander, Major General Muhammed Masudur Rahman, senior armed forces officers and a large number of givers were also present.

OTHER RESULTS

Ladies' Runner-up: Kosha:

Men's First Runner-up: Col Towficur Rahman:

Men's Second Runner-up: Park:

Men's Third Runner-up: Hamid Bin Abdullah:

Best Gross: M Saber Afzal;

Second Best Gross: Masud Ahmed:

Senior Winner: MA B Siddique:

Nearest to Pin: Brig Md Mahbub Ul Alam:

Longest Drive: Col Towficur Rahman.

Concern over made-for-TV cricket

UNDATED (Internet report):

Moves are afoot in India to introduce a made-for-TV limited overs series, with Indian players allegedly lured by lucrative offers.

The Sydney Morning Herald quoted a report in India Today on Thursday saying that E-Maxco, a company connected to Japanese electronics giant Sony, had been approaching leading Indian players to sign on for the series of made-for-television matches that would be played over the next three years.

For rumours are ripe that former Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar and Mohammed Azharuddin have signed with the new 'circuit'.

Sony TV was trying to sign the Indian players before going to the Board of Control for Cricket in India to try to fit its competition in with established cricket, the report said.

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The programmes include

spade tramp (October 16-18).

Chess competition (October 11, 12), ludo competition for lady members (October 12), table tennis tournament (October 14, 15) and mini-marathon (October 20).