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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 Qayyum's inquiry report on match-fixing.

Former captain Salim Malik and pacer Ataur Rahman 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, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Saad Anwar, Mushtaq Ahmed and Akram Raza.

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

Justice Qayyum 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 "I hope the fine against Wasim will be withdrawn because he was exonerated by Justice Qayyum," the lawyer said.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, Sept 30: Rajshahi district emerged champions in the APTECH Computer Education friendly cricket competition organised by Apteck 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 reeling 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

Brothers Union earned two valuable points in the National Bank Premier Division Football League

defeating Farashganj Sporting Club after a tense penalty shootout (5-4) at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last night.

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 Gopibagh 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.

**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, Abdullah, Arman, Kamruzzaman, Askar Babu, Azmal, Mithu, Alamgir and Jalaluddin. Referee: Maruf Sikder.

### BRTC 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.

**TODAY'S MATCH**  
**Premier Division**  
Muktijoddha Sangsad v Victoria SC (5.30 pm)  
**First Division**  
Prantik KC v Muslim Institute (3.30 pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

**Hattricks:** Nakib (Mohammed) against Dhanmondi Club, IM Vijayan (Muktijoddha) against Rahmatganj and Manju (Dhanmondi) against Victoria SC.

**Leading scorers:** 8 goals -- Kennedy (Abahani), 7 goals -- Nakib (Mohammed), 6 goals -- Moul (Rahmatganj), 5 goals -- Manju (Dhanmondi), 4 goals -- Alfaz (Mohammed), Asif (Muktijoddha), Sohail (Victoria), 3 goals -- IM Vijayan (Muktijoddha), Don (Abahani).

### POINTS TABLE

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

### Rakib shocks Zia

Sports Reporter

International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib earned a solo lead in the Shaheed Major Nazmul Haque International Rating Chess Tournament with an upset win over International Master Ziaur Rahman in the sixth round held at the Pallina Sangsad premises in Khilgaon yesterday.

With the win, Rakib secured the top slot having raised his collection to 5.5 points from six matches.

FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib is in the second with 5 points. Rajib beat Farhadur Imam yesterday.

International Master Rezaul Karim, International Master Ziaur Rahman, Saifuddin Lovlu, Aminul Islam, Nasir Ahmed and Mohammed Hossain are sharing the crowded third spot with 4.5 points each.

The seventh round begins at the same venue at 3:30 p.m. today.



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

### GYMNASTICS

SYDNEY, Sept 30 (AFP): Russia won the Olympic group rhythmic gymnastics gold medal Saturday, eking out a win over silver medalists 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 medalists Greece in third spot.

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 199 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.



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.

### S'pore set for more cricket

KARACHI, Sept 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 Kalaver said Saturday.

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### 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 returned 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 Young's 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 Rahman 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 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 tied-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 Muhammad Masudur Rahman, senior armed forces officers and a large number of golfers were also present.

### OTHER RESULTS

**Ladies' Runner-up:** Koshaka.

**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 Sabir Afzel.

**Second Best Gross:** Masud Ahmed.

**Senior Winner:** MA B Siddique.

**Nearest to Pin:** Brig Md Mahubul 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.

So far rumours are rife 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.

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.

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## Hosts make big total



**BULAWAYO.** Zimbabwe, Sept 30: The unpredictable Alistair Campbell led total of 273 against New Zealand here on Saturday and gave them a fighting chance of leveling the three-match series, reports AFP.

Campbell was within one boundary of his fourth one-day century when he tried to drive Nathan Astle to the fence, but he missed the ball and was bowled for 96.

By that time he had set Zimbabwe towards a score that surpassed 200. If they do, they will win the series 2-0 to add to their two Test victories here earlier. If they fail, the series will be level, offering the prospect of a dramatic conclusion Sunday.

Campbell needed only 108 balls for his 96. He was supported by every Zimbabwe batsman and the lowest individual score by any of them was 19.

He put on 50 in 46 balls with debutant Doug Marillier and they were only parted after reaching 83 for the first wicket.

Lower down the order, Grant Flower hit a free-flowing 45 in as many balls and Heath Streak gave the innings a finishing flourish by straight-hitting Nathan Astle for two sixes in his final over. Streak's 21 runs came in only 11 balls.

Stephen Fleming had put the Zimbabweans into bat on an excellent pitch. The 274 required for victory is certainly within the Kiwis' reach, but they will have to play well to reach their target.

New Zealand's Dion Nash was recalled for the match in place of Chris Harris, who is ill with a virus infection. Adam Parore won his place back as wicketkeeper from Chris Nevin and Geoff Allot was brought in for Shayne O'Connor.

Zimbabwe also made three changes. Doug Marillier replaced Craig Wishart, Bryan

Strang was dropped in favour of Travis Friend - another one-day international debutant - and Mmurele Mbangwa gave way to Mudeki Nkala.

Scoreboard after the Zimbabwe innings in the second one-day international against New Zealand on Saturday:

**ZIMBABWE**  
Campbell b Allot 96  
Marillier c Fleming b Stulzberger 27  
Carlsie c Nash b McMillan 25  
A Flower c Spearman b Tuffey 19  
G Flower not out 45  
Astle b McMillan 19  
Streak not out 21  
Extras 23  
Total (For 5 wickets in 50 overs) 273  
3-177, 4-193, 5-236

**Bowler** O M R W  
Allot 10 0 44 1  
Tuffey 6 0 48 1  
Stylis 7 0 47 0  
Astle 10 1 52 0  
Stulzberger 7 0 38 1  
McMillan 10 0 41 2

## Sun rises for Rising Sun

SYDNEY, Sept 30 (AFP): Japan's women Olympians have turned the tables on their male counterparts at the Sydney Olympics dominating their country's medal drive.

Up until Saturday, with one day left in the 16-day Games, women had accounted for 70 per cent of the 18 Olympic medals won by Japanese competitors.

This compares to 50 per cent at Atlanta in 1996 and 41 per cent in Barcelona in 1992.

"One of the reasons is the emergence of excellent female sport leaders," Noriyuki Ichihara, competition director of the Japanese Olympic delegation, said.

He cited as an example Taeko Utsugi who piloted Japan's softball squad to an eight-match winning streak before they lost to the defending champions United States due to a missed catch in the final on Tuesday.

"The men used to show the way but our women have now shown that they too are competitive on the international stage," said Naoko Takahashi, who beat the odds to win the women's marathon last Sunday.

It was the first Olympic athletic gold medal for Japanese women.

"I believe that we women have established a foothold in the Japanese society, too," said the 28-year-old worker at a chemical company. "I think the results here are reflecting all efforts made by our competitors regardless of the sexes."

Of Japan's five gold medals, two went to women - Takahashi and four-time world bantamweight judo champion Ryoko Tamura. The three others were won by men in Japan's traditional sport of judo.

Women also accounted for six out of Japan's eight silver medals - including two from the duet and team events in synchronised swimming - and for all of the four bronzes.

All of the four swimming medals, two silvers and two bronzes, were won by women.

Tadashi Kawahara, medical director of the Japanese team, partly attributed the women's

medal haul to an increase in women's Olympic events.

The International Olympic Committee has been pushing for sexual equality in the Games by increasing the number of women's events.

Newly introduced events for women here included water polo, weightlifting, pole vault, hammer throw, trap and skeet shooting, and modern pentathlon.

But Japanese women's judo coach Kaori Yamaguchi lamented the lack of opportunities for female judokas after their retirement.

She won the under-52kg bronze medal at the 1988 Seoul Games when women's judo was a demonstration sport. She retired before her sport became a medal event at the next Games.

"Even if they have attained greatness through competitive careers, they are separated from the world of sport when they retire, get married and bear children," said the 35-year-old university assistant professor. "It is a great loss."

## ABSORBING ANECDOTES

SYDNEY, Sept 30 (AFP): Quotes of the day from the Olympic Games on Saturday:

"I wanted five and didn't get them. That was disappointing."

**US sprint queen Marion Jones** on the collapse of her drive for five.

"Tonight I was just happy to go out with gold. I sure as hell did not want to finish with silver or bronze."

**Michael Johnson** after ending his glittering Olympic career with the 4x400 metres relay gold.

"Now I am going to take time out and think about my future and decide if I should call it a day. This was my last major

meet. I will not be running at the world championships. There is nothing to be gained."

**Johnsson** on his future.

"I lost everything on the pentathlete. Chad Senior blames his steel for his failure to finish in the medals."

"He's a great champion and we were sad to see him beaten. He is Morocco's greatest athlete and this medal is for him."

**Morocco's Brahim Lahafi** dedicates his 5,000m bronze to compatriot Hicham El Guerrouj.

"The Americans never respect us. Marion Jones was in their team and we beat them. Now they will have to show us some respect."

**Bahamas sprinter Pauline Davis-Thompson** after helping her country's 4x100 relay squad to victory.

"It was a disaster out there. When you make mistakes like that then you have no chance."

**US relay runner Chryste Gaines** on American bantam blunders in the 4x100m.

"I'm bringing the gold back to the United States. It is hugely important the relay gold returns to America."

**World's fastest man Maurice Greene** after bringing home the 4x100m relay bacon for the US.

"This was a victory for Arab women. Europeans have sponsorship and facilities but we have courage and