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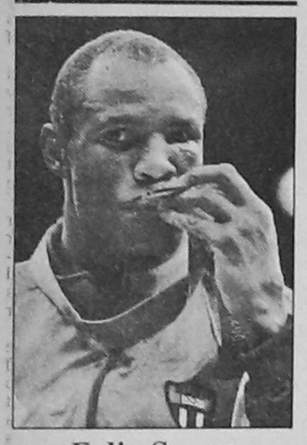

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Capt Siddique passes away

Sports Reporter

Renowned sports organiser and Bangladesh Olympic Association vice-president Captain Siddique Ahmed (retired) died of a heart attack at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) early Monday morning. He was 71.

Siddique left behind two sons and a daughter.

A former Dhaka University Blue, he had been suffering from duodenal ulcer for the last two months.

During Siddique's chequered career he served as BOA secretary general from 1981-91, president of Bangladesh Football Federation from 1979 to 1981 and Bangladesh Wrestling Federation from 1978 to 1996.

Siddique, who received National Sports Award in 1987, was an elected member of Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Rules Committee for four years from 1999.

Besides, he was a member-secretary of the steering committee for the Second SAF Games in Dhaka in 1985 and the founding-president of Sonali Otit Club.

Siddique represented Uttar Bangla football team against Calcutta Mohammedan Sporting Club, Kalighat Club, and Calcutta Aryans Club in different tournaments from 1951-53. He received the DU Blue in 1953.

His first *namaz-e-janaza* will be held at the National Sports Council premises at 11 am today. Later, two more *namaz-e-janazas* will be held after *Zohr* prayers at DOHS Mosque and finally at the Naval Headquarters at Banani before the burial at the Defence graveyard.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader and BOA president Lt Gen Mustafizur Rahman and general secretary Zafar Imam expressed their condolence to the members of the bereaved family.

BCB plans big party

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has been pondering over a lavish celebration programme ahead of the country's historic one-off Test match against India at the Bangabandhu National Stadium starting from November 10.

The Board is planning to hold the celebration five days before Bangladesh make their debut in the world of Test cricket.

"We've discussed about a lot of programmes, but nothing has been finalised as yet. We will sit again within next few days and declare details of what could be a grand celebration," revealed BCB joint-secretary Dewan Shafiul Arefin Tutul yesterday.

Chaired by Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, the meeting also deliberated on other cricketing activities at the BCB office on Sunday night.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport Arefin however declined to give out any details about the proposed plans for celebration. But it was learnt that the party will be kicked off with a prize-giving ceremony of the domestic cricket for 1999-2000 season. The first-ever occasion of this kind will commence at the Osmany Auditorium on November 5.

The Board has already invited a host of former world cricket stars to attend the Dhaka festival.

The five-day programme will also include a reception to former national captains followed by a dinner at the Senakunja on the eve of the Test match, the inauguration of which would be performed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

"We will be honoured if the Prime Minister attends the match as our chief guest," said the footballer-turned-cricket organiser Arefin.

Besides the celebration topic, the meeting also discussed at length about Bangladesh's forthcoming tour of South Africa.

The Board came under harsh criticism for its poor handling of visa formalities that almost jeopardised the South Africa tour. The Bangladesh cricketers could not obtain their visas from South African High Commission in New Delhi because of the lack of proper knowledge about the affair. The Board nominated person only applied two days before the team departed for Nairobi to take part in the ICC Knockout Trophy Tournament. Having been failed to get the South African visa, the Board told the tour party that it would make arrangements to obtain visas from Nairobi.

"Every obstacle is now cleared, and the tour will take place as per schedule," said Arefin.

Bangladesh, led by Naimur Rahman, are scheduled to leave Nairobi for South Africa on October 8 to play a four-day match against a provincial side and three limited-over matches against South Africa A.

The Sunday's Board meeting also decided to restart the National Cricket Championship and National Youth Cricket Championship from this season. None of the championships was held last season.

Arefin, who is also the secretary of National League Committee, disclosed that the second National League might start from the second week of November.

Bangladesh blown away

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh suffered a comprehensive nine-wicket defeat at the hands of Sri Lanka in a practice match at the Mombasa Sports Club ground on Sunday, according to Internet reports.

This was Bangladesh's final chance to flex their muscles ahead of the ICC KnockOut clash against England on October 5.

Earlier, they beat the hosts by 34 runs at the same venue on September 28.

Chasing a poor Bangladesh total of 168 in 50 overs, the Lankans scored 169 with nine wickets in hand.

Skipper Sanath Jayasuriya retired hurt after slamming five sixes in a whirlwind 63. Marvan Atapattu and vice-captain Mahela Jayawardene were not out on 33 and 37 respectively.

Earlier, the Test newcomers were bundled out for 168 in 49.5 overs.

Opener Javed Omar top-scored with 38. Skipper Naimur Rahman made 29 while all-rounder Mohammad Rafique added 25.

Star off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was the wrecker-in-chief with three for 18 runs.

Cairns coming to Nairobi

ICC KnockOut Kenya 2000

WELLINGTON, Oct 2 (Internet report): All-rounder Chris Cairns has been named in the New Zealand squad for the ICC Trophy Knockout Tournament in Kenya starting on Tuesday.

A knee injury forced Cairns out of the one-day series against Zimbabwe, which was won by the home team 2-1 after Cairns helped New Zealand to a 2-0 win in the Test series.

The convenor of selectors, Sir Richard Hadlee, said while there was still a need to reassess the fitness of some players before the next stage of the tour, the six ODIs against South Africa next month, the reports from Zimbabwe were that all in the squad were fit for selection. The exception is Dion Nash who headed back to New Zealand on Monday for assessment and treatment for his injured back.

"After the Nairobi tournament, we will look at how players like Geoff Allott, Chris Cairns and Chris Nevin have come through from injuries which prevented them from taking full part in the just-completed Zimbabwe series.

"The tournament rules dictate there can only be 14 players in the Knockout squad, so we will omit pace bowler Daryl Tuffey from our named squad, but he will stay on with the party as they will be going straight to South Africa once their involvement in this tournament is over," Hadlee said.

The ICC Knockout Tournament begins on Tuesday in Nairobi with a match between hosts Kenya and India.

Amazingly, these two sides have met six times since their first fixture during the 1996 World Cup. India were only the second top level side that the African side beat, by 69 runs in Gwalior in 1998. The senior team have had the run since then, however, with three straight wins, including a victory at Bristol during the World Cup and in Nairboi during last year's tournament.

SQUADS

New Zealand: Stephen Fleming (c), Chris Cairns, Craig Spearman, Chris Nevin, Nathan Astle, Roger Twose, Craig McMillan, Adam Parore, Chris Harris, Scott Styris, Glen Sulzberger, Paul Wiseman, Geoff Allott and Shayne O'Connor.

CHRIS CAIRNS

Australia: Stephen Waugh (c), Adam Gilchrist (wkt), Michael Bevan, Jason Gillespie, Ian Harvey, Mark Higgs, Brett Lee, Shane Lee, Damien Martyn, Glenn McGrath, Ricky Ponting, Andrew Symonds, Mark Waugh, Brad Young.

Bangladesh: Naimur Rahman (c), Khaled Masud (wkt & vice-capt), Javed Omar, Enshanul Haq, Habibul Bashar, Akram Khan, Aminul Islam, Al Shahriar, Enamul Haq, Hasibul Hossain, Manjurul Islam, Mohammad Rafique, Mushfiqur Rahman, Bikash Ranjan Das.

England: Nasser Hussain (c), Alec Stewart (wkt), Mark Alleyne, Andrew Caddick, Mark Ealham, Andrew Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Darren Gough, Graeme Hick, Matthew Hoggard, Vikram Solanki, Marcus Trescothick, Graham Thorpe, Craig White

India: Saurav Ganguly (c), Rahul Dravid (v-capt), Ajit Agarkar, Hemang Badani, Vijay Dahiya, Sunil Joshi, Vinod Kambli, Zaheer Khan, Anil Kumble, Venkatesh Prasad, Robin Singh, Yuvraj Singh, Sridharan Sriram, Sachin Tendulkar.

Kenya: Maurice Odumbe (c), Steve Tikolo (v-capt), Jospehat Ababu, Jimmy Kamande, Hitesh Modi, Peter Ochieng, Thomas Odoyo, Lameck Onyango, Collins Otieno, Kennedy Otieno, Ravindu Shah, Mohammed Sheikh, Tony Suji, Martin Suji

Pakistan: Moin Khan (c), Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saeed Anwar, Inzamam-ul Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Ijaz Ahmed, Saleem Elahi, Faisal Iqbal, Azhar Mahmood, Abdur Razzaq, Arshad Khan, Imran Nazir, Saqlain Mushtaq

South Africa: Shaun Pollock (c), Mark Boucher (wkt), Shafiek Abrahams, Nicky Boje, Boeta Dippenaar, Allan Donald, Andrew Hall, Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Lance Klusener, Neil McKenzie, Makhaya Ntini, Jonty Rhodes, Roger Telemachus.

Sri Lanka: Sanath Jayasuriya (c), Marvan Atapattu (vice-capt), Avishka Gunawardana, Russel Arnold, Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara (wkt), Romesh Kaluwitharana (wkt), Chaminda Vaas, Nuwan Zoysa, Pramodya Wickremasinghe, Erik Upashantha, Muthiah Muralitharan, Upul Chandana, Kumar Dharmasena.

West Indies: Jimmy Adams (c), Sherwin Campbell, Azeemul Haniff, Wavell Hinds, Brian Lara, Sylvester Joseph, Marlon Samuels, Mahendra Nagamootoo, Courtney Browne, Laurie Williams, Nixon McLean, Merv Dillon, Kerry Jeremy, Colin Stuart.

Zimbabwe: Heath Streak (c), Guy Whittall (v-capt), Alistair Campbell, Stuart Carlisle, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Pommie Mbangwa, Mluekl Nkala, Henry Olonga, Gavin Rennie, Paul Strang, Mark Vermeulen, Dirk Viljoen, Craig Wishart

TOURNAMENT ODDS

Australia	7/4
Pakistan	9/2
South Africa	5/1
Sri Lanka	7/1
England	8/1
New Zealand	10/1
India	11/1
West Indies	20/1
Zimbabwe	20/1
Bangladesh	250/1
Kenya	250/1

SCHEDULE

Date	Match
Oct 3	India v Kenya
Oct 4	Sri Lanka v West Indies
Oct 5	England v Bangladesh
Oct 6	Rest day/official function
Oct 7	Australia v WM1
Oct 8	Pakistan v WM2
Oct 9	New Zealand v Zimbabwe
Oct 10	South Africa v WM3
Oct 11	First semifinal (WM5 v WM6)
Oct 13	Second semifinal (WM 4 v WM7)
Oct 15	Final
Oct 16	Reserve day for final

** All matches will be played at Gymkhana Club Ground, Nairobi.*

Nasser's options aplenty

ICC KnockOut Kenya 2000

LONDON, Oct 2 (Internet report): Nasser Hussain believes England have plenty of options to keep them on top of their game in the ICC Knockout Trophy.

The England captain insists his side's batting permutations in particular lend themselves to whatever one-day match situation arises.

Marcus Trescothick and Alec Stewart have proved they can put runs on the board quickly at the top of the order.

But England's hopes in Kenya do not rest on the shoulders of just a couple of batsmen - and Hussain pointed to adaptable middle-order men such as Graham Thorpe, Andrew Flintoff, Craig White and even Ashley Giles to turn situations to their team's advantage at different stages of a match.

Add to that frontline batsmen such as himself and Graeme Hick, and Hussain is confident he can send in the right man at the right time.

In response to the thorny issue of where he should bat - he has clung determinedly to the number three spot despite a lean run in recent months - Hussain put forward a host of candidates for every position in the order.

"I could go in at number three or number six. It depends

NASSER HUSSAIN

on how the game develops," said the skipper as he and his team prepare for the friendly against Australia followed by their must-win opening match against Bangladesh on Thursday.

"We have so many options, we really do. There are various things we can do with our batting.

"People like White, Flintoff and Giles can all do a big job for us with the bat. There is plenty we can do in different circumstances."

Whatever the contingency plans, though, Hussain will not be keen to swap anyone for Stewart and Trescothick to go in first.

"I don't know about pinch-hitters, but I have not seen too many people hit the ball any better than those two."

He is similarly upbeat about his new-ball bowling attack.

"Andrew Caddick and Darren Gough have been bowling beautifully - that has been the key," he said.

"It is a simple plan, and we will stick to it whenever we can."

When Caddick and Gough have bowled their overs, Hussain sees White as a potent weapon with the ball - and he also has Flintoff if the big Lancastrian feels fit to turn his arm over.

Both all-rounders are renowned for being quicker bowlers than they first seem.

But Hussain is hoping White in particular can produce with bat as well as ball.

"White has always bowled pretty quick," he acknowledged. "(England coach) Duncan (Fletcher) has been working hard with him in that regard too.

"But I think he views himself as a batter who bowls rather than the other way around.

"He has not made very many turns yet, but I am sure that will change."

Luxemburgo fired

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct 2: Under-achieving Brazilian coach Wanderley Luxemburgo has been sacked, the president of the Brazilian football federation Ricardo Teixeira announced here at a press conference on Monday, reports AFP.

Luxemburgo, already under pressure with Brazil lying fourth in their 10-team World Cup qualifying group, came under further scrutiny since his Olympic line-up lost 2-1 to eventual champions Cameroon in the quarter-finals at the Sydney Games.

Teixeira did not name a successor but said the national team's technical director Candinho would step in as coach for the remaining 2002 World Cup qualifiers.

Sampras aced!

LOS ANGELES, Oct 2: Tennis champion Pete Sampras, a longtime singles specialist, is now playing the doubles games.

Sampras married actress Brigette Wilson at his Beverly Hills home Saturday.

The couple got engaged May 29 after Sampras was beaten in the first round of the French Open.

The 26-year-old bride walked down the aisle in a Vera Wang gown and over 400,000 dollars worth of diamond jewelry, according to a statement from the Diamond Information Centre, publicists for Fred Leighton, the Jeweler who provided the jewelry.

Wilson was Miss Teen USA in 1990. Her film credits include "Last Action Hero," in which she played Arnold Schwarzenegger's daughter, the teen scream flick "I Know What You Did Last Summer" and "Billy Madison." She also appeared on the soap opera "Santa Barbara."

Madness at airport

SYDNEY, Oct 2: Sydney's international airport was crammed with weary athletes and tourists Monday beginning the post-Olympic exodus that will see about 44,000 people fly on the airport's busiest day, reports AP.

About 6,000 people had already left Sydney Monday morning on 200 flights from the international and domestic terminals, and more than 1,000 flights were to leave by the end of the day.

Airport spokesman Eric Aubert said 16,000 people were also arriving in Sydney on Monday.

Barisal soccer

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Oct 2: Confidence Club outplayed Kheloar Kalyan Samity 8-1 in the lone watch in the Abdur Rab Serniabat First Division football league at the Abdur Rab Serniabat stadium here today.

Two brilliant hattricks were scored tricks by Kamal and Shameem of Confidence Club.

Vereilona Club will take on Kallal Club tomorrow at the same venue.

'Don't call us Proteas'

CAPE TOWN, Oct 2 (Internet report): The South African cricket team is nameless after it was revealed on Monday that the United Cricket Board never accepted the 'Protea' name.

Previously known as the Springboks, the emblem of South African sporting excellence, the cricket team dropped the politically precarious name for the sake of reconciliation after the country's return to the international fold in 1991. The team was given the emblem of South Africa's national flower and the name stuck.

However it turns out that the UCB never settled on the name as a permanent one.

"And until we come up with one, we would prefer it if the media referred to our side as South Africa and not the Proteas," said Board managing director Ali Bacher on Monday.

"Officially we have never called our team the Proteas," he added "and we are currently looking for what we believe will be a suitable identity for our team. We are hoping to come up with an answer by next summer."

The Protea and flag badge is to be retained. "But we are seeking an identity for our players which will be unique to cricket in our country. We definitely won't be reverting to the Springbok."

SA INQUIRY DELAYED

Meanwhile, the King Commission inquiry into corruption in South African cricket, due to resume Monday, was postponed to allow the state prosecutor to sift through evidence obtained in India, an official said.

State prosecutor Shamila Batohi was due to have talks in Cape Town Monday aimed at setting a date for the resumption of the inquiry, commission secretary John Bacon said.

Bacon said it was hoped the hearings would resume next week but conceded that logistical problems could lead to a further delay of about a week.

Batohi was due to arrive in Cape Town Monday and spend the week sifting evidence and planning the second session of the commission, established after allegations of match-fixing against axed captain Hansie Cronje.

Batohi returned to South Africa on September 23 after a week-long visit to India where she tried acquire tapes of conversations allegedly linking Cronje to a bookmaker.

She and investigator Geoff

ALI BACHER

Edwards met with officials of India's Central Bureau of Investigations who are probing match-fixing charges against some of India's cricketing stars.

But they came up against legal hurdles in their bid to obtain the full tapes of conversations between Cronje and London-based Sanjeev Chawla.

Batohi has not revealed what she obtained in India.

The first hearings of the King Commission in June led to a confession by Cronje that he had taken money from bookmakers several times during his five-year captaincy of the South African team.

He also involved fellow national players Herschelle Gibbs and Henry Williams in a conspiracy to under-perform in a one-day international in Nagpur, India, in March.

Gibbs and Williams were both suspended from international cricket for six months and fined by the United Cricket Board of South Africa.

Raducan's story

BUCHAREST, Oct 2: Romanian filmmakers are to make a movie about Olympic gymnast Andreea Raducan, who was stripped of a gold medal after she took a cold remedy containing a banned stimulant, a film company spokesman said Monday, reports AP.

The Raducan family signed a contract with Mediapro Pictures on Saturday for 10,000 dollars in exchange for the rights to the gymnast's story.

The company is looking for foreign partners to produce a film in English or French, company spokesman Romeo Chiriac said.

Script writers have begun the search for an actress to play Raducan, 16, who stands just 1.47 metres (4.8 feet) and weighs 37 kilograms (82 pounds).

Raducan lost her gold medal in the gymnastics all-around when she tested positive for pseudoepedrine, a banned substance found in an over-the-counter cold medicine. She was allowed to keep her gold medal in the team event and silver in the vault.

The Romanian Olympic Committee protested, but the Court of Arbitration of Sport upheld the ruling.

Romanians took to the street to protest the ruling. Raducan was given a heroine's welcome when she arrived in Romania Saturday.

Newspapers in the city of Deva, some 300 kilometres (187 miles) northwest of Bucharest, have begun a campaign to convince authorities to raise a statue to the pixie gymnast.

From Russia with Love

Sydney 2000

MOSCOW, Oct 2 (AFP): The Cold War era sporting empire was supposed to have fallen apart by now.

Yet on Monday the Russians, second only to the heavily favoured and eternal rival US team at the Sydney Olympic Games, were swelling with pride and a revitalised sense of patriotism.

After a weak start that had many shaking their heads in resignation, their team stormed back and, somewhat surprised, Russians agreed that not all was lost.

Russia, they found, is still a sporting power to be reckoned with.

"Russia confirmed its status as a great sporting power," the Sevodnya daily crowed in a banner headline.

"These delicate girls proved that Russia is a great power — at least in the field of sports," it added under a photograph of six ecstatic artistic gymnasts showing off their gold medals.

The world is stunned, intoned the liberal daily, that the economically impaired nation that emerged from the ruins of the Soviet empire managed to somehow prepare athletes who almost beat the US team to the top spot.

"At the finish, Russia's patriotism came through," Moskovsky Komsomolets declared.

Russia finished the Olympics with 32 gold medals, six more than at the 1996 Atlanta Games that some thought would see the last strong showing by a team whose athletes were largely trained by the Soviet machine.

In Sydney, the Russian team won only nine medals fewer than the United States. It was four gold medals ahead of China, another strong favourite, and had twice as many golds as home darlings and swimming giants Australia.

"Our experts had predicted some 30-35 golds, but no one quite knew for sure. The outcome was indeed impressive," Alexander Ratner, the official spokesman for the Russian Olympic Committee, said by telephone from Australia.

The results could have been even better.

After disappointing showings, several of the early competitors complained that they had taken the 30-hour flight to Australia only two days before the Games opened, and were almost sleepwalking through

"See page 9"

CROSSWORD *By Eugene Sheffer*

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25 "Humbug!"
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35 Storybook villain

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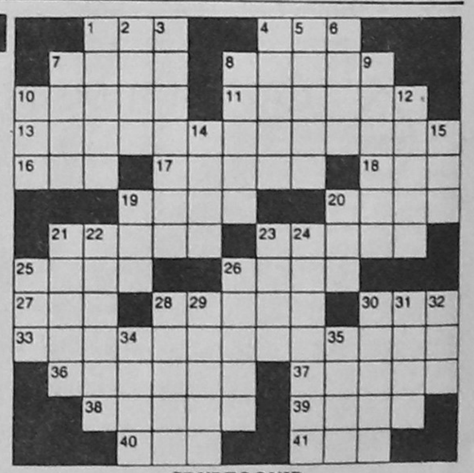

CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE ARDENT BEER BREWER WOULD ALWAYS TELL HIS SWEETIE, "YOU FERMENT FOR ME."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals T

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.