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SPORTS TALK



Steve Waugh
(Australia cricket captain)
"I'm sure we can come back, but one-day cricket is always going to be close and each team can beat the other."
After losing to India in the ICC Knockout quarterfinal.

DRU football

Sports Reporter
Matribhumi and Banglabazar Patrika reached the semifinals of the Dhaka Reporters Unity six-a-side football tournament after topping their respective first round groups at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.
Matribhumi emerged Group A champions after getting a walk-over against Prothom Alo while Banglabazar ensured their place in the last four with a solitary goal win over Manabjain in Group B.
The other match between Dinkal and Anandapatra Bangla Sangstha ended in a goalless draw.

FIDE appoints Harun arbitrator for Olympiad

Sports Reporter
The International Chess Federation (FIDE) has appointed Bangladeshi Chess Federation's Harun Rashid an arbitrator for the 34th Chess Olympiad to be held in Istanbul, from October 27 to November 13.
Harun's tournament expenses will be borne by the National Olympic Committee of Turkey.
An eight-member Bangladesh contingent will take part in the Olympiad.

B Bank soccer Khulna Office lift title

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Bank Khulna Office team lifted the inter-office football title of Bangladesh Bank with a 2-0 win over Sylhet team in the final at the Rangpur Stadium last Friday.
MA Majid, the executive director of Bangladesh Bank Head Office, witnessed the match as chief guest and later gave away the prizes.
Maksudur Rahman of Motijheel Office was adjudged as the best player of the nine-team tournament.



Rahmatganj's Milon (R) is off balance while trying to evade a sliding tackle by Amin Rana of Muktiyoddha Sangsad during their National Bank Premier Division Football League Super Four clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

Muktis owe Bijon one

Sports Reporter

Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira made a rusty return in the National Bank Premier Football League when they scored a 5-4 win over Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society in the tie-breaker after the opening match of the Super Four ended in a goalless draw at the Bangabandhu National stadium yesterday.
Back in business after a four-day recess, Muktiyoddha never looked like a cohesive force they were in the last three games of the first phase, where they floored both Mohammedan and Abahani in a spectacular turnaround of events.
Their victories against two proven giants enabled them to finish atop the table.
But the all-reds seemed to have developed the habit of faltering against the lesser teams.
Although Muktiyoddha blanked Rahmatganj 3-0 in their first phase, they failed to score a single goal against the old-town outfit.
The only time Muktiyoddha came close to scoring was early in the first half when their central defender Sujon came up with superb header, but only to be denied by the metalwork.
Rahmatganj on the other hand looked the more likely team to score, creating a number of opportunities in each half.
Rahmatganj captain and national striker Moni almost

found the net with an intelligent header in the 34th minute. But reserve Muktiyoddha custodian Bijon Barua saved his side, tipping the ball over the bar at the last moment.
Bijon came to his side's rescue again when he fisted away a powerful shot from Rahmatganj's substitute forward Jalal nine minutes into the second half.
Moni had Bijon at his mercy five minutes later, but blasted the ball wide off the mark.
The match ultimately headed for the shootout when Rahmatganj's custodian Milon clung on to a close range shot from Muktiyoddha's Uzbek midfielder Nazarov Yarkin seven minutes away from final whistle.
Playing his first match, the lanky Uzbek booted failed to make any lasting impression. Moreover, he picked up an injury and limped off the ground.
Muktiyoddha played with ten men in the last seven minutes.
Although they had a strong reserve bench, coach Manik appeared unwilling to field a player in place of injured Yarkin. Also, speedy winger Mintu was playing with a sling on his left arm.
In the tie-breaker Muktiyoddha enjoyed hundred per cent success with Masud Rana, Saurav, Hasan al Mamun, Prodip and Rajani scoring from the spot.
While Bijon, who was deputising for injured national number one custodian Annuul, saved the penultimate kick of

Fears for ICC fledglings

NAIROBI, Oct 9 (Internet report): The fledgling members of world cricket's expanding family, Kenya and Bangladesh, are beginning to grow up, but Australian captain Steve Waugh says they will not become healthy and prosperous unless the International Cricket Council gives them the proper parental support.
Waugh's team flew out of Nairobi for Australia last night as disappointing first-game losers, the ICC Knockout tournament in the Kenyan capital having made more of an impression on them than they did on it.
The tournament - which brings together the nine established Test-playing nations, the home side and Test new chum Bangladesh - is an impressive gesture towards nurturing the game so that it might continue to expand its influence.
Waugh, an avid student of cricket's history and a broad thinker on its future horizons, is impressed with the concept of the tournament and the goals it represents, but he fears it may be a token gesture if the game's ripening fruit is left to wither.
"It's a great idea. (The teams) are under pressure. If you're not up to scratch, you miss out and you're on the plane on the way home, which are," Waugh said.
"I think it's really good concept. It's different for one-day cricket and it certainly means a lot to the players."
"I think it's well-organised, and it's great to see sides like Kenya playing, and Bangladesh. I just hope they get enough support to stay up to standard and keep improving because they've got a huge amount of talent these sides."

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NZ-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the ICC Knockout Trophy quarter final match between New Zealand and Zimbabwe on Monday:

NEW ZEALAND

Spearman c Streak b Olunga	20
Astle c G Flower b Olunga	0
Fleming run out (Whittall)	34
Twose c Olunga b Viljoen	85
Cairns c Viljoen b P Strang	13
McMillan c Olunga b Viljoen	52
Harris c G Flower b Olunga	16
Parore not out	20
Wiseman not out	0
Extras: (lb-12, w-12, nb-1)	25
Total: (For seven in 50 overs)	265
Fall of wickets: 1-4: 2-57; 3-69; 4-120; 5-215; 6-234; 7-259	

Bowler O M R W

Streak	10	1	48	0
Olonga	9	0	58	3
Nkala	10	1	44	0
P Strang	7	0	40	1
Viljoen	10	0	40	2
G Flower	4	0	23	0

ZIMBABWE

Caupbell lbw b Harris	47
Wisart c Twose b Allott	5
Carlisle c Parore b Wiseman	67
A Flower c & b Wiseman	5
G Flower b Wiseman	26
G Whittall run out	20
Streak c & b Astle	20
Viljoen run out	9
P Strang lbw b Astle	3
M Nkala b Wiseman	2
H Olunga not out	2
Extras: (lb 1, lb 8, w 4, nb 1)	14
Total: (all out, 42.2 overs)	201
Fall of wicket: 1-24; 2-88; 3-91; 4-108; 5-154; 6-168; 7-190; 8-196; 9-199	

Bowler O M R W

Allott	8	0	45	1
O'Connor	7	0	20	0
Astle	7	1	39	2
Cairns	1	0	6	0
Harris	10	0	37	1
Wiseman	9.2	0	45	4

Result: New Zealand won by 64 runs and advanced to the semifinals

Man-of-the-match: RG Twose

Umpires: SA Bucknor (WI) and DR Shepherd (Eng)
TV Umpire: DL Orchard (SA)
Match Referee: CW Smith (WI)

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Dhaka derby again

Sports Reporter

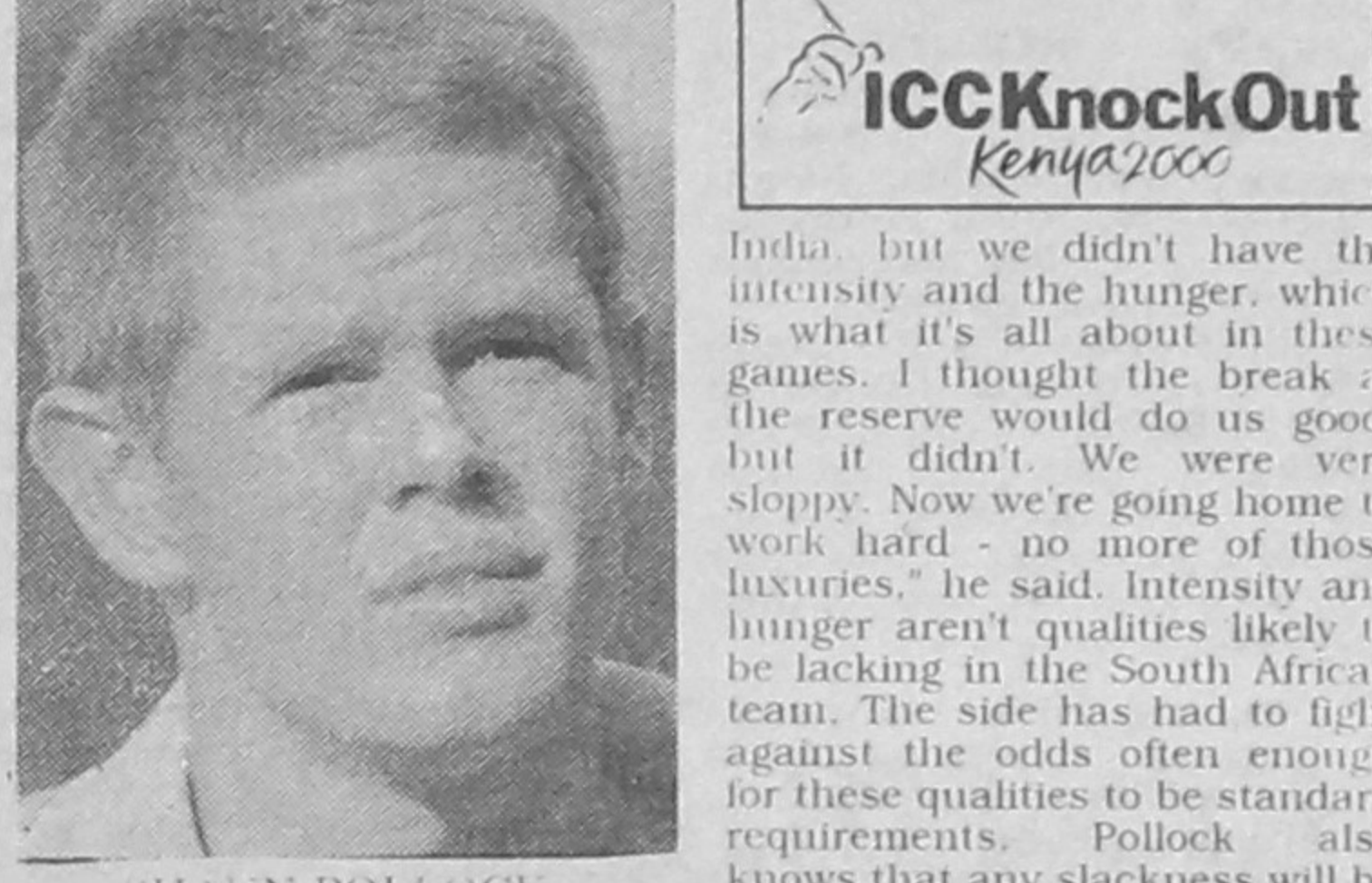
Abahani Krira Chakra will be going all-out for a win when they face arch-rivals Mohammedan. Another setback would mean the sky-blues fall further behind in the title race.
Leaders Muktiyoddha, who beat Rahmatganj after a penalty shootout yesterday in the first 'Super Four' clash, have highest 26 points from 10 matches.
Mohammedan go into the key encounter without their midfield general Matiuur Rahman Munna who hurt his ankle against Abahani last Friday. Besides, defender Rihul Amin is also a doubtful starter.

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SA, Eng face to face

NAIROBI, Oct 9 (Internet report): Tuesday's clash between old rivals England and South Africa will not be short of needle, as England coach Duncan Fletcher takes on some of his former pupils.
The Australians, whom the Proteas were scheduled to meet in the semi-final, if everything



SHAUN POLLOCK

lock "After a month's break, the guys are raring to go, but we have been very careful to guard against complacency."
In characteristic manner, Steve Waugh said his team had "not wanted it enough", while praising the Indians for their commitment.
"We had the attack to beat

Naimur's men head for SA

Sports Reporter

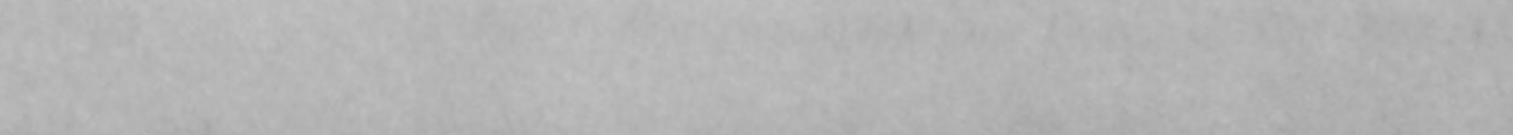
Bangladesh cricket team left for Johannesburg yesterday to play a four-day match against Griqualands West and three limited-overs games against South Africa A.
The lone first-class match will start at Kimberley on Thursday, while the limited-overs matches are on October 18, 21 and 22 at Bloemfontein, Pietermaritzburg and Durban.
Although the four-day will provide Naimur Rahman's men useful practice ahead of their historic one-off Test match against India on November 10, but many observers back home felt that it would have been wiser for Bangladesh to play more longer version matches instead of number of 50-overs games.

Bangladeshi journalists robbed

NAIROBI, Oct 9 (Internet report): Three sports journalists from Bangladesh were robbed at gunpoint while returning to their hotel following the Pakistan-Sri Lanka quarter-final game of the ICC Knockout Tournament here last night.
The three - Sheikh Saifur Rahman (The Daily Janakantha), Mustafa Mamun (The Daily Prothom Alo) and Saifur Rahman Khokon (The Daily Bhorer Kagor) - along with a local volunteer, were waylaid near the Nairobi Gymkhana Club grounds. Media Centre by a group of six armed men. The group forcibly took all the cash, passports and other valuables the three journalists were carrying and the volunteer's car as well.

A father's fantasy

SYDNEY, Oct 9 (AFP): Question: How do you persuade a little American boy to play cricket? Answer: Buy him the world's most famous and expensive cricket bat, of course.
The bat, worth a cool 78,500 US dollars, is the Slazenger with which the great West Indian all-rounder Gary Sobers - now Sir Garfield - clubbed six sixes in one over in Wales in 1968.
It is now up on its way to the United States as a christening present to encourage the American son of a wealthy English cricket fan to take up the great game when he's a big boy.
Sobers, who was here for the Olympics, put the bat and another of his famous bats up for auction at Christie's in Melbourne and got a world record 146,876 Australian dollars (78,500 US) for it, a spokesman for Christie's said Monday.
It was bought by English-born, Washington-based management consultant Martin Cannon, who had to get up in the middle of the night to bid by telephone.
"I was having trouble coming up with a christening present for my baby boy who I'm going to have a tough time getting interested in cricket given he's an American," Cannon told The Australian newspaper. "But I thought I'd give it a go."
He said he vividly remembered Sobers achieving first class cricket's greatest feat - it has only ever been equalled by one other player, Indian all-rounder Ravi Shastri - and when he saw the sale advertised in London, he decided to have it.
Cannon was on the line to Christie's when Sobers' other bat, one with which he scored a then-record 365 runs in a Test innings, sold for another record - 129,250 dollars.
"The auctioneer announced the 365 bat had set a world record price and I said down the phone that it wasn't going to be a world record for long," he said.
The bat bought by Cannon was used by Sobers in a match for his English county side Nottinghamshire against Glamorgan at Swansea in August, 1968.
His victim was spin bowler Malcolm Nash, who saw all six



GARY KASPAROV

Sharjah tri-series India stick to Nairobi team

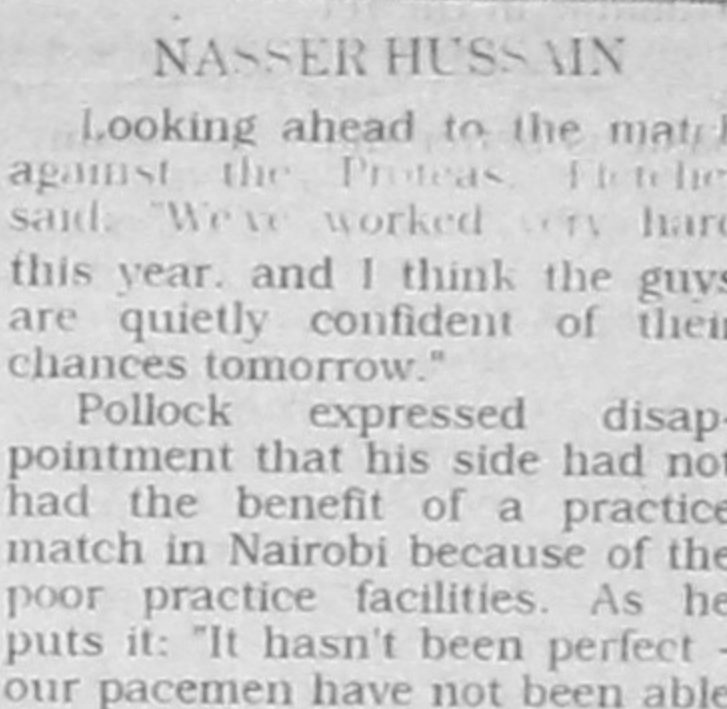
BOMBAY, Oct 9: India's cricket selectors on Monday retained the squad currently engaged in the ICC Knockout Trophy tournament in Nairobi for the Sharjah tri-series later this month, reports AFP.
The selectors turned down the team management's request for an off-spinner to counter the numerous left-handers in the Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe teams. India's opponents in the October 20-29 series in Sharjah.

SQUAD

Saurav Ganguly (captain), Sachin Tendulkar, Sridharan Srinam, Rahul Dravid, Vinod Kambli, Vijay Singh, Robin Singh, Vijay Dahiya, Ajit Agarkar, Anil Kumble, Venkatesh Prasad, Zaheer Khan, Sunil Joshi and Hemang Badani.

Kramnik holds Kasparov

LONDON, Oct 9 (Reuters): Chess king Gary Kasparov on Sunday was held to a 25-move draw in the opening game of the world chess championship by the pretender to his crown, Vladimir Kramnik.
Kasparov appeared to be stunned early on by an obscure defence that experts said he had not prepared for.
He had expected to see "surprises" from former pupil Kramnik. But judging by his expression, he had not expected to see them so soon.
The reigning world champion's rapid volley of opening moves stalled for around 30 minutes as the 24-year-old Russian resorted to a little used strategy dubbed the "Berlin defence."
"It's a shock opening," former British chess champion and match commentator Chris Ward told the news agency.
"Kramnik has played something he hasn't played before. It's quite a novelty. Kasparov has been unsettled. Kramnik has struck the first psychological blow."



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