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- Who lifted the ICC Knockout Trophy?
South Africa New Zealand Australia
- Which club annexed the Pargana tennis title?
Dhaka Club Officers Club Gulshan Club
- Who clinched Kremlin Cup men's title?
Safin Agassi Kafelnikov

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SPORTS TALK



Martinho de Araujo
(East Timor weightlifter)
"Today I lifted not only weights but my country as well."
After becoming the first athlete from his country at an Olympic Games.

Chess Olympiad Bangladesh eaves draw

Bangladesh women's team shared points with Indonesia in the seventh round of the 34th World Chess Olympiad in Istanbul on Saturday, reports UNB.

Zakia Sultana beat A Zakiah and Nazrana Khan Eva drew with E Lendiawati while veteran Rani Hamid lost to UD Tamim.

The ladies have secured 10 points.

China leads the section collecting 16.5 points after beating Moldavia 3-0.

Meanwhile, the men continued their losing streak as they went down to Venezuela 3-1.

International Master Reefat Bin Sattar drew with J Rohi and FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Razib drew with J Ostos.

International Master, Ziaur Rahman was defeated by J Sequera and IM Abdullah Al Rakib fell to C Gallegos.

They are on 13 points.

Leaders Germany have secured 20.5 points. Second-placed Russia follow a point behind.

Germany drew with Slovakia and Russia drew with Israel.

India and Pakistan also lost their seventh round boards.

India lost to Bulgaria 2.5-1.5 and Pakistan slipped against Australia 3-1.

Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI Nov 5: Bangladesh University Smriti Sangha emerged champions in the Profraser Sarwar Jahan Smriti football tournament beating Chelvey sporting club 2-1 in the final at the Tikapura Eidgah playground in the city today.

The spectacular competitive match ended in a 1-1 draw in the stipulated time. Then it was decided by tie-breaker.

Rajshahi University Vice Chancellor Prof Sayedur Rahman distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.

CRICKET

Padma Garden Cricket School (B) defeated Sonali Insurance Club by 45 runs in the first Shaheed AHM Qamruzzaman Hena Smriti cricket tournament at the Katakhal Adarsha Degree College playground today.

Winning the toss, Padma Garden batted first and scored 113 for all in 22.3 overs.

In reply, Sonali Insurance went all out in 22.3 overs collecting 68 runs.



Members of the Chittagong Division cricket team, winners of the inaugural National Cricket League last season, pose with State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader during the prize giving ceremony of Bangladesh Cricket Board at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday.

Awards handed over

Sports Reporter

The five-day lead-up event for Bangladesh's historic Test against India began yesterday with the distribution of prizes to the winners of different local affairs including inaugural National League, which was won by Chittagong.

The much-anticipated five-day match starts at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from November 10.

Excepting last year's one, awards were also handed over to the winners of the Dhaka leagues for the last five years. Because of a High Court ruling, the organisers refrained from giving prizes to the champions and the runners-up of Premier Division Cricket League. Following an unprecedented petition by runners-up Kalabagan Krira Chakra, the High Court declared last week that the final was a tie match and asked the organisers to determine the championship through toss.

The colourful ceremony, organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Board, was held at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium last evening. State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader attended the occasion.

Sobers at a loss

NEW DELHI, Nov 5: Cricket's greatest all-rounder Sir Garfield Sobers is dismayed by the match-fixing scandal saying it is the most terrible thing to happen to the game, reports PTL.

In an interview to a weekly magazine in Barbados, Sobers said, "I can't believe that Mohammad Azharuddin could do such a thing."

Lamenting the state of affairs in the game, he played, loved and breathed. Sir Garfield said he never expected former South African Captain Hansie Cronje too to be involved in match-fixing.

"Whoever is involved, it is the most terrible thing to happen to the game of cricket," he said and added, "It is like betraying your country for money."

Many drew with Slovakia and Russia drew with Israel. India and Pakistan also lost their seventh round boards. India lost to Bulgaria 2.5-1.5 and Pakistan slipped against Australia 3-1.

as chief guest while Board president and Deputy Minister for LGPR Sabir Hossain Chowdhury accompanied him as special guest.

Also present among others were the members of the past and present national teams, members of BCB, officials of Dhaka-based clubs, cricketers and hundreds of cricket fans.

BCB joint-secretary and secretary of the inaugural National League committee Dewan Shahidul Arefin Tutul welcomed the guests and thanked all the players and organisers to make the National affair a big success.

The prize-distribution programme began with Obaidul Quader handing over the championship trophy to Chittagong captain Minhazul Abedin. Sylhet captain Nasirul Alam received the runners-up trophy from Sabir Hossain.

Besides, the scorers, umpires and match referees were also awarded for their contributions to the National League. Sir Basak, Abdus Salam and Ataul Haq Mallick gave away the prizes among the scorers, umpires and match referees respectively.

Later the champion and runner-up clubs of Premier, First, Second and Third Division leagues of Dhaka City from 1990-91 to 1999-2000 received their trophies.

Noted singers Shuvro Dev and Shakila Zafar meanwhile enthralled the audience with their performances in the breaks.

As part of the Board celebration programme, a press briefing in connection with polo eradication in Bangladesh will be held at Hotel Purbani today.

Following are the names of the champions and runners-up of Dhaka leagues from 1990-91 to 1999-2000.

LIST OF AWARDEES

Season	Division	Champions	Runners up
1990-91	Premier	Brothers Union	Biman
	First	Wari Club	PWD
	Second	City Club	Ajax SC
1991-92	Premier	Mohammedan SC	Abahani
	First	Victoria SC	Udity Club
	Second	Mariner YC	Dhannondhi Club
1992-93	Premier	Abahani	Mohammedan/Biman
	First	Wari Club	Dhannondhi
	Second	Dhaka Wanderers	Shantinagar 'B'
1993-94	Premier	Abahani/Biman	Mohammedan SC
	First	Esaton SS	Sadharan Bima
	Second	Ajax SC	Copibagh FA
1994-95	Premier	Mohammedan SC	Kalabagan KC
	First	Dhaka Wanderers	Agrani Bank
	Second	Khelaghar SKS	Bangladesh Boys
1995-96	Premier	Mohammedan SC	Brothers Union
	First	Surjo Tarun Club	Lalmatia Club
	Second	Azad SC	Utara SC
1996-97	Premier	Abahani	Kalabagan KC
	First	Ajax SC	Azad SC
	Second	Railway	Orient SC
	Third	Young Cricketers	Progoti SS
1997-98	Premier	Abahani	Brothers Union
	First	Sadharan Bima	Orient SC
	Third	Anirban Sangha	Partex SC
1998-99	Premier	Biman	Abahani
	First	Gopibagh FA	City Club
	Second	Khelaghar SKS	Young Pegasus
	Third	PWD	CCS Blues
1999-2000	Premier		
	First	With held for an	High Court Order
	Second	Dhannondhi Club	Young Cricketers
	Third	Azad SC	Indira Road KC
		Green Leaf	New Eagles

'I saved stars from mafia'

SYDNEY, Nov 5: Manoj Prabhakar, who blew the whistle on cricket's match-fixing scandal only to find himself named as a culprit, said his decision to expose illegal betting saved many international players from the deadly wrath of the Indian mafia, reports AFP.

Prabhakar, who played for India for almost a decade, denied in an interview with Sydney's Sun-Herald that he was corrupt but admitted introducing some players to bookmaker Mukesh Kumar Gupta — the kingpin of the player-bookie nexus.

But he insisted he didn't know Gupta was involved in match-fixing.

"If somebody comes and stands in a group it is good manners to introduce them," he said. "It is not my problems what they talk about."

"I did not know what Gupta was doing. When I realised that this guy was into deep shit, I got out of it straight away. When I realised, I quit."

"My conscience is clear. I wanted to support cricket, my country and all international cricketers," the paper quoted him as saying.

"I saved people who could have got involved by blowing the whistle. It starts with just giving information and then Jadeja, Nayan Mongia and Ajay Sharma — of dallying with bookmakers."

Kapil was absolved of any wrongdoing with the report citing lack of evidence.

According to the report, Prabhakar was close to bookmakers and punters during his playing days and after retirement.

There was also evidence, the report said, of Prabhakar under-performing, passing on information and introducing foreign players to Gupta and other bookmakers.

He denied the allegations.

"I am trying to clean cricket and this is my reward," he said. "I have never done anything wrong. I never introduced anybody knowing what was going on. When I found out that's wrong I started this whole investigation."

The Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) report also named nine foreign players allegedly implicated.

They were Alec Stewart (England), Brian Lara (West Indies), Hansie Cronje (South Africa), Arjuna Ranatunga and Aravinda De Silva (Sri Lanka), Martin Crowe (New Zealand), Asif Iqbal and Salim Malik (Pakistan) and Mark Waugh (Australia).

Viquarunnissa, S'nahar in final

Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University and Viquarunnissa Noon School & College reached the final of the sixth Delta Life Handball Competition yesterday, reports UNB.

Shamsunnahar moved into today's final beating Bangladesh-Kuwait Moltri Hall 5-4 in the first semifinal after leading the first half 2-1.

Swarna and Mousumi scored two goals each for the winners while Monwara netted three goals for the losers.

In the other semifinal, Viquarunnissa Noon crushed Mirpur Girls' Ideal Laboratory Institute 6-2. They took 3-1 lead at half time.

Ashrafun scored four goals for the winners while Faruq and Mithun reduced the margin for the losers.

Before the final at the Sultana-Kamal Women's Sports Complex at 3:30 pm the third-place play-off will be held at 2:15 pm.

Forest and Environment Minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury will witness the matches as the chief guest.

Green post good total

Bangladesh Green added only 75 runs to their overnight first innings total on the second day to end up with 333 in the four-day practice match against Bangladesh Red at the BKSP yesterday.

National captain Nannur Rahman was the only batsman who made a major contribution. His 30 off 50 balls featured five fours while Hasibul Hossain added an unbeaten 14.

At stumps on Saturday the Greens finished on 258 for three.

Shahriar Hossain, who started the day on 136, returned to the dressing room after making 151 off 281 balls. It included 18 fours and two sixes.

Former skipper Akram Khan added one more run to his overnight score of 61.

Mushfiqur Rahman and Aminul Islam (Jr) captured three wickets each for Bangladesh Red. Ashfaq Ali took two for 11.

Riding on Mohammad Ashraf's half-century, Bangladesh Red reached 112 for four in 46 overs at the close despite losing two quick wickets for nine runs.

The young opener's 54 runs came off 123 deliveries. He hit six boundaries and one six before being bowled by Hasibul.

Nasirul Alam contributed 39. The pair repaired the early damage with a third-wicket stand worth 92.

Rajin Saleh, who was surprisingly drafted into the national squad, and Mushfiqur were batting on seven and three runs respectively.

Bikash Ranjan and Fahim Muntasir, both have been placed in the national side, claimed one wicket each.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day practice match between Bangladesh Green and Bangladesh Red at the BKSP on Sunday:

BANGLADESH GREEN: First innings (overnight 258 for three in 80 overs)

Shahriar c Anwar b Mushfiqur	151
Mehrab c Al-Shahriar b Aminul (Jr)	16
H Bashir c Mortuza b Ashfaq	16
Aminul b Ashraf	29
Akram c Anwar b Aminul (Jr)	62
Nasirul c Javed Omar b Ashfaq	30
K Masud b Mushfiqur	0
Rafique b Aminul (Jr)	4

BANGLADESH RED: First innings

Javed Omar b Hasibul	0
Ashraf b Hasibul	54
Al-Shahriar c K Masud b Bikash	6
Nasirul Alam c Aminul b Fahim	39
Rajin batting	7
Mushfiqur batting	3
Extras: (b-1, nb-2)	3
Total: (for 4 wickets in 46 overs)	112

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-9, 3-92, 4-107.

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	13	4	22	2
Bikash	8	4	9	1
Nasirul	11	2	35	0
Rafique	7	3	15	0
Fahim	7	1	30	1

Agrani Bank Div I soccer champs

Agrani Bank clinched the title of the National Bank First Division Football League beating Youngmen's Fakirpool Club 2-1 at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

With the day's result, Agrani Bank finished with 36 points while Youngmen's Club ended four adrift.

Both teams earlier confirmed their Premier Division berth.

The bankers led the first half 1-0 with Sohag's 27th minute goal.

Sohag doubled the margin in the 60th minute of the second half. Shaiful reduced the margin for the losers in the 80th minute.

Muktijoddha lose again

NEW DELHI, Nov 5: Muktijoddha Krira Chakra, despite displaying a good brand of soccer, suffered a 2-1 defeat against Churchill Brothers in the Durand Cup Tournament at the Ambedkar Stadium here today, reports BSS.

At half-time the scores were goalless.

Muktijoddha dominated the proceedings but both luck and lack of finishing prevented them from winning against possibly the best team in the tournament. Churchill earlier qualified for the semifinals.

Churchill substitute Francis Silveria scored both goals against the run of play. Silveria netted in the 55th and 67th minute respectively.

Muktijoddha's substitute Liton reduced the margin six minutes before the final whistle.

The Premier Division team will leave for home tomorrow. They lost two earlier matches.

TEAMS

MUKTIJODDHA KC: Aminul Haque, Hasan al Mamun, Prodeep Poddar (Prodeep Barua), Ranazoni Karthi Barman, M Sujan, Masud Rana, Tusher, Joy (Saurav Raju), Yorkin (Liton), Farhad, Moni.

CHURCHILL BROTHERS: Casimiro Palha, Rajesh Meetai, Oussman Hussein, Jaspreet Singh, Farooq Hyder (Mahesh Gwili), Jose Colaco, Andrew Requena, Edison Crasto, Uday Kumar (Sontal Shaiza), Abhishek Yadav (Rancis Silveria), Raustav Ghosh.

'The five' must pay taxes

NEW DELHI, Nov 5: Indian revenue officials will soon ask five national players, who have been charged with match-fixing and corruption, to pay up huge taxes on their unaccounted wealth, officials said here Sunday, reports AFP.

Officials from the Income Tax (IT) Department said they will "soon proceed" against the five — former captain Mohammad Azharuddin, Ajay Jadeja, Nayan Mongia, Ajay Sharma and whistle-blower Manoj Prabhakar.

An official said similar action will be taken against bookmakers who along with players and officials of India's cricket board were raided by federal revenue officials in a nationwide crackdown in July this year.

"We have achieved reasonable success in the probe into cricketers and bookies who have huge concealed incomes from various sources," he said, adding the department would trap the players into confessing their hidden income.

The tax department has unearthed unaccounted money running in millions of rupees (dollars) from bank lockers and homes of some of the people raided in July, an official said.

The tainted players and a

clutch of illegal bookies would be asked to give detailed accounts of what they had earned in the past 10 years, officials said, adding that any attempt to conceal facts would draw "severe punishment."

The tax department stepped in three days after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) named the five as major match fixers and sent its probe report to the Indian government for further action.

The players have been banned by India's cricket board from playing in domestic or international matches.

Besides the Indians, nine foreign players from England, West Indies, Pakistan and Sri Lanka have been named in the CBI report on match fixing released here Wednesday.

Jadeja on Saturday described the CBI report as "concocted" saying talking to bookies was not a crime. Mongia on Sunday pleaded not guilty and accused Azharuddin of levelling false allegations.

"His statement is totally false," the stumper told the Press Trust of India in Baroda of Azharuddin's statement to the CBI that Mongia also took money to divulge match information to the bookies.

"The absurdity of the allegation can be gauged by the fact that I was not a member of the team in the two matches referred by Azharuddin."

"My conscience is clear. I wanted to support cricket, my country and all international cricketers," the paper quoted him as saying.

Sarwan relishes the prospect

PERTH, Nov 5 (AFP/Reuters): Star young West Indian batsman Nannur Rahmanesh Sarwan — who burst on the first-class cricket scene as a 15-year-old — declared Sunday he was ready for Australia's explosive pace attack in the five-Test series starting later this month.

Buoyed by his successes against England, where he averaged almost 41 — the best in his side — in three Tests in the northern summer, the 20-year-old right-hander said he was excited by the prospect of facing Glenn McGrath, Brett Lee and Jason Gillespie.

"Of course, I have not played against any of them yet, but I have seen Brett on television," he said.

"Diplomatically, he said he was not in a position to rate them at the moment."

"I don't want to make any comment on them, but of course I and all the other boys are looking forward to battling against them."

Sarwan looms as a key component in an inexperienced West Indies batting line-up despite his successes, plumb the depths during the England series, won 3-1 by the home country.

Sarwan was the youngest player in West Indies cricket when he made his debut for Guyana at the age of 15 years and 235 days.

Former England captain Ted Dexter, who watched him bat in a recent game against Pakistan, predicted he had the class to finish with a Test average of 50 — the barometer of an outstanding Test batsman.

While he has not played in a game in Australia, he has had the advantage of spending a month earlier this year at the Australian Cricket Academy in Adelaide, under the tutelage of former Australian wicketkeeper Rod Marsh.

"That was pretty good," he said. "We had a few net sessions on the turf there, and that helped me. I found the surface pretty good for batting. The ball comes on well to the bat."

AUSTRALIA-WINDIES SCHEDULE

Nov 7: Chairman's XI v West Indies, Perth
Nov 9-12: Western Australia v West Indies, Perth
Nov 14: Northern Territory Cricket Association Invitational XI v West Indies, Alice Springs
Nov 17-20: Victoria v West Indies, Melbourne
Nov 23-27: First Test, Australia v West Indies, Brisbane
Dec 1-5: Second Test, Australia v West Indies, Perth
Dec 7: Prime Minister's XI v West Indies, Canberra
Dec 9-12: Australia A v West Indies, Hobart
Dec 15-19: Third Test, Australia v West Indies, Adelaide
Dec 26-30: Fourth Test, Australia v West Indies, Melbourne
Jan 2-6: Fifth Test, Australia v West Indies, Sydney

TRI-SERIES SCHEDULE

Jan 9: Australia A v West Indies (D/N), Adelaide
Jan 11: Australia v West Indies (D/N), Melbourne
Jan 12: Australia A v Zimbabwe (D/N), Brisbane
Jan 13: West Indies v Zimbabwe (D/N), Brisbane
Jan 14: Australia v West Indies (D/N), Brisbane
Jan 17: Australia v West Indies (D/N), Sydney
Jan 21: Australia v Zimbabwe (D/N), Melbourne
Jan 23: West Indies v Zimbabwe (D/N), Sydney
Jan 25: West Indies v Zimbabwe (D/N), Adelaide
Jan 26: Australia v West Indies (D/N), Adelaide
Jan 28: Australia v Zimbabwe (D/N), Sydney
Jan 30: Australia v Zimbabwe, Hobart
Feb 2: West Indies v Zimbabwe (D/N), Perth
Feb 4: Australia v Zimbabwe, Perth
Feb 7: 1st final (D/N), Sydney
Feb 9: 2nd final (D/N), Melbourne
Feb 11: 3rd final (D/N), Melbourne (if required)

SAHWAN

Sarwan said that in his earlier days his batting heroes were West Indians Brian Lara and Carl Hooper and Australia's Waugh brothers, Steve and Mark.

"When I was younger I probably tried to copy Carl or Mark, but not any more," he said. "Now I just try to be myself at all times."

Sarwan will not have to wait long for his first taste of Australia's champion pace battery: The first Test gets underway in Brisbane November 23.

His tussles with the fiery Lee promise to be one of the highlights of the series.

Lee, named International Young Cricketer of the Year in 2000, bowled the fastest ball ever recorded in international cricket in April, when one of his deliveries in a one-day clash against South Africa in Johannesburg measured a sizzling 156kph (96.8 mph).