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1. Who clinched the Asia Cup soccer title?
Saudi Arabia | Japan | South Korea
2. How many teams took part in the Sharjah cricket series?
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3. Who lifted the ICC Knockout Trophy?
South Africa | New Zealand | Australia
4. Which club annexed the Partex tennis title?
Dhaka Officers Club | Gulshan Club
5. Who clinched Kremlin Cup men's title?
Safin | Agassi | Kafelnikov

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SPORTS TALK



Greg Norman

(Australian golf star)

"All the things that the Olympics stand for are what golf is all about. That golf isn't in the Olympics is a crying shame."

Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Nov 6: Khulna Newsprint Mills Club defeated Khulna Brothers Union 2-0 in the opening match of the 13th Meghna Cement DSA Cup football tournament at the local stadium today, reports BSS.

The winners led the first half 1-0. Mehedi Hasan and Shafiqur Rahman scored one goal each.

Earlier, Harunur Rashid, MP, general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation, inaugurated the tournament.

Tomorrow's match: Winners Club vs Cosmos Club.

Stewart in selection doubt

KARACHI, Nov 6 (Internet report): Alec Stewart's selection for the first Test against Pakistan next week is in doubt as doubts have been raised as to his mental state.

The former England captain has reportedly appeared drained and distracted since being accused of accepting money to provide information to a bookmaker in Indian Criminal Bureau of Investigation (CBI) report into corruption, published last Wednesday. Stewart has denied the allegations repeatedly, and has received the backing of the English board.

Having been rested for last week's innings victory over the PCB Patron's XI in Rawalpindi, the wicket-keeper will take part Wednesday's four-day match against a Governor's XI to determine whether he is in a strong enough mental state to feature in the first Test in Lahore, the Press Association reports.

"We would very much like him to play this week, but we'll have to wait and see," coach Duncan Fletcher told PA. "I'm pretty confident he'll play, but the events of the last week have to be of some concern."

"When you see one of the team go through that you have to look at his behaviour and keep him concentrating on the cricket."



BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury addresses a press briefing in connection with BCB's joint venture polio eradication programme (bowl out polio) at a city hotel yesterday. State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed looks on.

—Star photo

BCB target polio

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday officially joined the battle to exterminate polio from the country with the launching of the 'Bowl out Polio' programme at a city hotel yesterday.

The event was a part of the BCB's celebrations leading up to the inaugural Test match against India scheduled to start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from November 10.

The polio eradication drive will be a joint venture between the BCB, the United Nations International Children Emergency Fund (UNICEF), the Bangladeshi Government, World Health Organisation (WHO), The Government of Japan, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-Atlanta, IOCH, USAID and the United Kingdom's Department of International Development.

BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury chaired the press conference where the programme was announced. State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed was present

on the occasion as chief guest. Other important personalities present were Dhiraj Kumar Nath, the Additional Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Mashirul Rahman, the Director General of Health Services, Kayote Oyegebita, the Chief of Health and Nutrition of UNICEF, former minister and vice-president of Polioplus Committee of Rotary Club International Habibullah Khan.

Welcoming the media and other invited guests, Saber Hossain said: "Today the BCB is announcing its partnership with the Government of Bangladesh and coalition of international partners for polio eradication."

As cricket continues to grow in prestige and popularity, more and more children will want to become cricket stars in the years to come. Until polio is removed from the country, some of them may not realise their dreams because they are still circulating among the children of Dhaka city.

Saber also warned that no children, be they poor or rich, were safe from the disease until all of them have been vaccinated and the virus had been totally eradicated.

To make people conscious about the importance of vaccinating their child, two National Immunisation Days (NIDs) will be conducted in Bangladesh on November 15 and December 17. The parents have been asked to vaccinate all their children below the age of five on the NIDs.

It was also revealed at the press conference that national team captain Naimur Rahman and ace batsman Akram Khan will take part in polio awareness videos.

Windies open tour today



PERTH, Nov 6 (AFP): West Indies superstar Brian Lara, under growing pressure to break his silence over match-fixing allegations, has been selected to take the field in the tourists' opening clash of their Australian tour Tuesday.

Lara, 31, was included late Monday in the squad to take on an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in a limited-overs game at Lilac Hill Park, Caversham, near here.

Earlier, team assistant coach Jeffrey Dujon had said the record-breaking left-hander was no certainty for the match.

"I would like to see him get as much practice as possible, but a one-day game is perhaps not ideal for him," Dujon had said.

The Windies team also includes young star batsmen 20-year-old Rameesh Sarwan and 21-year-old Darren Ganga.

Ganga will open with vice-captain Sherwin Campbell.

Young pace hopes 25-year-old Marlon Black and 20-year-old Kerry Jeremy will also have their first workouts in Australian conditions.

Lara has batted at length in the Perth nets over the past two days, but there were doubts about his fitness.

He still has some soreness -- a legacy of a hamstring problem in England.

But Dujon said he was delighted Lara was prepared to turn out in the tour-opening clash.

"The more match practice he gets, the better his mental condition will be, especially if he gets a couple of hundreds behind him," Dujon said.

Lara remains the side's big bat, especially in a team with so little experience at the top.

His fitness has been a major concern, and he has to work harder to keep in shape for the demands of international competition.

He was noticeably more generously proportioned during the England tour, but has shed a few kilograms recently.

"He has trimmed down a bit since England and is getting into trim now," Dujon said.

"I believe he is getting somewhere near where he wants to be."

Meanwhile, Lara continued

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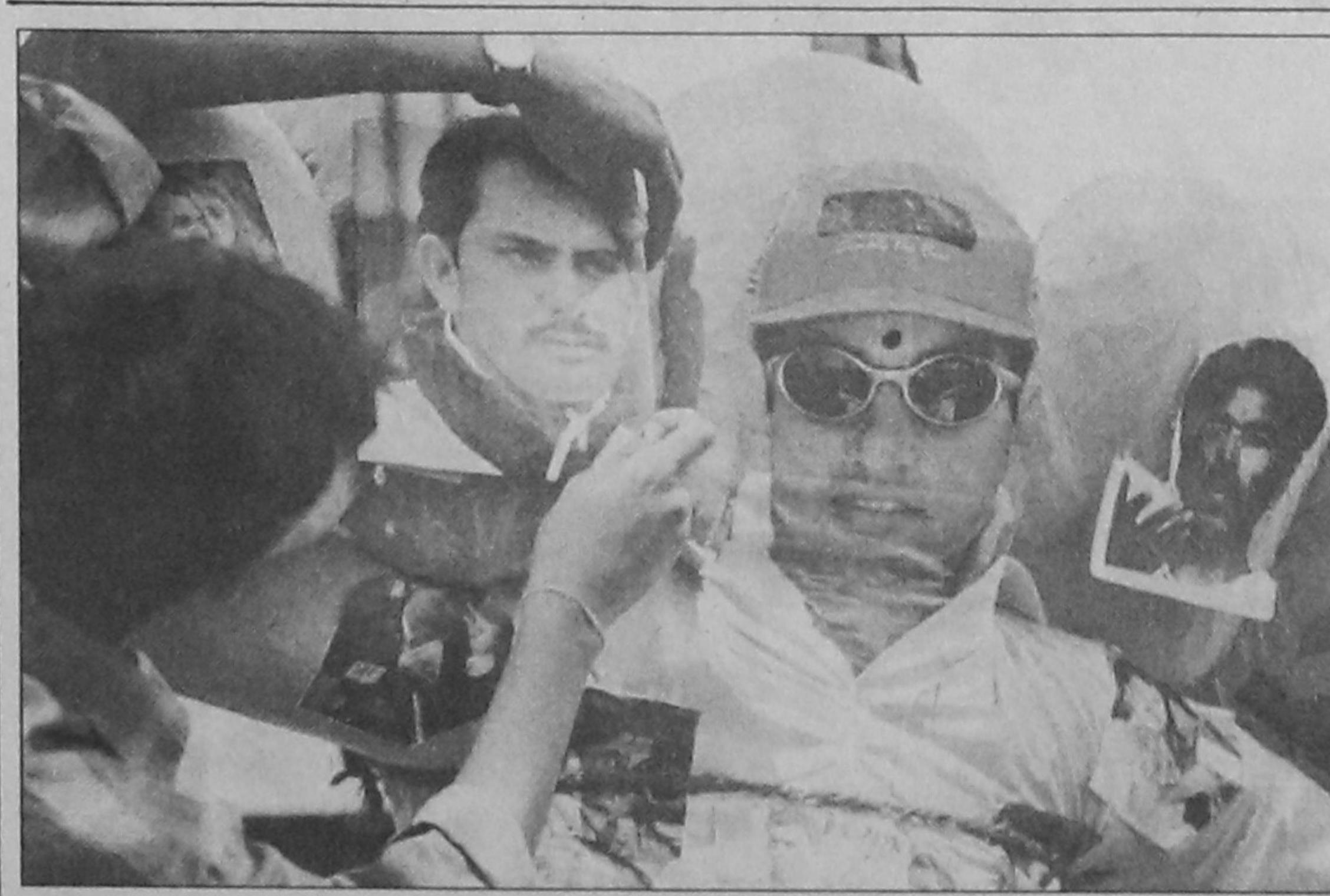
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An activist of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) student's wing pins a picture of former skipper Mohammad Azharuddin on an effigy along with pictures of four other players which were burnt during a demonstration in Bangalore yesterday.

Shooters on target

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh won four more gold medals in the Third SAF Shooting Championships in Karachi yesterday.

On an eventful day, the men captured two golds in the free rifle prone and air rifle category respectively. Besides, Shoebuzzaman, team captain of air rifle team, and Golam Shafuddin Shishu, who leads the free rifle prone shooters, also claimed the individual gold in their respective events.

Apart from the gold, ace shooter Sabrina Sultan bagged an individual silver in sport rifle prone event on Monday.

Bangladesh have won 11 golds, seven silvers and a bronze so far in the competition.

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CRICKET

Raninagar Cricket School (B) defeated Harian Cricket School by 13 runs in the first Shaiheed AHM Qamruzzaman Hena Sunriti Cricket tournament at the Katakhaladi Adarsha Degree College playground today.

Winning the toss, Raninagar batted first and collected 109 for all in 23.5 overs.

In reply, Harian went all out in 24.1 overs scoring 96 runs.

KABADI

Jagrata Sangha and Shiroil Sporting Club won their respective matches in the inaugural day of the Rajshahi District Kabadi League at the Rajshahi Gymnasium playground.

Jagrata Sangha beat Modern Boxing Club 72-40 points.

Shiroil defeated Lotos Club 48-24 points in the second match.

CRICKET

NEW DELHI, Nov 6 (Internet report): Groundsmen Ram Adhar Chaudhary, who admitted to the CBI that he took money to produce a result pitch in 1996, has claimed his admission was made only to put an end to police abuse.

In a report on Indian website, tehelka.com, Chaudhary claimed he did not prepare a "result" pitch in return for a payment from Ajay Sharma (via MK Gupta) for a one-off Test between India and Australia at Delhi in 1996.

One of the umpires, Peter Willey, described it as the worst first-day pitch he had ever seen in a Test match, providing corroborative evidence to suggest that there might have been pressure brought to bear to produce a pitch that was likely to yield a result.

The groundsman told the website that the police picked him up at the Ferozshah Kotla Ground in New Delhi, and began to beat him. When he continued to deny the accusation of corruption, he was subjected to more blows from the police, so he confessed to save himself from further abuse.

Chaudhary said he did not have it in his powers anyway to affect the nature of the pitch, and that only the head groundsman, Radhey Shyam, could have done so. He claimed that he was only in charge of watering the pitch, which was, in any event prepared over a month, not in two days.

Chaudhary acknowledged that he was offered money by Sharma to prepare a pitch to suit spinners, but that he rejected the offer, saying it was beyond his powers to do so.

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