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It's not all that easy to attract the attention of journalists. To do so, one may have to be a little bit innovative. So, cricket officials in Wellington came up with a novel way of getting some headlines for a one-day match played at the Basin Reserve in 1997. They employed a male streaker to run across the pitch during play - and a female entertainer to play the part of the arresting officer.



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 1 pm
 Man United vs Leeds United
 English Premiership
 Repeat at 7 am
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 English Premiership
 Repeat at 9 am
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 Repeat at 4:30 pm
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 Weekly Highlights
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 English Premiership
 Live at 10:00 pm
Star Sports
 Sheffield Shield Final
 2:00 pm
 Harsha Online
 Cricket Talk Show
 11:00 pm
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 Primera Liga
 Repeat at 3:30 pm
 Malaga vs Villarreal
 Primera Liga
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1. Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier
 2-0 3-2 3-0

2. Who clinched the Paris Indoor Open title?
 Huber Hingis Mauresmo

3. Sri Lanka won the one-day series against New Zealand
 3-2 5-0 4-1

4. How many Tests will Bangladesh play in five years?
 34 35 36

5. Who lifted the national under-19 cricket crown?
 Chittagong Rajshahi BKSP

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAMAN

Erapalli Prasanna helping Bangladesh captain and off-spinner Naimur Rahman to adjust his action while his teammate Mohammad Rafique, a left-arm spinner, observes it closely at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday. The former Indian spinner arrived in the city on Thursday to guide Naimur correcting his action.

Mixed bag on Mobassher act

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The much-talked-about polls tale of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) got another twist on Sunday when Mobassher Hossain tendered his resignation just four days after he was elected one of the 29 Board of Directors.

The sudden change of hearts of Mobassher, a councillor of Brothers Union, caught most of the Dhaka-based directors by surprise.

Although Mobassher's quitting is yet to be officially confirmed with the BCB President Saber Hossain now in Saudi Arabia, to per-

form Hajj, the decision of the country's leading developer has put a question mark over the entire election. It was reported that his resignation has been triggered by allegations of bribery in the polls.

The February 25 election came under severe criticism after a few candidates alleged that the Jafar Imam-led District and Divisional Forum manœuvred the election with a 'vote for cash' campaign. Besides, there were also reports of arms show-off and political influences before the election of the most affluent sports federation of the country.

The National Sports Council (NSC), the governing body of country's sports, recently formed a

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three-member probe committee amidst growing dissatisfaction among the sports lovers of the country.

Many feel that the resignation of Mobassher might encourage a few other directors with conscience to follow suits. But there were also others elected from Dhaka clubs who opined otherwise.

"I'm not in a position to make any comment. Besides, I'm not sure yet if he (Mobassher) has resigned. But if that is true, then I must say that it was an act of an escapist," said Mahmud Ul Haq,

who notched highest 90 votes in the election for 18 directors from Dhaka-based clubs.

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Hooper given the reins

Cricket

INTERNET, BRIDGETOWN

Following a week of speculation, 34-year-old Guyanese batsman Carl Hooper has been named as captain of the West Indies for the five Test series against South Africa on Friday evening.

The appointment of Hooper was announced by West Indies Cricket Board chief executive officer Gregory Shillingford, who explained that the captain had been chosen following a democratic process involving the president of the WICB and all twelve of its directors. The appointment came following the recommendation of the regional selection panel of Michael Findlay, Joey Carew, Joel Garner and Roger Harper.

A veteran of 80 Tests and 182 one-day internationals, Hooper announced his retirement in April, 1999. Hooper has played 80 Tests and 182 one-day internationals. He is a player of immense talent but has frequently disappointed and has a moderate average of 33.76.

But after a stint in Australia with his Australian wife and their child, he returned to the Caribbean for a stunning domestic season leading Guyana. Hooper broke a tournament batting record with 849 runs at an average of 97, in-



CARL HOOPER

South Africa starts in Hooper's hometown, Georgetown, Guyana next week.

The man whose shoes Hooper now fills, Jimmy Adams, saw a dismal slump in his fortunes over the last 18 months. In the five Test series against Australia which ended in January, Adams scored poorly, with three ducks and no score over 49.

Taking over from Brian Lara last February, Adams led the West Indies to victory in four of his first

six Tests at the helm, against Zimbabwe, Pakistan and England, in which he was not made captain.

But his team's fortunes and his own declined dramatically.

The West Indies were beaten 3-1 in the Test series in England last summer, when Adams averaged 24.44, and suffered a 5-0 sweep in Australia in the series that ended in January.

Adams failed to pass 50 in 10 innings and averaged 18.8.

He has not been included in a squad of 16 named by West Indies' selectors for a pre-Test training camp in Trinidad.

In an brief official statement released by the WICB Saturday, the board said it "wishes to thank outgoing captain, Jimmy Adams, for his contribution and efforts in leading the West Indies team during a very testing period."

"We wish him the very best in the future," the statement concluded.

Ironically, the two opposing captains in Saturday's Busta Shields final are Carl Hooper and Jimmy Adams.

Adams, in an interview with CANA on Friday, appealed to fans in Kingston not to heckle Hooper during this weekend's final.

"I don't see any reason to boo any player - certainly not Carl, who has done nothing but come back (from retirement) and represent his country with distinction," Adams said in the interview.



Winners of the 19th Lancer Cup golf tournament pose during the prize-giving ceremony at the end of the day-long meet at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Friday.

Ehlvest pips Vozhin at the post

SPORTS REPORTER

Estonian Grandmaster Jan Ehlvest crowned himself as the champion of the 5th United Insurance Grandmasters Chess Tournament Saturday.

It was a remarkable late rally from the bespectacled Estonian that broke the heart of Russian GM Alexander Volzhin in the final round of the 13-round meet.

Need a victory on the final day, Ehlvest did it in style, defeating an otherwise impressive Uzbek IM Vakhidov Tahir, to tie the score with Volzhin at 8.5. But Ehlvest clinched the title, winning more games than his Russian counterpart.

Although Ehlvest led the board through out the tournament, he paid the price of a series of dull draws at the final stage including his Saturday's game against Latvian IM Igor Rausis.

Another Latvian GM Normunds Miezis captured the third place with 8 points. Miezis beat IM Ziaur Rahman in the final round.

Although the tournament offered a perfect opportunity for Zia to earn his final GM norm, but he



GM JAAN EHLVEST

disappointed the home supporters with timid showings.

Niaz Murshed, the lone GM of the country, did not start well but eventually finished with a respectable fourth position collecting seven points. Niaz defeated GB Prakash in the final round.

The event traditionally favoured Englishmen with three of the four previous title going to them, but GM Nigel Davies failed for a change. He could manage seven points.

Champion and runner-up won cash awards of 1550 US dollars each. Miezis got 700 US dollars and Niaz got 300 US dollars.

Moidul Islam, chairman of the sponsors United Insurance Company limited, distributed prizes among the winners. Bangladesh Chess Federation President Dr. M. Mostofa Chowdhury also attended the ceremony.

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He fell to the ground and having got to his feet pointed his finger at the batsman. At the end of the over Gough snatched his sunglasses from umpire TM Samarasinha.

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PHOTO: STAR

German coach of the national hockey team Schumacher briefing his charges at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday. This was the last training session before the Eid vacation.

Fiesta in calm city

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

There will be less traffic and air pollution in the city when the eight foreign teams would be arriving in Dhaka to take part in the Prime Minister's Gold Cup Hockey Tournament.

The nine-nation meet, which will also include hosts Bangladesh, will kick off at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium on March 10.

Five teams including India and Pakistan will arrive on March 8, the day after the Eid-ul-Azha. China will be the first team to come over on March 7 while Japan reach on March 9. Only Ireland are yet to confirm their arrival.

This was going to be the biggest international hockey tournament since Bangladesh staged the Asian Cup way back in 1985.

All the foreign teams will stay at Hotel Sheraton while hosts Bangladesh will be housed at Grand Azad.

Group A: India, Japan, Scotland and Bangladesh.

Group B: Pakistan, China, Egypt, Ireland and Malaysia.

Div II cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Kathalbagan Green Cricket Club beat Gulshan Club by two wickets in the Acme Second Division Cricket League at the Mirpur Outer Stadium yesterday.

Deciding to bat first, Gulshan scored 17 all out in 43.2 overs with highest 50 runs coming from extras.

Number six batsman Shaon scored 26 runs off 71 balls with two fours while number nine Saiful added a run-a-ball 25.

Sumon claimed three wickets conceding 40 runs while Rana took two for 21.

In their turn, Kathalbagan reached the target of 174 in 44.1 overs losing two wickets.

Opener Imrose made 32 with four boundaries while one down Niaz scored 31 runs that featured five fours.

Sujon captured three wickets for 18 runs while Shahnewaz also took three wickets conceding 27 runs.

Same old Gough

Cricket

AFP, Sri Lanka

England fast bowler Darren Gough was given his marching orders by skipper Nasser Hussain after an other tantrum during a limited-overs practice match against a Sri Lanka Colts XI here Saturday.

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abused a Sri Lankan bowler after being caught at bat pad.

He was reported to be the Sri Lankan Cricket Board, but no action was taken by the England management as the opposition did not press for any charges.

Gough's incident apart, England had a scare when their informant Marcus Trescothick sustained a knee injury while fielding.

Trescothick pulled up while running through during his third over, clutching his left knee. He was forced to hobble off the pitch with physio Dean Conway assisting him. Craig White completed the over.