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Oscar Swahn of Sweden won a silver in the Running Deer shooting event at the Olympic Games in 1920, at the age of 72 years, 280 days. During his sporting career, he won three gold, one silver, and two bronze Olympic medals. In 1924, although he did qualify for the Olympics in Paris, he was unable to compete, because of ill health. Throughout his career, he collected more than 500 medals. He died in 1927 in Stockholm. His son, Alfred Gomer Albert Swahn, followed in his father's footsteps by collecting three gold, three silver, and three bronze Olympic medals, also in shooting events.



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Bilbao vs Valencia
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Cricket Talk Show
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Shaun Pollock
(South African cricket captain)
"We played in conditions which didn't suit us, and I was very happy with the way we fought our way through, with all the players making a contribution at different levels."

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3. Who clinched the Standard Chartered National School Cricket title?	New Model	BKSP (Manikganj) High	
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The new Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Board of Directors met for the first time yesterday at the conference room of the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Probe report brushed under carpet?

'Sick' Nizam ducks first meeting



SPORTS REPORTER

The probe committee report on irregularities in the February 25 election, which was expected to dominate first-ever meeting of the new directors of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), was apparently ignored yesterday.

Although the nearly four-hour meeting, chaired by Board president Saher Hossain Chowdhury, took some important decisions, it however missed a controversial Sheikh Nizamuddin, who allegedly engineered the 'vote for cash' campaign on behalf of the Zafar Imam-led District Forum in electing the 30 Board of Directors from Dhaka clubs.

It was however understood why Sheikh Nizam fell ill.

"We did not get hold of the probe report before the meeting," said BCB director Syed Ashraf Haq to a group of waiting journalists after the meeting.

Due to the lengthy delay in submitting the probe report to the three-member committee, headed by BKSP DG Brig. Gen. Ahsan Habib, the directors could not sit despite being officially declared elected in March.

Saher Hossain had earlier promised that he would not convene the meeting until the findings of the inquiry report proved that there was no wrongdoing in the election.

But on Monday, Saher hurriedly left the Board office without telling the press whether he was really satisfied with the way his directors had come clean. Interestingly, only he took a vocal stand against alleged corruption and show-off of arms during the elections.

Besides, Saher also lost his face on another contentious issue when the Board removed Ali Ahsan Babu from their proposed General Manager post.

"We have withdrawn our offer to Babu and will be looking for another suitable candidate from home or even abroad," said Ashraf.

Other key decisions included directing the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) to complete this year's First Division League immediately, the formation of two selection committees, the shifting of the BCB office and the holding of the next Annual General Meeting.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Board has named a three-member selection committee for the Bangladesh team with former national player Mainul Haq as chairman. The other selectors are Asaduzzaman Misha and Tanjib Ahsan Saad respectively.

Besides, Tanjib will also lead the panel of four selectors for the various age-group teams. It includes BKSP instructor Nazmul Abedin Fahim, former national cricketers Rafiqul Alam and An-

warul Amin Azhar.

The selectors would be paid an undisclosed fee for the first time.

BCB'S NEW ADDRESS
The headquarters of the Bangladesh Cricket Board would be shifted to the posh Navana Tower in Gulshan from its present office at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

"We expect to move to the spacious Navana building by August," said Ashraf.

NEXT AGM
The second annual general meeting of the BCB will take place in July or August at a location yet to be decided.

To make the AGM successful, an eight-member preparation committee headed by Enayet Hossain Siraj was formed.

Three directors apart from Sheikh Nizamuddin were absent in the meeting. Outgoing treasurer Afzalur Rahman Sinha and Aziz Al Kaiser are now out of the country while Mobasser Hossain, who resigned after the election on ground alleged manipulation, also didn't show up.

"The Board president has sought seven days to persuade him to withdraw his resignation letter and join the next meeting," said Ashraf.

Meanwhile, the Board president was yet to nominate a person from the Bangladesh Cricket Development Foundation (BCDF) on the BCB Board Directors.

The meeting was adjourned until the first week of June.

CJKS Div I cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Shaheed Shahjahan Sangha, Satabdi Goshi and Satabdi Club won their respective matches of the CJKS-Ispahani First Division Cricket League yesterday.

Shaheed Shahjahan recorded an impressive seven-wicket win over Regensea Sporting Club at the MA Aziz Stadium.

In the second match, Satabdi Goshi beat Seba Niketan by eight wickets at Dampara Police Lines ground.

In the third match of the day, Satabdi defeated Kallol Sangha by 68 runs at Chittagong Medical College ground.

BRIEF SCORES

REGENSEA SC: 143/6 in 35 overs (Rajesh 32, Jonny 29, Apu 23, extras 24; Tanvir 2/23).

SHAHEED SHAHJAHAN SANGHA: 147/3 in 23 overs (Rana 63, Ripon 47, Mithu 18, extras 12, Babu 2/14, Kaiser 1/33).

SEBA NIKETAN: 147/10 in 35 overs (Jitu 30, Bibhas 28, Sakib 25, Taher 24, extras 17; Arifat 3/25, Asif 3/35 and Dickens 2/36).

SATABDI GOSHI: 150/2 in 29 overs (Javed 63, Arif 51, extras 28; Julian 1/25 and Mukith 1/36).

SATABDI CLUB: 114/10 in 21 overs (Taweb 21, Hasan 13, extras 39; Nahid 4/32, Rashid 4/42 and Tamim 2/30).

KALLOL SANGHA: 46/10 in 19.2 overs (Russel 10, extras 14; Sumon 3/10 and Sajib 3/17).

Div III cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Dilkusha Sporting Club registered a six-wicket win over Yung Pegasus in one of the five Third Division Cricket League matches at the City Club ground in Mirpur on Monday.

In the day's other matches, CCS Colts defeated BKSP by 40 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium, Lalbagh Anwar Sporting Club beat Sangsad Plaza by six wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Hillol Juba Sangha overcame Progoti Seba Sangha by three wickets at the Gulshan Youth Club ground and Prochroy Cricket Club thrashed Shantinagar A by six wickets at the Uttara Police Lines ground.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Young Pegasus v Dilkusha SC

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Alec to skipper at Old Trafford

AFP, London

Alec Stewart on Monday was named England captain for the second Test against Pakistan at Old Trafford next week in the absence of injury victim Nasser Hussain.

The 38-year-old former skipper stood in for Hussain after he injured his hand during the match at Lord's, which England went on to win comfortably by an innings and nine runs.

"We have appointed Alec as captain for the next Test match and he will be included in the selectors' discussions about the make-up of the team," said chairman of selectors David Graveney.

"Alec has acted as stand-in captain before both this year and last year and he will be a very able substitute for Nasser."

Meanwhile, England physiotherapist Dean Conway revealed that Hussain is to undergo further treatment on his injured right thumb at a west London hospital later this week.

"Nasser will have a metal pin inserted into his thumb by a specialist on Wednesday," said Dean.

"This is a medical procedure that does not involve surgery and it will be performed under local anaesthetic."

"The insertion of a pin should speed up the rehabilitation process for Nasser once the fracture has healed."

"At this stage, we estimate that he will be out of cricket for around four weeks."



17th Federation Cup Football Tournament

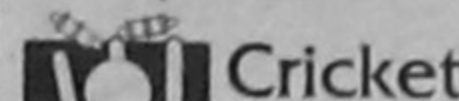
First Round
Farashganj SC v Mirpur Chalanika (4 pm)
Wari Club v Victoria SC (6 pm) (Bangabandhu National Stadium)
Sadharan Bima v BRTC (4 pm) (Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium)

Acme Second Division Cricket League
Championship Play-off
Jatrabari KC v New Eagles (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)



Dhanmondi's Tapu (L) and Rupom of Agrani Bank are in pursuit of the ball during their Federation Cup fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Selectors happy



SPORTS REPORTER

The newly formed selection committee of the Bangladesh Cricket Board has promised to discharge its duty with utmost sincerity and pick balanced team in future.

All the three members of the committee -- former national cricketers Mainul Haq, Tanjib Ahsan Saad and Dr. Asaduzzaman Misha, assured last night that they would not let the Board down for entrusting them with the job.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport, Mainul Haq, the chairman of the committee, has expressed his happiness over the appointment.

"It's good. I'm happy to be a selector again," said Mainul, the first non-BCB member picked as chairman of selectors in a decade. He was a selector in the Lufur Rahman Makhani-led selection committee a few years back.

While giving his immediate reaction over telephone, Mainul said that he was particularly happy to know that his committee would

enjoy full autonomy in selection matters.

"I'm happy to know that whoever we select would be final. Our selection will not require any approval of the Board. We would be able to work without any influence of the Board in the selection process," said Mainul.

Mainul was however not ready to say how he and his team would operate. "I have to sit with my fellow selectors first. We would see our cricket calendar and then decide how we would work."

However, Tanjib Ahsan Saad, who was also named as chairman of the four-member age-group selection committee, was not surprised at his selection.

"I knew I would be there," said Saad, a BCB Director who was also a member of the previous selection committee, headed by Tanveer Haider. "It might be tough to perform two duties at the same time, but I will try my best."

On the contrary, the other selector, Dr. Asaduzzaman Misha was all in surprise when The Daily Star Sport broke the news to him.

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B'baria cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Kazipara Cricket Club defeated Sarkerpara Cricket Club by 35 runs in the Dana Mia Smitri Cup at the district Eidgah ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, Kazipara batted first and scored 145 runs all out.

In reply, Sarkerpara were all out for 110 in the stipulated 30 overs.

In other match of the day, Mourail Cricket Club beat Nabadut Cricket Club by 25 runs at the same venue.

Mourail batted first and made 130 losing all the wickets.

In reply, Nabadut collected 105 runs all out.

Caddick proves too much



AFP, London

Andy Caddick bowled England to victory by an innings and nine runs in the first Test here at Lord's on Sunday, the Somerset fast bowler taking 4-54 as Pakistan,

three near-dismissals, the New Zealand-born Caddick never flagged as he charged in from the Nursery End.

He had top-scorer Abdur Razaq taken at first slip by Michael Atherton after the middle-order tyro had resisted for five minutes short of three hours, his spirited

ensured this was not a costly error. Pakistan captain Waqar Younis resisted bravely for 21 but was last man out when a gloved hook off Dominic Cork was taken by Stewart.

A sixth wicket stand of 34 in 16 overs between Abdur and Azhar kept England briefly at bay after Pakistan, following on 188 saw their top-order collapse to 84 for four at tea.

SCOREBOARD
Final scorecard of the first Test between England beat Pakistan on the fourth day of the at Lord's Sunday:

ENGLAND: First innings 391 (Graham Thorpe 80; Azhar Mahmood 4-50)

PAKISTAN: First innings 203 (Younis Khan 58; Darren Gough 5-61; Andrew Caddick 4-52)

PAKISTAN: Second innings
Anwar c Thorpe b Caddick 8
Elahi c Thorpe b Caddick 0
Razaq c Atherton b Caddick 53
Inzamam c Stewart b Cork 20
Younis b b Cork 6
Younis lbw b Cork 1
Mahmood c Stewart b Caddick 24
Latif c Stewart b Gough 20
Akram c Thorpe b Gough 12
Waqar c Stewart b Cork 21
Akhtar not out 2
Extras: (lb-6, nb-6) 12

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following on, were dismissed for 179.

New-ball partner Darren Gough also had a day to remember, claiming his 200th Test wicket, in his 50th match as England dominated their 100th Test and won the game in three days after rain had wiped out the first day on Thursday.

But it was Dominic Cork who claimed the final wicket of the match when Pakistan captain Waqar Younis, after a defiant 21, gloved an attempted hook to wicketkeeper and England stand-in captain Alec Stewart.

Shoaib Akhtar was two not out. Despite the disappointment of

53 from 123 balls including nine well-struck fours.

Then 121 for six became 122 for seven when Azhar Mahmood was caught behind by Stewart, deputising as skipper for the injured Nasser Hussain.

This was sweet revenge for Caddick. In his previous over, the 42nd, Caddick had been pulled by Azhar for four. The next ball was deliberately short and Azhar again went for the stroke but failed to keep the ball down.

However, Michael Vaughan, who was stationed for the catch at backward square leg dropped the routine chance. Fortunately for England eight balls later Caddick



England fast bowler Darren Gough leads the party on the Balcony of Lord's after their victory over Pakistan in the first Test on Sunday.

Humble Hussain



AGENCIES, London

England captain Nasser Hussain could not believe his eyes as his team thrashed Pakistan by an innings and nine runs within three days in the first Test at Lord's on Sunday.

"At the moment you have to pinch yourself," he said. "I had told the boys that we couldn't expect to win in three days every time but it happened again."

"I was surprised how easily we bowled them out because I have the utmost respect for their batting."

England took 16 wickets on the fourth day -- the first was washed out by rain -- to win their third consecutive Test at Lord's.

Hussain, however, had to watch from the pavilion balcony after breaking his right thumb while batting on Saturday, ruling him out of the rest of the two-Test series.

He said: "It was disappointing

but it wasn't too difficult for me because I was proud of my contribution -- my 64 was our second best score."

Hussain said England's "exemplary catching" had been crucial, with Graham Thorpe and wicket-keeper Alec Stewart standing out. Stewart took seven catches in the match and Thorpe four.

But the England captain added: "Things are going to get more difficult from now on."

"The Old Trafford wicket (for the second Test) will suit Pakistan a little more. Our aim is to win again, and win our fifth series in a row."

England have had a poor Test record in recent seasons at Lord's but they outclassed West Indies and Zimbabwe at the venue last season.

Pakistan captain Waqar Younis, however, had few excuses.

"It's very disappointing," said Waqar, who was the last man out for a defiant 21. "We played badly, we bowled and batted badly and England didn't."

"We bowled badly on the first day (England eventually compiled

a first innings total of 391). We didn't bowl the right lines but maybe that was a result of not having had enough bowling."

Waqar also paid tribute to the bowling of Andy Caddick, made man-of-the-match by Pakistan legend Imran Khan for his overall figures of eight for 106.

"He was extraordinary. He got a lot of lift from the far end. England's catching was extraordinary too. Graham Thorpe took some fantastic catches."

Waqar insisted he had picked the right team for this match, even though they did not play a single specialist spinner.

He was also able to find some positives from this game, notably the performances of youngster Younis Khan, who defied England in the first innings with a top score of 58, and the bowling of Azhar Mahmood who took a Test best 4-50.

"They were extraordinary. They are our two most inexperienced players but they played well."

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