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The longest gloved fight -- between two American fighters, Andy Bowen and Jack Burke -- lasted for more than seven hours. After 110 rounds, the fight, in New Orleans in 1893, was declared a draw because the contestants were exhausted to continue.



Kapil Dev

(Indian cricket legend)
"They (the board) did not believe me when I said I was innocent. They investigated me and when they found nothing, at least I should have got an apology.
On his alleged involvement in match-fixing.



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- What was the result of the South Africa and Zimbabwe Test series?
2-0 1-0
- Who became Shanghai Open champion?
Chang Schuttler Agassi

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BFF feels AFC's wrath again

SPORTS REPORTER

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has slapped a fine of 3,000 dollars on the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) for the troubled Mohammedan and Rahmatganj Premier League match that was marred by crowd violence on August 11.

The AFC executive committee took the punitive measure on Thursday after BFF's 'failure to exercise due care' during the clash of the two teams. The apex body of Asia also recommended that similar action by the BFF be imposed on the two clubs involved in the abandoned game.

Besides, the AFC has warned the BFF to properly organise future league matches or face sterner measures.

This is the second time the BFF has been fined by the AFC.

Earlier, the governing body of country's football was penalized 10,000 dollars for fielding over-aged players at the Asian Youth Under-16 Championship in Vietnam last year.

Mahmud's men off to India



SPORTS REPORTER

A 14-member Bangladesh A team left for Mumbai on Saturday to play a series of matches in Western India.

Discarded national all-rounder Khaled Mahmud will lead the second string national side, which will feature in four three-day matches and five limited-overs games against different teams in Mumbai, Pune and Baroda.

The tourists will start the nearly six-week tour with a three-day match against the Cricket Club of India (CCI) President's XI at the Brabourne Stadium in Mumbai on October 16.

Date	Match	Opponent	Venue
Oct 16-18	3-day	CCI XI	Mumbai
Oct 19	one-day	CCI XI	Mumbai
Oct 22-24	3-day	Mumbai Colts	Mumbai
Oct 25	one-day	Mumbai CA	Mumbai
Oct 29-31	3-day	Maharashtra CA	Pune
Nov 1	one-day	Maharashtra CA	Pune
Nov 4-6	3-day	Baroda CA	Baroda
Nov 7	one-day	Baroda CA	Baroda

Indian lesson for Kenya



AFP, Bloemfontein

India crushed Kenya by 10 wickets in a one-sided triangular limited-overs series match at Springbok Park here Friday.

Kenya were bowled out for 90, their lowest total in one-day internationals, and India needed just 11.3 overs to reach victory.

Indian fast bowler Ajit Agarkar and leg-spinner Anil Kumble sent Kenya crashing. Man-of-the-match Agarkar ripped out the first three Kenyan batsmen in his first four overs.

He finished with four for 27. Then Kumble bowled an immaculate 10-over spell, taking three for 14.

Chasing a low target, India gave Virender Sehwag and Deep Dasgupta a chance to bat ahead of regular openers Saurav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar.

Sehwag played some dazzling strokes to hit 55 not out with 10 fours off 43 balls.

Kenya, rank outsiders in a tour-

nament in which South Africa and India are virtually assured of playing in the final, were in trouble almost immediately after winning the toss and deciding to bat on a good pitch.

They were watched by Warwickshire and former South African coach Bob Woolmer.



AJIT AGARKAR ... m-o-m

appointed by the International Cricket Council as a high performance manager, charged with overseeing the preparations of non-Test countries, including Kenya, for the

2003 World Cup in South Africa.

Kenyan captain Maurice Odumbe remained upbeat after the game, however, despite having to take on South Africa in a day game in Kimberley Sunday.

"At the moment a lot of things are going wrong but it is a big boost that Bob Woolmer will be with us for the remainder of the series. Maybe he'll give us a few tips on the South African players."

Indian captain Ganguly said his team needed to keep working on their game if they were to win the series.

"Kenya is still learning and we need to keep improving," he said.

Agarkar took wickets in his first and second overs, bowling Ravindu Shah and David Otieno, both for naught.

At that stage, Kenya's five runs had come from two no-balls and three wides.

Agarkar then struck a crippling blow by having Steve Tikolo, Kenya's star batsman, caught behind for a single.

Kumble's leg-spinners and
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BCB youths' reply falls short

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Under-16 team recovered well on the second day of their three-day match against the visiting Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) side at the BKSP ground on Saturday.

The home side, resuming on 27 for four, added exactly 100 runs before being all out in 50.1 overs. But it was still not enough to overhaul the tourists' first innings total of 163.

The juvenile side from Kolkata established their supremacy at the end of the day when they scored 96 for five, an overall lead of 132 runs.

Arafat scored highest 30 runs for the BCB youths followed by 20 from Ashiq and 19 by Iftikhar.

Smit, who began the rot on Friday with two wickets, finished the day with four for 20. Debabrata claimed three wickets for 24 runs.

CAB captain Mayukh top-scored in the second innings with 21.

SCORES IN BRIEF

CAB Under-16: First innings 163 all out in 72.5 overs (Sougata 59; Rubaiyat 4/41, Arafat 3/16)

BCB U-16: First innings 127 all out in 50.1 overs (Arafat 30, Ashiq 20, Iftikhar 19; Smit 4/20, Debabrata 3/24)

CAB Under-16: Second innings 96/5 in 53 overs (Mayukh 21, Santonu 20; Iftikhar 3/16)

Naimur's men travel to Ctg

SPORTS REPORTER

The national cricket team leaves for Chittagong today to play a three-day and a limited-overs match on the newly laid wickets of MA Aziz Stadium.

The matches have been arranged as part of Naimur Rahman's team's preparation for home series against Zimbabwe, who will be arriving in Bangladesh on November 5 to play two Tests and three one-day internationals.

Besides, it will also allow the organisers of the port city to assess the behaviour of the wickets at the renovated venue, which will hold the second Test and the first one-day international.

The three-day match will start on Sunday and it was learnt that former national captain Minhazul Abedin would lead the local side against Naimur's Test side.

BRB Golf

SPORTS REPORTER

Group Captain Munir Hossain won the BRB Golf Tournament title on Friday. The two-day meet was held at the Jessore Garrison Golf Club.

A good number of players from Dhaka, Khulna and Jessore took part in competition.

Later, Major General Kazi Ashfaq Ahmed, the Area Commander of Jessore, gave away among the winners. Managing director of the sponsors BRB Group Parvez Rahman was also present on the occasion.

WINNERS' LIST

Runner-up: Brigadier General Rafiqul Islam, Second runner-up: Brigadier General Sadek Hossain, Lady champion: Afroza Afsana, Junior runner-up: Lipika Tasnim, Junior runner-up: Shafeen Islam, Longest drive: Lieutenant. Colonel Zulfikar Ali Haider and Nearest to pin: Brigadier General Motiur Rahman.

England 5: Zimbabwe 0



REUTERS, Bulawayo

England secured a comfortable 5-0 series whitewash over Zimbabwe with a seven-wicket victory in the final match at the Queens Sports Club on Saturday.

The defeat condemned Zimbabwe to their 12th consecutive loss, the worst sequence of defeats they have suffered, going back to July against India and the West Indies.

England reached their target of 229 with six and a half overs to spare. Opener Nick Knight again provided the backbone of the England innings with 80 not out, his third half century of the series.

The hat-trick ball almost resulted in a run out as Grant Flower played the delivery behind square on the off-side and set off for a quick single.

He was sent back by Andy, but was well-short of his ground as Paul Collingwood shied at the stumps, missing by inches.

Silverwood ended with three for 43 from nine overs, while off-spinner Jeremy Snape and seamer Andy Flintoff wrapped up the Zimbabwe lower order.

Zimbabwe were again weak in the bowling department and were unable to put the tourists' batsmen under pressure.

Collingwood went to his half century off 43 balls, including four boundaries and two sixes, adding to his 77 in the fourth match.

Hussain and Knight put on 87 runs for the second wicket after Marcus Trescothick was caught at mid-wicket off-spinner Doug Marillier for 29 from only 25 balls.

Hussain was caught at backward square leg off slow left-arm Dirk
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Nasser knows nothing

Jagmohan meets ministers over security issues



REUTERS/AFP, New Delhi

Jagmohan Dalmiya, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), on Friday discussed security aspects of England's tour starting next month with ministers of the federal government as the visiting captain revealed he was still unsure

whether it would go ahead. Dalmiya said he called on Home Minister LK Advani and Sports Minister Usha Bharti and discussed "the security to be arranged for England's tour of India this winter".

The former International Cricket Council chief had Thursday confirmed that the tour was on and that there had been no request from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) for a change of venues in light of the international situation follow-

ing the September 11 terrorist strikes in New York and Washington and US-led retaliation on Afghanistan.

The government has the final say over whether any international sporting event will be held in India. Security, however, is the responsibility of the local governments in the states where the events are held.

However, England captain

Christmas before coming back to India in mid-January for a series of five one-day internationals.

Hussain told Britain's Press Association: "The Foreign Office are saying Britons should keep their heads down out there, but as we stand at the moment I haven't been in touch with the ECB and I'll go with what they recommend and how they're viewing it."

"For a Test match tour everyone has to be clear. You can't be told about it a week before you're going - for a Test match tour to India everyone has to be getting their minds sorted out, making sure they're fit and fully ready to go and that has to be sorted out soon after this group gets back."

ECB chief executive Tim Lamb is planning to discuss the issue with his Indian counterpart at the full meeting of the International Cricket Council scheduled for Kuala Lumpur over October 18-19, but Hussain wants the players to have a big input into the final decision.

Hussain said, "The players will have a lot of input though. This won't be left to the administrators. We will all have to sit down and say, 'Is it safe to go? Do we know it's a 100 per cent certain that it's safe to go?'"

Doubts over the tour arose after the Indian government cancelled the inaugural Afro-Asian Games in New Delhi in November soon after last month's attacks.

New Zealand and Sri Lanka have cancelled cricket tours of neighbouring Pakistan over the last month.

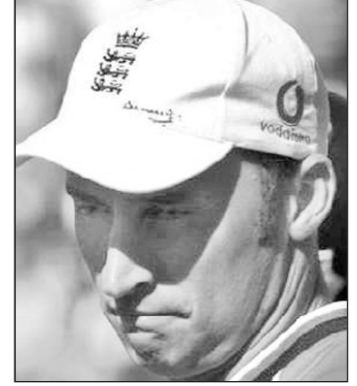


JAGMOHAN DALMIYA

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NASSER HUSSAIN

Nasser Hussain said he would be holding an urgent meeting with England's administrators as soon as he steps off the plane from the tour of Zimbabwe on Monday to determine whether the tour to India should take place.

England are scheduled to play three Tests in Mohali, Ahmedabad and Bangalore during the first part of the tour which starts on November 14.

They will then return home for

Flemo full of hope



REUTERS/AFP, Brisbane

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming was in an upbeat mood about his team's prospects when



STEPHEN FLEMING

they arrived for a three-Test tour of Australia on Saturday.

The Kiwis have been bolstered by the availability of key bowling trio, Chris Cairns, Daniel Vettori and Dion Nash from injury.

The New Zealanders say they have come armed with their best squad in recent years but they've already been posted distinct outsiders against an Australian team which swept them 3-0 in New Zealand early last year.

Fleming said his squad was much improved and ready to rally around the capable senior players, led by dashing all-rounder Cairns and quality left-arm spinner Vettori.

"I rate (our chances) very highly and, if you do anything less, there is no point in coming over here," Fleming said.

"We had a great series in New Zealand against Australia, with chances in every Test, and the belief comes when you start turning those situations in your favour."

"I'm very happy to have a very strong squad here because we've gone through some very tough times trying to introduce new players over the last 18 months."

The New Zealanders will be desperate for Cairns, Vettori and Nash to avoid more injury problems this summer if they want to push the
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Blind players are absorbed in cerebral warfare on the opening day of the Third National Chess Competition for People with Visual Impairment at the NSC yesterday.

Not blind in mind



LENIN GANI

"Chess is the gymnasium of the mind." Blaise Pascal (1403)

Though the quote by the famed French mathematician has passed through the ages, but, perhaps, even he couldn't foresee that the ancient board game would one day be played by the visually impaired.

Whenever we think of chess we tend to associate it with persons endowed with brilliant minds. Russian Garry Kasparov, Bobby Fischer of the United States and India's Vishwanathan Anand obviously fall into that distinguished category.

But imagine if the player suffers from a lack of vision, or in other words is blind, the prospect then seems a daunting one for him or her.

Yet, while we believe the less fortunate people in the world may be going through a dark tunnel that has no light at the end of it, the truth of the matter is such players are really trying to banish that very myth through their chess ability.

They may represent a small fraction of a country's population, however, far from being handicapped they have established an international forum (International Blind Chess Association) that sends players to prestigious tournaments around the globe.

In the context of Bangladesh, it is indeed very difficult to estimate the actual figures on how many blind chess players exist. But due to the tireless work of InterLife-Bangladesh, a Swedish non-government organisation, the public has responded whole-heartedly to their plight.

Together with the Bangladesh Chess Federation, it is hosting the third national chess competition for people with visual impairment, which began in the city yesterday. Coincidentally though, the unique tournament
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