

South Asian karate BD emerge champs

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh emerged champions in the fourth Okazaki Cup South Asian Karate Championship securing four gold, four silver and one bronze medals held in the Indian city of Daradun recently.

Hossain finished runners-up while Nepal became third in the meet.

Badrul Alam clinched the gold in the 60 kg weight group, Motiur Rahman in the 65 kg group, Hossain Ali in the 70 kg group while the fourth Bangladesh gold came from Kumi team event.

Syed M Tareq Aziz won two silver medals for Bangladesh in the 50 kg weight category and in single Kata event, Moinal Hossain in the 80 kg group and Saifuzzaman in the open group.

Zim cricket chief quits

REUTERS, Harare

David Ellman-Brown, managing director of the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) surprisingly announced his resignation on Wednesday after three years in charge.

Ellman-Brown, 63, took over the position in 1998 and his resignation will be effective from the end of January 2002.

He cited family reasons for his premature departure. His contract was due to run until July 2002.

Nitol-Tata

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In Gopalganj, Narsingdhi outplayed Noagaon Sporting Club of Kishoreganj 4-0. Tajul made a hat-trick while Nazmul netted their goal for the winners.

In Rajshahi, Jamuna Traders of Sirajganj defeated New Milan Sangha 2-0. Fazlu and Sumon scored one each for the winners.

In Jessore, Uddipon Club of Chuadanga earned a convincing 3-0 victory against Narail Players' Welfare Association. Murad, Milan and Zahid scored for the winners.

In Cox's Bazar, Chandpur Naton Bazar KC beat Ramgati Upazila KC 5-4 in the tiebreaker as the match was locked in 1-1 in the stipulated 90-minute.

In Barisal, Udaykati Jubo Samity beat Kalinath Bazar Ekota Club regulation time.

England arrive

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the Wankhede Stadium on November 18 and 19.

Two three-day games in Hyderabad and Jaipur will be followed by the first Test in the northern town of Mohali from December 3.

The second Test will be played in Ahmedabad and the third in Bangalore.

SQUAD

Nasser Hussain (capt), Usman Afzaal, Martyn Ball, Mark Butcher, Marcus Trescothick, Graham Thorpe, Michael Vaughan, Mark Ramprakash, Richard Dawson, James Foster, Ashley Giles, Warren Hegg, Richard Johnson, Matthew Hoggard, James Ormond, Craig White.

Coach: Duncan Fletcher.

All because of Lillee!

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Australian fast bowling great Dennis Lillee says he was responsible for turning Sachin Tendulkar into the world's foremost batsman instead of a fast bowler.

Australian captain Steve Waugh Wednesday acknowledged Lillee's role when he joined Tendulkar in signing a bat sponsorship deal with a company which also supports Lillee's pace bowling foundation in India.

"Dennis discouraged him (Tendulkar) from fast bowling and he took up batting which wasn't a good thing for world cricket, particularly Australia, after what he did to us last season," said Waugh.

Lillee revealed how he had been less than impressed when Tendulkar first appeared at his Madras foundation with fast-bowling ambitions.

"At 12 years of age, he and about another 150 came along for the first or second session that I had there," said Lillee Wednesday.

"I didn't know who he was, he was just a young kid coming along like every other one, I didn't know.

"And he was one of my rejects in the first lot, I said something along

the lines of 'I think you should stick to batting' or something like that and he did -- and did he stick!

"The next time I saw him was about two years later. He in fact



DENNIS LILLEE

said 'Come to the back of the nets, have a look at this kid, he looks fantastic'.

"I sat there for a while and I said 'Geez, what's this kid's name?'. He



SACHIN TENDULKAR

came along as a batsman.

"And there was this young lad, a little short, thin young lad in the nets smashing my fast bowlers back over their head and smashing them to the boundary and all these things I was telling them to do weren't happening.

"And I sort of looked and I thought 'Gee, this kid is pretty good' and I called (coach) TA Sekar and I

(Sekar) said 'you rejected him, I said 'No way'.

"He said 'No no, as a bowler' and I said 'What's his name?', he said 'Sachin Tendulkar' and I said, 'this kid could be anything'.

"He was 14 I think. He travelled across from Bombay (to Madras) just to be a batsman in the nets and get some practice. Did he get practice!"

Waugh's wish

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Sydney

Australian cricket captain Steve Waugh has indicated he may still be playing cricket after the 2003 World Cup, putting him in the picture for future tours of the West Indies in 2003 and Sri Lanka and India in 2004.

There has been much speculation over when the Australian captain, now 36 years old, will retire with the common view that he would call it quits after the 2003 World Cup in South Africa.

However, Waugh said he was keen to lead Australia to victory in India following their epic Test series defeat there in March.

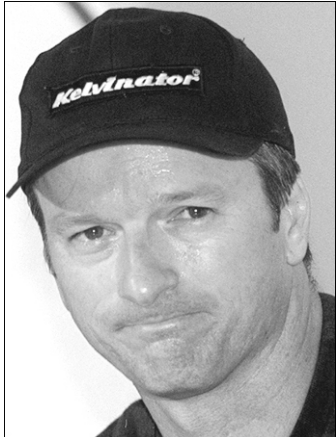
Twenty-year-old off-spinner Harbhajan Singh, who picked up 32 wickets in the three-Test series, and VVS Laxman, with a stunning second Test 281, wrecked Australia's hopes of winning their first series in India for 32 years.

"I'm looking forward to the World Cup, that's probably the next major goal for the Australian cricket side," Waugh said.

"Particularly myself, I'd love to go back to the World Cup and win a World Cup -- that's not to say I'm

guaranteed selection from now until then.

"But that's definitely a goal of mine and I guess way down the track, it's three odd years I think, is another tour to India, that may be a



STEVE WAUGH

possibility.

"It's almost sort of unfinished business for the Australian cricket side, particularly after last season with such a great tour.

"We went so close and it's the one place where we haven't managed to win."

Waugh was speaking at the announcement of a new three-year bat sponsorship deal with Indian tyre and sporting goods manufacturer MRF Limited.

Waugh, who used a clean bat for the Ashes tour of England, joins Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar in the company stable.

No figures were released but the deal was rumoured to be worth around 300,000 dollars (150,000 US) a year.

Waugh said he was looking forward to challenging Tendulkar, who has recently become the youngest player to score 7,000 Test runs, for the ranking as number one batsman in the world.

"He's the No.1 in the world at the moment, and rightly so, he's the best batsman that I've ever seen," said Waugh.

"But I'd like to also challenge him to the No.1 position in the future and score a few more runs."

However, if Waugh continues to play Test cricket for the duration of his bat sponsorship contract it would see him taking the Australians to India in September 2004.

Shoaib faces discipline

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar, a question mark already hanging over his career, is in trouble again after the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said he was facing disciplinary action over his on-field behaviour.

PCB spokesman Khalid Butt said on Wednesday it was investigating reports of misconduct by Shoaib during the Sharjah Champions' Trophy final earlier this month.

The quick bowler was involved in a clash with Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardene during the game, won by Pakistan by five wickets.

Shoaib and Jayawardene exchanged words after the batsman hit his first ball for a six. When Shoaib then dismissed him Wasim Akram had to step in to defuse the situation.

"The case has been referred to the disciplinary committee which plans to hold a hearing early next week," Butt said.

"The Board wants to find out if (Shoaib) breached the acceptable limits of aggression during the match in view of the numerous reports appearing in the media on the incident."

The 26-year-old Shoaib, rated as one of the world's fastest bowlers, is already under a cloud after being reported for a suspect action twice this year. A repeat in the next few months could see him facing a 12-month ban.

Last year he was fined and suspended for one match by the PCB for staying out late during the tour of Australia.

Murali dream

REUTERS, Galle

Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan looked beyond Courtney Walsh's world wicket-taking record on Wednesday, suggesting he could even reach 600 Test wickets.

Muralitharan, whose six-wicket haul in the first Test against West Indies on Wednesday took his career haul to 356, said: "Who knows, maybe I will get to 600 Test wickets, since I am only 29.

"I first set out to get 300 but that happened so quickly that perhaps I can get to 600. It's coming, it's coming. It is only another 144 wickets to 600. I like bowling a lot."

West Indies pace bowler Walsh took 519 Test wickets before retiring earlier this year.

Muralitharan was particularly delighted with Brian Lara's wicket on Wednesday, caught behind after making 178.

"I enjoyed bowling to Brian Lara today, since I consider him to be one of the best in the world," he said.

Muttiah mazes

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The 32-year-old left-hander put on 153 for the fourth wicket with captain Carl Hooper (69) as the West Indies reached 409-4 at lunch.

Muralitharan took the lone wicket in the morning session when he caught and bowled Hooper in his second over.

The West Indies captain, 34 overnight, hit seven fours in his 23rd Test half-century after his team had resumed at 316-3.

There was, however, no stopping Lara. He reached his 150 in style, cutting debutant fast bowler Charitha Buddhika for his 17th boundary.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first Test between Sri Lanka and the West Indies on Wednesday:

WEST INDIES: First innings (overnight 316-3)

Ganga c Jayawardene b Vaas	47
Gayle c S'kara b Vaas	9
Sarwan b M'tharan	88
Lara c S'kara b M'tharan	178
Hooper c and b M'tharan	69
Samuels b M'tharan	16
Jacobs c S'kara b Vaas	8
McGarrell c Arnold b M'tharan	4
Dillon c Jayasuriya b Vaas	5
Ramnarine not out	0
Stuart b M'tharan	0
Extras: (b-8, lb-6, nb-5, pen 5)	24
Total: (All out in 141.1 overs)	448
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-95, 3-240, 4-393, 5-423, 6-434, 7-440, 8-448, 9-448	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	31	6	95	4
Buddika	18	2	80	0
M'tharan	53.4	11	126	6
B'tilleke	22	3	76	0
Jayasuriya	9	2	24	0
S'weera	6	0	24	0
Arnold	2	1	4	0

SRI LANKA: First innings

Atapattu not out 46
Jayasuriya c McGarrell b Dillon 25
Sangakkara not out 27
Extras: (lb-2, w-2, nb-1) 5
Total: (For 1 wkt in 35 overs) 103
Fall of wicket: 1-37

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Dillon	10	4	33	1
Stuart	5	0	24	0
McGarrell	9	2	17	0
Ramnarine	6	2	16	0
Hooper	5	0	11	0

Umpires: John Hampshire (England) and Peter Manuel (Sri Lanka).

Lleyton ousts Andre

Tennis

AFP, Sydney

US Open champion Lleyton Hewitt edged ahead of Andre Agassi in their race for the world No.1 spot with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over the Australian Open champion in the season-ending Masters Cup here Wednesday.

Hewitt went to the top of the John Newcombe round-robin group by breaking Agassi's service five times and patiently controlling the points in their fourth career meeting.

The 20-year-old Australian, bidding to become the youngest year-end No.1 since computer rankings were introduced in 1973, pulled to within eight points of top-ranked Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten with the win.

Hewitt won his opening round match against Frenchman Sebastien Grosjean, but Kuerten, the French Open champion, lost to Wimbledon champion Goran Ivanisevic Tuesday.

The 3.7-million-dollar event offers 20 points for each round-robin win, 40 for a semifinal success and 50 for a final triumph.

Kuerten, Agassi and Hewitt can claim the number one spot depending on their results at this tournament.

Speaking after the match, Hewitt deflected talk about his advance on the world number one ranking.

"I'm not thinking about it. As I keep saying if it happens, it happens, and I've got a lot of years ahead of me to achieve it," he said.

"What I've done over the last three or four months has been incredible and to finish two or three in the world and win a Grand Slam and hopefully win the Davis Cup I would take that any day."

"But to finish world No.1 would be great."

Hewitt, who confessed to having posters of Agassi on his bedroom wall as a junior player, said he was mentally and physically drained from his long season and he was starting to feel tired on court.



LLEYTON HEWITT

A hard marker of his performance, Agassi said he was disappointed with his display against Hewitt.

"With all due respect to the way he played, I think that was a far cry from my best and I'm disappointed with the way I executed my shots," said Agassi, who now will have to beat Grosjean on Friday to clinch a semifinal place.

"I have a lot I need to improve on now and today he was at another

level for me.

"Lleyton is faster than I have been

and he relies on his speed to counter-

punch more than I ever did. Whereas

I was a much more aggressive type of

player, I think he is very patient and

likes to wait."

Asked if Hewitt was a worthy

potential world No.1, Agassi said:

"The rankings don't lie. It is a long

year and you finish No.1 you have

earned it."

Hewitt broke Agassi three times in

the opening set and got an early

break to lead 2-0 in the second.

Agassi gave his supporters

fleeting hope of a comeback when he

passed the Australian with a fore-

hand winner down the line for a break

in the sixth game to level.

But Hewitt broke back in the next

game, having two break-points.

Hewitt won on his first match point

when Agassi's attempted drop-shot

found the net, clinching victory at the

SuperDome in one hour and 32

minutes.

Wednesday's victory took Hewitt

to 2-2 in career encounters with

Agassi.

Hewitt and Agassi met for the first

time in Australia in a memorable

encounter in Adelaide in January

2000 when Hewitt, in

SPORTS REPORTER

Manob Jamin

duo champs

Manob Jamin won the doubles title of

his first year in the National Unity (DRU)

badminton tournament at the National

Sports Council (NSC) Wooden-floor Gymnasium on

Wednesday.

They defeated the Uzzal-Lovelu

pair of BNS in the final 15-5, 15-9.

Judges justify decision

Cricket

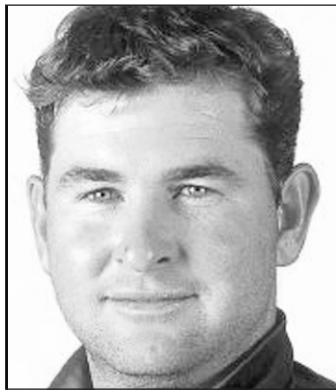
AFP, Harare

A black judge and a white judge in Zimbabwe have given a full account of why they banned Zimbabwe batsman Alistair Campbell from two Test matches and three internation-

als -- then suspended the ban for a year.

Justice Simbarashe Mucshete and David Bartlett issued their explanation Wednesday through the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU).

Campbell was found guilty two weeks ago, following a hearing before the two judges, of breaking



ALISTAIR CAMPBELL

two international cricket conference codes of conduct related to public statements detrimental to the sport.

The Zimbabwe left-handed opener made observations to the Daily Telegraph about the recent decline of Test and international cricket standards here.

He commented on how they may have been affected by the ZCU policy of bringing more blacks into the team and into administration through the efforts of an "Integration Task Force".

The Union denies this implies a racial quota system, preferring to use the term "goals". This was upheld by the two judges in their review.

Zimbabwe has lost all 14 of its last one-day international matches, widely attributed to poor morale and squabbles over pay.

Campbell is said to have told the Daily Telegraph "the race thing has spilled onto the field" and the "team was torn apart".

Mucshete and Bartlett declared the comments "completely unhelpful and counter-productive".

The judges also said the comments "create disharmony and conflict" and publicise "matters which can and should be resolved by discussion in private between players and officials".

Campbell had, they said "apologised unreservedly for having spoken to the press about these issues". However, they concede he did not comment on the personal performance of black players, nor did he say their inclusion adversely affected team performance.

But if he makes further "ill-chosen and ill-considered words to the press it would be regarded in serious light".

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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