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Leander Paes is the only other Indian individual to win an Olympic medal apart from wrestler K D Jhadav and Maleshwar...



BTV & ETV: Bangladesh vs Pakistan Second Test, Day Three Live at 9:45 am. ESPN: Juventus vs Venezia 9:30 am...

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TALK TURKEY



Greg Rusedski (British tennis star) 'There's a lot of pride at stake, I want to beat him, he wants to beat me and I've said before that whoever got to the fourth round they had a great chance of going all the way in this tournament.'

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Star Pakistan bat Yousuf Youhana sweeps fine on way to his unbeaten 174 on the second day of the Coca-Cola second and last Test against Bangladesh at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Thursday.

SERIES CHIPS

Cricket

Hasan Masood from Chittagong. Pakistan captain Waqar Younis and his wife Dr Faryal celebrated their third marriage anniversary here on Wednesday.

Although the champion fast bowler managed to capture just one wicket on the first day of the Test, that did not distract the 30-year-old from recalling the most special day in their lives later in the evening.

It was learnt that the majority of Waqar's men were keen on travelling to the coral island of Saint Martin's while the rest wanted to head for the beaches of Cox's Bazar.

CJKS HOWZZAT! The Chattagram Jila Kirra Sangstha (CJKS), the organisers of the second Test going on at the MA Aziz Stadium, brought out a colourful brochure to commemorate the match, but unfortunately they failed to detect a glaring factual mistake.

BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the Coca-Cola second Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Thursday.

Fake team in school cricket

UNB, Dhaka. A fake school named 'Dhaka Blue Sky Pre-cadet School' took part in the Standard Chartered 20th National School Cricket Championship.

BCB yesterday declared them winners. Tareq Hossain, a Class-X student of Dania AK High School was involved with the notorious case making false seal and pads to enter their names in the tournament.

Roberts says 'yes'

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER from Chittagong

After a week's silence, former West Indies fast bowler Andy Roberts has finally agreed to coach Bangladesh A team during their Bupa Cup campaign in the Caribbean.

Roberts, who spent 15 days with Bangladesh cricketers in Dhaka last August, will take over the A team in Antigua when they reach there on January 20, said Board director Syed Ashraf Hussain yesterday.

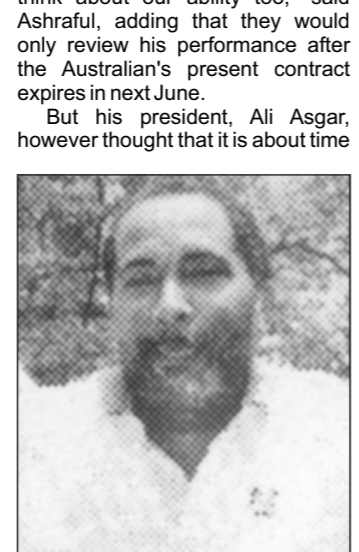
who took over the national team late last March.

"You see it is not very easy to get an international coach. Moreover, we don't have funds to get a well-paid, reputed coach. We have to think about our ability too," said Ashraf, adding that they would only review his performance after the Australian's present contract expires in next June.

But his president, Ali Asghar, however thought that it is about time to improve the standard of the team, and, in my view, he has completely failed to do it.

But Ashraf was more concerned about the monetary aspect than performance. "India is paying 15,000 USD to New Zealand coach John Wright. We pay one third of that to Trevor. You have to consider this aspect because we do not afford much," he said.

Besides, he also feared that changing national coach frequently might bring bad reputation for Bangladesh and as a result qualified coaches might not be interested to work for Bangladesh in future.



ANDY ROBERTS the Board evaluated Trevor's performance. "His (Trevor's) job was to improve the standard of the team, and, in my view, he has completely failed to do it."

Green Herald bow out

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Green Herald made an early exit from the Standard Chartered 20th National School Cricket Championship yesterday.

The English medium school after making a late entry in the first phase of Dhaka Zonal competition, were sent packing by Knowledge King and Child Care at the Dhanmondi Club Ground.

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Turbanator under threat

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kolkata

Eleven months ago, he became the first Indian to perform a hat-trick in Test cricket at the Eden Gardens. Now he faces the prospect of sitting out on the first match of the one-day series against England.



HARBHAJAN SINGH

'Turbanator' said, "I know that wickets have not been coming as regularly as they should have. But then in the Test series against England, I have taken a few wickets. So I am not worried about whether I will be selected in the final 11 or not. The fact, however, is that I will give my best whenever I play for the country."

Rafique runs rampage

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammad Rafique finished with a match haul of 11 wickets as Dhaka ambled to their fourth straight victory in the Ispahani National Cricket League yesterday.

when they were bundled out for 57 against Khulna at Rajshahi Stadium during the inaugural edition in 1999. Khulna scored 30 for one at stumps in their second innings, but still needed another 176 runs to make their opponents bat again.

BARISAL: First innings 163 all out in 55.3 overs (Imran 50, Shahnewaz 32; Rafique 7/52, Khokon 3/47). DHAKA: First innings (overnight 147 for 3 in 35 overs) Rashedul b Arif 39, Soheli c Shaheen b Ashfaq 40, Jahangir c Shaheen b Shahnewaz 60...



RAFIQUE ... 11 wkt match haul Scoreboards on the second day of the four-day Ispahani National Cricket League matches played at different venues across the country on Thursday: Dhaka vs Barisal Venue: Faridpur



COSTLY MISS: Bangladesh wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud dejectedly lying on the ground after failing to catch Younis Khan on Thursday. Younis went on to make 119.