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Did U Know?

The 1962 World Cup finals staged one of the most notorious matches in the tournament's history - the infamous 'Battle of Santiago' between Italy and hosts Chile, in which two Italians were sent off and one had his nose broken by a solid left-hook from a Chilean player.

What to WATCH

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Western Union World Football Repeat at 1:30 pm

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Taped Version at 6:30 pm

Football Focus

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Sportscentre Hindi

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Live at 8:30 pm

English Premier Football League

Liverpool vs Man United Repeat at 9:30 pm

TALK TURKEY

Rudi Voeller
(Germany soccer coach)
"There will be no surprises. I know I will have to hurt some players. The final decision is not an easy one to make."

On the eve of announcing World Cup squad.

Tick the correct answers, post to

The Daily Star

Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm May 10, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. How many Test tons has Tendulkar scored so far?

30 25 29

2. Who won the Standard Chartered Bank National School Cricket Championship?

Comilla High Scholastica BKSP

3. Who became champions in the AUB Cup inter-private university cricket tournament?

AUB NSU A TUB

4. Who clinched the New White Plus GM chess tournament title?

Zia Reefat Sermek

5. Which sport does Paolo Maldini play?

Name

Class..... Roll No.....

School Address

Phone: (If any)

Coach Kamal in town

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Former Pakistan cricketer Mohsin Kamal arrived in town yesterday to coach Bangladesh.

The 39-year-old paceman signed a one-year agreement with the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) immediately after arriving in the city along with Ali Zia, the little known Pakistani who will act as an assistant coach-cum-trainer of the tenth Test playing nation.

This was the first major assignment for Kamal, who had earlier worked as a bowling coach of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

"This is my first mission as a national coach and I'm excited to take up the challenge," said Kamal on his arrival at the Zia International Airport in the morning.

Kamal is the sixth foreign coach of Bangladesh and the second Pakistani at the helm after Mudassar Nazar, who had a brief stint way back in 1991.

Outlining his plans for the Test babes, Kamal said that he would concentrate on injecting the self-belief into his boys so that they start to think that they are capable of

Bangladesh U-19 champions in Indian tourney

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh emerged unbeaten champions in the All-India under-19 Invitational Cricket Tournament with a 39-run victory over Uttar Pradesh in the day-night final at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata yesterday.

Batting first, the Bangladeshi youths scored 183 for seven in their allotted 40 overs with Iftekar making the highest 44.

Kabee Khan with 32 and Kamrul, who made 23, were the other notable run-getter for the winners.

In reply, Uttar Pradesh were bundled out for 144 in 36.1 overs with Bangladesh paceman Rubayet Huq claiming three wickets for 35 runs.

WI draw level in style

Cricket

AFP, Bridgetown

India failed to bury the Kensington Oval spectre as they crashed to a 10-wicket defeat in the third Test against the West Indies here on Sunday.

India, trailing by 292, were dismissed for 296 before suffering their seventh defeat in eight Tests at this venue since 1952-53.

The West Indies squared the five-match series 1-1 with this emphatic win, having lost the second Test by 37 runs at Port-of-Spain at Trinidad.

The hosts scored the five runs needed for victory off eight balls, with Stuart Williams smashing off-spinner Harbhajan Singh for the winning boundary.

Paceman Mervyn Dillon was named man-of-the-match for his eight-wicket match haul, which proved vital in securing the West Indies' first victory in nine Tests.

India appeared to be chasing a mirage after having lost four wickets for 169 on Saturday and the task of saving the game proved beyond the reach of the last pair of specialist batsmen, skipper Sourav Ganguly and Venkatesh Laxman.

Ganguly (60 not out) and tail-endler Zaheer Khan (46) could only delay the inevitable with their entertaining 74-run stand for the eighth wicket after the tourists had been reduced to 211-7.

Zaheer pulled paceman Adam Sanford for two sixes and edged Cameron Cuffy and Dillon over the slips for two fours during his run-a-ball knock.

The 50 partnership came off just 51 balls as Zaheer continued to chance his arms and Ganguly kept rotating the strike, but their efforts were good only enough to avoid an innings defeat.

The Indian captain reached his half-century in the penultimate over before lunch when he cut off-spinner Carl Hooper for his sixth four.

Footballers' transfers

June 1

BSS, Dhaka

The inter-club football players' transfers of the Senior Division Football League (Premier and First Divisions) for the coming season will take place from June 1 to 4.

Dhaka Metropolitan Football League Committee (DMFLC) took the decision at a meeting on Sunday.

winning matches.

"My job will be to help them raise their mental toughness so that they can start thinking of winning," said Kamal, who played nine Test matches in between 1983 to 95 and captured 24 wickets at an average of 34.25.

Asked to comment on his predecessor (Australian) Trevor Chappell, who lost the job last month after working with the national team for almost a year, Kamal answered like a true diplomat.

"He is a good coach. He tried his best. But it's success that counts at the end of the day. My target will be to improve the ranking of Bangladesh," Kamal said, who also played 19 one-day internationals for Pakistan.

The tall right-armed seemed to have done good homework before coming in to Dhaka.

New Bangladesh cricket coach Mohsin Kamal (R) and his deputy Ali Zia upon their arrival at the Zia International Airport yesterday.

(C Hooper 115, S Chanderpaul 101 not out, R Sarwan 60, B Lara 55; A Nehra 4-112, H Singh 3-87)

INDIA: Second innings (overnight 169-4)				
Das c Sarwan b Dillon	35			
Jaffer run out	51			
Dravid c Jacobs b Sanford	14			
Tendulkar lbw b Dillon	8			
Ganguly not out	60			
Laxman c Hooper b Collins	43			
Ratra lbw b Dillon	13			
Harbhajan b Cuffy	3			
Zaheer c Jacobs b Sarwan	46			
Srinath c Gayle b Sarwan	0			
Nehra c Collins b Dillon	3			
Extras: (nb-14, lb-6)	20			
Total: (All out in 101.2 overs)	296			
Fall of wickets: 1-80, 2-101, 3-117, 4-118, 5-183, 6-208, 7-211, 8-285, 9-285				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Dillon	31.2	8	82	4
Cuffy	24	16	26	1
Collins	22	1	78	1
Sanford	15	3	78	1
Hooper	5	0	11	0
Gayle	3	0	14	0
Sarwan	1	0	1	2
WEST INDIES: Second innings				
Gayle not out	0			
Williams not out	4			
Extras: (nb-1)	1			
Total: (For no loss in 1.2 overs)	5			

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tendulkar	1	0	1	0
Harbhajan	0.2	0	4	0
Result: West Indies won by 10 wickets.				
Man-of-the-match: Mervyn Dillon.				
Fourth Test: May 10-14, Antigua.				

West Indies' Stuart Williams collects a stump as souvenir while Indian players reach to congratulate him after his side won the third Test emphatically at Bridgetown on Sunday.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

PHOTO: STAR FILE

Brazil captain Mauro raises the 1962 Jules Rimet trophy aloft in the middle of Santiago's Stade Nacional. Although less celebrated than some of his cohorts, Mauro still took part in four FIFA World Cups between 1950 and 1962. He is also one of Brazil's most successful players, with honours including nine Sao Paulo state championships and five Brazilian titles.

Army stay in contention

UNB, Dhaka

NITOL-TATA NAT'L FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Bangladesh Army kept their hopes for a place in the Super Four alive in the Nitol-Tata National Football League when they defeated Khulna Abahani 2-1 at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore yesterday.

With the win, the Armymen joined holders Dhaka Abahani in the second spot in Group A, both having secured seven points each from three games.

On contrary, it was the third consecutive defeat for the Khulna side in the league. They now play fellow all-losing Barisal T and T Club in the last group match in Rajshahi on May 13.

Kabirul Islam put Army ahead in the 23rd minute and Faruk Hossain widened the gap in the 71st minute. Manjurul Alam, however, narrowed it one minute before the final whistle.

Rashedul Hasan of Bangladesh Army was adjudged man-of-the-match.

Sylhet Chaturanga Jubo Sangha lead Group A with eight points, having won two and drawn same number of matches, and with a better goal difference, they are now almost certain of a Super Four berth.

TEAMS

BANGLADESH ARMY: Bivash, Rezaul, Kamal, Kabirul, Majibur, Faruk, Altaf, Sunny, Bilal, Nasir and Ashish.

KHULNA ABAHANI: Milon, Ashraf, Kochi, Bappi, Mohsin, Ripon, Kabir, Monir, Abul, Saifullah and Iqbal.

Akhter's action alright: Dunne

AP, Wellington

Retired New Zealand cricket umpire Steve Dunne says he believes Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar's action is fair and he should be allowed to play without any controversy over the legitimacy of his bowling.

Akhtar's action has come under renewed scrutiny in the light of his devastating spells in New Zealand's Test and one-day defeats in Pakistan.

There have been calls for Akhtar's delivery to again be assessed after two previous investigations by the International Cricket Council, one of them instigated by Dunne and fellow New Zealand umpire Doug Cowie.

The New Zealand team's "no comment" on Akhtar's action suggested they had concerns about it.

Dunne told the Dominion newspaper on Monday that though he had not been able to study Akhtar in the latest matches, he regarded the Pakistani's action as "not contravening the spirit of the laws of cricket."

Dunne, 58, said he saw the extraordinary flexibility Akhtar had in his right arm when the pair were in a gymnasium in Dubai.

"Shoaib showed me the arm and he appeared to have a double-jointed elbow," Dunne said. "I'm satisfied he should be left alone to get on and play cricket without all the suspicion."

Two years ago Dunne and Cowie reported Akhtar to match referee Ranjan Madugalle of Sri Lanka when they considered there was something "funny" in the player's action during a one-dayer against New Zealand.

CUP CORNER

AFP, Glasgow

Glasgow Rangers Argentine forward Claudio Caniggia is to arrive in Italy today for visiting country's famous rehabilitation center, reported The Daily Record. The player had sustained an injury to knee ligaments in the Scottish Cup final and is close to missing playing in the World Cup. But Caniggia told he would get well by the time the tournament starts.

"When I was fouled I felt a twist in my knee. It was terrible then but it is not causing me pain now. I just feel a little bother but I do not know what would happen if I was to run," acknowledged the striker.

ITALY SQUAD DUE WEDNESDAY

AFP, Rome

Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni said Monday that he would name his squad for the World Cup on Wednesday.

Speaking the day after the Italian Serie A season ended the only remaining domestic fixture is on Saturday when champions Juventus and Parma contest the second leg of the Italian Cup Final.

But Trapattoni said that by then his 23-man squad will be unveiled. "We are just checking the physical fitness of everyone and on Wednesday I will give the list," said the 63-year-old who recently extended his deal until

Looking back to the Italian First Division title race won by Juventus over Inter Milan and AS Roma Trapattoni said he had mixed feelings at Juve eclipsing Inter as a former coach of both clubs.

"I thought Inter would win it," he admitted. "But Juventus is a little bit in my DNA so I know it well. Juve is like a dragon with seven heads, as soon as you cut off one another appears. They never give up."

Earlier a spokeswoman for the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) told AFP that Trapattoni would name his line-up either on Tuesday or Wednesday.

"I am 100% sure Brazil will reach the final"

INTERNET, Berlin

World football legend Pele shared his views on the upcoming 2002 World Cup in an interview with German weekly Welt am Sonntag:

(Q) FIFA are to hold the new chairman's elections just two days before the World Cup kicks off. Whom do you support?

(A) Blatter is for the democratization of FIFA. I think he has done well so far. And the criticism around him is a natural part of pre-election campaign.

(Q) What do you think about Franz Beckenbauer heading FIFA after 2006?

(A) I was the first to tip him for this post. People all over the world love and respect him. He could be an ideal FIFA boss.

(Q) What are your expectations from Brazil at the World Cup?

(A) Our team had problems with squad during the qualifiers. The majority of key players were injured. But our 1-1 draw against Portugal

PELE

keeps my hopes alive. If Ronaldo and Rivaldo are fit, we'll be a success. I am 100% sure Brazil will reach the final.

(Q) Argentina are considered to be the favorites of South American continent...

PHOTO: STAR

Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Sonali Bank and Bangladesh Railway at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

Cricket League deferred again

SPORTS REPORTER

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolis (CCDM) deferred the GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League for another two days due to the prevailing inclement weather in the city.

The 'Super Six' phase was scheduled to resume today after a two-day's break to accommodate a reception for the newly elected mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Sadek Hossain Khoka at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

But heavy rain and the podiums erected at different places of the all-purpose venue did a lot of damage to the ground, which needed some time and sunshine to make it playable again.

Weather permitting, the Premier League will resume on May 9 with leaders Victoria Sporting Club taking on no-hoppers Abahani Krira Chakra.

The surprise reception followed by unfriendly rain has not only halted the League at a crucial stage but will also delay the start of the final phase of the National Football League.

The National Football League was scheduled to start at the BNS on May 16 after the completion of the Premier cricket league, 11 Super Six games of which are yet to be played at the BNS.

Matured Beckham

REUTERS, London

David Beckham will keep his cool on and off the pitch as England aim to rise above all obstacles at the World Cup finals, the Manchester United midfielder said on Sunday.

England captain Beckham is expected to recover from injury in time to lead his country's campaign in South Korea and Japan.

He insists he has cured the rashness in his temperament that blotted his early career and saw him sent off during England's exit at the hands of Argentina at France 98.

"On the pitch, there were certain situations when I reacted and I shouldn't have done," Beckham told BBC Radio.

"I was young then, although there were no excuses... but I have matured over the years and changed as a player on the pitch."

"I've got it all under control now."

"The captaincy has helped a lot. It has made me focus on the responsibility."

Beckham also knows he has to cope with the attention off the pitch in Asia.

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(A) I believe they can win the Cup. But, it's very difficult to make predictions now. There are Italy, France, Portugal and, of course, England.

(Q) People in many countries are concerned about the huge salaries of top players. What is your opinion?

(A) I want to warn especially European clubs: be careful with the salaries you pay. Know when to stop. I back Beckenbauer and Platini who call for limitation of broadcasting and sponsor money.

(Q) The World Cup is held in Asia. Do you think it was right to choose two countries, which have problems to solve with each other.

(A) Yes, there are some cultural differences between the two as well as some historical controversy. But many problems have been solved during the recent months, and I'm sure everything will be fine. The football and the spirit of festival will prevail. I hope for an interesting tournament.

Green Delta hockey Sonali Bank, Railway draw

UNB, Dhaka

Sonali Bank and Bangladesh Railway shared points in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with a 1-1 draw at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Mamun jr. gave the bankers a 4th minute lead while Monirul equalised in the 13th minute into the second half.

In the day's First Division match, Sadharan Bima KS blanked Victoria SC 6-0 after leading the first half 2-0 at the same venue.

Abdus Samad Mamun scored four goals including a hat-trick while Lucky and Jahangir Alam netted the remaining two goals.