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Hockey is known for its violence, and many players have suffered serious injuries. Only one player, however, was ever set on fire during a game. In a 1930 Quebec Junior Amateur game, goalie Abie Goldberry, was hit by a flying puck that ignited a pack of matches in his pocket, setting his uniform on fire. He was badly burned before his teammates could put the fire out.



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Lennox Lewis
(World heavyweight champion)
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- Name the Bangladesh A team captain for the Kenya tour:
Hannan Sanwar Ashraf
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- Asif Hossain clinched gold in which Commonwealth Games event?
Athletics/Shooting/Swimming
- Who won the Orient handball title?
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- Who was man-of-the-match in the second Test between England and India?
Tendulkar Vaughan Stewart

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Javed recalled

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

Experienced opener Javed Omar Belim has returned to the Bangladesh fold for the ICC Champions Trophy, starting in Colombo on September 12.

Javed is one of the two inclusions in Khaled Mashud's team that will be touring Sri Lanka for a second time in three months.

The dapper right-hander missed the Test-babes' away series against the islanders in July due to injury. But after a successful operation in India, Javed has recovered well and is now touring with the Bangladesh A team in Kenya.

Mazharul Hoque is the other entrant on the list of 14 that the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced yesterday.

Bangladesh will be up against two formidable opponents Australia and New Zealand in the 12-team one-day tournament, previously known as ICC Knockout tournament.

This is the first call for Mazharul in the senior team. The attacking middle-order batsman has been included in place of Naimur Rahman, who failed with the bat after being recalled for the one-day series against Sri Lanka.

Young opener Hannan Sarker, who made his debut in the Test series against Sri Lanka and played the third one-day, has been sacrificed for Javed.

Placed in tough Group A, Bangladesh will play their first match against world champions Australia at the Sinhalese Sports Club (SSC) ground on September 19. Their second and final group league match against New Zealand, who won the second edition of the tournament in Nairobi two years ago, will be held at the same venue on September 29.

All the ten Test playing nations, Kamal, who took over from Australian Trevor Chappell in April, will take another four or five day to join his battered charges. Kamal has gone home to attend his ailing father and is expected to return to Dhaka on September 25.

The BCB however asked BKSP's chief cricket coach Nazmul Abedin Fahim to train the national team for the interim period.

The team's Australian physio



JAVED OMAR



MAZHARUL HOQUE

John Gloucester is scheduled to fly in the capital today.

SQUAD
Khaled Mashud (captain), Habibur Bashar, Al-Shahriar, Javed Omar, Mohammad Ashraf, Tushar Imran, Mohammad Rafique, Monjurul Islam, Fahim Muntasir, Alok Kapali, Taposh Kumar Baishya and Talha Jubair

Ws burn S Africa

Cricket
AFP, Tangiers

Pakistan's ageing fast bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis rolled back the years to restrict South Africa to 196-8 from 50 overs in a must-win match of the Morocco Cup here on Sunday.

The pair produced devastating opening spells to reduce the South Africans to 49-5 by the 15th over

the batsman to edge a catch to wicket-keeper Rashid Latif. Waqar, 32, himself struck in the second over by bowling Jacques Kallis, and South Africa slid to 10-3 when Akram trapped Graeme Smith leg-before.

The batting misery continued as Justin Ontong gave Waqar a tame return catch and Jonty Rhodes was caught behind off Mahmood.

South Africa would have become 64-6 in the 20th over had Abdul Razzaq taken a simple return catch off Dippenaar as the batsman

mistimed a drive. Dippenaar survived the lucky break to bat till the 34th over before he was run out going for a second run.

South Africa lost two quick wickets when Boucher was bowled by Mahmood in the 44th and Nicky Boje went in similar fashion off Akram soon after.

The late recovery helped South Africa set Pakistan a victory target of 150 runs.

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Pakistan 143-6

SPORTS REPORTER

Pakistan were 143 for six after 35 overs in their Morocco Cup tri-series match against South Africa yesterday.

Waqar Younis' men must win to have any hope of making it to the final.

before battling half-centuries from Boeta Dippenaar and Mark Boucher boosted the total.

Dippenaar hit 55 and Boucher made 57 in a 78-run stand for the sixth wicket. Lance Klusener chipped in with an unbeaten 28.

Akram finished with three for 31 while Waqar claimed 2-48. Azhar Mahmood was the other successful bowler with 2-33 from nine overs.

A victory for South Africa will oust Pakistan from the race for the final in the 250,000-dollar event also featuring Sri Lanka.

Pakistan, needing to win by a huge margin to keep their hopes alive, began on a dream note after Waqar lost his fourth successive toss.

The 37-year-old Akram dismissed Herschelle Gibbs with the first delivery of the match, forcing

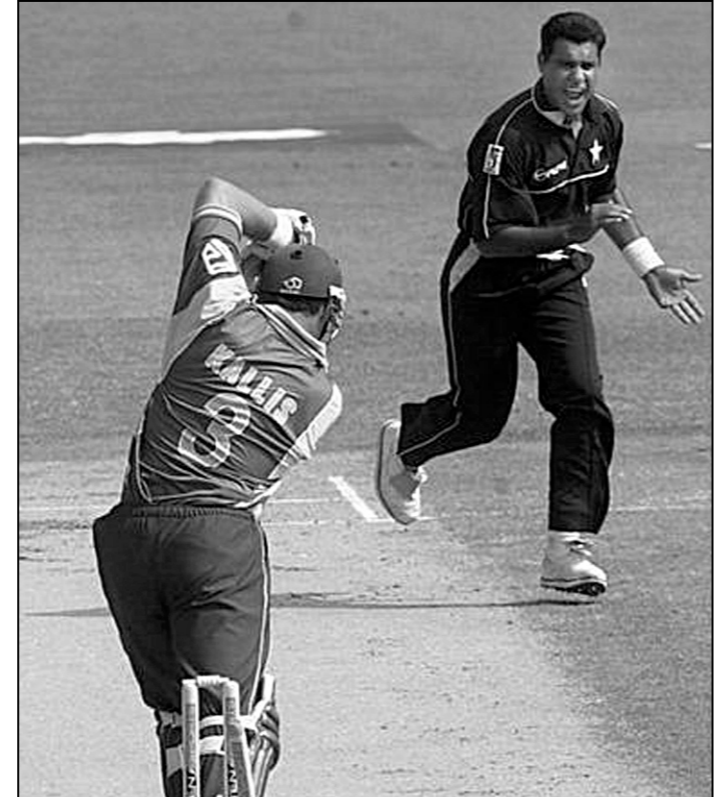


PHOTO: INTERNET
Pakistan captain Waqar Younis starts to celebrate after knocking over South Africa's Jacques Kallis' off-stump during their Morocco Cup match yesterday.

Rusedski rallies

Tennis
AFP, Indianapolis

Greg Rusedski claimed another world top three victim on Saturday to reach the final of the 800,000-dollar ATP tournament with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 over German Tommy Haas.

The unseeded British winner beat world No. 2 two Marat Safin in the first round last week in Cincinnati and upset top man Lleyton Hewitt of Australia in the third round this week.

On paper the 28-year-old stands a decent chance in Sunday's final against Spain's Felix Mantilla, who ousted German ninth seed Rainer Schuettler 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 on Saturday.

Rusedski has picked up trophies at his last four finals, dating from the Grand Slam Cup in 1999 and in Auckland a week before this year's Australian Open.

But Mantilla has beaten him both times they have met. "If you can't get up for a final, you won't be able to get up for too many matches," said the Briton, who has

not lost a set this week. "I don't want to let down. I've won my last four finals and I'd like to



FELIX MANTILLA

continue that record." Rusedski finally seems to be striking gold after missing much of 2000 due to a long recovery from foot surgery.

His form is starting to peak in time for the August 26 start of the US Open. Rusedski played the final there

five years, ago losing to Patrick Rafter.

"I have the patience and belief," he said. "I know that my game's going to come. I've worked hard the last two years. The points I once won are starting to come again. In the long run, things will come good."

Rusedski took advantage of third seed Haas' injuries to advance. Haas suffered his fourth career defeat against Rusedski - all of them on hard courts.

"I focussed on holding serve and taking chances when they arose," said Rusedski. "The break at 4-3 in the second set was the key to the match."

"I'm pleased with my game. I'm serving well, but I think I've been doing that since the grass-court season."

Haas complained that pain from his shoulder, which had migrated to his elbow in recent matches despite five weeks off over the summer to be with his injured parents, had returned.

He won without problem in his Friday quarter-final against Andre Agassi. SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

Ctg Abahani shock West Ham

Football
SPORTS REPORTER

Chittagong Abahani pulled off a sensational 2-1 win against the Under-19 team of West Ham United at MC Mila Stadium in London yesterday.

According to a message sent by Fazlur Rahman, co-ordinator of the goodwill trip, the port city team stunned the juniors of the London-based club with goals by the Dhanmondi pair of Monju and Nurul Islam.

Monju scored in the first half that was locked 1-1.

But it was Nurul Islam's late strike that sent the roughly 2,000 Bangladeshi expatriates into raptures. It was the first ever victory for a Bangladeshi team on English soil.

The result also went some way to restoring Chittagong Abahani's image after a media storm regarding the inclusion of certain members who have little or no football background.

It was their last match of the tour. They were earlier hammered 5-1 by another English Premiership side's junior selection Chelsea.

Victoria squeeze past D'mondi

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club earned two valuable points in the National Bank Premier Division Football League after defeating Dhanmondi Club in tie-breaker (4-2) at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The match was locked 1-1 after 90 minutes.

After a barren first half, Mehdi Hasan Tapu gave Dhanmondi the lead with a header from a Hanif Prodnan cross in the 61st minute while Abul equalised for Victoria in the 81st minute with a superb piece of headwork from a free kick.

buoyed by the goal, Victoria, later won the shootout to add an extra point to their tally.

They have now three points from five matches to be placed in second spot from the bottom. On the other hand, Dhanmondi raised their tally to five points from as many matches.

Meanwhile, Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) has made a change to today's fixture.

Instead of holding two matches, there would be only one between Farashganj Sporting Club and Badda Jagarani Sangsad at 5 pm.

The other game between Abahani and Arambagh KS will be held tomorrow at 5 pm.

Asghar pledges interim body

Cricket
UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar said yesterday that he would form an interim committee as soon as possible to run the Board properly.

The cricket boss said that he was also going to act as per the High Court's order by holding fresh elections within two months after formation of the interim committee.

"Provided there is no legal bar, I will form an ad-hoc committee for to properly run the Board's activities," said Asghar, who has been empowered by the Court.

But a BCB director, on condition of anonymity, said he believed there would be no legal bar. SEE PAGE 15 COL 4

Amrito Dey chess Three share lead

Chess
SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed and Saifuddin Lavlu were leading the table with maximum points at the end of the fourth in the third Amrito Lal Dey International Rating Chess Tournament yesterday.

In the fourth round at the Barisal Public Library, Zia beat Amin, Nasir beat Royal and Lavlu beat Fide Master Abu Sufian Shakil.

Shafiq Ahmed of Barisal and Puneet Jaiswal of India are sharing second position with three-and-a-half points.

BFF's EGM on Sept 4

Football
SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) holds an emergency general meeting (EGM) on September 4 to take a decision about holding fresh election under a new constitution prescribed by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

As per the AFC suggestion, the new executive committee has to be reduced to 21 from its present 31-member body. The BFF, which refused to accept the AFC formula early this month, would now throw the case at the discussion table sensing the regional body's hard stance on the issue.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport yesterday, BFF president SA Sultan said it would be better if the decision was taken by the councilors. "It's a

very sensitive issue and that was why the EGM has been convened." An election became necessary when Harunur Rashid, the general secretary of the present executive committee, resigned last month. The committee was elected in early 2001.

"We need a general secretary as soon as possible because it is required for the administration of the federation," said Sultan, who was appointed as the head of BFF last October.

Sultan, who returned on Friday after attending the AFC congress in Kuala Lumpur from August 12 to 14, blamed his lack of home work for pulling out of the AFC election at the last moment.

"Though we filed our nomination much earlier, but I found no one was aware of that even after reaching Malaysia. It was really embarrassing for us when it became obvious that Bangladesh were going to lose. That is why we withdrew our nomination," reasoned Sultan.

"Since it was an election held by names I was a candidate. I could sense that the whole AFC had an impression that I could also be removed any time as it happened with Harunur Rashid last year," he said.

"I think it was a good decision because we need to give more attention to our domestic affairs than the AFC's," added Sultan.

Sultan also revealed that they were actively considering to withhold the ongoing Premier League after the first round in early October. SEE PAGE 15 COL 1



PHOTO: STAR
Victoria custodian Tarek (front) thwarts a Dhanmondi Club attempt during their National Bank Premier Division Football League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

BD A forced to follow Russell's

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A were forced to follow on the second day of their three-day match against Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) Eleven at the Aga Khan Sports ground in Nairobi yesterday.

The visitors were dismissed for 223 after the home team posted an imposing first innings total of 512.

The second string national side were 12 for one at the close, still needing another 277 runs on the final day to save the match.

Skipper Sanwar Hossain and Tushar Imran repaired the early damage after Bangladesh lost four wickets cheaply.

Opener Javed Omar scored only six in his comeback match. Mohammad Ashraf also scored a disappointing seven and Mazharul Haque celebrated his

call up to the squad for the ICC Champions Trophy with a duck. Hannan scored 26.

But it was the fifth wicket stand between Sanwar and Tushar that pulled the tourists out of a hole.

Tushar scored 98 and Sanwar made 63. But once the pair was sent packing the wheels fell off the Bangladesh innings.

Earlier, the virtual full-strength Kenyan side added 70 runs to their overnight 452 for six before being all out in the morning session.

One-day specialist Ravindu Shah was the tormentor with a cracking 184.

For Bangladesh A right-arm paceman Anwar Hossain Monir captured four wickets while occasional leg-spinner Ashraf took three.

They will play two three-day day matches and three limited-overs games during the tour of Kenya.

No fault of Russell's!

Cricket
AFP, London

Jack Russell set a new wicketkeeping world record Saturday although it's one the former England gloveman doubtless wishes he did



JACK RUSSELL

not have in his collection. Playing for Gloucestershire against Northamptonshire in the

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Capriati thru' at Dokic's cost

Tennis
AFP, Montreal

American Jennifer Capriati reached her first WTA final in more than four months after Yugoslavia's Jelena Dokic quit in the second set of their semifinal on Saturday at the 1.2 million dollar WTA tournament.

The second-seeded Capriati was leading the third-seeded Dokic, 7-6, 4-0, when Dokic claimed to be suffering from a right hamstring injury.

"The match was basically played in the first set," said Capriati. "It's very important for me to win here. Of course, not as much as winning a Grand Slam, but it's definitely up there."

Capriati will play No 7 seed Amelie Mauresmo of France in Sunday's final.

Mauresmo defeated No 8 Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia in the other semi-final 6-2, 7-6.

The reigning Australian Open champion, Capriati made her first final since the NASDAQ 100 Open at Miami in early April.

When top seed and defending champion Serena Williams pulled out Tuesday with a knee injury, Capriati became the favourite in this hardcourt event, which is a warmup for the US Open.

Despite an injury-filled year, the 19-year-old Dokic won titles at Sarasota and Birmingham, England.

Dokic, one of the busiest players on the tour, all but gave up last week in the Los Angeles semi-final losing 6-0, 6-2 to American Chanda Rubin. Dokic said she had a stomach virus.

A virus also forced her out in the semi-final at Amelia Island and the

high injury sidelined her in the semis at Hamburg.

In the other semifinal, Mauresmo overpowered her opponent at the beginning of the match and took the first set 6-2.

Both players raised the level of their game in the second set. They charged the net and each held serve. At 4-4, Mauresmo broke Hantuchova to step ahead 5-4.

"I am happy to have stayed in the match and not let her go away with the second set," said Mauresmo. "I did not want to go to a third one."

Mauresmo breezed into the semi-finals with a 6-0, 6-2 rout of Colombia's Fabiola Zuluaga and Hantuchova cruised by Austria's Barbara Schett, 6-3, 6-3.

Mauresmo will compete in her fifth semifinal of the year. She went on to win the Dubai hardcourt title in February, but fell in the final four at the Paris and Antwerp indoor events in February and Wimbledon in July.



PHOTO: INTERNET
Laila Ali poses with her father boxing great Muhammad Ali after stopping Suzy Taylor to win the IBA Super Middleweight title on August 17.

Like father like daughter

Boxing
BBC, Washington

Laila Ali won her first world title on Saturday as her father, Muhammad Ali, watched at ringside.

The 24-year-old stopped Suzy Taylor in the second round to claim the IBA super middleweight championship in Las Vegas.

Muhammad Ali received a standing ovation when he entered the arena. And his daughter got the job done quickly with a barrage of blows to the head and body.

"I wanted to come out and hit her with some body shots," said Ali. "But once I saw how slow she was and couldn't do anything, I

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