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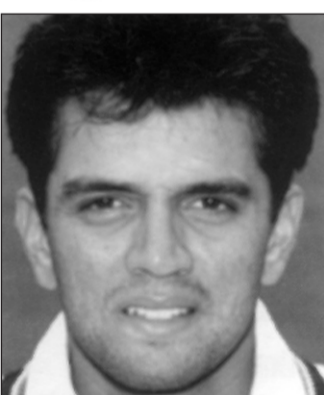
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Rahul Dravid

(Indian star batsman)
"You have got to do what a team requires. You have got to learn to adapt, you've got to find a way to make the team stronger."

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MSC's penalty escape



SPORTS REPORTER

A 70th minute penalty gave Mohammedan Sporting Club a lone goal victory Badda Jagarani Sangsad in the National Bank Premier Football League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Mohammedan's Nigerian forward Salisu Osalio stepped up to convert the 12-yarder after referee Golam Mostafa pointed to the spot following a foul committed by Badda defender Shamsheer against Salisu's compatriot Abdullah in the forbidden zone.

But the ruling of the ref did not go unchallenged as Badda players protested the decision claiming the foul was committed outside the penalty box.

Although it was a harsh decision for the spirited Badda boys, it allowed a clumsy Mohammedan to escape unscathed ahead of their blood and thunder clash against bitter foes Abahani on September 7.

The victory also enabled Mohammedan to maintain their lead with 22 points, two points clear from defending champions Abahani.

But it was yet another disappointing display of football by the popular Motiheel outfit after their unimpressive 2-1 victory over Rahmatganj in the previous match.

The unimaginative boys of coach Abul not only lacked the firepower in the midfield but also showed their vulner-

ability when it came to coping with a quality attack. They were lucky not to concede goal in the 12th minute of the second half as Amin Rana's spectacular header off a Mintu cross came off the post.

A minute before Rana fired a powerful shot from an acute angle that Mohammedan custodian Bjon parried off for a corner.

Rana was however not around to trouble Mohammedan further as his coach decided to pull him out midway through the second session.

Mohammedan also made three changes in the match, but they failed to pick up the pace. The play of keeping two attackers fixed in the opponents' half and expecting wishful long balls to reach them was never effective as the playmakers were running like headless chickens.

Monwar was woefully out of sorts. Faisal, coming in as a substitute of Joy, invariably ran out of ideas as he tried to dribble every time he got the ball.

Still, Mohammedan managed to create two good chances in the first half. But Salsa's header into an empty net in the 35th minute was saved by Anupom on the line. Three minutes later Abdullah's header from a Titu corner was also cleared by in the same fashion by Mintu.

With this defeat Badda remained glued to their previous collection of nine points. The result also diminishes Badda's chances of winning a place in the Super Five.

TEAMS
MOHAMMEDAN SC: Nizam, Jewel, Masud Rana, SEE PAGE 15 COL 5



Mohammedan's Nigerian recruit Salisu (L) is under pressure from Rahmatganj defender Prince during their National Bank Premier Division League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Div II Chess Uttara lead the table

SPORTS REPORTER

Uttara Daba Sangha took over the top spot in the Second Division Chess League yesterday.

In the third round they beat overnight leaders Fighters KC 3-1 at the NSC chess room to collect 10.5 points.

Hazaribagh Friendship SC, Rajshahi Daba Unnyan Sangha and Pubali Bank share second position with 10 points each.

Rajshahi beat Rajshahi Chess Players Association 4-0, Hazaribagh beat Uttara Central Chess Club 3-1 and Pubali Bank beat Dolphin Chess Club 3.5-0.5.

In other results, Shekdi Jubo Sangha beat Crescent Club 2.5-1.5, Pallab Chess Club beat New Star Chess Club 2.5-1.5, Family Chess Club beat Dhamrai KC 4-0, Aparajayo Bangladesh beat The Aga Khan School 3-1, Shapla SC beat New Colony KC 4-0, Notre Dame Golden beat Biplob Sangha 2.5-1.5

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Ronaldo unveiled



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Florentino Perez responded with goals doing and some everything beautiful to bring me play so that here," said I can live up the 25- to every-

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THE DREAM IS REAL: Brazilian superstar Ronaldo shows his new Real Madrid shirt during his presentation ceremony at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium yesterday.

Siraj soccer

CU CORRESPONDENT

Monir Chairman Smriti Sangsad brightened their prospect for a place in the quarterfinals of the Siraj Mohanagari Kishore Football League with a 3-0 thrashing of Sandhani Sporting Club at the Dampara police lines ground here in the port city of Chittagong Monday.

Striker Abbasuddin first struck in the 8th minute of the first half while Rubel and Musa scored the others in the 44th minute and 66th minute respectively for the winners.

In the day's second match played at the same venue Pahartali Ekadash beat reigning champions Madarbari Mukthakantha Club 1-0.

Striker Harunnoor Rashid scored the all-important goal.

CJKS h'ball

CU CORRESPONDENT

Rising Star Junior Club outplayed Chittagong WASA Ekadash 29-16 in the inaugural match of the CJKS Ruhul Amin and Brothers Handball League at the MA Aziz Stadium on Monday.

Sanjoy Chowdhury of Rising Star netted highest nine goals while Avijit scored eight. Rajesh and Kannon Das four each while Rahman and Moshfique were on target with three and one respectively for the winners.

On the other hand Haider of Chittagong WASA netted six goals and Shamsul Zaman five. Reazul and Ferdous also netted three and two.

Indian stars back down

AFP, New Delhi

India's leading cricketers will take part in next week's Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka only after getting the nod from their personal sponsors, sources said on Monday.

Snubbed by the International Cricket Council (ICC), Sourav Ganguly's men were considering a written plea by India's cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya to sign up for the September 12-29 limited-overs tournament.

The players, preparing for the decisive fourth and final Test against England at the Oval from Thursday, were expected to give their decision "in the next 48 hours," the sources said.

The ICC, at its executive board meeting in Dubai on Saturday, rejected the Indians demand to play in the tournament without signing the contracts.

It also turned down a suggestion from the players that they will forego personal endorsements that conflict with the official ICC sponsors for the duration of the 18-day tournament.

The ICC said the Indian players will have to keep their personal sponsors away for 30 days after the tournament ends, just as 11 of the 12 participating nations had agreed to do.

"The players will take a decision only after consulting their sponsors," said a team source.

"It's only fair they do that. After all, the sponsors have invested so much money in the players and they stand to lose if the players are not allowed to endorse their products."

Asked later how she was affected by the stalker arrest, Williams was cut off as she was about to answer the day's most crucial question by a WTA Tour official who said, "I'm sorry. Can we just concentrate on questions related to the match?"

And still later, the WTA issued a statement declaring that Williams' earlier comment about taking the "threat" seriously was taken by her to mean the threat of being defeated in later matches, not the safety concern Stromeier presented.

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Sachin carves a niche



AFP, New Delhi

India's batting genius Sachin Tendulkar becomes the youngest cricketer to play 100 Test matches on Thursday when he takes the field in the decisive final Test against England at The Oval.

India look forward to another sizeable contribution from the prolific 29-year-old as they attempt to win their first Test series away from the subcontinent since 1986.

Tendulkar smashed a robust 193 in the previous match at Headingley last week as India squared the series 1-1 with an innings victory over the hosts.

He overtook the legendary Don Bradman with his 30th century in Tests and is now only behind compatriot Sunil Gavaskar, who holds the world record of 34 hundreds.

Observers believe the day is not far when the "little genius" will knock the "little master" off the perch, for

he is young and has not lost his enthusiasm for the game and appetite for runs.

Tendulkar has rarely encountered failures during his illustrious



SACHIN TENDULKAR

13-year career, having scored 8,351 runs in 99 Tests and 11,505 in 295 one-dayers with a world record 33 hundreds.

It is a tribute to his temperament that Tendulkar has never been

criticised for his on-field behaviour.

"I've enjoyed every bit of it," said Tendulkar as he surpasses former teammate Kapil Dev, who played his 100th Test aged 30.

"Thirteen years have just flown by. I really feel if you're going to be nice to people, the people are going to be nice to you. This is what my father taught me.

"It would have been good if he was around today. He would have been a proud man at this moment."

India's batting has been revolving around Tendulkar for more than a decade. So much so the critics have often labelled India a one-batsman team, especially on tours.

Tendulkar was not even 17 when he made his Test debut in 1989 against a Pakistani side boasting a trio of fearsome pacemen in Imran Khan, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis.

He has never looked back since.

Besides his extraordinary talent, courage and consistency have been the main virtues of Tendulkar who has made batting glamorous and

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Unstoppable Serena



AFP New York

World number one Serena Williams ignored a 6 1/2-hour rain delay and the arrest of a German man who has stalked her around the world to rout Czech teen Daja Bedanova and reach the US Open quarterfinals here Sunday.

The reigning Wimbledon and French Open champion needed only 41 minutes to rip the 20th seed 6-1, 6-1, firing eight aces past Bedanova and ending it with a backhand winner, the last of 35 she pounded compared to only five unforced errors.

Williams smashed three aces in a row in her first service game of each set, won eight of the first nine points of the match, connected on 12-of-13 first serves in the first set and swept all 10 of Bedanova's second-serve points in the first set.

"I have really been working hard on my serve," Williams said. "Once I serve well my whole game goes up. I feel a little better on my serve. I've just improved."

Williams was a tabloid cover girl here Sunday after the arrest of

Albrecht Stromeier, who stalked her and was arrested at events in Italy, Germany, France, Britain and the United States over the past 15 months.

Stromeier, 34, faces a stalking charge that could bring one year in



SERENA WILLIAMS

prison and a 1,000-dollar fine. A restraining order was also imposed upon Stromeier barring him from the US Open and any type of contact with the 20-year-old he says he loves.

Bail was set at 3,000 dollars, a relatively small amount for a man

who lives with his affluent parents in Germany.

Williams knew Stromeier had been arrested again when she was asked Sunday about taking the "threat" seriously, although the words "stalker" and "Stromeier" were not used in the inquiry and the question followed one about her next opponent.

"I'm definitely taking it serious, maybe too serious," Williams replied. "I get so tense and so tight, so serious, that I can't relax."

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EGM on Sept 4 Mercury goes up in BFF



SPORTS REPORTER

An Emergency General Meeting (EGM) of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) takes place at the National Sports Council (NSC) auditorium tomorrow morning to deliberate and vote on a new constitution prescribed by the AFC (Asian Football Confederation).

The football's continental governing body asked the BFF to reduce the number of members in its executive committee from 31 to 21 immediately after the FIFA lifted its temporary ban on Bangladesh last January.

Around 127 councillors are expected to attend the EGM and okay the new constitution of the BFF, which refused to accept the AFC

suggestion initially but caved in under pressure eventually.

If the new constitution is passed tomorrow, the BFF will have to inform the AFC immediately so that it, with permission of the FIFA, can announce a date for election.

As per the last month's decision of AFC, it would send a couple of observers, one from AFC and the other from FIFA, to monitor the election which is expected to take place sometimes in October.

The novelty of the new constitution is that the executive committee president, who has been selected by the government traditionally, would have to be an elected person.

Besides, it will have a senior vice-president and four vice-presidents, a general secretary, a deputy general secretary, a treasurer, two assistant general secretaries and ten members.

The new executive committee

will also be drastically cut short from 21 to 10.

With an election around the corner, the situation at the Bangabandhu National Stadium arena heats up over who wants which post. Fortune seekers and political aspirants are busy lobbying for a post in the committee.

Though SA Sultan, the government nominated BFF president, is trying his best to form a panel of consensus, but aspirants are already divided.

The race for the president is likely to be a two-way battle between two BNP lawmakers -- Sultan and Monirul Haque Chowdhury.

Spotlight will be on four guys who are almost set to contest for the post of general secretary. They are present acting general secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu, Anwarul Haque Helal of Mohammedan

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Aussies amerce Kenya



BBC/AFP, Nairobi

Australia's all-round excellence proved too much as Kenya were comprehensively beaten in the fourth match of a triangular one-day tournament at the Gymkhana Club ground on Monday.

Bowled out for their lowest score of 84 in 35.3 overs after being reduced to 17 for six at one stage, Kenya were powerless to stop Ricky Ponting's side from cruising to an eight-wicket victory.

The home side had the consolation of dismissing Adam Gilchrist and Jimmy Maher, but in-form opener Matthew Hayden with an unbeaten 39 saw the Australians home in 17 overs.

The 1999 World Cup holders made one change to the side, which beat Pakistan by 224 runs in their opening game of the competition, with paceman Brett Lee replacing Andy Bichel.

But Lee had to wait for his chance as Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie roared through Kenya's top order with three wickets each.

McGrath, in particular, proved a real handful as he took three for eight from eight overs and hit Tony Suji on the head with a short delivery.

Only three Kenyan batsmen reached double figures with Brijal Patel resisting gallantly for an hour and a half to make 28 before he was stumped off leg-spinner Shane Warne.

Their total was six runs short of their previous worst -90 all out recorded against India in Bloemfontein during a tri-nation series last year.

McGrath began the slide by bowling David Obuya for 17 in the third over and after reaching 17 for three, Kenya then lost three more wickets without addition as Steve Tikolo, Thomas Odoyo and Maurice Odumbe were sent packing.

Australia's task with the bat was a mere formality and Gilchrist hit five

fours in his 22 before he fell lbw to Martin Suji.

Maher went for six following the lunch interval but Hayden, who hammered 146 off 128 balls against Pakistan, finished things off with the help of Michael Bevan.

On Wednesday Australia play Pakistan.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the triangular one-day international tournament match between Kenya and Australia on Monday.

K Otlieno c Hayden b Gillespie 10
D Obuya b McGrath 0
J Kamande c Gilchrist b McGrath 1
S Tikolo c Warne b Gillespie 4
T Odoyo c Bevan b McGrath 0
M Odumbe lbw b Gillespie 0
B Patel st Gilchrist b Warne 28
A Suji not out 8
C Obuya c Gilchrist b Watson 13
M Suji b Lee 1
J Angara b Watson 1
Extras: (lb-4, w-5, nb-9) 18
Total: (All out in 35.3 overs) 84

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Jaffna goes Murali mad



REUTERS, Jaffna

Thousands of cricket-starved fans flocked to see demon spinner

Muttiah Muralitharan on Sunday in an exhibition match in Sri Lanka's war-torn Jaffna peninsula.

An office in 15,000 people gathered at a field by a college partly destroyed by bombs to cheer on Muralitharan, a Tamil who is one of the most popular people in the

country.

The exhibition, put on by an insurance company to mark the opening of an office in Jaffna city, was the biggest sporting event in Jaffna since before the island's war started in 1983.

The crowd cheered Muralitharan's every move, from when he stepped onto the field, through the three runs he scored, to the leisurely bowling spell in which he took no wickets.

A political officer from the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) even went on to the field to shake his hand before the start of the match, which Muralitharan's team won by 14 runs.

The LTTE have been allowed to set up political offices in Jaffna under a ceasefire agreement signed in February.

Muralitharan avoids getting involved in the island's ethnic dispute, in which the LTTE have been fighting for a separate state in the north and east.

The minority Tamil community accuses the Sinhalese-led government of discrimination.

But he did tell reporters that along with most Sri Lankans he was

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Two Tamil fans rush to hug their Sri Lankan bowling idol Muttiah Muralitharan during a friendly match in the northern city of Jaffna on Sunday.

PHOTO: INTERNET



National Bank Premier Football League
Muktijoddha vs Victoria (3:30 pm)
Arambagh vs Farashganj (5:30 pm)
Venue: BNS