

someone loses an eye' is from Ancient Rome. The only rule during wrestling matches was, 'no eye gouging!' Biting, kicking and scratching was allowed, but the only way to be disqualified was to poke



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Yousuf Youhana

(Pakistan cricketer) "I do not think I have done anything wrong. However, it is bad luck that resulted in my returning home. After being expelled from national team in Morocco on disciplinary grounds.



The Haily Star

Win attractive prizes

Sept 27, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who will lead the Bangladesh U-17 team in the tri-nations series in Sri Lanka?

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Agassi | Hewitt | Sampras . Who became Champions

Trophy hockey champs? Germany | Pakistan | Netherlands 5. Who clinched the Grand Prix

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May to relay wickets at major inter-Class..... Roll No.....

national venues across the country.

matches and seven one-day internationals during the seven-week tour of India starting on October 4. The first and third Tests will be

played on newly-laid wickets at the Wankhede Stadium in Bombay and the Eden Gardens in Calcutta. The Chidambaram Stadium in

Madras, where the second Test is scheduled, is already regarded as the most sporting Test venue in India with a wicket that aids fast

bowlers willing to bend their backs. "The West Indies are in for a real

All-reds in blues

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra bowed out of the title race when they went down 4-5 in the shootout against holders Abahani Krira Chakra in their National Bank Premier Division Football League match at the Bangabandhu National

The big-spending Muktijoddha went into their last Super Five fixture for an outright victory to keep their hopes alive. But things did not happen as per their will. They were out of the race when they ended the topsy-turvy 90 minutes of regulation

Muktijoddha took the lead in the 36th minute through their Nigerian forward Emeka Achilefu. But their joy in front of a near packed big bowl lasted only nine minutes before Abahani striker Khokon equalised.

The outcome confirmed that the all-reds finished third, leaving title battle hinging on the September 19 blood and thunder clash between Abahani and Mohammedan.

Abahani will go into the final League match with a point advantage against Mohammedan. The popular Dhanmondi outfit has raised their tally to 31 points from 12

The match also saw a 15-minute stoppage following a handball committed by Abahani defender Charles Ghansha in the 35th min-

Trouble broke out between the players of the two teams when referee Tajul Islam delayed to flash a yellow card to the offender. Arman and Abahani Nigerian attacker Donald were cautioned for their part in the brawl. Muktijoddha however refused to play in protest of referee's indecision not to penalise Ghansha for intentionally handling the ball.

They later resumed the match with a bang. Arman took the freekick straight after the restart and floated the ball into the far righthand corner where Emeka chested the ball before unleashing an unstoppable right-footer passed Abahani keeper Apel.

Stunned by the goal, Abahani went all out and after two abortive attempts they finally got the equaliser in the 45th minute. Mintu crossed the ball deep inside the Muktijoddha box where Khokon slipped past his marker before sidefooted the ball past a bemused national and Muktijoddha custodian Biplab

The second half was evenly balanced with lively forays and counter forays.

Abahani's leading marksman Colly Burnes spoiled the first chance by firing over the cross bar in the 47th minute while his teammate Asad hit the side net in the 59th minute after galloping down the felt

On the other hand, Muktijoddha forward Alfaz volleyed the ball over the post in the 51st minute after being fed by Arman.

And when substitute Asif drove a spectacular Rakib cross from the right miles over the bar in the 89th minute it signalled the end of Muktijoddha's yet another lacklustre season.

The tiebreaker left only an academic interest for the losers. Colly, Donald, Bulbul, Mintu and Liton scored for Abahani from the spot while Asif, Hasan Al-Mamun, Sujon and Rakib found the net for Muktijoddha after Apel saved Rajani's kick diving to his right.Muktiioddha Sangsad finished their 13-match league campaign with 29 points.

Yellow cards: Partho, Ghansha. Donald (Abahani) and Arman. SEE PAGE 15 COL 5



An airborne Khokon makes a futile effort to score for Abahani during their National Bank Premier Division Football League clash against Muktijoddha Sangsad at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

SUPER FIVE TABLE

Teams	M	W	T/W	T/L	L	GF	GA	Points
Abahani KC	12	9	1	2	0	30	11	31
Mohammedan SC	12	9	1	1	1	20	5	30
Muktijoddha Sangsad	13	7	2	4	0	19	7	29
Dhanmondi Club	12	3	3	1	5	15	17	15
Arambagh KS	12	4	1	0	7	14	22	14

Painful Windies win



AFP, Colombo

The West Indies felt more pain than joy in their 29-run victory over Kenya in the ICC Champions Trophy oneday cricket tournament here on

Their batting star, Brian Lara, became doubtful for next month's tour of India due to "suspected hepatitis" after scoring a robust 111 in his team's total of 261-6 at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground here.

The West Indies then restricted Kenva to 232 for their first success. which is likely to prove inconsequential following their last-ball defeat against South Africa in the

first match South Africa were strongly placed to qualify for the semifinals from this three-team group as they clash with Kenya in their second and last league game on Friday. Only group-winners will make it to the

penultimate round. The West Indies were indebted to Lara for reaching a fighting total after electing to bat.

Kenya did not give up easily, giving a scare or two to the West Indies before going down fighting. They squandered a fine opportunity of restricting their rivals to a small total, dropping three easy catches.

against Kenya in Colombo yesterday.

Skipper Steve Tikolo top-scored with a strokeful 93 off 91 balls with nine fours, almost matching Lara's However, he received little

support from the other end as the

next-highest contributor was Brijal Left-arm fast bowler Pedro Collins was the most impressive bowler, finishing with 3-18 off 9.1

overs. Paceman Mervyn Dillon and spinners Mahendra Nagamootoo and Chris Gayle shared six wickets. Lara hogged the limelight, over-

coming a slow start to smash two sixes and 10 fours in his 15th cen-He was the only batsman to keep

the Kenyan spin attack at bay, using his feet remarkably well during his 120-ball knock. His amazing late onslaught helped his team plunder 87 in the last 10 overs Off-spinner Maurice Odumbe

kept pressure on the West Indian batsmen in middle overs, conceding just 21 off 10 overs for one wicket Dropped catches, however, affected Kenva's chances of con-

taining the West Indies. Shivnarine Chanderpaul got two 'lives' during his 43 and I ara one as the West Indies made the most of the fielding lapses.

Chanderpaul was let off on three by Thomas Odoyo at fine-leg off paceman Martin Suji and then on 36 by Ravindu Shah at short midwicket off Tony Suji.

West Indies superstar Brian Lara hoists one over long off for a boundary during their ICC Champions Trophy fixture

Lara was on 61 when Tony Suji failed to judge a skier at long-on off leg-spinner Collins Obuya.

Lara went for big shots after completing his half-century off 78 balls with a six over long-off off spinner Tikolo. There was no stopping Lara after

that as he required just 36 more deliveries to reach his century, pulling Odoyo for his seventh boundary in the 48th over. He was bowled by Tikolo in the

next over, but not before helping his team score a fighting total.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Champions Trophy one-day cricket match hetween the West Indies and Kenya at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on Tuesday

WEST INDIES Gayle c T Suji b Odoyo C'paul c D Obuya b Odumbe 43 Lara b Tikolo Hooper c K Obuya b Tikolo Sarwan run out Hinds run out Jacobs not out Nagamootoo not out Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-3, w-3) Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 261 Fall of wickets: 1-60, 2-115, 3-179, 4-236, 5-246, 6-258 R W

Bowler 0 1 49 M Suji 0 63 Odoyo SEE PAGE 15 COL 5

they can do that they can play against any other player. That positive attitude sums up

Mashud has no worry

Mashud, who led by example during the recent Sri Lanka tour. He led his team so well he was named player of the one-day series even, though they lost 3-0. And he believes exposure

the only way his players will get

"I've played for my country for

against teams such as Australia is



KHALED MASHUD

seven years and this will be only the second time I've played against Australia -- I played them in the World Cup of 1999," he said.

"We've watched South Africa and Australia on television but we've "We have nothing to lose and not played against them, but if we play more against them then the young guys will improve."

Bangladesh have come into this against McGrath" or "I played tournament with a young side after against Brett Lee" and believe that if dropping several senior players

Veteran batsmen and former captains Aminul Islam and Akram Khan and left-arm spinner Enamul Haque have made way for younger players like leg-spinning all-rounder Alok Kapali and Mohammad Ashraful, who made a hundred on his Test debut against Sri Lanka and now has a regular place in the side.

With that investment in youth, Mashud believes it will take time before the benefits will be felt.

"It will take time, but we've only been at this level for one-and-a-half to two years and we are having to adjust because we are now at the best level so it can happen, we can lose by big margins.

"But if we can play more matches in the next one or two years then the young guys can improve."

Bangladesh's form and a lack of experience is not the only handicap they have coming into the Champions Trophy because they have had little outdoor practice between leaving Colombo in early August and returning for this event. "We have a few problems in our

country." said Mashud. "For three months you cannot use the ground because of the rainy

season and after Sri Lanka our practice outdoors was very limited because of too much rain." Better outdoor facilities, includ-

ing better pitches, is something he is keen to get back home. "It will change," said Mashud. "I

talked with the board and the president is very serious about grounds and facilities, improving centre-SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

refused to visit Pakistan in

September last year over security

of the inaugural Morocco Cup last month and were thrashed by

Pakistan failed to reach the final

Nazar gets the sack

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Karachi

Pakistan cricket chiefs on Tuesday sacked national coach Mudassar Nazar after a recent series of dismal team performances and said they

SRI LANKA 2002

Bangladesh captain Khaled

Mashud believes his side have

nothing to lose when they face

Australia in their Champions Trophy

the encounter at the International

Cricket Council (ICC) event could

be one of the great mismatches of

champions and among the favour-

ites to win the competition after their

Lanka after suffering a Test and one-

day whitewash at the hands of the

hosts in July and August and with

only three wins from 53 one-day

But, far from being overawed,

Mashud says he is looking forward

to the match and views it as a step-

ping stone for Bangladesh as they

Reuters on Monday. "It's a great

opportunity for me and my team

playing against Australia who are

we'll get some good experience

"The players can say "I played

from playing against them.

"I'm not nervous," he told

look to improve their fortunes.

matches in their history.

such a good side.

164-run thrashing of New Zealand

Mashud's team are back in Sri

The form of the teams suggests

Ricky Ponting's side are world

REUTERS, Colombo

clash on Thursday.

on Sunday.

want to re-hire Richard Pybus. "Nazar had a detailed meeting with PCB chairman Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia in Rawalpindi and has relinquished his duties and will revert to the National Cricket Academy coach in Lahore," a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) media manager Khalid Butt told

"Mudassar has been released as national team coach. The ICC Champions Trophy was his last assignment with the team," PCB

media manager Khalid Butt said. Nazar said he felt "relieved" after

"I was expecting this decision. My job was a performance-based one and since I didn't deliver in the last three tournaments, I had to go," he told Reuters.

"I am disappointed at the way the team's performance has gone down in the last few weeks. But we have

Nazar, a former opening batsman, is the latest victim of a regular culling of coaches since 1997. Javed Miandad, Intikhab Alam, Pvbus (all sacked twice). Haroon Rahseed, Mushtag Mohammad and Waseem Raja have come and gone

also been hit by injury problems."

Australia by 224 runs and nine wickets in the Kenya tri-series in August-September.



among players. Ace batsman Inzamamul Haq is out of the forthcoming Test series against Australia with a heel injury. Experienced players Wasim Akram and Saeed Anwar have onted out of

break The first Test starts in Colombo on October 3 while the second and third games will be played in Shariah from

the series, saying they need a

October 11-15 and October 19-23. Pakistan's Golden Jubilee series was shifted to neutral venues after Australia declined to tour the country on security fears.

England have arrived after a

hectic domestic season without all

rounders Andrew Flintoff and Craig

White, in-form opener Michael

Vaughan and leading paceman

most inexperienced England sides

"We probably have one of the

Darren Gough.

England heated them," added Fletcher.

spokesman said.

in the past five years.



REUTERS, Colombo

An inexperienced England side open their ICC Champions Trophy campaign on Wednesday and must overcome not only a determined Zimbabwe team fighting to avoid an early exit from the tournament, but also the tropical heat.

"The main condition you've got to worry about is the heat. The wickets will be slower than in England and you've got to get the judgement right," said England coach Duncan Fletcher after supervising his team's training in humid conditions at the Premadasa Stadium.

England go into the day-night clash aware that the format of this year's version of the tournament

U-17s begin positively

SPORTS REPORTER

Brilliant bowling by left-arm spinners Arafat Sunny and Illiyas Sunny helped the Bangladesh Under-17 cricket team to a winning start on their tour of Sri Lanka yesterday. They posted a 19-run win over

their Kandy District counterparts in a practice match at the Peradeniya University ground. Arafat took four wickets for 28

runs while Illiyas bagged three for 24 and skipper Ashiqur Rahman's offspin claimed one for 13 to restrict their opponents to 193 in 41 overs. The U-17s batted first and made

a fighting 211 in the allotted 45 overs. The tourists' total was built around Dhiman Ghosh's 38 and Ashigue who made 33.

means they can ill-afford a slip up, especially as their second pool 2 match will be against the in-form

MUDASSAR NAZAR

as the potential Pakistan coach, is

arriving in Pakistan for preliminary

talks on September 20 or 21," the

"Pybus, who is being considered

South Africa-based Pybus

It is the most competitive of the four first round pools, the winners of which qualify for the semifinals of the prestigious 12-team event.

Zimbabwe lost their opening I have got on the field," said match to India by 14 runs on Fletcher.



NASSER HUSSAIN

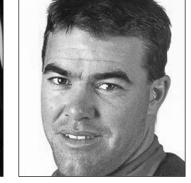
Saturday, but skipper Heath Streak still feels there is a realistic chance of a three-way tie if his side can beat England. "You can win one game and still

go through. Each team has the ability to beat each other," Streak told reporters on Tuesday. "If we can pull off a win, it becomes a minifinal in the last match between England and India (on Sunday)."

England will be determined to maintain their excellent record against the Zimbabweans, having beaten them in their last eight games including a 5-0 whitewash in Africa late last year.

But they will have to be wary of Zimbabwe batsman Andy Flower, who hit a career-best 145 against India to keep his team within striking distance until the very end on Saturday.

"They are a very dangerous side, you can never underestimate



HEATH STREAK

Their absence will provide an opportunity for Ronnie Irani and Ian Blackwell, the big-hitting uncapped Somerset batsman who has come in place of Flintoff.

Irani, whose accurate mediumpace could prove effective on the slow pitches, hit 100 during England's 77-run victory over Bangladesh in a 50-overs-a-side practice game on Monday. The 24-year-old Blackwell looks

set to make his international debut after lashing a 49-ball 56 and then taking three for 21 bowling slow left-arm spin. "It looks like he is prepared to learn, that is the key," said Fletcher,

who felt the player could be useful to force the pace batting lower down the order. The England coach said highly

experienced wicketkeeper Alec Stewart had recovered from an upset stomach and would play.

National Bank Premier Division Football League Super Five

Dhanmondi Club vs Arambagh KS (6 pm) Venué: BNS.

Hepatitis scare for Lara

REUTERS/AFP, Colombo

West Indies batsman Brian Lara has been admitted to hospital in Sri Lanka with suspected hepatitis.

The left-hander had appeared

in discomfort during his innings of

111 in the Champions Trophy match against Kenya and was examined by a doctor after he was dismissed.

Following that examination the decision was taken to admit Lara to hospital.

Team manager Ricky Skerritt

unwell for a couple of days but was well enough to take part in the ame today "When he came in from batting he was in obvious discomfort and

a doctor was consulted.

said: "Brian has been feeling

Brian will spend the next 24 hours in hospital undergoing tests. "At this stage the most likely diagnosis is hepatitis but this is yet to be confirmed," he added.

"The latest information is that

Hepatitis is a liver infection. Lara's place on the field was taken by substitute fielder Runako Morton when the West Indies went out to defend a total of 261 for seven. Lara's chances of touring India next month looked doubt-

Green pitches await Windies

pacemen.

AFP, New Delhi A pleasant surprise awaits Carl Hooper's West Indies when they tour India next month -- green, bouncy wickets that will bring smiles to the faces of the Caribbean

The traditionally low and slow

pitches tailor-made for India's

spinners, which made the hosts

almost invincible at home, is now a thing of the past following a new initiative by the country's cricket The Board of Control for Cricket in India hired experts from the New Zealand Turf Sports Institute (TSI) in

Their efforts will be tested when the West Indies play three Test

surprise." said TSI representative William Walmsley after inspecting the new wickets at Bombay and