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In 1921, Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games, borrowed a Latin phrase from his friend, Father Henri Didon, for the Olympic motto: Citius, Altius, Fortius ("Swifter, Higher, Stronger").



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TALK TURKEY



Courtney Walsh

(Legendary West Indies fast bowler)

"It will be a real test for the West Indies fast bowlers because for some it will be their first tour of India. If they stick to their guns you could see a star or two being born."

While commenting on the Caribbean side that currently is touring the sub-continent.

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NSC insensible again

SPORTS REPORTER

The National Sports Council (NSC) has allotted Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) to Bangladesh Football Federation (BCF) from December 25 to 29 this year to hold the final round of Sher-e-Bangla Cup National Football Championship.

The tournament will be held as part of the government's proposed National Sports Week from December 24 to 31, involving all the 32 sports federations.

Acting BFF general secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu revealed this while giving the details of the BFF executive committee meeting of Wednesday.

"We decided to hold the final round of the Sher-e-Bangla Cup at BNS as NSC has given us the allotment for five days," said Bachchu.

He said that a tournament committee for the Sher-e-Bangla Cup has been formed with BFF vice-president Anjan Chowdhury Pintoo as chairman.

Before Bangladesh's home series against West Indies starts in November, the 50-year-old Test cricket venue needs Taka 43 lakh to repair the damages caused to the pitches, outfield and galleries for playing the football league during the rainy season. The latest insensible decision of NSC will again pave the way for further expenditure of public money and disrupt cricket at the middle of the season.

The BFF however failed to take any decision over some pressing matters related to local and international football.

As per the forecast of BFF president SA Sultan, who presided over the meeting on Wednesday, the meeting was supposed to decide the fate of Chittagong Abahani for their alleged involvement in human trafficking and also set a date for the tournament soon.

The meeting meanwhile okayed the football calendar for the next season. It also decided to form a powerful organising committee for the third South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship, which will be held in the capital in January, 2003.

matter in our next meeting after all the members go through the report," said Bachchu, adding that the next meeting will be held with in this month.

Besides, the meeting was expected to review Bangladesh's dismal performance in the 14th Asian Games. The team went to Asiad with out a single day's preparation and ended up with disastrous result.

About the Federation Cup, which BFF planned to hold between October 15 to 31, Bachchu said that they have formed a tournament committee with Jahurul Haque and Badal Roy as chairman and member secretary. They will set a date for the tournament soon.

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AKC clinch Sanowara football

CU CORRESPONDENT

Abahani Krira Chakra won the CJKS-Sanowara Diploma Kishore Football League trouncing Kollol Sangha Green 4-0 at the floodlit MA Aziz Stadium on Wednesday.

Mamun Miah put the winners ahead in the ninth minute while Saiyed Hossain doubled the margin in the 21st minute. Ehsan Kabir and skipper Al-Amin completed the one-sided final with goals in 43rd and 53rd minutes.

Udity floor Cantonian

BSS, Dhaka

Udity Athletics Club routed Cantonian Sporting Club 10-0 in the Green Delta Insurance Second Division Hockey League at the Moulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 4-0. Sumon netted highest four goals, while Masum struck twice. Kamrul, Rahim, Hamidur and Hakim added one each to the winners' total.

Later, Dhaka Hockey Club defeated Rayer Bazar Athletics Club 2-0 in the other match of the day.

Imtiaz was the Dhaka hero with strikes in both sessions.

Shoaib warns Australia

REUTERS, Sharjah

Pakistan paceman Shoaib Akhtar has warned Australia that he will make life tougher for their batsmen in their remaining two tests of the series.

Shoaib took five wickets for 21 runs in a fiery spell in Australia's second innings in the first test at Colombo but the tourists still won the match by 41 runs.

"There will be more reverse swing in the dry Sharjah weather and Australian batsmen will have to be extra watchful," Shoaib told reporters on Wednesday.

"The conditions here in Sharjah are favourable for Pakistan and I don't see any reason why we shouldn't beat Australia.

"We have the stuff. Basically, it all boils down to stringing your act together.

"Pakistan is the only side in the world who can beat Australia. We have enough talent and guts to beat the number one team in the world.

"I am not going to tell you how a batsman should face me, but they need to be extra brave when I am in the groove.

"The two Ws (Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis) are legends when it comes to reverse swing. I have learned a lot from them."

JPC festival

BSS, Dhaka

Shamsul Islam clinched the title in the spade trump competition of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Swapan Dasgupta became runner-up while Saiful Alam finished third.

About 50 members of the JPC took part in the competition, organised to celebrate the club's 48th founding anniversary.

Kazi Rawnak Hossain won the air gun shooting event. He scored 50 out of 50.

Kamalur Rahman, Shahiuddin Ritu and BD Mukherjee were joint runners-up with 49 each.

The chess competition begins today at 10 am.

Hosts' heart broken Japan too strong

14th Asian Games BUSAN 2002

AFP, Busan

South Korea were knocked out of the Asian Games football tournament here Thursday after defending champions Iran won a tense semifinal on penalties.

An unstoppable spot-kick from Iran's Yahya Golmohammadi sealed a 5-3 victory in the shoot-out after the two sides had finished level at 0-0 after extra-time.

Iran will play Japan, who eased past Thailand 3-0 in Sunday's final.

South Korean World Cup player Lee Young-Pyo, stand-in skipper for the Koreans after captain Lee Dong-Gook had started the game on the bench, was the villain for the home side.

Lee sent South Korea's second penalty high and smashing against the crossbar, to the horror of legions of noisy home fans who had been confidently expecting a victory.

That miss left the score at 2-1 after earlier successful penalties by Javad Nekounam and Mohammad Nosrati for Iran.

Hossein Kabei and Eman Mobali slammed in Iran's third and fourth spot-kicks past South Korean keeper Lee Won-jae, leaving Golmohammadi with the task of securing an emotional win for Iran.

Iran, the 1998 gold medalists, had pulled together earlier this week after skipper Ali Daei left the squad following the death of his father.

Dejected South Korea coach Park Hang-Soo took responsibility for the defeat after the loss as his distraught players trudged off while the Iranians celebrated.

"We had lots of chances and we were unlucky to not to score," Park said. "The players did their best. But if it's anybody's fault, it's mine," he told reporters.

Earlier, South Korea had been unlucky not to score carving out several chances against a resilient Iranian side.

The Koreans fielding five members of the squad which reached the World Cup semifinals in June - Lee Won-Jae, midfielders Lee Chun-Soo, Lee Young-Pyo and Park Ji-Sung and right-sided attacker Choi Tae-Uk - were frustrated by some tight marking from Iran.

The first chance fell to Iran in the ninth minute with Nekounam glancing a header from a Mobali free kick goalwards. But his effort took a deflection and went by for a corner.

South Korea hit back almost immediately and should have opened the scoring. Choi Tae-Uk had a long-range free kick blocked by Iranian keeper Ebrahim Mirzapour. The ball fell to Kim Du-Hyan and he slammed a shot off the right hand post when it looked easier to score.

Iran had the ball in the net in the 47th minute but Javad Kazemeyan's headed effort was ruled out for offside.

The game had burst into life and Kim Eun-Jong headed a cross from the lively Lee Chun-Soo just over the bar.

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Iran's Alireza Vahedi Nikbakht pulls the shirt of South Korea's Kim Young-Chul during their semifinal encounter yesterday.

Pillay-powered India

14th Asian Games BUSAN 2002

AFP, Busan

India scored a dramatic 4-3 victory over arch-rivals Pakistan here Thursday in an ill-tempered Asian Games hockey semifinal which saw one player sent off and several players cautioned.

The hero for India was star striker Dhanraj Pillay, who scored twice and set up the winner in a dramatic finale that saw Pakistan have a shot scrambled off the Indian line as they pressed for an equaliser.

The red card incident came 22 minutes from time, when Mohammad Nadeem was sent off for repeatedly hacking at an opponent with his stick.

Afterwards Pakistan coach Tahir Zaman said the sending off and the goal-line clearance had robbed his team of victory.

"The red card and that goal deprived us of a place in the final," he said. "I agree that we didn't play well enough and India dominated the match, but we suffered because of those decisions."

It was only India's second win ever over Pakistan at the Asian Games, the previous one coming way back in 1966. Pakistan have won on seven occasions while two matches have been drawn.

Indian coach Rajinder Singh admitted he had been sweating up to the last, mindful of Pakistan's recent comeback victory over India at the Champions Trophy in Cologne.

"We have utmost respect for Pakistan as a team and one can't take it easy till a match between these two teams is over. We saw that at Cologne, but we've extracted revenge for that loss today," he said. "I thought it was a total team effort."



Ace Indian player Dhanraj Pillay rejoices after scoring a second goal against Pakistan during their semifinal yesterday.

Record Rahul

Cricket

AFP, Bombay

Rahul Dravid achieved a rare feat when he became the fourth batsman in the world to hit four centuries in successive innings as India tightened the screws on the West Indies in the first Test here on Thursday.

The 29-year-old, nicknamed 'The Wall' for his consistently solid batting, scored 100 to help India post 457 in their first innings on the second day at the Wankhede Stadium.

The West Indies faltered in reply as they lost openers Chris Gayle (7) and Wavell Hinds (1) before reaching 33-2 at stumps. Ramnareesh Sarwan was batting on 20 with night-watchman Mervyn Dillon (4). Dravid, who made 115, 148 and 217 in his last three innings against England recently, struck 12 fours in his 14th Test hundred in 65 matches before retiring due to cramps and dehydration in the last session.

Australian Jack Fingleton and South African Alan Melville are the other batsmen to have hit four hundreds in consecutive Test innings.

West Indian Everton Weekes holds the world record of five centuries in as many Test innings.

Dravid's memorable moment came in the second over after the tea-break when he on-drove fast bowler Mervyn Dillon through mid-wicket for two runs.

He collapsed immediately after completing the second run and



India's Rahul Dravid lies in pain as his teammates and West Indies players look on during the second day's play of the first Test at the Wankhede Stadium in Bombay yesterday. Dravid retired hurt after reaching his hundred.

needed medical attention before being carried off the field after having batted 350 minutes in hot and humid conditions.

His impressive run with the bat continued as he looked in good touch from the beginning, keeping the West Indies attack at bay with his faultless shot selection during a long innings.

Dravid was the top Indian run-getter with 602 in six Test innings in England.

India was indebted to Dravid for posting a big total because he had propped up the innings after his team had lost Sachin Tendulkar (35) and skipper Sourav Ganguly (4) in quick succession in the morning.

India, resuming at 278-2, were reduced to 296-4 before Dravid lived up to his reputation and steadied the innings with a 105-run stand for the fifth wicket with Venkatsai

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Bangladesh worse

Cricket

AFP, Kimberley

Bangladesh slid to a world record 23rd successive one-day international defeat when South Africa beat them by seven wickets in the third and final one-day international at De Beers Diamond Oval here on Wednesday.

Bangladesh's losing sequence, which started after their surprise win over Pakistan in the 1999 World Cup in England, exceeded the record they established when they lost their first 22 matches between 1986 and 1998, before they became a Test nation.

South Africa completed a 3-0 series sweep but did not crush the tourists as convincingly as they did in the first two matches, which they

won by 168 runs and ten wickets. There were some bright moments for the battered tourists, who were bowled out for 151 after winning the toss.

Habibul Bashar made a stroke-filled 51 off 67 balls as he and Sanwar Hossain (23) took the fight to the South African bowlers in a third wicket stand of 68.

Then skipper Khaled Mashud and all-rounder Khaleel Mahmud put on 37 for the seventh wicket. But the rest of the batting crumbled.

Mashud said the stand between Bashar and Hossain had been encouraging. "But we did not have enough good partnerships."

Bashar, 30, one of the most experienced players in a young Bangladeshi squad, was not picked for the first two matches.

He batted with more assurance than any other touring batsman as

he made the highest score for Bangladesh in the series.

South African captain Shaun Pollock ended the stand between Bashar and Hossain when he trapped Hossain lbw, then dismissed Tushar Imran two balls later.

Pollock, unusually, did not take the new ball and only came on after 11 overs. Recalled Steve Elworthy opened the bowling with Makhaya Ntini.

The change seemed to work. Elworthy took the first two wickets within the first five overs, while Pollock finished with four for 24.

Pollock said the change was suggested by the selectors. "We are working out different options and combinations. What we do in future matches will depend on conditions and who is picked."

Bangladesh's youthful pace

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The battle already on

Cricket

AFP, Sharjah

Pakistan's refusal to share pre-match net facilities with Australia added extra needle to the second cricket Test starting here on Friday.

Australia wanted to share the morning nets on Thursday to avoid training under the hot sun later in the day, a request Pakistan turned down saying the morning session was theirs alone.

The Australians, who arrived from Colombo on Wednesday evening, were forced to have a light workout on the outfield of the Sharjah Cricket Stadium which will host the two back-to-back Tests.

Australian captain Steve Waugh, set to play his 150th Test match on Friday, played down the incident but it was evident his team was unhappy at Pakistan's refusal to accommodate them.

"It's not ideal preparation for two successive Tests, which anyway is not easy to play," said Waugh, who

is now just six Tests away from former teammate Allan Border's world record of 156 matches.

"But modern cricket goes that way. We've just got to be switched on when the match starts and do our best."

Waugh admitted his team would be under pressure to deliver in the second and third Tests here despite winning the first by 41 runs in Colombo on Monday.

"They will be two tough Tests," Waugh said. "It's not really a neutral venue since Pakistan have played here a lot and are used to the conditions."

"They may not have some top players, but the youngsters showed a lot of determination at Colombo."

"Pakistan could easily have won the first Test and they will be encouraged by their performance there. We are not underestimating them at all."

Waugh declined to say how his batsmen were going to tackle Pakistani fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar, who routed Australia for 127 in the second innings of the Colombo Test. "We've tossed around a few

ideas, but would rather keep it to ourselves," he said. "The important thing is to counter the reverse swing which Akhtar generates."

Akhtar said on Wednesday the hot, dry climate in this Gulf emirate will help him reverse swing the ball more than he did in Colombo.

According to Pakistan captain Waqar Younis, the scruffy, slow wicket here will assist spinners later in the match.

"It will be much slower than what we had at Colombo," Waqar said. "Winning the toss and batting first will be a big advantage here. Anything could happen in the fourth innings."

Both teams are expected to make one change in their line-ups which will be finalised just before the toss on Friday.

Pakistan will almost certainly play a second spinner in leggie Danish Kaneria at the expense of seamer Mohammad Sami.

Australia, depleted by a calf injury to pace bowler Jason Gillespie, will replace him with either seamer Andy Bichel or off-spinner Nathan Hauritz.

Waugh hinted that both Bichel and Hauritz could play if Australia decide to go in with five bowlers to overcome the 40 degrees celcius heat.

"Playing five bowlers and promoting Adam Gilchrist to number six is an option, he said. "We'll talk it over and see how it goes."

TEAMS

AUSTRALIA (from): Steve Waugh (captain), Matthew Hayden, Justin Langer, Ricky Ponting, Mark Waugh, Damien Martyn, Darren Lehmann, Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Nathan Hauritz, Brett Lee, Brad Williams, Glenn McGrath, Andrew Bichel.

PAKISTAN (likely): Waqar Younis (captain), Taufiq Umar, Imran Nazir, Younis Khan, Misbah-ul Haq, Faisal Iqbal, Abdul Razaq, Rashid Latif, Shoaib Akhtar, Saqlain Mushtaq, Danish Kaneria.

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Srinivas Venkataraghvan (India).

Khulna football

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Udayan Sangha defeated Challengers' Soccer Club 1-0 in National Bank Second Division Football League at the Khulna Circuit House Maiden yesterday.

In the other match of the day, Young Muslim Sporting Club also earned full points beating Sher-e-Bangla Smriti Sangha at the same venue.