



Did U Know?

Venue for the 1970 World Cup's opening match was the Azteca Stadium in Mexico. This match between Mexico and the Soviet Union marked the start of a new era, as substitutions, yellow and red cards were used for the first time in the competition's history.



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After releasing his book.



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Ispahani Pioneer football

Lalkhan Bazar Ekata Sangha trounced Agrabad Durbar 5-0 in the 15th Ispahani Mahanagari Pioneer Football League at the Dampara Police Lines ground in the port city of Chittagong yesterday.
Farhad Reza scored a hat-trick for the winners.

Kottan not happy

Food, accommodation problem at BKSP camp

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football team's camp for the forthcoming third South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship is going on full swing at the BKSP (Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan) although it runs short of logistic support.

Under the supervision of national coach George Kottan players are training rigorously twice a day in a bid to revive their lost sub-continental glory.

But Kottan was critical about the accommodation facilities and the standard of food at the residential camp that started from November 9.

"The accommodation is not good enough for the national team and the food is also not up to standard," said the Austro-Hungarian coach to The Daily Star Sport.

BFF assistant general secretary Badal Roy also yesterday admitted the food and accommodation arrangements are unsatisfactory. But he pointed out that BFF also has



GEORGE KOTTAN

limitation, as it owes Taka 14 lakh to BKSP in outstanding bills for different national camps held in last four

years. "They have given us reminder to pay the amount. We have already informed this to the state minister for youth and sports. Hopefully, he would help us in solving the problem," Badal said yesterday.

Meanwhile, he revealed that all the 24 players called up in the primary camp would go to Myanmar to play in two practice matches against Myanmar national team. The matches are scheduled to be held on November 22 and 24.

"We want to try out all of them in those matches before we finalise our squad for the SAF Championship," said the former national footballer.

He also disclosed a Bangkok-based club might come over to Dhaka in the first half of December so that Bangladesh team get to play more practice matches. Besides, the Sporting Bengal United, a London-based club of Bangladeshis, will also

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Shoaib tampered ball

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Harare

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has been severely reprimanded by former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd in his capacity as match referee after he was found guilty of ball tampering in the first Test against Zimbabwe on Tuesday.

Following a disciplinary hearing at the Harare Sports Club on Tuesday evening, Akhtar was found guilty of ball-tampering. Lloyd confirmed the umpires had reported the matter to him and there was agreement that Shoaib had changed the condition of the ball illegally during the match.

The match ended in a 119-run victory in favour of Pakistan on Tuesday with a day to spare, with Akhtar taking seven wickets in the match.

Lloyd said in a statement Wednesday that Akhtar had contravened "level two" of the International Cricket Council regulations on fair play after he was found to have deliberately altered the normal playing condition of the ball.

"The umpires and I inspected the ball and it was clear to us that it had been scratched," Lloyd told Reuters.

Lloyd replied in the affirmative when asked whether the guilty player was Shoaib, adding "we have severely reprimanded him". He said no further action would be taken.

The hearing was attended by

one side but in good condition on the other.

At this stage in the innings Akhtar was getting what is known as "reverse swing" on the ball, but this is not unusual when it gets older and softer.

Akhtar is generally accepted as being the fastest bowler in the world. One of his deliveries against Zimbabwe was timed at more than 156kmh.

The fact that Akhtar has only being reprimanded means that he will not lose any of his match fee and will be able to play in the second Test against Zimbabwe which begins in Bulawayo on Saturday and the five one-day internationals which follow.

The Pakistani team management was not immediately available for comment. Umpires Srinivas Venkatraghavan and Dave Orchard had two discussions with Pakistan captain Waqar Younis and Shoaib before and after lunch on Tuesday over the condition of the ball.

Shoaib left the field immediately after the second discussion, which followed his 14th over. He returned to bowl the penultimate over before tea.

The express bowler finished with a match analysis of seven for 118.



SHOAIB AKHTAR

Akhtar in the company of his manager Brigadier Khawaja Nasir and his captain Waqar Younis.

It was noted that just after lunch Tuesday, when Zimbabwe were batting, Orchard examined the ball closely and was in discussion with Akhtar.

It was seen from TV close-ups that the ball was badly scuffed on

Murali may not go to Aus

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan is a doubt for next month's triangular one-day cricket series in Australia after being diagnosed with a hernia.

Sri Lanka's team management is considering booking the spin wizard in for surgery to ensure he's fit for next year's World Cup campaign in southern Africa.

His absence would be a significant loss for the series with Australia and England, although it would avert any problems when Australian umpire Darrell Hair returns to umpiring Sri Lanka matches next month.

Hair triggered a stormy Sri Lanka reaction when he no-balled Muralitharan seven times in the 1995 Boxing Day Test in Melbourne. Muralitharan, who has taken 433 Test wickets at 23.36, first felt the hernia problem during the first Test defeat by South Africa in Johannesburg last week, Sri

Lankan team physio Alex Kontouri said.

He is not in pain and is expected to play the second Test despite having stomach swelling.

Any surgery would be pre-emptive but would rule Mura-



MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN

litharan out of the one-day series in South Africa and the series in Australia.

Kontouri told Sri Lanka cricket's official website: "We are seeking

specialist advice as to the chances of the problem getting worse.

"He is free of pain at the moment and he is fine to play in the Test but his lower abdomen is quite swollen.

"If the World Cup was not coming up we probably wouldn't consider surgery because it is difficult to tell when or whether the hernia would develop into a problem.

"If the medical opinion is that there is a high chance of it getting worse then he will have surgery."

Hair is scheduled to stand in Sri Lanka's warm-up game against Australia A in Brisbane on December 14 and also its first tri series match against England, also at the Gabba, on December 17.

Hair has not officiated in Sri Lanka's matches since that controversial summer seven years ago when Australian colleague Ross Emerson also no-balled Murali.

The matter was referred to the International Cricket Council and although Muralitharan was cleared of throwing, it has simmered ever since.

Pakistan to go to England in June

AFP, Karachi

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Wednesday announced the dates for Pakistan's three one-day international matches against England next year.

The matches are to be played at Old Trafford, the Oval and Lord's on June 17, 20 and 22. PCB general manager of cricket operations Zakir Khan said.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the PCB discussed and finalised the schedule earlier this week, Zakir said.

Before heading to England, the national side will play in the World Cup in South Africa in February and March next year, and then in April's Sharjah tournament in the United Arab Emirates.

The International Cricket Council has tentatively scheduled Pakistan to host India for three Tests and three one-day internationals from April 8 to May 15, Khan said, but India has yet to respond.

A Warne flipper

Cricket

AFP, Perth

Champion leg-spinner Shane Warne has chipped away at the England tourists, predicting they will be even more nervous in next week's second Ashes cricket Test in Adelaide.

England captain Nasser Hussain admitted his players were nervous on the opening day of the first Test match at Brisbane's Gabba ground where they were humiliated by 384 runs.

Warne joined Australian captain Steve Waugh and paceman Glenn McGrath by attempting to further undermine the tourists' confidence by firing yet another verbal salvo.

England are yet to win in five tour outings in Australia this summer and will have to produce a massive turnaround to avoid slumping to their eighth consecutive Ashes series loss.

"They will be more nervous in the

next one after going one-nil down and going to Adelaide," Warne said here on Wednesday.

"I'd like to think they will be even more nervous."

The second Ashes Test begins on November 21 at the Adelaide Oval.

The England team minus Hussain, who is in Perth to be with his pregnant wife Karen, will look to turn around their dismal tour in a three-day match against Australia A in Hobart starting on Friday.

But Warne said he didn't believe a full-time sports psychologist would necessarily ease the tourists' woes.

"Some guys get something out of it, a lot of guys don't need it, to use it depends on how you are mentally and what you want to achieve out of it," he said.

"I think there is a role for those people depending on the individual.

"It is up to the individual I don't think they should be put in your face and told to use them."

Warne said a back problem he had endured since before the first

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U-17s canter at Eden

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Under-17 team registered a nine-wicket victory over hosts Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) in their second limited-overs match at the Eden Gardens in Kolkata yesterday.

The visitors rattled up the required 96 runs in 22.3 overs to win in a rain-reduced 30-over contest at the dream venue of cricket.

Earlier, sent into bat, the home team could manage only 95 for eight in their share of 30 overs with opener Gitt making highest 45.

Bangladesh youths, fresh after their victory in a three-day match on Tuesday, cruised home with opener Naeem hammering an unbeaten 57 off 70 balls. His partner Pavel scored 29 before becoming the lone casualty with the tourists only five runs away from victory.

BRIEF SCORES

CAB: 95-8 in 30 overs (Gitt 45, Debu 42; Ziaur 3-15, Arafat 2-19)

Bangladesh Under-17: 96 for 1 in 22.3 overs (Naeem, 57, Pavel 29)

Result: Bangladesh Under-17 team won by 9 wickets.



PHOTO: INTERNET

Stoppage in play has been a regular sight in the ongoing one-day series between India and West Indies. Here ICC match referee Mike Procter (C) is seen trying to convince the players to go on with playing during the first match at Jamshedpur on November 6.

Best ever chess performance for Bangladesh

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh men's team finished on equal 31 points along with eight other countries in the 35th Chess Olympiad held in Slovenia recently. The eight other countries are India, Romania, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Canada, Brazil, Sweden and Ireland.

The nine countries will be given positions from 28th to 36th in the 141-team meet that included 136 nations and three organisations.

This is the best-ever performance by any Bangladesh team in the highest chess competition.

IM Enamul Hossain Rajib was the most outstanding performer among the Bangladesh men's team. The 22-year chess player achieved an 11-round GM norm in the competition. He also collected highest nine points from 13 games.

Bangladesh ladies jointly finished in between 39th to 41st among the 94 nations. Zakia Sultana also shown in the distaff side, earning an 11-round International Women's Master's norm.

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BSF still in doubt

SPORTS REPORTER

The issue of depositing the firearms of the national shooters now training for the SAF Games remained unsolved despite an assurance from the home ministry yesterday.

The home minister is learned to have exempted the Bangladesh Shooting Federation (BSF) from depositing their licensed arms after the federation was taking preparation to suspend the training camp.

"The government has only exempted the Bangladesh Shooting Federation from depositing arms. But this decision will not solve the problem unless different shooting clubs are also exempted. Because the players in the national camp are using arms at their respective clubs", said BSF general secretary Nazimuddin Chowdhury last night.

On why the BSF involved all the shooting clubs in their application for exemption instead of mentioning the names of individuals and their arms in the training, Nazimuddin said that they have not thought in that way.

Uncertainty gripped the BSF following the issuance of the directive to surrender arms and ammunition on November 5. The deadline for surrendering arms will expire in the next couple of days.

"If the government do not relax the directive in case of the national shooters then we will have to suspend the camp," feared Nazimuddin.

Magura soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Shaheed Murad Smriti Sangsad blanked Babukhali Ekadosh 2-0 in the Econo First Division Football League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

The first half of the match ended in goalless.

Rupak and Kibria scored one goal each for the winners. Udayan Sporting Club take on Islampurpara Sporting Club today at the same venue.

ICC gets into action

Cricket

REUTERS, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) said it was looking at expanding its powers to remove international status from venues after crowd trouble again marred India's one-day series with West Indies on Tuesday.

India were declared the winners of the third one-dayer at Rajkot when play was abandoned after West Indies fielders were struck by objects thrown from the crowd.

India were 200 for one in the 28th over chasing West Indies 300 for five and awarded victory under the Duckworth-Lewis system after play was called off.

The two earlier one-day internationals in Jamshedpur and Nagpur were also affected by crowd trouble but play was able to continue.

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AFP, New Delhi

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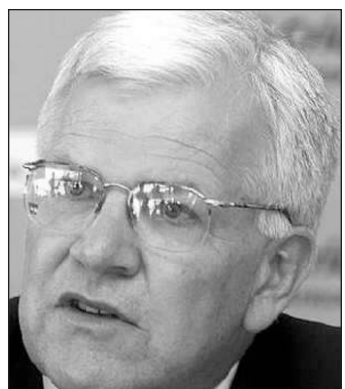
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MALCOLM SPEED

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Speed said the ICC had been in contact with the Board of Control for

Cricket in India (BCCI) to ensure that security measures would be enhanced to avoid similar scenes occurring in the remaining four matches of the series.

"The ICC...is now in the process of seeking a full explanation of today's (Tuesday's) unacceptable events in Rajkot.

"In addition, we have asked for details of the ground stewarding and security plans for the next four matches.

"We will also request that BCCI officials meet with ICC match referee Mike Procter, to discuss the matter and brief them fully of plans and contingency measures."

The BCCI said it had requested the chief minister of the western Gujarat state, which hosts the next two fixtures of the series, to order local police to increase security inside the venues for the remaining matches.

BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya said in a statement that the board's requests had been accepted.

The board also plans to install closed-circuit television cameras in

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BCCI sticks to schedule

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Ahmedabad and Baroda," Dalmiya said.

"We have also issued necessary instructions to the staging associations to install close-circuit cameras at strategic points in the stadiums, so that mischief-mongers can be identified."

Dalmiya met the country's Sports Minister Vikram Verma here on Wednesday and apprised him of the



JAGMOHAN DALMIYA

steps being taken to prevent any further trouble.

Ahmedabad will host a day-night match on Friday, followed by day games in Baroda (November 18), Jodhpur (Nov 21) and Vijayawada (Nov 24).

The West Indies lead the series 2-1 after winning the first two

matches. The third at Rajkot was awarded to India, who were ahead on run-rate when the match was abandoned.

Nair said the problem was not lack of security, but hooliganism by a small section of spectators.

"We can control 99 per cent of the crowd. But if the remaining one per cent decides to create nuisance, we are rendered helpless," he said.

"We can only appeal to the sporting public of India who are great fans of cricket to desist from such behaviour as it is bringing a bad name to the country."

The International Cricket Council (ICC), worried at the incidents in India, said it was looking at expanding its powers to remove international status from unruly venues.

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Barry's complaint against ICC

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Former Test referee Barry Jarman said the International Cricket Council was ducking the "chucking" issue, which he believed to be endemic in the game.

The former Australian Test wicketkeeper said once he reported Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan for a suspect bowling action and as a result never again officiated in a match involving Sri Lanka.