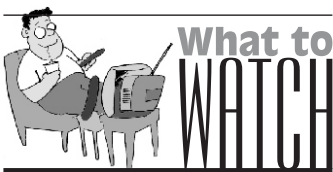




Youngest scorer in a Soccer World Cup final was Edson Arantes do Nascimento (Brazil) - also known as Pele. Just 17 years and 239 days old when he scored for Brazil against Wales in Sweden, June 1958.



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(Pakistan cricket legend)
"Cricket can achieve as much, if not more, as the politicians in bringing

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BAND OF BROTHERS: The newly crowned Premier League football champions Brothers Union pose at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium yesterday.

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Brothers become big

SPORTS REPORTER

WESTERN UNION
An agonising wait of three decades ended for Brothers Union Club when they clinched their maiden league title, courtesy of a solitary goal victory over Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

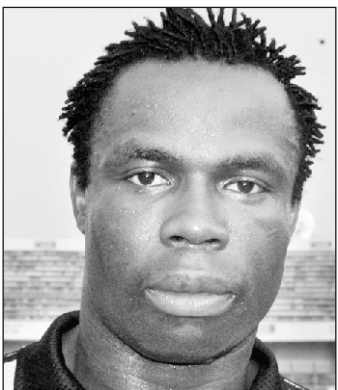
Still haunted by the events of 1985 when the Gopibagh outfit had the title in their grasp but let it go to Abahani in the final match, Brothers were facing a similar a do-or-die state in the last match of the Western Union Premier Division Football League.

But midfielder Monwar Hossain made the dream true when he netted the all-important goal in the 48th minute to make history for a team that had entered the top flight in 1974.

Some two thousands fans of the men in orange had made the trip from Gopibagh fully expecting to celebrate. But nothing happened

in the first half despite Brothers having the lions share of possession over a seemingly disheartened Muktis who had little to play for except a third place finish.

However Monwar eased the



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nerves when he unleashed a right-foot grounder from top of the box which found its way into the net

past a diving national custodian Aminul Islam.

Crackers were blasted with earth-shattering noise, fireworks illuminated the night sky and the Brothers faithful had already started celebrating. For the rest of the game, the Reds also showed no signs of enterprise as most of their attacks ran short of ideas in the midfield.

The outcome of the last match was a touch on the sadder side of a finish for the gallant Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra who had run Brothers close till the end. A loss for Brothers would have given Russell the championship while a draw would have resulted in a play-off showdown between the two. But Wajed Gazi's group of unknowns exceeded all expectations and runners-up was no mean achievement for the side who were making their first appearance in the highest level of domestic football.

Brothers ended the season with 40 points from 18 matches to Russell's 38.

It was a year the three traditional giants Mohammedan,

Abahani and Muktiyoddha would wish to forget.

Last year's champions Mohammedan clubbed relegated Dhanmondi 6-0 in their final encounter but they were only in fifth position and will regret the refusal to play the last six minutes of the first leg match against Muktiyoddha. The hot-tempered decision saw them lose four points as a disciplinary measure and Mohammedan were never in contention since.

Their bitter rivals and last year runners-up Abahani came third after going off the boil in the later part of the competition while the Muktis failed to add to their National League and Federation Cup silverware through some inconsistent display.

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Priyanka, Rahul the cheerleaders

AFP, Bombay

Chief opposition leader Sonia Gandhi's two children led a team of Indian cheerleaders to Pakistan Friday ahead of the hotly-anticipated opening one-day cricket international between the two countries, an official said.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, 33, joined her younger brother Rahul and her husband Robert on a flight for Karachi, where India and Pakistan will square off at the Gaddafi Stadium on Saturday in the first of their five one-dayers.

Priyanka, daughter of Sonia Gandhi, is seen as the natural successor to the political legacy of the Nehru-Gandhi dynasty, often referred to as India's Kennedy clan. She is the great-granddaughter of India's first premier Jawaharlal Nehru.

Lanka has been Warne-d



AFP, Galle

Shane Warne sealed a triumphant comeback to international cricket by becoming the first spin bowler to take 500 Test wickets as Australia defeated Sri Lanka by 197 runs here Friday.

Warne, playing in his first Test since returning last month from a one-year ban for failing a drug test, was mobbed by team-mates after claiming the scalp of Sri Lanka skipper Hashan Tillakaratne to reach the milestone.

The 34-year-old legend finished the match with figures of 10-159 as Sri Lanka collapsed to 154 all out in their second innings after the Australians had earlier declared on 512-8.

Warne ended the game with 501 Test victims, with only retired West Indian bowler Courtney Walsh

standing ahead of him on the all-time wicket-taking standings with 519.

"It's a very big achievement for myself," said Warne.

"It is unbelievable after those 12 months to get back to where I am today. The day is dedicated to my family and friends. I am pretty happy to get 10 wickets in my first game.

"The way I bowled in this match I think I am getting better and better and getting 500 is a bonus. I am happy the way I came out to do what I did today. It was a fantastic Test match victory."

Australia's victory was based on a superb all-round effort, hundreds from Matthew Hayden, Darren Lehmann and Damien Martyn helping the tourists nullify Sri Lanka's first innings lead of 161.

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Zim A roll despite Sunny spell



SPORTS REPORTER

Despite a six-wicket haul by left-arm spinner Arafat Sunny, Zimbabwe A scored 319-9 at stumps on the opening day of their three-day tour match against Bangladesh U-23 at the Fatullah Stadium in Narayanganj yesterday.

The tourists got off to solid start after winning the toss with Trevor

Gripper (81) and Vusumuzi Sibanda putting on 108 for the first wicket before Sibanda became the first of Sunny's victims. He scored 68 off 93 balls with the help of 11 boundaries during his 128-minute vigil at the crease.

Sunny finished the day with six for 76 from 27.5 overs.

Zimbabwe A's first innings featured two substantial partnerships. The first one was 50 runs for the third wicket, which took the

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PHOTO: AFP

Zimbabwean captain Heath Streak (R) taps the ball during the third one-dayer against Bangladesh in Harare yesterday.

History begins

AFP, Karachi



to a stunning victory in the opening of historic series between the south Asian rivals.

Inzamam told a news conference ahead of the two team's first encounter for 14 years Saturday that he hoped to follow up on the success of the Pakistan A side who humbled India with a six-wicket victory in a practice match Thursday.

"We would definitely take inspiration from the performance of our youngsters and would definitely exploit their weak bowling attack, but you can't judge them from just one match," he said.

"We have worked on their weak points but that does not mean we would take them lightly."

The restive southern port of Karachi, hosting its first high profile match for three years, is under tight security for the match. Last year South Africa and New Zealand refused to play in the city due to security fears.

Some 5,500 policemen and 1,500 paramilitaries have been deployed in the city to provide security for the Indian team led by

Sourav Ganguly.

"I can't say anything on security, whether they would be suffocated by the extra security but I can talk only about what would happen on the field," said Inzamam, whose side routed Bangladesh and New Zealand but lost to South Africa in home one-day series last year.

Both India and Pakistan have strong batting line ups, while the

was adamant his bowling star would remain intact.

"We expect him to do well for us," the Pakistani captain retorted.

Inzamam said his side has been scrutinising star Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar, a crucial element in the Indian batting line up.

"We have done a lot of work on his weaknesses and have told the bowlers to exploit them."



INZAMAMUL HAQ

home team is pinning hopes on fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar.

"We know Shoaib is our spearhead but we need to put score on the board to give him a chance," said the Pakistan captain.

Ganguly had stated on arrival in Lahore that his team would derail the "Rawalpindi Express" -- Shoaib's nickname -- but Inzamam



SOURAV GANGULY

Tendulkar, regarded as doyen of modern day batsmen, made his Test debut at Karachi as a 16-year-old when Indian last toured Pakistan in 1989-90 season.

Pakistan is likely to enter the Test with regular openers Imran Farhat and Yasir Hameed and will give impressive allrounder Rana

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PHOTO: AFP

Priyanka Gandhi, the daughter of Indian opposition leader Sonia Gandhi, waves to the crowd after arriving at the Jinnah International Airport yesterday. She along with her American husband Robert (not in picture) and younger brother Rahul are in Pakistan to cheer the Indian cricket team on its historic tour.