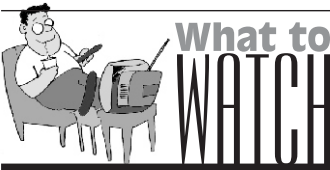




"Citius, altius, fortius" is a Latin phrase meaning "swifter, higher, stronger", which Baron de Coubertin borrowed from Father Henri Martin Dideon, who used the phrase to describe the athletic achievements of his students.



Serena Williams
(American tennis star)
"Tennis was just so much of my life, and then you begin to realise that life is much more than hitting a tennis ball over the net."
After the murder of her half-sister Yetunde Price.



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The Daily Star

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May 7, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who is Bangladesh's fastest woman?

Iva	Chumki	Sabrina
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2. Who is Zimbabwe's cricket captain?

Taibu	Streak	Olonga
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3. Name the man-of-the-series in the India-Pakistan Test series:

Sehwagi	Dravid	Kumble
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4. How many runs did Brian Lara score in the first innings of the final Test against England?

400	388	380
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5. Who won the Singer 30th national chess title?

Zia	Reefat	Rakib
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Winning start by Dhaka, Rajshahi

SPORTS REPORTER

Ashique smashed 47 as Dhaka got off to a fine start in the second phase of the Under-17 Development Cricket Tournament with a four-wicket victory over Khulna at the Jahangirnagar University ground yesterday.

A four-wicket haul by Tamizuddin helped Dhaka to bowl out Khulna for 128 in 45.4 overs.

In reply, Dhaka raced to 131-6 in 43.1 overs.

At the City Club ground, Rajshahi recorded a 43-run victory against Sylhet in the other opening-day match.

In reply to Rajshahi's 169 all out in 43.3 overs, Sylhet were bundled out for 126 in 44 overs.

Aktel turn CityCell off

SPORTS REPORTER



GrameenPhone Corporate Cricket League yesterday.

Aktel registered a 45-run victory in a low-scoring encounter at the Fatullah Stadium. It was their first win in two outings.

While CityCell faltered, ARAF Apparels consolidated their position in Group B when they won a rain-curtailed match against Acme Laboratories by 99 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. It was their second victory from as many games.

In another match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, Partex put behind their previous disappointment against CityCell when they defeated BEXIMCO by 41 runs.

AKTEL V CITYCELL

Aktel's surprise victory over CityCell was spurred by experienced pace-man Tareq Aziz, who captured four wickets for 44 runs, as his side defended a modest 176 for nine in

50 overs. Left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique also bowled a tight spell and his fellow national partner Manjarul Islam took 2-18 to send CityCell tumbling.

CityCell never recovered from a poor start despite Rajin Saleh's fighting 27 and were eventually bundled out for 131 in 39.1 overs.

Earlier, young wicketkeeper Anwar Hossain shaped Aktel's innings with a matured 55 off 98 balls. The right-handed Anwar rebuilt the innings after Aktel were reduced to 41-4.

He struck only one boundary in his workmanlike knock.

Rafique, the cricketer of the year 2003, also played a cameo 25 from 22 deliveries that included two huge sixes.

PARTEX V BEXIMCO

Partex, who went down to CityCell in the last round, survived a scare before restricting BEXIMCO to 200 while defending a challenging 241-5 in 50 overs.

Batting first after winning the toss, Partex got off to a horrible start after right-arm seamer Neeyamur Rashid sent back both openers in the first ten overs with only 20 runs on the board.

But Partex recovered with Javed Omar, returning to the national side

after a long injury, leading his side from front with a slow but steady 64. Tariq Ahmed and wicketkeeper Kuntal Chandra also provided tremendous support at the other end.

Tariq hammered half a dozen fours and two sixes in his entertaining 74 off 93 balls and Kuntal hit a rapid-fire 51 not out from just 46 balls that featured four boundaries.

BEXIMCO got off to a solid start in their chase with openers Sajjad Ahmed (52 off 129 balls) and Moniruzzaman Tinku (41 off 33 balls) producing 74 runs in the 18th over.

Sajjad took the score to 123 with Parvez Ahmed after the departure of Monir. But BEXIMCO lost their way when three quick wickets fell. And the big blow for BEXIMCO came when star recruit Mohammmad Ashraful was out for just one.

Ashraful was however unlucky to be given run out by umpire Jahangir although it appeared that the batsman had grounded his bat while attempting a second run. The young batsman stood for a few seconds in disbelief before trudging back to the dressing room.

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Zimbabwe at crossroads



AFP, Harare

Zimbabwe's abysmal record low of 35 all out on Sunday against Sri Lanka has brought the country's cricket crisis to its lowest and most dangerous point.

And yet many feel it might be just what is needed to bring the warring administrators and players to an accommodation that would set in motion a healing process.

The debacle at Harare Sports Club against a bemused Sri Lanka was the culmination of a sequence of events beginning 24 days ago and has been a tragedy of errors and stubborn attitudes.

The point has been reached in this saga when the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) and the 15 striking white professionals are now forced to come to an early agreement or take responsibility for even further decline after 12 years of Test status.

Because the stakes are so high,

the group of rebels and the ZCU board of directors must be prepared to lose some face, make some major concessions and change their attitudes.

Goodwill might be asking too much considering the level of animosity.

Opinion here is there are three options available and even getting to any one of them will mean significant concessions on both sides.

They are:

- A meeting between ZCU chairman Peter Chingoka, two other board members and chief executive Vincent Hogg with ousted captain Heath Streak, senior professional Grant Flower, one junior player and their lawyer Chris Venturas. After the shouting matches of the previous meetings they were being urged to spend whatever time is necessary to reach a compromise.
- Call in independent arbitration with its findings to be binding.
- The ICC steps in.

The underlying cause of the crisis is what the white players perceive as a quota system for novice black

players.

Blacks feel whites are being obstructive and protective of their own long-held position.

Cricket was a white man's sport in Rhodesia but after Zimbabwe won the ICC Trophy three years running, and with the elevation to ZCU president (now chairman) of a black businessman Peter Chingoka, attitudes changed.

The predominantly African and Asian board of directors decided the development of blacks was too slow and a formal integration process was put in place.

This meant a large coaching structure nationwide, the construction of school pitches, funding for clubs and equipment, education for promising youngsters and a cricket academy.

The aim was to locate talented black players and bring them into the national side.

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PHOTO: AFP

Barcelona's Brazilian star Ronaldinho (2nd from L) takes a free-kick during their Primera Liga clash against Real Madrid at Madrid on Sunday.

Sher-e-Bangla soccer Seven matches on day one

SPORTS REPORTER

Seven matches will be played on the opening day of the 22nd Sher-e-Bangla National Football Championships' qualifying round on May 4.

The qualifiers will be played at nine venues in ten zones across the country.

The first day's action sees Gopalganj hosting Narail, Chuadanga taking on Meherpur, Jaipurhat playing Sirajganj, Comilla at home to Sunamganj, Cox's Bazar hosting Feni, Panchagarh away in Nilphamari and Patuakhali playing Bagerhat in Bhola.

The final round will be held in Natore.

The tournament's organising committee has decided not to

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Akram out for ten days

SPORTS REPORTER

Former national captain Akram Khan will be out of action for ten days for a fractured right arm.

The veteran batsman, who is captaining Bashundhara Group in the ongoing GrameenPhone Corporate Cricket League (CCL), picked the injury while fielding during their Sunday's match against Biman Bangladesh at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Akram battled with pain but his visit to a physician after the match confirmed the fracture.

"The doctor has advised me to rest for at least ten days," Akram told the Daily Star Sports over phone yesterday.

"It means I will not be able to play in some crucial matches," said Akram whose side have won two out of three matches in the CCL so far.

In Akram's absence, Bashundhara will be captained by another former Bangladesh skipper Naimur Rahman. Bashundhara take on Gazi Tank today.

Zim face ICC suspension?

CRICINFO, undated

Zimbabwe's capitulation in Sunday's third one-day international against Sri Lanka, in which they were bowled out for a new record-low of 35, could have far-reaching consequences in the corridors of the ICC, according to

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DAY'S EVENT

GP Corporate Cricket League
M M Ispahani vs BCB Dev Squad
Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium
Bashundhara vs Gazi Tank
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium
GrameenPhone vs Biman
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

CCL makes Dav happy



SPORTS REPORTER

The Corporate Cricket League (CCL) might have a different meaning for others but Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore believes that the new competition gave his boys an opportunity to sharpen their skills ahead of the West Indies tour.

"You can't get anything better than batting in the middle. Batting in the nets is one thing but batting in a game really tests a player," said Whatmore. The Daily Star Sport while watching the game between Partex Group and BEXIMCO at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The 50-year-old Sri Lankan born Australian, who has already been in charge of the Tigers for a year, will be hoping that Bangladesh play their best cricket in the Caribbean if they are to come anywhere near of achieving their first Test victory.

"They (West Indies) might have

had a bad Test series against England but you should remember that they are a very good side with some world-class players. So, we have to play our best against them for a good series next month," said Whatmore.

A 15-member Bangladesh team led by Habibul Bashar will set off for the West Indies on May 6 to play three one-day internationals and



DAV WHATMORE

two Tests on their maiden trip.

The launching of the CCL provided a boost for cricketers after the no-show of Dhaka clubs in the Premier League this season.

Although many termed the meet involving top business houses as an event that lacked the same passion and competitive edge, which was only seen in the coveted Premier League, Whatmore however did not want engage in that debate.

"As long as my players can play some cricket I'm happy. The competition also suits my team because the West Indies tour starts with the one-dayers," he said.

Whatmore thought it was inspiring that key players Habibul Bashar, Rajin Saieh, Mohammad Ashraful and Alok Kapali were hitting form at the right time. Besides, fresh recruit Faisal Hossain also impressed him with the bat.

"I'm impressed that some of the boys are using the competition it in

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BCCI knows nothing



AFP, New Delhi

India's cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya said on Monday he was unaware that the Indian and Pakistani teams would be playing an exhibition one-day match in the oil-rich emirate of Abu Dhabi next month.

"I don't know anything about it, I don't know who is going and who is not," Dalmiya said, reacting to reports that the proposed match was to be played at the brand new Zayed Cricket Stadium on May 14 for a prize money of 100,000 dollars.

Sourav Ganguly was to lead a near full-strength team against a Pakistan side captained by Inzamamul Haq in the day-night encounter, according to Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak al-Nahyan, chairman of the Abu Dhabi Cricket

Control Board and United Arab Emirates minister for higher education.

"We thank the Indian and Pakistan cricket boards and the players who have all agreed to support cricket in Abu Dhabi," the minister was quoted as saying.



JAGMOHAN DALMIYA

Craving for cricket

BBC ONLINE, undated

England fly to Grenada on Monday desperate for action after their first three one-day games were hit by rain.

The tourists won the opening match, a 30-overs-a-side affair, but games on Saturday and Sunday were ruined by rain.

"We now have four to play in seven days which is a lot, but we haven't played a game for a week and a half," said captain Michael Vaughan.

"Hopefully the weather will be better in Grenada when we arrive there and we can get a full game in there.

Showers are forecast on Wednesday, when what should have been the fourth match of the series is due to be played in Grenada.

That is followed by back-to-back games in St Lucia at the weekend

before the finale in Barbados on May 5.

England face a packed schedule of one-day matches this summer, including the NatWest Series against New Zealand and West Indies and the ICC Champions

Trophy.

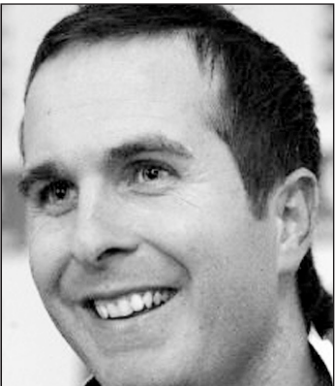
Vaughan said the loss of two full matches -- plus two in Sri Lanka before Christmas -- had hit the touring side's plans to experiment with different line-ups with an eye on the 2007 World Cup.

Off-spinner Gareth Batty has only played three one-day internationals, batsman Andrew Strauss has featured in only two and a further four members are yet to make 20 appearances.

"We want a proper game of cricket to test the inexperienced members of our squad," Vaughan added.

"You pick a squad of 15 players and in seven games you would think that every member of that squad would play a part and get an opportunity.

"We had two games washed out in Sri Lanka and that is valuable experience we are not gaining from playing in other countries against other opposition."



MICHAEL VAUGHAN

Partex skipper Javed Omar plays one of his favourite shots, a cut, on way to scoring a match-winning 64 against BEXIMCO during their GrameenPhone Corporate Cricket League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR