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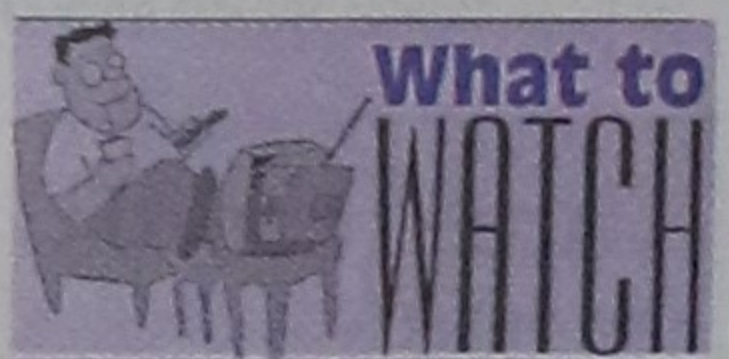
Did U Know?

Judo was first introduced into the Olympic Games in 1964 and is practised by millions of people throughout the world today.



Marco van Basten

(Dutch football coach)
"We are very happy to have beaten the world champions and the World Cup finalists in the same week."



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AHF CUP HOCKEY Bangladesh's second win

SPORTS REPORTER

High-flying Bangladesh recorded a hard-fought 3-2 win against Chinese Taipei on the second day of the 3rd Men's AHF Cup hockey tournament in Singapore yesterday.

Bangladesh, who crushed Brunei 6-1 on the opening day, led 2-1 at the break.

Penalty corner specialist Mamunur Rahman Chayan, skipper Maksudul Alam Hahul and star striker Russel Mahmud Jimmy scored one goal apiece for Bangladesh, who will take on hosts Singapore in a crucial Pool A match on Wednesday.

Singapore beat Taipei 3-0 on the opening day.

Three records in national shooting

SPORTS REPORTER

Army Shooting Association topped the medal table of the 22nd National Shooting Championships which concluded on Saturday at BKSP.

Army bagged three gold, one silver and one bronze in the five-day meet at the shooting range of the Savar sports institute.

Kushtia Rifles Club finished behind with three gold and one silver while Dhaka Rifles Club were third with a medal haul of 2-4-2.

Both the gold medals of Dhaka Rifles Club went to SAF Games gold medalist veteran Sabrina Sultana, who shared the honours of the individual champion with BKSP's emerging shooter Tripti Dutta. Both the female shooters also won a silver medal each.

Tripti, meanwhile, set a new national mark in 10m air rifle (junior group) scoring 393 points. Kanij Chowdhury Sweetie of Gulshan Shooting Club broke the old record in 25m pistol with a score of 547 while Nuruddin Selim set the only record in men's events winning the skeet with 116 points.

On the final day, Commonwealth Games gold medalist Atiqur

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Tourists leave in batches

SPORTS REPORTER

India's Yuvraj Singh was the first player to fly out of Dhaka in the early hours of yesterday, but his destination was the Swiss city of Basel, not Punjab.

The elegant left-hander is expected to give away the man-of-the-match award at the Euro 2008 clash between heavyweights Portugal and hosts Switzerland and it was known that he was hoping to meet Portuguese superstar Cristiano Ronaldo, one of his favourite sportsmen.

Yuvraj was chosen to represent India's sportsmen by Euro sponsors Carlsberg after Indian captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni had been approached to do the honours but declined because of the tight Kitiy Cup schedule.

Dhoni, the Pathan brothers -- Yusuf and Irfan, Rohit Sharma and the support staff including manager Arindham Ganguly left Dhaka in a flight bound for Kolkata in the afternoon after eleven players flew out in the morning to New Delhi, a few hours after Yuvraj's departure.

They all returned home to gear up for their next campaign in

Pakistan where they participate in the Asia Cup and then take part in a Test series against the hosts.

But some of the victorious Pakistan side members, including paceman Sohail Tanveer, are yet to leave the city after some ticketing snags. In all, seven cricketers are still in Dhaka and are expected to leave this afternoon while the rest of the squad left for Lahore in the morning with the trophy in hand.

Pakistan bounced back from a disappointing loss to India in the league match to beat their bitter rivals in the final of the competition by 25 runs at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Saturday.

Leading Indian newspaper Hindustan Times gave the fitting headline 'Pakistan Butt' India out by 25 runs' and blamed the bowlers for an uninspiring show while another newspaper the Hindu suggested the vacant fifth bowler spot for the loss.

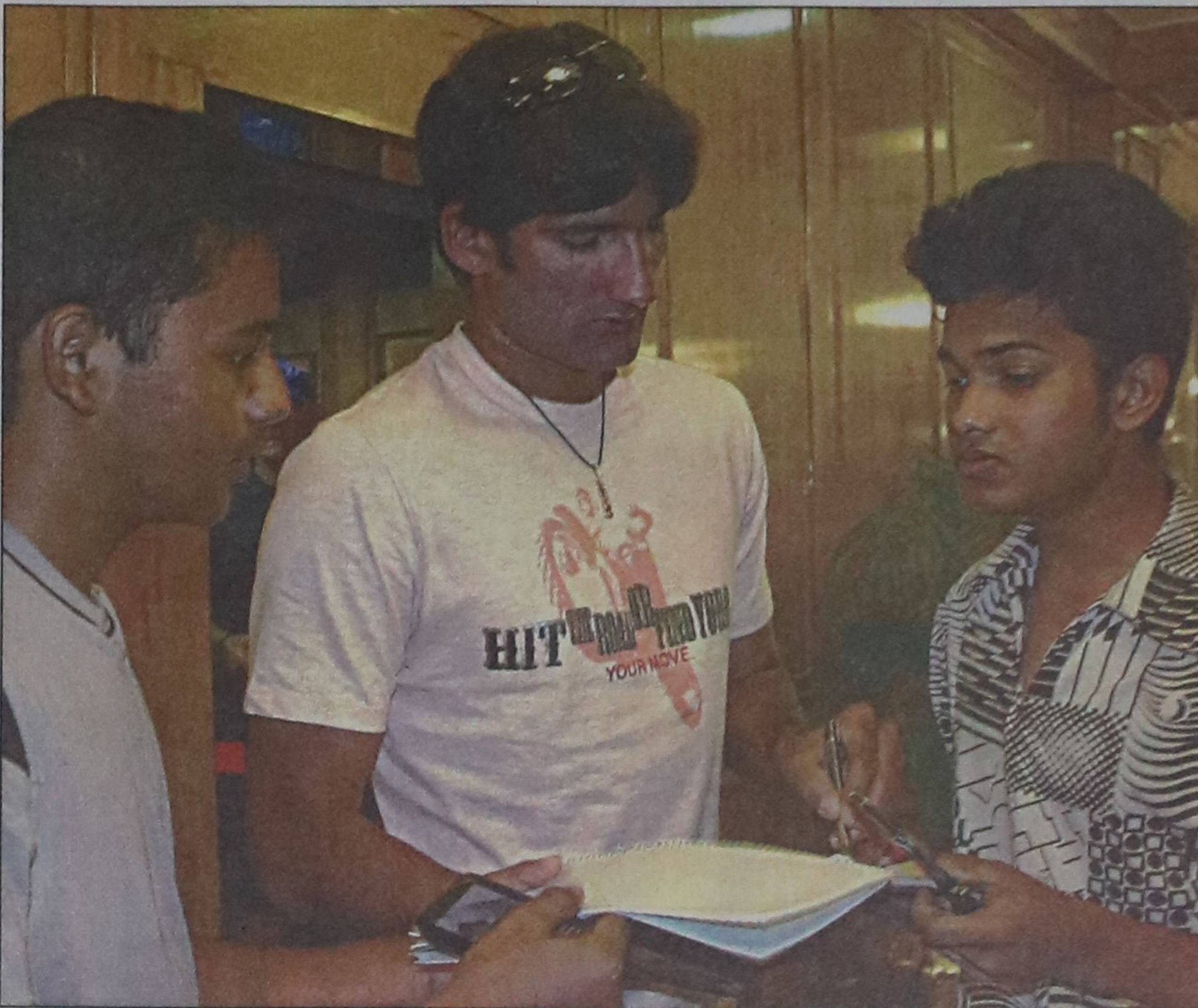
"That Pakistan perform better under pressure was underlined in Dhaka on Saturday. Salman Butt and Younis Khan destroyed a lacklustre Indian attack.

"All the good work by India in the league matches was undone in the final as they crashed to an embarrassing 25-run defeat and

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A stone-faced India captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni (L) leaves Sheraton Hotel on way home while (R) Pakistan fast bowler Sohail Tanveer (C) obliges two autograph hunters at the same hotel in Dhaka yesterday, a day after their 25-run win against India in the Kitiy Cup final.



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Turkey's last-minute win

AFP, Geneva

Ten-man Turkey made the greatest of escapes to book their Euro 2008 quarterfinal berth as they came from 2-0 down to stun the Czech Republic 3-2 here on Sunday and take their place in the last eight.

The Turks had looked dead and buried on 62 minutes after a first-half header from giant Czech striker Jan Koller and a second-half strike by winger Jaroslav Plasil looked to have made the result safe for the Euro 2004 semifinals.

But three goals in the last 15 minutes -- including two by captain Nihat Kahveci in the 87th and 89th minutes -- put them in the quarterfinals.

There was no need for the anticipated historic penalty shoot-out after Turkey's late showing when Arda Turan hit a superb strike past Petr Cech to give his side hope with 15 minutes left.

And Villareal's Kahveci struck twice -- the first coming from an unbelievable howler by the normally sound Cech -- to put his side into the last eight and set up a quarter-final clash against Group B

winners Croatia in Vienna on Friday.

There was intense drama in the dying stages when Turkey goal-keeper Volkan Demirel was shown a red card, but Turkey were not to be denied to leave the Czechs heartbroken.

A penalty shoot-out had been a pre-match option as both teams had come to the Stade de Geneve with identical Group A records from their two previous games.

But in the end Turkey join Portugal in the quarterfinals, while the Czechs pack their bags.

Czech coach Karel Bruckner -- who now steps down after a seven year reign -- had opted for Nuremberg's towering Koller as the lone striker up front in place of totally out of form ex-Liverpool forward Milan Baros, who was to show how far he had fallen since being top scorer at the championships four years ago by being booked even though he never got on the pitch.

Bruckner's opposite number Fatih Terim opted to play Fenerbahce's Semih Senturk alongside hero Kahveci up front in a traditional 4-4-2 formation unlike the 4-3-3 he used against the Swiss.

With so much at stake, the Turks made an aggressive start with

Brazilian-born Mehmet Aurelio picking up a second yellow card of the tournament joining fellow midfielder Mehmet Topal in the referee's book.

After sustained Czech pressure, the decision to play Koller paid off on 34 minutes when he scored his 55th goal in his 90th, and what was to turn out to be his last appearance, for his country.

Juventus defender Zdenek Grygera whipped in a cross and Koller rose highest and although Demirel palmed the ball onto the underpart of the cross bar, it flipped into the net.

It was no more than the Czechs deserved and Bruckner must have wondered why his side were not more than 1-0 up at the half-time break.

As the rain poured at the start of the second-half, so Turkey stepped up their attack with Kahveci twice going close, but Cech was solid in the Czech goal.

The Czech Republic looked to have sealed the match when they took a 2-0 lead as Plasil hit a bullet strike as he used the wet turf brilliantly to slide into Libor Sionko's cross on 62 minutes which gave Demirel no chance.

But Turkey showed fighting spirit and deserved to pull a goal

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Tigers train from today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh cricket team will return to training today for the upcoming Asia Cup to be played in Pakistan from June 24.

The Tigers got a three-day break after their last Kitiy Cup match against India on June 12 when they lost convincingly by seven wickets at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

Bangladesh play their first match of the regional tournament against United Arab Emirates at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on the opening day and then face Sri Lanka the following day.

The final of the tournament will be held on July 6.

BFF boss in AFC audit committee

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president Kazi Salahuddin has accepted an invitation by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) to join its international audit committee as a member.

The committee is an independent body which will have its meeting on June 30.

Salahuddin, who will attend the meeting, is also expected to discuss other issues with AFC high-ups during the brief trip to Kuala Lumpur.

Pietersen powers Eng

Cricket
AFP, Chester-le-street

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before he was run out for 46 by Ross Taylor's direct hit from mid-wicket.

New Zealand's reply got off to a rapid start with openers Jamie How and Brendon McCullum putting on 50 inside eight overs.

But third seamer Stuart Broad, with his first ball, had McCullum, on 36, cutting a short delivery straight to Bell at extra-cover.

And New Zealand were soon 72-3 for three.

Collingwood, England's best fielder, ran out James Marshall with a direct hit from backward point on the bowler's end stumps before How spooned a catch to Wright in the covers off Broad.

From then on New Zealand never looked like mounting a recovery and medium-pace Collingwood wrapped up the match with four for 15 in 17 balls.

New Zealand came into this match

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WI up against uphill task

Cricket
AFP, Bridgetown

Australia removed Chris Gayle but their normally reliable catching let them down as West Indies made a confident start on Sunday in chasing 475 to win the third and final Test.

At the tea break, West Indies reached 99 for one in their second innings with Xavier Marshall not out on 42 and vice-captain Ramnaresh Sarwan not out on 18 on the fourth day at Kensington Oval.

Australia made such a belated decision to declare their second innings on 475 for five that the session after lunch started almost 15 minutes late.

The Aussies created a number of chances to put West Indies under

early pressure, but three chances were dropped.

Brett Lee suffered twice in his opening spell, when third slip fielder Simon Katich dropped Marshall on one, and mid-off

handed opener was fortunate to survive a run-out chance.

Marshall played Mitchell Johnson to mid-wicket, and Lee missed a direct hit at the bowler's end with Gayle having given up and beyond the point of no return.

But the Aussies did not have to wait long before they removed the West Indies captain, since Gayle mistimed a pull off the hip and was caught at mid-on off Clark for 26 to leave West Indies 64 for one.

Sarwan joined Marshall about 40 minutes before tea and they navigated the West Indies safely to the break with little or no drama.

Before lunch, an unbroken stand of 79 for the sixth wicket between Michael Clarke and Haddin helped Australia to boost their lead.

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SCORE AGAINST DANDRUFF WITH CONFIDENCE

CLEAR men

NO DANDRUFF



AND THE TURKS ARE THROUGH: Turkey superstar Nihat Kahveci (R) scores the winning goal against Czech Republic in the 89th minute of their Euro 2008 final Group A match at the Stade de Geneve in Geneva yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

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