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27 DAYS TO GO

SOUTH AFRICA 2010
FIFA WORLD CUP

A man named Garrincha

After two World Cup championships in Europe, FIFA decided that South America would be the host continent, and it was a straight shoot-out between Chile and Argentina.

When Chile was wracked by earthquakes that killed thousands in 1960, Argentina looked favourites. But an impassioned call by President Dittborn won the day and the country's regeneration was led by the building of new stadiums in time for the tournament.

Brazil, on somewhere approaching home soil and with almost the same squad as four years before, were undoubtedly favourites. Pele, still only 21, had become the complete forward and Garrincha's development trajectory had been similar.

Sweden, meanwhile, had been the highest-profile victims of a new qualifying process from which England had been the sole 'home nation' qualifiers. England qualified for the second round as runners-up to a Hungarian team that, in Florian Albert, had a player with many of the qualities of the 'Marvellous Magyars' of 1954. He scored the winner in the two nations' group meeting.

Brazil eased out of their group, but not without cost. Pele, who had been in shining form in the 2-0 opening win over Mexico, ripped a thigh muscle in the 0-0 draw with Czechoslovakia. He was to play no further part in the finals. Amarildo, however, was a decent replacement and became known as the 'White Pele' for his efforts during the tournament. Garrincha and Vava were also there to take up the goalscoring burden.

The Chilean World Cup is now recognised as being one of the poorest tournaments in terms of football, a legacy in which no small part was played by the disgraceful scenes that took place in Santiago when Chile met Italy. The game erupted into a flurry of kicks and punches and, though two Italians were sent off, it should have been many more. 'The Battle of Santiago' ended in a 2-0 victory for the hosts and a police escort for the players as they left the field prematurely.

TO BE CONTINUED



Hussey pulls off a miracle

REUTERS, Gros Islet



Michael Hussey smashed three sixes in four balls to lead Australia to a remarkable three-wicket win over Pakistan in the last over of Friday's Twenty20 World Cup semi-final in St Lucia.

Hussey hit six sixes in all to finish with an unbeaten 60 in just 24 deliveries as Australia passed Pakistan's 191 for six, the joint second highest score of this tournament, with a ball to spare to clinch a final meeting with England on Sunday.

Australia were in trouble at 62 for four in the ninth over but then Cameron White blasted five sixes in his 43 off 31 balls to get his side back in the game.

When White went in the 17th over it still looked a long shot for Michael Clarke's men with 53 needed from 3.3 overs.

That was reduced to 34 off two overs and then 18 from the final over by spinner Saeed Ajmal.

Mitchell Johnson pushed a single to give Hussey the strike and the left-hander responded with some astonishing batting.

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Australia batsman Mike Hussey hoists one over the on-side during his stunning knock of 60 not out in the semi-final of the World Twenty20 against Pakistan at St Lucia yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Tigers slump to Essex pace

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's top-order were found wanting against the Essex pace attack on the first day of the three-day match at the County Ground in Chelmsford yesterday.

The lone half-century came from Mohammad Ashrafal who continued his good form with a stroke-filled 57-ball 58 balls that contained 12 boundaries but the visitors blunders were salvaged courtesy of three late order batsmen Shahadat Hossain, Shafiqul Islam (24) and Abdur Razzak (22).

Number ten batsman Shahadat hit 33 as Bangladesh recovered from 152-7 to put up a decent total of 231 before being bundled out in 60.4 overs.

Shahadat along with last man Robiul Islam added 35 runs but their resistance came to an end when right-arm pacesman Maurice Chambers bowled the Narayanganj player, who clobbered three sixes and two fours in his 32-ball while Robiul was unbeaten on just three.

New ball bowlers Chambers and Tony Palladino caused the damage as Chambers claimed four wickets conceding 32 runs and Palladino captured three for 92 runs.

Max Osborne took two wickets conceding 60 runs while pacesman Michael Comber picked up the other wicket.

Chambers gave the first breakthrough in the fifth over by removing Jahurul Islam, who made a hundred in the first three-day game against Surrey, for nought while Imrul Kayes (12), Junaed Siddiqui (20), Mushfiqur Rahim (14) and Mahmudullah Riyad (25) got starts but failed to carry on.

What to WATCH

SuperSport3
FA Cup Final
Chelsea v Portsmouth
Live from 7:00pm
Primera Liga
Almeria v Sevilla
Live from 2:00am (Sunday)

STAR Sports
German FA Cup
Werder Bremen v Bayern Munich
Live from 11:55pm

DAY'S EVENT

Asian Games Hockey Qualifiers
Sri Lanka v Thailand
Time: 10:00am
Bangladesh v Singapore
Time: 2:00pm
Oman v Taipei
Time: 4:00pm
Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium

AFC PRESIDENT'S CUP QUALIFIERS

Abahani held to a draw

Football

ANISUR RAHMAN

Abahani's hopes of qualifying for the AFC President's Cup got a jolt when the hosts were held to a goalless draw by 10-man Hasus NTCPE in the Group A qualifiers at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The draw means Abahani have no alternative but to emerge group champions beating leaders Dordoi Bishkek in their last match on Sunday as Turkmenistan's ITTU from Group C have a bright chance to qualify as the best runners-up having finished second with a better goal difference.

Abahani were not only beaten by the pace of the Chinese Taipei side, but also beaten by the strategy of the visitors who

trapped the hosts' offside for 15-16 times throughout the game.

The two-time Bangladesh League champions totally failed to cash in on the one man advantage after Hasus defender Chao Hsun Yang was sent off for a second bookable offence in the 59th minute but the visitors never seemed to be playing with a man short.

It was a shadow of the performance that Abahani put against Nepal's New Road Team and there was virtually no control in the midfield in the absence of injured Pranotosh Kumar and that left them wobbling.

It might be that Abahani's long-serving playmaker Mehdi Hasan Ujjal never forgave himself for squandering three clear scoring chances and he was later withdrawn as Amalesh Sen sent Abul Hossain, who however had no impact on the game.

After being thrashed 5-0 by Dordoi

Bishkek on the opening day, Hasus knew it well that only a victory over the hosts could keep them in hunt and they went on fast-paced attack from the beginning to keep the hosts at bay.

However, Abahani came close to taking a lead in the 10th minute through a combined attack when Ujjal availing a delightful back-heel from Atiqur Rahman Mishu blasted the side net, disappointing some nearly 3000-strong crowd at the Big Bowl.

In the next moments Hasus also got two good chances but in both occasions their forwards headed the chances wide.

On the half-hour mark, Ujjal again fired blank from close and one minute from the break, it was again Ujjal who missed an open net.

The play of the second half had started amid drizzle and the pitch got slippery and Awudu Ibrahim got the better of

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BLOWN AWAY, BUT NOT TOO FAR: Hasus NTCPE players struggle to stay on their feet as the strong wind blew away part of their dugout at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last evening. The storm came to life with ten minutes of the Hasus-Abahani match left but it didn't deter the visitors who held on to a goalless draw against the hosts.

PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

S Africa A champions

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

South Africa A emerged champions of the ATN Records tri-nation tournament yesterday where they somehow managed to keep West Indies A at bay, winning by five runs in a high-scoring encounter at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

West Indies A made the ultimate blunder by deciding to field first on a dead track that offered nothing for their three-pronged pace attack. South Africa piled 328-7 from their 50 overs.

Needing 18 runs from the final over bowled by Lonwabo Tsotsobe, Chadwick Walton took two off the very first ball and then smashed a six off the second. But the left-arm pacesman bowled two good deliveries and off the fifth ball, removed Walton for a blistering 29-ball 64.

Brendan Nash managed only a single when seven was needed off the final ball, ending the innings at 323-6. The second string Caribbean side took 55 off the last five overs with the 25-

year-old Walton, who smashed three sixes and six boundaries in his innings, taking the initiative along with Nash. The two shared an 88-run sixth wicket stand.

Devon Smith scored the hundred he's been threatening all along, cracking eleven boundaries in his 120-ball 115 but became the fourth man out in the 41st over. He had earlier shared a 156-run third wicket partnership with Darren Bravo, who made 69 off 86 balls, after they lost two early wickets for 37 runs.

The South Africans bowled a tight line for most of the 50 overs but lost shape in the final hour. Tsotsobe picked up three wickets for 76 runs while Quinton Friend took 2 for 73. Probably it was Thandi Tshabala's ten overs that turned the match. Although wicketless, the off-spinner cut out the boundaries, slowing down the run-rate.

But the West Indies A bowlers had little luck after Travis Dowlin called correctly at the toss. Morne van Wyk and Sitaan van Zyl made a solid start, adding 55 for the first wicket. The left-handed van Zyl played the anchor role with his 62

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C'WEALTH CHESS Rajib, Parag win

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master (GM) Enamul Hossain Rajib and Fide Master Mehdi Hasan Parag won their respective Commonwealth Chess Championship matches in New Delhi yesterday.

Rajib defeated compatriot FM Mohammad Javed while Parag defeated Kannemeyer Werner in the seventh round. Both are on five points along with GM Niaz Murshed, who drew against Ramnath Bhuvanesh.

FM Abu Sufian Shakil and FM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar earned 4.5 points each while Abdullah Al Saif reached four points with a win over Meredow Shanepes.

Rani Hamid also has four points after her victory over Satra Pravesha.

Aftab, Rasel included in A team

SPORTS REPORTER

The national selectors announced a 14-member Bangladesh A team for the two-match four-day series against visiting West Indies A.

Middle-order batsman Aftab Ahmed, all-rounder Sohrawordi Shuvo and left-arm pacesman Syed Rasel, who were ignored from the Tigers' ongoing England tour, are included in the A team while opener Shahriar Nafees was also recalled for the series.

The first four-dayer will take place at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra from May 16 while the second and final unofficial Test will start at BKSP from May 22.

SQUAD

Shamsur Rahman (captain), Shahriar Nafees, Nazimuddin, Rokibul Hasan, Faisal Hossain, Marshal Ayub, Aftab Ahmed, Sahagir Hossain (wicketkeeper/vice-captain), Sohrawordi Shuvo, Mahmudul Hasan, Noor Hossain, Nazmul Hossain, Syed Rasel and Dollar Mahmud.

Dordoi crush New Road

SPORTS REPORTER

Russian striker Volos Yury slammed a hat-trick to power two-time champions Dordoi Bishkek of Kyrgyzstan to an emphatic 3-0 win over Nepal's New Road Team in the AFC President's Cup Group A qualifiers at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Their second triumph in as many matches means Dordoi, the five-time finalist, lifted their points tally to a maximum six with one match in hand against hosts Abahani on Sunday. On the other hand, the second consecutive defeats dashed New Road's hopes of qualifying for the four-team finals though they will play against Hasus NTCPE in a match of academic interest on the tournament's closing day.

Dordoi were the clear favourite in the game and the Kyrgyz had to wait only six minutes to take the lead spectacularly as Volos blasted home inside the box after his compatriot Mysikov Alexander brought down a well-judge cross off Amirov Ildar with his chest.

The Nepalese side fought equally in the first half and created two chances, but their

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Bond calls it quits

Cricket

AFP, Wellington

New Zealand fast bowling star Shane Bond said Friday he was ending a playing career which combined spectacular success with a frustrating succession of injuries.

The 34-year-old, who announced his retirement from Test cricket in December after yet another injury cut short his series against Pakistan, said he was unwilling to compromise his standards by continuing in international cricket.

"I know the time is right for me to step down," he said in a statement announcing his retirement from all cricket.

"I dreamed of playing for New Zealand when I was six. The reality of what has unfolded was more than I could ever hope for and I have been extremely proud to represent New Zealand.

"I am going to miss a lot of this but I know now is the time to bow out."

When fit, Bond was New Zealand's best fast bowler since Richard Hadlee and he ended his Test career with 87 wickets from 18 matches at an average of 22.09.

In 82 one-day internationals, he captured 147 wickets at an average of 20.88 and in 20 Twenty20 matches he had 25 wickets at 21.72.

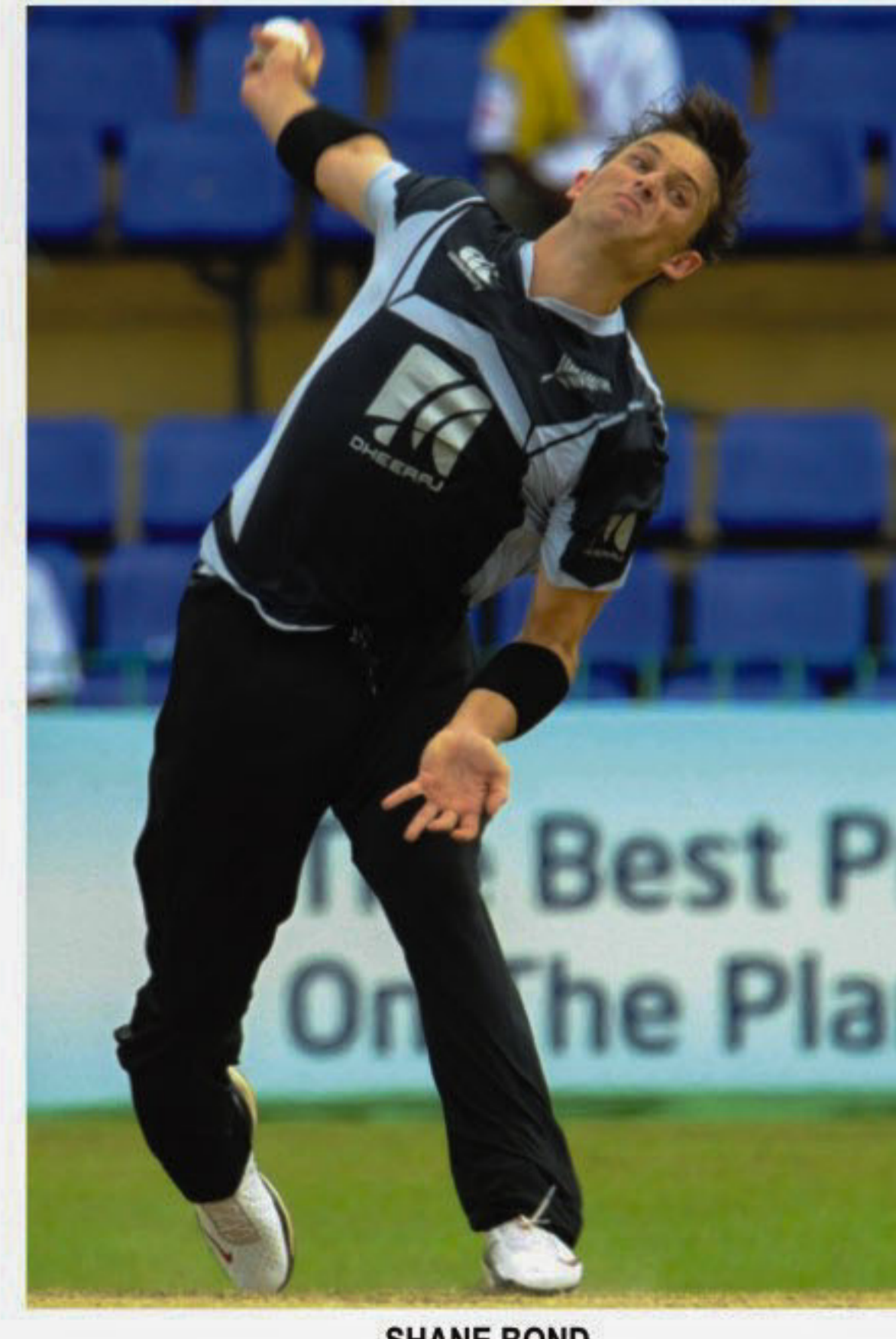
The former police officer combined blistering pace with precise control and swing, but a string of injuries frequently interrupted his career following his international debut in 2001.

Bond told journalists after returning from the Twenty20

World Cup he was feeling his age since a one-day series against Australia in March. "I just felt like I was starting to slow down. The body's obviously been battered a bit and I suppose I'm coming up to 35."

"I noticed getting out of bed in the mornings, getting to slow down. The body's obviously been battered a bit and I suppose I'm coming up to 35."

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SHANE BOND

FACTFILE

BATTING & FIELDING											
	M	Inns	R	HS	Ave	100	50	4s	6s	Ct	St
Tests	18	20	168	41*	12.92	0	0	20	4	8	0
ODIs	82	40	292	31*	16.22	0	0	19	9	15	0
BOWLING											
	M	Inns	B	R	W	BBI	BBM	2w	4w	5w	10
Tests	18	32	3372	1922	87	6/51	10/99	22.09	7	5	1
ODIs	82	80	4295	3070	147	6/19	6/19	20.88	7	4	0