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FIFA WORLD CUP

## A man named Garrincha

**WORLD CUP 1962 CONTINUED**

England met their nemesis in Garrincha in the quarterfinals. West Germany lost to Yugoslavia in revenge for successive quarterfinal defeats in the last two tournaments as Sekularac pulled the strings. The Czechs, marshalled by left-half and captain Josef Masopust, squeezed past the Hungarians. In another surprise result for the hosts, they managed to beat highly-fancied Soviet Union. But there was to be no fairy story in the semifinal as the tried and tested combination of Garrincha and Vava scored two goals each against them. For Garrincha, however, heartbreak looked in store after he was sent off for retaliation. Somehow, and perhaps with not a little greasing of palms, the Brazilian FA managed to get his ban for the final overturned by FIFA.

The Czechs were their final opponents, having beaten Yugoslavia in the semifinal with a late surge in the last ten minutes. And a shock looked on the cards when Masopust made a burst past his attackers to put his team ahead on 15 minutes. It was not for long, though, as Amarildo rose to the occasion to score from a seemingly impossible angle. Czechoslovakia held on gamely and it would take a fantastic move started and finished by Zito in the 68th minute to break them. Vava then became the first person to score in two finals when he capitalised on a goalkeeping mistake from Schroj.

The cup was Brazil's again. They had become only the second team to retain the trophy and it had largely been achieved without Pele. Considering that Italy's double win of the 1930s was achieved at a time of stay-aways and pull-outs, no team had ever dominated the world scene like this before.



PHOTO: STAR ARCHIVE  
Vava could afford to celebrate this way after becoming the first player to score in two World Cup finals. Here he jumps for joy after his goal against Czechoslovakia.

## AFC PRESIDENT'S CUP FOOTBALL Amalash wants a packed BNS

SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani coach Amalash Sen has urged the fans to turn up in numbers at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today when his side face a monumental task of defeating Dordei Bishkek of Kyrgyzstan in the final Group A match of the AFC President's Cup qualifiers.

A win will only confirm Abahani a place in the finals. Dordei, who won their previous two group games convincingly, need only a draw to ensure a place in the finals of an event they had earlier lifted twice.

"I would like to urge the fans to come up in numbers so that the players get more motivated to win a match against a far better side," said Amalash ahead of the Sunday clash. The match will start at 7pm.

"They are technically sound, physically strong and they controlled the last two games like real professionals. It is tough to beat such opponents," said the soft-spoken coach.

But he said that Abahani could still be a David beating a Goliath if the defence stop them from scoring and the attacking pair of Enamul Haque and Awudu Ibrahim translate even half chances into goals.

But Amalash, whose side won the first game against New Road of Nepal 2-0 and drew Friday's match against Hasus NTCE of Chinese Taipei goalless, has more things to fix after Dordei coach Alexander made an interesting observation about the home side.

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PHOTO: STAR  
Bangladesh's star forward Rasel Mahmud Jimmy advances with the ball as he is closely marked by a Singapore defender during their match of the Robi Asian Games Hockey Qualifiers at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

## Hosts fall to Singapore too

Hockey  
SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's disastrous campaign in the Robi Asian Games Hockey Qualifiers took one more tumble as they went down to Singapore 0-1 in their clash at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday. A sixteenth minute penalty corner converted by Johnson Sivalingam, arguably the best player of the match, was enough to bring down a very ordinary Bangladesh team.

Singapore earned a total of five penalty corners and it was the second one that earned them the all-important goal. Sabir Yuhari, instead of firing it at goal, pushed it towards the far corner where Farhan Kamsani made a run before putting it in with a diving stick. They might have scored more goals from penalty corners, but for some very good saves the

scoreline remained 1-0.

Bangladesh too earned a quartet of penalty corners against Singapore's five, but failed to make use of any. Mamunur Rahman Chayan, who missed a couple of penalty corners in the previous games after converting seven in the first two matches, took two -- fired one wide and the other went straight at the keeper. Bangladesh tried some variations with the two other penalty corners, one was a miscued shot from Asaduzzaman Chandan while the other from Jimmy was brilliantly saved by the Singapore keeper.

Apart from the penalty corners, the two teams created very little from open play, but Singapore always had their dominance over the hosts. However, Bangladesh had a wonderful chance to equalise when a goal-bound shot from Maksudul Alam Habul was bewilderingly diverted out by the stick of Krishna Kumar. Singapore players guarded their defence line pretty well and apart from that one

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## Ashrafal 50 cuts deficit

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammad Ashrafal continued his good form as Bangladesh rode on his unbeaten half-century to fight back on the second day of the three-day match against Essex at the County Ground in Chelmsford yesterday.

The visitors made 102 for 2 in their second innings when the report was filed last. Ashrafal was not out on 50 in 50 balls with nine boundaries while Junaed Siddiqui was unbeaten on 34 after the visitors lost their two openers -- Imrul Kayes (4) and Jahurul Islam (4) quickly.

Earlier left-hander John Maunders slammed a century as Essex took an 82-run first innings lead when they were all out for 313 in 87.1 overs just before the tea break. The county side resumed the day

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## Rach smells a rat

ATIQUÉ ANAM

Frustration was at a high pitch from all corners including players, organisers, and supporters as Bangladesh tasted yet another humiliating defeat at their home soil, this time to Singapore, in the Asian Games Hockey Qualifiers which has seen Bangladesh's poorest performance in recent times.

Everyone, including the coach and the players themselves, were searching for an answer to what went wrong with the team that they were having such poor results and losing to teams they had never lost before.

Bangladesh's German coach Gerhard Peter Rach believes something sinister must be at work behind this dreadful

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## AUSTRALIA-ENGLAND FINAL TODAY Get Kevin Pietersen!

AFP, Bridgetown



Australia captain Michael Clarke wasted little time in upping the pressure on England's Kevin Pietersen ahead of the World Twenty20 final between cricket's oldest rivals here on Sunday.

Pietersen has led the way for England with 201 runs at an average of 67, including match-winning fifties in the Super Eights against both defending champions Pakistan, who lost to Australia in a thrilling semi-final, and his native South Africa.

Only a brief break to return to London for the birth of his son stunted the flow of runs and there was no sign of jet-lag as South Africa-born Pietersen made an unbeaten 42 off just 26 balls in England's commanding seven-wicket semi-final win over Sri Lanka.

"Kevin Pietersen coming back into form plays a huge part," Clarke told reporters after Australia had chased down a mammoth 192, thanks mainly to Michael Hussey's superb unbeaten 60, to beat Pakistan by three wickets with a ball to spare.

"He (Pietersen) is a wonderful player in all three forms of the game. He'll be a big part of the final.

"If we can get him out early it will hold us in good stead." Pietersen's was seen giving his teammates stick over some lax fielding during the match against Sri Lanka, last year's losing finalists.

"There is a fine line between demanding high standards...and then stepping over that line into a petulant world, and a world that damages the team in any way," said England coach Andy Flower.

But he was at pains to stress how Pietersen was a "good professional athlete" who was bound to benefit from becoming a

father for the first time.

"It can only be a positive experience. I think anything that our guys find to keep sport in perspective is a good thing."

Perspective is set to be in short supply in a match now being billed as a scene-setter for England's Ashes defence in Australia later this year.

The Kensington Oval pitch has suited Australia's fast bowlers, with the trio of Dirk Nannes, Shaun Tait and Mitchell Johnson not just quicker than their England counterparts, but quicker than any attack England's batsmen have faced so far in this tournament.

However, Stuart Broad, Ryan Sidebottom and Tim Bresnan are more than mere 'pie-throwers', although they would love to be underestimated by Australia.

England, like Australia, have until now struggled to make an impact in Twenty20. In part this is because it is only recently that the world's two oldest cricket cultures have taken the 'upstart' format seriously.

But while England have yet to have their batting depth truly tested at this event, the same cannot be said of Australia.

Hussey, who oversaw recoveries against Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, surpassed even his standards as Australia slumped to 144 for seven in the 18th over against Pakistan.

He produced what Clarke labelled a "freakish" innings of 60 not out from 24 balls to see the team home.

Do England have a Hussey? It doesn't sound a pleasant question but it's one Paul Collingwood's men may need to answer.

Nevertheless Australia, unbeaten at this tournament, did collapse against Pakistan even if, as Clarke insists, "they never know when they are beaten".

And the Akmal brothers, who both made fifties against Australia, showed England, who have been boosted by the new

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## Biman take TT crown

SPORTS REPORTER

Biman clinched the men's team event of the RC Cola Federation Cup Invitational table tennis tournament at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.

They defeated Palolic Group 3-2 through wins from Manas, Rimon, Hasib in alternate games.

Biman had earlier defeated Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra in the first semifinal while Palolic had beaten Armanitola JS in the second semifinal.

Palash, Turja, Antu, Samir, Jubair, Himel, Javed and Hridoy won their respective boy's singles group finals.



PHOTO: AFP  
THE OTHER SIDE OF A GREAT MATCH: A heartbroken Pakistan off-spinner Saeed Ajmal (C) is comforted by teammate Salman Butt after Australia were rescued by Mike Hussey in the semifinal of the World Twenty20 at the Beausejour Cricket Ground in Gros Islet on Friday.

## Waqar can only smile

AFP, Gros Islet



Pakistan coach Waqar Younis said he still "couldn't believe it" after the defending champions lost a thrilling World Twenty20 semi-final to Australia in a game they'd all but won.

"All you can do is just smile about it," said the former fast bowler turned Pakistan coach in admiration of an astounding Australia rally.

"I thought we did our best. What else can you do?" he also told reporters after a remarkable match at the Beausejour Stadium here on Friday.

Set an imposing 192 to win, after Pakistan had piled up 191 for six on the back of fifties from the Akmal brothers (Kamran made 50 and Umar 56 not out), Australia were 105 for five in the 13th over when Michael Hussey replaced brother David at the crease.

But the man-of-the-match

turned the game on its head with a superb innings of 60 not out, made from just 24 balls, with six sixes and three fours. Australia needed 34 off two overs and 18 off the last, from off-spinner Saeed Ajmal.

However, left-hander Hussey, who put on an unbroken 53 in just 16 balls with Mitchell Johnson, whose contribution was a mere five runs, saw Australia home with ball to spare as they won by three wickets.

Now it will be Australia who face arch-rivals England in Sunday's final at Barbados's Kensington Oval.

"I don't think we went wrong anywhere," said Waqar, who paid tribute to Cameron White for a quickfire 43 that started to swing the match back Australia's way.

"We did a good job, but you've just got to give credit to the Australians for the way they battled.

"They kept the momentum with them all the way, especially Cameron White's innings. I thought that set the tone, and then Hussey did the

real damage.

"I still can't believe it. It was an unbelievable innings; you just don't see many like that around."

"I can't really blame anyone. I thought we bowled pretty well and batted outstandingly. It's just that the Australians were too good for us today."

A wretched tour of Australia, where Pakistan lost all three Tests, five one-dayers and a Twenty20 match led to several senior players being banned from representing their country, with former captains Younus Khan and Mohammad Yousuf banned indefinitely.

On top of all of this, Pakistan saw paceman Umar Gul, the leading wicket-taker in Twenty20 cricket with 43 victims in 26 matches, withdraw with a shoulder injury.

Yet they still almost defeated a powerful Australia side, unbeaten at the tournament so far, in a dramatic encounter.

"They're a very fine batting

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## Moazzem no more

SPORTS REPORTER

Sports organiser Moazzem Hossain passed away on Friday night. He was 75.

Hossain had served as general secretary of Wari Club and Shadharan Bima Krira Shangtha and was a former member of Bangladesh Football Federation.

He left behind his wife, a son and a daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA), Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and Sanmilita Krira Paribar expressed their deep shock over the death of the well-known sports organiser.

They extended their sympathy to the bereaved family and prayed to the Almighty to rest his soul in eternal peace.

The namaj-e-janaza will be held tomorrow after his son's returning home from United States.

## 4-dayer shifted to Mirpur

SPORTS REPORTER

The first four-day match between Bangladesh A and visiting West Indies A has been shifted to the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium from Shahid Chandu Stadium in Bogra.

The match will start from tomorrow.

The second four-dayer will take place at the BKSP from 23-26 May as per the original itinerary.

## LOCAL SNIPPETS

SPORTS REPORTER

The three-day long 16th Eastern Housing Inter-club shooting competition will start today at the National Shooting Complex in Gulshan.

A total of 400 shooters from 46 clubs are expected to participate in the competition which has been initiated in 1985 to search for new talent.

The events of the competition are .22 rifle (open sight), match air rifle (open sight), .177 air rifle (open sight) and match .22 rifle (open sight).

**PREMIERVOLLEYBALL**

The prize distribution ceremony of the National Bank Dhaka Metropolitan Premier Division Volleyball League was held on Thursday.

Commerce Minister Faruq Khan distributed the prizes among the winners while Azizur Rahman, deputy managing director of National Bank Limited, was the special guest in the function.

The function was presided over by Golam

Quddus Chowdhury, president of Bangladesh Volleyball Federation.

Azizur Rahman handed over prize bond of Tk 5,000 and a crest to Munir Hossain, best player of the tournament.

**YOUTHVOLLEYBALL**

Hosts Narail retained the title of the National Youth Volleyball when they earned a hard-fought 25-23, 23-25, 15-25, 25-23, 15-10 victory against Comilla at Sultan Chattar.

Noakhali finished third with a 3-0 victory over Dhaka.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Ahad Ali Sarkar distributed the prizes among the winners as a chief guest.

**RAPID CHESS**

FIDE Master Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon became champions in the Weekly Rapid Chess tournament that was held at the federation hall-room yesterday.

Emon earned six points to win the trophy. Sheikh Mohammed Khairul Islam finished runner-up with the same number of points.

## Rajib, Neaz drop points

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Masters Enamul Hossain Rajib and Niaz Murshed dropped points in the eighth round of the Commonwealth Chess Championship yesterday in New Delhi.

After the eighth round, Rajib, Niaz, FIDE Master Abu Sufian Shakil and FIDE Master Mehdi Hasan Parag earned 5.5 points each.

FM Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar, FM Mohammad Javed and Debarj Chatterjee secured five points each while Abdullah Al Saif earned 4.5 points, IWM Rani Hamid bagged four points and Mokaddes Hossain earned 3 points.