

## Did U Know?

Sir Frank Worrell (West Indies), Clyde Walcott (West Indies) and Hashan Tillekeratne (Sri Lanka) all started their Test careers as wicketkeepers, but went on to become full-fledged batsmen.



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Bangladesh vs Pakistan  
Fourth ODI  
Live at 2:15 pm

**TEN Sports**  
Bangladesh vs Pakistan  
Fourth ODI  
Live at 2:15 pm

**ESPN**  
Football Focus  
Repeat at 8:30 am  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm

**STAR Sports**  
Gillette World Sports Special  
Int'l Sports News  
Repeat at 12:00 pm  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm



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(Pakistani cricket great)  
"I have yet to make concrete plans what to do in future but my top priority is to do commentary."



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1. Who won the Champions Trophy hockey title?	Netherlands	Australia	Pakistan
2. Who clinched the Europa college basketball crown?	Khulna College	Mastermind	Nitro Dame
3. Bangladesh lost the first Test against Pakistan by:	7 wickets	42 runs	3
4. Who became man-of-the-match in the 4th Test between England and South Africa?	Kirsten	Ntini	Flintoff
5. Who won the Spanish Super Cup?	Real Madrid	Mallorca	Barcelona
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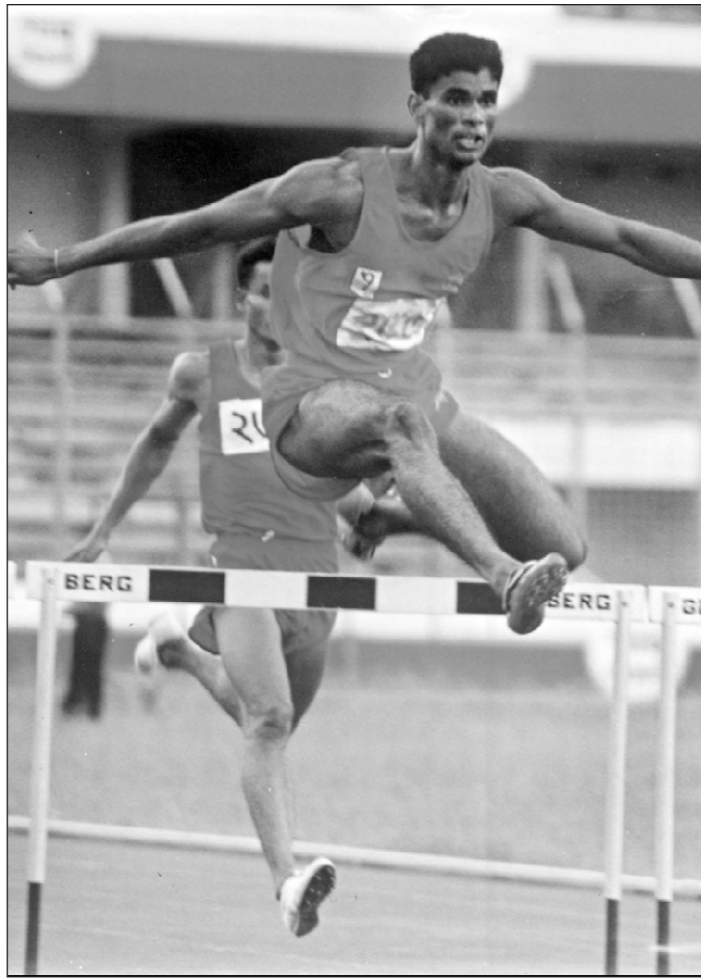
## RU football

### OUR CORRESPONDENT

A controversial decision led to the Rajshahi University inter-department football match between Political Science and Islamic History & Culture being abandoned yesterday.

No sooner had Political Science thought they had scored game's only goal at the university playground than the referee and linesman exchanged angry words over the validity of the goal.

The former believed the goal stood but the latter argued that the unnamed Political Science was off-side at the time.



Masudul Karim of Bangladesh Army powers his way to win the 400-metre hurdles gold yesterday.

# Abdullah, Chumki fastest in business

## Army top summer table

### Athletics

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Abu Abdullah was crowned the new speed king while Samsunnahar Chumki retained her throne after their wins in the 100-metre sprints of the 8th National Summer Athletics competition at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The three-day summer meet ended yesterday with Bangladesh Army reigning supreme bagging 18 gold, 13 silver and 7 bronze followed by BJMC with 11 gold, 10 silver and 12 bronze.

525 athletes from 39 teams around the country contested in 36 disciplines. Army's Masudul Karim was the best all-round athlete in the competition after clinching four gold medals in the 110 metre hurdles, 4x100 metre relay, 200 metre sprint and 400 metre hurdles events.

For Abdullah, the 23-year old Army man, it was a day to behold after he took the men's 100-metre

title with a time of 10:40 sec. Sadly for Abdullah, the feat will not go into the record books as it was hand-timed. However, he did equal the hand-time clocked by Golam Ambia in the 1991 SAF Games.

Abdullah's teammate Shahidul Islam (10:80 sec) finished second while Abdullahel Kafu of BJMC won the bronze clocking 10:90 sec.

"A Dream came true for me today although I was expecting it. I had finished first in the open trial on September 4. I owe this success to my coach Kitab Ali," said Abdullah who bettered BJMC sprinter Shamsuddin's effort in March this year.

While Abdullah was basking in glory, women's champion Chumki was disconsolate after failing to achieve her target of setting a new national mark to follow up her record in the 200-metre event on Tuesday.

The BJMC girl raced to the finish in 11:80 sec, which incidentally matched her own previous best. Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP)'s Fouzia Huda Jui was a distant second with 12.11

sec while Sumita Rani Das of BJMC became third with a timing of 12.50 sec.

The country's fastest man and woman, who both hail from Noakhali, were looking forward to making an impression in the coming Asian Athletics Championship to be held in Philippines' capital Manila from September 20 to 23.

"My first target is to better my timing in Manila in both the 100 and 200 metres. I couldn't take part in my favorite 200 metres in this competition due to an injury," said Abdullah.

Chumki said that she was frustrated after working so hard for the national record. But vowed to bounce back.

"I was eyeing a 11.6 sec finish. I had worked very hard over the last three months but failed in the end. Hopefully, I can achieve my target in Manila," said Chumki.

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SPRINT MONARCHS: Abu Abdullah of Bangladesh Army (R) and Shamsunnahar Chumki of BJMC show V-signs after their 100-metre triumphs yesterday.

# Musharraf grateful to Bangladesh

### Cricket

#### HASAN MASOOD from Rawalpindi

Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf thanked Bangladesh for touring Pakistan and bringing international cricket back to his country. He also wished that they would soon win a Test match.

The Pakistan president said this while speaking as chief guest during a reception hosted by Pakistan Cricket Board in honour of the Bangladesh team at a hotel in Islamabad on Tuesday evening.

"I wish Bangladesh keeps progressing and in this region if Sri Lanka can create history Bangladesh can also do that," he said.

"With this tour, the bonds of friendship between Pakistan and Bangladesh will further strengthen and I thank Bangladesh team for coming to Pakistan to bring international cricket back to this country," he said.

"I closely watched their (Bangladesh) performance on television and I am amazed at their improved

performance in the Test series.

"And they came very close to winning the Multan Test. But it was Inzamamul Haq who came between Bangladesh and their victory," said the chief patron of Pakistan Cricket



PERVEZ MUSHARRAF

Board.

He advised Bangladesh not to get disappointed because the lesson they learned from his series was confidence.

He also said that South Asia was very rich in cricket and every team

except Bangladesh from this region have won the World Cup. He also wished that they would one day also win the coveted prize.

The Pakistan president also offered Bangladesh to send their age-group teams to Pakistan Cricket Academy.

"All facilities in Pakistan are open to Bangladesh and they can utilise those resources," said Musharraf. PCB chairman General Tauqir Zia and Bangladesh Ambassador Shamim Ahmed were also present in the reception and spoke.

Later, Musharraf presented medals to the players of both teams. Besides he awarded gold medals to Habibul Bashar, Rajin Saleh, Mohammad Rafique and Alok Kapali for their outstanding performances in the Test series.

Bashar received a medal for scoring the highest number of runs (379) in the series. Saleh earned recognition for his consistency. Rafique for being the highest wicket-taker while Kapali was rewarded for his historic hat-trick in the second Test in Peshawar.

Both teams were also given five lakh rupees each.

## Zia Rating chess champ

### SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman clinched the fourth Amrito Lal Dey International Rating chess title with eight points at the Barisal Police Library auditorium yesterday.

International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib became runner-up with 7.5 points. International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib and Abdul Maleq Chittagong were in the third and fourth positions respectively with 7 points each.

In the last round, Zia drew with Fide Master Abu Sufian Shakil.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

2000-Shawkat Hossain Pallab  
2001-Arman Monir  
2002-GM Ziaur Rahman  
2003-GM Ziaur Rahman.

## Lankan cricket tourney delayed

### THE NEWS, Colombo

The Emerging Team Trophy limited-overs cricket series between Sri Lanka, Pakistan and India has been delayed by a week so that the organisers could add more venues, Sri Lanka Cricket said on Tuesday.

The tournament, originally scheduled to start from Sunday, will now be staged from September 27. The recently re-named Sri Lanka Cricket planned to spend an extra week upgrading existing and new facilities before the Emerging Team Trophy, which will feature teams full of budding and prospective international players.

### REVISED SCHEDULE

Sept 27: Sri Lanka v Pakistan  
Sept 28: Sri Lanka v India  
Sept 29: Pakistan v India  
Oct 1: Pakistan v India  
Oct 2: Sri Lanka v Pakistan  
Oct 3: Sri Lanka v India  
Oct 5: Final.

## Gibbs doubtful for Pak tour

### CRICINFO, undated

A groin injury may cause Herschelle Gibbs to miss South Africa's forthcoming tour of Pakistan.

Gibbs will undergo a tough fitness test on Friday, after which team physiotherapist Shane Jabaar and the team management will make a final decision on whether he can join the touring party.

The South Africans depart for Pakistan on Sunday for three one-day internationals and three Test matches, but Jabaar is optimistic. "Since we've got five days to treat his injury, I'm fairly positive that Herschelle will be fit for the tour."

Gibbs is also confident that he will be ready to take his place in the side. "I receive treatment daily, and I don't believe it (the injury) will be a problem," he said.

"It's a strange sort of injury. I don't even know how I sustained it."

# Kamal's time excuse

### Cricket

#### HASAN MASOOD from Rawalpindi

Former Bangladesh coach Mohsin Kamal believes if he had been given at least another 12 months he could have changed the team's fortunes.

Kamal was sacked by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) following the country's dismal performance in the 2003 World Cup in South Africa. He was talking to this correspondent in Lahore after the third one-day international between Bangladesh and Pakistan.

The former Pakistan pacer also thinks that the Tigers will take some more time to become a competitive cricketing nation as all the countries are moving fast towards their own development.

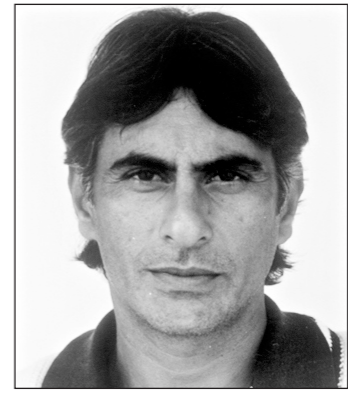
"I was very much disappointed when the BCB sacked me and my assistant Ali Zia because I wanted to spend some more time with the boys. The team was almost coming into shape. But sadly the Board did not consider that," said Kamal.

"Changover coaches does not help any team. Bangladesh have

had four coaches in the last three years since getting Test status in 2000. But look at the results."

"Their standard is still the same and it will remain like that unless you allow someone to work on a long-term basis. A coach always has a plan and if you get impatient, you are only going to harm the team."

He said it was him who started to



MOHSIN KAMAL

introduce young and new players into the team and they are now giving good service to the country.

# China mission for hockey team

### SPORTS REPORTER

A 16-member Bangladesh hockey team leaves today to Kuala Lumpur with a mission to beat China in the eight-nation sixth Men's Asia Cup to be held from September 21-28.

"Our only target is to beat China to ensure sixth place which will confirm our berth in the World Cup qualifying round," team leader Shamsul Bari told The Daily Star Sport yesterday after his boys made a courtesy call on the State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman.

Bangladesh have enjoyed mixed results against their Chinese rivals. The last time both sides met China won 3-2 at the 14th Asian Games in Busan. In other matches Bangladesh managed a 1-1 draw in the last Asia Cup also in Malaysia. They earned a 2-2 in the second edition but lost 1-0 in the first-ever

meet and were crushed 6-0 in the third.

Coach Abdur Razzak and captain Musha Miah also expressed a similar view and added they wanted to earn a respectable result against mighty India and Pakistan.

Bangladesh have been penciled in Group B along with India, Pakistan and China while the Group A comprises Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea and hosts Malaysia.

According to team coach Razzak he said SK Bangus of India, who conducted the residential camp at the BKSP, designed a plan that will bring the best out of the players in the biggest regional tournament.

"His rigid training schedule and detailed game plans for the tournament we believe will help us to earn good results," Razzak said.

Although the team will miss the services of disgraced ace midfielder Mahbub Ehsan Rana now serving a

life ban, the Bangladesh team leader was very confident that Faruque Ahmed and Rahul Kanti Roy are quite capable of filling Rana's shoes.

"The boys are also not lacking match practice since they joined the camp just after the league ended last month," the team coach added.

Team: Russel Khan, Mahabubullah Chowdhury, Issa Miah, Shamsuddin Ahmed, Hedayetul Islam Khan, Shahidullah Khokon, Faruque Ahmed, Musa Miah (captain), Shahidullah Titoo (vice-captain), Mirajul Hossain, Rahul Kanti Roy, Ashraf Islam, Zahidul Islam, Ariful Haq Prince, Russel Mahmud and Moududur Rahman.

Officials: Shamsul Bari (team leader), Alamgir Rashid Sikdar (manager), Abdur Kabir (manager, admin), Abdur Razzak (coach),

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Members of the Asia Cup hockey team pose for photographs with the State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman at the NSC yesterday.