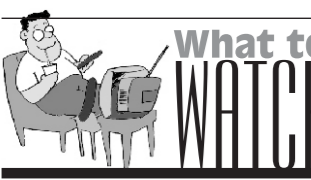




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## Philips tennis

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Amal Roy, Mamun, Asmatullah, Babulal, Dipulal and Yousuf Aman moved into the next round of the Philips National Tennis Tournament after winning their respective singles matches at the National Tennis Complex yesterday.

In the day's matches, Amal posted a 6-1, 6-1 win over Iftekhar Ahmed, Mamun outplayed Mahmudul Haque 6-0, 6-1, Asmatullah defeated Bashir Gazi 6-3, 5-7, 6-0, Babulal beat Chunnu 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, Dipulal overcame Mazharul 6-1, 7-6 and Yousuf handed Russell a 6-3, 6-3 defeat.

Besides, four second round and five quarterfinal clashes of boy's under-16 group were also held yesterday.

The tournament will resume at 8:00 am today at the same venue.

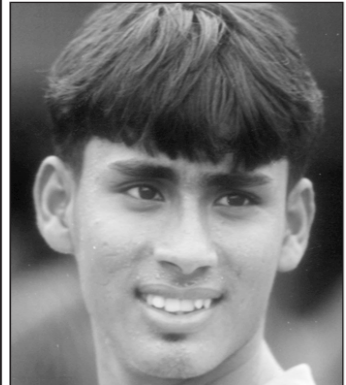
## Ashrafal gets the chop

### 20-man preliminary squad named

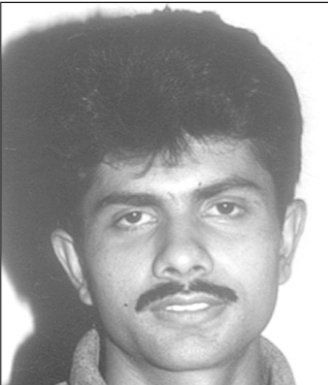


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Mohammad Ashrafal was one of three cricketers to get the axe when the selectors named a 20-member preliminary list for Bangladesh's home series against England next month.



MOHAMMAD ASHRAFAL



SANWAR HOSSAIN



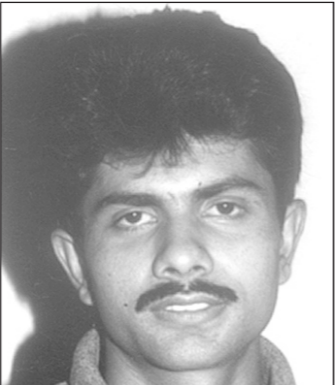
MONJURUL ISLAM

gest centurion on Test debut, had only been dropped once for a series before his latest omission.

After his astonishing debut innings against Sri Lanka exactly two years ago when he scored 114, the prodigious right-hander never lived up to that promise. Till date, he has scored only 592 runs in 15 Tests at an average of 20.41.

After a miserable tour of

Australia, Ashrafal made an encouraging 77 in the first innings of the second Test against Pakistan in Peshawar during the Tigers' recently concluded tour. But his next three innings fetched 7, 12 and 3 runs. In the one-day international series, Ashrafal was absolutely down in the dumps after losing his wicket in the very first over in three consecutive matches.



### PRIMARY SQUAD

Hannan Sarkar, Javed Omar, Habibul Bashar, Rajin Saleh, Alok Kapali, Mushfiqur Rahman, Khaled Mashud, Khaled Mahmud, Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza, Tapas Kumar Baishya, Mohammad Rafique, Tushar Imran, Hasibul Hossain, Alamgir Kabir, Moniruzzaman, Anwar Hossain Munir, Tariq Aziz Khan, Fahim Muntasir, Mohammad Salim and Mosaddek Hossain.



His ODI statistics is also poor. Having played 24 games, Ashrafal has scored a meager 326 runs with two fifties. Sanwar played only one Test in Pakistan and made 15 and 3. He also featured in the first ODI in Multan and scored 19 runs. He failed to make any impact with his off spin bowling in those outings. Monjurul couldn't impress the selectors following his innocuous performance in Pakistan. He was sent back home along with Javed



PHOTO: AFP

UNITY IS STRENGTH: Players of India hockey team form a chain after defeating arch-rivals Pakistan to win the Men's Asia Cup in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

## BCB's Tk 10 lakh offer!

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The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) came up with a lucrative bonus scheme for the national team in an effort to end their losing streak.

"Bangladesh team can expect to earn Tk 10 lakh if they win any match," said BCB media committee chairman Reazuddin Al Mamun after a meeting yesterday.

The Board has also decided to honour all-rounder Alok Kapali with a cash prize for his historic hat-trick against Pakistan. The leg-spinner wrote his name into the record books with his amazing spell in the second Test in Peshawar.

Besides, the rewards, the meeting also announced a fresh list of 11 players on the Board's payroll. Previously there were six paid cricketers.

Of the original six, the three survivors are top batsman Habibul Bashar, wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud and young Kapali.

They will be joined by Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud, opener Hannan Sarkar, Javed Omar, seamer Tapas Kumar Baishya, wicketkeeper Rajin Saleh, left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique, and all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman.

The three unlucky players omitted from the pay-list include batsmen Sanwar Hossain, Al-Shahriar and left-arm seamer Manjurul Islam.

But the Board was yet to fix the grades for the 11 players on its payroll. "We will seek the advice of the coach and selectors before announcing the grades," said Mamun.

## SAARC Carrom First gold for Bangladesh

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh clinched their first gold in the 7th SAARC Countries Carrom Championship when they won the mixed doubles at National Sports Council yesterday.

Bangladesh's Jahangir and Dalia Das defeated Indian pair Ashoke Gowda and K Subarna to achieve the feat for the country. This is for the first time that Bangladesh defeated India, who won the event in the first six editions, to grab the gold.

Sri Lanka secured the third spot while Maldives finished fourth. However, it wasn't all a bad day for India as they captured four gold medals men's team and doubles and women's team and doubles.

Sri Lanka became runners-up in men's team, doubles and women's doubles competition while Maldives took the silver in the women's team event.

## Pepsi volleyball Kushtia enter final round

BSS, Dhaka

Kushtia have qualified for the final round of the Pepsi inter-district volleyball championship in Sagardari Zone as the zonal champions.

Kushtia defeated Narail and Jessore, both by 3-0, to clinch the top spot.

Jessore beat Narail 3-1 in the other encounter of the meet.

## U-19 WC battlelines drawn



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meeting chaired by State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman.

But the official unveiling of the World Youth Cup logo will take place on November 11 at city hotel. ICC president Ehsan Mani and chief executive Malcolm Speed will be present on the occasion.

Bangladesh have been pencilled in the Group C along with India, New Zealand and Scotland.

Ten Test playing nations and six associate members of the world body will take part in the competition. The teams will be split into four groups spread across eight different venues in the country.

After the six-day first round encounters, the top two finishers from each group will play in an eight-team Super League round (Cup round) while the rest will concentrate on the Plate section.

The Cup final will be held on March 5 at the big bowl with the

Plate final taking place at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium a day earlier.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport, tournament director Roquibul Hasan said on Sunday that there was one major change in the playing conditions.

"All matches after the first round would continue into a second day without break. But in the case of the Cup final if a game is weather-affected, then it will played on the reserve day," he said.

**GROUPS**  
**GROUP A:** Australia, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Canada (Rajshahi Divisional Stadium & Bogra Stadium).  
**GROUP B:** South Africa, England, Nepal and runners-up team from Africa-Europe region (MA Aziz Stadium and Chittagong Divisional Stadium).

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PHOTO: STAR

India's Ashoke Gowda takes a strike while his partner K Subarna watches during their mixed doubles final against Bangladeshi pair of Dalia Das (R) and Jahangir in the SAARC Countries Carrom Championship yesterday.

## Welcome Barmy Army



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"We are receiving encouraging responses from the English fans. Around a hundred have already sent their papers to us for tickets and hotel reservations," Bangladesh Cricket Board's secretary for Tickets and Seating Committee Tariq Chowdhury told The Daily Star yesterday.

The presence of the lively band of English fans will certainly add the colour to England's maiden tour of Bangladesh.

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that enclosure. I hope they will enjoy the view from that part of the stadium," said Tariq who also informed that each English fan will have to pay Taka 400 to watch a Test match and Taka 700 for a one-day in Dhaka.

The secretary of the sitting committee also disclosed that they have fixed the rates of two types of hospitality boxes at the BNS. The cost of an AC box is Taka 60,000 while a non-AC will cost Taka 40,000.

Rate of tickets for the western and eastern galleries have been fixed at Taka 40 and 30 respectively for the two one-day matches.

Meanwhile, the western part of

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## India Asian kings

AFP, Kuala Lumpur



India emerged as champions of the 6th Asia Cup when they defeated arch-rivals Pakistan 4-2 in a classic encounter at the Na-tional Hockey Stadium.

India's first win in the tournament since its inception in 1982 gives them an automatic place at the 2006 World Cup which will be held in Germany.

The 10,000 fans that had packed the stadium were treated to a masterly display of attacking hockey by the two Asian giants and in the end it was the clinical finishing of the Indians that won the day.

India went on the offensive and made a few early forays into the Pakistani semi-circle without much success.

However they were awarded a penalty corner in the 6th minute and Kanwalpreet Singh's hefty hit bounced off the pads of Pakistan's

goalkeeper Ahmad Alam and sailed into the goal to give India the lead.

In the very next minute though Pakistan were back on level terms when Sohail Abbas converted a penalty corner.

India were stunned but never got their act together in defence where Dilip Tirkey was a bunch of nerves.

And when Sohail was presented with another penalty corner in the 13th minute, he sent a flick into the top left-hand corner of Devesh Chauhan's goal to give Pakistan a 2-1 lead.

However India fought back and were back on level terms in the 16th minute when Gagan Ajit Singh deflected Dilip Tirkey's attempt from a penalty corner into goal.

Though both teams tried to break the deadlock they trooped off the pitch at halftime tied at 2-2.

The second half of the match was less exciting, with both India and Pakistan unwilling to take risks and the battle mostly centered in the middle of the pitch.

But two minutes from time India went 3-2 ahead when Ignace Tirkey

scored after a fine individual run.

And when Pakistan threw men into the attack, India snatched another goal through Prabhjot Singh.

"All credit to the players for an outstanding performance. They played some of the best hockey I have seen them play," said Indian coach Rajinder Singh.

"They never gave up and in the end it was our finishing that won the match for us."

In the match to determine the 3/4 placing, South Korea defeated Japan 4-2. You Hyo Sik gave the Koreans lead in the 19th minute but Japan drew level in the 29th minute through Takahiko Yamabori who converted a penalty corner.

Lee Jung Seon made it 2-1 in the 33rd minute to give Korea a 2-1 halftime lead.

Lee scored from yet another penalty corner in the 54th minute to give Korea a 3-1 lead.

Though Japan reduced the deficit when skipper Kenichi Katayama scored four minutes later, Lee scored Korea's fourth in the 69th minute.

## Dalmiya demands WC cash



AFP/REUTERS, Calcutta

Indian cricket board president Jagmohan Dalmiya on Sunday set a November 1 deadline for the International Cricket Council (ICC) to release India's share of World Cup money before it takes legal action.

"We will resort to arbitration and appoint appropriate agencies to investigate the claims if the money is not released by that date," Dalmiya said shortly after winning his third term at the helm.

The ICC withheld India's share of the proceeds due to damage claims

from its financial agencies, the Global Cricket Corporation (GCC) and World Sport Nimbus, who said they suffered financial losses from a contracts row involving Indian players.

Dalmiya said that since at least two main sponsors, Pepsi and Hero-Honda, were not interested in any claims, there was no reason to hold back the 6.5 million dollars due to the Indian board.

"The sponsors are not rigid and the GCC's claims of loss of revenue from TV advertisements, too, is not convincing as there was a record booking of advertisements during this year's World Cup," he said.

Dalmiya criticised the ICC's financial wing for launching "frivolous and fictitious claims," and its

poor marketing of the tournament.

The Indian board also formally approved the implementation of a graded contracts system for international players, but no details were immediately available.

Meanwhile, Indian officials have asked the ICC to extend its 10-year Test Championship programme by at least two years to ease the pressure on players.

"The 10-year programme is too cramped," Dalmiya said on Sunday. "To play countries four times, twice at home and twice away in that period, is too tough," he told a news conference after the board's two-day annual general meeting which raised concerns over the volume of

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## BCB picks 20 for A, President's XI squads

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has named 20 players for both Bangladesh A and BCB President's XI to play against England next month.

England arrive here on October 8 to play two Tests and three one-day internationals.

The BCB President's selection will play a three-day practice match against the Englishmen in Dhaka over October 12-14 while Bangladesh A play another three-day series also in Dhaka from October 16.

The selected players are: Hannan Sarkar, Humayun Kabir, Ali Arman, Nafis Iqbal, Moniruzzaman, Rajin Saleh, Aftab Ahmed, Nazimuddin, Ashiqur Rahman, Kafi Khan, Mushfiqur Rahman, Enamul Haque jnr, Nadif Chowdhury, Arafat Sunny, Ali Arman, Talha Jubair, Gazi Alamgir, Tareq Aziz Khan, Anwar Hossain Munir, Ziaur Rahman and Anwar Hossain.

But from the above list only four players Humayun Kabir, Ali Arman, Gazi Alamgir and Anwar Hossain have been instructed to report to Calton Barnardus at the Bangladesh National Stadium at 3:30pm on October 30.



PHOTO: STAR

Sports World's Nasir in action against Nadim of Khelaghar (not in picture) on the opening day of the AB Bank Metropolis First Division Table Tennis League at the NSC Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday. Sports World won the game.