

# Bulbul sends HK on a spin

Sports Reporter

**Aminul Islam Bulbul**, the brilliant allrounder of Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club, turned in a virtuoso performance to help Bangladesh, the reigning champions, begin their campaign in the third South East Asian ICC Associate Members' cricket championship with a bang in Singapore yesterday.

Hong Kong lost their way after a fine start by their openers Atkinson and Fordham in the face of some accurate off-spin bowling by the dark, athletic Bulbul who claimed six wickets for only 19 runs from ten overs to restrict Hong Kong to 141 for nine wickets in 50 overs. Bangladesh had hardly any problem knocking off the necessary runs for victory for the loss of three wickets.

Hong Kong, who won the inaugural match against Malaysia by 69 runs on Monday were put in to bat by Bangladesh skipper Minhazul Abedin Nannu. Openers Fordham and Atkinson started cautiously against Saiful and Prince, the two Bangladeshi new ball bowlers, but kept the scoreboard moving, albeit slowly.

Although the pair never looked like taking on the Bangladeshi bowlers, the fact that the vastly superior Bangladesh attack failed to meet with any early success

was quite embarrassing. After having tried almost every bowler at his disposal Nannu, who captained Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club last year, turned to his teammate Bulbul and the spinner immediately had Fordham taken behind the stumps by wicket-keeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu for



BULBUL...man-of-match

34. The GMCC stumper was in the scene again when he caught Atkinson, the highest scorer with 65, off slow medium-bowler Athar Ali Khan of Brothers Union.

Saiful Islam, the GMCC opening bowler, trapped Eames leg before for 10 and the floodgates were opened with Bulbul running through the Hong Kong batting like a

hot knife through butter. Five batsmen were bowled, playing mostly across the line and the whole side managed only 141 for nine from their stipulated quota of overs.

Bulbul, who mixed armers in his fastish offbreaks to a devastating effect, finished with the flattering figures of six for 19.

Saiful Islam, too, had an impressive debut in international cricket outside Bangladesh with figures of two for 18.

Athar Ali Khan produced a tight spell of one for 18 from ten overs.

Azhar Hossain Shantu, the bespectacled Mohammedans opener, gave Bangladesh a solid start with Abahani skipper Farouque Ahmed. Shantu scored 27 and Farouque made a rather slow 31 to rule out any possibility of a fightback by the Hong Kong bowlers.

Bulbul, who came in at one-drop, played a flowing innings of 45, embellished with one six and four fours before holing out to Thomson for Foster.

Skipper Nannu with 21 and Akram Khan of Abahani with 12 remained at the kill as Bangladesh posted 142 for three wickets with eight overs to spare.

Foster was the most successful Hong Kong bowler bagging two for 19 from eight overs. Bangladesh take on hosts Singapore today.

## SCOREBOARD

HONG KONG				
S Atkinson c Nasu b Athar Ali	65			
P Fordham c Nasu b Bulbul	34			
M Eames lbw b Saiful	10			
S Foster b Bulbul	1			
N Stearns b Bulbul	2			
L Beaman not out	6			
N Parera lbw b Saiful	0			
R Sujjanani b Bulbul	1			
Y Vachha b Bulbul	0			
B Goel b Bulbul	0			
D Crowe not out	0			
Extras	14			
Total (for nine wickets in 50 overs)	141			
Bangladesh				
A H Shantoo c Fordham b Foster	27			
F Ahmed c Beaman b Vachha	31			
A J Bulbul c Thompson b Foster	45			
M A Nannu not out	21			
Akram Khan not out	12			
Extras	6			
Total (for three wickets in 42 overs)	142			
Bangladesh				
D Crowe	7	2	27	0
M Parera	3	1	11	0
R Sujjanani	4	0	15	0
B Goel	10	1	39	0
Y Vachha	8	0	20	1
L Beaman	2	0	5	0
S Foster	8	1	19	2

## Marshall for Natal

JOHANNESBURG, June 16: West Indian fast bowler Malcolm Marshall has signed a contract to play for South African provincial side Natal, the club announced Monday, reports AP.

Natal Cricket Union chief executive Brian Short told independent Radio 702 that the former West Indian Test star would help boost Natal's domestic ambitions.

Short denied that Marshall, 34, was too getting past his best, saying the Barbadian was



MALCOLM MARSHALL

"As vicious as he ever was," and would fit in well with the team which includes South Africa's World Cup player Jonty Rhodes.

Marshall arrives in South Africa in September and will also help Natal cricket's development programme.

## Russians take unbeatable lead

MANILA, June 16: World Champion Gary Kasparov on Monday crushed American Gaia Kamsky to give the Russian team a virtually unbeatable tournament lead of 3.5-0.5 over the United States in the 30th World Chess Olympiad in Manila, reports Reuter.

Kasparov took advantage of several mistakes by Kamsky in the middle game to win his fourth straight match in 41 moves of a King's Indian defence.

"It seems that we are the winners of the Olympiad," Russian team captain Yuri Razuvayev told reporters after the squad seized a 3.5 point lead over the Netherlands, a team they have beaten in an earlier round and which was running second.

"We had a very bad day," said a grim Kamsky, who had accused the world champion of trying to sabotage his career while he was living in the Soviet Union.

"I lost the game in which I was fighting to win. I made several mistakes in the middle game," Kamsky added.

English team captain Michel Stean practically conceded the title to the Russians after his squad played to a 2-2 draw with Armenia.

"We shall be the champions

of the next Olympiad. Our team did not play well today," Stean said.

With one-half of the 14-round tournament completed, the Russians have beaten every challenger to the title and it will be difficult for the other teams to catch up with them, chess experts at the tournament said.

"The Russians have such a big advantage that it will be very difficult to catch them, even if there are still seven rounds to go," declared Ukraine's vassily Ivanchuk after leading his team to a 3-1 thrashing of Bulgaria.

The Ukraine's women's team retained a narrow lead over Georgia when Alissa Galiamova-Ivanchuk, wife of Vassily, defeated Zhaoqin Peng of China in 45 moves of an English opening to give her team a 1-0 lead.

The two other games were adjourned but experts expect the Ukrainians to pick up another victory.

"Georgia's women's team drew with the good games, and win the gold medal," Galiamova-Ivanchuk said.

Former world championship challenger Viktor Korchnoi played his first game in the tournament against Lev Paakhis of Israel in the seventh round.

Korchnoi had an eye operation in Switzerland, forcing

him to miss the first six rounds of the Olympiad. The 18-day tournament ends on June 25.

## STANDINGS

Standings after seventh-round games Monday:

MEN	
22.5	Russia
19	Netherlands
18.5	Georgia, Uzbekistan, Ukraine
18	Armenia, Iceland, Czechoslovakia, England, Hungary
17.5	United States
17	Austria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kyrgyzstan
16.5	Norway, Lithuania, Estonia (one adjourned)
16.5	Sweden, Bulgaria
16	Israel, Latvia (one adjourned)
16	Romania
15.5	Peru, Germany (one adjourned)
WOMEN	
15.5	Ukraine (two adjourned)
15	Georgia
14	Germany, United States
13.5	Romania, Hungary, Kyrgyzstan, Estonia, Poland
13	Latvia
12.5	Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Croatia, Moldova, Indonesia, China
12	Russia, England
11.5	Lithuania, Bulgaria
11	Mongolia, Spain, Bosnia-Herzegovina

## Small holds up Hampshire

LONDON, June 16: Leaders Hampshire were denied their fourth win in seven county championship cricket matches by a defiant innings from England pace bowler Gladstone Small on Monday, reports Reuter.

Small helped Warwickshire to force a draw on the third and final day at Edgbaston after they were reduced to 167 for seven in pursuit of a victory target of 257 in 62 overs.

Dutch paceman Paul Jan Bakker, who did the early damage with three for 24, and off-spinner Shaun Udal, who undermined the middle order with three wickets, thrust Hampshire in sight of success.

But Small, in stands with Allan Donald, survived the final 15 overs to guide Warwickshire to 198 for eight at the finish.

Earlier, Hampshire opener Tony Middleton made 77, leaving him 16 runs short of becoming the first batsman to reach 1,000 in first-class cricket this season. His total of 984 have been scored at an average of 109.33.

Hampshire are 16 points ahead of both Northamptonshire, who did not have a championship match, and Durham, whose injury-hit side lost by 190 runs to champions Essex at Hartlepool.

Durham, needing 370 off 87 overs, lost middle order batsman Phil Bainbridge with a broken arm and were further hampered because Australian Dean Jones had to go in at number six instead of number three because of the time he spend off the field injured on Saturday.

Durham were dismissed for 179, former England pace bowler Neil Foster taking four for 49.

Off-spinner Jeremy Batty and slow left-arm bowler Phil Carrick grabbed seven wickets between them as Yorkshire sent Derbyshire crashing for 74 at Harrogate — the lowest first-class total so far this season.

Batty took four for 34 for a match haul of eight for 115 and Carrick had three for 18 as Yorkshire won by an innings and four runs.

## Bubka top draw at Lausanne

LAUSANNE, June 16: Sergei Bubka, the greatest pole vaulter in the history of athletics, will be the top attraction in the Lausanne Grand Prix athletics meeting on July 8, organisers said on Monday, reports Reuter.

Ukrainian Bubka, 28, set his 30th world record on Saturday when he cleared 6.11 at a meeting in Dijon, France.

He also holds the indoor record of 6.13 and broke the indoor and outdoor marks four times each last year.

## DMBA bridge

The pair-of-the-month duplicate bridge contest of the Dhaka Metropolitan Bridge Association (DMBA) will be held on Friday, June 19 at 3:30 pm at the Bangladesh Bank Club premises, says a DMBA press release.

Players who have secured 50 per cent or more in match points in the DMBA's weekly contests held since the last monthly contest, will be eligible to participate.

## Booters go to Bangkok today

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The twenty-five member Bangladesh football contingent led by manager Dr Musa Qadri leaves Dhaka for Bangkok this afternoon to take part in the Group Five qualifying competition for the Asian Cup championship to be held from June 19 to 23.

Rizvi Karim Rumi of First Division league champions Abahani Krira Chakra and Syed Rumman-bin-Wali Shabbir of the runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club are the captain and vice-captain respectively.

The team includes 20 players and five officials. The players are:

Goalies: Mohsin (Abahani) and Kanan (Mohammedans). Defenders: Kaiser Hamid, S h a m i m, Jewel (Mohammedans), Munna, Rehan, Masud Rana (Abahani), Pijush Nandi and Ataur (Brothers).

Midfielders: Shabbir, Titu (Mohammedans), Alamgir, Zakir (Abahani) and Rupu (Brothers).

Forwards: Rumi, Ghaus, Mamun, Aslam (Abahani) and Naqub (Mohammedans).

The officials are: Manager: Dr Musa Qadri; Asst Manager: Enayetur Rahman; Coach: Kaikobad; Asst Coach: Pran Gobinda Kundu and Physio: Dr Mahbubur Rahman.

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## B'ball coaching

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A basketball coaching session under national coach Mahtabur Rahman Bulbul will be held at 4 pm on Saturday, June 20 at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium, says a press release of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation.

Interested trainees have been asked to attend the session on time.

first match against South Korea on June 19 and hosts Thailand on June 23.

Only the champions of this three-nation qualifying group will move into the finals, to be held in Hiroshima, Japan from October 28 to November 8.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka met the team members at the BFF office yesterday evening to give them a send off.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh team rounded off their brief preparations with a friendly match against Lalbagh Sporting Club at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

The national team won the match three-nil with Aslam, Ghaus and Masud Rana scoring one each.

Bangladesh, who have the unenviable task of topping in a group which includes Asian football giants South Korea to qualify for the next round are entering the fray, virtually to make up the numbers in the three-nation meet. Coach Kaikobad, whose abilities as a coach came under fire following the crucial league match between champions Abahani and Mohammedans which the latter lost on June 7, has already given vent to his pessimism over the chances of the side in Bangkok.

Attributing his worries to the injuries suffered by some of the key players and the inadequate time for camping, the former Mohammedan player technically ruled the possibility of even a hope against hope.

Jewel Rana, the tall Mohammedan stopper who was hurt in the Mohammedan Abahani match joined the camp only on the penultimate day. One wonders why the Bangladesh Football Federation selected a player, not yet fully fit, for a tournament where

even the staunchest patriot will not give Bangladesh a chance. If Jewel did not look like standing the medical test some body else could have been tried simply because the prospect of Bangladesh finishing third in the three-team contest is more or less a foregone conclusion.

South Korea, who took part in the previous two World Cups in 1986 and '90, are the runaway favourites although hosts Thailand and the advantage of home ground and crowd support are expected to give the favourites a tough fight.

The qualitative difference between the standards of the Bangladesh team and its rivals in the tournament is all too glaring. Observers feel that the football authorities of the country have muffed a fine chance of injecting young blood in the national team. If best wishes are enough to carry a side through, then there will be no dearth of it. Bon Voyage!

Becker sacked coach

LONDON, June 16: Boris Becker continued his grass court preparations for Wimbledon on Monday after confirming reports he had split with Czechoslovak coach Tomas Smid, reports Reuter.

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## Courier, Seles top Wimbledon seeds

WIMBLEDON, June 16: The All-England Club kept to the world rankings Monday to install Jim Courier and Monica Seles as the top seeds for Wimbledon. But officials ignored the computer to elevate Boris Becker into the top four, reports AP.

Wimbledon begins next Monday. The draw will be held Tuesday morning.

Although Courier is not considered a grasscourt expert, Wimbledon officials could not overlook his dominance on the men's tour. He won the French Open a week ago, taking him halfway to a Grand Slam following his victory in the Australian Open in January.

"He's undoubtedly the No 1 at the moment," said Wimbledon referee Alan Mills. "There was never any doubt about his being seeded first."

Courier reached the quarterfinals at Wimbledon last year. During the French Open, he said he felt he could "beat anyone on any surface."

Stefan Edberg, a two-time Wimbledon champion who is ranked No 2 in the world, was

seeded second.

But Pete Sampras, ranked No 3, was bumped to No 5 in the seedings while defending champion Michael Stich and three-time champion Becker each moved up one spot to Nos 3 and 4.

The move avoids having Edberg, Becker and Stich — the last three champions — in the same half of the draw. The seedings also allow for a potential rematch of last year's final between Becker and Stich.

Sampras, winner of the US Open in 1990, has never gone past the second round in three appearances at Wimbledon.

Mills said the decision was based strictly on grass-court records.

"Stich is the reigning champion and obviously a grass-court player, and Becker's performances over the last few years are second to none," he said. "Sampras really has not done a tremendous amount. It was purely and simply a question of present performance over the last years."

Petra Korda, who lost to Courier in the French Open finals, was seeded sixth, followed by Michael Chang, Goran Ivanisevic, Guy Forget

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## Lewis & Burrell: Good friends — very keen rivals

NEW YORK, June 16: Carl Lewis, ceaselessly searching for new challenges, spends six to seven hours a day in his new clothing boutique between training sessions, reports Reuter.

Meanwhile, his heir-apparent Leroy Burrell toils on the track, striving to turn a childhood dream into Olympic reality.

Almost daily they train alongside one another at the University of Houston. World 100 metres record holder Lewis and Burrell, the club teammate and close friend from whom Lewis snatched the mark on a hot August night in Tokyo last year.

Bonded in friendship and the quest for the ultimate in human speed, they are a rare pair, teammates who happen to be the two best 100 metres sprinters in the world.

The Barcelona Games will probably be Lewis' last Olympics and certainly the first for Burrell, barring a major upset at the US Olympic trials in New Orleans this week.

Although he refuses to call Barcelona his farewell party, the 31-year-old Lewis wants four golds as in his first Olympics eight years ago.

"I hope I have an Olympics just like Los Angeles and Seoul

put together," Lewis said in an interview. "L.A. I won all golds. Seoul, I didn't win all golds, but both meets I had the best meets of the year."

Except for mechanical mistakes, I would have jumped 30 feet (9.14 metres) in Tokyo," said Lewis, who saw his 10-year long-jump winning streak and Bob Beamon's 23-year-old record crumble before a massive 8.95 metres leap by fellow-American Mike Powell at the World Championships.

Still, three times Lewis leaped 8.84 metres or better in Tokyo, a brilliant performance that included everything Lewis could have sought—except for victory and the world record most assumed would eventually be his.

"If I had broken the world record and won at Tokyo, I would have stopped long jumping," Lewis said.

"It's very hard to do both," he added, citing the wear and tear of pounding the take-off board and then plopping into the landing pit sand at high speed.

But he will stay with the event at least for one more season, the success of Powell and the race to be the first past 30 feet (9.14 metres) providing yet another challenge for the ultra-competitive Lewis.

Then there is the rivalry that has never been consumm