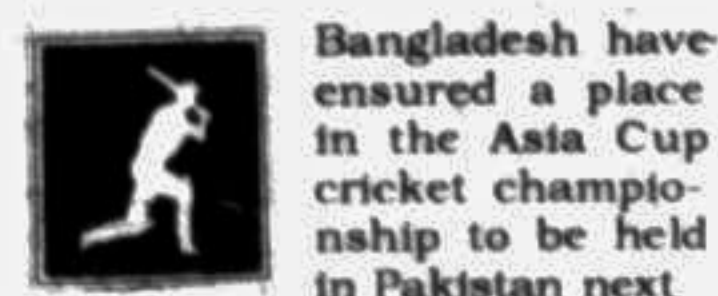


# Bangladesh's third in a row

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh have ensured a place in the Asia Cup cricket championship to be held in Pakistan next October.

Superb exhibition of medium-pace bowling by Saiful Islam of GMCC and Jahangir Talukdar Dulu of Mohammedans helped defending champions Bangladesh to lift the third South East Asian cricket championship with a six-wicket victory over Hong Kong at the Singapore Cricket Club ground yesterday.

Bangladesh, who had won the first two tournaments, held in Dhaka in 1986 and in Hong Kong for 79 as well as a place alongside Pakistan and Sri Lanka in the fifth Asia Cup to be held in Pakistan.

Bangladesh captain Minhazul Abedin Nannu set the mood for the victors by winning the toss and Hong Kong, the runners up of the last two tournaments, were on the dock right from the word go.

Hong Kong opener P Fordham was the first to go when Athar Ali Khan snapped him up off paceman Saiful Islam for seven, with the total reading 17.

Saiful Islam then removed Eames for two and Dulu, the left-arm seamer, got into the act by dismissing Stearns. Foster was clean bowled by Dulu for nought and a Saiful outswinger found the edge of the bat of Davies.

Beaman hung around for some time to score ten.

Opener Atkinson was the top scorer with 23 including two hits to the fence.

Tailender R Fotheringham

threw his bat around to score a quick 15 with the help of one stixer and one four before holing out to Saiful Islam off Azhar Hossain Shantu.

Saiful Islam had the Magical analysis of four wickets for 14 runs. Dulu also claimed four abt expensively giving away 31 runs in the process.

Shantu could bowl only five balls as the Hong Kong innings folded for 79 in 39.5 overs.



SAIFUL .... man-of-match

The Bangladesh batsmen could not have asked for a better gift from their fellow bowlers as they had to score only 80 runs in 50 overs.

Azhar Hossain Shantu and Faruque Ahmed went after the Hong Kong bowling with the latter particularly in a threatening mood.

While Shantu, the Mohammedan opener took some time to find his timing Faruque unleashed a flurry of sweetly-timed strokes.

Faruque scored 42 with the help of seven fours and a six before falling leg before to Sujjanani.

Although skipper Nannu

and Athar fell cheaply, Bangladesh had the match wrapped up in 23.3 overs, for the loss of four wickets with Bulbul and Akram Khan remaining there at the kill.

After Faruque Ahmed opener Azhar Hossain Shantu was the only other batsmen to reach the double figures apart from ten by Mr Sundries.

L Beaman stuck to his gun manfully claiming two for 12.



FARUQUE ... 42

Sujjanani and Crowe got one apiece among the Hong Kong bowlers.

Saiful Islam, the young Bangladesh medium pacer was named man-of-the-match for his superb bowling feat.

Bangladesh High Commissioner Ghiasuddin Ahmed Chowdhury witnessed the match and presented Saiful and Jahangir Talukdar Dulu \$100 cheques for their fine show with the leather.

Aminul Huq Moni secretary of Bangladesh Cricket Control Board congratulated Bangladesh team over telephone.

## SCOREBOARD

HONG KONG  
S Atkinson run out 23  
P Fordham c Athar Ali b Saiful 7

M Eames c Dulu b Saiful 2  
N Stearns c Nasir b Dulu 7  
S Foster b Dulu 0  
E Davies c Nasir b Saiful 2

L Beaman c Faruque b Saiful 10  
R Sujjanani c Akram b Dulu 0  
D Crowe not out 4  
D Gohel b Dulu 0

R Fotheringham c Saiful b Shantoo 15  
Extras: (b-4, w-2, nb-3) 9  
Total: (all out in 39.5 overs) 79

Fall of wks: 1-17; 2-25; 3-43; 4-44; 5-46; 6-58; 7-58; 8-59; 9-59; 10-79.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Prince	6	1	11	0
Saiful	10	4	14	4
Athar Ali	2	0	6	0
Dulu	8	1	32	4
Moni	10	5	9	0
Bulbul	3	2	2	0
Shantoo	5	0	1	1

BANGLADESH  
Shantoo c R Sujjanani b D Crowe 15

Faruque lbw b R Sujjanani 42  
Athar Ali c N Stearns b L Beaman 7

Nannu lbw b L Beaman 3  
Bulbul not out 4  
Akram not out 0

Extras: (b-2, lb-1, w-5, nb-2) 10  
Total: (for four wks in 23.3 overs) 81

Fall of wks: 1-26; 2-70; 3-77; 4-77

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
D Crowe	6	1	17	1
R Fotheringham	3	0	14	0
B Gohel	4	1	21	0
G Davies	3	0	8	0
L Beaman	4	3	12	2
R Sujjanani	3	1	6	1

## Karatekas shine in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, June 21: The Bangladesh karate team became runners-up in the second South Asian karate competition held in Kathmandu from 17 to 20 June, reports BSS.

Nepal, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Bhutan participated in the competition.

The 29-member Bangladesh team won two gold, two silver and ten bronze medals.

Nepal became the champions, India third and Pakistan fourth in the competition.

Gold medal winners from Bangladesh were Miss Khuku Moni and Kartik Chandra Sutradhar.

The Bangladesh team was accorded a warm reception at the embassy on their well-deserved victory.

## Schools TT from today

Sports Reporter

The four-day Green Delta Schools table tennis tournament gets under way this afternoon at the National Sports Council gymnasium.

State Minister for Textiles Major (Rtd) MA Mannan will inaugurate the competition.

Organised by the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation, 146 participants including 20 girls of a record number of 33 schools will be taking part in the meet.

The prize-giving ceremony will be held on June 25.

## Div II basketball from tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The 1992 Second Division basketball league under the aegis of the Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation will get under way tomorrow, Tuesday at the Outer Stadium wooden floor gymnasium.

The ten teams are taking part in this year's league. They are, Kurmitola Young Star Club, Mitford Friends Club, Rising Force SC, MCCD Club, Thunders Club, Saint Joseph's Jazz Club, Fleet Club, Flame Boys Club, Kurmitola Apollo Club and Boxy Bazar Club.

On the opening day, Kurmitola Young Star Club will take Mitford Friends Club at 4:30 pm while Flame Boys Club will play Kurmitola Apollo Club and Boxy Bazar Club will clash with Rising Force on June 24 at 4:30 and 5:30 pm respectively.

## Seles prefers to be a Y'slav

LONDON, June 21: Monica Seles will be listed as a Yugoslav at Wimbledon after all, reports Reuter.

Tournament referee Alan Mills said on Saturday the organisers had been told Seles had changed her mind about a request to be listed from Sarasota, Florida, rather than her native Yugoslavia. "We have now heard she wants to be listed as Yugoslav, so that's it," Mills said.

Georgina Clark, senior tour director of the Women's Tennis Association, said earlier this week that Seles asked for the listing in Florida, where she lives, to avoid political controversy.

A Croatian diplomat in London has warned of possible demonstrations if Seles plays as a Yugoslav.

# A dramatic day's play at Lord's Pace pair earns Pak win

LONDON, June 21: Pakistan defeated England by two wickets in the second cricket Test at Lord's.

England's attack broke through to bowl them out for 293—a lead of 38.

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## Becker tunes up

LONDON, June 21: Boris Becker completed his Wimbledon build-up with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Gabriel Markus of Argentina in the Vauxhall Cup match between Europe and the Rest of the World at the Roehampton Club on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Becker, who had a tough three-set match against Todd Woodbridge of Australia on Thursday, found his rhythm a lot easier against the 22-year-old from Buenos Aires.

He coped well with the windy conditions at the private club in west London.

## McNeil lifts Eastbourne title

EASTBOURNE, June 21: It was too good to last. Linda Harvey-Wild's giant-killing run at the Eastbourne women's grass court tennis tournament ended Saturday with defeat in the final to Texan Lori McNeil 6-4, 6-4, reports AP.

Unseeded Harvey-Wild, a 21-year-old from Hawthorn Woods, Ill, romped through the tournament, knocking out defending champion and world No 4 Martina Navratilova in the first round.

It was the nine-time Wimbledon champion's first defeat by a player outside the world's top 50 since 1981, and her earliest exit from any tournament since 1981.

But Harvey-Wild, ranked No 64, was asked to play two matches in a day Saturday after her semifinal against Rosilyn Fairbank-Nideffer was washed out Friday night.

Although it was straight-sets 6-1, 6-3 victory Harvey-Wild was obviously suffering in the final.

A fall in the third game didn't help either — aggravating an injury to her heavily strapped left knee, damaged at Wimbledon 12 months ago.

At the next changeover she took a three minute injury break to receive on-court treatment.

"My knee started hurting a little and I was glad to get it treated. I was a little scared about it," Harvey-Wild said. "The wind seemed to effect me more than her. She coped with it very well. She was making her first volleys and covering the court superbly."

Trailling one set and 0-5 in the second Harvey-Wild almost made a miraculous comeback as the swirling gale force wind played havoc with McNeil's game.

For the 28-year-old from Houston, the victory was the perfect leadup for Wimbledon, starting Monday.

"It's a great feeling," she said. "It has given me a lot of confidence for next week, though I've now got to put Eastbourne behind me and treat Wimbledon as another tournament."

"I got a few jitters when she came back in the second set. She started going for her shots and I just tried to stick in there. The conditions were really difficult."

Wimbledon doubles favourites Jana Novotna of Czechoslovakia and Larisa Savchenko-Neiland of Latvia, warmed up for Wimbledon with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Americans Mary Joe Fernandez and Zina Garrison.

## Mixed showing by Short, Timman

MANILA, June 21: The two players who will battle for the title to challenge world chess champion Garri Kasparov next year have shown mixed



NIGEL SHORT

form at the 30th World Chess Olympiad in Manila, reports Reuter.

Nigel Short, a guitar-playing Englishman, has lost three games and won twice while Jan Timman, who wanted to play football for Ajax of Amsterdam, has won three and lost one in nine games.

In comparison, Kasparov has struck up six wins against top ranked opponents, including Ukrainian Vassily Ivanchuk and American Gata Kamsky.

"I will play that match against Kasparov," Short declared.

"It has been a good Olympiad, but my score has not been so good," he added, dismissing suggestions his

poor form may affect his chances in the match against Timman.

"My results so far are not so bad but of course it could be better," said Timman, who is the underdog in the upcoming series against Short.



JAN TIMMAN

Timman shrugged off their less than spectacular play, saying they would have had better results if both players were not preparing for their match next January.

Questions about Short's current form were fuelled by losses to Georgia's Zurab Azmaiparashvili, a second of Kasparov, and Italy's Carlos Palermo Garcia, who is rated well below the Englishmen.

But nobody is dismissing Short's chances despite his showing here, especially after he defeated former world champion Anatoly Karpov 6-4 in a 10-game series in the Spanish town of Linares this year to qualify for the finals of the candidates series.

"Nigel Short is going to win that match," declared Mikhail Podgajec, a second of Karpov and the captain of the Ukrainian women's team in the Olympiad.

Kasparov is looking forward to a clash with 27-year-old Short rather than with the 40-year-old Dutchman because it would herald a sharp departure from his usual routine of tangling with the older generation of players like Karpov and Timman.

"It would be more interesting if the challenger is younger. I think it would be more interesting if I play Short in Los Angeles," Kasparov said.

"I prefer Short. His victory over Karpov meant progress for chess. Five matches against Karpov is enough," he added.

Timman, a loner who learned the game by poring over chess books in his father's library, is unfazed by the odds.

"When you play chess, you'll receive no help from any other person. It is a (solitary) fight and a struggle," he stated.

Timman also won his own 10-game series against Russia's Artur Yusupov, 6-4 to earn the right to battle Short, and the Dutchman expects a tremendous battle at the World Championships in Los Angeles.

The victor will get 700,000 dollar put up by German computer company for becoming the first Western player to challenge for the world title since the American legend Bobby Fischer dethroned Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union in 1972.

## Wimbledon begins today: Courier, Seles must justify top billing

LONDON, June 21: It would be difficult to imagine Jim Courier's "American Marine" face wearing a grin any larger than the one which flashed around the world when he pocketed this year's Australian and French Open titles to reach the half-way stage of the Grand Slam, reports AFP.

But with Wimbledon, the third of the season's major championships, looming on Monday, the 21-year-old world number-one is having a pretty good stab at it.

And the reason is that most of his major rivals are having problems.

Three-times champion Boris Becker has lost the only match he has played since his month-long convalescence after a hamstring injury.

And he opens his ninth campaign at the All England Club without a coach after splitting with former Czech Davis Cup player Tomas Smid. Smid, Smid was Becker's third coach in 17 months.

However, the 24-year-old, who staged the nearest thing to a nervous breakdown in public when he argued and cursed himself to defeat against compatriot Michael Stich in last year's final, was happy to be back.

"Each time I come back here I feel something special. It's like coming back home. This is where I was born in

terms of tennis," said Becker who won his first Wimbledon as a 17-year-old in 1985.

Stefan Edberg, who has triumphed twice at the world's most famous tournament, appears to have lost the killer touch and has got into the habit of failing to finish off groggy opponents. It happened at the French Open... and it happened again at Queen's, where he crashed to Japan's underhanded Shuzo Matsuoka in three sets after failing to convert six match points.

Tony Pickard, the 26-year-old London-based Swede's British coach of nine years, admitted: "These past few months have provided Stefan and me with our biggest challenge."

Stich has spent most of the year since winning the most-coveted crown in tennis refusing to speak to the German press because they "hounded" his girlfriend.

He has won only one event — a warm-up grass-court tournament at Rosmalen in the Netherlands last week.

It was a meagre harvest for the serious 6 ft 4 in German after a relatively disappointing season. But at least he should have an easy first-round clash on Monday.

His Italian opponent Stefano Pescosolido has played only one match at Wimbledon, losing a five-setter to Aaron Krickstein in the first round last year.

Andre Agassi was able to

keep the fans on the edge of their seats even before he hit the ball 12