

### Athletes for Asian Juniors leave today

**Sports Reporter**  
An eleven-member Bangladesh athletics team leaves Dhaka for New Delhi today to take part in the fourth Asian junior athletics championships to be held in the Indian capital from November 30 to December 4.

The Bangladesh squad, which includes two officials and five male and four female athletes, will compete in eight different events. These are the 100, 200, 400 and 800m runs, the 4x100 and 4x400 relays, the 400m hurdles and long jump.

Jahangir Faiz and Mohammad Yahya will accompany the team as manager and coach respectively.

Abdur Rahim Naim of Bangladesh Navy, a silver medalist at the fifth SAF Games and national record holder in the 400m hurdles, will contest in the event and two relay races.

Naim's fellow sailor Abdul Bari will also participate in the same events.

Bimal Chandra Tarafder of the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Prottsahan (BKSP) and Mahboob Alam of Bangladesh Ansars will contest in 100 and 200m sprints and two relays while Abu Bakr Siddique will compete in the 400m.

Lovely Begum of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) will contest in the 100m, 200m sprints and two relay races while her teammate Nilufar Begum will enter the long jump, 100m sprint and two relays.

The other two BJMC girls — Lubna Mahmood and Nasima Akhter — will run in the 400m and 800m races and two relays.

This will be Bangladesh's third participation in the Asian junior athletics championships since its inception in 1986 in Singapore.

Milzar Hossain is so far the only Bangladesh athlete to earn medals for the country. He won a silver in the 400m and a bronze in the 800m in the inaugural meet.

### Live TV coverage of SAARC cricket still uncertain

**Sports Reporter**  
Live coverage of the forthcoming SAARC cricket tournament by Bangladesh Television is still uncertain.

The four-nation tourney comprising second-string teams from Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka and hosts Bangladesh will be held from December 3 to 11 at the Dhaka Stadium.

When contacted, Director General of BTV Anisul Huq told The Daily Star last night that since the schedules of the competition clash with the two-day seventh SAARC summit on December 12 and 13 it would be extremely difficult for BTV to telecast live the matches of the tournament.

The two outdoor broadcasting (OB) vans will be installed at the International Conference Centre in the city — the venue for the opening and closing ceremonies of the SAARC summit.

Both functions will be telecast live to all the member countries for which adequate measures have been taken, the DG said.

However, Raisuddin Ahmed, vice-president of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB), told The Daily Star yesterday that he had a talk a couple of days ago with Mustafizur Rahman, General Manager of BTV who reportedly expressed hope about the possibility of telecasting live first two matches of the meet.

When contacted last night Mustafizur Rahman confirmed his dialogue with the BCCB vice-president but said "Live telecast of matches would depend on available technical facilities."

"We would love to telecast live the matches subject to the availability of technical assistance," Mustafiz said.

However, sports lovers feel that BTV should cover the matches live since cricket fans outside Dhaka would not have any access to this tournament without the support of the state-run visual medium.

### FIFA's deadline

ZURICH, Nov 26: Soccer's ruling world body set a Dec. 4 meeting of its executive committee to consider the dispute between Napoli and Sevilla over Argentine striker Diego Maradona, reports AP.

FIFA said in a statement Thursday that Sevilla had informed it Wednesday that they had negotiated the bank guarantees for \$4.5 million and would make them available to Naples "very shortly."

FIFA said it would hold the meeting if the two clubs failed to sort out their differences. Wednesday was the FIFA deadline for Sevilla to place the guarantees with an Italian bank.

# Teams due from Dec 1

**Sports Reporter**  
The fancied Indian cricket team will be the last of the three foreign teams to arrive in the capital to take part in the first-ever SAARC cricket tournament beginning on December 3 in Dhaka.

Led by Test left-arm spinner Maninder Singh the Indian contingent including other Test cricketers like Navjot Singh Sidhu and Salil Ankola is expected to be in Dhaka on December 2, the day before the competition starts.

With the three Test playing countries — India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka sending their second string teams to this championship — world champions Pakistan will be led by Test wicketkeeper Moin Khan and the team is due in the city on December 1.

Also likely to arrive on the same day, are the Sri Lankans who will be captained by Uvaisul Karnain, the former Test allrounder, currently out of reckoning like his Indian and Pakistani counterparts.

Meanwhile, hosts Bangladesh started their tuning up operation at the Dhaka Stadium with 13 of the fourteen selected cricketers reporting on the first day of

practice. Debashish Baroah, the second wicketkeeper of the team, failed to have the feel of the national net for the first time in his life for being out of the city.

Baroah replaced long-serving wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed Nasu and may find a place in the first eleven in any of the minimum three matches for Bangladesh. Bangladesh will play the inaugural match against Sri Lanka on December 3.

With only the players to come to set the stage alight the organisers are busy in facelift of the old Dhaka Stadium. Different sub-committees set up for the smooth running of the nine-day long tourney are working in full swing.

The exotic touch of the tournament is not an end in the participation of the foreign teams. Match officials or umpires will also be here from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. However, Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) is yet to declare the names of the three local umpires to officiate alongside their foreign counterparts.

**PM BUYS TICKET**  
Monycwise, the BCCB however, got into the business yesterday, shooting off the sale of tickets with Prige Minister on

top of its hit-list. Begum Khaleda Zia bought Taka 2000 VIP season ticket to become the first official buyer of the tickets which will be on sale for public from tomorrow, Saturday.

**RATES OF TICKETS**  
Following are the rates of tickets: VIP Gate No One Taka 2000 (season) and 400 (daily); VIP Gate No 2: Taka 1500 (season) and 300 (daily); VIP Gate 3A: Taka 800 (Season) and Taka 150 (daily); VIP Gate 3B Taka 600 (season) and Taka 100 (daily); western gallery: Taka 180 (season) and Taka 30 (daily); eastern gallery: Taka 120 (season) and Taka 20 (daily).

Rates of tickets for the special enclosure through Gate 20 and 21 have been fixed at Taka 300 (season) and Taka 60 (daily).

The season tickets will be available at 12 city branches of Agrani Bank from Saturday.

**MILNARS FROM NOV 28**  
The Milnars First Division cricket league resumes from Saturday, November 28 with Bangladesh Railway taking on Agrani Bank.

Earlier the tournament came to an abrupt end with the weather proving the villain.

## Champs aware of their reputation

**PERTH, Nov 26:** Pakistan has "a big reputation to uphold" after winning the World Cup one-day cricket crown in Melbourne eight months ago, captain Javed Miandad said here Wednesday, reports AFP.

His comments came as his team arrived to prepare for the World Series one-day tournament.

Australia and the West Indies are expected to provide tough competition for Pakistan in the triangular series, starting here on Friday week and concluding with a best-of-three final series in January.

"We certainly have a big reputation to uphold after winning the World Cup in March and then winning the Test series in England 2-1," Miandad said.

"I have told the boys that how we go in this new series depends on us. If we perform well, we will win."

Pakistan recovered from a poor start in the World Cup series to stage a marvellous rally at the crucial stage of the competition.

Pakistan open their tour with a one-day match against a strong Western Australian Country XI in the town of Northam, 100 kilometres (62 miles) east of here, on Sunday.

**AUSSIES TIPPED**  
An AP report from Perth adds: Javed Miandad Thursday predicted that Australia would have the edge over the West Indies in the five-Test series that begins Friday in Brisbane.

"Both teams seem to be even and each has the talent to win the series," said Miandad.

"I think the Australians

have the advantage because they will be playing on their home soil, but the Test series

International Cricket Council) and we are happy for them to look into it."

Senior England batsman Allan Lamb was fined by the Test and County Cricket Board over his comments about the alleged Pakistani ball-tampering in an English newspaper.

During the tour of England, which immediately followed the World Cup, the Pakistanis lost a one-day series 4-1 to the home nation.

But Miandad said it would be a mistake to presume Pakistan was slipping from their position as the world's best limited-overs team.

"A lot of things can happen in such a game like one-day cricket and because of that you can't win all the time," he said. "Situations can turn around so quickly."

Pakistan will open the World Series tournament with a day-night match against the West Indies in Perth on Dec 5.

The tourists will play warm-up match against the West Australian Invitation XI in Northam, east of Perth, on Sunday.

## JU cricket

**By JU Correspondent**  
Department of Statistics registered a massive 59-run victory over Department of English in the Jahangirnagar University inter-department cricket tournament at the University playground yesterday.

Batting first Statistic Department amassed 185 runs for the loss of seven wickets in the stipulated 30 overs with Nazrul Islam making 59 and skipper Arif 25 runs.

Sharif and Fahim captured two wickets apiece for English Department.

Facing a huge total the students of literature soon lost heart and were bundled out for paltry 108.

Zubair topscored with 37 with the help of some boundaries while Sharif and Fahim got 15 runs each.

Skipper Arif took three wickets conceding 11 runs and Karim bagged two for 16. Nazrul Islam of Statistics Department was adjudged the man-of-the-match for his fine half century.

## SAARC meet today

**Sports Reporter**  
The tenth meeting of the SAARC technical committee on sports, arts and culture will be held at a local city hotel tomorrow morning.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain Khoka will attend the meeting as chief guest.

Officials of the seven-nation regional organisation are expected to finalise the course of action for next year.

**Services athletics conclude**  
The four-day inter-Services Athletic Championships-92 concluded at the Bangladesh Army Stadium, Dhaka Cantonment yesterday afternoon with one national and six inter-Services records being set, says an ISPR release.

The new national record was set by Nk Monimul Hoque of Army in the hammer throw on Tuesday.

Out of the six inter-Services records, two were set yesterday by L/Nk Solaiman Mozumdar (Army) in the 110m hurdles and the army team in the 4x400m relay.

Bangladesh Army retained their title with 19 gold, silver and four bronze medals. Bangladesh navy remained runners-up with two gold, three silver and six bronze while Bangladesh Air Force trailed with one gold, one silver and twelve bronze medals.

The fastest man of the meet Nk Gholam Ambia (Army) was adjudged the best athlete. He equalled the previous national mark of 10.40 seconds in 100 m sprint. He also clinched gold in the 200m and 4x100m relay.

Eight events were finalised on the concluding day yesterday.

Chief of Army Staff Lt. General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan was present as chief guest and distributed prizes among the winners.

Principal Staff officers, formation commanders, other senior officers of the three services and a large number of spectators including members of all ranks of Army, Navy and Air Force were present on the concluding day.

**Foreman fancied to meet Lewis**  
LONDON, Nov 26: George Foreman has replaced new world heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe as the man most likely to fight British challenger Lennox Lewis when he steps back into the ring next year, reports Reuters.

Lewis' manager Frank Maloney, who flew to New York earlier this week for talks with Bowe's manager Rock Newman and promoter Dan Duva, said on Thursday that Foreman was now the "favourite" to meet Lewis.

## Kiwis are the underdogs

**COLOMBO, Nov 26:** New Zealand skipper Martin Crowe said Thursday pace bowling and a bit of luck in the toss will decide the first Test against Sri Lanka, reports AP. "Any side that takes the initiative winning the toss will control the game on all five days," Crowe said on the eve of the match, which begins Friday.

The two teams are evenly balanced, he said, adding that in his opinion seamers will hold the key to victory on the fast Moratuwa Stadium wicket.

"It is a difficult tour to undertake in the present circumstances, considering what our team has been put through since our arrival in Sri Lanka," Crowe said in an interview, speaking of the tension that the visitors have undergone.

Five New Zealand cricketers and coach Warren Lees returned home last week after a suicide bomber on a motorcycle killed Sri Lanka's navy commander in front of their hotel in Colombo.

New Zealand cricket chief Peter McDermott flew to Colombo to save the tour, which was cut short to five weeks from the scheduled six. Four replacements were flown in over the weekend.

"We have to take it as it comes, but we are confident of winning the Test series," Crowe said.

The visitors lost both their warm-up limited over games against second string Sri Lanka Xis. But Crowe said he intends to take a completely different approach on Friday and the change of tactics wouldn't affect his side's confidence.

New Zealand have dropped left-arm spinner Mark Haslam and off-spinner Grant Bradburn together with seamer Chris Pringle for the first Test. The Sri Lankans are going in with two spinners.

Murphy Su'a, the Samoan left-arm seamer, will spearhead the Kiwi's new ball attack, backed up by youngster Dion Nash and replacements Michael Owens and Justin Vaughn.

Chris Harris, the right-handed all-rounder will make his Test debut, having played in 26 limited over matches.

The homeside has recalled slow medium bowler Jayananda Warnawera and specialist wicket keeper Gamin Wickramasinghe — the only two changes to the side that took on Allan Border's Australians in a rain-soaked drawn encounter at the same venue two months ago.

Sri Lanka will be looking forward for a much more refined batting from their two seniors — skipper Arjuna Ranatunga and vice-captain Aravinda de Silva.

## Two join Lankan Test squad

**COLOMBO, Nov 26:** Sri Lanka have picked wicketkeepers Hashan Tillekeratne and Gamin Wickramasinghe for the first cricket test against New Zealand starting on Friday, reports Reuter.

Wickramasinghe, who played his only previous Test during Sri Lanka's 1989-90 tour of Australia will stand behind the stumps.

Team: Arjuna Ranatunga (captain), Aravinda de Silva, Roshan Mahanama, Chandika Hathurusinghe, Asanka Gurusinghe, Hashan Tillekeratne, Gamin Wickramasinghe, Champa Ramanayake, Dulip Lyanage, Don Anurasiri, Jayananda Warnawera.

**Van Basten's four**  
LONDON, Nov 26: Marco van Basten continued his rich scoring vein with all four goals for AC Milan in their 4-0 European Cup rout of IFK Gothenburg in the opening match of the Champions League on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Van Basten went through his full repertoire as he struck three times in just nine minutes in the second period against the Sweds after giving the Italians a first-half lead in their semifinal series Group B match.

# Rhodes, McMillan rescue SA

**JOHANNESBURG, Nov 26:** Manoj Prabhakar grabbed three wickets early for India, but South Africa's Jonty Rhodes then hit a fortunate 91 Thursday to begin

point, reached 226 for seven in their first innings by the end of play at the refurbished Wanderers Club.

It was the first Test in more than two decades at Wanderers, and the fast, bouncy pitch was expected to aid the host side.

But Prabhakar induced catches from opener Jimmy Cook and partner Andrew Hudson, then trapped Peter Kirsten legs before wicket to send South Africa reeling.

Rhodes carried the side with a lengthy stand, hitting 10 fours from 188 balls to wrack up 91 runs in only his second Test. He almost was out twice — wicketkeeper Kiran More dropped him early.

When Kapil Dev finally trapped Rhodes leg before, wicket, the crowd stood and cheered one of the heroes of South Africa's semifinal finish in the World Cup.

Brian McMillan was 69 not out and Craig Matthews 15 not out as the only other South Africans to reach double figures, while Prabhakar completed his 20 overs taking three wickets for 57 runs. Anil Kumble grabbed two from his

25 overs, also giving away 57 runs.

South Africa returned to international cricket last year after being banned for two decades because of apartheid.

India are making their first tour of South Africa. The two nations played their first-ever official Test earlier this month, which ended in a draw because of rain that washed out a day's play.

**JONTY RHODES ... 91**  
the second official Test between the nations, reports AP.

South Africa, who were three down for 11 runs at one

**Gabba toss may prove vital**  
BRISBANE, Nov 26: Australia and the West Indies pit their respective pace armoures for the psychological early advantage in the opening encounter of the five-Test cricket series starting here Friday, reports AFP.

The Gabba pitch, traditionally one that gives early life to the side bowling first, will make it an important toss for rival captains Allan Border and the Windies' Richie Richardson to win in what is shaping up to be a summer-long battle for world cricket supremacy.

Australian will meet fire with fire after Monday naming a three-prong express attack of Craig McDermott, Merv Hughes and fit-again Bruce Reid, with the Windies expected to go into the Brisbane opener with four quicks — probably Curtly Ambrose, Ian Bishop, Courtney Walsh and Patrick Patterson.

The West Indian twelve is to be announced today.

The Australians led the last 1990-91 series 2-1 to the Windies in the Caribbean, but a changing of the guard — retirements of the incomparable Viv Richards, Gordon Greenidge, Jeff Dujon and Malcolm Marshall — have given Australia renewed optimism, particularly on their home pitches.

Border, just 347 rung short of Sunil Gavaskar's Test record aggregate of 10,122 runs, believes he has the batting depth to blunt the fearsome Windies' speedsters.

Australia's best-performing batsman in recent seasons, David Boon, (4,699 runs at 43.11) has been moved from number three to open the innings with Mark Taylor.

This makes way for an aggressive middle-order featuring the Waugh twins, Mark — already a double century-maker against the Windies this season — and Steve, who cracked 95 and 100 against the tourists in Hobart, Dean Jones, the newcomer Damien Martyn and Border.

One of the batsmen, possibly 21-year-old Martyn, will be 12th man, but Dean Jones is under pressure to retain his Test place from Martyn after a series of low scores this season.

Jones must also improve on a dismal Test record at the Gabba, which has seen him

score just 121 runs at 17.28 in five matches.

The series looks set to be a battle between the rival pace armoures — Australia can see a chink in the Windies' line-up and were fortified by their collapse for 183 last weekend against NSW.

The Windies are forever confident their vaunted pace attack will unnerve the Australians, particularly against the rising ball, which has been curbed by legislation to just one an over.

The Windies have won three of their seven Tests at the Gabba — another was the sensationally tied Test in the 1960-61 series.

Significantly, they have won the last two encounters there by nine wickets in 1988-89 and eight wickets in 1984-85. On both occasions, they went on to claim the series 3-1.

A potential concern for the tourists is the 90-overs a day target — with a top-heavy pace attack the Windies will no doubt be relying on the in-form off-spinner Carl Hooper to squeeze in extra overs and so avoid punitive fines.

The Windies' key men will be 36-year-old opener Desmond Haynes, on his 10th tour of Australia, skipper Richardson and demon bowlers, Ambrose (148 Test wickets) and Bishop, averaging just over 21 for his 37 Test wickets.

All of Australia's three pace bowlers have taken in excess of 100 Test wickets — McDermott, bowling on his home strip, is his country's current leading wicket-taker with 167, Hughes has 144 and Reid 106.

**Aussies hope to reverse trend**  
BRISBANE, Nov 26: Australia will be aiming to end a 16-year losing streak when they face the West Indies in the first of five cricket Tests starting Friday at the Gabba, reports AP.

Australia have not beaten the West Indies in a series since 1975-76 and captain Allan Border said Thursday that his team was in a determined mood.

Border, a veteran of 133 Tests, said the Australians had been motivated by negative press comment in the leadup to the series.

The home team faces a difficult selection choice on Friday morning.

Border's lack of faith in his own ability as a slow bowler is expected to result in off-spinner Greg Matthews being included in the team.

Border said he wanted Matthews in his line-up, despite his poor record against the West Indies.

The allrounder has taken just five wickets at an average of 70 in four Tests against the West Indies.

"The Gabba traditionally doesn't help the spinners, but that wicket out there looks pretty good to me," Border said.

"It looks like it will take spin later in the game and if the ball is turning, you have to your front line spinner there."

"Greg's a more mature cricketer and he's really ready for the challenge."

The inclusion of Matthews means the 12th-man duties are likely to come down to a choice between either Rookie Damien Martyn or Steve Waugh.

The West Indies have held the Sir Frank Worrell trophy for seven successive series, but are beginning a new era after the retirements of Viv Richards, Gordon Greenidge, Malcolm Marshall and Jeff Dujon.

New captain Richie

Richardson said his team intended to regain its psychological edge.

"People have been afraid of us, but now I don't think they are as afraid as they used to be," Richardson said.

"They realise we have lost one or two great players.

**WEST INDIES:** Richie Richardson (captain), Gus Logie (vice-captain), Curtly Ambrose, Kenneth Benjamin, Ian Bishop, Desmond Haynes, Carl Hooper, Brian Lara, Patrick Patterson, Phil Simons, Courtney Walsh, David Williams.

**No excitement without bouncers, says Richardson**  
BRISBANE, Nov 26: West Indies have delivered the first verbal bouncer of the forthcoming cricket series against Australia by attacking the new restriction on short pitched deliveries, reports Reuter.

"It creates the opportunity for limited players to do well," skipper Richie Richardson said as both sides practised for the first Test beginning on Friday.

"I think it's really hard for the fast bowler. It takes away a lot of excitement from the game and at the same time it creates the opportunity for limited players to do well because when a guy's bowled one short-pitched ball, you know that he's not going to bowl another."

Under a law introduced for a three year experimental period in July last year bowlers are allowed only one bouncer an over.

West Indies have played only one Test under the new regulation, the historic match against South Africa in Barbados this year.

Richardson said the West Indies' speciality had been the ball of reasonable length aimed at the chest or ribs and forcing the batsman to make a stroke.

"We don't really bowl a lot of bouncers," he said. "That has been the trend of the past three years."

**Golf meet**  
The 1992 Bangladesh amateur golf championships begins at the Kurmitola Golf Club in the city today, reports BSS.

About 160 golfers, including 50 women, from India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Bhutan and members of the diplomatic corps will take part in the four-day championships, organised by the Kurmitola Golf Club.

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