

Sport

77 booters picked for Asian U-19 soccer

**Sports Reporter**  
The coaching and selection committee of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) announced the name of 77 booters selected for the trial of the Asian under-19 football championship scheduled to be held in Saudi Arabia in June.

Among the 77 youth booters 30 will be selected for the camp which will start on April 25 at the sports village of Mirpur.

Bangladesh who have been placed in Group I along with hosts Saudi Arabia, Syria and Hong Kong will play their first match on June 4.

The selected players have been asked to report to the manager Kazi Mithu at the Mirpur Stadium at 4 pm on April 20.

The players are:  
Goalkeepers: Saidur and Manik (East End), Kafil and Milon (Bangladesh Boys), Biplab Marma (Mohammedans), Mojibor (Amin Bazar), Sohel (Dhanmondi), Mizan (Feni DSA), Canteen (Shantinagar Club), Jewel (Barisal DSA), Bishu (Agrani Bank).

Right back: Imadul and Mansur (Abahani), Rafique (Ekaton), Badal (Rahmatganj), Atiq (Dhanmondi) and Motaleb (Sadharan Bima).

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Linkman: Arman, Mizan (Muktijoddha), Zahid, Paritosh Dewan (Mohammedans), Jahangir Jr. Babu Jan (Khulna), Tajir (Rahmatganj), Fayeze Babu, Shimu (Victoria), Halim (Dhanmondi), Yusuf (Wari), Alfaz (Arambagh), Rinku (Ekaton), Shuvro (Bangladesh Boys), Bakhtiar, Bhutto (Brothers), Salam (PWD), Apu (Printing Press), Munna (Sadharan Bima), Laquatt (Syhet).

Striker: Ripon (Brothers), Mintu (Bangladesh Boys), Rabi (Fabi), Ujjal, Kaushik (East End), Javed (Rahmatganj), Mintu (Abahani), Salahuddin (Dhanmondi), Mozammel Haq Biplab (Brothers), Tipu (Bangladesh Boys), Mamun (Feni), Ripon (Sadharan Bima), Jamal (Jessore).

Right wing: Shoheb (Wari), Bayazid, Liton (Bangladesh Boys), Jamal (Arambagh), Mizan (BRTC), Raju (Muktijoddha).

Left wing: Selim (East End), Anwar (BRTC), Khoka (Muslim Inst), Zafar (Dhanmondi), Hiru (Victoria) and Chapal (Muktijoddha).

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Gurusinha's ton goes in vain  
Lankans go down fighting

**SHARJAH, Apr 18:** New Zealand clinched the last semifinal place in the Australasia Cup today despite a swashbuckling unbeaten 117 by Asanka Gurusinha, reports Reuters.

New Zealand won by two runs after the Sri Lanka bowlers made the most of cloudy conditions to keep New Zealand's top-order batsmen in check. They took 30.3 overs to bring up the 100.

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Scoreboard of the Australasia Cup match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka

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India meet Australia in the first semifinal on Tuesday and New Zealand play Pakistan on Wednesday.

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The pair put on 88 for the fifth wicket, Chandana's share being 26.

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Sent in to bat, Finance collected a modest total of 154 runs before being all out in 34.5 overs with Shovon making 49.

Robi who chipped in with 28 was the other notable scorer for Finance.

Pappu took three wickets for 37 runs for Management.

In reply, Management could muster 123 runs in the allotted 35 overs for nine wickets.

Selam with 41 and Tipu 21 were the only double-figure scorers for Management.

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**SHRI LANKA:**  
Mahanama Ibbw Pringle 18  
Samarasekera c Fleming b Nash 4  
Gurusinha not out 117  
Jayasuriya c Davis b Nash 5  
Chandana c Young b Nash 26  
Kalpage c Harris b Thomson 6  
Dassanayake c Parore b Larsen 5  
Ramanayake b Pringle 21  
Weerakoddy c Nash b Pringle 2  
Vaas not out 1  
Extras (lb-1, b-6, w-3) 10  
Total: (for nine wickets-50 overs) 215  
Fall of wickets: 1-24; 2-24; 3-30; 4-41; 5-129; 6-147; 7-152; 8-189; 9-202.

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Pringle 10 1 46 3  
Davis 2 0 14 0  
Nash 10 1 43 3  
Larsen 10 1 34 1  
Harris 9 0 33 0  
Thomson 9 0 38 1

**Result:** New Zealand won by two runs  
**Man-of-the-match:** Asanka Gurusinha

**Nat'l women's chess on**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Holder Zakia Sultana made a shaky start in the 15th national women's chess championship when she drew with Tanima Parvin on the opening day at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Zakia settled for a draw after the 46th move.

International Women's Master Rani Hamid along with Shabana Parvin Nipa, Afroza Khanom and Selina Banu won their respective first round matches.

Rani Hamid playing with white pieces adopted the Sicilian defence opening to force her opponent Rokhsana Gulshan to call quits after the 32nd move. Shabana Parvin cornered Nurunnahar in a no-go situation on the 28th move while the top finisher in the qualifying round, Afroza Khanom playing with white pieces had to wait till the 44th move before Afana Parvin accepted defeat.

Selina Banu beat Jahanara Haque in the 36th move in the other match of the day.

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**Stoltenberg's first clay title**  
**BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, Apr 18:** Jason Stoltenberg of Australia claimed the first clay court title of his career when he beat Argentina's Gabriel Markus in the final of the 300,000 US dollars clay court championships on Sunday, reports Reuters.

Stoltenberg, the tournament's fourth seed and ranked 47th, defeated the unseeded Markus 6-3, 6-4 to take the 42,000 dollars winner's purse. Markus received 24,150 dollars as runner-up.

Stoltenberg, whose only previous title came last year on grass at Manchester, England, served his way out of trouble in a long first game.

He then rallied steadily with Markus, a baseliner with a fierce backhand, breaking Markus in the fourth game.

Stoltenberg used his serve and volley to win the first set 6-3.

Stoltenberg twice broke Markus, ranked 119th, in the second set but could not close out the two match points he held at 5-2. Instead he dropped serve, then broke Markus for the match on his fourth match point, winning it when Markus returned wide.

"I was very relieved because it was one I didn't want to let slip away," said Stoltenberg.

Explaining the missed match point opportunities, he said: "It was a combination of Gabriel having nothing to lose at 5-2 and he came out swinging. I couldn't buy a first serve. I was forced to work for everything."

**CRYPTOQUIP**  
U Y S R N Y T R F B Y R B V  
Q M Z M M F X B V Z D U  
U S M T S U Q, "R V D K D X  
U M K B N D U S T B U U."  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: CLUMSY WILBUR'S STINT IN THE CHINA SHOP WAS A COMPLETE BUST.

**Today's Cryptoquip clue: K equals M**  
The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Coruna, Cruyff & lollipops

**MADRID, Apr 18:** Thirty thousand lollipops, a gesture of defiance to Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff, sweetened Deportivo Coruna's 2-0 weekend win over Tenerife, which brought them a big step nearer their first Spanish league title, reports Reuters.

The Deportivo fan club organised distribution of the sweets. Cruyff's trademark on the Barcelona bench since he gave up smoking after a heart attack in 1991, to the capacity crowd in La Coruna's Riazor Stadium on Sunday.

Two sharp goals from striker Claudio Barragan in the space of two minutes in the second half made the day for the Galicians, giving them the points which keep them three clear of champions Barcelona with only four matches left to play.

The lollipop gesture was Deportivo's response to a constant barrage of comments from Cruyff in recent weeks, intimating that their relatively inexperienced squad would sooner or later crack under the pressure of a tight league championship race.

Deportivo's veteran coach Arsenio Iglesias confessed that he had not joined in the feast, "Because I did not have much saliva" but was very happy with his team's fifth consecutive victory at this crucial stage of the season.

"We did really well, despite the difficulties Tenerife created for us. We played seriously and with discipline and our success at the end was the reward," he said.

But he continued to warn against over-confidence about the league title. "Some people are celebrating too soon, and that can weigh on the players' minds when what they need is calm".

Barcelona did all they could to keep the pressure on Deportivo, beating Valencia 3-1 in Nou Camp Stadium on Saturday.

"We have to keep hoping they will come unstuck one day," said international midfielder Miguel Nadal.

Good news for the champions was that Brazilian striker Romario, carried off with an ankle injury early in the second half of the Valencia game, was not as badly hurt as first feared.

Third-placed Real Madrid, eight points Deportivo, made sure of a UEFA Cup place next season when they beat Sevilla 1-0 away on Sunday.

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History at St John's brings no relief for England  
West Indies on velvet

**Batsman Brian Lara completed a record-breaking 375 to eclipse Sir Gary Sobers' 36-year-old mark of 365 before lunch in the West Indies' total of 593 for five declared against England on the third day of the fifth and final Test in St. John's, Antigua, according to a message received in Dhaka late last night.**

Earlier on Sunday Brian Lara put the way record 365

indices out of the hole of 12 for two early on the first day.

Necessarily it began slowly on Saturday but quickly blossomed with a stunning array of strokes.

Playing in only his 16th Test, he defended resolutely when necessary but cut, drove and pulled anything loose with perfect timing.

It was also chanceless. The nearest he came to losing his wicket was when he edged a ball from seamer Andrew Caddick but by then all the

slips had been moved to the outfield and the ball sailed harmlessly for another four.

At the close, Lara had batted for nearly 11 hours, faced 466 deliveries and hit 39 boundaries.

Watching and applauding was Gary Sobers, the man whose record he could well eclipse today and who was knighted for his contribution to cricket by Britain's Queen Elizabeth.

"I hope he beats my 365. If he does I shall be the first to congratulate him," said Sobers.

Whether he gets that chance will depend on Walsh, deputising as captain in place of the injured duo of Richie Richardson and vice-captain Desmond Haynes. A declaration would obviously give West Indies a better chance of bowling out England twice in the time remaining.

The common verdict among local supporters was that Walsh should decide to bat on while Lara was at the crease to avoid being lynched.

The quietly spoken Lara said he would abide with whatever Walsh decided but he was looking forward to the opportunity of attacking Sobers' record.

England took only one wicket during the day, that of Keith Arthurton for 47 and on an unhelpful pitch they never looked like making the breakthrough they needed.

Lara's innings has been one of supreme talent and application.

It began when he needed caution and skill to dig West

against Pakistan at Kingston on March 1, 1958, on the third day of the fifth Test.

Lara produced a savage pull off Chris Lewis for four to create the new mark.

The crowd stormed on, and as the chaos died down Lara was congratulated and embraced by fellow West Indian Sobers.

Lara then bent down to kiss the pitch and his wicket before having his hand shaken by Mike Atherton's England players.

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Lara began the day on a chanceless 320, the sixth highest individual Test innings of all time.

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**record.**  
"It's an opportunity for me to do it. It's been a great day for me. I decided to stay and stay and bat and bat," he said.

Lara, resuming at 164 and West Indies 274 for three, showed his class especially in the morning session when he score 61 runs while partner Arthurton, admittedly hampered by a hand injury, managed only 13.

After Arthurton fell, edging Caddick to wicketkeeper Jack Russell to be out for 47, Chanderpaul initially went on the attack and kept pace with Lara.

But as rain frequently interrupted play late in the day, Chanderpaul was content to play more of a supporting role as Lara, with a series of dashing strokes, made a determined effort to overtake Sobers' record.

None of the England bowlers made any impression on the bland pitch and by the end of the day each of the four main bowlers had conceded over 100 runs.

Lara could make them suffer even more when play resumes today.

On the way to his huge total, Lara picked up a sponsor's prize of 50,000 pounds sterling 73,500 dollars for being the first player of score a double century in the series.

It was the second time Lara has made more than 200 in a Test. The first was in January of last year when he scored 277 against Australia — and was then run out.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the second day of the fifth Test between West Indies and England on Sunday:

**WEST INDIES:** First innings (overnight 274-3)  
Simmons lbw b Caddick 8  
Williams c Caddick b Fraser 3  
Lara not out 320  
Adams c sub (Hussain) b Fraser 59  
Arthurton C Russell b Caddick 47  
Chanderpaul not out 41  
Extras (lb-3, nb-21) 24  
Total: for four wickets 502  
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-12; 3-191; 4-374

To bat: J Murray, W Benjamin, C Ambrose, K Benjamin, C Walsh (captain)

**Bowling:** O M R W  
Fraser 36 4 103 2  
Caddick 39 8 114 2  
Tufnell 38 8 105 0  
Lewis 27 1 117 0  
Hick 17 3 60 0

England: M Atherton (captain), A Stewart, M Ramprakash, R Smith, G Hick, O Thorpe, J Russell, C Lewis, A Caddick, A Fraser, P Tufnell.

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Enter Lara, exit Sobers

**ST JOHN'S, Antigua, Apr 18:** West Indian Brian Lara broke Sir Gary Sobers' 36-year Test record when he reached 369 not out against England here on Monday, reports AFP.

The 24-year-old Trinidadian left-hand overtook Sobers' 365 not out set

against Pakistan at Kingston on March 1, 1958, on the third day of the fifth Test.

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Lara eventually reached his 350 by flicking Chris Lewis to

square leg off his hip, then concentrated on sharply-taken ones and twos.

He equalled Sobers' record with a superb cover drive to the boundary off Andy Caddick.

Caddick finally got Lara for 375, caught behind by Jack Russell as he flashed outside the off stump on the verge of lunch.

**SIR GARY SOBERS**  
His teammates made an avenue of cricket bats for him to walk through as he reached the edged of the pitch.

The West Indies had reached 593 for five by then and promptly declared, leaving England to score 394 to avoid a follow-on.

FIFA to rely on TV for disciplinary measures  
All for neutral judgment

**ZURICH, Switzerland, Apr 18:** The neutral eye of the television camera will be used to help judge players' offences at this year's World Cup finals for the first time at soccer's main showpiece, reports Reuters.

FIFA's disciplinary committee decided on Thursday to introduce television and video evidence for matches at the finals which start in the United States on June 17.

Sepp Blatter, general secretary of world soccer's governing body, said the move was a

major step towards greater fairness in disciplining players.

"Television and video evidence will be used in cases where there is some doubt about the responsibility of players sent off or not sent off," he said.

But he said the use of film would be restricted to disciplinary proceedings after matches and would not be used during games to change refereeing decisions.

"There will be no video to artificially help the referee," he said. "The game must go on with this uncertainty because it's a game played and con-

trolled by human beings and they must be permitted to make mistakes."

In the past, disciplinary matters and players' suspensions have been decided solely on the basis of match officials' reports.

But Blatter said that in future, starting with the World Cup finals, any of the officials involved could ask for video film of an incident to be examined, whether or not the alleged offence had been spotted by the referee.

"This will give us more ways to find the truth," Blatter said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
1 Gift-tag word  
5 Garbage barge  
9 Prefix for fire or fit  
12 "Camera"  
13 Fidel's land  
14 Museum fill  
15 The bell song?  
16 Pianist  
17 Festive  
18 Valhalla bigwig  
19 Tribute in verse  
20 Flirtatious young lady  
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23 Fat farm  
25 French mathematician  
28 Succumbed to gravity  
32 City on the Allegheny  
33 Plumber's tool  
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36 Peloponnesian city  
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