

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 1 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 Moshu at the Mirpur Stadium at 4 pm on April 20.

The players are:

Goalkeepers: Sajidur and Dhanu (Abahani KC), Pannu (Victoria), Manu (Muktijuddha), Nawshad (Sylhet), Moshadur Rahman (BKSP), Kawsar (Fakirerpur), Humayun (Brothers) and Tota (Bangladesh Boys).

Stopper: Munna, Selim and Manik (East End), Kajal and Milon (Bangladesh Boys). Biplob Marmal (Mohammedans), Moljor (Amin Bazar), Sohel (Dhanmondi), Mizan (Feni DSA), Canteen (Shantinagar Club), Jewel (Barisal DSA), Bishu (Agrani Bank).

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

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Linkman: Arman, Mizan (Muktijuddha), Zahid, Paritosh Dewan (Mohammedan), Jahanmir Jr, Babu Jan (Khulna), Taju (Rahmatganj), Fazlul Babu, Shimu (Victoria), Halim (Dhanmondi), Yusuf (Wari), Alfaaz (Arambagh), Rinku (Eskaton), Shuvro (Bangladesh Boys), Bakhtiar, Bhutto (Brothers), Salam (PWD), Apu (Printing Press), Munna (Sadharan Bima), Liaquat (Sylhet).

Striker: Ripon (Brothers), Mintu (Bangladesh Boys), Rabi (Pabna) Ujjal, Kaushik (East End), Javed (Rahmatganj), Mintu (Abahani), Salauddin (Dhanmondi), Moazzam Haq Biplob (Brothers), Tipu (Bangladesh Boys), Mamun (Feni), Ripon (Sadharan Bima), Jamal (Jessore).

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

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

Shahabuddin's quill today

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The quikhwani of late Shahabuddin Bhuiyan will be held at the Hatkholia residence of the deceased after Asr prayers today.

Shahabuddin, a national handball player died of heart attack on Saturday night at the Holy Family Hospital causing a pall of gloom in the sporting arena.

## 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 Reuter.

New Zealand won by two runs after the Shri Lankans had made a gallant attempt to score 16 from the last over.

Needing 10 off the last two balls, Gurusinha hammered Dian Nash's fifth ball for six.

But after managing only one run off the last ball of the innings, a distraught Gurusinha broke down in tears.

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

Gurusinha and Upal Chandana led Shri Lanka's fightback after they had lost their first four wickets for 41 in pursuit of New Zealand's 50-over total of 217-8.

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

Gurusinha's 117 came from

### Finance in DU cricket final

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An all-round performance by Shovon guided Department of Finance to the final of the inter-department cricket championship of Dhaka University with a 31-run win over Department of Management in the first semifinal at the Jannah Hall ground yesterday.

Sent in to bat, Finance collected a modest total of 154 runs before being all out in 35.5 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.

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

Shovon who topscored in the match also shone with the ball. His four-wicket haul cost him only 18 runs. Polash claimed two for 27.

140 balls and included nine fours and a six.

Earlier, the Shri 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.

Shane Thomson broke the mud with 50 off 41 balls and the last 10 overs yielded 69 runs.

### SCOREBOARD

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

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SHRI LANKA:			
Mahanama	lbw b Pringle	18	
Samarasekera c Fleming	b Nash	4	
Gurusinha not out		117	
Jayasurya c Davis b Nash		5	
Tillekaratne run out		0	
Chandana c Young b Nash		26	
Kalpage c Harris b Thomson		6	
Dassanayake c Parore			
b Larsen		5	
Ramanayake b Pringle		21	
Weerakody c Nash		2	
b Pringle		1	
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.			
<b>Bowling:</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>
Pringle	10	1	46
Davis	2	0	14
Nash	10	1	43
Larsen	10	1	34
Harris	9	0	33
Thomson	9	0	38

Result: New Zealand won by two runs

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**NEW ZEALAND:**

Hartland run out

Young c Jayasurya

b Gurusinha

Parore c Dassanayake

b Jayasurya

Douglas run out

Fleming c Tillekaratne

b Kalpage

Thomson c Chandana

b Vaas

Harris c Chandana

b Ramanayake

Nash run out

Larsen not out

Pringle not out

Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-3)

Total: (8 wkts, 50 overs) 217

Fall of wickets: 1-12; 2-68; 3-94; 4-121; 5-135; 6-194; 7-198; 8-206.

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Nat'l women's chess on

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Holder Zakia Sultan made a shaky start in the 15th national women's chess championship when she drew with Tania 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 Rokshana 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 Afsana Parvin accepted defeat.

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

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.

PSG stay ahead

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PARIS, Apr 18: Paris St Germain moved six points clear at the top of the French league and within three points of the title when they drew 1-1 with Monaco on Sunday, reports Reuter.

Brazilian Rai opened the scoring from the penalty spot after Franck Dumas brought down David Ginola in the 30th minute and the dominant Parisians seemed set for victory.

But Youri Djorkaeff equalised from a free kick seconds before the final whistle to give the European Cup semifinalists a draw that he barely expected.

The match, originally postponed from last weekend, took PSG to 51 points, six more than European champions Marseille, with four games left to play.

Stoltenberg's first clay title

SIRMINGHAM, 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 Reuter.

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He then rallied steadily with Markus, 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.

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

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### 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 Reuter.

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