

## Column One

## SPORTS TALK

**Paul Strang**  
(Zimbabwe leg-spinner)

"What we perhaps need are 10 Tendulkars."  
(On Zimbabwe's poor show in World Cup.)

## Sports

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## Sports WHIZZ KID competition-52

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(Competition closes : 8 pm September 13, 1996)			
1	Pakistan batsman Salim Malik's century in The Oval Test was his	11th	10th
2	How many athletes from Bangladesh went to Atlanta this year	Two	Three
3	The top seed of this year's US Open is	Sampson	Agassi
4	Pakistani pacer Waqar Younis has signed for English county	Gloucestershire	Surrey + Kent
5	Cricket umpire Steve Bucknor is from	Kenya	Zimbabwe
		West Indies	

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## Asian Cricket Council Trophy on Star Sports

What is common to Bangladesh, UAE, Malaysia, Fiji, Singapore, Nepal and Hong Kong? Believe it or not, they all play cricket! To check out the standard of cricket in these countries tune in to Star Sports on September 13, 1996 at 10:00 (BST) for live and exclusive coverage of the first semifinal of the Pepsi Asian Cricket Council Trophy. says a press release.

To be played in scenic Klat in Malaysia, the Pepsi Asian Cricket Council Trophy features teams from Bangladesh, UAE, Malaysia, Fiji, Singapore, Nepal and Hong Kong. The format will be round robin with two semifinals and final. The stakes are high as the winning team will go into the 1997 Asia Cup where they will get a chance to test their skills against such established cricket powers as India, Pakistan and world champions Sri Lanka.

The ACE come in to the tournament as title holders and enriched by the experience of playing with the big boys of cricket in the 1996 Willis World Cup in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Bangladesh too have had some international cricket exposure through their participation in a few Asia Cup ties. The standard of cricket in the rest of the participating countries is unknown and thus this tournament should make interesting viewing.

So who will take home the Pepsi Asian Cricket Council Trophy and book a ticket to the 1997 Asia Cup? Watch STAR Sports and find out!

## SCHEDULE

DATE	MATCH	TIME
Sept 13:	1st Semifinal	10:00 (BST)
Sept 14:	2nd Semifinal	10:00 (BST)
Sept 15:	Final	10:00 (BST)

## BAF b'ball

JESSORE, Sept 11: Base Bashar defeated Base Pahar Kanchanpur 85-56 in the BAF inter-base basketball championship now being held here at Base Matur Rahman today, an ISPR press release said today.

The winners led the first half 41-25.

Corporal Ferdous (34) of Base Bashar and sgt. Rafiq (24) of Pahar Kanchanpur were the principal scorers.

In another match Air Headquarters Unit outplayed Base Pahar Kanchanpur 80-52.

## BD reach ACC Trophy semis

## Sports Reporter

Bangladesh stormed into the knock-out stage of the Pepsi ACC Trophy cricket tournament with a flattening 108-run victory over Hong Kong in their last group league match at the Kilat Kebab ground in Kuala Lumpur, according to Bangladesh Betar monitored here yesterday.

The pre-tournament favourites of the 12 nation meet, with this facile victory, their fifth consecutive win, finished top from Group A to set up a semifinal clash on Friday with the runners-up of Group B which is yet to be decided. However, it was learnt that Bangladesh will take on Papua New Guinea or Singapore in the first semifinal, provided United Arab Emirates leaders of the other group with four wins from as many matches, beat lowly Thailand in their last group league match today.

Meanwhile, Fiji finished runners-up in Bangladesh's group with a thumping victory against Japan yesterday. Fiji amassed 459 runs, the highest in the tournament against the Nippons.

In the day's match, Bangladesh, appearing in their first serious clash with a recognised outfit following some sort of a ego nursing trip against four minnows in the fray, outplayed Hong Kong in every department.

Sent into bat in the morning by Hong Kong skipper Fordham, Bangladesh scored a fighting 224 for seven in their share of 50 overs with opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut, fresh after his brilliant century against opener Shahriar Hossain Bidyut, fresh after his brilliant century against lowly Japan in the previous match, hammering a swashbuckling 67.

In reply, Hong Kong could muster only 116 before being bundled out in 40.1 overs due to some accurate bowling from national right-arm seamer Saiful Islam, who finished with two for only 15 runs in his 10 nippy overs. Saiful was declared man-of-the-match for his brilliant showing with the cherry at a stage when Hong Kong were racing to turn the table in their favour with openers Riaz Farisi and A Brew putting on 40 runs in the first ten overs.

Despite the inspiring start in their bid to reach an achievable asking run-rate of 4.5 runs per over, Hong Kong, who made most of three drop catches by the shaky Bangladeshi fielders early in their innings, suddenly found the going tough in the face of some accurate bowling from Saiful, the most consistent performer in the meet.

After Ansur Rahman removed dangerous Riaz for 24, Saiful, who came as a first change, inflicted a mini-collapse in the opponents batting line-up with off-spinner Salahuddin chipping at the other end.

**SAIFUL... m-o-m**

one-match lay-off, then reduced Hong Kong to 5/73 when he bowled Emse (6) with a gem of a slower delivery.

Skipper Fordham, who scored highest 27 for his side, tried to hold the innings together for sometime. But once Shahidunn removed the experienced Fordham, who offered a high catch deep behind the bowler, Hong Kong lost their last four wickets for the addition of only three runs to the total.

Bidyut clung to a spectacular low catch of Jones at mid-wicket, giving Shahidunn his third wicket in the match while left-arm seamer Anis wrapped the Hong Kong innings to finish with two for 28 in eight overs.

Slow-left arm Mohammed Rafique, who earlier scored 17 off only seven deliveries including a six and a couple of fours, cut the fragile Hong Kong tail claiming two wickets in successive overs.

Earlier, the Bangladesh total was built around two dazzling half centuries from Bidyut and vice-captain Bulbul and a polished 42 from one-down Habibul Bashar Samon.

Bidyut scored 67 off 108 balls while Bulbul hammered a run-a-ball unbeaten 52. Skipper Akram Khan, who after his

surprising six-wicket haul against Japan the day before ventured to experiment with the ball against Hong Kong but quit after conceding 13 runs in two overs. He, however, lived up to his reputation as a middle-order batsman with 14 off 22 deliveries.

## SCOREBOARD

## BANGLADESH

S H Bidyut	Jones	R Sumanami	47
H R Liton	c Emes	b S Hossain	13
B H Suman	c Fordham		
b J Strachan			42
A I Bulbul	not out		52
Akram Khan	c Fordham	b Brew	14
M Rafique	b Brew		17
K M Sujon	c Fordham	b Brew	4
Saiful R Shama			1
Jahangir not out			4
Extras (b-1, lb-2, w-7)			10
Total (for 7 wickets—in 50 overs)			224

Did not bat: Ansur Rahman and Sheikh Salauddin

Fall of wickets: 1-33; 2-126; 3-130; 4-176; 5-200; 6-214; 7-216.

**Bowling:** O M R W

Munir Hossain	7	0	27	0
Sada Hossain	9	2	21	1
Riaz Farisi	5	1	16	0
S Brew	9	0	56	3
Rahul Sharma	5	0	27	1
J Strachan	8	1	42	1
Ravi Sumanami	7	0	24	1

**HONG-KONG**

R Farisi lbw Anis			24
S Brew c Saiful			6
R Sharma c Sujan b Salauddin			17
Fordham c Liton b Salauddin			27
S Hossain run out			0
Emes b Saiful			6
D Jones c Bidyut b Salauddin			6
M Hossain c Anis b Rafique			6
J Strachan b Rafique			2
M Swift b Anis			0
R Sumanami not out			0
Extras (b-4, lb-8, w-11)			146

Fall of wickets: 1-40; 2-60; 3-60; 4-60; 5-73; 6-81; 7-113; 8-113; 9-116; 10-116.

**Bowling:** O M R W

O Anis	8	1	28	6
Sujan	7	3	16	6
Saiful	10	4	15	2
Akram	2	0	12	0
Rafique	10	0	29	3
M Rafique	3	0	12	0

**Result:** Bangladesh won by 108 runs.

**Man-of-the-match:** Saiful Islam.

## STANDINGS

## Group A

Teams	M	W	L	Pts
Bangladesh	5	5	0	10
Fiji	4	3	1	6
Hong Kong	4	2	2	4
Nepal	4	2	2	4
Brunei	4	1	3	0
Japan	5	0	5	0

\* Brunei were not awarded points for violating tournament rules by fielding more than four overseas players.

## Group B

Teams	M	W	L	Pts
UAE	4	4	0	8
PNG	4	3	1	6
Singapore	4	2	2	4
Malaysia	4	2	2	4
Maldives	4	1	3	0
Thailand	4	0	4	0

**Result:** Bangladesh won by 108 runs.

**Man-of-the-match:** Saiful Islam.



Col (retd) Abdul Hamid, the president of Bangladesh Handball Federation, speaking at a press conference yesterday in connection with the Orient Bread 11th national women's handball championship which begins in the capital tomorrow.

## Bangladesh to claim Test status

## Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) will seek Test status for Bangladesh in the next ICC meeting in December. This was disclosed by the BCCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, MP, to the press corp last night. Talking to the journalists at the BCCB office, the cricket supremo of the country also said that the Board will employ a foreign coach on a long-term basis.

"We are planning to bring a foreign coach by the end of October," said Saber Hossain without giving any details.

Elaborating the future plans of his newly-appointed ad-hoc committee Saber Hossain further added that they are keen to concentrate on the development of cricket at grassroot level rather than confining their activities to holding the league in the capital.

"I have talked to the representatives of Dhaka-based clubs to run the league so that the Board could concentrate to developing cricket all over the country," said Saber after his meeting with representatives of the 12 Premier League outfits including Mohammadene Sporting Club, which had earlier boycotted the Saber committee terming it as biased towards a particular club.

"I had a talk with the Mohammadene Sporting Club president Mosaddeq Hossain and he has assured me of their cooperation to implement our programme," said Saber who had also expressed his optimism about solving the problems with Mohammadene.

Meanwhile, the BCCB, who had earlier announced their annual domestic calendar have made some changes in the schedule.

In a revised calendar, the inter-club players transfer which was earlier scheduled for September 22-24, will now be held from October 5-8.

The Damal Smriti tournament will commence from October 15th and the league will begin from November 8. But when asked about the availability of Dhaka Stadium, Saber said that the NSC has allotted BCCB the ground from September 15.

**Mohammedene face**  
**Hyundai Sept 14**

## Sports Reporter

Dhaka Mohammadene Sporting Club stormed into the second round of the 7th Asian Cup Winners Cup football tournament after recording a convincing 4-1 victory over Laos Electricity in their away match at The Vientiane Stadium in Laos yesterday.

According to a fixed message received here yesterday, the first half ended in a 1-1 draw.

Striker Shahidul Ahmed Ranjan scored twice in the 9th and 71st minute while Alifz Ahmed, AFC footballer of the month for August, and midfielder Nurul Haque Manik netted one goal apiece for Mohammedene in the 47th and 50th minute respectively.

Bounianah pulled back one for the hosts in the 14th minute.

With yesterday's win, Mohammedene won the two-tier first round against the Laos outfit with an aggregate of 12-1 in the first leg in Dhaka last month. Mohammedene trounced Laos 8-0.

The winners will return to Bangkok from Laos today for an overnight stay and will fly to Seoul tomorrow where they are scheduled to meet South Korean outfit Hyundai Club in their second round first leg encounter on September 14. The second leg will be held in Bangkok on September 28.

**Nat'l womens h'ball begins tomorrow**

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