

U-16 cricketers for Calcutta

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday announced a 17-member Bangladesh under-16 cricket team to participate in an international U-16 tournament scheduled to begin in Calcutta from January 2 under the auspices of Calcutta Municipal Corporation.

The team which includes 15 cricketers and two officials will leave for Calcutta on December 31. Teams from South Africa, Sri Lanka and hosts India will participate in the meet, according to BCB officials talking to this reporter last night.

The following is the team: Imran Ahmed (captain), Abdul Hannan Sarkar (vice-captain), Zafar Ali Hossain, Nahidul Haque Shaon, Syed Saifur Ali, Helaluddin Ahmed, Mohammad Selim, Reazul Haque Nayem, Tarique Hasan Tushar, Aslam Parvez, Bikash Ranjan Das, Shafiqul Azam, Subrata Kumar Chandra, Ashikur Rahman and Rajin Saleh Ahmed. Reserves: Jishan Irfan and Tahmin Hasan Tushar.

Former cricketers Dipu Roy Chowdhury and GS Hasan Tamim will be the cricket and tour manager of the team.

Concern over child labour

LOS ANGELES, Dec 24: Two dozen high school students were appalled when they discovered young people in other countries spend their days manufacturing soccer balls instead of playing with them, reports AP.

"We ran out during one practice and we were checking all the ball sand they all said, 'Made in Pakistan,'" said Sharon Paulson, a student at Monroe High School in North Hills. "That kind of made everything more real."

The students took their findings to the Board of Education and persuaded trustees to stop buying soccer balls from Pakistan and other countries believed to be using child workers.

The students' interest in child labour originated in teacher Mark Ellinson's class on international law. The project, planned for three weeks, has lasted most of the semester.

"It just a matter of days, the kids found all of this information and from their interest it skyrocketed and everything just took off from there," Ellinson said.

The students found information on the Internet as well as from several national and international organizations.

They focused on Pakistan, which produces 80 per cent of the soccer balls imported into the United States, according to the Washington-based International Labour Rights Fund.

"They also learned that the Los Angeles Unified School District buys more than 800 soccer balls a year."

They heard the story of Iqbal Masih, a Pakistani who had been sold into bondage as a child to work as a carpet weaver. He escaped six years later and was an outspoken voice against child labour until he was assassinated last year at age 13.

And they found out about 13-year-old Craig Kielburger of Canada, who has started in international youth movement, Free the Children, to end child labour, particularly in the making of soccer balls.

Major international sporting goods manufacturers have taken steps to counter exploitation of children in Pakistan and elsewhere. They have helped set up schools to encourage children to study instead of work, and some have stopped contracting out work, often to families who put their children to work in the home.

The Pakistan government, and even the International Labour Organization, have said eliminating child labour is difficult as poor parents want their children to earn money.

Pakistan also has complained that it has been singled out in the child labour controversy, saying the problem is common to poor Third World countries in general.

The California students sent a letter to their local school board, prompting an invitation to speak before the Board of Education. Their work moved the City Council to approve a motion to investigate the production of soccer balls made in countries using child labour.

Not everyone embraced the students' work.



Dhaka University, winners of the football gold in the Sixth Bangladesh Games.

— Star photo

Double delight for DU

Sports Reporter

and Monir.

Referee: MA Mansoor Azad.

BRONZE FOR ARMY

Earlier in the afternoon, striker Tutul and midfielder Sadru scored hat-tricks as Bangladesh Army clinched the bronze with a 12-1 trashing of Jhendih in the third place play-off.

In an one-sided affair, Tutul scored four goals followed by Sadru's three and Ata's two while Matin, Asghar and Mujib added one each to the



SUMON ... badminton gold winners' account. On the other hand, Tariq netted the consolation goal for the losers.

SIAM'S GOLDEN BLAST

In hockey, Dhaka University took the gold defeating Milan. But Narayanganj defender Aman saved his side from imminent disaster by returning both the shots from the goal line.

In the remaining time, Narayanganj, looked for an equaliser to prolong the proceedings into extra time. But their efforts came to naught because of a determined University defence who left no room for their opponents.

Yellow cards: Dulal, Monir, Gaus and Monir (Narayanganj) (DU).

TEAMS

DAKA UNIVERSITY: Ni-
zam, Masood Rana, Faisal,
Partho, Hasan Al Mamun, Joy
Roxy, Mujahid, (Mintu), Towhid
Don and Tipu.

NARAYANGANJ DSA: Mi-
nian, Dulal, Aman (Liton),
Munna, Monir, Swapnil, Liton
(Dilar), Zakir (Ritu), Gaus, Reaz

Habibullah's janaza held

Sports Reporter

The namaz-e-janaza of B D Habibullah, a renowned footballer of the mid-fifties and a member of Mohammedan Sporting Club, was held at the club premises yesterday.

The members of Mohammedan Sporting Club also placed a floral wreath as a mark of respect for late Habibullah, a Dhaka University Blue and a playing member of the 1957 MSC soccer team that for the first time won the Dhaka league title.

Habibullah, 57, died of brain haemorrhage at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) last Monday.

A goalmouth action from yesterday's 20th Sher-e-Bangla Cup national football final between Dhaka University and Narayanganj DSA at the Mirpur Stadium. — Star photo

Wednesday 25th December (All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement
Al-Quran Programme Summary
3:10 News in Bangla 3:15 Patriotic songs 3:20 Recitation from the Geeta 3:25 Telecast of selected programme on Freedom Fighting 4:15 Top Car 4:45 Tagore Songs 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Maher Katha 6:00pm Lok-Lokalay 6:50 Open University 7:00 The News 7:25 Documentary on Freedom Fighting's Silver Jubilee 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Silver Jubilee of Freedom Fighting — Bangladesh in the eyes of foreign journalists 9:00 Package Drama 10:00 News in English 10:25 Those days of Freedom Fighting 10:30 Uddipan 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Thursday's programme 11:40 Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC World News 6:10

CHANNEL V

6:30am Frame by Frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophie 8:00 Frame by Frame 9:00 Jump Start VJ Alessandra 10:00 Frame by Frame 11:00 The Vibe VJ Luke 12:00noon Rewind VJ Sophie 1:00 Kenny G in Concert 2:30 First Day First Show 3:00 Fashion Police 3:30 Soul Curry 4:00 Planet Ruby 4:30 Big Bang VJ Alessandra 6:00pm Rewind VJ Sophie 7:00 Kenny G in Concert 8:00 Planet Ruby 9:00 The Vibe 9:30 Videcon Mantra Hall 10:00 First Day First Show 10:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 12:00mn Santa Barbara 1:00 Beverly Hills 90210 2:00 Pickup Fences 3:00 Quincy 4:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 5:00 Barnaby Jones

STAR PLUS

6:00am Home and Away 6:30 The Sullivans 7:00 Aerobics Oz Style 7:30 Star News 8:00 Sky News 9:30 Wonder Years 10:00 It's A Wonderful Life

STAR SPORTS

6:00am ITU Triathlon World Cup 7:30 Open National Athletic Meet 8:30 Best of Indian Football Kalyani Black Label Cup Final 10:00 BT Global Challenge 10:30 Best of World Superbike Championships 11:30 Open National Athletic Meet 12:30 Bradman 1:30 Open National Athletic Meet 2:30 Best of Cricket Wills World Cup Final Australia v Sri Lanka

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