

Column One

SPORTS TALK

Bangladesh batting & bowling averages

Hasan Masood

Khaled Masood earned the highest batting average in the sixth ICC Trophy that concluded in Kuala Lumpur yesterday with Bangladesh clinching the title. Masood played five innings and remained unbeaten on four occasions. The wicket-keeper batsman from Rajshahi scored a total of 92 runs which includes his match-winning knock of 70 against Holland in their last second round match.

Vice captain and middle order bat Aminul Islam collected highest 217 runs among the Bangladesh batsmen. Aminul, who usually bats at number

tively, Akram, the burly batsman from Chittagong scored 184 runs in nine innings including his magical knock of 67 not out against Holland in their last second round engagement. On the other hand, Minhajul, the former captain and veteran middle order, scored 183 runs in his eight innings without any fifty. Among others, two openers Athar Ali and Naimur Rahman were the other leading scorers with 170 and 173 runs respectively.

In bowling department, left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique took highest 19 wickets at an extraordinary average of 10.68. The all-rounder bowled 57.4 overs in nine matches and captured 19 wickets conceding only 203 runs. His best bowling figures were 4 for 25 in the semifinal against Scotland.

Right-arm medium-pace Hasibul Hasan and left-arm spinner Enamul Haque bagged 11 wickets each averaging 14.18 and 19.90 runs respectively. Hasibul had his best figures (3/21) against Ireland in the second round while Enamul's (3/18) against Argentina in their inaugural match on March 24.

Last but not the least was skipper Akram's emergence as a bowler in the side. The stocky slow medium-pace captured nine wickets from 46.5 overs conceding 141 runs. Besides, right-arm medium pacer Saiful Islam was the other notable bowler who also took nine wickets conceding 194 runs in 71 overs.

The following are the bowling and batting average of ICC champions Bangladesh:

BATTING

Name	M	I	No	Runs	HS	50s	Ave
Khaled Masood	10	5	4	92	70	1	92.00
Aminul Islam	10	8	1	217	57	2	31.00
Akram Khan	10	9	3	184	67*	1	30.67
Minhajul Abedin	10	8	2	183	39*	-	30.50
Athar Ali	10	9	2	170	39*	-	24.29
Naimur Rahman	10	10	2	173	53	1	21.63
Mohammad Rafique	9	5	1	76	26	-	19.00
Khaled Mahmood	4	3	1	38	33	-	19.00
Saiful Islam	10	5	-	78	19	-	15.60
Hasibul Hasan	10	3	2	13	7*	-	13.00
Enamul Haque	10	4	-	46	37	-	11.50
Jahangir Alam	1	1	-	8	8	-	8.00
Sanwar Hossain	6	5	1	30	13*	-	7.50

Note: *Not out.

BOWLING

Name	O	M	R	Wkts	BB	Ave	Eco	Rate
Mohammad Rafique	57.4	6	203	19	4/25	10.68	3.54	
Hasibul Hasan	64.2	10	156	11	3/21	14.18	2.43	
Akram Khan	46.5	7	141	9	2/10	15.66	3.03	
Naimur Rahman	40	3	127	8	3/21	15.87	3.18	
Enamul Haque	81	13	219	11	3/18	19.90	2.70	
Minhajul Abedin	37	4	127	6	3/8	21.16	3.43	
Saiful Islam	71	6	194	9	2/12	21.55	2.73	
Khaled Mahmood	26	7	90	4	2/31	22.50	3.46	
Athar Ali	35	3	105	4	2/18	26.25	3.00	



four, played eight innings which includes two brilliant half centuries against Hong Kong (53 not out) in the first round and Scotland (57) in the semifinal. The dark and dapper batsman averaged second highest with 31.00.

Skipper Akram Khan and middle order Minhajul Abedin followed Aminul having averaged 30.67 and 30.50 respec-



Students of the Dhaka University celebrating Bangladesh's triumph in the sixth ICC Trophy yesterday. — Star photo

CCC unbeaten champs

Commonwealth Cricket Club (CCC) of Dhaka became unbeaten champions at the Hua Hin Sixes Tournament held in Bangkok from March 26 to 30, says a press release.

Commonwealth Cricket Club capped a perfect week in the second Thailand International Invitational Sixes Tournament (Hua Hin Sixes) with an upset win over the strong Beijing CC on March 30 at the Dusit Resort and Polo Club in Bangkok.

Fariduddin Khan Rummy led the Commonwealth team in the tournament when CCC beat the high profile Beijing CC.

CCC were the unbeaten champions in the tournament organised by the Thailand Cricket League. The team included Imran Hamid Partho, Iqbal Hossain, Showkat Hos-

sain, Minhaz Ahmed, Golam Abed and Rafiq.

Rummy, the captain of CCC was interviewed by Bangkok Radio and Bangkok TV while major newspapers including The Bangkok Post gave lavish coverage to the clinching of the tournament by CCC.

CCC have been participating in the tournament for the last 13 years with Gordon Greenidge, now Bangladesh's national team coach, playing the first two games earlier this year for CCC. India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, England, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Canada also participated in the six-a-side tournament.

Expatriates seek fund for cricket

A confederation of Bangladeshi nationals living abroad offered the government to create a special fund yesterday for further development of the country's cricket, reports UNB.

A large amount of money could be raised if the concerned authorities launch such a drive and seek cooperation from the people living abroad, said Nur Mohammad Kazi, Chairman of the Confederation of Overseas Bangladeshis' Association. He said Bangladeshi expatriates will come forward to strengthen the cricket fund as it can boost the country's image abroad.

Cricketers return this morning

ICC Trophy Bangladesh champions will return home early this morning at 5:30 am.

According to a Bangladesh Cricket Board official, a special aircraft of Bangladesh Biman left ZIA for Kuala Lumpur 8:30 last night to bring back the golden sons of the soil.

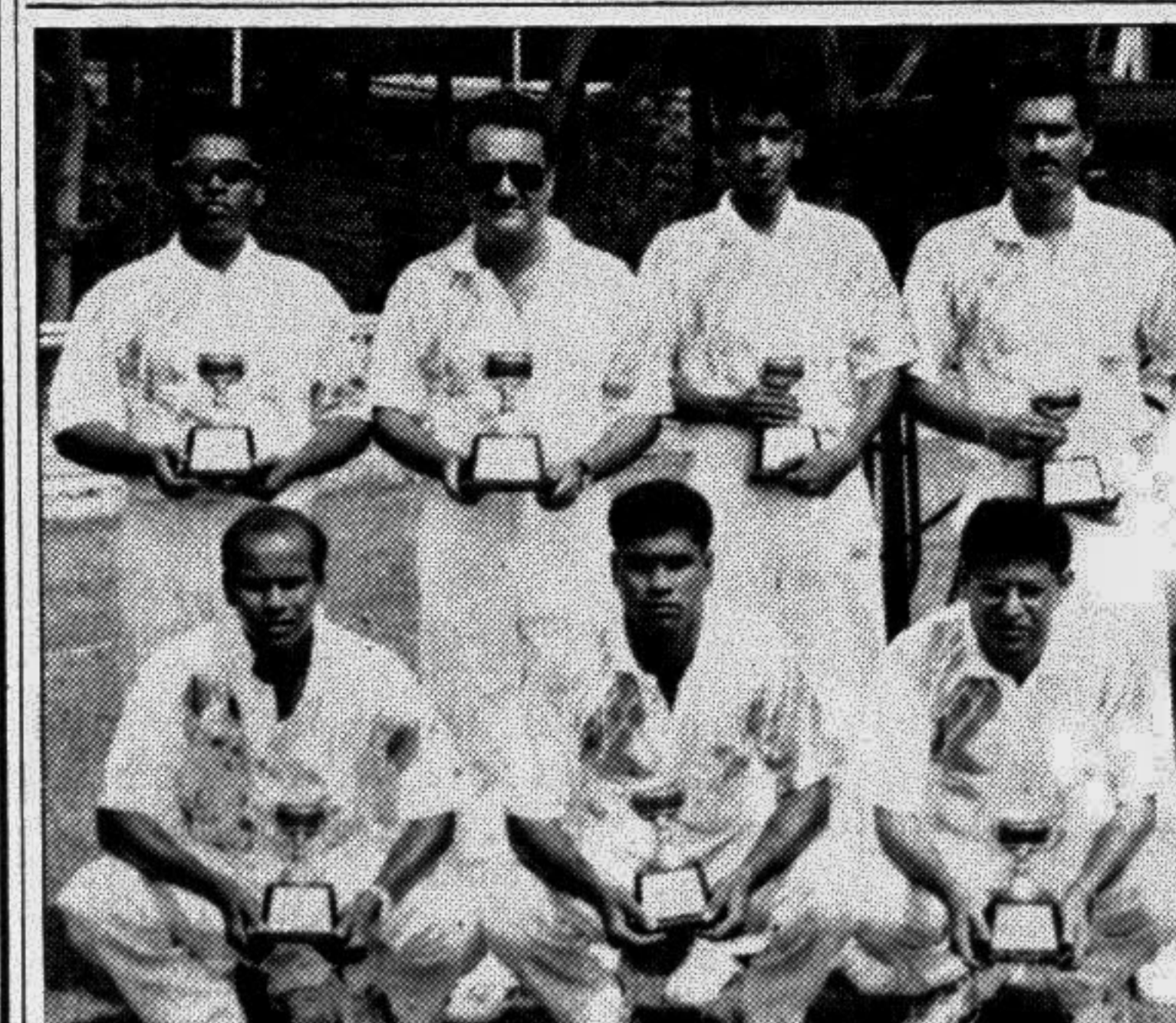
On arrival, the team will be given a civic reception at the Manik Mia Avenue at 10 am.

Nagano starts countdown

NAGANO, Japan, Apr 13: Rock bands took the stage, T-shirts were auctioned off and local contestants were quizzed on Olympic trivia Sunday as Nagano marked the 300-days-to-go milestone before the 1998 Winter Games come to town, reports AP.

Organisers, who have been criticised for not promoting the Games hard enough, were hoping the Olympic events held here and in Tokyo this weekend will help drum up interest in the Games, which are to begin Feb 7 next year.

Though most people in Nagano seem to support the Games, initial enthusiasm has been dampened by controversies over the quality of the venues, cost overruns and disputes over environmental concerns and accommodations for international sports federation officials.



The Commonwealth Cricket Club team members, who won the six-a-side tournament in Bangkok recently. — Star photo



The sixth ICC champions Bangladesh pose with the trophy after pulling off a nail-biting two-wicket win in the final against Kenya in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

World Cup 1999

Bangladesh in Group B

Sports Reporter

International Cricket Council Trophy champions Bangladesh will feature in Group B in the first round of the 1999 World Cup in England along with current runners-up Australia, West Indies, Pakistan, New Zealand and Scotland, who finished third in the ICC meet in Kuala Lumpur.

Defending champions Sri Lanka head the other group comprising India, South Africa, England, Zimbabwe and ICC runners-up Kenya.

Pakistan invites ICC champs

Pakistan has invited Bangladesh cricket team to play matches in their country to mark Dhaka's heroic victory in the ICC Trophy final yesterday, reports BSS.

Senator Moshahid Hussain, adviser to the Pakistan Prime Minister on sports and culture and information and media development, in a message of congratulations to State Minister for Youth, Sports and Culture Obaidul Quader, said "We in Pakistan join our brethren in Bangladesh in their joy over the victory of Bangladesh cricket team in the ICC Trophy final."

South Africa 310 for six



BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa, Apr 13: Lance Klusener and Hansie Cronje smashed brilliant half centuries Sunday

in South Africa's 310 for six in 50 overs in the final one-day international against Australia at Springbok Park, report agencies.

In a dead rubber, already won by Australia following their unassailable 4-2 lead in the seven-match series, Klusener (92) and Cronje shared a rollicking 109-run third wicket stand to prop the batting.

Klusener, dropped from South Africa's last four outings, including three back-to-back defeats in the series, returned to the side and provided the backbone of the innings.

After Herschelle Gibbs (29) and Pat Symcox (26) had given him sterling support to bring up the 100 of the innings in 18 overs, Klusener and Cronje sent the Australians on the leather-hunt in a 116-ball stand.

Klusener, playing the role of a stopgap opener, hit seven fours and a six off 114 balls for his career-best knock in his 15th outing.

But the entertainment of the day was provided by skipper Cronje and then Daryll Cullinan.

Cronje followed up his un-

beaten 40 and 80 in the previous two outings with a crackerjack 69 off just 65 balls.

Cronje, the hometown hero, hit three soaring sixes and six boundaries until he top edged a catch off leg spinner Stuart Law.

Cullinan bludgeoned his way to the fastest half century of the series, off just 36 balls and remained unbeaten on 57 runs.

His runs came off 39 balls and included a six and seven boundaries.

Cullinan and Shaun Pollock took 19 runs off the last over bowled by medium pacer Adam Dale.

Dale finished with 0-70 in his eight overs while the bowling honours were shared between left arm fast bowler Brendon Julian and Andrew Bichel, who picked up two wickets apiece.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the end of the South African innings in their seventh and final limited overs international match against Australia on Sunday:

SOUTH AFRICA		
Klusener c Blewett b Julian	92	
Gibbs c Gullchrist b Julian	29	
Symcox run out (Bevan)	26	
Cronje c Dale b Law	69	
Cullinan not out	57	
Kallis b Bichel	10	
Rhodes c Blewett b Bichel	0	
Pollock not out	8	

Extras: (lb-4, nb-5, w-10) 19

Total: (for six wickets in 50 overs) 310

Fall of wickets: 1-61; 2-109; 3-218; 4-246; 5-290; 6-290.

Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Dale	8	1	70	0
Reiffel	10	0	46	0
Julian	8	0	53	2
Bevan	5	0	33	0
Bichel	10	2	50	0
Waugh	3.3	0	16	0
Law	5.3	0	36	1

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Iraq win Nehru Cup football

NEW DELHI, Apr 13: Iraq beat Asian Games gold medalists Uzbekistan 3-1 to retain the title of the Nehru Gold Cup soccer tournament in Cochin, India, on Saturday, reports Xinhua.

Iraq pulled ahead in the fifth minute.

Uzbek defender Anatoly Kuraev scored an own goal when trying to intercept a corner from Laith Hussain Shihab in the 20th minute to give Iraq a two-goal lead.

Ravashanjon Mataliev pulled one back in the 43rd minute.

Shihab sealed Iraq's victory with a great goal on the hour.

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