

## Column One

## SPORTS TALK



Aldair

(Brazil's veteran defender)  
"He must reduce the number of trips and his commercial activities. Otherwise he's going to pay for it in terms of stress and exhaustion."

His wise words for superstar teammate Ronaldo.

## Sports

## WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

## Competition-94

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Competition closes at 8 pm  
on May 15, 1998

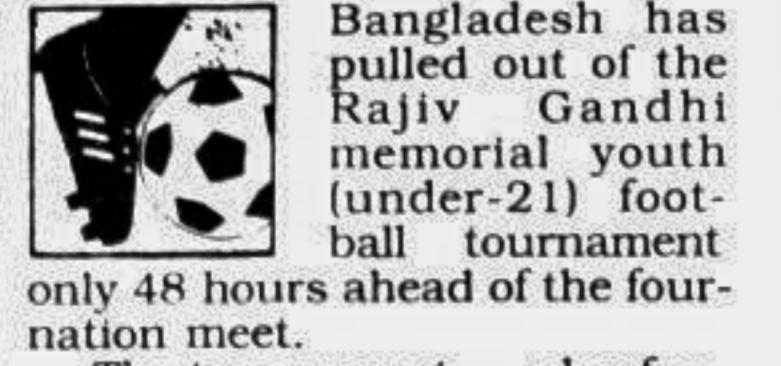
1	Jahangir Talukdar Dulu	plays (competitive)
2	Football	Cricket
3	10	11
4	In how many stadia World Cup '98 will be held	
5	Gordon Greenidge was a Bowler	Batsman Wicketkeeper
6	Bangladesh's current FIFA ranking is	
7	138th	142nd 148th
8	Bangladesh U-16 football team scored 11 goals against	
9	Nepal	Sri Lanka Guam

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## Jansher clears the air

## BFF's tardy U-turn

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh has pulled out of the Rajiv Gandhi memorial youth (under-21) football tournament only 48 hours ahead of the four-nation meet.

The tournament --- also featuring Iraq, Uzbekistan and hosts India --- is scheduled to begin in Goa from May 5. The eleventh-hour decision taken by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) last night left the Indian organisers in a state of disbelief.

Earlier, the BFF had agreed to send the under-19 team as part of their preparations for the Asian Youth Football championship qualifiers to be held in Sri Lanka from May 20 to 30.

But the federation had expressed its reluctance to compete in the tournament pointing out the over 1500-mile bus journey from Calcutta to Goa. In response, the All-India Foot-

ball Federation, the tournament hosts, had agreed to fly the team from Dhaka to Goa via Calcutta and Bombay.

## BHF includes four more for C'wealth camp

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) has included four more players from Bangladesh Army in their primary camp for the Commonwealth Games.

These four players were selected through a trial at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

They are — Wahid, Salam, Maksudul Haque Siddique and Sirajul Islam — have been asked to report at the National Hockey Stadium this morning at 7 am.

Earlier, 38 players were chosen for the camp last week.

## 3 teams move into zonal semis

Sports Reporter



Nilphamari, Rajbari and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) moved into the zonal semifinals of the 24th national cricket championship winning their opening matches at different zonal venues across the country yesterday.

Nilphamari posted a comfortable six-wicket win over Pabna in their opening zonal match at the Bogra Stadium.

Chasing paltry Pabna total of 72 in 50 overs, Nadim hammered unbeaten 46 as Nilphamari went on to reach 75 in 24 overs with six wickets to spare. Umaima was the other contributor to the Nilphamari innings with 10.

Earlier, opting to bat first, Pabna were shot out for a poor 72 in 34 overs.

Poton was the highest wicket-taker for Nilphamari with three for 15 while Abid, Salder and Ejaj evenly shared six wickets among the themselves.

In the two-day semifinal scheduled at the same venue from May 6, Nilphamari will face Nawabganj.

In Satkhira, BUET made their way into the zonal semi-

finals with a hard-fought two-wicket win over Patuakhali.

Batting first, Patuakhali could muster 182 before they were all out in 36.4 overs. Kabir scored highest 40 for Patuakhali while Murad (28).

Kishore (26) and Sujit (16) were the other notable run getters.

Kaisar and Harun captured three wickets each for BUET conceding 33 and 35 runs respectively.

BUET, in their chase, reached home in the 36th over with only two wickets in hand. Swapna topscored with 38 while Sabir added 26 runs to the winners credit. Besides, Shuvro and Rashed were unbeaten on 22 and 12.

In the May 7-8 semifinal, BUET will face either Bogra or Faridpur.

Rajbari also made it to the last four in Patuakhali zone with a four-wicket victory over Chaudhara.

Chasing a moderate Chaudhara total of 198 in 50 overs, Rajbari scored 201 for six with more than eight overs to spare.

Chanchal contributed highest 39 while Sabuj and Tito added 24 and 25 runs respectively for the winners.

Earlier, electing to bat first, Chaudhara were all out for 198 in exactly 50 overs with Gias hammering highest 45.

Rajbari will play the May 7-8 semifinal against the winners of today's match between Magura and Narayanganj.

## Rai leaves behind another to cherish

## PSG's second in a row



PARIS, May 3: Rai and Marco Simone scored two line goals as Paris St Germain won their second successive final at the Stade de France to lift the French Cup with a 2-1 victory over Lens on Saturday, reports Reuters.

The pair also scored both goals when PSG won the League Cup a month ago in the first final played at France's new World Cup stadium they beat Bordeaux on penalties on that occasion following a 2-2 draw after extra time.

It was cup specialists PSG's third French Cup triumph since 1993, a period in which they have also lifted the European Cup Winners' Cup and the league Cup twice.

Czech winger Vladimir Smicer scored a late consolation goal for league leaders Lens, who must wait another week for their next chance to win their first major trophy.

Lens, whose colourful fans in vivid red and gold helped fill the Stade to its 80,000 capacity, have missed the French league and cup double but are favourites for the championship with one game to go away to Auxerre next Saturday.

Experience was the key for PSG, embodied by Alain Roche who equalled the record of five French Cup victories by a player, his fellow defender Paul le Guen, former Brazil captain Rai and ex-ac Milan striker Simone.

"It's the end of a cycle for lots of us but if I have to leave (PSG)

it will be with my head held high," Roche said.

PSG had a poor league campaign and have now gone four seasons without winning the championship, their chief goal.

In 25th minute PSG captain Rai, on the right, headed a superb opening goal in his penultimate game. He has one away

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