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**SPORTS TALK**



Skipper of the Sonali Bank team Irteza Qader Guddu (3rd from R) receiving the Office league hockey trophy from Bangladesh Olympic Association president Lt Gen (rtd) Muhammad Mahbubur Rahman (2nd from L) after the final yesterday.

## Office hockey league Sonali Bank lift title

Sports Reporter

A first half penalty corner strike from Ashiquzzaman helped Sonali Bank lift the second Office hockey league title with a solitary goal victory over Bangladesh Army in the final played at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

In an encounter between two evenly matched sides, center half Ashique, blasted the match-decider in the 28th minute.

The Armymen, however, had the edge over the bankers for most of the proceedings but failed to cash in on scoring opportunities because of poor marksmanship. Sonali Bank, on the other hand, mostly relied on counter-attacks with

national forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal leading the offensive charge.

For his superb all round performance, Ashique was later adjudged the player-of-the-final. National forward Mohammad Sadeq of Blue Berry Travels, who scored 10 goals in the league, got the highest scorers award.

Bangladesh Olympic Association president Lt Gen (Rtd) Mahbubur Rahman witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes. He was accompanied by Bangladesh Hockey Federation president Air Vice Marshall Jamaluddin Ahmed and BHF general secretary Shamsul Bari.

**TEAMS**  
**SONALI BANK:** M Javed, Monir Hossain, Guddu, Rafiqunnabi, Shahidullah Khokon, Mitul, Ashiquzzaman, Shimul, Shamim Reza, Jashimuddin, Kamal, Ziaur Rahman and Mamun Hossain.  
**BANGLADESH ARMY:** Jahangir, Rafiqul, Sanjit Das, Thunin Marma, Rahajuddin, Maksudul Haque, Shaiful Islam, Serazul Islam, Humayun Kabir, Abdus Salam and Ferdous.

Umpires: Masudur Rahman and Mahbubul Haque.

**ROLL OF HONOUR**  
Year Champions Runners-up  
1996 S Bima Navy  
1998 Sonali Bank Army

## 3-day match drawn

The three-day match between touring Bangladesh and Scotland ended in a draw at the Scottish city of Boghall on Thursday, reports UNB.

Chasing a victory target of 240 runs, Bangladesh finished their second innings at 187 for six on the final day.

Bangladesh's vice-captain Aminul Islam hit an unbeaten 107.

This was the second century by a Bangladeshi batsman during the current tour after Akram's 105 against Scotland in another three-day match on July 8.

Bangladesh team is expected to return home on Sunday ending a 45-day tour of the British Isles.

**SCOTLAND:** First innings: 199 for all (Lockhart 48, Salmond 20, Williamson 67, extras 10; Rafique 5/54 and Surron 2/9).

**BANGLADESH:** First innings 138 for all (Azam Iqbal 30, Athar 23, Pilot 25, Shanta 24, Faruque 11; Azim Butt 2/38, Williamson 4/21, Sheridan 3/34).

**SCOTLAND:** Second innings 178 for all (Lockhart 30, Salmond 22; Moni 6 wkts., Rafique 2 wkts, Shanta 1 wkt).

**BANGLADESH:** Second innings, Bulbul 107 (n.o), Pilot 38 (n.o), Durjoy 20.

## 'ICC will benefit most'

Hasan Masood

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is expecting to raise more than a million dollars for its development programme fund from the forthcoming Wills International Cup to be held in Dhaka from October 24 to November 4. This is according to former Pakistan captain and event manager of the knockout tournament, Asif Iqbal who gave an exclusive interview to The Daily Star at his hotel suite yesterday. The bespectacled cricketer of yesteryear, who arrived on Wednesday to assess preparations at the Dhaka Stadium for the nine-nation mega event, is due to leave today.

Following is the excerpts of the cogitation:

**DS:** The main idea of holding the Wills International Cup is to raise money for the ICC development fund. What is your expectation in this regard?

**Asif:** I think it will be in millions of dollars because of the title sponsorship along with other sponsorships. I don't know the exact figure till it happens. But it is expected to reach more than a million.

**DS:** We have gathered that the ICC is also investing a lot for the event?

**Asif:** In fact, the tournament is an ICC tournament. They are the ones who have come up with this concept of a knockout cup. This has been devised by the ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya. He believes that there is financial promise in cricket and funds can be raised by organising such tournaments. This money will help in globalising the game because at the moment not too many countries are playing the game. The ICC will benefit most from this tournament of the teams. They are bearing all the expenses of the meet.

**DS:** How will Bangladesh benefit from this tournament?

**Asif:** Bangladesh will be benefited by the exposure it will get with all the countries coming and playing here. By installing floodlights and electronic scoreboard, which are very expensive, both the government and the cricket board are showing their commitment to improving the game's infrastructure. Through the extensive media coverage, your country will get exposure all over the world. Different countries are coming to play cricket here. Obviously they will have their supporters. People will come from different countries to support their teams. The culture of Bangladesh will get exposed during the meet. In addition, lo-

cal cricket will also gain because there will be at least two one-day internationals between Bangladesh and two other teams who will be eliminated from the tournament.

**DS:** Have ICC finalised the fixture of the tournament?

**Asif:** Neither the format nor the seedings have been finalised yet. It will be based on the present world rankings of the nine Test playing nations. We will reveal the format and the logo of the meet at the end of July.

confident that Bangladesh will get Test status soon.

**DS:** What was your main objective during this visit?

**Asif:** Well, it was the lights, the scoreboard and also the preparation of the practice wickets. One of the pre conditions for such a big event is practice facilities. We have Phil Russell from Durban as our curator and he also seems to be very satisfied with the preparations of the venues.

**DS:** Did you supervise the lighting?

**Asif:** Yes, I saw it. The work is going on. I have talked with Siemens and they have given me the report. They are very confident of completing the installation of lights as per schedule.

**DS:** What was the reason behind bringing this tournament from Sharjah to Dhaka?

**Asif:** The major reason was tobacco sponsorship. In Sharjah, Government rules does not permit tobacco sponsorship.

**DS:** There is a growing speculation here that Dhaka is going to be treated as an international venue only like Sharjah...

**Asif:** Well, you got to understand that Dhaka cannot be Sharjah. In Sharjah, the tournaments that we have are between well established cricket powers. The UAE don't have their own team. It is not a full member of the ICC and do not have ODI status either. Whereas in Bangladesh, the home team is participating in the tournaments because they have the ODI status. I think it will be a little bit unfair to make comparisons with Sharjah because Bangladesh is a cricket playing nation from the beginning. Even as a part of Pakistan, there used to be international cricket here.

**DS:** Thank you for sparing some time.

**Asif:** My pleasure.



ASIF IQBAL

**DS:** We have applied for the Test status. What are your views?

**Asif:** There is every likelihood that your country would get Test status in a year or two.

**DS:** In that case don't you think we need to play longer version of cricket?

**Asif:** You have to. There is no doubt about it. I think you have the infrastructure. You have got playing facilities, you have got good players. So I am pretty

## Guus Hiddink

(Former Dutch soccer coach)  
"I'm very happy with this agreement. From the first moment that the club president contacted me I've been very enthusiastic about it."

White joining Real Madrid as coach.

## Super Max 8s cricket

## Aussies defeat India, Pakistan

KUALA LUMPUR, July 17: Australia scored two wins on the opening day of the Super Max 8s cricket tournament Friday to strengthen their bid for a hat-trick of titles, reports AP.

Australia, champions in 1996 and 1997, humiliated Pakistan by six wickets, scoring 106 for one to Pakistan's 102 all out, the national news agency Bernama reported.

In their second match, the Aussies beat India by four wickets scoring 126 for 4 to India's 124 for 4.

In other matches of the eight-a-side tournament, New Zealand beat South Africa by one wicket. South Africa scored 126 in their 14 overs. New Zealand passed the score of the last ball for a total of 128.

In the last match, South Africa beat Pakistan with two balls to spare. Pakistan scored 119 and South Africa replied with 120 for four wickets.

The Indian innings was boosted by skipper Robin Singh who hit three fours including a double boundary and three sixes including a double six in his 68 not out in 34 balls.

The Indians appeared to be in full control when Singh and Ajay Jadedja were together. But when Jadedja left with the score at 106 for 35, the innings fell apart.

The Indians were tied down by tight bowling especially in the final over when they scored a paltry single.

In reply, the Aussies chalked up 146 for four wickets with Ricky Ponting topscoring with an unbeaten 57 off 37 balls. He hit five fours and two sixes.

In their games against Pakistan, wicketkeeper and captain Adam Gilchrist started with three catches. He later went on to score an unbeaten 36 in the Australian innings, finishing with three mighty sixes off successive balls to seal the match.

His first wicket partnership with Greg Blewett (65) produced 82 runs in 1.2 overs to spark the Aussies to a convincing victory.

Blewett was in great form, hitting five boundaries, two sixes and one "max six" which counts for 12 runs. Shots hit into the "max zone," or boundaries behind both ends of the wicket, count as a double six.

## African football chart

JOHANNESBURG, July 17 (AFP): Monthly African rankings compiled by world governing body FIFA.

1	Morocco
2	Egypt
3	Zambia
4	Tunisia
5	South Africa
6	Cameroon
7	Ivory Coast

## New twist(?) in Ronaldo saga

UNDATED, July 17 (Reuters/AP/AFP): Brazilian striker Ronaldo came out of hiding on Thursday and said he had not suffered an epileptic convulsion hours before Brazil's World Cup final defeat at Sao Paulo Newswire reported.

"Nothing happened. There was never something like that," Ronaldo was quoted by Agencia Estado.

"The problem is that the whole team played badly and they found a reason for the defeat in me," Ronaldo, 21, said. "I am not taking any more tests because nothing is wrong with me," he told Estado.

But Ronaldo earlier told local television he had feared for his life after he suffered a mysterious attack just hours before Sunday's final, where France beat Brazil 3-0.

He was taken to a hospital for checks and joined the Brazil squad at the Stade de France shortly before kickoff.

"I'm totally turned (off) by the press, with all the contradicting reports they send out about my health," he told Estado.

Ronaldo had been secluded after returning from France and was reported to have been taking a holiday with his family.

Meanwhile reports from Rio de Janeiro suggests the star forward of Brazil's national could suffer from epilepsy.

"Whenever a person suffers from stress and is epileptic, it could cause a crisis," team doctor Lidio Toledo told Globo television.

But Toledo was quick to add that the exact cause of Ronaldo's convulsions are not yet confirmed. The French doctors who treated Ronaldo on Sunday were quoted in O Globo newspaper as saying that they did not believe Ronaldo was suffering from epilepsy.

In Washington there was fur-

## Rangers' shopping spree over

GLASGOW, July 17: Rangers completed a hectic week of transfer activity on Thursday when they signed French international goalkeeper Lionel Charbonnier from Auxerre and forward Rod Wallace from Leeds United, reports Reuters.

The arrival of 31-year-old Charbonnier for 1.2 million pounds (2 million dollars) and free agent Wallace, both on three-year contracts, means four new players have joined the Scottish club in as many days.

Earlier in the week, Dutch midfielder Giovanni van Bronckhorst came from Feyenoord for 5.0 million pounds and Andrei Kanchelskis from Fiorentina for 5.5 million pounds.

Charbonnier said: "I have good memories of Auxerre because I won here in a Champions League game with Auxerre and I am looking forward to playing for Rangers."

Wallace, a former England under-21 international, said: "I had six years at Leeds and it was time for a fresh start and clubs don't come much bigger than Rangers."

The signings took new coach Dick Advocaat's spending to 22 million pounds on six new players.

## Angola's last chance

JOHANNESBURG, July 17: Angola must triumph in Mozambique on Sunday to retain any chance of snatching first prize in the 400,000 dollar Castle Cup South Africa championship, reports AFP.

Zimbabwe have six points at the halfway stage of the annual mini-league competition followed by Zambia with four, Angola two, Namibia one and Mozambique are pointless.

While the concluding match between Zimbabwe and title holders Zambia on September 27 seems likely to determine who tops the standings, Angola could upset the odds.

Victories against Mozambique at the 35,000-seat Machava Stadium on the outskirts of Maputo and at home to Zimbabwe next month would give the Black Panthers eight points.

If resilient Zambia defeat Namibia in Lusaka and hold Zimbabwe in Harare, they would tie with Angola, leaving goal difference to decide which country claims regional supremacy.



Action from yesterday's Office league final between Sonali Bank and Bangladesh Army at the National Hockey Stadium. — Star photo

## Shame!

BOMBAY, July 17: India's hockey authorities have been shamed into action after the widow of a former Olympic gold medalist was found living in poverty, washing pots and pans for a living, reports said today.

The Indian Express newspaper said Mary Phillips, 74, widow of Joe Phillips, a gold medalist at the Berlin Olympics in 1936, was discovered living in a slum in the western city of Pune.

The newspaper said cash grants from the government and private organisations had started coming in after it broke the story.

The Federal Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Uma Bharati responded to the report by awarding a 25,000 rupee (641 dollars) cash grant to her.

The Bombay Hockey Association, meanwhile, announced a donation of 5,000 rupees (128 dollars) and the Maharashtra state government has announced a monthly pension of 1,000 rupees (25 dollars).

The Express editorial said the case was a "national disgrace. India is known for its ingratitude to its sportsmen but (this) case is beyond belief."

## Somerset, SL draw

TAUNTON, England, July 17: The three-day match between Somerset and Sri Lanka ended in a draw on the final day on Thursday, reports Reuters.

Scores: Somerset 366-6 declared and 177-7. Sri Lanka 130 and 483-6 declared.

## Lewry hat-trick goes awry

LONDON, July 17: Sussex left-arm swing bowler Jason Lewry completed an unusual hat-trick in the English county cricket championship on Thursday, reports Reuters.

He had taken the wicket of Michael Smith, another left-arm medium-pace and a hopeful for an England place, with the last ball of Gloucestershire's first innings and went on to snatch the wickets of Nick Trainor and Dominic Hewson with the first two balls of the second.

But Sussex lost the match at Cheltenham and unfashionable Gloucester headed towards the top of the county championship with their fifth win of the season.

They beat Sussex, who had been fourth in the table, by seven wickets and rose from sixth place to third as they closed the gap with Surrey, the only other side with five victories.

At one stage Gloucester, set to make 118 in their second innings, were 20 for three but an unbeaten fourth, Wicket stand of 88 from Matthew Windows (60) and captain Mark Alleyne (27) saw them home.

Leicestershire made the best progress among the other championship contenders. They gained a first innings lead of 162 over Northamptonshire and took the first four second innings wickets for 89.

Alan Mullaity, watched by the England selectors this week with a view to a place in the fourth Test which begins at Trent Bridge on Thursday, added three more wickets to his first innings tally of five as Northants struggled to 161 for six in their second innings.

Surrey, 35, ahead of Middlesex after first innings collapses by both sides, built up a big lead over their London rivals at Guildford by making 335 for a eighth in their second innings. Ally Brown was again their top scorer with 79.

Worcestershire were 358 for seven against Nottinghamshire, 124 ahead, thanks to an innings of 131 from Australian Darren Lehmann at Scarborough, Nottinghamshire quick bowler Kevin Evans finished with five for 101.

England left-arm spinner Ashley Giles turned all-rounder as he scored 75 in Warwickshire's 367 and then captured five wickets for 48 as Hampshire finished 118 behind on first innings by the close Warwickshire had extended their lead to 142.

Worcestershire gained a first innings lead of 43 over Lancashire at Lytham and their Australian captain Tom Moody rubbed in their advantage with an undefeated 93 in the second innings.

Worcestershire ended the day on 196 for six, which put them 239 ahead.

West Indies batsman Carl Hooper hit 100 for Kent, who ran up 313 for seven in reply to Essex's 295.

## Klusener's tour cut short

CHESTER-LE-STREET, England, July 17: South African all-rounder Lance Klusener is returning home for treatment to the injured heel that has troubled him for two weeks, reports Reuters.

Klusener was unable to bowl in the second innings of the third Test against England at Old Trafford 10 days ago and has not bowled since then.

He has undergone X-rays and scans in London and Bristol but the exact cause of the injury has not been diagnosed.

He will see a foot specialist in Pretoria as soon as he arrives home.

"Depending on what the results of the tests are, he may well rejoin the squad at a later date in the tour," team physiotherapist Craig Smith said on Thursday.

Team manager S K Reddy said no thought would be given to a possible replacement until Klusener had completed his consultation in Pretoria.

## Langer longer to be longer

PERTH, July 17: Recalled Australian batsman Justin Langer says he is ready to claim the regular Test berth that has eluded him throughout his first-class cricket career, reports AFP.

Langer was Thursday named in the Australian squad to tour Pakistan in September, where he is expected to view for the number three batting position with Darren Lehmann following the dumping of Greg Blewett.

While he has been a prolific scorer in the Sheffield Shield competition, Langer has been unable so far to take advantage of his limited opportunities at Test level, playing eight Tests for 272 runs at 29.11.

However, the doctory right-hander considers himself a better batsman now than when he last played Test cricket against the West Indies 18 months ago and is ready to take his chance in Pakistan.

Speaking today from England where he is playing county cricket with Middlesex, Langer said he saw no reason to change his approach to the game, despite his previous disappointments.

"I think my game has improved over the last few years," Langer said.

"It's sticking with the basics that have got me where I am," he said.

"I'm not looking too far ahead. But I'm sure I'll grab any opportunity I get with both hands."

The determined 27-year-old has scored more than 8,000 first-class runs at an average of over 50, but has been in and out of the national side since his Test debut in January 1993, when his courageous innings of 54 came painstakingly close to helping Australia regain the Air Frank Worrell trophy in Adelaide.

Langer is the only batsman in English county cricket this season to average more than 100, after scoring 712 Sheffield Shield runs at 142 in 1996-97 and 892 Shield runs at 55 last season.

"I've always thought that all you can do is keep making runs," he said.

"The philosophy has paid off."

Langer has toured the subcontinent before and played one Test in Pakistan four years ago, when he made his highest Test score of 69 in Lahore.

## Rusty Rodney

ADELAIDE, July 17: World squash champion Rodney Eyles of Australia had a shaky start to the defence of his Australian Open title, dropping a game before winning his first-round match Thursday night, reports AP.

Eyles, ranked No. 4 in the world, held off countryman John Williams 15-13, 15-13, 15-15, 15-9. It was the only men's match to go to four games.

Eyles, 30, who is playing in his first tournament since the British Open in April, said his main problem in early rounds is concentration.

In another first-round match, Jonathan Power of Canada beat Australian Anthony Ricketts 15-7, 15-9, 15-6.