

## Column One DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)  
THAT the Roman games, like that of the Greeks, were partly religious in nature. To ensure the continued favour of the gods, the consuls of Rome were required at the beginning of each calendar year to hold games dedicated to the gods. Funds for these spectacles were at first supplied by the public treasury. Later, corrupt politicians used the games to win the favour of the populace and vied with one another in the lavishness and extravagance of the games, which were held on the flimsiest of pretexts and eventually lost their original religious meaning and purpose.  
So you see, the corruption in our sports was not caused in a day. It began with the Romans. Everything said and done, ours is a long-standing tradition.

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## EN-VITS

ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

## SPORTS TALK



**Wasim Bari**  
(PCB's chief selector)  
"He has recovered fully and it's a good sign that he is showing to regain his rhythm."  
On fast bowler Mohammed Zahid who has been recalled in the Pakistan squad for the Peshawar Test against Australia.

## Karpov to play in World Championship

MOSCOW, Oct 10: World chess champion Anatoly Karpov has agreed to compete in the World Championship later this year, backing down from his efforts to block the tournament, officials said Saturday, reports AP.

Karpov won the world title in January and was to serve as champion for two years. But the Switzerland-based world chess Federation, or FIDE, has since decided the championship should take place annually and scheduled the next tournament for Nov 29-Dec 27 in Las Vegas.

Karpov had said he would file lawsuits in Switzerland and the United States to stop the championship.

Friday night, however, he signed an agreement in the Russian republic of Kalmykia with FIDE president Kirsan Ilyumzhinov saying he would compete. Said Ilyumzhinov spokesman Buyancha Galzanov.

A statement from Ilyumzhinov's office said he was "able to find compromises for securing stability and peace in the chess world." I was unclear what prompted Karpov to change his mind.

At about three million dollars in prize money will be on the line, and 100 of the top chess players in the world are scheduled to compete.

## Bangladesh record easy victory in the semis United Arab Emirates Eliminated

From Al-Amin



KATHMANDU, Oct 10: Bangladesh advanced into the final of the 2nd Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Trophy with a surprisingly facile six-wicket win over United Arab Emirates in the first semi-final at the Tribhuvan University ground here today.

The match, which attracted a strong one thousand holiday crowd, petered into an anticlimactic finish when Bangladesh, chasing a paltry UAE total of 103, achieved the target, 106 for four, in 32 overs. The small but vociferous Bangladeshi supporters, draped in the red and green national flag, invaded the pitch when vice-captain Khaled Mahmud got more than the winning run by sending a spinner Nasir Siddiqui off his pads past a close fielder for four runs down to the fine leg boundary.

Although expectation was high regarding the repeat clash between the two 1996 finalists, Bangladesh made a mockery of a contest when they bundled out UAE in 16.1 overs. Thanks to disciplined bowling from all the Bangladeshi bowlers, backed by some excellent fielding and catching, and a virtuoso all-round performance from skipper Aminul, who led his side from the front to an astounding victory.

On the day Bangladesh outplayed their desert opponent in every department of the game. Although UAE skipper won the toss in the morning and opted to bat, his decision to throw a challenging total eventually backfired in the face of some fired-up bowling from Hasibul Hossain and Safiuddin Ahmed.

The two new-ball bowlers exploited the early morning moisture with great authority and virtually pinned down the UAE batsmen. Of the two seamers Safiuddin Ahmed, who was a little unfortunate to return wicket-less in the previous match, removed both the UAE openers including double centurion Saeed Al Saffar, who offered a big nick behind the wicket after scoring only eight runs. The tall right-arm speedster however drew first blood when he had the other opener Nasir Siddiqui caught at cover by Khaled Mahmud, leaving UAE at 10 for one from where they never recovered. Although Hasibul, who won the man-of-the-match award on Thursday for his four-wicket haul against Maldives, returned wicket-less, his figures of 7-0-16-0 speaks volumes.

Left-arm seamer Mohammed Rafique and Khaled Mahmud took over from where the two new-ball bowlers left to destroy the UAE middle-order. Rafique, who turned 29 on Friday, celebrated his birthday in

style, claiming three wickets giving away only 10 runs in his 10 economical overs. Thanks to two outstanding catches from Faruque and Aminul. With the bowlers bowling in a tight line and length, the frustrated UAE batsmen perished quickly, nibbling at deliveries better left alone, and wicketkeeper Khaled Masood was a happy man behind the stumps with four catches.

Faruque clung on to a magnificent one-handed catch, diving to his left at first slip, to give Rafique his first wicket after Arshad Laiq, the most experienced Arab campaigner, offered the difficult chance while playing a forward defensive shot. Rafique was simply devastating. He not only gave the UAE batsmen a torrid time but



M RAFIQUE ... p-o-m also picked wickets at regular intervals.

Aminul gave Rafique his third wicket when he pulled off a sensational catch in the slip after Asian Saeed offered the nick. It was so difficult for the on-field umpires to pass a verdict that they summoned the electronic eye to make the final decision after a TV replay.

Rafique was later declared man-of-the-match for his brilliant bowling by match adjudicator, former Sri Lankan fast bowler Ashantha Dimel, ahead of Aminul Islam, who was perhaps a little unfortunate despite his all-round show.

The Bangladesh captain mopped up the UAE tail to finish with flattering figures of three for only seven runs in his 3.3 overs. His trophies included the prized scalp of Pir Baksh, UAE's top scorer, who put on a defiant 29 off 88 balls. Baksh also hit the only sixer of the match, a huge heave off slow left-arm Enamul Haq over long-off.

Going into bat, Aminul went on to score a polished 34 off 53 balls, his innings studded with six fours, guiding Bangladesh close to victory after a very slow but cautious start by the openers. Bangladesh made heavy

weather of an easy target when Javed Omar and Shahriar Hossain could manage only eight runs in nine overs. Shahriar scored a sedate 16 and Javed made a chancy 22 off 60 balls.

It was however Faruque who withered away the looming pressure by playing some masterful shots. Faruque scored a relatively small total but a well-timed 13 to decisively take the match away from UAE's expectancy. Faruque became one of the victims of off-spinner Tauqeer, the most successful UAE bowler with three for 28 runs in his eight overs.

Bangladesh, who are one match away from retaining the title and winning a ticket to the next Asia Cup, will play the winners of the second semi-final between Hong Kong and Malaysia being played at the same venue tomorrow.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first semi-final between Bangladesh and United Arab Emirates (UAE) played at the Tribhuvan University ground today:

UAE	
N Siddiqui c K Mahmud b Safiuddin	4
S A Saffar c K Masood b Safiuddin	8
B Mallik c K Masood b K Mahmud	23
A Laiq c Faruque b Rafique	4
A Rana c Javed b Rafique	1
M P Baksh c Shahriar b Aminul	29
A Saeed c Aminul b Rafique	0
M Tauqeer c Shahriar b K Mahmud	7
A Mustaq c K Masood b Aminul	4
S Altaf st. K Mahmud b Aminul	2
M Nadeem not out	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-5, w-11)	21
Total: (All out in 46.4 overs)	103
Fall of wkts: 1/10; 2/26; 3/48; 4/48; 5/56; 6/56; 7-75; 8/99; 9/101	

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	7	0	16	0
Safiuddin	10	1	32	2
Rafique	10	2	10	3
K Mahmud	10	1	20	2
Enamul	6	1	14	0
Aminul	3.4	0	6	3

BANGLADESH	
Shahriar c A Saeed b Akbar Ali	16
Javed c M Nadeem b Tauqeer	22
Faruque c B Mallik b Tauqeer	13
Aminul b Tauqeer	34
Al-Shahriar not out	5
K Mahmud not out	0
Extras: (b-5, lb-2, nb-1, w-8)	16
Total: (For 4 wkts in 32 overs)	106
Fall of wkts: 1/28; 2/49; 3/87; 4/102	

Did not bat: Rafique, Khaled Masood, Hasibul Hossain and Safiuddin Ahmed.

Result: Bangladesh won by six wickets.  
Player-of-the-match: Mohammed Rafique (Bangladesh)

## Gavaskar coming

Sports Reporter  
Legendary Sunil Gavaskar has accepted the invitation of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to attend the Wills International Cup, to be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from October 24 to November 1.

This was revealed by BCB general secretary Syed Ashrafui Huq yesterday.

He will come on a personal visit to watch a few matches and will not appear in any TV interviews during the meet," Ashrafui said. He will be arriving on October 27.

Earlier, due to some sponsorship problems the little Indian master was in doubt about his trip to Dhaka.

Besides, Ashrafui also said that the Board was yet to receive a confirmation from Pakistan's World Cup winning captain Imran Khan and his wife Jemima. BCB has also invited them.

### TIGHT SECURITY

Five security agencies have been assigned to maintain law and order at the Bangabandhu National Stadium during the Wills International Cup.

This was confirmed by Bangladesh Cricket Board general secretary Syed Ashrafui Huq yesterday.

The agencies are: Crops of Military Police (CMP) of Bangladesh Army, Police, Armed Police, Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC) and Group 4 - a private security firm.

### ZIMBABWE FIRST

Zimbabwe, as declared earlier, will be the first team to arrive in Dhaka to take part in the Wills International Cup. According to the BCB yesterday, the Zimbabweans are expected here in the early hours of October 18.

England will be the next to arrive. They are coming in the afternoon the same day while New Zealand, who will take on Zimbabwe in the inaugural match of the nine-nation knock-out tournament involving all Test-playing countries will arrive on October 20.

South Africa will come on October 22 while world champions Sri Lanka two days later.

However, the members of the BCB sub-committee designated to receive the participating teams will have a busy day on October 25 as two teams - India and West Indies and a part of the Australian squad of six players, arriving on the day.

Six Australian one-day specialists including Brendon Zullian and Adam Gilchrist will arrive here directly from down under. The other eight members will be coming from the Test team now touring Pakistan.

Those eight will arrive on October 27. Remaining six players of the Test side including skipper Mark Taylor and wicketkeeper Ian Healy will be here as spectators. Pakistan will arrive on October 27.

### Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Oct 10: Abahani Krira Chakra crushed Bakalia Ekadosh 7-1 in the CJKP First Division football league at MA Aziz Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Abahani led the first half 3-1.

Bakteyar of Abahani made a brilliant hatrick while Amin Rama and Nurul Islam scored two goals each.

Moni scored the lone goal for Bakalia.

Sea-Customs beat Mohammedans Blues 3-0 in the other match.

Ritu of Customs made another hatrick.

BCIC defeated Kallol Sangha 5-2 in the third match of the day.

## Wills International Cup tickets Bank insists: 'Q' for view

Sports Reporter

Tickets of the Wills International Cup, which are scheduled to go on sale through the 13 branches of IFIC Bank in Dhaka and Narayanganj from October 20, will be sold on a "first come first serve" basis and everybody, including clients of the IFIC bank will have to stand in queue to purchase the tickets.

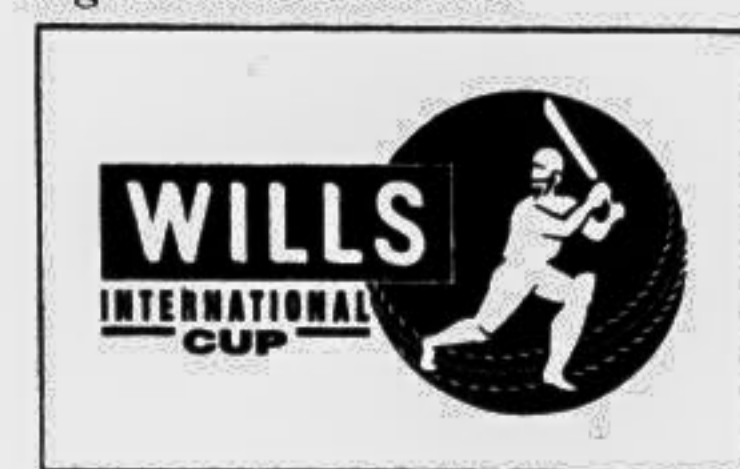
This was boldly declared by Abbas Uddin Ahmed, the managing director of the IFIC Bank, at a press conference at the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday.

Chaired by Brig Kazi Mahmud Hasan, the DG of BKSP and chairman of the Ticket and Seating Sub-committee, the briefing was also attended by BCB vice-president and member-secretary of the sub-committee Tanveer Mazar Islam Tanna, BCB general secretary Syed Ashrafui Haque and two executive vice-presidents of the IFIC Bank - Niaz Ahmed and Shafiq Ahmed Siddique.

Talking to a host of journalists, Mr. Ahmed, whose bank has earned the right to sell the board 30 lakh Taka, also said

that there was no question of giving their clients any extra preference while selling the tickets.

He also said that adequate security measures would be ensured at the bank counters during the sale of tickets.



Brig Hasan revealed that tickets of the VIP Gallery, Club Houses (east and west) and Foreign Gallery, will only be sold at the Federation branch (FBCCI) of the IFIC Bank, while the gallery tickets will be available through their other twelve branches - Motijheel, Dhanmondi, Shantinagar, Islampur, Gulshan, Mouli Bazar, Bangshal, Elephant Road, Kawran Bazar, Malibagh, Naya Paltan and Narayanganj. He also said that if the tickets were ready before schedule, they may go on

sale from October 18 or 19.

Mr. Islam, replying to another question, said that preference will be given to those who will purchase tickets for all the eight matches. He also said that one may be allowed to buy a maximum of five tickets for a match. He hastened to add that things were however yet to be finalised.

There will be two counters at each branch -- one for block tickets of all the eight matches and the other for particular matches.

The daily break-up and rate of tickets are:

## Chess Olympiad Bad day for Bangladesh

Bangladesh women's team drew with Argentina (1.5-1.5 points) while men's team were beaten 4-0 by Latvia in the 10th round of the 33rd Chess Olympiad in the Russian city of Elista on Friday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh women's team has secured 14 points.

International women's Master Rani Hamid won her board while Zakia Sultana drew against her opponent, Shabana Parveen Nipa lost her board.

Bangladesh men's team have 19.5 points.

### RATES OF THE TICKETS

Type	Number	Rate
Eastern Gallery	12000 tickets	Tk 120
Western Gallery	18000 tickets	Tk. 150
Eastern Club House	1400 tickets	Tk 1,000
Western Club House	355 tickets	Tk 1,250
International Enclosure 1	800 tickets	Tk 750
VIP enclosure	375 tickets	Tk 1,500



Zimbabwe fast bowler Henry Olonga (L) rejoices after trapping southpaw Robin Singh on Friday in the Harare Test against India. — AP/UNB photo

## Indian ego dented

Star Sportwatch



Zimbabwe pulled off only their second victory at Test level after inflicting a 61-run defeat against India at the Harare Sports Club yesterday.

The tourists set to score 235 with nearly two days play remaining, were shot out for 173. First Innings century-maker Rahul Dravid (44) and Saurav Ganguly with 36 mounted the only serious challenge to the home team's bowling attack, as the Indians took tea at a precarious 63 for four.

Earlier the hosts slumped from their overnight 291-2 to 293 on the penultimate day of the one-off Test.

The Zimbabweans began the day with an overall lead of 160 and eight wickets in hand. But from a such a position of strength they mustered only a further 74 runs before lunch.

The Africans' last success since gaining Test status in 1992, was against Pakistan also in Harare.

Zimbabwean fast bowler Henry Olonga was adjudged player-of-the-match.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the one-off Test between Zimbabwe and India at Harare Sports Club on Saturday.

### ZIMBABWE: First innings

INDIA: First innings 280 (R Dravid 118, Olonga 5/70)				
ZIMBABWE: Second innings (overnight 219-2)				
Rennie c R Singh b H Singh	84			
Wishart c and b Kumble	63			
Goodwin c and b Kumble	44			
Olonga c Azharuddin b H Singh	5			
Campbell c Azharuddin b H Singh	25			
Flower not out	41			
Johnson c R Singh b Kumble	4			
Evans lbw b Kumble	4			
Srinath c Dravid b Agarkar	3			
Huckle lbw b Srinath	1			
Mbangwa b Srinath	0			
Extras: (b-1, lb-1, nb-9)	22			
Total: (all out in 105.3 overs)	293			
Fall of wkts: 1-138; 2-209; 3-223; 4-223; 5-246; 6-249; 7-257; 8-288; 9-293.				
Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Srinath	23.3	7	43	2
Agarkar	18	2	60	1

## Kathmandu Chronicle

From Al-Amin



KATHMANDU, Oct 10: Ask him a question, get the same old answer - no comments. Cuthbert Gordon Greenidge has shown the patience of a true Test batsman while keeping on uttering the monotonous phrase since his arrival here. His 'no comments' has gained some sort of significance in these days.

Even after the resounding semi-final victory over the United Arab Emirates, the coaching director of Bangladesh did not let his guard down against a curious band of journalists. The famous 'Flush Gordon', at the centre of everybody's attraction, carefully kept the fourth state at bay for reasons best known to him.

To the contrary, skipper Aminul Islam did not hesitate to take on the journalists after displaying yet another all-round performance on the field. He took three wickets and made 34 runs in the day's low-scoring affair.

"We are happy to reach in the final. We played well, specially the bowlers bowled very well and that made the victory much easier," said Aminul, who has shown remarkable consistency so far after being awarded with the captaincy.

"We were on the top from the word go. In every department we played well," said Aminul adding that his team is ready for the final showdown.

UAE coach Mushtaq Mohammed meanwhile said that his team's score was "very difficult to defend."

"My boys did not bat well and eventually they had to pay the penalty through the nose," said the former Pakistan Test cricketer.

"I think 180 could have been a very good score on this wicket. The Bangladesh bowlers did what I had expected of my boys. Bangladesh fully deserved the victory. They have outplayed us in every department of the game," said the mild-mannered Mustaq.

"Bangladeshi bowlers did exceptionally well. They turned the ball, maintained a

light line and length to make life difficult for us.

### STAR TV TALKERS

Former Australian spinner Bruce Yardley, Arun Lal of India and Pakistan's Rameez Raja did the talking for the Star Sports, the Hong Kong-based satellite TV channel that provided the live coverage of the semi-final match today. After the match these stars of the yore did the commentating for the Daily Star Sport.

Yardley is quite familiar with the cricket of this sub-continent. But this is for the first time the Australian was seeing Bangladesh in action.

"I'm really impressed with your two new-ball bowlers. They were bowling with venom and kept a tight line and length. I'm also impressed with the way your left-arm spinner (Mohammad Rafique) had spun the ball," said Yardley. "I think Aminul is the most accomplished batsmen in Bangladesh side."

Arun Lal, on the other hand, is not only familiar with Bangladesh but also with its cricketers.

The former Indian Test cap lauded the Bangladesh performance. "They played extremely well. Rafique, Hasibul and Safiuddin bowled very well and exploited the moisture brilliantly," he said. "It was a good toss to lose for your captain. But the wicket is not fit for one-day matches. There was uneven bounce on the wicket. But within two or three month it will be a very nice ground. The approach of Bangladesh was right. The openers did the right thing. But it was Rafique who bowled really terrific."

Former Pakistan opener Rameez Raja played in Dhaka on many an occasion. His expertise on Bangladesh cricket is quite remarkable.

"Bangladesh deserved the victory. I think, on this tricky wicket the difference was made by the Bangladeshi bowlers. They have exploited the condition with great aplomb," Rameez said. "But the UAE spinners could not do what the Bangladeshi bowlers had done earlier. Rafique bowled very,

very well."

Rameez however appeared to be a bit discreet while talking about 'any improvement' in Bangladesh cricket.

"Although the Bangladesh openers were a little defensive, but the application was correct. It will not be a judicious statement to say whether Bangladesh has improved right away. But they have applied themselves very good in this match."



An ecstatic Dominique van Roost after her quarterfinal victory in the Porsche Grand Prix on Oct 8. The Belgian teenager upset world No. 1 Murtina Hingis. — AP/UNB photo