

## Column One

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT newspaper report of a cricket match played in Sylhet in the year 1858 is available in English. Quoting: "Perhaps the most interesting event ever recorded in the cricketing annals of Eastern Bengal, was the grand single wicket match between 'service' and 'non-service' that came off on the 24th instant on the parade ground of that humbly picturesque station Sylhet."

You will not find 'humidly' in wide usage these days.

That cricket was played in Dhaka in the mid-19th C is implied in the memoirs of Charles Stewart. He was the Joint Magistrate of Dhaka in 1866-67. He wrote, there is a cricket ground in Dhaka. And the New Year was celebrated by playing cricket on that ground. English officers played even polo on that ground for a few days, but for fear of the ground being spoilt they did not play any more.

We are living through a similar problem these days with officials of football and cricket blaming each other for spoiling the party at the Bangabandhu Stadium.

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

**Competition-105**

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Competition closes at 8 pm, Oct 23 '98, and draw shortly afterwards

1. How many ODI centuries has Tendulkar hit so far?	17	18	19
2. Who is England's cricket coach?	Lloyd	Botham	Gooch
3. Who is the new France soccer coach?	Platini	Cruyff	Lemerre
4. Next Asia Cup cricket will be held in:	Dhaka	Colombo	Calcutta
5. Who lifted this year's 1st Division hockey league title?	MSC	ARC	BSC

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**SPORTS TALK**

**Anshuman Gaekwad**  
(India cricket team coach)  
"I think the situation, wherein two Indian teams had to be picked for two tournaments was most undesirable."

On the policy of the Indian cricket board to send separate teams for Commonwealth Games and Sahara Cup.

**VCA, MCC sign deal**  
SYDNEY, Oct 15: The Victorian Cricket Association (VCA) and Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) have finalised a new agreement which will see international cricket remain at the 90,000-seater Melbourne Cricket Ground for the next 10 years, reports AFP.

VCA chairman Malcolm Gray said Wednesday the new agreement will start with the 1999-2000 cricket season and ends speculation cricket would head to the New Docklands Stadium.

**Div II soccer**  
Eskaton Sabuj Sangha defeated Jatrabari Club 2-0 in the Second Division football league at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Jubaer put Eskaton ahead in the 58th minute while Alam doubled the margin in the 79th minute.

In the day's other match, Prantik KC shared point with T&T Club as the match ended in 1-1 draw.

## Tourists thrive on Taylor ton

**PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Oct 15:** Mark Taylor hit a brilliant century as Australia seized the initiative with 224-1 at the close of the first day of the second Test here at the Arbab Niaz Stadium today, reports AFP.

Already 1-0 up in the three-match series, Australia completely dominated the day's proceedings frustrating hosts Pakistan.

When bad light curtailed play by 21 overs captain Mark Taylor was 112 not out and Justin Langer was on a career best 97.

Both left-handers played with authority and treated the Pakistan attack with contempt adding 208 runs for the undefeated second wicket stand.

Taylor was in a punishing mood in the second session maddling the ball impeccably. He hit 13 fours and a six in his innings off 240 balls, taking 319 minutes.

Langer, out for a first ball duck in Rawalpindi, hit nine boundaries. The two helped Australia to gain ascendancy after they lost opener Michael Slater at 16.

Slater, who hit 108 in the first Test, fell for two. He walked into a delivery going away and was caught in the gully by Azhar Mahmood off Shoaib Akhtar.

The Australian captain completed his 19th century, his fourth against Pakistan, with a single to mid-off. His century was off 210 balls taking 269 minutes aided by 12 fours to the ropes and one over it.

"It's always wonderful to score a century and this one is more satisfying after I looked for runs on this tour," a beaming Taylor said.

Taylor, who was dropped by Saeed Anwar off leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed when on 27, took full advantage of the lapse and reached his fifty with a hook to the ropes off Zahid. He took 192 minutes to reach 50 hitting seven fours.

Taylor took 86 balls for his second 50 hitting five fours and a hooked six off Shoaib.

He recorded the first century at the venue in three Tests. Inzamam's 95 against Sri Lanka in the 1995-96 series was the highest at this ground.

Langer reached his fourth half-century in Tests in 96 minutes hitting six boundaries. The 28-year-old from Western Australia survived a confident appeal for leg before on the very first ball. He later shaped well and played a variety of strokes.

"I looked at umpire Steve Bucknor and felt my heart leap out of my body but I picked it up when I saw him turning down the appeal," Langer said.

Langer beat his previous best of 69 made against Pakistan in Lahore in 1994-95.

Australian players displayed

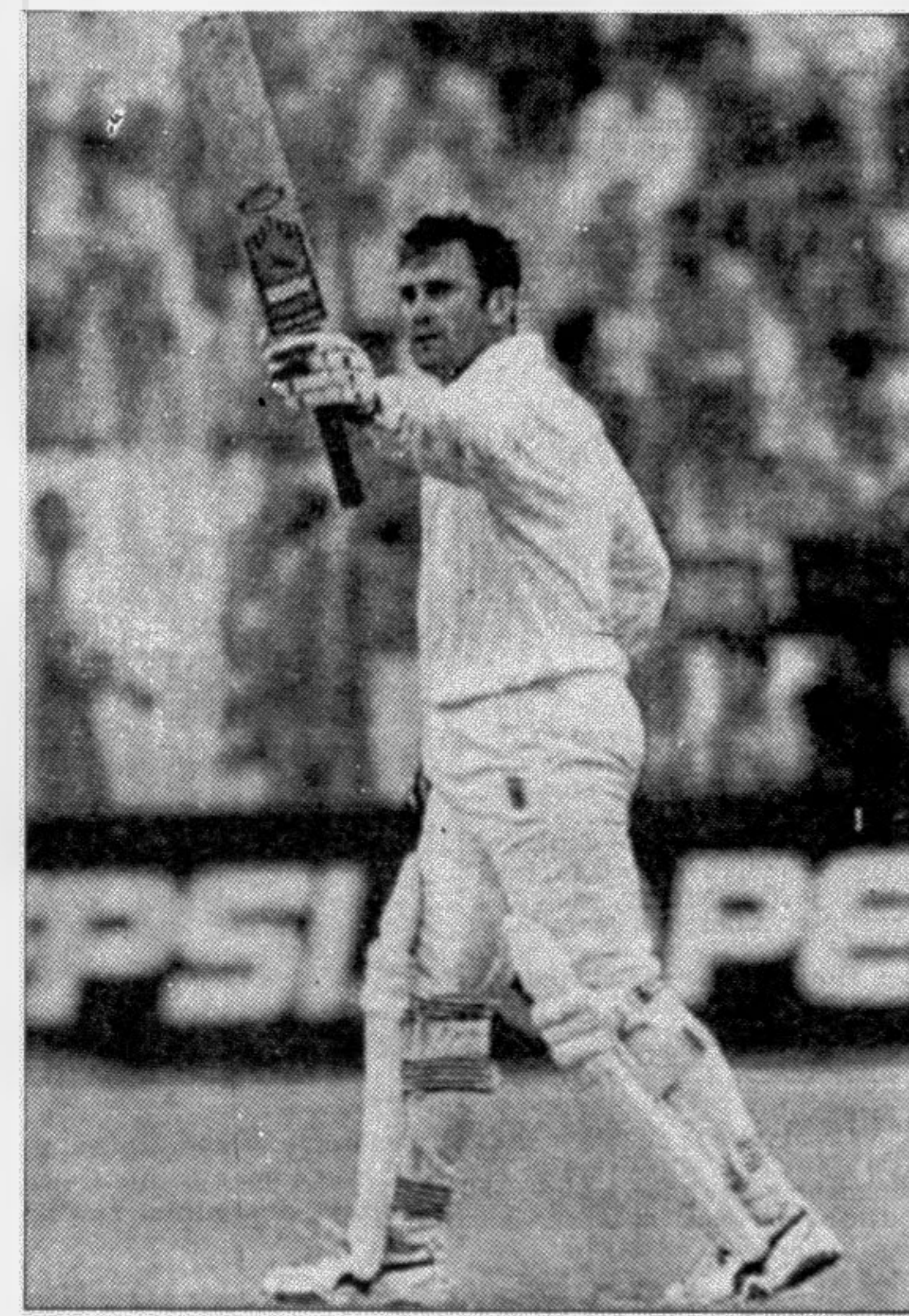
black arm bands to mourn the death of former captain Ian Johnson who died last week.

Australia were 78-1 at lunch and by tea had advanced to 167-1.

They added another 57 runs in 18 overs after tea with both Langer and Taylor unwilling to be dismissed.

Earlier Australia won the toss and decided to have the

Tight security has been in force for the Test with commandos guarding the tourists. Spectators were body searched in a system considered the most stringent implemented for a Test in Pakistan.



ANOTHER TAYLOR TON: Mark Taylor, the Australian captain, acknowledges the applause from spectators after reaching his hundred on the opening day of the second Test against Pakistan at Peshawar yesterday.

—Internet photo

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings

Taylor not out 112  
Slater c Azhar Mahmood b Shoaib Akhtar 2  
Langer not out 97  
Extras: (lb-3, nb-9, w-1) 13  
Total: (69 overs in 1 wkt) 224-1  
Fall of wkts: 1-16

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shoaib Akhtar	17	5	56	1
Mohammad Zahid	13	0	55	0
Mushtaq Ahmed	19	1	61	0
Azhar Mahmood	8	1	27	0
Aamir Sohail	12	3	22	0

To bat: M Waugh, S Waugh, R Ponting, I Healy, D Fleming, S MacGill, C Miller and G McGrath.

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Mohammad Nazir (Pakistan).

## Azhar's reign extended

**NEW DELHI, Oct 15:** Mohammad Azharuddin is set to play his 300th one-day international later this month after being retained as Indian captain today for two limited-over tournaments, reports AFP.

The national selectors kept faith in Azharuddin, 35, for the upcoming Mini World Cup in Bangladesh and the Sharjah Cup despite an embarrassing first-ever Test defeat against Zimbabwe last week.

India's first match in the Mini World Cup, against Australia on October 28, will be the 300th one-day for the skipper, the world's most experienced limited-over cricketer.

Azharuddin returns to Dhaka where he equalled former Australian captain Allan Border's record of 273 appearances during the Independence Cup in January.

The attractive strokeplayer has another reason to look forward to the opening game against Australia. He needs just 94 runs to equal West Indian Desmond Haynes' record tally of 8,648 one-day runs.

In 299 matches so far,

Azharuddin has amassed 8,554 runs from 275 innings at an average of 38.19 with seven centuries and 52 fifties.

ing forward to leading in India's third successive World Cup campaign in England next year.

"Winning the World Cup is my dream," he said. Under his captaincy, India failed to qualify for the knock-out stage of the 1992 World Cup and then lost to eventual winners Sri Lanka in the semifinals of the 1996 edition.

Azharuddin was not worried by the 61-run humiliation by Zimbabwe in the one-off Test at Harare last week, saying his team was capable of recovering from the setback.

"You win some and you lose some," he said. "It was just very poor cricket by us at Harare."

"But we have the nucleus of a very strong side which has the talent to win the World Cup next year. That is what we are aiming for."

The Dhaka tournament from October 24 to November 2 features all the nine Test-playing nations for the first time outside the World Cup.

This will be followed by the three-nation Sharjah Cup in the United Arab Emirates from November 6 to 13 between India, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

The rest of the Indian team will be named on Sunday.

## Liverpool hope for a change

**LIVERPOOL, England, Oct 15 (Reuters/Internet):** Everton's indifferent form in the English premier league this season is unlikely to have any bearing on their chances of success in the Merseyside derby against Liverpool on Saturday.

The form book has been torn up in recent years, with Everton having something to shout about at their neighbours' expense.

Last season a 2-0 victory at Goodison Park and 1-1 draw at Anfield saved Everton from relegation.

In fact, Liverpool have not won a derby fixture since 1994, although they still lead the overall victory count by 94 wins to 77.

In the first derby meeting between the two high-profile English clubs on October 13, 1894, Everton prospered 3-0 against a

Liverpool team who had taken the unusual step of spending a week in a training camp ahead of the fixture.

The result was particularly sweet for Everton who only two years before had been the tenants at Anfield. Ground owner John Houlding had doubled the rent in a move that led to an Everton rebellion and the club setting up a new home at Goodison Park.

Unperturbed, Houlding quickly arranged for a new team to play at Anfield and, in founding Liverpool, began one of soccer's greatest rivalries. It is a rivalry that has left its mark on many of the great names who have played in the fixture.

The atmosphere at derby games is so intense that former Everton and England midfielder Alan Ball has admitted: "I would give 15 years of my life to play in one again."

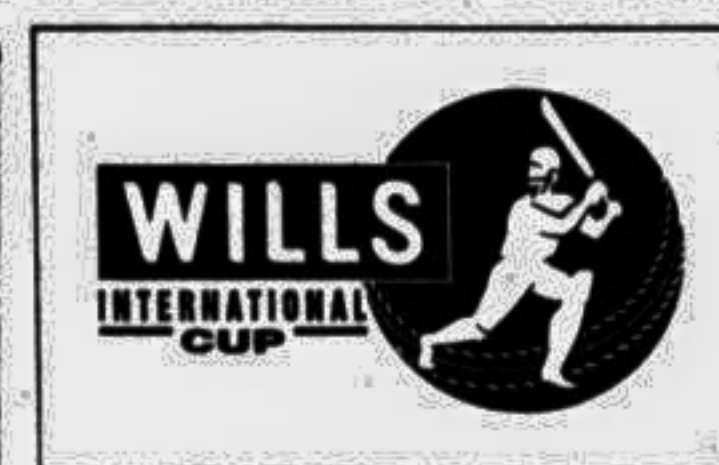
In the early days Liverpool held the upper hand and they completed the first ever double in 1899. From 1907 onwards neither team seemed capable of winning at home.

In a remarkable run up to World War One, Liverpool won six and drew one of their nine away games. Everton won at Anfield seven times in succession.

Liverpool claimed the biggest margin of victory in the derby's history in 1935 by knocking six past Everton without reply at Anfield. Fred Howe grabbing four goals.

The derby clashes became rare occasions in the 1950s and 60s when Liverpool were relegated and stayed in the second division until 1962.

To ensure the rivalry and the cash bonanza the large gates brought with them continued, the clubs arranged a series of 'senior cup' matches.



## Trophy to reach Dhaka Monday

**Sports Reporter**

The trophy of the Wills International tournament will reach Dhaka from Delhi on October 18, said the Bangladesh Cricket Board general secretary, Syed Ashraful Haq, last night.

The trophy was made in India, and tournament's title sponsor Indian Tobacco Company (ITC) provided the finance. The trophy, which has been designed on the theme of "One world, one game" by Arun Pabuwala, a Jaipur-based jeweller, will be unveiled in Delhi on October 17 and later ITC officials will bring it to Dhaka.

## Pepsi in action

**Sports Reporter**

Pepsi, the official drink sponsor of the Wills International Cup, has drawn up a massive promotional drive ahead of the mega event, starting on October 24.

Sunil Sood, the country manager of Pepsi, revealed during their campaign yesterday.

The programme has been kicked off a month before with the holding of a quiz competition at the school level. Sixty boys from thousand of aspirants will be picked up, and they will act as ball boys during the knock-out tournament.

"This will be a great opportunity for the school boys to see their heroes playing in front of them at the Bangabandhu National Stadium," said the Delhi-based Sood.

"We are also planning to set up eight mobile scoreboards in the city during the tournament to keep the city dwellers up-to-date on the latest news of the matches," added Sood.

He also informed that another competition for the young Pepsi drinkers - titled 'Pepsi Generation Next Dream Team' - began in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet yesterday.

"We are asking the young generation to send the list of their dream team, and if one's selection matches with that of ours, which was chosen by former Indian captain Ravi Shastri, the winner will receive a bat signed by the star cricketers of the present time," said Sood.

Sood also informed The Daily Star that a phone-in competition would also be held everyday during the 9-day tournament.

## Barisal U-18 football

**From Staff Correspondent**

**BARISAL, Oct 15:** Two matches of U-18 football tournament were played at the Barisal Stadium today organised by Football Upa-Parishad of BDSA.

In the first match New Rising Stars outplayed Bandhan Club 4-0.

Fushar scored two while Mezzah and Kamal netted one goal each for winners.

In the second match Sonar Bangla Juba Sangha trounced Barisal Junior Academy 11-2.

## Div I hockey

Dhaka Ansars defeated Cantonian Sporting Club 1-0 in the Green Delta Insurance First Division League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

With the win, Ansars secured 7 points from 12 matches while newcomers Cantonian also bagged 7 points from same number of outings.

Mahabubur Rahman netted the winning goal in the 52nd minute.

In the day's other match, Wari Club shared point with Sonali Bank as their match ended in a goalless draw.

Sonali Bank collected 23 points from 8 matches while Wari Club secured 21 points from same number of games.

## Elite open tennis

Baisakhi reached the women's singles semifinal of the Elite Singles open tennis tournament outplaying Linda of America 6-3, 6-2 at the Ramna Tennis Complex yesterday, reports UNB.

In the day's other women's singles matches, Eti Dirhouse, Tura, Ovi, Shawni and Sathi moved to the quarterfinals.

Dilip Pasha, Fahim Ahsan Rumi, Lakhan Lal, Bisnu, Taswar and Ruhun won their respective matches in the men's singles group matches and reached to the quarterfinals.

## Nissan Fan b'ball

BAF Shaheen School & College and BKSP won their respective matches in the Nissan Fan basketball competition at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

BAF Shaheen School & College defeated Nabakumar Institute 55-54 after trailing the first half 22-26.

Rajat caged highest 38 points for the winning team while Mubarak 23 for the losing team.

## 13th Asian Games Quader takes on newsmen

**Sports Reporter**

Most of the journalists at an extraordinary meeting yesterday expressed that country's ruling body of sports should send athletes in maximum six disciplines to compete in the 13th Asian Games, starting in Bangkok in December.

In invitation of State Minister for Youth and Sports, Obaidul Quader, some fifty sports journalists from different national dailies and new agencies gathered at the National Sports Council (NSC) room in the morning.

During the 90-minute long deliberation, the sports reporters stated that it would be wise to send athletes for three team events -- kabaddi, football and hockey, and as many individual disciplines -- swimming, athletics and shooting.

The NSC has earlier suggested that Bangladesh should take part only in kabaddi, in which the country clinched the silver in Hiroshima Asiad in 1994. But the local governing body has been considering recently sending sports persons in few more disciplines.

When asked the newsmen advocated that football, hockey, athletics, swimming and shooting should have been considered for the Thailand

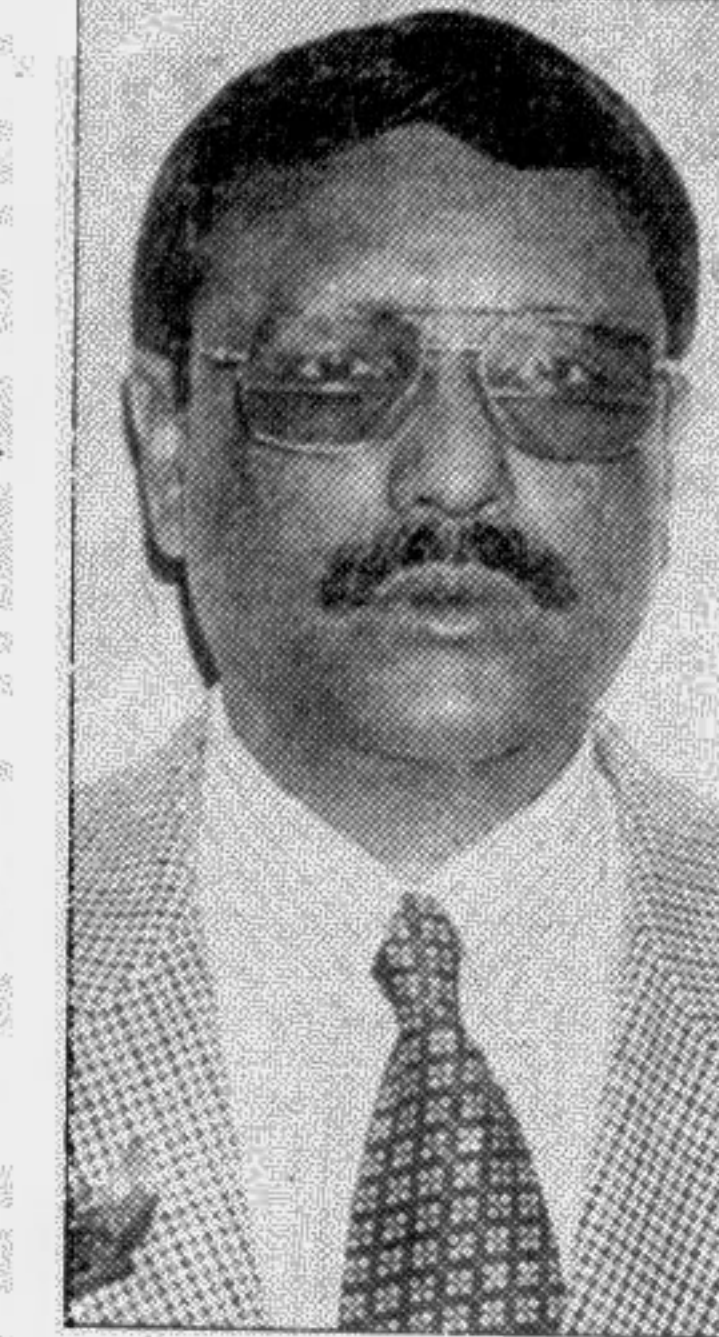
within a day or two.

The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA), which has the authority to make any decision in this regard, made entries in 18 disciplines for the Thailand Games last year. But NSC, the financier, has refused to entertain the huge contingents put forward by the BOA, giving another twist to the 18-month long cold but well-publicised dispute between the two organisations.

This was once again cropped up in the deliberation where neither the BOA president nor the secretary general was present. Faruk Khan, MP, a BOA vice-president, was however the only consoling presence from the rival camp.

Quader however had a different opinion about the role of BOA. "It was the government, the sports ministry in precise, is the authority to take final decision in sending teams abroad," said Quader.

"Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) can only recommend



for any participation in the international meets."

He also denied reports of any bitter relationship between the NSC and BOA, but said that both bodies must respect each other to maintain discipline in the sports arena.

Replying to a query, Quader refuted the reports that he decided to send kabaddi team only for the Bangkok Asiad. Although the NSC issued the notice but it was done without his knowledge, claimed the NSC chairman.

Quader meanwhile admitted that lot of irregularities and instances of indiscipline were going on in and around the NSC.

"I'm very much aware of the fact and you can expect a major shake-up in the top echelon of the NSC at the end of the Wills International Cup," said Quader.

On the recent scandal in the athletic federation, Quader said that the government has taken up the issue seriously. A three-member probe body, formed by the Parliamentary Standing Committee, would sit on October 20 for the first time.

The general secretary of the Bangladesh Football Federation, Harun-ur Rashid, MP and Sports Secretary ASM Shahjahan also attended the meeting.

## Pollock partially active

**DURBAN, Oct 15 (Reuters/Internet):** Shaun Pollock, whose back injury has forced him out of the International Cricket Council's limited overs tournament in Bangladesh, will not bowl for at least another two weeks.

However, he is likely to play solely as a batsman in Natal's limited overs match against North West on October 23.

Medical tests have shown the all-rounder has nothing more than a lower back muscular strain, but that one has not been allowed to heal properly.

The problem should be solved if Pollock stays away from the bowling creases for another two weeks, said Natal's fitness advisor Andrew Sheddlock.

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QUIZ 2	23 Oct. '98	29 Oct. '98	29 Oct. '98	5 Nov. '98

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Tick (✓) the correct answers

1. The youngest Test-playing nation is	Sri Lanka	Zimbabwe	Bangladesh
2. What is meant by 'down under'?	All out	Australia	Third man
3. Sachin Tendulkar was born in the year	1973	1974	1975
4. The England-Australia 'Bodyline' series was played in	1932-33	1935-36	1948-49
5. When it started ICC's 'T' stood for	International	Imperial	Intelligent

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