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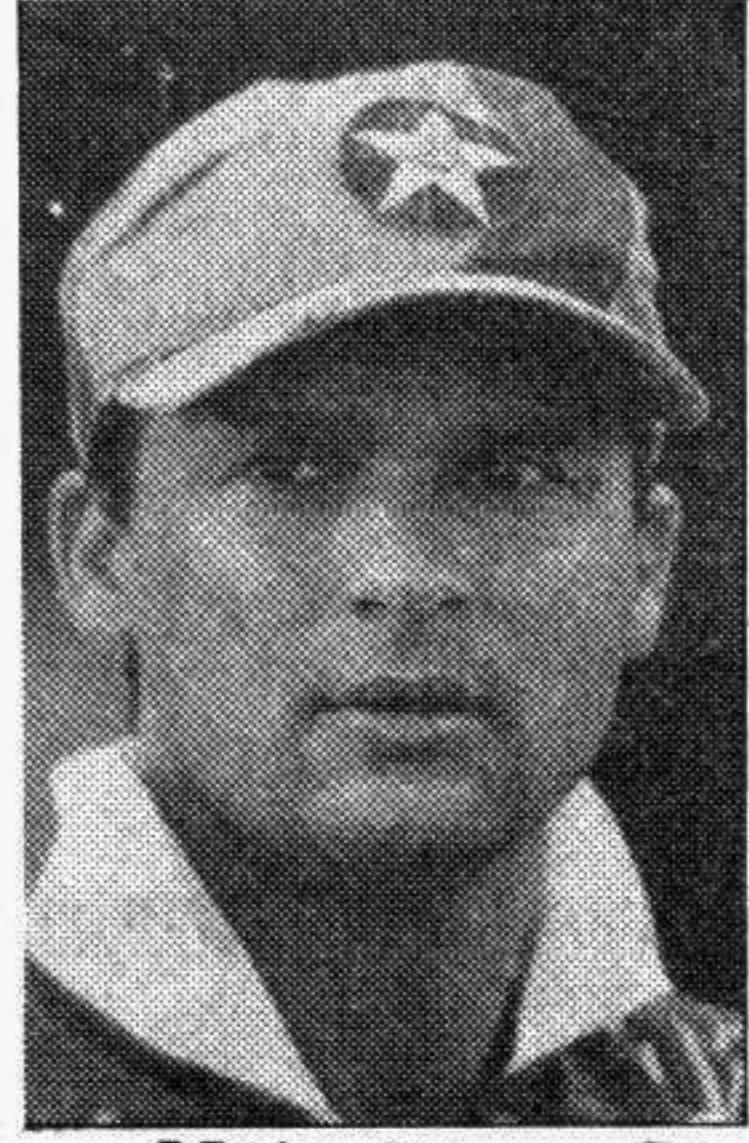
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## Column One SPORTS TALK



**Moin Khan**

(Pakistan cricket vice-captain)  
"It was disappointing after we played so well in the World Cup. Now the fans must realise we are the number two team in the world."

After returning home on Thursday.

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1	How many matches have been scheduled for the World Cup 99?	40	41	42
2	Pakistan beat New Zealand in the semifinal by	9 wks	10 wks	53 runs
3	How many wickets did NZ bowler Geoff Allott capture in the World Cup?	18	21	20
4	Saqain Mushtaq scored his hat-trick against which country?	Kenya	Zimbabwe	Bangladesh
5	How many runs did Minhazul Abedin score in the World Cup?	120	140	140

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China deserves credit

BEIJING, June 25: China should be credited with the creation of swimming, weightlifting, skiing and a host of other sports, according to He Zhenliang, a Chinese executive board member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), reported AFP.

"Over the past 5,000 years, the Chinese people have created a great variety of sports and games." He, who chairs the IOC's cultural committee, was quoted as saying by the Xinhua news agency.

"A number of modern sports can be traced back to ancient China: weightlifting, swimming, archery and equestrian sports in summer, and skating and skiing in winter," he told the opening of the "5000 Years of Sport in China Art and Tradition" exhibition in Lausanne, Switzerland.

"With its origins in the Yellow River Valley, Chinese civilisation has its own time-honoured sports like all other ancient civilisations," he said.

He said he hoped the Olympic Museum exhibition, which includes 150 pieces about sport in ancient China, would give visitors a better knowledge and understanding of China.

## Bangladesh kept waiting

From Nizamuddin Ahmed in London



June 25: Two Test teams and as many 'A' teams are likely to visit Bangladesh in the coming winter as part of ICC's plans to award Test status for Bangladesh. The national team will also be touring some countries. The emphasis will be on three to four-day matches as the ICC's report on Bangladesh has pointed out this shortcoming. An itinerary will be chalked in a meeting next Monday.

In the ICC meeting held yesterday, Bangladesh secured votes of five full members and all the 25 associate members. Seven of the nine full-member votes and the 25 from the associates are necessary for gaining Test status. A Test-playing country is a full member.

BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury now in London to attend the ICC meeting considered the developments "encouraging". Bangladesh was supported well by the Development Committee chairman Dr

Ali Bacher and also the Finance and Marketing Committee.

"We will give it a big push next year," said Saber, adding that no one doubted that we should become a Test country, "but the timing was a big factor."

It was decided in the meeting that the next International limited overs competition among the nine Test countries will be held from October 5-15 in the year 2000 at either Nairobi or Sharjah. If they fail to organise it, Dhaka will host the meet. Dhaka is not pursuing the case as the venue should be in principle an Associate Member country, and Dhaka by then may become a Test venue. Moreover, Dhaka has already been a host last November.

Bangladesh may get specialist coaches, umpires and other resources as support from ICC to develop BKSF as a centre of excellence. BKSF's potential has been recognised, revealed Saber, and matters will only be finalised in a meeting lined up for September 1999.

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