

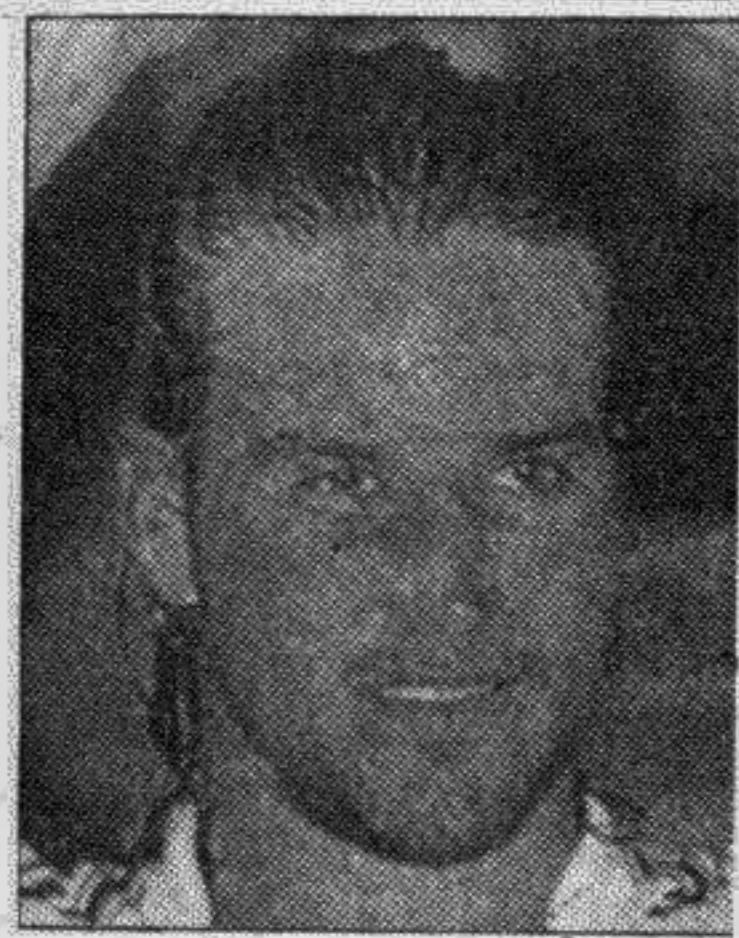


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## Column One SPORTS TALK



**Patrick Rafter**  
(Australian tennis player)  
"Top players who do not give out their best should not take appearance money."

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1	How many matches have been scheduled for the World Cup 99?
40	41
2	Pakistan beat New Zealand in the semi-final by 9 wkt. 53 runs
3	How many wickets did NZ bowler Geoff Allott capture in the World Cup?
18	21
4	Saqib Mushtaq scored his hat-trick against which country?
Kenya	Zimbabwe (Bangladesh)
5	How many runs did Minhalzul Abedin score in the World Cup?
120	140

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### Fleming fires Kent

LONDON, July 11 (AFP): Skipper Matthews Fleming notched a fine 106 not out Saturday to leave Kent scintillating victory in their County Championship game with Worcester at New Road.

Fleming put on an unbroken 54 for the last wicket with Julian Thompson as Kent motored to 303-9 to establish a 316-run lead.

His knock included sixteen fours and one six.

Somerset meanwhile had Peter Bowler to thank as they clawed their way back against his former side Derbyshire on the back of a patient 95.

Bowler teamed up with Michael Burns, who hit 72, to help Somerset to 237 for four at the close, 122 behind Derbyshire's first innings total of 359.

### Fu strikes a second time

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Spain, July 11: Fu Mingxia, a world diving champion at the age of 12, continued her comeback in winning style with her second diving title of the World Student Games on the three-metre springboard on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Fu won the 10-metre platform title from Chinese team-mate Wang Rui by the tiny margin of 0.390 points on Wednesday. But she was a runaway winner in a high-class final on the three-metre board on Saturday.

She scored 550.230 points from her five dives to win from world one-metre springboard champion Irina Lashko (528.300) and world three-metre springboard champion Yuliya Pakhalina (521.010).

### Div II hockey

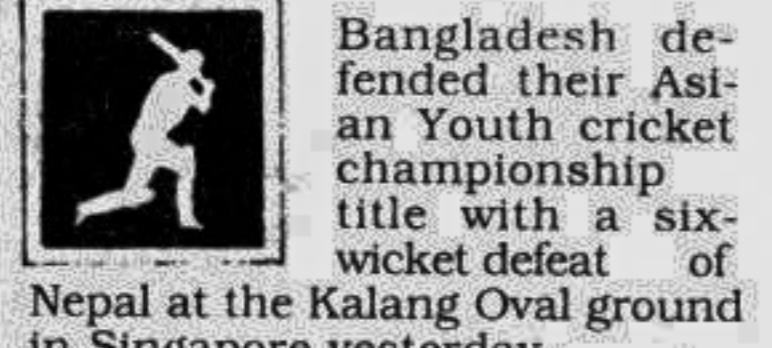
Shishu Kishore Sangha and Dilkusha SC won their respective matches in the Green Delta Insurance 2nd Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Shishu beat East End Green Club 2-0 with Sumon scoring the first goal early in the second minute and Emon increasing the margin after nine minutes.

In the day's second match, Dilkusha defeated Shantinagar SC 2-1. Saja put Dilkusha ahead in the 9th minute and Faisal doubled the margin six minutes later. Imran reduced the gap in the 27th minute.

## Bangladesh retain Asian title

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh defended their Asian Youth cricket championship title with a six-wicket defeat of Nepal at the Kallang Oval ground in Singapore yesterday.

With this win Bangladesh not only finished unbeaten champions but also extended their supremacy in style over the other ICC associate member nations in this part of the world.

The victory for Bangladesh was, however, icing on the cake as they already confirmed their berth in the forthcoming World Youth Championship along with Nepal by virtue of reaching the final of the Singapore showpiece.

The World Youth Championship, involving 16 team including the nine Test-playing nations, will be held in Sri Lanka in January next year.

Although victory for Bangladesh, who started the championship as firm favourite, was always on the cards against Nepal, the spirited youths of Bangladesh made a mockery of a contest when they bundled out the surprise-setters in the meet for only 125 runs.

The victorious national youth team returns home today. Meanwhile, State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader has congratulated the national youth team for bringing home the glory.

The victory will be a shot in the arms for Bangladesh's progress in the world cricket -- 126 for four in 29.1 overs.

Hannan, a member of the Plate winning World Youth national team in South Africa two years back, scored a characteristic 44 off 60 balls after Bangladesh lost their opener Imran Ahmed at the score of 25.

But Hannan, carried away by the sudden rush of blood, not only deprived himself of what would have been a well-deserved half-century but also failed to earn an enviable feat of remaining unconquered in the meet when the dapper right-hander was caught by Saru off Dars.

Hannan was the last batsmen out, with Bangladesh winning only 12 runs to win. Mridul, after restricting Nepal to an attainable target it was once again Hannan Sarker who lived up to his credentials of consistency, leading Bangladesh to victory -- 126 for four in 29.1 overs.

### SCOREBOARD

#### NEPAL

U Saru st. Mortuza b Imran 42

S Khadka run out 5

B Dali c Sadik b Fahim 16

P Lunia b Imran 4

B Shah run out 9

R Basnyat st. Mortuza b

Fahim 3

Akhter c Mortuza b Hannan 15

M Alam st. Mortuza b Imran 0

Ramdan b Bikash 9

BK Das b Bikash 0

M Baisya not out 0

Extras: (lb-4, w-18) 22

Total: (All out in 39.2 overs) 125

Fall of wkt: 1/21, 2/60,

3/77, 4/88, 5/95, 6/99, 7/100,

8/125, 9/125

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bikash Das	8	3	28	2
Tariqul Islam	6	2	12	0
Hannan Sarker	42	0	22	1
Mridul	4	0	13	0
Fahim Muntasir	8	0	23	2
Imran Rahim	9	1	23	3

### BANGLADESH

Imran Ahmed c Baishya b Das 16

Sadik c & b P Lunia 28

Hannan c Saru b Das 44

Rajin b P Lunia 9

Mridul not out 18

Salim not out 2

Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-1, w-5) 9

Total: (For 4 wkt in 29.1 overs) 125

Fall of wkt: 1/25, 2/77,

3/95, 4/114

Bowler	O	M	R	W
BK Das	8	0	31	2
Akhter	4	0	22	0
M Alam	1	0	10	0
Paras Lunia	9	0	27	2
R Basnyat	6.1	0	27	0
Ramdan	1	0	6	0

Result: Bangladesh won by six wickets

Man-of-the-final: Mortuza (Bangladesh)

Rain lay-off

Sports Reporter

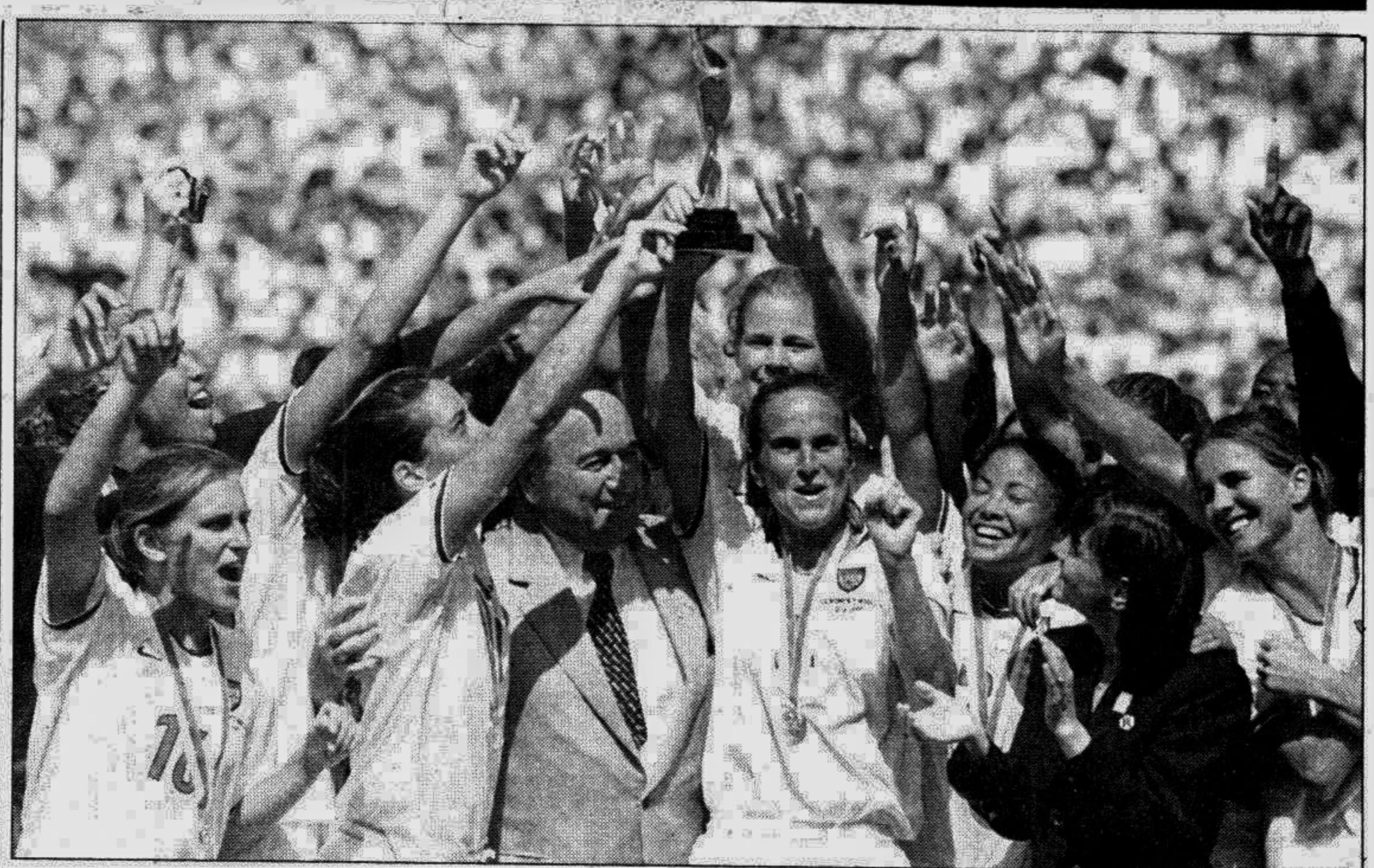
With the rain continuing to play foul, the ongoing Keya Premier football league experienced yet another setback as the organisers forced to suspend both the scheduled matches yesterday.

The two matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium was called off even before the scheduled start after the ground went into knee-deep water due to incessant rain.

Although Brothers Union, who were to take part against Mirpur Chalantika in the first match, took the trouble of paying a brief visit to the Bangabandhu Stadium but Mukti Joddha did not even bother to come all the way from their club tent in Gulshan.

The defending champions were scheduled to take part in the second match against Fakirpool Youngmen's Club.

Both the matches will now be held today.



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS : FIFA president Sepp Blatter(C) joins the US celebrations after handing over the

—AFP photo

## USA rule the world

### Sunny turns fifty

From Our Correspondent

Calcutta, July 11: India's highest run-getter in Test cricket Sunil Gavaskar completed half century in the field of life Saturday.

The man with the highest number of centuries in Test however, spent the entire day in the company of his family and close friends Gautam Thakkar and Milind Rege at Khandala, which is a three hour drive

Los Angeles, July 11 (AFP/AP): The United States put the happy ending on the fairytale, beating China 5-4 on penalties to win the Women's World Cup Saturday after a tense final ended scoreless after extra time.

Brandi Chastain capped a perfect US performance in the shootout, slotting her shot past Chinese keeper Gao Hong and sending the crowd of 90,185 at the Rose Bowl into a frenzy. "I felt very calm," Chastain said. "I didn't hear any noise. I didn't get caught up in looking at Gao. Sometimes she likes to get in a staring match, she likes to smile at you and make you uncomfortable."

When it was done, she said, I thought "My God, this is the greatest moment of my life on a soccer field."

It was the perfect stage for Chastain to redeem herself for a penalty miss against China in the US defeat in the Algarve Cup Final earlier this year. She said US coach Tony Dicicco's faith in her made it all the more.

"I have to thank Tony very much for allowing me to take that penalty," she said. "Being the fifth penalty kicker was a lot of pressure but with his trust and my teammates' trust I just went up there and did it the way I've been practising all week — and it went in."

The Chinese had fallen behind in the third round of the shootout, when US keeper Brianna Scurry stopped Liu Ying's shot.

"I really don't remember what side it was on, I think it was on my left side," said Scurry, who came up from the diving save pumping her fist and waving to the ecstatic crowd. "I read it pretty well. She hit it pretty hard, but I don't think she placed it that well."

"I knew I just had to stop one, and my teammates would take care of the rest," Scurry said. "I knew if I could get one we'd be OK."

Scurry couldn't explain why exactly, but she said she had a feeling about that shot before it was even struck.

"I was really focused on that

As the Americans controlled the midfield for most of the game, having the greater amount of possession but only rarely getting inside the 18.

The Chinese's only legitimate chance before extra time came in the 69th when Jin Yan flicked on a header at the near post off a corner from Liu Ying that rolled across the face of the goal.

Sun Wen put a free kick from just outside the area about a me-

ter over the bar in the 35th and American midfielder Michelle Akers headed away a corner in the first minute of second-half injury time that squelched another opportunity.

The United States' had a handful of a chance, none of which seriously threatened either.

Akers launched a blast from 40 metres in the 12th minute that Chinese keeper Gao Hong had to knock down before controlling and Shannon MacMillan put a 25-metre free kick into the arms of Gao in the 81st.

Then came the opening festivities, featuring a performance by pop diva Jennifer Lopez, smoke-trailing rockets and a formation fly-over by military jets — all against the backdrop of the San Gabriel mountains.

Fan's header was the closest either team came to scoring as each remained wary of the potential explosiveness of the other.

"My defence was unbelievable today," Scurry said. "I think that one penalty kick save was my only save today. It's tough to bottle up a team like China but we were all over them today."

The game was back and forth, certainly at times we