

Column One

SPORTS TALK



Primo Nebiolo

(IAAF president)
"I am shocked. I cannot believe it. I am very surprised and upset because I have great esteem for Sotomayor."

After Javier Sotomayor was stripped off a gold medal at the Pan-American Games for failing dope test.

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Tiger Jalil no more

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation vice-president Hazi MA Jalil, alias Tiger Jalil, died of a heart attack in Khulna late Thursday night. He was 55.

The one-time grappler and internationally recognized referee, was scheduled to attend the forthcoming eighth SAF Games in Nepal as a technical delegate.



A popular figure in the eighties, Tiger Jalil took part in the Bangkok and Delhi Asiad. He also competed in Asia and Europe. He was working as an inspector in the Khulna Metropolitan Police.

Bangladesh Olympic Association and Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation in separate messages, prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

WHIZZ KID-118 winner



Nazir Rahman
Dharmaditya Int'l School, Dhaka

Asian Club Championship second leg today

Muktijoddha need a win to overtake Mohun Bagan

Sports Reporter

Premier Division league champions Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra will be desperately looking for a win when they take on Calcutta giants Mohun Bagan at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur this afternoon.

The second leg clash of the Asian Club championship first round will kick off at 5 pm. It was confirmed by Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday that BTV will not telecast today's match live.

Bangladesh Betar was silent till our filing of this report last night. The all-reds, who lost the first leg 1-2 at the Salt Lake Stadium in Calcutta on August 21, need only a 1-0 win to qualify for the next round with an away goal advantage. Anything less than that will oust the locals.

If Muktijoddha win by a 2-1 margin, making the home-away aggregate 3-3 with each team having an away goal, the match will roll into 30 minutes of extra time for the golden goal and then on to penalty shoot-out.

"We have two missions. Number one is to win and the other is not to concede any

goal," said National and Muktijoddha Sangsad skipper Jewel Rana while talking to The Daily Star yesterday.

"I want to win this match on our own soil. We know they (Mohun Bagan) are a very powerful side but that will not be a problem," said Jewel adding that all his booters were fine and fit.

Coach Shafiqul Islam Manik was only concerned with the three Mohun Bagan foreign recruits—Chima Okery and Emeke Achilefu of Nigeria, and Samy Omello of Kenya.

"We have to keep them under constant marking because they will be our main headache," said Manik.

"We have a very good chance of winning tomorrow because of the timing and the ball. The away match we played at Calcutta started at 3 pm when our boys do not play. Moreover, the ball was also different from what we use here," revealed Manik.

"We had a lot of injury problems when we went to Calcutta last month. But now all our players are fit specially Effiary (Nigeria), who is one of our main players," Manik added.

When asked whether they would have any home-crowd advantage, Manik's mood took

a U-turn. "Do we have any supporters?" asked a frustrated Muktijoddha coach.

"I hope there will be some crowd at the stadium today to support and make us feel that we are playing on our home ground," Manik pleaded.

Meanwhile, Mohun Bagan captain and custodian Hemanta Dora, who failed to avail the trip with the main body on Thursday, did not reach the city till our filing of this report because of Biman's delayed flight schedule. He was likely to reach the capital at midnight.

The winners of the first round will meet Japan's Jubilo Iwata in the second round. Jubilo got a bye in the first round. The Asian Football Confederation is yet to fix the dates for the second round matches.

Four Nepalese referees, Ranjitkar Sriram, Kailash Shrestha, Binod Kusunti and Rajak Dilip Kumar will officiate the match while G Abesekera from Sri Lanka will act as match commissioner.

Each gallery ticket will cost Taka 15 while for the so-called VIPs it will be Taka 25. Tickets will be available at the stadium counters two hours prior to the start of the match.



Mohun Bagan players doing some stretching exercises in front of coach Syed Naimuddin at the Abahani club ground yesterday. — Star photo

Freakish fielding

KANDY, Sept 10: Australian captain Steve Waugh broke his nose and paceman Jason Gillespie fractured the tibia in his right leg when they collided at full speed while fielding in the first Test against Sri Lanka today, reports Reuters.

Both players lay prostrate for about five minutes as teammates and medics raced to their aid. They were taken to hospital in Kandy and later flown by helicopter to Colombo for more treatment.

Australian manager Steve Bernard told reporters Gillespie had his leg in plaster and would be flown back to Australia. Waugh was having his nose reset under general anaesthetic.

Waugh is likely to be fit after a couple of days but may miss the rest of a low-scoring match. Initial reports said Gillespie had twisted his ankle.

Waugh, fielding at backward square leg, turned and was running for a catch when he collided with Gillespie who had been on the square-leg boundary and was running forward.

The Australians were chasing a top edge from Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardene during an over by off-spinner Colin Miller.

With their eyes on the ball, the pair only realised the impending collision a fraction of a second before they crashed into each other.

Gillespie's right forearm struck Waugh's face and the South Australian paceman's right leg was briefly trapped under the body of his captain.

After five minutes, Waugh walked from the arena with his head draped in a towel, bandages on his nose, his cricket whites splattered with blood and his beloved baggy green cap in his right hand. Gillespie was carried off by teammates.

Bernard said a replacement for Gillespie would be called for from Australia for the remainder of this three-Test series and the tour of Zimbabwe which

features one Test match and three one-day internationals. He could also miss some of the upcoming Australian domestic summer season.

Bernard was uncertain if Waugh would take any further part in the match.

"I don't know, but knowing Steve I'd be surprised if he didn't come back and want to bat," he said.

Vice-captain Shane Warne assumed leadership of the team and immediately brought himself on to bowl, claiming five wickets in all as Sri Lanka were bowled out for 234 in reply to Australia's 188.

The collision stirred memories for former Australian fast bowler Jeff Thomson, watching the game as TV commentator.

Thomson, involved in a similar incident in 1976, said: "It was a funny feeling. I was just saying to myself 'God, I hope somebody looks up'."

"They left it a bit late but really it could have been a lot worse than what it was."

The ball was dropped but Jayawardene was out later for 46.

BCB to bring players under contract

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will bring the national cricketers under its payroll from next month, BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury said here yesterday.

Talking to Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha (BSS) the BCB president said the national cricketers would be paid by the Board rather than by their clubs in future so that they remain more accountable to the board.

"Players would be allowed to play in the league for their clubs as long as matches did not clash with national dates," Chowdhury said, adding, "There will be a provision of bonuses for good performances and fines for vice versa."

BCB general secretary Syed Ashraf Hossain was given the responsibility to examine player contracts awarded in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and other countries. He is expected to place a report before the next board meeting this month.

Akram Khan, who led the ICC Trophy victors to qualify for the World Cup, appreciated the BCB's move and said, "It will help players improve concentration to the game."

"Professionalism always help improve the standard of the game," he said.

Bangladesh took the move following country's growing number of international commitments after getting one-day status last year as well as outstanding performances in the last World Cup in England in May.

Anamika in Judo federation flooded in dirty SAF game

Sports Reporter

After more than a week of uncertainty Anamika Hoque Mukta was finally included in the SAF Games karate squad yesterday, according to the final list published by Bangladesh Olympic Association.

Anamika, the undisputed champion in the under-52 kg female category for the last six years, was left in the cold on August 30 after having trained for more than six months at the SAF Games camp at the BKSP. She was replaced by an unheralded Shamima Ibrahim who had never won a gold in any national level competitions and was not even in the camp.

In a letter to Anamika on September 1, Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation (BJKF) general secretary Niaz Rahim stated that the champion karateka was withdrawn from



the camp on the advice of the five-member selection committee. But it later denied any involvement in the farce.

There was no room for Shamima.

WHIZZ KID-119 Boost winner

Sharif Nabila Nusrat South Breeze School Dhanmondi, Dhaka (Please bring your ID card and one passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sport Desk of The Daily Star at 7pm on September 15)



CASUALTIES OF CRICKET: An AFP combined photograph shows Australian fast bowler Jason Gillespie (L) and skipper Steve Waugh leaving the ground after their freak fielding mishap yesterday.



Muktijoddha Sangsad coach Shafiqul Islam Manik giving instructions to his charges during a training session at the Armed Police Battalion ground in Uttara yesterday. — Star photo

BFF reveals SAF dates

Sports Reporter

Games, 1997 Gold medalists India and hosts Nepal, who lost the play-off to Sri Lanka for the bronze medal, have been placed in the first group while Bangladesh and bronze medalists Sri Lanka are slated in the other group.

After the matches of the first round end on the 30th of this month, the top two finishers from each group will engage themselves in the cross-group semi-finals, which will be held

on October 2. The final is billed for a 5:30 pm (BST) start on October 4, the concluding day of the Games.

Group A
India
Nepal
Pakistan
Bhutan
Group B
Bangladesh
Sri Lanka
Maldives

FIXTURES

Date	Match	Match	Kick off time (BST)
Sept 24	No 1	Sri Lanka vs Maldives	3:30 pm
Sept 25	Rest day	Rest day (Opening Ceremony)	
Sept 26	2	India vs Pakistan	5:30 pm
Sept 27	3	Nepal vs Bhutan	7:30 pm
Sept 28	4	Bangladesh vs Maldives	5:30 pm
Sept 29	5	India vs Bhutan	5:30 pm
Sept 30	6	Pakistan vs Nepal	7:30 pm
Sept 30	7	Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka	5:30 pm
Sept 30	8	Pakistan vs Bhutan	5:30 pm
Sept 30	9	India vs Nepal	7:30 pm
Oct 1	Rest day		
Oct 2	10	1st Semifinal (A1 vs B2)	3:30 pm
Oct 3	11	2nd Semifinal (B1 vs A2)	5:30 pm
Oct 4	12	3rd place match	2:30 pm
Oct 4	13	Final	5:30 pm

High drama in Kandy

Hosts poised for victory

KANDY, Sri Lanka, Sept 10: A devastating late burst by spinner Muthiah Muralitharan put Sri Lanka on the brink of a famous victory in the first Test here after an action-packed second day which saw 14 wickets tumble and Australian captain Steve Waugh and fast bowler Jason Gillespie hospitalised, reports AFP.

Muralitharan weaved his magic to take three wickets for 35 in the tourists' second innings, leaving them tottering at 89 for six at the close, just 43 runs ahead of the hosts' first innings total of 234.

Victory on Saturday would be a milestone for Sri Lanka. In 10 previous Tests against Australia they have lost seven and drawn three.

Earlier, Shane Warne had looked to have spun Australia back into contention after bagging five wickets as Sri Lanka—who started the day on 69 for two—crashed to a modest total of 234 all out.

Warne and Muralitharan's late spinning masterclasses followed a sickening outfield collision between Waugh and Gillespie in the morning session which forced both players to be airlifted to Colombo for surgery.

Gillespie will play no further part in the tour after fracturing his right tibia.

Waugh was taken from the ground bleeding profusely after breaking his nose but will be fit to re-join his team-mates after two or three days.

By then, Sri Lanka may well be celebrating victory against the unofficial world champions after Muralitharan's magic in the final session left the home side in a commanding position.

Muralitharan struck early, trapping opener Michael Slater lbw for 27.

Chaminda Vaas also chipped in with the priceless scalps of Justin Langer (5) and Mark Waugh for a duck before Muralitharan struck again, removing Greg Blewett for 14 to leave Australia wobbling on 49 for four.

Wicketkeeper Ian Healy was next to go, bowled by Muralitharan for 3, and when Shane Warne was run out on 6, Australia—effectively seven wickets down after their injury blows—were left needing a miracle to avoid defeat.

At the close, Ricky Ponting—first innings hero with 96—was not out on 22 with Colin Miller yet to open his account.

Waugh may bat if necessary but doctors have advised him against it.

Australia's second innings collapse followed a magnificent fightback earlier as Warne claimed his first five-wicket

haul in two and a half years and his 15th of his career to dismiss Sri Lanka, 69 minutes after lunch.

Warne took 5 for 52 as Sri Lanka slumped from 177 for 3 at one stage to 234 all out. He took his last three wickets for 10 runs off nine balls.

Sri Lanka who took lunch at 181 for 5, lost their last three wickets for 11 runs.

Warne was well supported by off-spinner Miller who broke through in the morning by having Marvan Atapattu caught at forward short leg without adding to his overnight score.

Miller finished with 4 for 62, his best figures in Test cricket.

Top scorer for Sri Lanka was former vice-captain Aravinda de Silva who made an 83-ball 78 in three hours hitting 13 fours. It was his 20th Test half-century. Present deputy Mahela Jayawardene made 46.

Warne not out. Extras: (b-4; lb-7; nb-3). Total: (All out) 234.

Fall of wickets: 1-22; 2-69; 3-70; 4-177; 5-181; 6-197; 7-223; 8-226; 9-234.

Bowler O M R W
McGrath 18 5 66 1
Gillespie 12 2 43 0
Miller 203 6 62 4
Warne 16 4 52 5

AUSTRALIA: Second innings
Blewett c Atapattu b Muralitharan 14
Slater lbw b Muralitharan 27
Langer lbw b Vaas 5
M Waugh b Vaas 0
Ponting not out 22
Healy b Muralitharan 3
Miller run out 6
Miller not out 0
Extras: (b-4; lb-4; w-1; nb-3) 12
Total: (For six wickets) 89

Fall of wicket: 1-37; 2-49; 3-49; 4-49; 5-58; 6-76.

Bowler O M R W
Vaas 10 5 8 2
Zoya 10 3 28 0
De Silva 3 0 5 0
Muralitharan 17 4 35 3
Jayasuriya 1 0 1 0
Chandana 1 0 4 0

WARNE ... 5 for 52

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the first Test between Sri Lanka and Australia on Friday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings
188 (R Ponting 96; M Muralitharan 4-63)
SRI LANKA: First innings
(overnight 69-2)
Jayasuriya lbw b McGrath 18
Atapattu c Langer b Miller 25
Arnold lbw b Miller 19

De Silva c Ponting b Warne 78
Jayawardene c Ponting b Warne 46
Ranatunga b Healy b Warne 4
Kulatharane b Miller 9
Chandana c sub b Warne 12
Zoya c Miller b Warne 7
Muralitharan c McGrath b Miller 0
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Notts net Akhtar

LONDON, Sept 10: Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar, dubbed the "Rawalpindi Express" and currently the world's fastest bowler, will play for Nottinghamshire next season, reports Reuters.

Nottinghamshire said today that Shoaib, linked to Trent Bridge since the World Cup in England, had signed a contract for 2000 while with Pakistan at a training camp in Lahore.

"There is obviously a big job to be done because Notts haven't performed that well this year," said Shoaib, whose bowling has been timed at close to 100 miles per hour (160 kph).

"But I am one who relishes a challenge and I feel I can help this club to get back on the right track."

Nottinghamshire face the prospect of Second Division cricket next season in the County Championship as well as the one-day National League.

Manager Clive Rice said Shoaib's signing was the first step in the side's major rebuilding programme.

"It is an exciting move for this club and it sends out a clear message that we are determined to develop a side that is competitive, even though things haven't gone as well as planned this season," said Rice.