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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Primo Nebiolo

"I am shocked. I can't believe it. I am very surprised and upset because I have great esteem for Sotomayor."

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

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-120

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Sept 24, '99 and draw shortly afterwards

1 Who won the Singapore Cricket Challenge?

Zimbabwe W Indies India

2 Who lifted the 2nd Bangabandhu Cup?

Brazil Ghana Japan

3 Who was the man-of-the-series in the Awa Cup?

Jaysuriya Gilchrist Dravid

4 Where will the next ICC mini World Cup be held?

Kenya Canada Sharjah

5 Who will captain Bangladesh football team in the SAF Games?

Jewel Rana Alfaz Masud Rana

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Class Roll No.

School Address

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Tiger Jalil no more

Sports Reporter

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

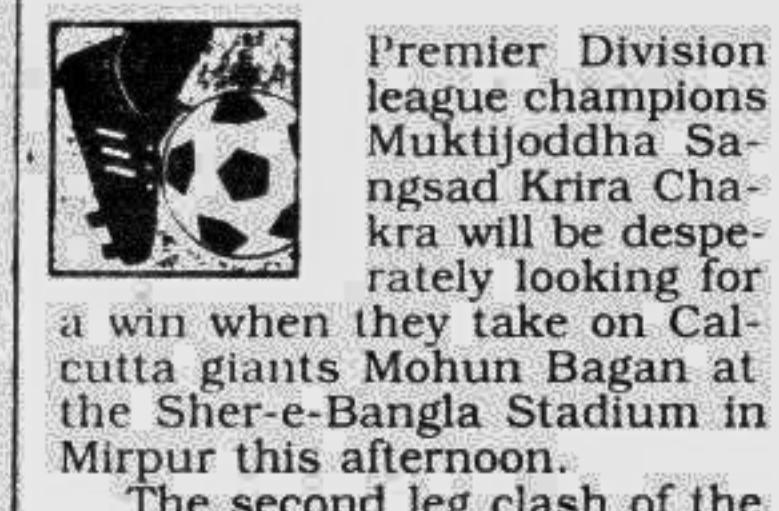
The one-time grappler and internationally recognized referee, was scheduled to attend the forthcoming eighth SAF Games in Nepal as a technical delegate.



Asian Club Championship second leg today

Muktijoddha need a win to overtake Mohun Bagan

Sports Reporter



Premier Division league champions 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 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 Bipan's delayed flight schedule. He was likely to reach the capital at midnight.

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 clash 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 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 Bipan'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, Ranjith Kumar, Kailash Shrestha, Binod Kusumti and Rajan 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.

"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 Efliany (Nigeria), who is one of our main players," Manik added.

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

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 Sangsada (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.

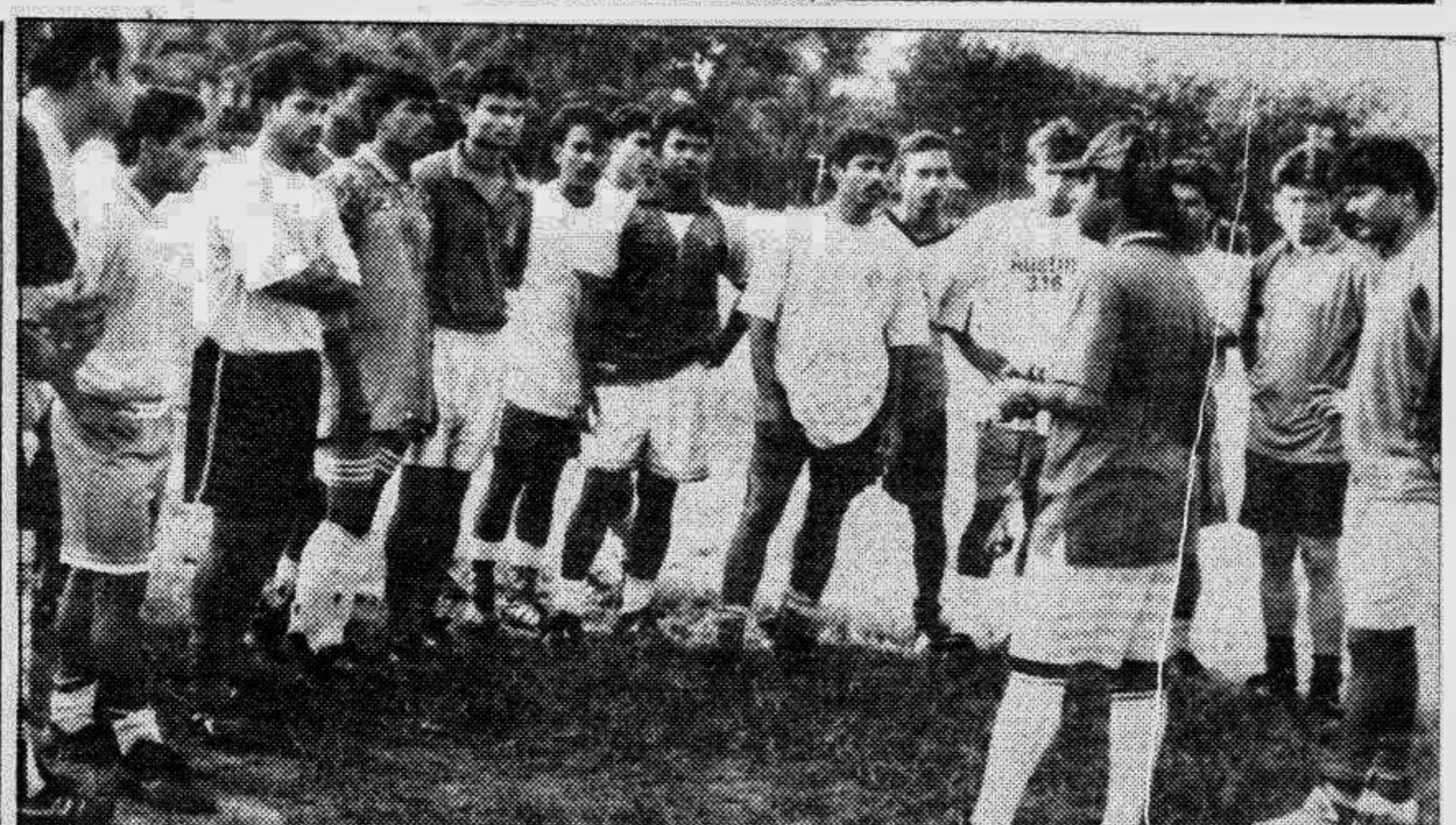
"Players would be allowed to play in the league for their clubs as long as matches did not clash with national dates," Chowdhury said, adding, "There will be a provision of bonuses for good performances and fines for vice versa."

BCB general secretary Syed Ashraful Huq was given the responsibility to examine player contacts 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.



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

Bangladesh will take on Maldives in their inaugural match of the 8th SAF Games at the Dasharath Stadium in Kathmandu on September 27, according to the fixture revealed by the Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday.

Pencilled in group B for the first round, Bangladesh, the silver medalists of the 1997 seventh SAF Games in Madras, will face Sri Lanka in their last group match on September 29.

Both the matches will kick off at 5:30 pm BST.

Holders India have been drafted in the other group along with hosts Nepal, arch rivals Pakistan and new-inclusion Bhutan.

Although the biggest regional sporting extravaganza is officially scheduled for a September 25 start, the seven-nation soccer competition will begin a day before with the Sri Lanka-Maldives match. No soccer match has been kept on the opening day.

According to a fax message received here yesterday from the All-Nepal Football Association, the draw was held on Thursday. As per the law of the

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

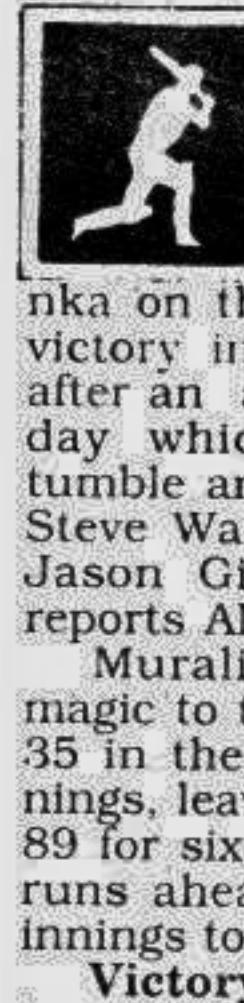
Group A
India
Nepal
Pakistan
Bhutan
Group B
Bangladesh
Sri Lanka
Maldives

FIXTURES

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

High drama in Kandy

Hosts poised for victory



Anamika in Judo federation floored 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 (BKKF) general secretary Niaz Rahim stated that the champion karateka was withdrawn from

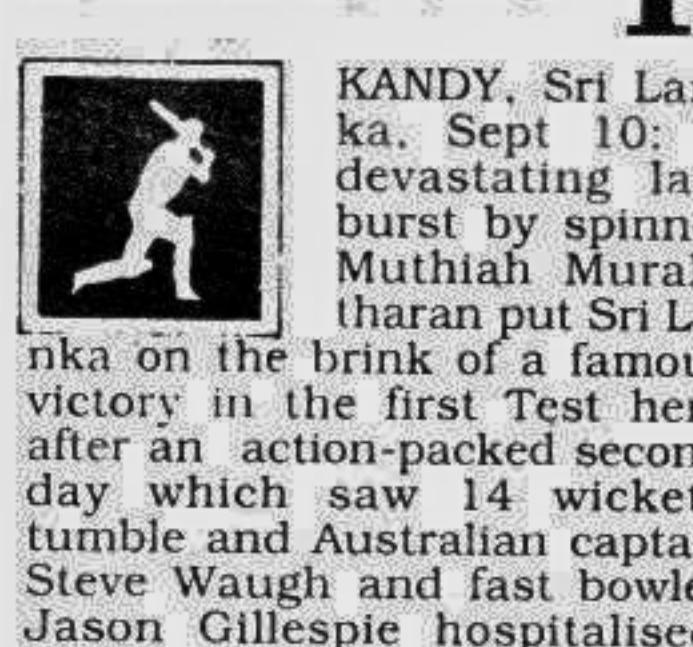
the camp on the advice of the five-member selection committee. But it later denied any involvement in the farce.

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 7 pm on September 15)



The collision stirred memories for former Australian fast bowler Steve Waugh's face and 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.

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.

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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.

Waugh 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 from nine balls.

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

Waugh 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.

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.

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

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