

# Star Sport

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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Wasim Akram**

(Pakistan cricket captain)  
For the first time, I think we have a team that can beat Australia on their home soil.

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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?	Jayasuriya	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	Aifaz	Masud Rana

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## Ctg sports

From CU Correspondent  
CHITTAGONG, Sept 21: Chittagong Nasirabad Government High School became champions at the sub-regional inter schools football tournament yesterday.

Nasirabad School beat Feni Sagalnaiya Pilot High School 1-0 in the final at the M A Aziz Stadium.

Meanwhile, Rangamati Shah Girls' High School won the inter schools handball event beating Chandraghona Girls' High school 11-6. In the boys' event Chittagong Municipal Model High School clinched trophy defeating Rangamati Shah High School 18-0.

## Khulna soccer

KHULNA, Sept 21: Abahani Krira Chakra defeated Khulna Shipyard Club 4-2 in the Meghna Cement 12th DSA Cup football tournament at the local stadium on Monday, reports BSS.

The winners dominated the first half 3-1.

Meanwhile, the first semi-final between Moheshwarpasha Club and Winners Club will be held on September 25 while Khulna Newprint Mills Club will face Ulka Club in the other semi on September 26 at the Khulna stadium.

## Law to stay at Essex

LONDON, Sept 21 (Internet report): Australian batsman Stuart Law has agreed a new two-year contract with Essex County Cricket Club as the overseas player.

In 1999 he was the leading run scorer in the country with 1833 runs at an average of 73.32.

Stuart also received the Norris Trophy as the Essex Fliedler of the Season having taken 30 catches in the County Championship matches.

Not surprisingly he was nominated as the Essex Player of the Season and received his award at a dinner sponsored by Ridley's, the Essex Brewer.

The award is worth £1,000 as part of the valuable sponsorship deal with Ridley's.

## Bangabandhu Stadium for cricket forever - Saber

Sports Reporter

President of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Saber Hossain Chowdhury believes that they have got the Bangabandhu National Stadium for cricket 'permanently'.

Few might disagree, but the cricket supremo looked pretty confident while making the sensational revelation to a host of journalists at his BCB office last evening.

The National Sports Council (NSC) has officially handed over the ground to us on September 8. We have got a letter from the NSC where, unlike the previous occasions, it did not fix a time barrier", said Saber, adding, "it obviously implied that we have got the venue for an indefinite period."

It was however not immediately known whether the NSC, who owns the all-purpose venue, has finally obliged the long-standing demand of cricket connoisseurs.

The ECB president is no uncertain term claimed that the ruling body of local sports has only acted according to the commitment of the highest office.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had declared in June this year at a civic reception, awarded to cricketers after their heroic performance in the England World Cup, that cricket would get a permanent venue from the coming season.

"I believe when the Prime Minister announces something, it is like a law. You can say that the Prime Minister had earlier made similar commitments and it did not work. But the proposed cricket stadium at Maghbaraz did not see the light

of day despite every possible efforts from the highest office", said Saber.

Termining the Bangabandhu National Stadium as an established cricket venue in the cricketing world, Saber said that it was not an acceptable procedure on the part of NSC to



**SABER HOSSAIN**

use the venue for cricket as well as football.

The Bangabandhu National Stadium has been a source of prolonged tug of war between cricket and football.

"It is not technically possible for us to share the ground with other sports. We are already facing difficulties to prepare the ground for our matches

against the visiting West Indies. We are now left with only two pitches to play a series of international matches against different visiting teams. Although the ground committee is working hard to get things in order, I am not sure whether the outfield would be ready in such a short period of time", said Saber in an unofficial yet lively cogitation with the press.

Saber however said that they were not only eyeing this particular venue, but also planning to ensure as many a ground as possible across the country to fulfil their commitment of establishing a strong infrastructure for cricket.

"We have applied for Test status. Moreover, we are keen to host the 2011 World Cup. To attain those targets we need to do a lot of things."

"At this moment we are planning to get indoor facilities at least in two places outside Dhaka by the end of this year", said Saber.

The cricket boss also said that they were planning to organise Thana level cricket from this year, initially in the capital. In this regard they were already working on locating a possible ground.

Replying to a query, Saber said that they were ready to welcome any private initiative to build cricket stadiums in and outside the capital.

"We have discussed the matter in the last board meeting. But we have put forward certain conditions like the availability of indoor facilities and gymnasium along with the stadium", said the BCB boss.

## Bangladesh contingent to Nepal SAF Games

### Second batch leaves today

Sports Reporter

The second batch of the Bangladesh contingent for the 8th SAF Games will fly to Kathmandu this afternoon. The batch is eighty-four strong and comprises of participants of six disciplines (athletics, karate, kabaddi, shooting, table tennis and weightlifting), the manager of the boxing team and nine contingent officials.

Parliament whip and Chief de Mission of the contingent Mizanur Rahman Manu is travelling with the batch.

Deputy Chief de Mission Manzur Hasan Mintu, administrative manager Shahabuddin Chaklader, treasurer Munir Hossain, three journalists and two photo-journalists are the other contingent officials.

Manager of the boxing team, Mahfuzur Rahman Siddique is going to the Nepalese capital two days ahead of his team in order to fill a vacant slot on the flight.

The first batch, comprising of the football and the swimming teams, and four contingent officials reached the Games venue last Wednesday.

The remaining four teams of boxing, taekwon-do, volleyball and wrestling are due to leave the capital next Friday.

Members of the six disciplines leaving the city today:

**Athletics:** Abdullah Hel Kafi, Mahbub Alam, Shaiful Islam, Shahidul Islam, Shah Delwar Hussain, Nilufar Yasmeen, Nazrul Islam, Abdur Rahim Nayeem, Bipal Bhuyar, So'aiman Majumder, Huang



**Kabaddi:** Tariqul Islam, Ashraf Alam, Abdur Rouf, Abdur Quaiyum Siddik, Zahidul Islam, Badshah Miah, Mir Julhas, Ziaur Rahman, Yunus Ali, Delwar Hossain, Abdul Hakim (coach) and Nazrul Islam (manager).

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## 12th Asian Cup football

### Bangladesh in Group 3

Sports Reporter  
Bangladesh will take on Uzbekistan in their 12th Asian Football Cup 2000 qualifying round opener in Abu Dhabi, UAE, on November 20, according to Bangladesh Football Federation.

Bangladesh is pencilled in Group 3 along with Uzbekistan, India, Sri Lanka and hosts UAE.

The qualifying round will be held from November 20 to 28 on a league basis.

Bangladesh will meet UAE on November 22, Sri Lanka on November 24 and India on November 28.

The qualifying rounds will be held in ten groups. The group winners will join defending champions Saudi Arabia and hosts Lebanon in the finals scheduled for next year.

**FIXTURES**

Date	Match	Time (BST)
Nov 20	BD vs UZB	6:45 pm
	UAE vs IND	9:00 pm
Nov 22	SL vs UZB	6:45 pm
	BD vs UAE	9:00 pm
Nov 24	BD vs SL	6:45 pm
	IND vs UZB	9:00 pm
Nov 26	SL vs IND	6:45 pm
	UAE vs UZB	9:00 pm
Nov 28	BD vs IND	6:45 pm
	UAE vs SL	9:00 pm

## Asian Jr chess

### Rajib suffers defeat

VUNG TAU CITY, Vietnam, Sept 21: Grand Master norm holder Krisnan Sasikiran drew with Liang Chang of China in the seventh round but maintain his lead in the section of the Asian Junior Chess Championship here, reports PTI.

National 'A' champion Sasikiran (6) was one point clear of second placed Hafizulhilm (5) of Malaysia who defeated Laylo Drawin of the Philippines (4) to edge closer to the top seeded Indian in the race for the top spot.

Defending champion Tejas Balse of India (4.5) beat Enamul Hossain Rajib (3) of Bangladesh, but he has virtually surrendered his chances of retaining the crown he won in Rasht (Iran).

Liang Cheng, Nguyen T Binh, Bakre, Nguyen Hoi Nam and Ahmed Aziz - were joint third with 4.5 points each.

In the girls' section, national women's champion S Vijayalakshmi (4.5) defeated Vietnam's Chao Thi Ngoc Giao (3).

To seeded Viji started with Slav defence leading to an unusual set of moves by her opponent. The Indian had the advantage in centre and the luxury of moving her pawn in d6 square. She soon went one piece up with an exchange and the Vietnamese girl resigned.

Pallavi Shah (3) suffered her fourth consecutive defeat while M R Sangeetha (3) won against Constantinou Connie (1.5).

China's Wang Yu (6) had a comfortable draw against Dang Bich Ngoc of Vietnam to lead the event. The second seed Le Thien Kim (5.5) of Vietnam was in the second position. She beat her compatriot Le Thi Phuong Lien (4).

## Women's cricket at Sharjah!

NEW DELHI, Sept 21: After the men's cricket team, it's the turn of women to play the willow game at the desert outpost of Sharjah, reports PTI.

India, New Zealand and England will play in a triangular one-day series at desert venue from October 25, a Women's Cricket Association of India release said here yesterday.

India will also clash with Australia and South Africa in another international tournament at Dubai in February next year, the release said.

Besides, India will also tour the United States for another triseriess in which England and New Zealand will be the other teams.

## Alamgir offered new deal

LONDON, Sept 21 (Internet report): Worcestershire have offered a new three-year contract to left-arm paceman Alamgir Sheryar, the country's leading wicket-taker for the 1999 campaign.

And club chairman John Elliott is optimistic that the former Leicestershire player, whose current deal has come to an end, will put pen to paper.

The midlands county are looking for Sheryar to form a deadly opening attack with Australian Test star Glenn McGrath, who will replace Tom Moody as their overseas player for the 2000 season.

Sheryar picked up 92 first-class wickets this summer, one more than Somerset's England paceman Andrew Caddick, although it was not enough to save Worcestershire from being relegated to Division Two of the championship.

He has been rewarded for his efforts with an England A tour slot for the winter tour of New Zealand and Bangladesh.

There has been speculation that the 25-year-old would keep his options open regarding his future and try to cash in on his season of success with a move from New Road after four years.

## Kapil named Indian coach



NEW DELHI, Sept 21 (AFP): Kapil Dev, India's former cricket skipper and the world's leading Test wicket-taker was named Tuesday as the new national team coach.

Kapil, who retired in 1994 after becoming Test cricket's most successful bowler with 434 wickets, was appointed to succeed Anshuman Gaekwad for a two-year term.

The appointment concludes a shake-up of the national side, which saw captain Mohammad Azharuddin replaced as skipper by star batsman Sachin Tendulkar, following India's poor showing in the World Cup when it failed to qualify for the semi-finals.

Kapil led India to its greatest triumph, when the national side lifted the World Cup in 1983, during which he played an astonishing innings of 175\* against Zimbabwe in a league match, rescuing India from 17/5.

A tall, naturally gifted cricketer, Kapil was an all-rounder of the highest class. As a bowler, he was perhaps India's first world-class pacer. He had a lovely out-swing that claimed several victims over the years. Kapil, now a businessman, had enviable control over line and length with an ability to move the ball both ways.

With either the ball or bat or as captain, he played a critical role in most of India's Test wins in the late '70s and '80s.

Also Tuesday, AC Muthiah, a top Indian industrialist with interests in the petrochemical business, replaced Raj Singh Durgapur as president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

The 58-year-old Muthiah was elected unopposed after former chief minister of Maharashtra, Manohar Joshi, pulled out.

The board also appointed South Africa's Andrew Leipus as the Indian team's physical trainer.

## Barlow meets Obaidul

Eddie Barlow, director of development of cricket, yesterday called on State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Qader at National Sports Council, reports UNB.

The minister asked Barlow to raise the standard in Bangladesh. Qader also urged him to take short and long-term plans for cricket.

Barlow requested the minister to expand facilities at Dhanmondi ground and gymnasium of the NSC. Qader assured him of taking necessary steps.

Bangladesh Cricket Board President and Deputy Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Saber Hossain Chowdhury and Secretary of Youth and Sports Ministry ASM Shahjahan were present.

## Galle Test begins today

### Waugh ready to defy doctors

GALLE, Sri Lanka, Sept 21 (AFP): Australian skipper Steve Waugh is set to defy doctors' orders and play in the second Test against Sri Lanka here Wednesday.

The combative Waugh has been advised to give his shattered nose more time to heal and was delaying a final decision on whether to play until late Tuesday.

But he dropped a strong hint here that he was ready to take the field in a match Australia, trailing 1-0 in the three Test series, cannot afford to lose.

"I want to play in the Test match and captain Australia. I am not going to walk away from it easily," he said after a pre-match practice session here on Tuesday.

Waugh broke four parts of his nose in a stomach-churning collision with teammate Jason Gillespie during the first Test played at Kandy 11 days ago.

It took two hours of surgery to reset the nose and Waugh was forced to miss Australia's weekend victory over a Board XI in Colombo.

"I don't know what the odds are but I am feeling pretty good," Waugh said.

"The nose is certainly a lot better than it was a couple of days ago but I haven't really had a full test," he said.

"The doctor said I'd have to wear a helmet even while fielding. I guess it would be hot work but you do it in batting so there's no difference."

The doctors had advised Waugh to take it easy and not rush into playing too early because if he got hit again in the nose, the broken bone "would be knocked straight out".

"The advice is not to play, but they always look at the worst scenario," said Waugh.

"To be fair to everyone I have to decide today realistically. Anyway, if it's not good enough this afternoon, it won't be tomorrow," he added.



**KAPIL DEV**

## PROFILE

**Kapil Dev Ram Lal Nikhanj**

Born: January 6, 1959; Chandigarh

Major teams: India, Worcestershire, Northamptonshire, Haryana

Known as: Kapil Dev

Batting style: Right-hand bat

Bowling style: Right-arm fast medium

Test debut: India v Pakistan at Faisalabad, 1st Test, 1978/79

Last Test: India v New Zealand at Hamilton, Only Test, 1993/94

ODI Debut: India v Pakistan at Quetta, 1st ODI, 1978/79

Last ODI: India v West Indies at Faridabad, 1st ODI, 1994/95

Wisden Cricketer of the Year: 1983

## STATISTICAL RECORD

**Test**

Batting:	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
	131	184	15	5248	163	31.05	8	27	64	51

Bowling:	O	M	R	W	Ave	Best	5	10	SR	Econ
	4623	1060	1267	434	29.64	9-83	23	2	63.9	2.78

## ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS

**Test**

Batting:	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	SR	10	50	Ct	St
	225	198	39	3783	175*	23.79	10	14	71		

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