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## Bangladesh's first SAF football match today High spirit against spirited Maldives

From Hasan Masood in Kathmandu

Sept 26: Bangladesh will take on an spirited Maldives in a Group B match of the 8th SAF Games football competition at the Dashedarath Rangashala (stadium) here tomorrow. The match will kick off at 5:15 pm (BST).

Although Bangladesh enjoys an impressive track record against Maldives, the emerald islanders have already thrown caution to the wind with a surprisingly facile 4-0 victory over Sri Lanka in the inaugural match of the competition on Friday.

The stupendous performance of Maldives against Sri Lanka has almost ensured them a place in the semi-finals. They now need only a draw against Bangladesh, for whom it will be the first match in the competition.

Record four-time finalists, Bangladesh will be desperately looking forward to end the jinx of never winning the gold. The determination to be 'eighth time lucky' was quite evident as Coach Shamir Sakir and skipper Jewel Rana both said they were here to win the title.

"We have come here to win the gold and that is our only priority this time," said Iraqi coach Sakir last night.

The Iraqi World Cupper, who took over the national team before the SAFF Championship early this year, said that to attain the target they needed a

winning start. "The team morale is high. Everybody is fit and kicking. We have really benefited from arriving here eight days ago and it has helped us to adjust to the weather at this highland," said the national coach.

"Maldives, as we saw in the first match, are a very strong side. But my boys are confident of beating them. I hope they will forget about any pressure during the match and play according to their potentials," he added.

Captain Jewel Rana also expressed high optimism on defeating Maldives saying that it would not be a big job. "No matter how good they are. We will play for a win because it is a very vital match for us. We need a good start," said Jewel this morning after a two-hour long practice session at the local Police Academy ground.

"Maldives looked very impressive in their opening match. We have observed them throughout the match and have done a lot of homework. It will be a close match," said the tall national skipper.

"They are now over-confident after defeating Sri Lanka 4-0. And as far as I'm concerned that would be a plus point for us," added the Bangladesh captain.

Jewel, however, revealed that he was a bit worried with

the reserve bench. "We had two good reserves, Rakib and Zakir. In Goa which helped us a lot. I don't know how my present reserves are going to play," commented Jewel.

In tune with the confidence of the Bangladesh team, Maldives coach Iordan Stoykov also expressed his high optimism about the match.

"The boys are pretty confident. They are going to repeat the same performance they displayed in the first match," said the Bulgarian coach.

"I have not seen Bangladesh play till now. But what I have heard is they are a very strong side. Let us wait and see how my boys play," added Iordan.

The following is the probable Bangladesh line-up for tomorrow's match: Mohammad Pomir, Hasan Al-Mamun, Jewel Rana, Nazrul Islam, Rajani Kanta Barman, Masood Rana, Motiur Rahman, Iqbal Hossain, Monwar Hossain, Alfaz Ahmed and Mizanur Rahman.

#### Bangladesh-Maldives football statistics

1984 (1st SAF Games)	0
Bangladesh 5 Maldives	0
1995 (2nd SAF Games)	0
Bangladesh 8 Maldives	0
1993 (6th SAF Games)	0
Bangladesh 0 Maldives	0
1995 (7th SAF Games)	0
Bangladesh 0 Maldives	0
1997 (1st SAFF C'ship)	0
Bangladesh 1 Maldives	1

## DISAPPOINTING DAY ONE FOR BANGLADESH

From Hasan Masood  
KATHMANDU, Sept 26: Bangladesh got off to a poor start in the 8th SAF Games here managing only a silver and three bronzes out of 20 events in four disciplines that were held today.

The lone silver came from karate, thanks to Rubina Akhter Sweety, who lost to local girl Nita Rai in the under-48kg this afternoon.

Bangladesh sprinter and SAF Games gold winner Mahub Alam won bronze in the 100m sprint while swimmer Niaz Ali earned a bronze in the 100m breaststroke. The other bronze came from women's 4x100m freestyle relay.

Doly Akhter, Kamala Akhter, Sobura Khatun and Lipi Akhter were the members of the women's freestyle relay team.

India, who led all the previous seven Games medals tally, led the tally with 13 golds on the opening day. Hosts Nepal won five golds while Sri Lanka clinched two.

India won seven golds in athletics and six in the swimming while Nepal bagged all the five golds in karate. Sri Lanka's won the other two golds in athletics.

#### MEDALS TABLE (DAY ONE)

Country	G	S	B	Total
India	13	11	3	27
Nepal	5	0	1	6
Sri Lanka	2	7	9	18
Pakistan	0	1	5	6
Bangladesh	0	1	3	4

## PESHWAR OR ISLAMABAD?

The ninth SAF Games will be held in Peshawar, Pakistan in April, 2001. It was revealed here today by the members of Peshawar based Sarhad (hills) Sports Writer's Association.

But some Lahore-based journalists said that it would not be held in Peshawar because the city does not have all the facilities to host the Games. They indicated that the Games might be held in Islamabad despite the strong demand from Peshawar based sports journalists.

However, the official announcement is likely to be made by Pakistan Olympic Association tomorrow through a press conference.

## Goals galore in football

From Hasan Masood  
KATHMANDU, Sept 26: Hosts Nepal got off to a rousing start, thrashing babes Bhutan by seven goals to nil in the group A opener of the 8th SAF Games football competition at the Dashedarath Stadium here tonight.

The winners led the first session 3-0.

In a one-sided encounter, Hari Khadka and Basanta Thapa struck two goals each while Naresh Joshi, Deepak and Rajan Rai Mahajan added chipped in with one goal apiece.

Nepal will face Pakistan in their next match on Thursday while Bhutan will meet India at the same day.

Earlier, in the day's first match, captain IM Vijayan scored a brilliant hatrick as India beat arch-rivals Pakistan 5-2. Defending champions India led the first half 2-0.

Apart from Vijayan's treble, Jules Albert and Sabir Pasha, who plays for Abahani Krira Chakra in the Dhaka Premier League, scored one goal each.

Harun and Gouhar Zaman pulled two goals back for Pakistan.

Today's match Bangladesh vs Maldives (5:15 pm BST)



MSK Prasad(2nd from L), the Indian wicket-keeper, appeals for a catch against South Africa's Jacques Kallis during their LG Cup match at Nairobi yesterday. — AFP photo

## Joshi jolts Proteas

NAIROBI, Sept 26 (Internet report): South Africa posted their second lowest innings in their cricket history when they lost to India by eight wickets in their LG Cup quadrangular tournament match here on Sunday.

Man-of-the-match Sunil Joshi tore apart the South African line-up, taking five wickets in only 10 overs, which included six maidens and six runs with an average of 0.6. The Proteas could score 117 before being all out in 48 overs.

South Africa won the toss and opted to bat, but debutant Boeta Dippenaar did not last long on his first appearance for South Africa and was bowled out for 17 by Joshi.

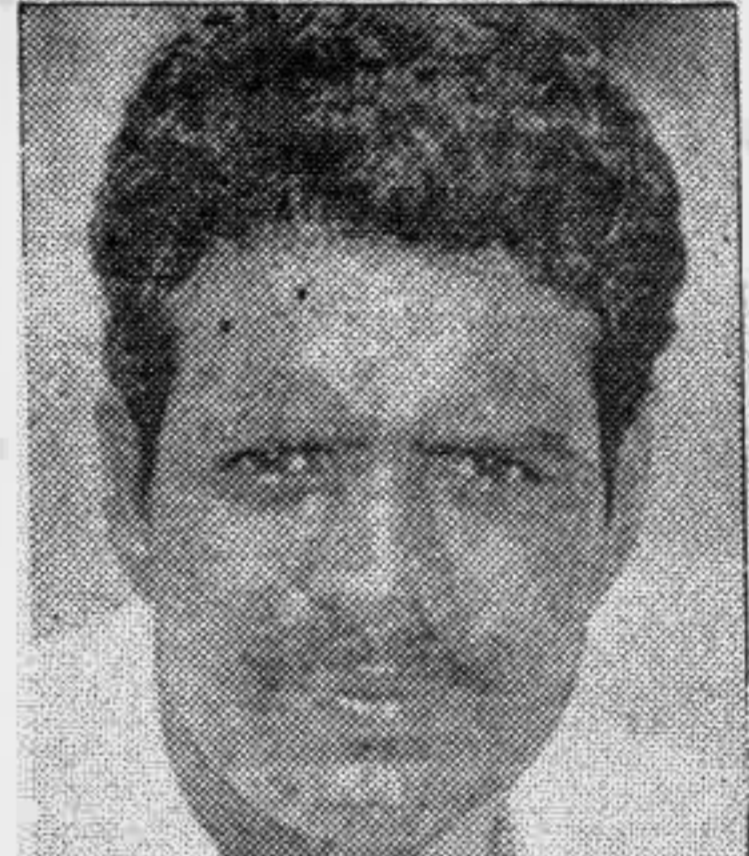
Jacques Kallis (38) was the only batsman who withstood the Indian pressure on the Nairobi Gymkhana wicket, which suited the spinners from the sub-continent.

It was a disappointing day for the South Africans in a match where there were no wides and no no-balls.

At the end of the 15th over, South Africa were struggling at 39 for two. And in the next over, Joshi struck again to send Dippenaar to the dressing room. With the fall of Dippenaar, Hansie Cronje came in with the South Africans floundering. The captain, with a reputation of being an excellent player of spin bowling, used his feet to smother the turn.

But even the experienced duo of Kallis and Cronje could make little headway particularly against Joshi who at the end of his fifth over had taken two wickets for three runs with three maidens. Joshi was mixing his deliveries judiciously, turning the ball away viciously, making the odd one go with the arm and also sent down the faster one now and then to keep

the batsmen guessing. Chopra at the other end did not get as much turn but maintained a good line and length. At the end of the 20th over, South Africa had still not got out of the spinner's web at 44 for three and Joshi had the remarkable figures of 6-4-3-2.



JOSHI-m-o-m

Even with Joshi having completed his ten overs, there was no respite for the South Africans.

With only six overs left, Kallis brought up the 100 with a rare boundary off 'Yes' Prasad, hitting the medium pacer over his head to long off. At the end of the 45th over, South Africa were 106 for seven.

But off the first ball of the next over sent down by Bhardwaj, Kallis, trying a big hit, only succeeded in hitting the ball high to Mohanty on the mid wicket fence. Kallis' long vigi-38 from 110 balls - had come to an end and South Africa were now 106 for eight.

Bhardwaj, who took his maiden one-day international wicket in his last over, finished with figures of 10-3-16-1.

In reply, Sadagopan Ramesh and Sourav Ganguly opened the

Indian batting to a South African attack that consisted predominantly of medium-pacers.

India romped home in only 22.4 with 8 wickets in hands.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the LG Cup one-day international between India and South Africa on Sunday

#### SOUTH AFRICA

Dippenaar b Joshi	17
Gibbs c Dravid b Joshi	18
Boucher run out	0
Kallis c Mohanty b Bhardwaj	38
Cronje c Ramesh b Joshi	2
Benkenstein c & b Chopra	18
Rhodes c Chopra b Joshi	1
Pollock c Dravid b Joshi	0
Kulsener not out	7
Crookes c M Prasad b Chopra	8
Elworthy c Jadeja b Chopra	0
Extras: (b-4, lb-4)	8
Total: (All out in 48 overs)	117
Fall of wickets: 1-32; 2-32; 3-39; 4-45; 5-83; 6-85; 7-85; 8-106; 9-117.	

#### Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Prasad	9	1	23	0
Mohanty	6	1	21	0
Joshi	10	6	6	5
Chopra	10	0	26	3
Bhardwaj	10	3	16	1
Ramesh	2	0	7	0
Extras	1	0	10	0

#### INDIA

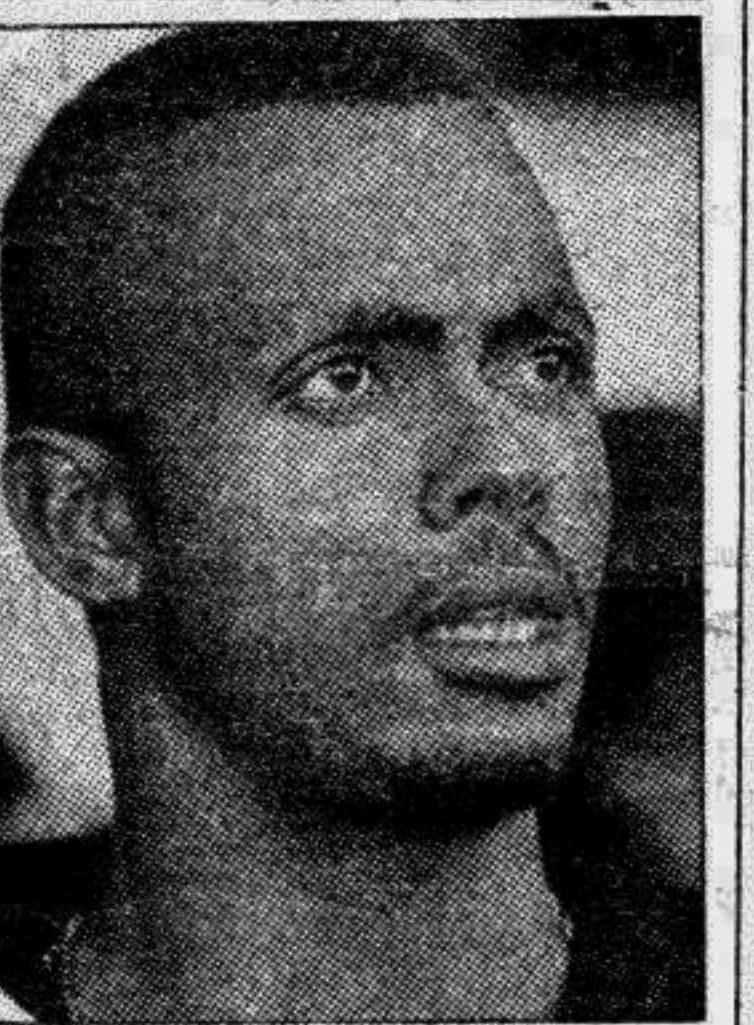
Ramesh c Pollock b Crookes	36
Ganguly c Pollock b Crookes	38
Bhardwaj not out	18
Dravid not out	9
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, w-6, nb-2)	19
Total: (2 in 22.4 overs)	120
Did not bat: Jadeja, Prasad, Mohanty, R Singh, MSK Prasad, Chopra, Joshi.	
Fall of wickets: 1-72, 2-104	

#### Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Kallis	3	0	17	0
Kallis	1	0	12	0
Klusener	3	0	19	0
Crookes	8.3	0	47	2
Elworthy	7	2	14	0

Result: India won by eight wickets.  
Man-of-the-match: Sunil Joshi.

## SPORTS TALK



**Courtney Walsh**  
(West Indies fast bowler)  
"I'll still make myself available to play as long as the body is fit and I'm doing well."  
On his future.

## All Airlines Gold Cup MSC, East Bengal final today

Sports Reporter  
Mohammed Sporting will take on East Bengal in the final of the 15th All Airlines Gold Cup in Haldia, Calcutta today.

The only foreign participating team in the six-team invitational tournament, the black-and-whites moved into the final with a tiebreak win over Calcutta Mohammedan in the first semi-final on Friday.

On the other hand, East Bengal defeated Mohun Bagan 3-1 in the second semi-final on Saturday for a smooth passage into the final.

The champions will receive a cash award of Rs. 1.5 lakh apart from the glittering trophy while the runners-up will be richer by half the amount.

## Yevgeny proud in defeat

BRISBANE, Sept 26: Yevgeny Kafelnikov conceded nothing right to the end of what was a humiliating weekend for Russian tennis at the Davis Cup semifinal against Australia here, reports AFP.

If anyone was expecting a few congratulatory words Sunday from the world No 2 to his teenage Australian rival Lleyton Hewitt after Australia's 4-1 victory, none were forthcoming.

The two-time grand slam champion maintained his beligerence after having his taunts thrown back at him by Hewitt, a straight sets victor to clinch a place in the December final against France.

Ungracious Kafelnikov blamed the ANZ Stadium grass court as a "potato field" for his loss to Cup debutant Wayne Arthurs on Friday and said he would give Hewitt a lesson in their reverse singles match on Sunday.

He said he was tired after a long season of travelling the world and shouldering the Russian team in singles and doubles for seven years. He blamed incompetent line judges, argued with the chair umpire over calls and said he never felt comfortable on the grass court.

Kafelnikov could find no praiseworthy words for Arthurs and Hewitt, who in the absence of top guns Patrick Rafter and Mark Philippoussis, were very much a second-string combination against the fancied Russians.



SP Gamage of Sri Lanka showing his gold medal after winning the marathon yesterday. — AFP photo

## Gamage bags first gold

From Hasan Masood in Kathmandu

Sept 26: Gamage Sarath Prasanna of Sri Lanka won the first gold of the 8th SAF Games when he lifted the men's marathon title at the Dashedarath Stadium here this morning.

The women's marathon was won by Rigzam Angmo, who gave India their first gold.

Gamage took 2 hours 19 minutes and 32 seconds to complete the course ahead of his compatriot Manoharan Meiyappan, who clinched the silver with a time of 2 hours 23 minutes and 42 seconds.

Rai Ganesh Bahadur of hosts Nepal finished third in the event, in which there was no Bangladeshi athlete.

In the women's marathon, which started half an hour

later, Indian Rigzam Angmo won the gold, clocking 2 hours 55 minutes and 36 seconds. Sri Lankan Inoka Dalugoda Arachchige took the silver while her teammate Wickrema

Arachchige Dona Malika Chandira Kanth won the bronze. Inoka took 2 hours 57 minutes and 41 seconds while Wickrema took 3 hours 12 minutes and 31 seconds.

## Berlin Marathon Lorupe's

BERLIN, Sept 26: Kenya's Tegla Lorupe improved her own world women's best time at the Berlin Marathon today when she ran the race in two minutes 20.43 seconds, reports Reuters.

Germany-based Lorupe ran four seconds faster than the previous best time of 2:20:47, which she set when she won the Rotterdam Marathon in April 1998.

Kenyan Josephat Kiprono won the men's race in 2:06:45, the third best time ever.

The 26-year-old Lorupe, who lives in the German town of Detmold, had been aiming to get a time of 2:19 but she was not complaining.

"I hadn't expected it for a while because I had felt very tired," she said just after crossing the finishing line in the German capital.

"I tried for the 2:19 mark but I didn't manage," the diminutive and popular Kenyan added. "I still have the world record so I am happy."

Marleen Renders of Belgium was second in the women's race finishing in 2:23:58, following by Russia's Svetlana Zakharova in 2:27:07.

Kiprono completed a fine day for Kenya and came close to setting a men's best time. Only Brazilian Ronaldo da Costa, who ran the fastest men's marathon in 2:06:05 in Berlin last year, and South Africa's Gerdt Thy's, who set the year's best time in 2:06:32 in February in Tokyo, have ever run faster.

Kiprono was followed to the line by Takayuki Inubushi of Japan in 2:06:57 and compatriot Samsom Kandile in 2:08:34.

## Results at a glance

The following are the results of the nine events held on the first day of the athletics competition:

**Men's marathon**  
1. Gamage Sarath Prasanna (Sri Lanka)  
2. Manoharan Meiyappan (Sri Lanka)  
3. Rai Ganesh Bahadur (Nepal)

**Women's Marathon**  
1. Rigzam Angmo (India)  
2. Inoka Arachchige (Sri Lanka)  
3. Wickrema Arachchige (Sri Lanka)

**Women's 800 metres**  
1. KK Beenamol (India)  
2. KC Rosa Kutty (India)  
3. Duniyegoda Mangala (Sri Lanka)

**Women's Shot put**  
1. Surinderjit Kaur (India)  
2. Monika Goel (India)  
3. Zeenat parveen (Pakistan)

**Men's shot put**  
1. Bahadur Singh (India)  
2. Jayveer Singh (India)  
3. Gifran Hussain (Pakistan)

**Men's high jump**  
1. Nagenra Prasad (India)  
2. Rangana Piger (Sri Lanka)  
3. Juby Thomas (India)

**Men's 3000m steeplechase**  
1. Amrith Kumar (India)  
2. Faryad Hussain (Pakistan)  
3. Shatha Mendis (Sri Lanka)

**Men's 100 metres**  
1. Anil Kumar (India)  
2. Chinnain Thirunandadurai  
3. Mahub Alam (Bangladesh)

**Women's 100 metres**  
1. Damayanti Darsha (Sri Lanka)  
2. PT Usha (India)  
3. Sarashwati (India)



India's Rigzam Angmo starts celebrating after crossing the finish line to win the ladies marathon gold at the SAF Games yesterday. — AFP photo

## Galle Test rained off

GALLE, Sri Lanka, Sept 26 (AFP): Heavy rain came to Australia's rescue in the second Test against Sri Lanka when the match was abandoned just 19 minutes after play started on the fifth day in southern Galle town today.

Only 4.2 overs of the sched-

uled 105 overs of the final day were bowled before heavy rain came down, forcing the umpires to call off the match.

Play commenced on time under bright sunshine but after 19 minutes, a heavy and unexpected downpour brought play to a premature end at the Galle International Cricket Stadium.

In that short time, Sri Lanka, resuming at 44 for no loss, carried the total to 55 with Sanath Jayasuriya moving on to 21 and Marvan Atapattu to 28.

The fourth day was completely washed out without a ball bowled and only two hours of play was possible on the third day. Overall, nearly two and a half days of play were lost due to rain.

Sri Lanka scored 296 in their first innings and then their spinners- Muttiah Muralitharan and Rangana Herath-restricted Australia to 225.

The Australian opening pair of Michael Slater and Greg Blewett put on 138 runs to set their team on course for a large score, but the remaining batsmen succumbed meekly on Friday.

Slater took the man-of-the-match award for his 96 in Australia's first innings.

Sri Lanka led the three-Test series, 1-0, having won the first Test by six wickets in central Kandy town.

Australia's last Test series defeat was against India in 1998 when they went down 2-1.

The third and final cricket Test commences at the Sinhalese Sports Club grounds in Colombo on Thursday.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fifth and final day Sunday of the rain-hit second Test between Sri Lanka and Australia at the Galle International Cricket Stadium.

**SRI LANKA:** First innings 296  
AUSTRALIA: First innings 228  
**SRI LANKA:** Second innings

(44 for no loss overnight on Friday)  
Jayasuriya not out 21  
Atapattu not out 28  
Extras: (lb-3, nb-1) 6  
Total: (for no loss at stumps, 17.2 overs) 55

#### BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
McGrath	7	2	23	0
Fleming	4	0	15	0
Miller	3	1	9	0
Warne	3.2	1	5	0

Result: Match drawn  
Man-of-the-match: Michael Slater

Umpires: Doug Cowie (New Zealand), Bulathsinghalage Cooray (Sri Lanka)

Third umpire: KT Francis (Sri Lanka)

Match referee: Cammie Smith (West Indies)

Third Test: Colombo, on September 30

## Schools basketball Big win for Gregory's

Sport Reporter

St. Gregory's High School and BAF Shaheen College won in the Tom McCarthy Schools Basketball Tournament at the Dhanmondi gymnasium yesterday.

In the first match of the day, St. Gregory's recorded a comprehensive 142-50 points win over St. Jude's International School. The winners led the first half 67-14.

Joyty scored highest 42 points for the winners. He was well supported by Imdad, who scored 32 points.

In the other match, BAF Shaheen College survived a second-half rally to post a 118-76 points win against Sunbeam International School.

Babu and Ananta scored 28 points each for the winners. Intiaz with 49 points alone fought a lost battle for Sunbeam.