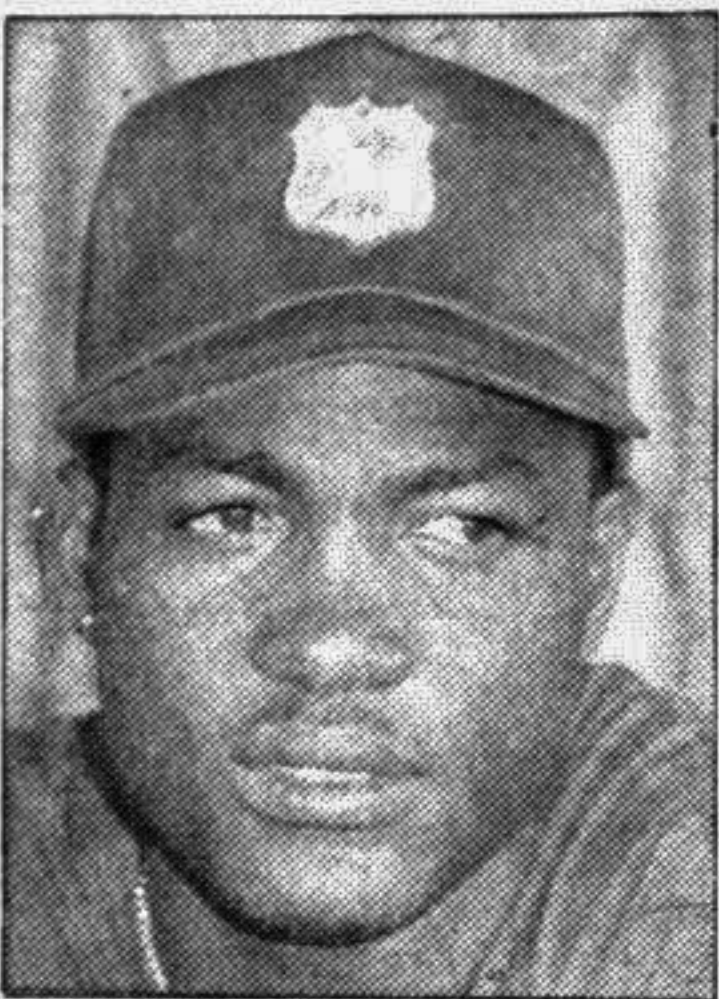


## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Brian Lara**  
(West Indies cricket captain)  
"I would beg the people to understand it's a young team and the more you criticise, it's going to be tough for them mentally to come out of it."

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## Reader's reaction

### Insensitivity!

Dear Sir,  
Your sports section of November 3 showed a picture of Carl Lewis, the great American athlete, with what was described as "a horde of handicapped children." Such unfortunate children deserve our sympathy, and respect for the type of life they have to lead, which is exactly what Carl Lewis was trying to do. To describe them as a "horde" is not only unfortunate but also unpardonable. Will the honourable Sports Editor kindly wake up? Sohel Kasem

## Milan prefer Palermo

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 6: Struggling Italian champions AC Milan moved to boost their attack for next season by making a 12-million-dollar bid for Boca Juniors Argentinian international Martin Palermo on Friday, reports AFP.  
Milan, who conceded two late goals on Wednesday to be knocked out of the Champions League by Galatasaray who also leapfrogged them to take the UEFA Cup place on offer for third place, contacted Mauricio Macri, the president of the Argentine giants by phone, to make the offer.  
Palermo is the most prolific scorer in Argentinian domestic football and has scored 99 goals for the club but in the summer he earned an unwanted place in the record books by missing three penalties in a single match for Argentina in their 3-0 Copa America defeat by Colombia.  
The dyed blond haired striker had been linked with Milan's Serie A rivals Lazio but the Italians, who lead the league and unlike Milan have progressed to the next round of the Champions League, went cold on their 15.5 million offer in September after Boca tied too many conditions to the deal.

## League may start on Nov 15

**Sports Reporter**  
The first round of the inaugural national cricket league is likely to start from November 15, a day before the schedule confirmed by the tournament committee in its meeting on Friday.  
Sources close to the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) revealed it yesterday. The league was originally planned for a November 12 start but, upon requests from some host divisions, the ruling body had decided to defer the opening for four days. A few hosts had pleaded to BCB for more time in a bid to get the pitches ready for matches.  
But the tournament committee is learnt to have reconsidered its Friday decision again and agreed to get the league started on November 15.  
According to the draft fixture, which was prepared by the committee yesterday, the first round of the league involving six divisions—Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Khulna—might be held in Dhaka. Chittagong and Rajshahi on November 15, 16 and 17. As planned earlier, the league will be of three-day matches with each division facing the other twice on home and away basis.  
Hosts Dhaka are likely to face Khulna at the Bangabandhu National Stadium while Sylhet will meet Chittagong at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong. The match between Barisal and Rajshahi is scheduled to be held at the Rajshahi Stadium.  
The second round will start on November 20. In this phase, Dhaka will meet Barisal at the Mymensingh Stadium. Chittagong will take on Khulna at the MA Aziz Stadium while Rajshahi will play against Sylhet at the Rajshahi Stadium.  
The tournament committee also took some important decisions regarding points distribution and prize-money.  
Outright winners of the three-day match will receive maximum four points while two points will be awarded to the first innings leaders in case of a drawn match, said Dewan Shafiqul Arefin Tutul, the tournament committee secretary.  
The winners will receive Taka 15,000 while the losers will get Taka 7,000. Man-of-the-match will be richer by Taka 3,000.  
There will also be some more lucrative awards up for grabs. The man-of-the-league will be get Taka 10,000 while the highest wicket-taker, best wicket-keeper, best catcher, best fielder and highest run-scorer will be awarded with Taka 5,000 each.  
If the league goes on without interruption it will end by December, and there is no scope for the committee to extend the fixture.  
"The schedule is so tight that there is no way for us to afford a postponement of a match. If any match is played for a day and the remaining two days are lost due to rain or something else, we will declare the match as draw and award two points to both teams," said Arefin.  
Arefin however told, they are yet to get a sponsor, the league.

## Leewards storm into final

**ST. ANN, Jamaica, Nov 6:** The Leewards Islands stormed into the final of the Red Stripe Bowl cricket tournament Friday, beating defending champion Guyana by five wickets, reports AP.  
Replying to Guyana's 217 for six, made in 50 overs, the Leewards posted 193 for five in 45.1 overs, chasing a revised target of 192 in 46 overs.  
The Leewards will play in Sunday's final against either Jamaica or Barbados, who will meet in Saturday's other semi-final.  
The Leewards started shakily, losing their first two wickets with only 12 runs on the board. But solid batting from Sylvester Joseph and Ridley Jacobs carried them through to their third straight final.  
Joseph made 57 and Jacobs 50, both in aggressive fashion. Joseph struck six boundaries while Jacobs smashed three boundaries and two big sixes.  
They were backed by the experienced Keith Arthurton, who made 35, and Runako Morton, who scored an unbeaten 33.  
Despite posting their best score of the tournament after being sent into bat, the Guyanese total eventually proved inadequate.  
Opening batsmen Andrew Gonsalves and Nicholas DeGroot put on 54 for the first wicket, with the remaining batsmen capitalising on the good start.  
Gonsalves, who made 27 and DeGroot who scored 30, got good support from middle-order batsmen Ramnareesh Sarwan who topscored with 38 and Travis Dowlin who made 30.  
Sarwan and Dowlin shared a fifth wicket partnership of 61, rescuing their team from 104 for the loss of four wickets to 165 when they were separated.  
The Guyanese lower order, led by Mahendra Nagamootoo and Neil McGarrell, then finished the innings with a flourish with 73 runs coming in the final 10 overs.  
Nagamootoo was unbeaten 28 with McGarrell, who clubbed 13 runs off the last over, not out on 23.  
Bowling for the Leewards, medium pacer Hamish Anthony claimed three wickets.  
**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the Red Stripe Bowl cricket semifinal between the Leewards Islands and Guyana at Kaiser Sports Club on Friday:  
**GUAYANA**  
DeGroot c Cannonier b Anthony 30  
Gonsalves c Arthurton b Anthony 27  
Semple c Cornwall b Anthony 13  
Chanderpaul c Williams b Cornwall 16  
Sarwan c Williams b Prince 40  
Dowlin b Prince 30  
Nagamootoo not out 28  
McGarrell not out 22  
Extras: (lb-4, w-4, nb-3) 11  
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs) 217  
Fall of wickets: 1-54; 2-72; 3-83; 4-103; 5-165; 6-174  
**Bowler**  
Tuckett 10 1 42 0  
Prince 10 0 34 2  
Anthony 10 1 28 3  
Lake 4 0 17 0  
Arthurton 9 0 50 0  
Cornwall 7 0 42 1  
**LEEWARDS ISLANDS**  
Williams c Gonsalves b King 0  
Cornwall c Gonsalves b Dowlin 0  
Joseph c Semple b Nagamootoo 57  
Arthurton c Darlington b McGarrell 35  
Jacobs c Dowlin b McGarrell 50  
Morton not out 33  
Cannonier not out 11  
Extras: (lb-2, lb-9, w-1, nb-3) 13  
Total: (For 5 wickets in 45.1 overs) 193  
Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-12; 3-87; 4-114; 5-184  
**Bowler**  
King 10 2 46 1  
Darlington 8 3 7 1  
McGarrell 9.1 2 39 2  
Semple 8 0 43 0  
Nagamootoo 8 1 32 1  
Dowling 2 0 15 0  
**Result: Leewards won by five wickets.**  
**NB: Leewards were set a revised target of 192 in 46 overs.**

## Koen, Jackson steady Boland

**CAPE TOWN, Nov 6 (AFP/Reuters):** A 126 run fifth-wicket partnership between captain Louis Koen and 11th-hour replacement Kenny Jackson enabled a weakened Western Province Boland XI to recover from a poor start and post a respectable 247 for five on the opening day of their four-day encounter against England here on Friday.  
Koen, who hit a masterful 96, and Jackson, who was 69 not out, rescued the injury-hit side from 117-4 although both offered chances which typically inept England fielding side failed to accept.  
One of the forgotten men of South African cricket—he was axed after just two one-day international appearances against Australia two years ago—Koen notched up his 30th first class 50, including seven fours, off 114 deliveries.  
He richly deserved a century but the advent of the second new ball and the tourists' most successful bowler, New Zealand-born paceman Andy Caddick, finally did for him.  
Bogged down in the 90s, Koen's attempt at breaking the chains only resulted in the ball travelling straight into Darren Maddy's hands at square-leg thus ending his 352-minute innings, which contained 11 boundaries.  
Jackson, who was only drafted into the side when Justin Ontong failed a fitness test late on Thursday was still going strong at the close with six fours and a six in his 69 off 138 balls.  
With both openers Rashad Magret (3) and James Henderson (6) falling cheaply to Caddick, the Combined XI was always going to lean heavily on Koen and the experienced HD Ackerman for survival.  
Ackerman was left cursing himself after having made 35 and stabilised the innings with Koen, having put on 59 for the third wicket, he failed to play a shot and was bowled by Mark Butcher on a shot.  
Koen, who boasts a first class average of 41.04, also received some brief but invaluable assistance from talented 22-year-old Ashwell Prince but his cavalier innings ended when he was well caught at gully by Michael Vaughan off young England hope Alex Tudor for 21.  
Fielding in the same position Vaughan should also have accepted a sharp chance from Jackson when he had made just one, but this time the ball went to ground.  
Koen, too, enjoyed a stroke of luck when another of England's Antipodean-born attack Australian Alan Mullally, failed to get his hands to an attempted drive when he had made 50.  
The visitors were made to pay heavily for the lapses. Jackson was particularly severe on Vaughan, cracking the young offspinner for six and four in an over which eventually yielded 12 runs.  
**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the opening day of the four-day match between a combined Western Province Boland XI and England at Newlands on Friday:  
**BOLAND XI: First innings**  
R Magret b Caddick 3  
J Henderson c Butcher b Caddick 6  
L Koen c Maddy b Caddick 69  
H Ackerman b Butcher 35  
A Prince c Vaughan b Tudor 21  
K Jackson not out 69  
C Henderson not out 2  
Extras: (lb-3, w-1, nb-11) 15  
Total: (For five wickets in 90 overs) 247  
Fall of wickets: 1-4; 2-11; 3-70; 4-117; 5-243  
**Bowler**  
Caddick 22 7 40 3  
Mullally 25 12 33 0  
Hamilton 13 1 41 0  
Tudor 13 0 54 1  
Butcher 7 1 27 1  
Vaughan 10 0 49 0



Scene from the 24th national boat race held at the Buriganga river yesterday.

## Mohammedan stumble early

**Sports Reporter**  
Premier Division league champions Mohammedan Sporting Club got off to a horrible start in the Rovers Cup football tournament of India as they suffered a 0-3 defeat against powerful JCT in their group A opener in Mumbai yesterday.  
According to a telephonic message received here last night, the first half of the match went off goalless. Mohammedan conceded all the three goals in the last 20 minutes of the match. The details of the clash could not be gathered till filing of the report.  
Mohammedan will take on Air India in their next match tomorrow. They will meet Salgaokar Club of Goa in their last group match on November 10.

## Inter-varsity soccer

Dhaka University trounced Islamic University 4-0 in the inter-varsity football competition at the DU central playground yesterday, reports UNB.  
Saiful and Iqbal struck two goals each for the winners.  
The day's first match between Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) and Chittagong University ended in a goalless draw at the same ground.  
The two semifinals will be held on November 9. Rajshahi University will take on Islamic University at 1:15 pm while Dhaka University face Chittagong University at 3:15 pm.

## Minute to respect

**BRISBANE, Nov 6:** Australian and Pakistan players paid their respects to Malcolm Marshall before the start of the second day's play in the first cricket Test at the Gabba here today, reports AFP.  
The West Indian fast bowling great died late Thursday in Bridgetown, Barbados after a battle with colon cancer. He was 41.  
Both teams and the crowd stood for a minute's silence in respect for Marshall, who was the sixth highest wickettaker in Test history.

## Nat'l boat race results

Sicily Rowing Club emerged champions in 25-paddler international standard Kosha boat race of the Star-Tanin 24th national competition at the river Buriganga yesterday, reports UNB.  
About 120 boats from 26 districts and clubs took part in the seven-event competition near China-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge.  
Following are the results:  
Men's 3-paddler race: 1st-Shahinbagh RC, 2nd-Mukti-joddha Sangsad, 3rd-Keraniganj BRS.  
Women's 7-paddler race: 1st-Bangladesh Ansar, 2nd-Munshiganj Kalatal High School, 3rd-VDP women's team.  
Men's 25-paddler Kosha boat race: 1st-Sicily RC, 2nd-Mymensingh district, 3rd-Khilgaon RC.  
Men's 50-paddler Kosha boat race: 1st-Pabna district, 2nd-Uttaran RC, 3rd-Srinagar-Munshiganj.  
Men's above 50-paddler Sarengi boat race: 1st-Brahmanbaria number one, 2nd-Brahmanbaria number two, 3rd-Brahmanbaria number three.  
Men's above 50-paddler chip boat race: 1st-Kushtia district, 2nd-Sirajganj district, 3rd-Dhaka-Nawabganj.  
The result of the men's 7-paddler competition has been postponed.  
Managing Director of the British American Tobacco-Bangladesh Andrew Paul Kirkham inaugurated the day-long meet while Managing Director of the Tanin Bangladesh Company Ltd M Ansar Ali distributed the prizes.



Century-maker Australian opener Michael Slater kisses his helmet after reaching the three-figure mark on the second day of the first Test against Pakistan in Brisbane — AFP photo

## Slater, Blewett blaze

**BRISBANE, Nov 6 (AFP/Reuters):** A record double-century opening stand between Michael Slater and Greg Blewett saw Australia pile on the agony for Pakistan and score a psychological blow in the first Test at the Gabba here Saturday.  
Australia, chasing a testing Pakistan first innings of 367, blitzed the Pakistan bowlers and fielders with Slater and Blewett in full flow in their unbeaten partnership.  
At stumps on the second day, Australia were 233 without loss and trailing by 134 runs with Slater bringing up his 13th Test century unbeaten on 134 with Blewett playing the supporting role not out 77.  
Slater gleefully took advantage of the tiring Pakistan attack, even getting away with his second life when on 99 to flay the bowlers, reminiscent of his



Pakistan's wicketkeeper-batsman Moin Khan straight-drives during his brisk 61 on the second day of the Gabba Test yesterday. — AFP photo

Slater's imperious innings contained 21 fours and one six and came off 206 balls, while Blewett hit a six and seven boundaries.  
It was the blossoming pair's third 100-plus opening stand in four innings and bettered the previous record of 176 against Pakistan set by Mark Taylor and Slater in Rawalpindi in 1994.  
"I thought there was some good shots. I thought we got through some tough periods together and it was nice to be not out at the end of the day," Slater said of the record stand.  
With them having scored over 300 it's important that Blewett and I get off to a good start and here the conditions were good for batting so we had to get through the new ball." They now look forward to extending their stand tomorrow.  
Slater said it was crucial to get on top of the world's fastest bowler Shoaib Akhtar and set the tenor for the three-match series.  
"It was important to get out there and show through our body language that we were on top of that early pace, we knew he was going to throw everything at us," said Slater.  
Slater and Blewett both vouched that the Rawalpindi Express was the fastest bowler in world cricket, surpassing the pace generated by former England strike bowler Devon Malcolm.  
Faced with the run on-

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after the second day of the first cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan at the Gabba here Saturday.

**PAKISTAN: First innings**  
(280 for 6 overnight)  
Anwar c M Waugh b Warne 61  
M Wasim c Gilchrist b Fleming 18  
Ijaz c Warne b Fleming 8  
Inzamam lbw b McGrath 88  
Yousaf c Gilchrist b Fleming 95  
Mahmood c Slater b McGrath 13  
Mushtaq c Gilchrist b Fleming 0  
Razaq c M Waugh b Muller 11  
Moin run out 61  
Akram c and b Muller 9  
Extras: (lb-2, nb-5, b-4) 11  
Total: (All out in 117.1 overs) 367  
Fall of wickets: 1-42; 2-42; 3-113; 4-265; 5-280; 6-280; 7-288; 8-334; 9-356; 10-367.  
**Bowler**  
McGrath 28 4 116 2  
Fleming 31 5 65 4  
Muller 19 4 72 2  
Warne 28.1 11 73 1  
Blewett 5 1 22 0  
Ponting 5 1 12 0  
S Waugh 1 0 1 0

**AUSTRALIA: First innings**  
Slater not out 134  
Blewett not out 77  
Extras: (lb-15; lb-6; b-1) 22  
Total: (For no wkt in 62 overs) 233  
To bat: Justin Langer, Mark Waugh, Steve Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Adam Gilchrist, Shane Warne, Damien Fleming, Glenn McGrath, Scott Muller.  
**Bowler**  
Akram 12 1 26 0  
Shoaib 13 0 62 0  
Razaq 9 2 31 0  
Mahmood 12 2 31 0  
Mushtaq 16 1 76 0

## Rajshahi sports

**From Our Correspondent**  
RAJSHAH, Nov 6: Nurun Nabi Chand Smriti Sangha and Shiroil Club won their respective matches yesterday in the Rajshahi Metropolitan kabadi league at the Rajshahi Govt Collegiate High School ground.  
In the first match, Nurun Nabi Chand Smriti Sangha defeated Fakirpara Club by 48-17 points.  
In the second match Shiroil Club made an easy win over Friend Star Club by 83-16 points.  
Meanwhile, Andher Kotha Sporting Club became champion in Sagarm Majhi Smriti football tournament.  
In the final match held yesterday at Kankonhat High School ground the winners defeated Ganka Deying Football Club 1-0.  
Shimla Adivashi Tirondaj Club organised the tournament. A total of 16 teams took part in the match.

## Inter-college chess

The 8th inter-college chess competition, organised by Notre Dame Chess Club, will begin on November 18, reports UNB.  
Two teams, each composed of four players, can take part in every college.  
Interested teams have been requested to send their entry form to the Notre Dame College or Chess Federation by November 17.