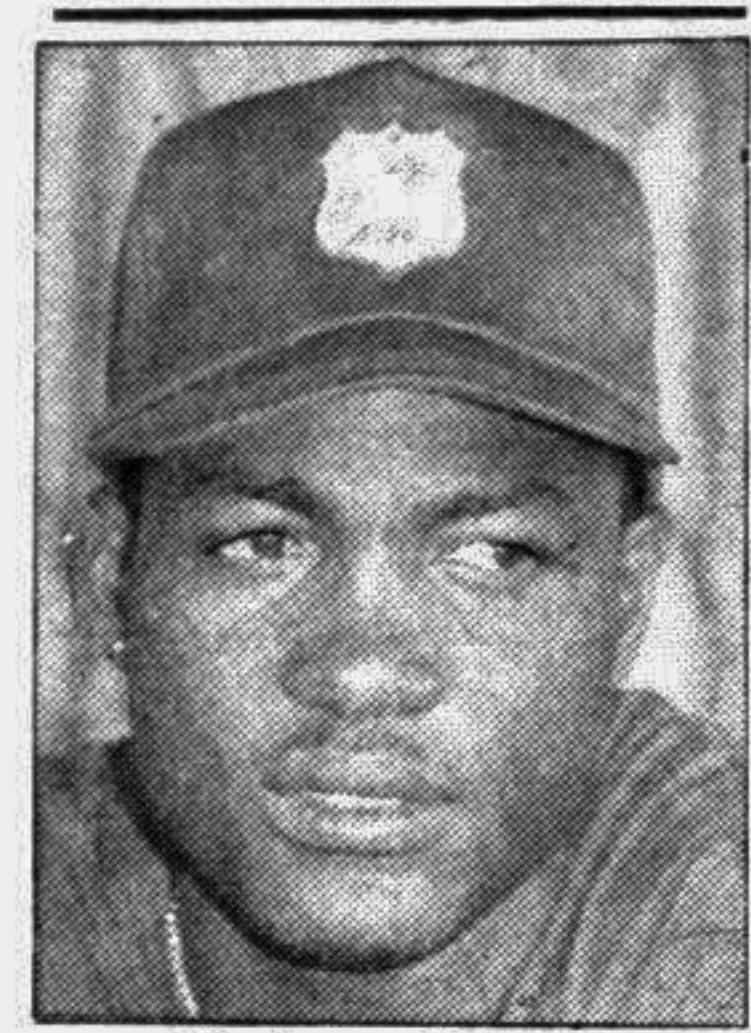


# Star Sport

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## 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."

**While making a plea to Caribbean supporters for patience as he said the West Indies were trying to rebuild their team.**

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1 Which country won the SAF football gold?

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2 Who is the captain of Brazil?

Cafu Rivaldo Ronaldo

3 How many teams will play in next year's Asia Cup cricket?

4 5 6

4 Who won the men's 100 m in the Summer Athletics?

Mahbub Yasin Ratan

5 Who lifted the Grand Slam Cup title?

Rusdaki Agassi Kafelnikov

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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

57 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka

With heartfelt sympathy and respect to the less fortunate, we respect selection of the word. We only hope the children will forgive us.

— Sports Editor

### 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.

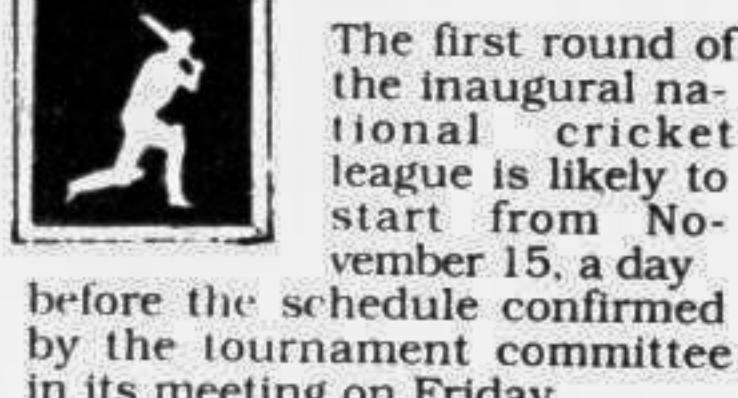
Milan, who conceded two late goals on Wednesday to be knocked out of the Champions' League by Galatasaray who also leapfrogged them to take the UEFA Cup place on offer for third place, contacted Mauricio Macri, the president of the Argentine giants by phone, to make the offer.

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 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 again at 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 Shaiful 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 for the league.

## 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 Saigaoor 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 Bangladeshi 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 in the first semifinal at 1:15 pm while Dhaka University face Chittagong University at 3:15 pm.



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 up 862 off 13 overs with legspinner Moshua going for 0-76 off 16 overs.

Earlier, wicketkeeper Moin Khan smashed his 13th Test half-century, clubbing nine fours and carting Scott Muller for six over long on in swashbuckling knock of 61 off just 68 balls before being run out by a Ricky Ponting throw from the deep to end Pakistan's innings.

Pakistan added 87 runs to their overnight score of 280 for six.

Damien Fleming finished with 4-65 and Glenn McGrath and Muller took his first two wickets in Tests.

### 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 Maugh b Warne 61 M Wasim c Gilchrist b Fleming 18 Ijaz c Warne b Fleming 0 Inzamam b Ijaz b McGrath 88 Youhana c Gilchrist b Fleming 95 Mahmood c Gilchrist b McGrath 13 Mushtaq c Gilchrist b Fleming 0 Razzaq c M Waugh b Muller 11 Moin run out 61 Akram c and b Muller 9 Sajid ret out 0 Extras: (lb-2, nb-5, b-4) 11 Total (All out in 117.1 overs) 367 Fall of wkt: 1-42; 2-42; 3-83; 4-103; 5-165; 6-174

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#### LEEWARD ISLANDS

Williams c Gonsalves b King 0 Corowall c Gonsalves b Dowlin 1 Joseph c Semple b Nagamootoo 57 McCarron 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

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### 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-Muktijuddha Sangsads, 3rd-Keraniganj BRCS.

Women's 7-paddler race: 1st-Bangladesh Ansar, 2nd-Munshiganj Kalatali 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.

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

Slater's impertious 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

— AFP photo

Shoaib slumped to the ground in despair as Slater profited from his second life to score his 13th century in his 54th Test appearance.

"It was not the way I wanted to bring up my century, but I had a bit of good luck there and it was very satisfying to score another hundred," said Slater.

The audacious right-hander took 173 minutes and faced 150 deliveries for his hundred and passed 4,000 test runs along the way.

At the close he had scored 4,112 runs at an average of over 45.

Much interest was focused on how fast Akhtar was bowling after he had said earlier in the tour he wanted to break the 100 mph mark (160 kph). A radar speed camera recorded one ball in its first spell after lunch at 151.

Interested teams have been requested to send their entry form to the Notre Dame College or Chess Federation by

RAJSHAHI, Nov 6: Nurun Nabi Chand Smriti Sangha and Shiroi 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 Shiroi Club made an easy win over Friend Star Club by 83-16 points.

Meanwhile, Andher Koth