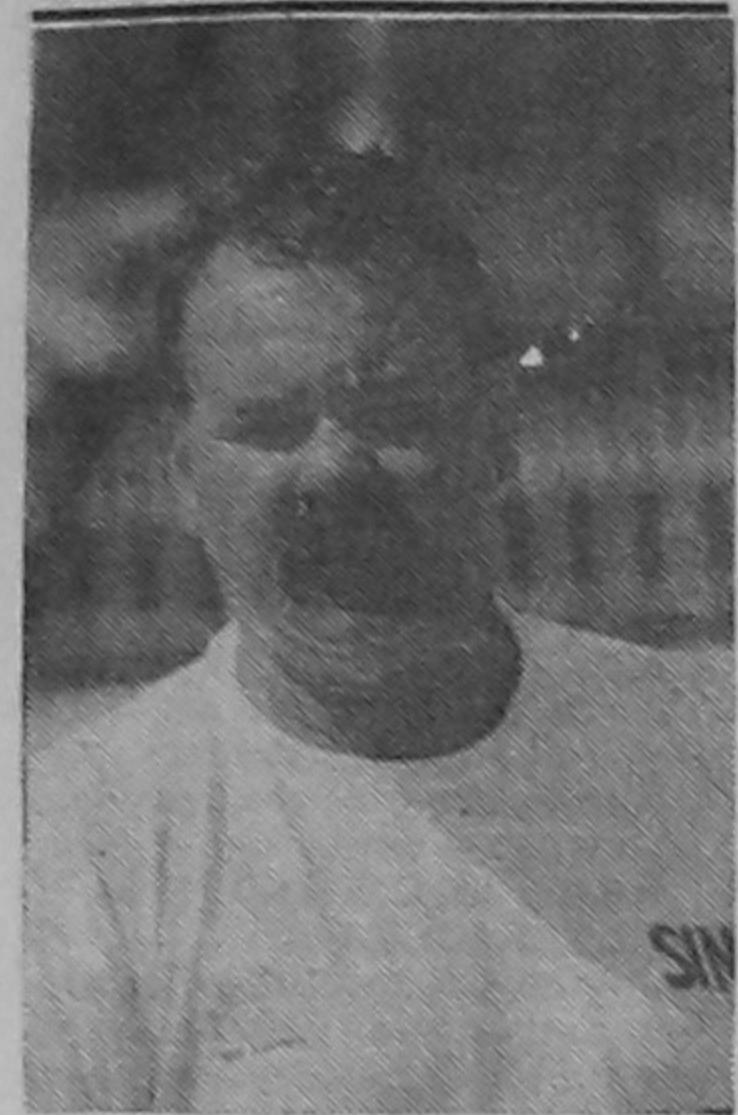


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Column One

SPORTS TALK



Dav Whatmore

(Sri Lankan cricket coach)
"Australia seems to have a strong side but like South Africa we are keen to have success along the way and doing so trying to rebuild a team for the only major tournament of cricket, the World Cup."

Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Competition-126

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

Feb 26, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

1	How many centuries did Tendulkar score in the Tests series against Australia recently?
One	Two
Two	Three
3	Who won the last ever European Cup Winners' Cup soccer?
Lazio	Barcelona
4	Who was named player of the cricket World Cup?
Klusman	S Waugh
5	Where did Maurice Greene break the 100m world record?
Athens	Seville
6	Who lifted the National Cricket League title?
Chittagong	Sylhet
7	Name
8	Class
9	Roll No.
10	School Address
11	Phone: (If any)

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Summit Cup golf goes to Col Kamal

Sports Reporter

Colonel K. Lenin Kamal won the prestigious Summit Cup Golf Tournament held at the Kurmitola Club course yesterday.

In total 258 players took part in the event sponsored by Summit Group of Companies. President of the KCG and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M. Mustafizur Rahman teed-off in the morning.

Later he gave away prizes at the Club House in the evening. Muhammad Aziz Khan, chairman of the sponsors, addressed the function.

OTHER RESULTS

Ladies' Winner: Elani Zulki fly; **Senior Champion:** Frang Georgi; **Junior Champion:** MS Anika; **Best Gross:** Chan Lee; **Runner-up:** Aminur Rahman; **Junior Runner-up:** Riasat; **Second Runner-up:** Hajj Yakib Jumat; **Front Nine Winner:** Masud Ahmed; **Ladies' Front Nine Winner:** H. J. Hwang; **Back Nine Winner:** Brig Zahid Latif; **Ladies' Back Nine Winner:** Eun Suk Choi; **Nearest to Pin:** Iqbal Bahar Chowdhury; **Longest Drive:** Hissam Ahmed; **Junior Longest Drive:** Asif; **Champion (Professional):** Mohammad Nurul Islam (Gani); **Runner-up (Professional):** Mohammad Islam; **Eagle:** Iqbal Mahmood.

Bangladesh are 133rd

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh slipped to 133 in the FIFA World Rankings for February which was released on Wednesday.

The 1999 SAF Games champions moved down two places due to no international commitments last month.

Except for non-movers Sri Lanka (153) and Nepal (157) who hosted the eighth South Asian Games from September-October, all the other regional football teams fell slightly because of being inactive.

India occupy 107th spot.

Previously they stood one place higher. Maldives go from 144 to 145. Pakistan are in 181 position. At the beginning of the year they were 179th.

About time they delivered

Hassan Masood

Premier League

Brothers Union



KHALED MAHMUD

Brothers Union Club are always a serious title contender in Premier Division cricket but they always seem to crumble during the crunch and finish without the prized silverware. No wonder they have won the league championship only once—in the 1990-91 season.

Last year the boys from Gopibagh had a wonderful opportunity of finishing joint top with Bangladesh Biman when they faced Abahani in their last league match. However, staying true to their reputation of being the 'eternal brides maid', they lost the match by 129 runs.

As always, Brothers have strengthened the side for this season with star players from the national pool and also took full advantage of the new law which permits each club to field three foreign players in a match. They have already roped in three Pakistanis—all-rounders Amir Hanif and Nadim Ashraf and leg spinner Shahed Mahmud.

Brothers showed a little flash of their strength when they beat title aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra by six wickets in a 47-over-a-side practice match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium last week. A new found confidence and purpose is evident in the team lead by inspirational national all-rounder Khaled Mahmud.

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Shahed Mahmud will be the key players of his team.

"Shahriar is in very good nick. I hope he continues the form into the league and score as many runs as possible."

Shahriar is coming off back to back centuries in a first class match against the touring MCC last month.

Shahed Mahmud took a staggering 54 wickets in the inaugural National League and looks set to bamboozle a few more.

"He has proved his mettle. His leg spinners will be very effective on the turning pitches of the Bangabandhu National Stadium," opined Mahmud.

About his team's possible batting order, Mahmud informed that promising opener Ehsanul Haque will accompany Shahriar followed by Jahangir Alam and Sanwar Hossain at numbers three and four. Amir Hanif will come at number five while the captain himself is thinking of batting six.

Brothers have a pre-dominantly pace attack with Shafuddin and Ahmed Kamal expected to operate with the new ball. Mahmud, Amir Hanif and left handed Naim Ashraf will come in as change bowlers.

In the spin department, Shahed Mahmud will be supported by offies Jamaluddin and Sanwar.

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RALLYING FOR A NOBLE CAUSE: Former and current footballers and cricketers led by State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader parade through the city streets yesterday. The procession was brought out to create enthusiasm for today's charity football match for former national captain Monem Munna.

—Star photo

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