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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Wanderly Luxemburgo**  
(Brazil's national team coach)  
"I am sure he will be back. Other players have comeback from more serious injuries."  
On injured superstar Ronaldo.

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- Who is South Africa's cricket captain?  
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**Procter arrives today**  
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Legendary South African all-rounder Mike Procter will arrive in the capital this evening on a six-day visit to help local pace bowlers improve their techniques.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has arranged the visit as part of its development programme.



**MIKE PROCTER**

Talking to the Daily Star last night, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) joint-secretary and Mahmud Ul Haq said that Procter would coach bowlers at the national, under-19 and under-16 level.

Mahmud, who is also secretary of BCB's coaching and planning committee, however could not confirm where the sessions would take place.

"It may be held either at the BKSP or BUET ground. We will finalise the matter tomorrow," said Mahmud.

This will be Procter's second trip to Bangladesh in less than a month. Earlier he came as a member of the TWI commentary team, which covered the day-night exhibition match between Asia and Rest of the World, held on April 8.

## Nazir nullifies Mohammedan



Mohammedan Sporting Club suffered their worst defeat of the season when a rampant Bangladesh Biman thrashed them by nine wickets in the Super League of the Janakantha Premier Division at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Pakistani pace bowler Shahid Nazir ripped through the Mohammedan batting with a blistering five-wicket haul as Mohammedan were bundled out for 94 after electing to bat first.

In reply Biman cruised to their victory target with half of the allotted 50 overs to spare for the loss of one wicket.

Biman, with their tenth win in 13 matches, now share the second spot with Kalabagan Krira Chakra with each having 20 points. Last year's runners up Abahani are leading the league table with 26 points from 13 matches. A win against Surjo Tarun Club today will ensure Abahani the league championship with two matches in hand.

On the other hand, it was the sixth loss for Mohammedan, which kept them glued at the bottom of six-team Super League table along with Brothers Union Club with each having 14 points from 13 matches.

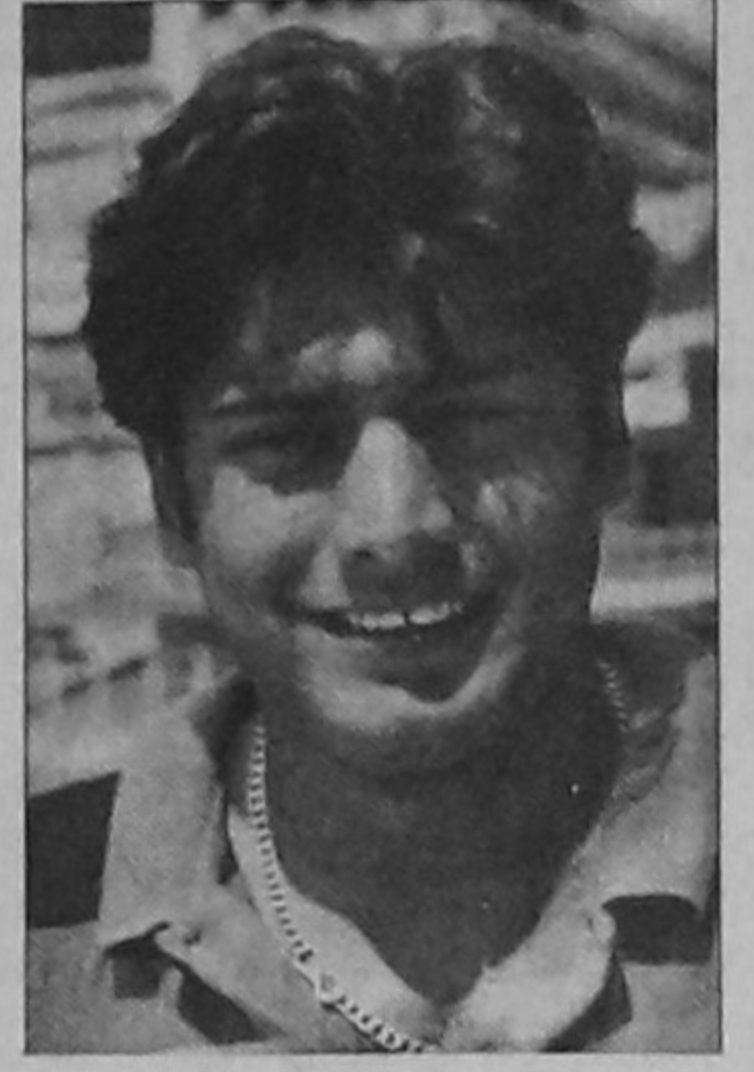
Mohammedan in their innings, were in trouble from the start when they lost opener Imran Hamid in the second over without any run on the board. The left handed opener tried to sweep off spinner Ziaur Rashid but mis-timed giving a simple catch to Habibul Bashar at mid off.

Shahid Nazir then took three wickets in the fifth, ninth and eleventh overs to see Mohammedan tottering at 28 for four in 10.1 overs. Opener Rashedul Haque was caught at mid off while one-down Samaraweera edged Nazir to the second slip. Skipper Athar, the last victim of Nazir, was trapped leg before.

After the top order collapse, Mohammedan, who missed the

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services of Sri Lankan recruits Ruwan Kalpage and Hashan



**NAZIR ... 5/22**

Tillekeratne, never recovered and were eventually bowled out in 34.1 overs.

Nasirul Alam scored highest 17 of 30 balls followed by lower middle orders Neeeyamur Rashid and Shamsul Arifin who added 13 and 12 runs respectively.

Shahid Nazir, who took three wickets in his first spell of seven overs conceding 19 runs, finished with five for 22 from his 9.1 overs while his compatriot leg spinner Manzoor Akhtar took two wickets for 24 runs.

In reply, Biman reached their target in 25 overs with opener Javed Omar hammering highest 41 off 69 balls with six fours.

Javed, the leading scorer of

the Premier League, has now scored 560 runs so far in 13 innings with two centuries and three fifties.

One-down Habibul Bashar was unbeaten on 39 off 52 balls with four boundaries.

Biman captain Faruque Ahmed, who opened the batting, had to retire hurt after bruising his big toe on the right foot.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division Super League clash between Biman and Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

**MOHAMMEDAN SC**

Rashed c Hasanuzzaman b S Nazir 9  
Imran c Habibul b Ziaur 0  
Samaraweera c Habibul b S Nazir 3  
Nasirul c Faruque b M Akhtar 17  
Athar Ali lbw b S Nazir 4  
Neeeyamur c Athar b M Akhtar 13  
Shamsul b S Nazir 12  
Rafique c Ziaur b Shariful 9  
Mortuza run out 6  
Firoz b S Nazir 2  
Monjurul not out 4  
Extras: (lb-4, lb-5, nb-1, w-5) 15  
Total: (All out in 34.1 overs) 94

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-10; 3-20; 4-28; 5-45; 6-56; 7-69; 8-88; 9-89.

**Bowler O M R W**

S Nazir 9.1 1 22 5  
Ziaur 6 1 20 1  
M Akhtar 8 2 24 2  
Shariful 8 1 10 1  
Farhat 3 0 9 0

**BIMAN**

Javed Omar c Firoz b Shamsul 41  
Faruque retired hurt 9  
Habibul not out 39  
Amnool not out 1  
Extras: (lb-1, w-4) 5  
Total: (For 1 wkt in 25 overs) 56

Did not bat: Ziaur Rashid, Manzoor Akhtar, Imran Farhat, Athar Rahman, Shahid Nazir, Hasanuzzaman and Shariful Haque.

Fall of wicket: 1-89.

**Bowler O M R W**

Monjurul 7 0 29 0  
Shamsul 3 0 15 1  
Rafique 7 1 27 0  
Firoz 2 0 12 0  
Neeeyamur 6 0 11 0

**Result: Biman won by nine wickets.**

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

**Super League**  
Abahani KC v Surjo Tarun Club  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

**Relegation League**  
Sadharaan Bima KS v Gopibagh FA  
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.



Indian cricket board president Chandu Borde (C), secretary Jayawant Lele (L) and selector Anil Malhotra during a meeting in Bombay yesterday to pick the team for the upcoming Asia Cup. —AFP photo

## Kapil considers legal action



**NEW DELHI, May 5:** Indian cricket icon Kapil Dev has threatened legal action over allegations accusing him of involvement in match-fixing, reports AFP.

Kapil, in a statement issued late Thursday, said: "It has been brought to my notice that certain wild and baseless allegations have been made in an interview aired on CNN.

"I have discussed these with my lawyers who are taking appropriate action against those responsible for uttering these reckless allegations."

Former Indian cricket chief Inderjit Singh Bindra told CNN on Thursday that Manoj Prabhakar had named Kapil as the person who had offered him a bribe to play badly in a one-day international in Sri Lanka in 1994.

According to Bindra, Prabhakar said Kapil, the current coach of the Indian team, had offered him 25 thousand dollars to underperform.

"The person who offered ... to Prabhakar to play below potential is an icon in the cricketing world. He is the Michael Jordan of India. His name is Kapil Dev," Bindra told the Q and A program on CNN.

Kapil, Test cricket's most successful bowler till West Indian Courtney Walsh overtook his tally of 434 in March, vehemently denied the charge.

"To me, the whole thing is a cruel joke and I consider it below my dignity to take note of such an insinuation," he said.

"It's a question of my credibility against Manoj's. I leave it to the people to judge us both and draw their own conclusions. In any case, let Prabhakar speak out instead of whispering around."

He added: "I am going to take it up with the centre (federal government) and the (Indian cricket) board."

Indian cricket board secretary Jayawant Lele said the BCCI had not yet sought clarification from Kapil over Bindra's allegations.

"We have not yet talked to him regarding the allegations and will do so at the appropriate time. We do not want to say anything now about that," he said.

The Indian government last month ordered the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe whether any Indian cricketer or administrator was involved in match-fixing.

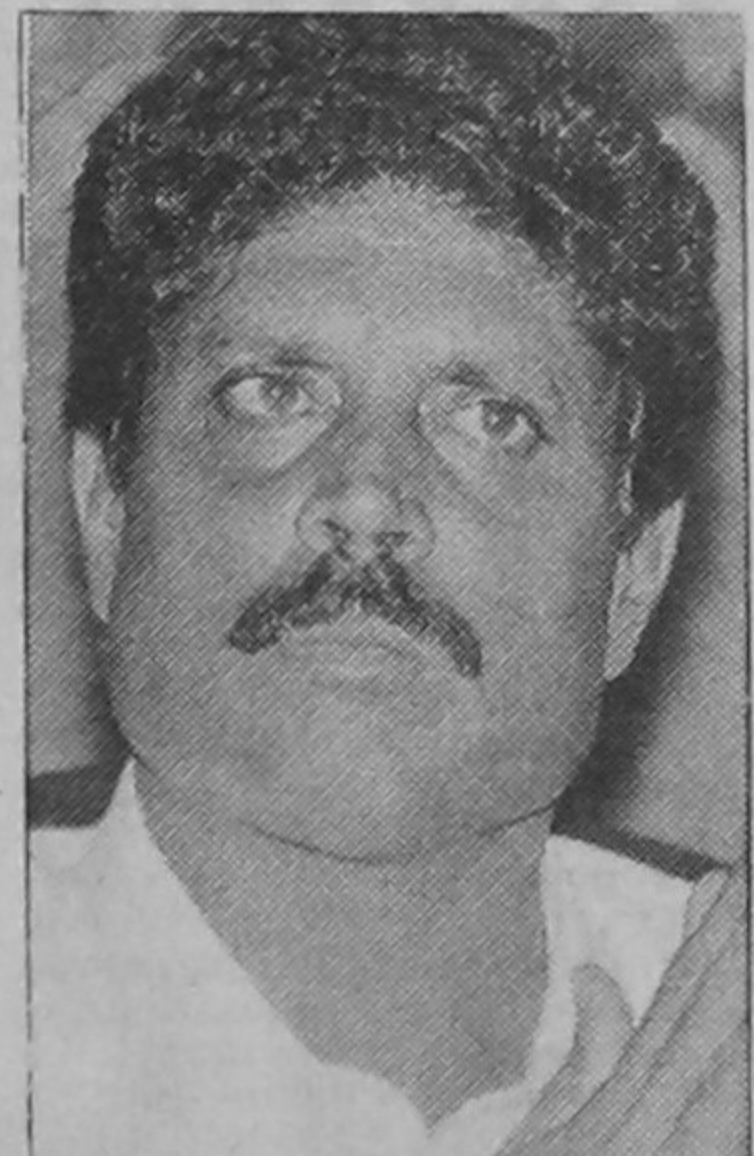
Prabhakar had refused to disclose his teammate's identity even to a one-man inquiry conducted by the Indian cricket board in 1997 to probe allegations of wrong-doing against the players.

But he wrote in his column last Tuesday he had "given the name to a big gun in the government." Newspapers speculated that person was the powerful home minister Lal Kishan Advani.

"Someone well-placed in (the) government will bear me out when I say that I will have no hesitation in naming the senior teammate who offered me the bribe," Prabhakar wrote.

"He has already heard me name the central character in the drama."

World cricket was rocked on April 7 when Indian police laid match-fixing charges against South African captain Hansie Cronje during a one-day series



**KAPIL DEV**

**India won't skip Asia Cup**

**NEW DELHI, May 5:** Indian cricket chiefs on Friday rejected coach Kapil Dev's request to pull the team out of the upcoming Asia Cup tournament till the match-fixing row was settled, reports AFP.

Kapil Dev, himself embroiled in the scandal, wanted the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to reconsider its decision to play in the four-nation tournament in Bangladesh

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## Four-nation soccer SL defeat India

Sri Lanka surprised India by a solitary goal in the four-nation Golden Jubilee International Football Tournament at the National Stadium in Male yesterday, according to a report available on the Internet.

Striker KM Anees scored in the fifth minute for the islanders.

Khaled Jamil of India was named man-of-the-match.

The winners will take on Bangladesh in their last match tomorrow while India meet hosts Maldives on May 8.

Bangladesh have already been held 1-1 by both India and Maldives. Sri Lanka also drew 1-1 against Maldives in their opening match.

## Asia Cup Saurav named India skipper

**BOMBAY, May 5:** India's cricket selectors on Friday retained Saurav Ganguly as captain for the four-nation Asia Cup in Bangladesh later this month, reports AFP.

The elegant left-hander, currently playing English county cricket for Lancashire, took over from Sachin Tendulkar earlier this year and led India to a 3-2 win over South Africa in a one-day series at home.

Ganguly also captained India in a tri-nation tournament in Sharjah in March against Pakistan and South Africa.

The selectors also named 24 other probables to attend a camp before the squad was pruned to 14 for the May-28-June 7 tournament in Dhaka against Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

There is no place in the probables for pace spearhead Javagal Srinath, who wanted a break from one-day internationals to concentrate on Test cricket.

Also excluded in Srinath's long-time pace partner Venkatesh Prasad, but left-hand batsmen Vinod Kamble, Sadagopan Ramesh and Hrishikesh Kamitkar are back in favour.

Rahul Dravid and Anil Kumble, the other Indians playing county cricket in England, will be available for the tournament, Indian cricket board secretary Jayawant Lele said.

The final squad will be chosen on May 22 after the week-long camp in the western Indian city of Pune.

## Pakistan 68 for 5 at lunch

**GEORGETOWN, Guyana, May 5:** West Indies, inspired by veteran pace bowler Curtly Ambrose's three-wicket burst, reduced Pakistan to 68 for five at lunch on the opening day of the first Test on Friday, reports Reuters.

Ambrose took three for 17 in a hostile eight-over, new ball spell while fellow pacemen Courtney Walsh and Reon King each took a wicket.

Walsh started Pakistan's woes when he bowled Wajahatullah Wasti with a beautiful outswinger for eight. In the next over Ambrose bowled Mohammad Wasim off the inside edge to leave the touring team 12 for two.

Ambrose then enjoyed a double strike in his sixth over, trapping Younis Khan leg before for two and then having Yousuf Youhana well caught behind by a diving Ridley Jacobs for nought. That left Pakistan precariously placed on 21 for four.

Inzamam, who survived a difficult chance to Sherwin Campbell in the penultimate over before lunch, was unbeaten on 38 off 53 balls at the interval.

Pakistan went into the match without pace bowler Shoaib Akhtar who is nursing a side strain. West Indies were missing Franklyn Rose, out with an injured finger on his bowling hand.

## WEST INDIES Jimmy Adams (captain), Adrian Griffith, Sherwin Campbell, Chris Gayle, Shivnarine Chandernagore, Wavell Hinds, Ridley Jacobs, Curtly Ambrose, Nixon McLean, Reon King, Courtney Walsh.

## PAKISTAN: Moin Khan (captain), Wajahatullah Wasti, Mohammad Wasim, Younis Khan, Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Abdur Razaq, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq.

## Umpires: Steve Bucknor, Rudi Koertzen; TV umpire: Colin Alfred.



Sri Lankan players celebrate after K Anees scored the lone goal against India in the four-nation Golden Jubilee Football Tournament in Male yesterday. —Internet photo

## Reefat the man to beat



**Professor Abdur Razzak 26th** national chess championship defeating Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu of Titas Club in the tenth round held at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Playing with white pieces against the Sicilian defence of Shiplu, Reefat checkmated his counterpart after 46 moves.

The win kept Reefat atop the table with nine and a half points from ten games.

Defending champion IM Ziaur Rahman of Biman returned to his winning form with an easy win over Monir Hossain of Leonine Chess Club.

Zia also played with whites and overcame the King's Indian defence of Monir after 36 moves.

Zia, with yesterday's win, raised his tally to 8.5 points

**Title aspirant International Master (IM) Reefat-bin-Sattar of Biman** recorded his ninth win in the

and remained second. Despite the defeat, Monir retained the third spot with his previous collection of 6.5 points.

Three players--IM Abdullah Al-Rakib of Biman, Abu Sufian Shakil of Ansars and Mainuddin Ahmed of Chittagong were joint fourth having six points each.

In the tenth round, Rakib drew with Khandkar Amnool Islam of Leonine Chess Club. Shakil drew with Dewan Shahidul Amin Tipu of Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan Sangha while Mainuddin was beaten by Sheikh Nasir Ahmed of Ansars.

The match between Rakib and Amin ended after only 20 moves while Shakil and Tipu agreed to a draw after 37 moves.

On the other hand, Nasir, who made a Scotch opening with his whites pieces, beat Mainuddin after 53 moves.

In the day's other matches, Fide master Enamul Hossain

Rajib of Leonine beat Ansars' Shawkat Hossain Pallab, Arifuzzaman Sikdar of Titas Club defeated Taibur Rahman Sumon of BUET while Saifuddin Lovlu of Leonine beat his teammate Abul Kashem Bhuiyan.

**STANDINGS**

9.5 points--Reefat, 8 points--Zia, 6.5 points--Monir, 6 points--Rakib, Shakil and Mainuddin, 5.5 points--Shiplu, 5 points--Rajib and Pallab, 4.5 points--Amin, 4 points--Tipu, 3.5 points--Arif, Lovlu and Sumon, 2.5 points--Nasir and 1.5 points--Kashem.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Zia v Mainuddin, Monir v Amin, Nasir v Pallab, Kashem v Rajib, Sumon v Lovlu, Tipu v Arif, Shiplu v Shakil.

"The eleventh round clash between Reefat and Rakib will not be held today. The match will be held tomorrow on the rest day."

## Waugh's prescription



**MELBOURNE, May 5:** Australian cricket captain Steve Waugh said an overabundance of limited-overs internationals was partly to blame for the match-fixing scandal which has rocked the sport, reports AP.

Waugh, who guided Australia on their winning World Cup campaign in England last year, said the proliferation of one-dayers meant the game risked degenerating into a pure revenue-raising exercise.

"As cricketers you want to play for your country and you want to play every game possible," he said. "But perhaps there's some tournaments that probably don't mean a lot and I think they can be dangerous."

That's probably where some of the problems have occurred

in the past." Cricket was plunged into turmoil last month when South African skipper Hansie Cronje admitted to receiving money from an Indian bookmaker in exchange for team information during a three-nation tournament in South Africa.

Waugh, speaking Friday in Melbourne after the Australian Cricket Board announced it would appoint an investigator to look into match-fixing and bribery, said he never doubted the integrity of the Australian team.

"Everyone has had suspicions over the years about certain games," he said. "There has probably been one or two games that I've played where you think 'maybe things weren't quite right in that game.'"

But Waugh said he had never been approached by anyone

wanting him to influence the outcome of a game, adding that he hoped the Australian public believed the national team had never thrown a match.

"Every game I've played in, we've played 100 per cent—that's the way we have always played and I think the Australian public know that," he said.

The Australians notched a record unbeaten stretch of 14 limited-overs internationals before losing the last match of a series to New Zealand in March. The Aussies are also on a 10-match winning stretch in Tests.

Waugh said he hoped the strict penalties announced by the International Cricket Council this week, including life bans for players found guilty of match fixing, would restore some credibility to the game.

Cronje's shocking admission came after police in India filed charges against him and his teammates Herschelle Gibbs, Nicky Boje and Pieter Strydom for allegedly fixing a match in a limited-overs series against India.

The Indian police case was based on audio tapes of a telephone conversation in which police say Cronje discussed payments for himself and others in return for throwing a match.

The cricketers have denied match-fixing.



Newly appointed national cricket coach Srwar Imran supervises Khaled Mahmud doing some strength training during a practice session at the BUET ground yesterday. —Star photo by Amran Hossain

## Munna comes home

**Sports Reporter**

Former national captain and star Abahani defender Monem Munna returned home last night after a successful kidney transplant in Bangalore, India.

Munna, who damaged both of his kidneys, went to Bangalore three months ago.

Munna under went his transplant at the Karnataka Nephrology and Transplant Institute in on April 3 under the supervision of famous surgeon Dr. Ajit Huligol.

The elder sister of Munna donated one of her kidneys.

Upon his arrival, BFF member and Abahani director Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chumtu received him at the airport.

Munna's father and mother in laws were also present at the ZIA.

Munna has been advised by his doctors to lead a controlled life during his recovery period.

He will again go to Bangalore for checking after six months.