

# Star Sport

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## Column One SPORTS TALK



### Ulf Kirsten

(German soccer star)  
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- Which country will host the Euro 2004 Championship?  
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- Which Kiwi batsman hit 214 on his Test debut against West Indies?  
Sindler      Fleming      Crowe
- Which country won the four-nation football tournament in Maldives?  
Sri Lanka      Bangladesh      India
- Who won the national chess title this year?  
Rezaul      Za      Tipu

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## READER'S REACTION

### Slip in BSS report

I was sorry to read the sad news of the death of Badi-Uz-Zaman, Sports Editor of The Daily Ittefaq. I offer my heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family.

But I was surprised to read in the same BSS-creed news item where Zaman has been wrongly attributed the founder-editor of the fortnightly sports magazine Kirirajagat, a publication of the National Sports Council. As far as my association with this magazine goes, this magazine started regular publication from 16 July, 1977 financed by the then National Sports Control Board (NSCB).

In fact, the entire setup and planning for the magazine were done by Tawfiq Aziz Khan, in co-operation with Ata Mullick and Kazi Shamsul Islam. Khan was then working in the Dainik Bangla Trust as General Manager of The Dainik Bangla and Weekly Bichitra and was also President of Bangladesh Kirirajagat Lehiak Samity (BSWA).

He was the de facto editor of the fortnightly and can rightly claim to be the founder-editor, if it has any special connotation. The only reason his name did not appear in the magazine was because he thought it unethical to publish his name since he worked there as a volunteer. His substantive appointment was with the Dainik Bangla Trust.

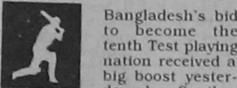
So, as editor of the magazine the name of Kazi Abdul Alim, the renowned athlete of the country, who was at that time the Hony. Secretary of the NSCB, was published. When Kazi Alim left NSCB, Tawfiq Aziz Khan's name appeared in the magazine as Hony. Editor. He left the magazine in 1979. Badi-Uz-Zaman, however, worked as Hony. Editor of the magazine at a later stage.

I write this letter for setting the facts straight with malice to none.

Latifur Rahman  
Bakshibazar  
Dhaka

## UCB pledges its support Bangladesh's Test bid brightens

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh's bid to become the tenth Test playing nation received a big boost yesterday when South Africa gave its support.

One of the four countries who opposed Bangladesh's plea for Test status in ICC last year's meeting, South Africa becomes the second nation after Australia to acknowledge Bangladesh as the tenth Test playing nation.

The unequivocal support of the South Africans before the ICC meeting at Lord's next month means almost a dream come true for Bangladesh. The cricket-crazy South Asian nation should win a minimum seven of the nine full member votes.

Proposed by Pakistan and by India in 1997, Bangladesh won five votes last year.

The refreshing news came in a joint media release issued by United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) and Bangladesh Cricket Board where Percy Sonn, the acting president of

UCBSA announced that the executive committee of the UCBSA has unanimously decided to support Bangladesh's application for full membership of the International Cricket Council (ICC) at the June 24 meeting.

"At a meeting of the executive committee last Wednesday (May 17), we decided that Bangladesh's application is consistent with the ICC's global policy. Bangladesh has a strong cricket culture and a passion for the game at all levels," said Sonn.

In the same statement, the managing director of UCBSA Dr. Ali Bacher said that BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury had visited South Africa recently and studied the development programme there.

"Mr. Chowdhury has asked to assist Bangladesh in developing the game there and we will gladly assist them, particularly at grassroots level," said Bacher.

Reacting to the support Bangladesh received from South Africa, Saber said, "The support and assistance of

UCBSA represents an important step forward for Bangladesh cricket and I am delighted with the news. BCB looks forward to a close and productive working relationship with the United Cricket Board of South Africa."

"It's a big achievement for us. The important thing is they will not only support us in voting but also provide us with a lot of support to develop cricket in Bangladesh in future," added Saber while talking to the local reporters yesterday.

Last year Bangladesh received the backing of Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, West Indies and Zimbabwe. Only Australia, South Africa, England and New Zealand votes against the proposal.

"The process is still on to get the support of New Zealand and England. I toured New Zealand recently in this regard and they are yet to decide their mind. We are also trying to get the support of England," Saber revealed.

"I want the unanimous support from all nine members," quipped Saber.

## Rain plays foul

MYMENSINGH, May 23: The second semifinal match of the 18th ANZ Grindlays Bank Schools Cricket between BKSP and Mymensingh Zilla School was abandoned due to rain today, reports UNB.

The match was called off when Mymensingh Zilla School scored 71 for two in 18.2 overs in reply to BKSP's 132. Arman and Babu were at the crease with 27 and 13 runs respectively.

Earlier, BKSP made 132 for eight in curtailed 35 overs due to delay start for rain. Kam made 40 while Bashar added 16 and Rakibur unbeaten 15. Sunny took two wickets.

## JU b'all Economics dept's 19th in a row

From JU Correspondent  
SAVAR, May 23: Department of Economics clinched their 19th consecutive title in the Jahangirnagar University inter-department basketball championship at the university gymnasium today.

In the final, Economics outplayed Department of Geography and Environmental Science 105-59.

Rinku of Economics bagged the highest 44 points while Shiplu scored 30.

For Geography Rikul caged 30 points.

Rinku was adjudged player-of-the-tournament by the JU Players' Welfare Association.

JU VC Professor Abdul Bayes distributed prizes after the final.

## Baishakhi, Pasia earn double

Sports Reporter  
Top seeds Dilip Pasia and Shifat Nusrat Baishakhi completed a double in the National Tennis Circuit Leg-2 which concluded at the National Tennis Complex at Ramna yesterday.

Pasia, who won the men's doubles title with Jhulan on Monday, beat Amal Roy 6-4, 6-2 in the men's singles final to complete his double.

Baishakhi lifted the women's singles title with an easy 6-3, 6-1 win over Shathi Sarkar. She also won the women's doubles final on Monday with partner Avi.

Murad of BKSP won the boys' (under-13) singles title while his teammate Ishrat Sultana lifted the girls' crown.

State Minister for Environment and Forest HN Ashiqur Rahman witnessed the finals and distributed prizes.

## Bacher bats first in inquiry

PARLIAMENT, May 23 (Internet report): United Cricket Board managing director Ali Bacher is expected to be the first to give evidence when the King commission of inquiry's public hearings into allegations of cricket match-fixing begin.

Replying to debate on his department's budget vote in the National Council of Provinces on Tuesday, Sport and Recreation Minister Ngconde Balfour said he had been informed that Bacher would "open the batting" before the commission.

The commission, based in Cape Town, is currently preparing to interview witnesses.

Last week, sports ministry spokesman Graham Abrahams said the public hearings of the commission, headed by Judge Edwin King, were expected to begin around the end of this month.

A great deal of investigation had to be done before people appeared in public and King was confident that working in this way would speed up the entire process.

The probe was set up after Proteas captain Hansie Cronje admitted taking payments from an Indian bookmaker for information relating to cricket matches.

Balfour told the NCOP that those found by the commission to have committed offences in terms of South African criminal law would definitely be charged.

He reiterated that the commission's hearings would be fully public.

It was hoped that the proceedings would clear up all allegations and restore confidence and faith in South Africa's sportsmen and women.

## Obaidul in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, May 23: Bangladesh Minister of State for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader arrived here this evening on a two-day visit to Pakistan, reports BSS.

Allmul Haque, Bangladesh High Commissioner to Pakistan, received the minister at the airport.

During his visit, Obaidul Quader will have a meeting with minister for Minorities, Culture, Tourism, Sports and Youth Affairs, Darek Cyprian and discuss matters related to cooperation between Bangladesh and Pakistan in the development of cricket.

## Ctg enter final round



Chittagong yesterday became the first team to reach the final round of the 21st Sher-e-Bangla Cup.

The 12-team final round involving 10 zonal champions, holders Dhaka University and hosts Noakhali, will begin in the first week of June.

The port district team Chittagong clinched the zonal title eliminating Laxmipur 2-0 in the zonal final at the Noakhali Stadium.

Pavel put Chittagong ahead in the 25th minute while national team media Motiur Munna confirmed the winners' victory adding one more goal in the 41st minute.

Babu of Chittagong received red card in the match.

Deputy Commissioner of Noakhali Abu Hanif witnessed the match and distributed prizes among the players.

The other zonal final between Barisal and Bhola was abandoned due to heavy downpour at the Barguna Stadium. The match will be held today at 3 pm at the same venue.

Besides, Khulna and Pabna advanced to the zonal finals.

At Bagerhat, Khulna earned an emphatic 11-0 victory over Magura with Babu and Rikto grabbing hat-tricks.

Babu scored in the 19th, 42nd, 50th and 66th minutes, Rikto netted in the 58th, 72nd and 76th minutes, Hasan scored

## Cash reward for Fauzia

Fauzia Huda, who excelled in eight-nation Karachi athletic meet from May 20 to 22, will receive taka 50,000 as reward.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader stated this in Karachi, according to a message received here, reports BSS.

Fauzia won the gold in the 100 meters sprint and the silver in the long jump.

Quader also announced Taka 10,000 reward for Havildar Eliasuddin of the Army for capturing the bronze in the 5000 metres race.

Bangladesh, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, China and the Maldives took part in the competition.

two in the 6th and 37th minutes while Pranotosh netted twice in the 75th and 85th minute.

Khulna will take on Chuadanga in the zonal final on Thursday.

At Dinajpur, Pabna were declared 2-0 winners against Thakurgaon as per bye-laws.

Pabna will play Dinajpur in the zonal final on Thursday at the Dinajpur Stadium.

In the day's other matches, Rajshahi, Nilphamari, Naogaon, Faridpur, Rangpur, Comilla, Kishoreganj, Narsingdi and Narayanganj won their respective matches at different venues across the country.

Rajshahi defeated Sirajganj 4-1, Nilphamari beat Natore 3-2 and hosts Naogaon overcame Gaibandha 1-0 at Naogaon.

Faridpur beat Shariatpur 2-1 at Gopalganj, Rangpur defeated Kurigram 3-1 at Dinajpur, Comilla beat Sunamganj 1-0 at Moulvibazar, Kishoreganj beat Mymensingh 1-0 at Jamalpur, Narsingdi beat Manikganj 6-1 and Narayanganj outplayed Brahmanbaria 7-1 at Narsingdi.

The match between Jessore and Madaripur ended in a goalless draw at Gopalganj Stadium.

## Saurav happy with selection



CALCUTTA, May 23: The Indian captain, Saurav Ganguly, is already back in the city after spending a couple of days in Mumbai and Pune. And he is quite happy with the team that he has in hand for the Pepsi Asia Cup starting a few days from now. Talking about the team Ganguly said, "It is our best team at present. There are quite a number of promising cricketers in the side."

"Coach Kapil Dev has also been quite impressed by Hemang Badani. Even the selectors talked highly about him. I have also heard that the conditioning camp has been quite successful," said the left-hander.

Ganguly also feels that the absence of the experienced pace duo of Javagal Srinath and Venkatesh Prasad, will not affect the performance of his team. It is rather a good opportunity for the youngsters to establish themselves, he observed.

"One has to prove his abilities at every given opportunity and for the newcomers, the Asia

From Our Correspondent  
Cup is the perfect place to establish their credentials," said Ganguly.

He also believes that the Indian team has every possibility of winning the Pepsi Asia Cup. Talking on other teams,

Pakistan in particular, Ganguly equally strong, and it is difficult to comment on one-day matches." Ganguly promptly took guards when asked how could he expect to win the Asia Cup since the Indians failed to cross a total of 175 in the four matches that it had played at Sharjah. "That was an accident, and you can judge the Indian team by the basis of one tournament. The matches at Dhaka will prove that it will not happen again."

## RU soccer

From RU Correspondent  
RAJSHAH, May 23: Department of History and the Department of Law moved into the quarterfinals of the inter-department football championship of Rajshahi University yesterday.

History blanked Botany 3-0 in the last match of the group league at the University Stadium.

Earlier, Law were awarded a walkover as their opponents -- Department of Philosophy -- failed to turn up for the match.

The quarterfinal stage will commence after the summer vacation which ends on June 29.

## ICC asks for Malik tapes



LONDON, May 23 (Internet report): The International Cricket Council has asked the News of the World newspaper to hand over tapes in which former Pakistan star Salim Malik allegedly made charges of match-fixing.

An ICC statement on Tuesday said: "The ICC has asked its lawyers to contact the News of the World accepting the offer to provide copies of tapes in their possession allegedly implicating Salim Malik in match-fixing."

If the tapes are given up, they will be passed to the chairman of the code of conduct commission, Lord Griffiths, pending the appointment of the anti-corruption investigation.

"It is anticipated that this appointment will be made in early June," said the statement.

The News of the World newspaper reported Malik as claiming that Australia and Pakistan were trying to throw a Test they played in 1994.

The story prompted the Australian Cricket Board to appoint a special investigator to look into the claims.

But Malik hit back on Monday afternoon, saying: "How can a man already so embroiled in false allegations come out with things like that?"

Nonetheless, he postponed a press conference to explain his side of the story.

"I will come up with my side of the story in the next four or five days," he said.

"I am not going to be quiet, but at the moment I can't say anything more."

Malik had faxed a message to the media offices saying that he would be addressing the press on Monday. It said that Malik would clarify his position regarding the allegations of match-fixing levelled against him and which had appeared in Monday's newspapers.

"I have been stopped by some one from addressing any press conference. Therefore, I have decided to defer the same till Friday (May 26). However, I swear I am not involved in any such matter," Malik told journalists.

Malik neither gave the name of "some one" nor explained as to what he meant by the word "matter". When pressed by the journalists to tell them who stopped him from addressing the press conference, Malik replied: "You know very well!"

When the story broke on Sunday, ACB chief executive Malcolm Speed gave a measured response.

"Before jumping to conclusions, we must determine if the comments are simply the idle boasts of a man devoid of credibility who is seeking to impress others, or if there is any evidence to support his comments," he said.

"Assuming the newspaper reports are accurate, the allegations raised are very serious. The ACB's tough line follows criticism in 1998 when it failed to ban Shane Warne and Mark Waugh for supplying weather and pitch information to an Indian bookmaker."

The incident happened four years earlier during a tour of

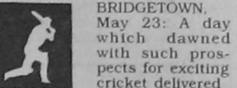
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Former Pakistan cricket captain Salim Malik refuses to talk to reporters at his Lahore home on May 22.

— Internet photo

## Bridgetown Test drawn



BRIDGETOWN, May 23: A day which dawned with such prospects for exciting cricket delivered very little in the end when West Indies and Pakistan played to a draw in the second Test at Kensington Oval on Monday here, reports AFP.

Pakistan's cautious batting in the morning period and their decision to declare their second innings at 419 for nine about ten minutes after lunch effectively killed any prospects of an exciting finish to the match.

Though West Indies as always made the heart skip a beat when they declined to 41 for three prior to tea, man-of-the-match Wavel Hinds, 52, and captain Jimmy Adams, 34 not out, restored sanity with a 72-run fourth-wicket stand to help West Indies to safety at 132 for four at the end.

Many people would have expected Pakistan to have taken an astutely cavalier approach to their batting in the hope of giving West Indies a challenging victory target.

They however, decided that discretion was the better part of valour and batted their opponents out of the match.

Overnight 345 for seven, Abdur Razaq and Saqlain Mush-taq defied the West Indies bowlers to carry Pakistan to 407 for seven at lunch.

Razaq and Saqlain could only raise 18 runs from 16 overs in the first hour on Monday, but took a few more chances in the second hour when they gathered 44 from 13 overs and Razaq was able to complete his second half-century in as many matches in the series.

Neither side appeared to want to give anything away. Though Pakistan batted slowly, the West Indies did not bowl with the kind of heart that could have or might have made the difference and Razaq and Saqlain defended stoutly.

Razaq, who batted with a runner for most of his innings because of a thigh strain, was eventually caught trying to clear the long-on boundary to make the last of fast bowler Reon King's four wickets in the third over after lunch.

Razaq occupied the crease for just under five hours, faced 204 balls and struck 10 boundaries in his 72 that followed his knock of 87 in the rain-ruined first Test in Georgetown.

Next over, Saqlain, moving inside the line of a full-pitch from fast bowler Nixon McLean, lost his off-stump to prompt the Pakistan declaration.

Trying to make something out of nothing, Pakistan's new-ball pair of Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis worked up a head of steam to discomfort the West

Indies opening batsman, Sherwin Campbell and Adrian Griffith.

They succeeded in removing both and leg-spin bowler Mush-taq Ahmed prised out left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul to leave West Indies 58 for three at tea, before Hinds and Adams played intelligently to save their side any embarrassment.

Left-hander Griffith was adjudged lbw for five to Waqar in the fourth over of the innings, and Campbell caught at gully by substitute Shahid Afridi for eight fending away a short-ball from Akram in the following over to leave West Indies 15 for two.

For nearly 3/4 hour, Hinds and Shivnarine Chanderpaul repelled the opposition two fast bowlers, but when the spin twins, Saqlain and Mush-taq were introduced, they were able to apply the pressure and make the breakthrough.

Chanderpaul, dancing down to loft Mush-taq over mid-off, got into a tangle and inside edged a tight delivery into his pads and painfully watched the rebound bubble up into the hands of Mohammad Wasim at silly-point.

That brought an end to the excitement, though there were a few exciting strokes from Adams and Hinds, who was topped-ed a cut at Mush-taq to give wicketkeeper Moin Khan a reg-

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