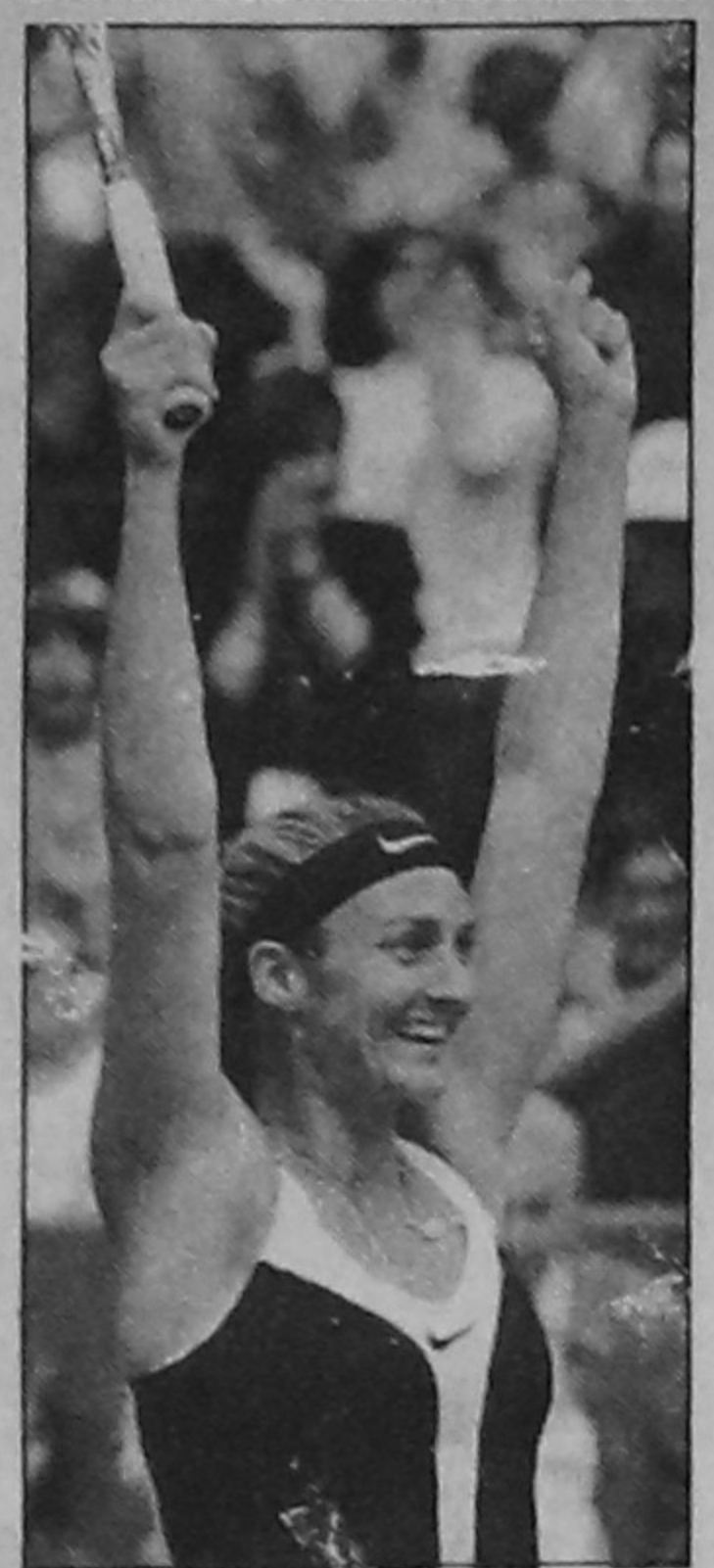


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### SPORTS TALK



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## MSC's new soccer body formed

Sports Reporter

Mohammed Sporting Club yesterday named a new 26-member football committee with industrialist and chairman of Chaiti Group M. Abdul Kalam as its chairman.



KALAM BABUL

Former national footballer and a member of the executive committee of the club, Khurshid Alam Babul has been appointed as secretary of the committee which includes four vice-chairmen and 20 members.

Members of the new committee are: Chairman: M. Abdul Kalam. Vice-chairmen: M. Rashiduzzaman, M. Syed Inamul Haque, Wali Mirza and Rahimul Alam. Secretary: Khurshid Alam Babul. Members: Hamidul Haque, Mushtaqur Rahman, Imtiaz Sultan Johin, Amirul Islam Babu, M. Zahid Uddin, Mahbub Khan, Fakhrul Abedin, Akhtar Sayeed, Lutfur Rahman, Shaheen Shahabuddin Khan, Mohammad Mahbub, Golam Gaffar, Mohammad Hasan, Kaiser Hamid, Sayed Hasan Kanan, Ilyas Hossain, Syed Ruman Bin Waly Sabir, Mansoor Ahmed, Zahurul Haque and Lutfur Rahman Selim.

## Mark where are you?

Sports Reporter



MARK HARRISON

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) don't know whether their English coach Mark Harrison, who

went on vacation after the Maldives Silver Jubilee Tournament, will return to Dhaka.

Both BFF general secretary Harunur Rashid MP and joint-secretary Badal Roy expressed the fear while talking to The Daily Star yesterday.

The English coach who took over the national team in April under an arrangement with the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

The BFF general secretary said that Harrison openly spoke to many BFF officials about the matter during the four-nation meet in Maldives last month. He returned to Britain on leave as soon as the national team came back.

The Englishman requires 18 thousand dollars per year to educate his two children at the American School in Dhaka. This is half of the amount he gets from AFC as his annual wage (3,000 dollars per month). "Before Mark left last month he said the amount he received from the AFC would not be enough. He was scheduled to return either on 10th or 11th of this month and resume his job. But so far no contact has been made by him. That's why we are having serious doubts," said Harun.

"He told me about his problem before he went on to leave but I did not make any comment. We have no way to increase his salary as it provided by AFC," Harun added.

## Nat'l boxing begins today

The Oposon 15th National Junior and 6th Intermediate Boxing Championships will begin today at the Shaheed Shuhrawardy National Indoor Stadium in Mirpur, reports UNB.

President of Bangladesh Amateur Boxing Federation (BABF) Major General A M Siraj will inaugurate the four-day meet.

BABF vice-president and Managing Director of the tournament sponsor Oposon Chemical Industries Abdur Rouf Khan will be present on the occasion.

A total of 120 boxers from 22 teams are expected to compete in the two-tier meet of 14 weight categories events.

## Spain's 'Premiership' test, Yugoslavs set to party

UNDATED, June 12 (AFP): Spain kick off their Euro 2000 campaign on Tuesday with a potential banana-skin Group C clash against Norway - otherwise known as the English Premiership XI while in the other fixture of the day, group opponents Yugoslavia face their easiest match in the history of European championship when they face Slovenia.

## SPAIN-NORWAY

ROTTERDAM: The Spaniards have often flattered to deceive in big tournaments and want to bury their tag as "chokers" - but currently only positive feelings surround Spanish football.

Coach Jose Antonio Camacho has brought stability to a national side which was struggling under the leadership of former boss Javier Clemente.

The performance of Spanish teams in the Champions League - winners Real Madrid, runners-up Valencia and semi-finalists Barcelona - ensured an unprecedented domination for one country in Europe's top club event and illustrates the strength of the Primera Liga that has provided all 22 men in Camacho's squad.

Although Spain are without the supremely talented Luis Enrique, who failed to make the squad because of a knee injury, they have one of the most finely balanced midfields of any team at Euro 2000.

The quartet are orchestrated by Pep Guardiola, the majestic playmaker with a cool head. Sitting just in front of the back four, Guardiola is one of the few individuals capable of dictating the pace of the game.

The Barcelona star is complemented by an industrious yet technically-gifted trio of Gaizka Mendiet, Joseba Etxeberria and Juan Carlos Valeron.

The Spaniards received further boost on Sunday when the Real Madrid duo of Michel Salgado and Raul both passed themselves fit to face Norway.

A defender Salgado, who had an ankle problem, and striker Raul, who has had muscle pains



MARK HARRISON

## Asian U-16 qualifiers

## Bangladesh open against Lanka

Sports Reporter



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"We will wait for him until June 15. If he does not report by that time, we will inform the matter to the AFC," said Badal Roy.

"We will be touring England next month. So we have to start the national team camp immediately," the BFF joint secretary said adding that it would be run by assistant Hasanuzzaman Khan Bablu in the event of Harrison not coming.

Bangladesh will play an exhibition match against India in London on July 30.

Badal also revealed that BFF would name 30 players for the primary camp on Tuesday after meeting of the technical committee on Monday night. The committee was also scheduled to finalise a 25-member national players' pool during its meeting last night.

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final selection of 20 will be made later this month.

Iraq, Nepal and Maldives are the other three countries drafted in group Four.

Following are the fixtures of both qualifying tournaments.

## Asian Under-16 qualifiers

Date	Match
June 20	India Pakistan
June 21	Bangladesh v Sri Lanka
June 22	Bhutan v Pakistan
June 23	India v Sri Lanka
June 24	Bangladesh v Pakistan
June 25	Bhutan v Sri Lanka
June 26	India v Bangladesh
June 27	Pakistan v Sri Lanka
June 28	Bhutan v Bangladesh
June 29	Rest day
June 30	India v Bhutan

(Note: All matches will kick off at 4:15 pm BST)

## Asian Under-19 qualifiers

Date	Match
July 7	Iraq v Nepal
July 8	Bangladesh v Maldives
July 9	Iraq v Maldives
July 10	Bangladesh v Nepal
July 11	Maldives v Nepal
July 12	Bangladesh v Iraq

(Note: Except for the opener which kicks off at 3:30pm, all other games involving Bangladesh will start at 5:30pm)

## Sher-e-Bangla Cup DU-Army first semi today

Sports Reporter

Holders Dhaka University will take on Bangladesh Army in the first semifinal of the 21st Sher-e-Bangla National Football Championship at the M. J. Jee Stadium in Noakhali this afternoon.

The winners will face either hosts Noakhali or Chittagong in the June 16 final also to be held at the same venue. Noakhali will meet Chittagong in the other semifinal tomorrow.

A total of 12 teams--ten qualifiers, defending champions Dhaka University and the hosts took part in the final round which began last week.

Teams were split into four groups for the robin league. Four group winners made it to the last four.

Bangladesh Army topped Group A ahead of Tangail and Rajshahi while Dhaka University won Group D ahead of Jessore and Bhola.

Noakhali finished top in Group B which also featured Comilla and Khulna while Chittagong emerged Group C champions ahead of Pabna and Narsingdi.

## Ranatunga recalled

COLOMBO, June 12 (Reuters): Sri Lanka's former cricket captain Arjuna Ranatunga is

poised to make history by becoming the first player to appear in his country's first and 100th Tests.

Sri Lanka will reach the 100-Test milestone when they play Pakistan in the first of a three-match series, starting in Colombo on Wednesday.

Former captain Ranatunga has been included in a 16-man squad for the game after making his Test debut as an 18-year-old schoolboy in their inaugural Test against England in February 1982.

The 36-year-old has played in 87 Tests in all, scoring 4,773 runs at an average of 35.61, with four centuries and 34 fifties.

He has also made 7,454 runs in 269 one-day internationals and led Sri Lanka to victory in the 1996 World Cup.

If selected, it will be his first Test appearance since his right thumb was fractured in four places by a ball from Waqar Younis at Rawalpindi during the series in Pakistan in February.

Ranatunga later returned to the crease and batted one-handed as Sri Lanka won the first Test by two wickets. They eventually took the series 2-1.

Opener Marvan Atapattu has been named vice-captain for the forthcoming series in place of Mahela Jayawardene, but the latter keeps his place in the squad.

Three uncapped players - Prasanna Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara and Dilhara Fernando - have been chosen following good performances for the A team.

## SQUAD

Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu (vice-captain), Arjuna Ranatunga, Aravinda de Silva, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Ramesh Kaluwitharana, Mahela Jayawardene, Russell Arnold, Upul Chandana, Nuwan Soysa, Abhishek Gunewardena, Rangana Herath, Prasanna Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara and Dilhara Fernando.

## PCB to seek second opinion about Shoaib

KARACHI, June 12: Pakistan has decided to seek a second opinion on express bowler Shoaib Akhtar's rib injury which led to the cancellation of his English county contract, a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) official said Sunday.

"Akhtar is a precious commodity and we want to take a second opinion on his injury from Surrey physio Dale Naylor," PCB director of operations Yawar Saeed told AFP.

Nottinghamshire cancelled Akhtar's contract after tests revealed the pacer was suffering from an unusual rib-tip syndrome, which causes the rib to impact on his pelvis when bowling.

Chairman of the PCB General Tauqir Zia is very concerned about this and he will be meeting Akhtar after attending the International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting in London," Saeed said.

Nottinghamshire officials informed the PCB they intend to provide Akhtar with free lodging to undergo medical treatment.

"We will decide only after having the second opinion," Saeed said.

Akhtar, who will be 25 next week, was recruited for a year by Nottinghamshire but failed to wear his number 10 shirt due to fitness problems.

In an official statement they said the injury needs rest and adjustments to his bowling action.

## Zulu offered bribe too



LANCE KLUSENER

CAPE TOWN, June 12 (AFP): All-rounder Lance Klusener and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher joined the list of South African cricketers claiming they were approached by Hansie Cronje with an offer of a bribe when they testified to the King Commission Monday.

Klusener and Boucher said they, together with all-rounder Jacques Kallis, had been approached by Cronje before the second Test of South Africa's tour in India in Bangalore in March.

Cronje told them there was an offer for them to make money during the game, but they had interpreted it as a joke and only regarded it seriously after Cronje was fired as captain in April after he admitted taking money from an Indian bookmaker.

Boucher said he and Kallis, who were roommates, had ordered too much pasta and they approached several players to share it with them.

Several players had been in the room but when Cronje arrived it was the two roommates and Klusener who were there.

Klusener testified about the offer conveyed to the team by Cronje to lose a match in Mumbai in 1996.

He said that with hindsight it should have been dealt with immediately. "Whoever received the call should have said we would have nothing to do with it."

Klusener repeated denials of reports that he had "blown the whistle" on Cronje to the police in India and that he had a public fallout with Cronje in the lobby of a hotel in New Delhi.

"I can't recall any fallouts with him," he said.

Last week batsmen Herschelle Gibbs and Pieter Strydom and bowler Henry Williams told the Commission

that Cronje had offered them money to under perform in matches against India this year.



LANCE KLUSENER

Cronje's lawyer meanwhile claimed Monday the cricketer received death threats.

Lawyer John Dickerson, for Cronje, said the former captain had also received threats, including death threats.

Earlier, Ali Bacher said he had been told by former Pakistan cricket chief executive Majid Khan that two matches involving Pakistan during the 1999 World Cup in England were "fixed".

Bacher said he had information from an Indian bookmaker that Pakistan umpire Javed Akhtar was "on the payroll" when he made eight crucial decisions against South Africa in their decisive Test against England in Leeds in 1998.

Regarding the 1998 South Africa-England test, Bacher identified his source, the Indian bookmaker as "Mr R", saying he feared for his safety. He said Mr R was from Mumbai.

Bacher said he had met Mr R while England were touring South Africa in 1995 and had come to know him as a reliable source of information. He did

not believe Mr R was involved in approaching players to fix matches.

After South Africa lost the Leeds Test in controversial circumstances he had phoned Mr R and asked him whether umpire Akhtar could have been "bought". At that stage Mr R said he did not have evidence.

But when Bacher was in Mumbai for the first Test in India in February this year, Mr R had told him that he had established that a leading bookmaker from Karachi had flown to Leeds before the Test "to ensure that his client complied".

Akhtar gave nine of a total of ten leg before wicket decisions awarded during the match, eight of them against South Africa, of which seven were "dubious".

## Brothers Union president steps down

Sports Reporter

Mubashar Hussain has resigned as President of Brothers Union Club following the club's poor results in cricket and football over the last 12 months.

In a letter to the members of the Brothers Union Club executive committee on Saturday, Mubashar, who took over as president of the club a year before, said that he was standing down from the post as he felt he could not return the confidence and faith entrusted upon him by the committee.

He also took full responsibility of the club's failure to achieve its desired goals.

Mubashar, the Managing Director of architectural firm Neer Limited, however, assured that his involvement with sports will remain as he vowed to continue fighting for a drug and terrorism free sports arena.

## Banker tells of fat deposits



HANSIE CRONJE

CAPE TOWN, June 12 (AFP): Sacked South African captain Hansie Cronje handed over two amounts of US dollars in cash, totalling 47,630 dollars, a representative of the South African Reserve Bank told the King Commission Monday.

In previous media reports, Cronje had acknowledged that he had only an amount of 8,200 which he had received from an Indian bookmaker, Sanjiv Chowla.

Charles van Staden, a deputy general manager in the SA Reserve Bank, said Cronje's attorney, Leslie Sackstein, had transferred 10,000 dollars on April 13 and 37,630 dollars the following day.

No explanation for the money had been received but Sackstein had said an explanation would be furnished after the King hearings. As a result, the bank had not pressed its investigation. Sackstein had indicated that 25,000 dollars related to a tour that had not taken place.

Although this was not mentioned at the hearing Monday, before Cronje was sacked as South African captain, there had been plans for South African players to play in a series of benefit matches in India in April. These would have been unofficial matches and the players would have represented a Hansie Cronje XI, not South Africa.

Van Staden also said Cronje had admitted, through Sackstein, to holding two bank ac-

counts in England, one with NatWest Bank in Leicester and another with Merrill Lynch in London.

He had transferred an amount of 200,000 rands (28,428 dollars) during May 1998 to the Merrill Lynch account as part of his legal foreign exchange allowance.

All Bacher, managing director of the United Cricket Board

when they played the first match of a one-day series against India in Kochi.

Meanwhile a representative of the Indian High Commission said South Africa should thank India for exposing corruption in South African cricket.

Manjevir Puri told the Cape Times newspaper that acknowledging India's role would be "the decent thing to do".

Another report from New Delhi says, Indian police would seek the report of a South African agency probing the biggest scandal in cricket history.

The Delhi Police also warned that an offer of immunity offered by South African prosecutors to Cronje and two other tarred cricketers would not be valid in India.

"We will ask for the report of the King Commission but only when it completes its investigations into the scandal," said Delhi police Crime Branch chief Pradeep Srivastava.

Bashir revealed that he has evidence that shows ICC President Jagmohan Dalmiya and Chief Executive, David

Richards, formed an offshore company, along with WorldTel supremo Mark Mascarenhas and colluded in the corrupt allocation of rights for the Sharjah tournament.

In response, Dalmiya was incredulous in his denial. "Why should I answer to allegations from a man whom I don't even know?" he told Gulf News.

"Who is he? How is he concerned? He may say anything!" Richards was equally bullish in his denials, stating, "I categorically deny that I am or have been involved in any corrupt dealing over television rights. Further Messrs Dalmiya, Richards and Mascarenhas have not formed an offshore company."

Mascarenhas appears to know a little more about the situation, telling the newspaper, "In fact Bashir has documents which he claims are damaging, he should hand them over to the police or authorities. I don't know why he keeps calling my solicitor saying that if I call him to London, at my expense, then he will explain everything."

"My point is that I have no fear whatsoever of any documents that Bashir claims he has. If he is interested in bringing out the truth, as we are, then he should not be worried about declaring the document and revealing the person who handed it to him."



Spanish superstar Raul receiving attention from the team doctors after suffering a mild injury during practice at Tegelen on June 10. Spain take on Norway today in Rotterdam in an Euro 2000 Group C match. — AFP photo