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## Column One

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- Who won the UEFA Cup?  
Valencia | Galatasaray | Fiorentina
- Who lifted national schools cricket title?  
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- Who is the coach of Bangladesh football team?  
Harrison | Van Gaal | Shakir

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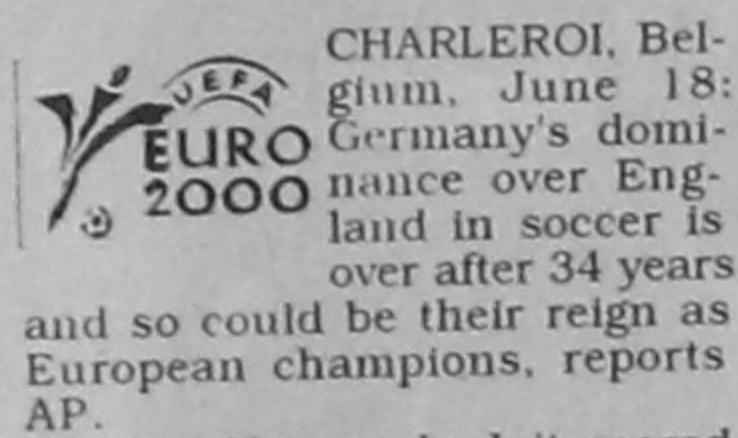
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Action from yesterday's Ragib Ali Club Cup hockey tournament encounter between Victoria Sporting Club and Ajax SC at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium.

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## England get their act together



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### SPORTS TALK



#### Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa

(Indian Sports Minister)  
"I want all the players, including Indian team coach Kapil Dev, to get their names cleared before returning to the side."

#### Mamun moving to Usha

Sports Reporter  
Former national captain Mamunur Rashid is set to move from Abahani Kria Chakra to Usha Kria Chakra under a mutual understanding between the two formidable forces in Dhaka hockey.

This was confirmed by Abahani's Zahidur Rahman Pushkin and Usha's Rehanul Karim Babul yesterday.

Mamun, who donned the sky blue jersey for ten years, has decided to leave his old club on financial grounds.

Talking to The Daily Star, Pushkin, a joint-secretary of Bangladesh Hockey Federation who is also the hockey secretary of Abahani, said that they have already taken the decision to release Mamun.

"Because we are strapped for cash that's why our players are being paid less this season. Mamun wanted more money. I had a talk with our hockey chairman Afzalur Rahman Saha and finally we have agreed to let him go," revealed Pushkin.



NO GOAL TASTES SWEETER: Alan Shearer (L), the veteran England striker is airborne while his header finds the back of the German net at Charleroi on June 17.

— AFP photo

## Minister tells Azhar off



NEW DELHI, June 18: Union Minister of State for Sports Shah Nawaz Hussain today lashed out at Mohammad Azharuddin accusing him of attempting to communalise the match-fixing issue, reports PTI.

The minister was commenting on Azharuddin's allegation that he was being framed because he belonged to the minority community.

"This is highly unfortunate and rubbish," Hussain told, adding when the entire nation loved him as a cricketer and worshipped him as a hero then he should not have raised the issue. "Now that his name is figuring on the wrong list he is coming out with such mean talk."

Describing the allegation as an attempt to communalise the match-fixing issue, he said it was wrong to say that the cricketer was being victimised because he belonged to the minority community.

"Azharuddin should not forget that the sports ministry is headed by S S Dhindsa who belongs to the minority commu-

nity. I too am a Muslim," he said, assuring the player that there would never be any discrimination against him.

He said Azharuddin should face the allegations boldly instead of levelling wild charges. He should present the facts before the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) which was probing the scandal very efficiently.

Hussain dismissed suggestions that Dhindsa's advice to all cricketers figuring in match-fixing charges to keep out of the game till their names were cleared could amount to the government's interference in the affairs of sports bodies.

"The government has no intention to interfere... Its only objective is to ensure that the lost glory of cricket is restored as soon as possible," he said.

He said Dhindsa had given the advice as players facing charges would not be able to concentrate on the game and should remain out of field till they were cleared.

Asked how the government proposed to check such scandals in the future, Hussain said, "The new sports policy which is currently taking shape would have enough provisions for

strict punishment to those proved to be guilty. Match fixers should be treated as traitors."

The minister said the policy would be announced very soon after detailed deliberations with all concerned.

Meanwhile, Azharuddin yesterday said he had no immediate plans to go to New Delhi to depose before the authorities on the allegations of match-fixing against him.

"I have not received any summons from CBI nor do I have any immediate plans to go to Delhi," Azhar said in Hyderabad.

The former India captain, who largely remained incommunicado throughout the day, was evasive when asked about the sensational testimony by disgraced South African captain Hansie Cronje that Azhar had introduced him to Delhi-based bookmaker Mukesh Gupta.

"I have nothing more to add to whatever I have said about the charges and I do not want to comment any further," he said.

He refused to field any further questions on the issue.

## Victoria edge out Ajax

Sports Reporter

Victoria Sporting Club moved into the next round of the Kohinoor Detergent Gold Cup hockey tournament with a 7-6 tie-break win over Ajax Sporting Club in the inaugural match at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The opening match of the season's curtain-raiser was locked 2-2 in the regulation 70 minutes.

Defender Rahman and forward Shah Alam scored one goal each for Victoria while Hasan and Shahidullah Khokon netted for Ajax.

Victoria will meet either Mariner Youngs Club or Dhaka Wanderers on June 21. The winners that clash will book a berth in the 'Super Four'.

A total of 14 Premier and First Division clubs, split into four groups, are taking part in the knockout round. The four group champions will play in the final four league.

Top two finishers will meet in the July 3 final.

## BCB names final 14

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced the final 14 for the inaugural Asia Cricket Council under-15 cricket tournament to be held in Kuala Lumpur from June 30 to July 9.

A total of 46 boys took part in the month-long primary camp under the supervision of coach Alok Chakrabarty. The list was reduced to 26 last Thursday.

Apart from the final four, the Board also named four players as reserves.

Seven teams—Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong, Thailand and hosts Malaysia—will take part in the tournament which will be held on a robin league basis. Top two finishers will face each other in the July 9 final.

Bangladesh take on India in their opening match at the Royal Salengor Club on July 1.

They will face Sri Lanka in the next match on July 2 at the STC ground. Bangladesh play Pakistan at the Klat Club ground on July 4 while the games against Hong Kong and Thailand will be held at the Club Aman ground on July 5 and 6.

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