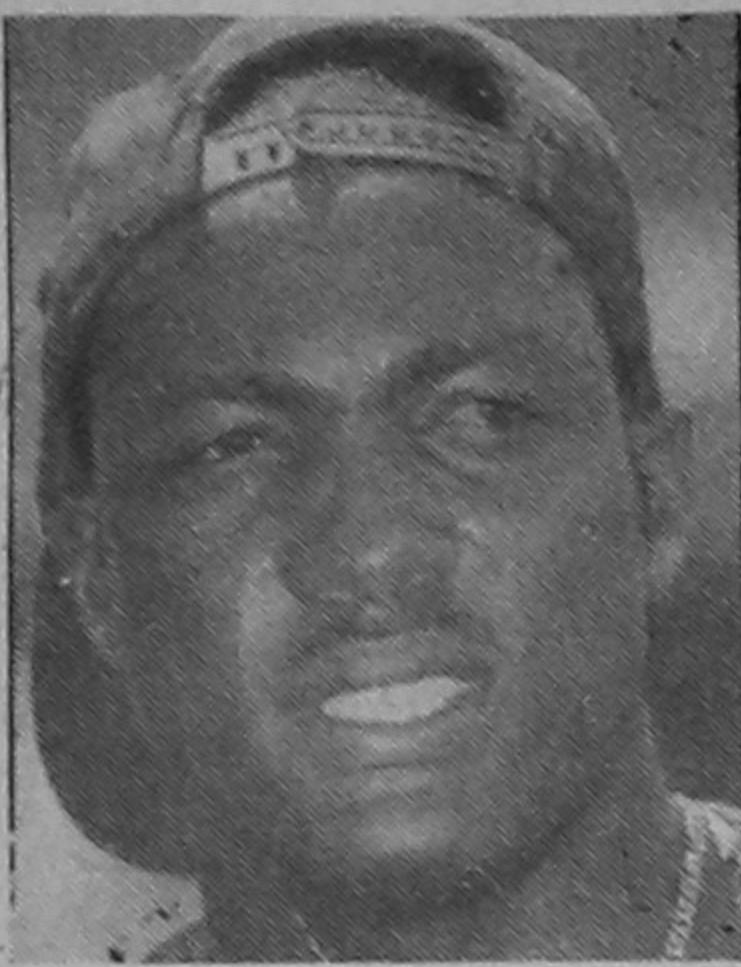


# Star Sport

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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Brian Lara**

(West Indies master batsman)

"I was never handed any money, whether for winning bets or otherwise. In short, I categorically deny all allegations made against me; they are absolute and total rubbish and I am happy to go along with any official investigation."

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M United | Real Madrid | Lazio
- 3 Who won the UEFA Cup?  
Valencia | Galatasaray | Fiorentina
- 4 Who lifted national schools cricket title?  
St Joseph | M Singh Zia | Ctg Khastagir
- 5 Who is the coach of Bangladesh football team?  
Harrison | Van Gaal | Shakir

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### Bangladesh go down to India

#### Sports Reporter

Bangladesh conceded a solitary goal defeat against India in their second Pool B match of the Asian Under-16 Hockey Championship in Singapore, according to a telephonic message received here yesterday.

After a barren first half, India went ahead midway through second half.

The defeat dashed Bangladesh hopes of finishing Pool B atop. However, they have still a chance to earn the second position if they can beat Oman in their last match tomorrow.

Bangladesh made an impressive start with a 5-1 win over Japan on Saturday.

### CZKS Div II

#### SOCCER ON

CHITTAGONG, June 19: Chittagong Zilla Krira Sangsita (CZKS) Second Division football league began at the MA Aziz Stadium here today, reports BSS.

Rangunia Thana Krira Sangsita beat Ispat Ekadash Blues by a solitary goal in the inaugural match.

Shabuddin Babul scored the all-important goal in the second half.

Thirty teams are participating in the league divided into six groups.

### Sylhet cricket

SYLHET, June 19: Ronicaly Cricket Club defeated Fulbari Onirban Krira Chakra by 6 wickets and moved into the semifinal of the Mustafa Al-lamia Gold Cup youth cricket tournament at the MC Academy playground, Sylhet today, says a press release.

#### BRIEF SCORES

FULBARI ONIRBAN KC: 72 all out in 17 overs (Israt 12, Sarzil 9; Kabir 6 wkt).

RONICALY CC: 73 for 4 in 10.2 overs (Kabir 26, Rubel 15

## BKSP losing ground

#### Sports Reporter

Is the Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protishthan (BKSP) worth keeping? This question is sure to crop up as the trainees of the best equipped sports facility of the country are repeatedly failing to make their mark in various disciplines.

The most appalling scenario is in the junior level where the students of country's lone sports institute is expected to dominate. This downturn was once again vividly exposed when only three cricketers of BKSP made it into a team of 14 of the Bangladesh squad, which will represent the country in the Under-15 Asian Championship. The tourney involving seven nations will commence in Malaysia from June 28.

Even five years ago BKSP was considered as the breeding ground of future sporting stalwarts. The institute made it a habit of experiencing success in individual and team sports soon after its inception way back in 1986.

BKSP boasted national stars Masud Rana and Hasan al Mamun (football), Naimur Rahman, Al-Shahriar, Sajjad Ahmed (cricket), Mamun Rashid, Mahfuzul Alam, Alamgir Alam, Zahid Hasan (hockey), Bimal Chandra Tarafder (athletics) and Karar Mizanur Rahman (swimming) to name a few. All the above mentioned players donned the

Former national cricketer Wahidul Ghani echoed Nazmul's impression of favoritism in the selection. Despite their similarities in opinions there is also a touch of irony. While Nazmul has enviable resources at his disposal to train youngsters, Wahid with palpable logistics, runs a free training camp in Dhaka from which four boys made it to the final 14 of the Under-15 team.

In the case of BKSP, the coach is hardly to blame as he is reportedly left with a pack of trainees with little or no talent.

There are allegations of wholesale nepotism in the admission procedure of the students.

One frustrated guardian whose son failed to get admitted in Cricket despite having impressive credentials, said, "It's nearly impossible to get justice in the admission trials unless you have the backing of a Minister or an influential government official."

With more questions than answers the BKSP, which has enjoyed its best days during the Ershad regime, is heading for a crash in the long run. With the rapid increase of private coaching clinics (a recipe for disaster), especially in cricket, BKSP with its current philosophy faces a threat of completely losing its already delicate image.

"I think there are four more

BKSP players who deserved to be in the team on merit," said Fahim to this reporter yesterday.

"I believe it is the pre-determined mind set of the selection panel that deprived BKSP of more places in the team," he added.



UEFA president Lennart Johansson (R) talks to reporters while his chief executive Gerhard Aigner listens in Liege, Belgium on June 18. UEFA has threatened England that they would be thrown out of Euro 2000 if they had not taken care of their trouble-making supporters.

—AFP photo

### PREVIEW

## England v Romania: Other worries than the Carpathians

CHARLOROI, Belgium, June 19: England take on Romania here on Tuesday knowing that a draw will

see them into the quarterfinals, but that crowd trouble will see them kicked out of Euro 2000 even if they win 10-0, reports in Keegan's mind.

UEFA have made it clear they will exclude England from the tournament if the hooligan element of their supporters continues to wreak the kind of havoc witnessed here and in Brussels last weekend.

That warning means that Kevin Keegan's men are now being held to ransom by a small section of their own fans, who have become a second obstacle after Romania to their progress at this tournament.

Aside from the national humiliation, exclusion would also be a devastating blow to the England players after their historic victory here on Saturday over Europe's defending champions ended 34 years of defeats to Germany.

Now Erich Ribbeck's beaten side may yet have the last laugh if the hooligans cannot be persuaded to stop the trouble.

If they can, England must be favourites to take their revenge for a 1998 World Cup defeat to Romania and line up a quarter-final tie with it.

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