

## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Herschelle Gibbs**

(South African cricketer)  
"Hansie Cronje appeared in my room with a big smile on his face saying that someone was prepared to offer me \$15,000 for scoring less than 20."

While testifying before the King Commission of inquiry.

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## Saber off to London

Bangladesh is likely to become the 10th Test playing nation on June 26 and millions of cricket crazy Bangladeshis are eagerly waiting for jubilant celebrations across the country.

"We are optimistic to get the Test status on June 26 (Monday) in the conference of the International Cricket Council (ICC) at Lord's," President of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Saber Hossain Chowdhury said.

"It would be a red letter day for Bangladesh and the nation would definitely celebrate the day," he told BSS yesterday before leaving for London.

## NSC awards Fawzia, Ilias

National Sports Council (NSC) has given cash awards to country's two athletes for their outstanding performance in the recently concluded eight-nation International Athletics Competition in Pakistan, reports UNB.

NSC Secretary Mahmudul Karim handed over the cheques of Tk 50,000 to Fawzia Huda Jui, the fastest woman of Bangladesh, and Tk 10,000 to Havilder Ilias Uddin of Bangladesh Army at the NSC office yesterday.

Fawzia Huda won gold medal in the 100-metre sprint and bronze in the high jump event while Havilder Ilias Uddin won bronze in the 5000-metre sprint.

## Age-group swimming begins today

The national age-group swimming competition begins today at the Bangladesh Navy Swimming Pool in Banani, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will inaugurate the three-day meet.

A total of 440 swimmers from 40 teams including 176 girls will take part in the meet.

## Mohammedan maul Bima

Sports Reporter



Favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club stormed into the 'super four' of the Ragib Ali Gold Cup hockey tournament with a 10-1 thrashing of Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha in the first round Group A final at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 6-1.

Forwards Proshanta Kumar and Shamim Reza struck three goals each while Mahbubul Ehsan Rana scored two goals for the winners. Shihadullah Tito added the other.

On the other hand, Shahenshah scored a consolation goal for Bima.

Mohammedan, the Premier Division champions, made an impressive start against the underdogs and took a 4-0 lead within 14 minutes of the game.

Proshanta, who joined the black and whites last month from Bangladesh Sporting Club, opened the floodgates as early as in the third minute while Tito doubled the margin after seven minutes. Shamim, who also joined the popular Motihel outfit this year from Sonali Bank, made it 3-0 in the 12th minute while Rana netted the fourth after two minutes.

Bima launched a series of raids inside their giant counterparts half. The onslaught paid off when umpire Aslam Belim awarded a penalty in the 29th minute after their forward Murad was brought down by Mohammedan defender Farooq inside the danger area.

Shahenshah converted from the spot.

Mohammedan added two more goals before the end of the half. Shamim found the net in the 31st minute and Proshanta a minute later.

Mohammedan scored four

times after the breather.

Tito scored his second goal in the 39th minute followed by Shamim who netted his third goal in the 42nd minute. Rana made it 9-1 in the 51st minute while Proshanta drove the last nail in Bima coffin with his third on the stroke of the final whistle.

With yesterday's win, Mohammedan became the first team to book a berth in the final four.

Two more final four places will be decided today.

Usha Krira Chakra will take

on Wari Club in a Group C final at 2 pm while Abahani Krira Chakra will then meet Sonali Bank in the Group B final at 4 pm.

Earlier, in the day's first match, Mariner Youngs Club handed Dhaka Wanderers Club a 9-0 defeat in a Group D clash.

Forward Blaka Lusai scored five goals while Musa Miah struck twice. Zia and Yousuf added the other two. The victors led the first half 5-0.

Mariner will now face Victoria in the group final tomorrow.



A goal-mouth action during yesterday's Ragib Ali Gold Cup hockey tournament fixture between Mohammedan and Sadharan Bima at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium.

— Star photo

## Romania burst English bubble



CHARLEROI, Belgium, June 21: Romania shattered England's Euro 2000 dream with a late penalty here on Tuesday night, winning 3-2 to finish second in Group A and line up a Euro 2000 quarter-final against Italy, reports AFP.

England, who only needed a draw to reach the last eight, were both outclassed by a technically better side and betrayed by two crucial blunders from goalkeeper Nigel Martyn and defender Phil Neville.

Romania, who beat England 2-1 at the 1998 World Cup and were without suspended playmaker George Hagi, repeated their feat here after under-servedly trailing 2-1 at the start of the second half.

Cristian Chivu was both hero and villain for Romania in the first half - opening the scoring in the 22nd minute and then tripping Paul Ince for a penalty which Alan Shearer converted in the 41st minute.

It was the England captain's last match for his country before retirement.

Michael Owen, who scored against Romania at France 98, used his pace to put Kevin Keegan's side in front during first-half injury time, despite Romanian claims that the Liverpool ace was offside.

Two mistakes cost England the match - Martyn's punched clearance flew straight to Dorinel Munteanu, who volleyed a 48th minute equaliser, and Neville's reckless tackle on Viorel Moldovan gifted a penalty in

the 89th minute.

Substitute Ioan Ganea converted the spot-kick as England were beaten for the second time at Euro 2000 after being in front; their lesson from the 3-2 defeat to Portugal after leading 2-0 had clearly not been learned.

Coach Kevin Keegan admitted that his team simply weren't good enough - and that their passing was not up to the level of top international football.

"As a squad, we never performed to our capabilities in this tournament," he said.

"Our strength is in our commitment and a lot of passion," he said. But those strengths alone, without passing a football well and having a bit of invention, make it difficult to win football matches. And that's my honest assessment."

And he summed up: "We weren't unlucky here tonight. We just weren't good enough to go out and grasp the opportunity."

Romania coach Emerich Jenei said: "We deserve to be counted among the top eight teams in Europe."

"England are a very strong team physically. But thanks to the collective effort of my players in the absence of Hagi we have triumphed."

Looking ahead to Saturday's clash with Italy, he said: "I am confident that we will beat another of Europe's major footballing powers."

In what proved to be a major setback, England lost goalkeeper David Seaman before the kick-off - the Arsenal star picking up a left leg injury during the pre-match warm-up and being replaced by Martyn.

Martyn had a baptism of fire after Martin Keown tripped Adrian Mutu on the edge of the area and a searing free-kick from Munteanu, voted Man-of-the-Match was pushed away by

the Leeds keeper after only three minutes.

Romania soon settled into their neat passing game while England were hesitant moving forward and scrappy at the back.

Chelsea's Dan Petrescu, who scored Romania's winner against England in the 1998 World Cup finals, put Moldova through in the 15th minute but the Fenerbahce striker's shot was straight at Martyn.

A diving Sol Campbell very nearly connected with David Beckham's free-kick at the other end but then Romania took the lead.

Chivu, booked four minutes earlier for a foul on Beckham, cut down the left-hand side of the area and his chip caught Martyn unawares going in off the post although the suspicion remained that the defender had actually intended to cross the ball to Moldovan.

Reeling from the blow, England nearly conceded another within two minutes when Adrian Ilie broke down the left before booming in a dangerous drive.

Romania lost skipper Gheorghe Popescu after rupturing a calf muscle in a collision with Beckham, but very nearly added a second.

Ilie beat England's rickety off-side trap to meet a cross by Cosmin Contra but failed to beat Martyn with a header from 10 metres.

There was another fright for England just three minutes later when Chivu beat Gary Neville to the ball and sprinted through to blaze his shot over the top.

England were in trouble, but found an equaliser just when they needed it after Ince was tripped by Chivu in the area.

Shearer stepped up for a text- See page 15



DEATH BLOW: Romania's Ganea (R) scoring his team's winner from a penalty against England on June 20.

— AFP photo

## Shakir takes over July 1

Sports Reporter

Samir Shakir is likely to take the reins of the national team from July 1.

The temperamental Iraqi confirmed this while talking to the Daily Star at the BKSP on Tuesday.

"I'm taking over the national team from the first of July," said the former World Cupper after a training session.

The most successful coach in Bangladesh history, Samir is scheduled to leave for Baghdad to spend a few days with his family.

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has recalled the listed coach of the BKSP, after Mark Harrison quit. The Englishman in a surprise letter to the BFF on June 9 said that he would not be able to continue on financial grounds.

## Mizan powers Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

A first half goal by skipper Mizanur Rahman guided Bangladesh to a solitary goal win over Sri Lanka in their Asian under-16 football championship Group Four qualifying round opener in Jamshedpur, India, according to a telephonic message received here yesterday.

Mizanur, who plays for Victoria Sporting Club in the Dhaka league, scored the all-important match winner with a brilliant volley in the 30th minute.

Bangladesh will take on Pakistan in their next match of the four-team qualifiers on Saturday. The last match against hosts India is scheduled on June 27.

The winners of the qualifying round will book a berth in the final round to be held in Vietnam next November.

## Asian U-16 hockey Bangladesh in semis

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh advanced into the semifinals of the Asian U-16 Hockey Federation Under-16 Championship defeating Oman by the odd goal in three in the their last Pool B match in Singapore yesterday.

Ashraf and Abedul scored one goal apiece in each half to give Bangladesh their second victory from three games.

With this win, Bangladesh finished second behind fancied India, who beat them by a lone goal, from the group, collecting six points.

Bangladesh will take on Malaysia in the second semi-final on Friday.

## Olympic Day Run tomorrow

Sports Reporter

The Millennium Olympic Day Run will be held in the capital and five divisional headquarters tomorrow morning under the auspices of Bangladesh Olympic Association to mark the founding day of International Olympic Committee.

The 10 km long annual Run in the capital will start from Army Stadium in Banani from 6:30 am. It will pass through Mohakhali, Old Airport, Farmgate, Shahbagh, TSC, Doyel Chatter and Abdul Gani Road before ending at the Bangladesh National Stadium.

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria will formally inaugurate it while State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will be present to receive the runners at the finish line.

A press conference in connection with the Run, was held at the BOA office yesterday with Mizanur Rahman Manu, the chairman of the Millennium Olympic Day Run 2000 Organising Committee, in the chair.

BOA Secretary General Zafar Imam and Obaidullah Khan, the secretary of the Organising Committee were also present.

Taka nine lakh has been set aside to make the Run a success.

## Incoming ICC boss attends King hearing

CAPE TOWN, June 21: Malcolm Gray, who takes over as president of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday, attended South Africa's King Commission hearings into cricket match-fixing here Wednesday, reports AFP.

Gray, from Australia, said: "I am here to meet Judge (Edwin) King and to observe the proceedings."

Gray takes over as ICC president from Jagmohan Dalmiya at the ICC congress meeting in London Monday. He arrived in Cape Town Tuesday and will depart Wednesday evening.

Sacked South African captain Hansie Cronje is due to be cross-examined Wednesday.

The start of proceedings was delayed while Judge King studied a high court ruling earlier Wednesday allowing live radio broadcasts.



HAILING THE HERO: Pakistan all-rounder Abdur Razaq (3rd from L) is the toast of his teammates after completing the hat-trick against Sri Lanka on the first day of the second Test at Galle yesterday.

— Internet photo

## Razaq clinches hat-trick



GALLE, Sri Lanka, June 21: A hat-trick by medium-pace Abdur Razaq saw Pakistan dominate the first day of the second cricket Test against Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium here Wednesday, reports AFP.

Sri Lanka trailing 1-0 in the three-match series were dismissed for 181 after electing to bat first on a firm batting pitch.

By stumps, Pakistan had replied with 74 for two wickets, trailing only by 107 runs with eight first innings wickets in hand.

Razaq's hat-trick saw Sri Lanka collapse from a promising position of 163 for 4 to 181 all out shortly after tea, losing their last six wickets for a mere 18 runs.

Razaq took the wickets of Romesh Kaluwitharana (caught behind for 4), Rangana Herath (lbw for 0) and Ravindra Pushpakumara (lbw for 0) off the fourth, fifth and sixth balls of his 11th over to become only the second Pakistani to perform the hat-trick in Test cricket.

At 20 years he is the youngest bowler in Test history to perform the feat beating South African Geoff Griffin by a

few months. Griffin took a hat-trick against England at Lord's in 1960.

Wasim Akram is the other Pakistani to take a hat-trick in Test cricket, performing it also against Sri Lanka in successive Tests of the Asian Test Championship at Lahore and Dhaka in 1998-99.

Before Razaq's excellent bowling, it was paceman Waqar Younis, who ran through the Sri Lanka top order taking three of the four wickets to have Sri Lanka tottering at 67 for 4 at lunch.

Sri Lanka recovered through a 116-run fifth wicket stand between Mahela Jayawardene and Arjuna Ranatunga who batted throughout the afternoon session raising hopes of a batting revival.

But the run out of Ranatunga off an overthrow triggered the Sri Lankan collapse.

Ranatunga made 51 in 172 minutes with five fours and was run out by a throw from Younis Youhana to wicketkeeper Moin Khan when he attempted a second run off the overthrow.

Shortly afterwards, Jayawardene who had completed his second fifty of the series, was out to a catch at second slip getting the outside edge to a delivery from Azhar Mahmood.

Jayawardene made 72 in 194 minutes with one six and eight

four.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the first day of the second Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at Galle International Stadium on Wednesday:

**SRI LANKA:** First innings

Atapattu c Moin b Waqar 1  
Jayasuriya b Akram 32  
De Silva c Moin b Waqar 4  
Jawardene c M Wasim b Mahmood 72  
Ranatunga run out 51  
K'harana c Moin b Razaq 4  
Vaas c Younis b Mahmood 5  
Herath lbw b Razaq 0  
P'kumara lbw b Razaq 0  
Muralitharan not out 0  
Extras: (lb-1; lb-1; w-2; nb-3) 7  
Total: (All out in 64.3 overs) 181

Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-23, 3-43, 4-47, 5-163, 6-173, 7-177, 8-177, 9-177

**Bowler** O M R W  
Akram 13 3 40 1  
Waqar 13 2 39 3  
Razaq 12 2 33 3  
Mahmood 16 3 36 2  
Arshad 10 0 29 0

**PAKISTAN:** First innings

Anwar not out 42  
M. Wasim c Ranatunga b Mtharan 29  
Mahmood b Mtharan 0  
Younis not out 0  
Extras: (lb-1; nb-2) 3  
Total: (For 2 wks in 23 overs) 74

Fall of wickets: 1-71, 2-72  
To bat: Younis Khan, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Moin Khan, Abdur Razaq, Wasim Akram, Younis Younis, Arshad Khan.

## HATTRICK HEROES

(Till June 21, 2000)			
Player	For v Against	Venue	Season
FR Spofforth	Aus v Eng	Melbourne	1878-79
W Bates	Eng v Aus	Melbourne	1882-83
J Briggs	Eng v Aus	Sydney	1891-92
GA Lohmann	Eng v RSA	Port Elizabeth	1895-96
JT Hearne	Eng v Aus	Leeds	1899
H Trumble	Aus v Eng	Melbourne	1901-02
H Trumble	Aus v Eng	Melbourne	1903-04
TJ Matthews(2)	Aus v RSA	Manchester	1912
MJC Allom	Eng v NZ	Christchurch	1929-30
TWJ Goddard	Eng v RSA	Johannesburg	1938-39
PJ Loader	Eng v WI	Leeds	1957
LF Kline	Aus v RSA	Cape Town	1957-58
WW Hall	WI v Pak	Lahore	1958-59
GM Griffin	RSA v Eng	Lord's	1960
LR Gibbs	WI v Aus	Adelaide	1960-61
PJ Peterlick	NZ v Pak	Lahore	1976-77
CA Walsh	WI v Aus	Brisbane	1988-89
MG Hughes	Aus v WI	Perth	1988-89
DW Fleming	Aus v Pak	Rawalpindi	1994-95
SK Waime	Aus v Eng	Melbourne	1994-95
DG Cork	Eng v WI	Old Trafford	1995
D Gough	Eng v Aus	Sydney	1998-99
Wasim Akram	Pak v SL	Lahore	1998-99
Wasim Akram	Pak v SL	Dhaka	1998-99
DN Zoya	SL v Zim	Harare	1999-2000
Abdur Razaq	Pak v SL	Galle	1999-2000

- Notes:
1. Allom, Petherick and Fleming did the hat-trick on debut.
  2. The second Trumble and the Griffin hat-tricks were in the final Test of these players.
  3. The Walsh and Hughes hat-tricks involved two innings.
  4. Matthews did the hat-trick in each innings.
  5. Petherick has the most expensive innings analysis of somebody doing the hat-trick (3 for 103).
  6. Largest total to include a hat-trick is 537 by Pakistan at Rawalpindi, 1994-95.
  7. Least number of career Test wickets for a bowler doing a hat-trick is 8 by Griffin.
  8. Zoya's hat-trick was from the first three balls he delivered in the Test.



Mizanur Rahman (C), chairman of the Olympic Day Run Organising Committee, speaking to journalists at the NSC yesterday. Bangladesh Olympic Association secretary general Zafar Imam (L) and organising committee secretary Col (ret'd) Obayedullah Khan were present during the briefing.

## PCB asks ICC to censure Bacher

KARACHI, June 21: Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief Tuesday said the International Cricket Council (ICC) should take stern action against South African cricket boss Allan Bacher over his match-rigging allegations, reports AFP.

"I think the coming ICC meeting would be a hot meeting and we will definitely ask the governing body to take a strong action against Bacher," PCB chairman General Tauqir Zia said.

Bacher in his deposition before South African Judge Edwin King's commission last week said two matches Pakistan played in the 1999 World Cup were fixed.

"Bacher has alleged that earlier but retracted, and now he has come up with the allegations once again and without any solid evidence," Zia told reporters in Lahore.

Bacher in his testimony told King's commission that he heard from former PCB chief Majid Khan that matches were fixed.

"It's sad that our own Majid Khan conveyed that to him and when we asked Majid about this he said he has no evidence," Zia said.

Zia will leave for London on Wednesday to represent Pakistan in the ICC annual meeting from June 22 from 28.

Pakistan officials may also face questions on Judge Malik Mohammad Qayyum's report on alleged match-fixing in Pakistan cricket.

"We have taken actions and don't fear anything," Zia said. Pakistan banned Salim Malik and Ata-ur-Rehman and fined six other star players including Wasim Akram on Qayyum's recommendations.

Zia reiterated Pakistan's demand for neutral umpires at both ends and said he would raise the issue at the ICC meeting.

After the Antigua Test where we suffered due to bad umpiring total neutral umpires have become necessary," he said referring to last month's defeat in the West Indies.

Zia said he would also talk to Indian officials about a possible tri-nation tournament in September in Pakistan.