

## 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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Hingis Pierce Williams

2 Who won the European Champions' League?  
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 Zila Ctg Khastagi

5 Who is the coach of Bangladeshi football team?  
Harrison Van Gaal Shakir

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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 Jul, 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 Club 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 Mahabubul Ehsan Rana scored two goals for the winners. Shihabuddin 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 insurance men 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 Motijheel outfit this year from Sonali Bank, made it 3-0 in the 12th minute while Rana netted the fourth after two minutes.

After conceding the third goal, Bima launched a series of raids inside their giant counterparts half. The onslaught paid off when umpire Aslam Belim awarded a penalty in the 19th 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 Biaka Lusai scored five goals while Musa Miah struck twice. Zia and Yousef added the other two. The visitors led the first half 6-1.

Mariner will now face Victoria in the group final tomorrow.

— Star photo



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 in the 1998 World Cup and were without suspended playmaker Gheorghe Hagi, repeated their feat here after undeservedly 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 Romania's claims that the Liverpool ace was offside.

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

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