

## Column One

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### SPORTS TALK



**Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi**  
(India's former cricket captain)

"My son (Saif Ali Khan) was a talented cricketer but I am not sure if he could have played at international level."

### Dharmasena back in SL Test fold

COLOMBO, June 26: Sri Lanka have included all-rounder Kumara Dharmasena in their 16-man squad for the third Test against Pakistan beginning on Wednesday, ending nearly two years in the wilderness because of a questionable bowling action, reports Reuters.

Dharmasena has not played international cricket since November 1998 after the International Cricket Council's panel on illegal bowling found his action suspect and wanted it changed.

Cricketers said that Dharmasena had since taken steps to change his action and last week was cleared for selection by the Sri Lankan cricket board.

He has played 20 Tests, scoring 660 runs and claiming 50 wickets.

Sri Lanka dropped fast bowler Ravindra Pushpakumara and Rangana Herath, who played in the second Test in Galle which Pakistan won by an innings and 163 runs to take an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-Test series.

Fast bowler Nuwan Zoysa has been included in the squad after being rested for the second Test.



ICC President Jagmohan Dalmiya (L) draws the attention of Chief Executive David Richards to something during the annual general meeting at Lord's yesterday. — AFP photo

## Dhaka celebrates

Sports Reporter



The otherwise mundane face of Dhaka turned into an absolute bliss for a change.

The whole city erupted into raptures immediately after being informed that International Cricket Council (ICC) had unanimously accepted Bangladesh as its tenth Test playing member.

The grand party began once BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury telephoned State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader from London to break the news at 3 p.m. A multitude of cricket devotees along with Quader were waiting at the BCB office from the morning to receive the great news. They were later joined by people from all walks of life, including past and present players.

"It's an unforgettable moment for me personally," said Quader while talking to The Daily Star.

"A new challenge lies ahead of us and we have to take it up," former national captain Akram Khan, who led Bangladesh to glory in Kuala Lumpur in 1997, considered himself a lucky man.

"I was there when we won the ICC Trophy. I was there when we got ODI status. When we played in the World Cup I was again there and now I want to be present when we play our first Test match."

"It's a great feeling which I can't exactly put it into words," said the Chittagonian.

"We should not get carried away by the euphoria. Instead we should be serious about cricket from now on."

Faruque Ahmed, who led Bangladesh to an ill-fated ICC campaign in Kenya in 1994, paid tribute to everybody involved in the game.

"Credit goes to everybody starting from groundsmen, players, umpires, media and organisers for making this day possible," said Faruque.

Former national captain Roquibul Hassan also looked very happy.

"You see I was selected to play in a Test match for Pakistan. But unfortunately I was made 12th man of the team that would play against New Zealand in Dhaka in 1970."

"But I'm happy that my country will play Test matches from now," said Roquibul.

Present national captain Aminul Islam, who is now playing club cricket in London, told Ekushey Television by phone that it was the most exciting moment of his life.

Former national captain Minhazul Abedin wants to see systematic changes after Bangladesh start playing Test cricket.

"You must respect the players and give them their due share in terms of money," said the temperamental all-rounder who is considered one of the finest cricketers the country has ever produced.

"There should be more coaching programmes for the youngsters. These should be supervised by the BCB."

"We must think ten years ahead to get results in Test cricket. And that is not going to be an easy," Minhaz said who retired from the international scene after 1999 World Cup.

Asked whether not being allowed to play for his country again was disappointing, Minhazul was still confident of making the Test team.

"Anything is possible," smiled Minhaz before joining the BCB-organised motorcade in the evening.

Nearly 100 vehicles began moving from the Bangabandhu National Stadium and passed through Dainik Bangla, Razbaragh, Khilgaon Rail Crossing, Malibagh Rail Crossing, Mouchak, Magh-bazar, Bangla Motor, Shah-bagh, TSC before it ended at the Central Shaheed Minar.

Meanwhile, Quader announced a five-day celebration programme.

Another rally, participated by young cricketers will be brought out from Bangabandhu National Stadium at 8:30 am. It will also end at the Central Shaheed Minar.

BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury and his deputy Syed Ashrafu Huq will attend a press conference at the Zia International Airport tomorrow morning at 7 am after their return from London.

The BCB boss will then accompany Quader to visit the National Mausoleum in Savar at 9 am.

There will be a mass gathering at the Paltan Maidan in the afternoon at 4:30 pm. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is likely to attend the gathering as chief guest.

There is no programme on Thursday.

On Friday a *milad mahfil* will be held at the BCB office after *Juma* prayer.

An open air concert will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium later in the evening.

Apart from the programmes in Dhaka, the official celebrations will also be held in the five divisional headquarters, according to Quader.

He said that it will start from Sylhet on July 1. The celebration in Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Chittagong will be held on July 3, 5 and 7.

## World champs send Spain packing

BRUGES, Belgium, June 26: World Cup holders France beat Spain 2-1 to line up a Euro 2000 semi-final with Portugal here on Sunday night - but only after a Spanish star Raul missed a dramatic last-minute penalty, reports AFP.

France, looking to do a historic Double as the first reigning World Cup winners to add the European crown, had been cruising after Youri Djorkaeff scored a superb second goal just before the end of the first half.

But just as the stadium clock showed 90 minutes, disaster appeared from nowhere as Roger Lemerre's men when goalkeeper Fabien Barthez needlessly tripped Spain skipper Abelardo on the left-hand side of the area.

Italian referee Pierluigi Collina pointed to the French spot for the second time in the match - Gaizka Mendieta having earlier converted an equaliser to Zinedine Zidane's opener for France.

This time, Raul stepped up for the kick. Barthez dived to his left but the Real Madrid hero's curling shot went to his right and sailed over the crossbar.

It was a heart-stopping finish to a match in which France have faced their biggest challenge yet at Euro 2000 - but had risen to the occasion with a mixture of class and clinical finishing.

"It was what we expected," said Lemerre. "There was a lot of suspense. The essential thing is that we are in the semi-final and we are hoping for much more than that."

"We know that Portugal have talent. We'll have to watch Figó very carefully and analyse their play to see how we can try and counter it."

Zidane said: "We had the heart to play a great game this evening. It was hard to beat this

Spanish team, the result proves it. But the French win is deserved."

Spain coach Jose Antonio Camacho said: "The French players just have this something extra which makes the difference, that's why they're the champions."

"It's not a fair result for us, but we have to accept it."

As for the penalty miss, he added: "Raul accepts the blame. That's the mark of a great player... I'm not going to hold it against him. These things happen in football, there's no point crying about it."

And he summed up: "We came here to win this competition and we lost... It's time to go on holiday."

World Cup final hero Zidane, on inspired form here, put them in front with a sweetly-struck free-kick in the 33rd minute. Mendieta levelled just five minutes later and Djorkaeff crashed home the winner a minute before the interval.

France had their first chance after just two minutes when Zidane skimmed a free-kick into the area and Patrick Vieira sent a powerful header over the bar.

Striker Thierry Henry signalled his presence after 10 minutes, dribbling past three Spanish players, cutting in from the left flank and driving a daisy-cutter just wide of the near post.

Christophe Dugarry was the next to try his luck. But the tall Bordeaux striker sent his header over the bar after arriving at the far post to meet Didier Deschamps' cross - breaking his nose in a collision with Michel Salgado.

At the other end, Spain showed plenty of creative skill but struggled to dent the French defence, although Josep Guardiola's angled free-kick from the left after 18 minutes was punched away for a corner by Barthez.

And the French 'keeper did well two minutes later when Alfonso prodded in a through-ball and Raul swivelled round to hit a looping shot that Barthez tipped over the bar.

There was another squeak for the French defence when a Guardiola cross struck Zidane's arm in the penalty area - but Collina took a lenient view of the Juventus star's mishap.

And it was Zidane who fluffed France's best chance in the 29th minute. Dugarry threaded the ball through a packed defence straight to the feet of the French number 10, who completely misused his first-time shot from just eight

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### Ragib Ali hockey

#### Super-Four from today

The Super-Four matches of the Ragib Ali Club Cup hockey tournament begin today at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium, reports UNB.

The Super-Four teams are: Mohammedan SC, Abahani Limited, Usha KC and Dhaka Mariners.

Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Dhaka Mariners in the opening match at 4 pm.

The final of the curtain-raiser tournament will be held on July 6 at 3:30 pm.

### Windies ride on Ridley

SOUTHAMPTON, England, June 26: Wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs ensured the West Indies warmed up for next month's triangular one-day series with a victory in front of a full house here on Sunday, reports AFP.

Jacobs hooked the second ball of the last over from Hampshire paceman Simon Francis for four to guide the West Indies home by four wickets in a low-scoring match.

Hampshire recovered from a shaky start after being put in by Jimmy Adams to reach a seemingly undemanding 189.

But the West Indies also struggled when it was their turn to bat and at 180 for six with one over to go it looked as if the home crowd would be rewarded with a Hampshire victory.

But Jacobs and Mahendra Nagamootoo kept their nerve and knocked off the 10 runs required with four balls to spare.

Dimitri Mascarenhas was Hampshire's top scorer with 52 from 71 balls, sharing in a stand of 47 for the second wicket with John Stephenson.

Mascarenhas took 19 in an over but once he had been removed by Curtly Ambrose, Hampshire fell away with Courtney Walsh taking three for 36 and Ambrose conceding only 11 runs in his nine overs.

The West Indies made a poor start losing Sherwin Campbell in Mascarenhas' second over but a stand of 66 for the fourth wicket - between Adams and Chris Gayle helped the tourists recover from a shaky start.

### SCOREBOARD

HAMPSHIRE				
G. White c Jacobs b Walsh	6			
J. Stephenson run out	14			
A. Mascarenhas c Jacobs b Ambrose	52			
R. Smith c Adams b Walsh	30			
W. Kendall c Adams b Walsh	18			
J. Lane b Adams	10			
S. Warne c Gayle b Collymore	13			
S. Udal c Hinds b Adams	1			
A. Aymes not out	10			
A. Mullally c Jacobs b Collymore	4			
S. Francis b Ambrose	7			
Extras: (lb-5, w-7, nb-12)	24			
Total: (All out in 49.1 overs)	189			
Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-65; 3-92; 4-134; 5-143; 6-149; 7-159; 8-165; 9-173;				
Bowler				
Ambrose	9.1	6	11	2
Walsh	10	2	36	3
Collymore	10	0	41	2
Hinds	2	0	21	0
Nagamootoo	10	1	41	0
Adams	8	0	34	2

WEST INDIES				
Campbell b Mascarenhas	7			
Griffith lbw b Warne	26			
Hinds c Warne b Udal	36			
Gayle c Mascarenhas b Mullally	47			
Adams c Udal b Mascarenhas	32			
Sarwan b Mascarenhas	16			
Jacobs not out	7			
Nagamootoo not out	5			
Extras: (b-4, lb-3, w-7)	14			
Total: (For six in 49.2 overs)	190			
Fall of wickets: 1-9; 2-71; 3-83; 4-149; 5-177; 6-180				
Did not bat: C. Ambrose, C. Collymore, C. Walsh				
Bowler				
Francis	9.2	0	42	0
Mascarenhas	10	1	49	3
Mullally	10	2	31	1
Udal	10	2	34	1
Warne	10	0	27	1

Result: West Indies won by four wickets.



THE PARTY HAS JUST BEGUN! Cricket fans celebrate Bangladesh's attainment of Test status by setting off firecrackers outside the Bangabandhu National Stadium last night. — Star photo by Amran Hossain

## Yugoslavia massacred

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, June 26: Holland's Patrick Kluijert hit a hat-trick in a 6-1 thrashing of outclassed Yugoslavia in their Euro 2000 quarter-final match here on Sunday, reports AFP.

The Barcelona striker, who was earlier credited with four goals, was however denied the championship record when the UEFA's technical study group ruled that his third strike was an own goal after watching video footage.

The 23-year-old Barcelona striker promptly admitted that the third goal in that sequence - he was credited with goals in the 24th, 38th, 51st and 54th minutes - had in fact been an own goal by Dejan Govedarica.

Kluijert has now netted 28 goals in 44 appearances for the 'Oranje'.

Goals by Marc Overmars in the 78th and 90th minutes completed the scoring for the hosts in front of 51,000 ecstatic fans in the De Kuip stadium before Savo Milosevic grabbed a late consolation, his fifth of the tournament, for Yugoslavia.

Holland would return to Rotterdam for the July 2 final should they beat Italy at the Amsterdam Arena on Thursday in the second semi-final.

Holland coach Frank Rijkaard said at the post-match press conference: "The boys had a wonderful evening and I'm proud of them. Patrick's goals were a team performance. If no one gives you the ball you cannot score."

"The 11 players gave every-

thing they had. I think the crowd today was our 12th player and that's a wonderful feeling. We can be glad about that."

"Now we are returning to Hoenderloo (Holland's training base) where we will have our first training session before midnight," said Rijkaard.

The match started at a furious pace yet at first there were few real scoring chances compared to the amount of energy expended trying to create them.

But the first real opportunity fell to Yugoslavia. Milosevic set up a golden opportunity for Predrag Mijatovic but Dutch keeper Edwin van der Sar made a brilliant stop.

Dennis Bergkamp then went close before Kluijert gave Holland the lead. The Barcelona player fed Bergkamp on the left-hand side of the penalty area and turned defender Sinisa Mihajlovic.

Bergkamp returned the ball to Kluijert, who brought the ball down and scored with Yugoslav keeper Ivica Kralj hesitating faintly before diving in with his feet instead of his hands.

Moments later Boudewijn Zenden had a shot blocked by Yugoslav keeper Kralj.

On the half hour, left back Arthur Numan shimmied past right back Slobodan Komljenovic before unleashing a left foot shot from an acute angle with Kralj making a save right on his goaline low down to his left.

Most of the crowd went into wild celebrations when Kluijert hit his second after 38 minutes. This time it was "pitbull" Edgar Davids, known more for his tough-tackling than play-making who was the provider, floating a perfectly-weighted left foot chip to Kluijert, who finished superbly on the half-volley with his right foot.

After the break, Paul Bosvelt, who kept his place at right back because of his good game against France, sold Dragan Stojkovic a dummy to get past him on the right wing and hit a low cross.

Kluijert wheeled away in celebration as the crowd acclaimed his hat-trick although it was Govedarica who diverted the ball past Kralj with Kluijert not appearing to make any contact with the ball.

Holland got their fourth when the ball cannoned into Kluijert's path off Nisa Saveljic after a persistent run by Zenden, who again impressed.

Deportivo La Coruna's Roy Makaay came on for the last half hour in place of Kluijert, who had deafening applause from the home supporters on his exit.

A couple of minutes earlier Kluijert had received a blow to the head and that may have persuaded Rijkaard to give his star striker an early bath.

Midway through the half, Bergkamp fed Overmars whose right foot shot careered just to the left of the right hand up-right.

Then Dutch coach Frank Rijkaard took off keeper Edwin van der Sar, presumably like Kluijert to make certain he stays injury free, and gave Sander Westerveld a run-out.

Then Marc Overmars made it five. Dennis Bergkamp hit a cross from the left with his right foot to his Arsenal teammate which Overmars teed up before hitting a right foot volley in off Kralj's right hand and the left hand up-right.

It was the second Dutch goal that had not come from a Barcelona player Govedarica own goal.

The final goal for Holland came after Phillip Cocu's fierce left foot shot careered back off the right-hand post and Overmars was perfectly positioned to sidefoot home the rebound.

Then Milosevic pounced - again after the ball came back off the goal frame - but the striker almost looked embarrassed to claim the goal after such a comprehensive defeat.

Yugoslavia coach Vujadin Boskov said Holland had an advantage over all the other teams because they were playing at home. "I would also like to mention how extraordinary the Dutch supporters were," he added.

Boskov said he made a tactical mistake in the way he organised his defence. "We started with a 4-4-2 system and I think I should have had a 3-5-2 and I should also have used (Miroslav) Djukic to man mark Kluijert."

"Holland have exceptional organization and are always playing the counter attack from which all their goals were scored."

### Nasser out of tri-series too

LONDON, June 26: England captain Nasser Hussain has been ruled out of Thursday's second Test against West Indies at Lord's with a cracked left thumb, reports AFP.

The injury will also cost Hussain the captaincy of England's one-day squad for the NatWest triangular series against the West Indies and Zimbabwe starting early next month, as he may need a three-to-four-week rest period.

A decision on a replacement for the one-day series will be known when results are received from a specialist's report during the next 48 hours.

England physiotherapist Dean Conway said: "Nasser will see a specialist over the next 48 hours to assess the full extent of the injury."



THE TERMINATOR: Dutch striker Patrick Kluijert who led the Yugoslav demolition with a hat-trick. — AFP photo