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## Column One

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**Jimmy Adams**

(West Indies cricket captain)  
"My personal goals are wrapped up in the team goals. We'd like to win the series and along the way play positive."

On the tour of England.

### Mahanama due today

Sports Reporter

Former Sri Lankan Test player Roshan Mahanama is scheduled to arrive in the city today to impart training to selected local cricketers.

The right-hand-opener and a superb fielder during his sal days, is one of the four ICC-nominated coaches who will provide specialised training in Bangladesh.

Former Indian wicketkeeper Kiran More and Pakistan all-rounder Mushtaq Mohan are already here and former Indian Bishen Singh Bedi will be due shortly.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday selected 16 players to attend training under Mahanama.

The selected players are: Sajid Hassan, Nahidul Haq Shaon, Ehsanul Haq, Rajin Saleh, Nasirul Alam, Imran Ahmed, Halim Shah, Azam Iqbal, Parvez Ahmed, Rashedul Haq, Javed Omar, Belim, Shahriar Hossain, Habibul Bashir, Naimur Rahim, Mushtaq Rahim and Al-Shahriar.

They have been asked to report at the BCB office by 5pm today.

### BCB delegation meets President

A 13-member delegation of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), led by State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, made a courtesy call on President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabandhu yesterday, reports BSS.

The members of the delegation apprised the President of the government initiatives for the development of sports, especially for popularising cricket in the country. They mentioned that Bangladesh just received Test status.

They said that Bangladesh has been included among the 10 Test playing countries and fourth among the Asian countries. The members also briefed the President about the structural development of cricket facilities in the country.

President Shahabuddin expressed his satisfaction that Bangladesh cricket is making noticeable development which needs fruitful backing from all quarters.



Bangladesh Cricket Board general secretary Syed Ashraful Huq (C) briefing reporters about today's concert at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Also seen are (L-R) Hamin of Miles, Alok Malik, country manager of Pepsi-Cola, Aiyub Bachchu of LRB and Nagar Baul James. —Star photo

## Abahani hold Usha

Sports Reporter

A late second half goal by Moksed Alam enabled Abahani Krira Chakra to hold defending champions Usha Krira Chakra onto a 1-1 draw in the second round of Rabig Ali Gold Club Cup hockey tournament at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Booyed by the lead, Usha kept up the tempo but failed to increase the margin as former national skipper Mamanur Rashid manned the Abahani defence with great aplomb, saving his side from conceding a couple of goals.

### ACC to disburse \$ 50m among 4 nations

COLOMBO, June 29: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh will get 50 million dollars for development of cricket from the Asian Cricket Council, it was announced Thursday, reports AP.

Umpires: Latifur Rahman and Golam Kibria.

## Golden goal penalty puts France through

BRUSSELS, June 29: World champions France reached the final of Euro 2000 with a 2-1 extra-time win over Portugal thanks to a highly controversial Zinedine Zidane golden goal penalty three minutes before the end of extra time, reports Reuters.

The penalty sparked scenes of utter mayhem, brought about the resignation of Portuguese coach Humberto Coelho and earned Portugal's find of the tournament Nuno Gomes a red card.

The match ended amid scenes of total bedlam after Zidane kept his cool to lash his 117th minute penalty into the net of the net and seal France's win.

By then the Portuguese team had totally lost control, screaming at the Slovak linesman Igor Sramka and Austrian referee Guenter Benko for awarding the penalty after Abel Xavier handled an acutely angled goal-bound shot from substitute Sylvain Wiltord near the goal line.

Referee Benko consulted the linesman when his flag after the ball had been deflected away by Abel Xavier for a corner.

After a short discussion, Benko pointed to the spot — and the Portuguese players went crazy. Luis Figo ripped his shirt off and walked off the pitch before being persuaded to go back on again by a Portuguese official.

After two minutes of mayhem as Portuguese players ranted and raved, Zidane took the penalty which ended the match.

As the French players celebrated, the Portuguese returned to harangue the officials.

The linesman was ushered away to the safety of the dressing room by fourth official Hugh Dallas before the players turned their attention towards the referee.

Nuno Gomes who had given Portugal the lead after 19 minutes, threw his shirt at the referee after being shown the red card, while others threw themselves to the ground mortified at the pain of defeat.

The drama continued in the bowels of the stadium afterwards when Coelho declared at the post-match news conference: "From July 31 I will no longer be the Portuguese coach. I think now is a good time to let you know."

He added: "I didn't see anyone touching the linesman, and no-one actually touched the ref-

eree. I don't know if the ball hit Abel Xavier's hand or not. It was too close a decision to call for a penalty but maybe if it had happened against France we'd be happy."

French coach Roger Lemerre was asked if the scenes at the end of the game took the gloss off their victory.

"On the contrary, this was a great moment of refereeing. He was just applying the rules. The International Board has decided the rules and if a sanction is decided you have to do it. The referee has intervened and the rules must be respected."

A UEFA spokesman confirmed: "Nuno Gomes was sent off for pushing and shoving the referee at the end of the match. The disciplinary committee will treat the case."

Until the final explosive scenes though, the match, the first competitive meeting between France and Portugal since their classic 1984 European Championship semifinal won 3-2 by the French, had really failed to live up to expectations and will mainly be remembered for its dramatic finale.

France keep alive their attempt to become the first world champions to win the European title and will now meet either Italy or the Netherlands in Sunday's final in Rotterdam.



France's Zinedine Zidane takes the match-winning spot kick against Portugal in the first semifinal of the Euro 2000 in Brussels on June 28. —AFP photo

### Open air Concert tonight

Sports Reporter

As part of the two-day national celebration for Bangladesh's elevation to the Ivy League of Test cricket, an open-air concert will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

Three leading bands of the country — Miles, LRB and Nagar Baul — will entertain the cricket fans under lights at the big bowl.

The showpiece event, sponsored by Pepsi, will start at 7.30 pm. The gates of the stadium opens at 6pm.

"We are very proud to be a part of the historic achievement. It is an unique opportunity to perform for such an occasion," said the lead vocalist of Miles Hamim at a press briefing at the Conference Room of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) office yesterday.

Aiyub Bachchu, who lead singer of LRB, and James of Nagar Baul echoed the same feelings and promised to play their hearts out.

But to be a part of a night to enjoy fans will have to buy a 500mg Pepsi bottle for the access card or fetch the elusive tickets from different city clubs.

"We have printed 25,000 tickets, half of which has been given to the BCB," said the Alok Malik, the Country manager of Pepsi in Bangladesh.

"The board will distribute those tickets through different clubs," said the general secretary of BCB, Syed Ashraful Huq adding that Pepsi would bear the entire expenses.

Besides, the Board is also seriously contemplating to organise the same programme in five divisional headquarters.

### Australia extends scholarship deal for cricketers

Australia is continuing its support for the development of Bangladesh cricket by extending another scholarship this year to a young Bangladeshi cricketer. The Australian High Commission is providing an eight-week training programme at the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy in Adelaide, says a press release.

"We are very happy to extend this support for the development of Bangladesh cricket, just as Bangladesh has achieved Test status," said the Australian High Commissioner HE Mr Robert Flynn while announcing the scholarship. This is the fourth scholarship being extended to Bangladesh and I am happy to note that all former scholarship holders have become members of national squad or the Bangladesh "A" team. I really hope that this kind of co-operation will continue into the future."

This scholarship has been extended since 1997 under a cricket cooperation programme initiated jointly between the Bangladesh Cricket Board and the Australian High Commission, Dhaka.

Six cricketers have already completed their training in Australia. Cricketers participating in this programme are selected by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), who chooses young players who will benefit from the rigorous training programme organised by the Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy.

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It was a sad way for Portugal to go out of the competition after four straight wins over England (3-2), Romania (1-0), Germany (3-0) and Turkey (2-0) and after they had led France for over half an hour.

Nuno Gomes, who had not scored for Portugal in 13 matches before the tournament began, put them ahead with a superb shot on the turn after 19 minutes — his fourth goal of the competition — and Portugal held that lead until France worked a wonderful move down the right after 51 minutes.

Lilian Thuram and Nicolas Anelka combined well in space wide on the right before Anelka lost defender Jorge Costa with a delightful reverse pass into the path of Henry.

The striker picked his spot perfectly, placing the ball out of reach of goalkeeper Vitor Baia.

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—Star photo

Huge Marvan, Sanath tons

## Feast of runs in Kandy

KANDY, Sri Lanka, June 29: Centuries by Marvan Atapattu and Sanath Jayasuriya in a record 335-run opening stand steered Sri Lanka to a formidable 449 for 5 on the second day of the third and final Test against Pakistan Thursday.

The last occasion an opening pair figured in a triple century partnership was 11 years ago when Australians Geoff Marsh and Mark Taylor put on 329 against England at Nottingham.

Both Atapattu and Jayasuriya were struck a blow on their right index finger by Waqar before he edged a catch to second slip off the following over bowled by Abdur Razzaq.

Atapattu the passive partner, made full use of misses at 37 and 66 on the way to his fourth Test century. He has faced 450 balls and hit 19 fours and a six.

Pakistan who delayed taking the second new ball by 32 overs, struck back in the final session to claim four wickets for 33 runs, with off-spinner Arshad Khan taking three.

Razzaq dismissed Russell Arnold for 24 edging a catch to wicketkeeper Moin Khan with the score at 401, before Arshad picked up the wickets of Aravinda de Silva (10), Mahela Jayawardene (2) and Arjuna Ranatunga (6), reaping just rewards for sending down a marathon spell of 51 overs.

The destroyers the Sri Lankan batting in the first two Tests, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis were wicketless after bowling 43 overs between them.

Pakistan hold an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close on the second day of third and final cricket Test between Pakistan and Sri Lanka played at Asgiriya International Stadium on Thursday:

**SRI LANKA:** First innings

overnight 140/0

Atapattu not out 199

Jayasuriya c Younis b Razzaq 188

Arnold c Moin b Razzaq 24

De Silva c Younis b Arshad 0

M. Jayawardene b Arshad 2

Ranatunga c Mushtaq 2

b Arshad 6

Dharmasena not out 4

Extras: (b-14; lb-7; w-1; nb-4) 26

Total (For 5 wkt) 449

Fall of wickets: 1-335, 2-401, 3-402, 4-412, 5-434.

To bat: P. Jayawardene, C. Vaas, N. Zoysa, M. Muralitharan, Bowler O. M. R. W.

Waqar 15 6 41, 0

Arshad 18 0 80 0

Razzaq 51 7 134 3

Mushtaq 33 10 65 2

26 2 108 0

**PAKISTAN:** Saeed Anwar, Imran Nazir, Younis Youhana, Inzamamul Haq, Younis Khan, Wasim Akram, Abdur Razzaq, Moin Khan, Waqar Younis, Arshad Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed.

Sri Lanka skipper Sanath Jayasuriya runs for a single on way to scoring a huge 188 against Pakistan on the second day of the third and final Test in Kandy yesterday.