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## Column One

### Boost sports WHIZZ KID Competition-132

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Competition closes at 8 pm July 14, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

1 When did ICC recognise Bangladesh as the tenth Test playing nation?

June 25 June 26 June 22

2 Who is the new ICC president?

Gray Blue Green

3 When did Bangladesh become ICC's associate member?

1977 1987 1997

4 When will the next cricket World Cup be held?

2002 2003 2005

5 Which country will host the next cricket World Cup?

Zimbabwe New Zealand South Africa

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### Harsha Bhogle

(Cricket commentator)

"I have no doubt at all that Saurav Ganguly will be a much better captain four months from now after he returns from a stint with Lancashire."

### Ottey let off the hook

MONTE CARLO, July 4: Jamaican sprinter Merlene Ottey, who was banned after failing a drugs test last year, has been cleared to run in the Sydney Olympics, reports Reuters.

An International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) arbitration panel ruled yesterday that "there were not the grounds to maintain her suspension from competition" and ended it with immediate effect.

The IAAF said in a statement that the arbitration panel "considered that the testing laboratory had not taken into sufficient account factors regarding the specific gravity of the sample which as a result did not exceed the IOC recommended reporting threshold".

Gen Harun new Judo Fed chief

The government yesterday appointed Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army Major General M Harun-ur-Rashid as president of Bangladesh Judo and Karate Federation, reports BSS.

### Magura cricket

From Our Correspondent

MAGURA, July 4: Shaheed Mintu Sangha beat Kundupara Krira Sangha by 26 runs in the quarterfinal of the Econo cricket league at the Magura Stadium today.

Mintu Sangha batted first and scored 117 all out in 27 overs.

In reply Kundupara were all out for 91 in 29.5 overs.

### Nat'l wrestling training ends

A month-long national junior wrestling training organised by Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation ended in the city yesterday, reports UNB.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader distributed certificates among the participants.

A total of 20 wrestlers took part in the course.



Action from yesterday's Ragib Ali Gold Club hockey tournament match between Usha KC and Mariner at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium. — Star photo

## Cubs extend losing spell

Sports Reporter

### BRIEF SCORES

**Bangladesh:** 131 for eight in 40 overs (Mahmud 39, Anwar 15, Kamrul 14, Haq 1; Azhar Ali 3/24, Talal Zia 3/32)

**Pakistan:** 132 for three in 26.3 overs (Sayed 44 not out, Shahid 44; Zabir 1/16, Mehmud 1/10, Arif 1/25)

Result: Pakistan won by 7 wickets.

It was also tournament's highest margin defeat so far for Bangladesh, who had earlier lost to Sri Lanka by three wickets and to India by six wickets. The outcome has also thrown Bangladesh out of the title race with three more games in hand against the lesser teams of the regional tournament. The team, finishing first at the end of the round robin league, will clinch the trophy of the seven-nation meet straightforward.

Sent in to bat, Bangladesh

scored 131 for eight wickets in the stipulated 40 overs. Pakistan responded with 132 for three in 26.2 overs.

Incidentally, this was for the first time Bangladesh reached the three-figure mark after being bundled out for 65 against India and 87 against Sri Lanka. Still, they failed to avoid the heaviest margin defeat due to the 40-plus knock from Sayed and Shahid. Shahid scored a

39-ball 44 and Sayed 44 not out.

Although Bangladesh batting once again failed to live up to the desired expectation, Mahmud made a defiant 39, the highest individual scores in three games. Kamrul scored 14 and wicket keeper Anwar chipped in with 15. Opener Haq with 11 was the other batsman to reach the double figure mark and extras, for an unbroken time, made a healthy contribution with 21.

Among the Bangladesh bowlers Zabir, Mehmud and Arif claimed one wicket each.

But the bowlers were not as disciplined as they were in the previous two games. The most disappointing aspect of the Bangladesh bowling was that it conceded 24 wides and that too in only 26-odd overs.

Bangladesh will take on Hong Kong at Club Aman today.

The fourth round will start at the same venue today at 3 pm.

Sheikh Kamal

soccer starts today

Sports Reporter

The Sheikh Kamal (under-16) Gold Cup football tournament will begin at the Abahani ground in the city today.

Sixteen teams will be split into four groups for the first round. The group winners will advance to the semifinals.

Raising Sporting Club of Dhaka will take on Jadukar Samad Coaching School in today's opening match.

The following teams are taking part in the tournament:

**Group A:** Railway Blues, Mohammadpur Kishore Ekadash, Lalbagh Tarun Sangha and Shankar Sporting Club.

**Group B:** Dragon Kirra Chakra, Jadukar Samad Coaching School, Raising Sporting Club and Abdul Hadi Lane Jubo Sangha.

**Group C:** Mansoor Sporting Club, Siraj Smriti Sangsads, Shuktakha Jubo Sangsads and Sat Rowza Nabin Sangha.

**Group D:** Rahmatganj Agnashikha Kishore Sangha, Paltan Sporting Club, Dhaka Junior and Ekata Jubo Sangha.

On another floor, the manager of the Sri Lankan team makes sure that his players don't carry cellular phones.

In yet another corner, a South African consultant reads out the do's and don'ts to the players from his country.

Life has changed for the cricketers after the outbreak of the match-fixing scandal which led to the firing of South African captain Hansie Cronje.

Sleuths are seeking the help of the hotel staff to keep the bookies at bay. Keeping fans at bay is no longer their only concern.

"Now our main job is to keep the bookies away. We have posted people at elevator landings and they identify hotel guests. Others are not just allowed," said S. Abhanaysekara, chief security officer of Oberoi Hotel.

South Africa, Pakistan and hosts Sri Lanka are all set to participate in a triangular one-day tournament beginning Wednesday.

"We have suffered enough by Cronje's case and we are determined to see that this is not repeated again," Russell said.

But the fear of bookies lurks in the minds of cricket lovers.

Men's preview

And now there are eight

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And as this year's men's singles event moves into the quarterfinal stage Wednesday both men stand foursquare in the way of lesser grass-court mortals who would deny them this year.

For all the talk of recent injury problems having blunted Sampras' challenge for an all-time record 13th Grand Slam singles title and a record-equaling seventh on Wimbledon's lush lawns, the man from

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