

## Column One

### Boost sports WHIZZ KID

#### Competition-134

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Competition closes at 8 pm  
Aug 11, 2000 and draw  
shortly afterwards

1 Who is the world's most expensive football player?  
Crespo Zidane Pigo

2 Who won the ICC Under-17 Asia Cup?  
Pakistan Sri Lanka India

3 Bangladesh's opening match in the second ICC Knock-out tournament is against:  
South Africa West Indies England

4 Who won the NatWest tri-series?  
West Indies Zimbabwe England

5 Name the winner of the British Open golf:  
Faldo Woods Els

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**EN-VITS**  
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SPORTS TALK

Aravinda de Silva

(Sri Lankan ace batsman)  
I'll wait for an opportunity  
to get in again and make some  
runs. Now it is up to the selectors.

Before the third and final  
Test against South Africa

Premier League  
soccer in Sept

Sports Reporter

The forthcoming Premier  
Division Football League will  
not start before the first week of  
September, according to  
Bangladesh Football Federation  
assistant general secretary  
Badal Roy yesterday.

Although the Dhaka Mahanagar Football League  
Committee (DMFLC) announced  
late last month that the elite  
league would not kick off before  
August 25, Badal said it  
would not be possible since the  
Federation Cup, scheduled for  
August 12 start, would not finish  
before August 28.

"We initially thought that the  
Federation Cup would end by  
August 24. But after studying a  
draft fixture we noticed that it  
will take up to 28th to finish the  
tournament. That is why the  
league has to begin in the first  
week of September," said the  
BFF official.

Asked how would BFF complete  
the league at the Bangabandhu  
National Stadium which is  
allotted to football up to  
October 30, Badal hinted that  
a few of the latter matches  
might be played at the Sher-e-  
Bangla Stadium in Mirpur.

Expatriates' Open Chess

Sports Reporter

Khandkar Aminul Islam of  
Leonine Chess Club earned a  
solid lead in the Expatriates'  
Open Chess Tournament with  
an upset win over International  
Master Abdullah Al-Rakib in  
the sixth round played at the  
NSC chess room yesterday.

It was Aminul's fifth win in  
six matches against a draw  
which raised his tally to five-  
and-a-half points, which is half  
a point more than International  
Master Ziaur Rahman,  
Rezaul Haque, Saifuddin Lovlu,  
Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Imon,  
Mizanur Rahman Lovlu and  
Giasuddin Mithu at the end of  
the round.

On the other hand, the defeat  
pulled Rakib down from top to  
third position with his previous  
earning of 4.5 points. He was  
joined by Shawkat Hossain,  
Pallab, Abu Sufian Shakil,  
Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, Ruhul  
Islam Bobby, Monir Hossain,  
Firoz Ahmed and Kutubuddin.

The seventh round will start  
today at 3 pm.

## MSC go to London tonight

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club  
leave for England  
tonight to mark  
the first ever tour  
of a Bangladeshi  
team to Europe.

The black and whites are  
taking an 18-member strong  
team that includes 12 players  
and four officials in a promotional  
trip designed to entertain  
the expatriate Bangladeshis in  
Britain.

Mohammedan will however  
gain the full strength when their  
four key booters — Alfaz  
Ahmed, Nizam Majumder, Abu  
Faisal and Motiur Munna — join  
the team in East London, where  
the popular Motiheel club are to  
play three friendly matches.  
The quartet, who toured with  
the national team last month,  
stayed back in London along  
with coach Hasanuzzaman.

During their nine-day visit  
Mohammedan are likely to experience  
a real English treat  
when they encounter the Under-  
21 selection of Premier League  
side West Ham United on August  
15.

Besides, the Dhaka football  
giants will play two more  
matches against Sporting  
Bengal United FC and a selection  
of Rhyme League on August 10  
and August 12 respectively. All  
the three matches will be held  
in the East London Stadium.

The Mohammedan tour, organised  
by the Bangladesh Football  
Association (BFA) in UK  
and sponsored by Canary  
Wharf, has already created  
enormous enthusiasm among  
the strong Bangladesh community  
in East London.

"We are delighted to have the  
honour of playing on European  
soil. It's a privilege for us and  
we are hopeful about displaying  
entertaining football there," said  
Mohammedan general secretary  
Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan at a  
press briefing yesterday.

"Our aim is to entertain the  
keen followers of the club in  
London as well as to uphold the

image of the country," said  
Lokman, adding that the team  
is likely to return home on August  
17.

The Mohammedan general  
secretary also said that Alfaz  
Ahmed, who led Mohammedan  
to the coveted Premier League

now.

Practising for the last one  
month, Mohammedan is carrying  
an organised defence led by  
former national captain Jewel  
Rana and a quality attacking  
line-up starred by inspirational  
striker Alfaz Ahmed. But Mo-



Lokman Hossain (C), the general secretary of Mohammedan Sporting Club, speaking at a press conference yesterday in connection with the club's tour of England. — Star photo

ammedan will lack to a great  
extent in the midfield.

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## Zulu fights back for SA

COLOMBO, Aug 6  
(AFP) An enter-  
taining 69-run  
stand between  
Lance Klusener and  
Shaun Pollock helped  
South Africa recover from a  
poor start to post a first day  
total of 194 for seven in the  
third and final Test against Sri  
Lanka Sunday.

Klusener, joint man-of-the-  
match in the Kandy Test which  
South Africa won to square the  
series, followed his unbeaten  
century with 50 not out when  
rain forced an early end to the  
day's play, 42 minutes after tea.

The hard-hitting left-hander  
notched five fours in his 50 off  
63 balls in 117 minutes.

Wicket captain Pollock, who  
scored 33 off 64 balls, Klusener  
raised the total from a shaky  
117 for six to 186 for seven, before  
off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan  
broke through.

Pollock batted confidently,  
but failed to get on top of a Muralitharan delivery and was  
bowled off the inside edge for 33.

Sri Lanka who lost the second  
Test at Kandy by seven runs  
last week, got off to a fine start  
when they captured three wickets  
for 63 runs by lunch after  
Sanath Jayasuriya had won the  
toss for the third time in the series  
and elected to field.

The start was delayed by 20  
minutes because of rain, and the  
Sri Lanka seam bowlers  
Chaminda Vaas and Ruchira  
Perera extracted a lot of movement  
and bounce from the pitch to  
put South African batting under  
pressure.

Perera returning to the  
venue where he made his Test  
debut last year, captured the  
wickets of openers Neil McKenzie  
and Gary Kirsten, but it was  
Vaas who ended with the best  
figures for the day taking three  
for 50.

Two of his wickets fell to  
brilliant catches on the out-  
field. Darryl Cullinan was held  
by a diving Marvan Atapattu at

deep square leg when he pulled a  
delivery with his score on 38.

Mark Boucher was out to superb  
catch by Upul Chaudhary at  
cover point taking inches off the  
ground for four.

The third wicket was of  
Jacques Kallis who received a  
superb delivery that rose off a  
good length to take the outside

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First in-  
nings  
Kirsten c Ranatunga b Perera 11  
McKenzie c Arnold b Perera 9  
Kallis c Sangakkara b Vaas 19  
Cullinan c Atapattu b Vaas 38  
Rhodes b Muralitharan 21  
Klusener not out 50  
Boucher c Chaudhary b Vaas 4  
Pollock b Muralitharan 33



GONE: Sri Lankan wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara is jubilant after catching South Africa's Jacques Kallis at Colombo yesterday. — AFP photo

edge to the wicket-keeper.

Muralitharan also entered  
the fray with two vital wickets.  
He had Jonty Rhodes and Pollock  
both playing on to deliveries  
which spun sharply.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the first day  
of the third and final Test be-  
tween Sri Lanka and South  
Africa played at the Sinhalese  
SC grounds on Sunday.

Boye not out 2  
Extras: (b-2, lb-6, nb-8) 16  
Total: (for 7 wts in 62 overs) 194  
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-23, 3-  
57, 4-89, 5-103, 6-117, 7-186  
To bat: P Adams, M Hay-  
ward.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Vaas 21 7 50 3  
Perera 14 2 54 2  
De Silva 5 2 16 0  
Muralitharan 19 6 41 2  
Chandana 3 0 25 0

## Mahmud nat'l pool champ

Sports Reporter

Moshlehuddin Mahmud  
clinched the singles title of the  
Benson and Hedges National  
Pool Championship 2000 that  
concluded at the Dhaka Billiards  
Centre (DBC) in Gulshan on  
Friday night.

He defeated Firoz Kabir in  
the final.

The doubles crown went to  
Wahid and Nazrul Islam. They  
beat Swapan and Ehsan.

Hasan Reza and Sohel  
Chowdhury earned the third  
position.

Syed Mahbub, the general  
secretary of Asian Billiards and  
Snooker Federation, was the  
chief guest during the prize-giv-  
ing ceremony. Danis C Belgica  
and Jean Jacques Valravens, the  
heads of trade and brand mar-  
keting of British America To-  
bacco (BAT) were also present.



Shoma of Khelaghar SKS in action against Shilpi of Swamibagh TT Club during their AB Bank Eves' Table Tennis league engagement yesterday. — Star photo

## Barlow due back Aug 25

Sports Reporter

The director of development  
of Bangladesh Cricket Board  
(BCB) Eddie Barlow will return  
to Dhaka on August 25, accord-  
ing to an e-mail from his wife  
Kelly received by the BCB yester-  
day.

The former South African  
Test player who suffered a cere-  
bral infarction on April 29, has  
been resting at home in Cape  
Town after undergoing treat-  
ment at Mount Elizabeth Hospi-  
tal in Singapore on May 8.

Before being sent to Singa-  
pore Barlow was admitted to the  
Combined Military Hospital in-  
tensive care unit for a few days.

Kelly says her husband is a  
wheelchair.

## Cricket greats return Sept 5

Sports Reporter

Five former Test stars will  
arrive on September 5 as part of  
the International Cricket  
Council (ICC) Development Pro-  
gramme.

Mike Procter of South  
Africa, former Pakistan cap-  
tain Mushtaq Mohammad,  
former Indian wicketkeeper Ki-  
ran More and former Sri  
Lankan batsman Roshan Ma-  
hanama have confirmed their  
trip. However, the Bangladesh  
Cricket Board is yet to receive  
any response from former In-  
dian captain Bishen Singh  
Bedi.

According to BCB joint-se-  
cretary Mahmud Ul Haq Manu,  
if the legendary left-arm spin-  
ner, was not available then  
former Pakistan left-arm spin-  
ner Iqbal Qasim would replace  
him.

The cricket greats first came  
to Dhaka in June to impart  
their knowledge in every de-  
partment to some selected play-  
ers of BCB.

"It will be a follow up trip,  
they will come to see how much  
progress has been made by their  
students," said Manu adding  
that they would conduct a 10-  
day camp in Dhaka and BKSP  
for the same players.

Manu said 16 fast bowlers,  
18 leg-spinners, 18 batsmen  
and 17 wicketkeepers received  
guidance from them.

## Retirement of Walsh imminent?

LONDON, Aug 6 (Internet  
report): Legendary West Indian  
pacer Courtney Walsh said  
he will decide his cricketing fu-  
ture by the start of the fifth Test  
against England at the Oval on  
August 31.

Walsh, 37, extended his  
world record tally of Test wick-  
ets to 471 on Saturday but told  
Channel Four that he would  
reach a decision on retirement  
by the final Test of the finely  
poised series.

"Definitely when we get to  
The Oval I'll know for sure  
which way I'm going," he said.  
"Because of the delicacy of the  
series, I'll wait until then."

"The buzz is still there, that's  
why I'm still playing. I'm still  
happy if I can do a job for the  
team."

Curtly Ambrose, Walsh's  
strike bowling partner and one  
year his junior, has already  
said he will retire at the end of  
the England series and will not  
be touring Australia with his  
side in October.

"The time is about right for  
me to make my exit," said Am-  
brose, who also took four wick-  
ets on Saturday to take his tally  
to 398 in a 13-year career.

"I'm not enjoying it as much  
as I used to. I am very proud and  
I want to look good but I some-  
times ask why. Sometimes I  
don't feel like doing it."

Both repeated their disap-  
pointment that none of the  
younger West Indian pacemen  
had developed enough to replace  
them. "We still have to do a lot  
of the work," said Ambrose. "It's  
a little bit unfair."

Former West Indies pacer  
Colin Croft predicted Walsh  
would carry on. "He wants to go  
to Australia," Croft said.

## AB Bank Eves' table tennis

Sports Reporter

Holders Bangladesh Biman  
got off to a flying start in the  
AB Bank Eves' Table Tennis League  
with a straight sets win over  
Surf Knitting in the inaugural  
match at the NSC wooden floor  
gymnasium yesterday.

On the opening day of the  
six-team league, Saleha pow-  
ered the national airline team  
to a 21-13, 21-15 win over Surf's  
Jyostna. Rumi earned an easy  
21-16, 21-15 victory against  
Ripa.

Saleha and Rumi then com-  
bined to defeat Jyostna and  
Ripa in the doubles 21-10, 22-  
20.

In the day's other matches,  
Khelaghar Samaj Kalyan  
Sangha beat Swamibagh Table  
Tennis Sangstha 3-1 while  
Mirpur Table Tennis Club beat  
Swamibagh Girls 3-0.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Biman v Swamibagh Girls  
Mirpur TTC v Khelaghar SKS  
Swamibagh TTS v Surf Knitting  
(All matches will start at 3 pm)

## Lara cracks terrific ton



MANCHESTER, England, Aug 6  
(Reuters): Brian  
Lara smashed a  
belligerent 112 as  
West Indies reach-  
ed 305 for four, a lead of 159, at  
tea on the fourth day of the  
third Test against England at  
Old Trafford on Sunday.

He and captain Jimmy  
Adams was 29 not out at the  
interval.

Struggling with a hamstring  
problem and short of match  
practice, Lara made an early en-  
trance when, with 14 added to  
the touring team's overnight to-  
tal of 131 for one, Wavell Hinds  
edged Darren Gough to wicket-  
keeper Alec Stewart.



BACK ON SONG: Windies superstar Brian Lara cuts during his superb ton against England at Old Trafford yesterday. — Internet photo

Adams put on 138 for the fourth  
wicket to wrench back the in-  
itiative after England, bidding to  
go 2-1 up in the five-match se-  
ries, had taken a 146-run first-  
innings lead.

Lara's century included 58 in  
boundaries — one six and 13  
fours — and came off 158 balls.

He was dismissed just before  
tea, run out by a direct hit by  
England captain Nasser Hus-  
sain after Adams had sent him  
back as Lara attempted to steal

Lara came in and showed his  
aggressive intent immediately,  
leveling the scores with a pull  
off Darren Gough through mid-  
on, then producing a delightful  
late cut to the boundary off the  
same bowler.

Adrian Griffith, having bat-  
ted for over four hours, matched  
him with a fine cover drive for  
four off Dominic Cork before  
falling lbw for 54 to off-spinner  
Robert Croft.

With West Indies only 18  
runs behind England, the match  
was poised for a dramatic finish.

## 'Reid's blotted my career'



LONDON, Aug 6  
(Internet report):  
Pakistan pace-  
man Waqar You-  
nis has blamed  
match referee Jo-  
hn Reid for blotting his career  
by reprimanding him for ball  
tampering in a recent one-day  
series.

Reid decided to make Waqar  
the first player ever to be sus-  
pended for ball tampering after  
television cameras caught him  
interfering with the ball in a  
game against South Africa in  
Colombo.

Reid also fined Younis 50 per  
cent of his match fee, while his  
bowling partner, Azhar Mah-  
mood was also found guilty of a  
similar offence and was fined  
30 per cent of his fee. Captain  
Moin Khan was severely reprim-  
anded for "allowing the spirit of  
the game to be impaired".

Younis has over 300 Test  
wickets to his name, but now  
feels that Reid's decision has  
undone all his achievements.

"I am obviously disappointed  
because all my achievements  
have been undone by Reid's de-

cision," he said in an interview  
with a Pakistan newspaper.

Reid, an experienced In-  
ternational Cricket Council match  
referee from New Zealand spot-  
ted the offence on television  
before contacting the umpires  
on the field. The ball was  
checked but remained in play,  
allegedly breaching an ICC rul-  
ing.

## Reefat finishes seventh

Sports Reporter

International Master Reefat-  
bin-Sattar finished seventh in  
the recently concluded Conti-  
nental Open Chess Tournament  
in Los Angeles, USA, according  
to a Bangladesh Chess Federa-  
tion press release yesterday.

Reefat collected five-and-a-  
half points in the tournament  
involving 60 players, 11 of  
whom were Grand Masters.

Israeli Grand Master Smirin  
won the tournament.

ahead on 164 for three. Croft  
tried to find turn in the bowlers'  
footmarks outside the left-hand-  
ers' off stump.

But Lara, despite struggling  
for his timing, refused to be  
dominated as he went for his  
shots. When Croft appealed for  
a bat-pad catch, Lara responded  
next ball with a huge straight  
six.

His first 50 came off 64 balls  
and his second off 52.

England's attempt to break  
through with the new ball  
backfired disastrously as Andy  
Caddick and Gough were both  
smashed out of the attack, 40  
coming off the next seven overs.

Lara misused one on-drive  
from Caddick, only for the ball  
to rattle to the boundary through  
mid-off, and he followed that  
with a mistimed slash over  
cover, then an imperious lofted  
straight four as 11 came off the  
over.

Caddick glared at Lara and  
exchanged words with him  
again later, only for Adams to  
pull Lara away.

Just after the drinks break  
Lara unleashed a beautiful  
cover-driven boundary off Cork  
to reach three figures, raising  
both his arms in triumph.

It was his 14th Test hundred,  
six of them against England.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the  
fourth day of the third Test be-  
tween England and West Indies  
at Old Trafford on Sunday:  
**WEST INDIES:** First in-  
nings: 157 (Chris Gayle 36; Cork  
4-23, Caddick 3-45)  
**ENGLAND:** First Innings  
303: (A Stewart 105, M  
Trescothick 66, C Walsh 4-50, C  
Ambrose 4-70)

**WEST INDIES:** Second in-  
nings (Overnight 131-1)  
Campbell c Cork b White 56  
Griffith lbw b Croft 54  
Hinds c Stewart b Gough 25  
Lara run out 112  
Adams not out 29  
Sarvan not out 29  
Extras: (b14, lb2, w2, nb11) 21  
Total: (for 4wks) 305  
Fall of wickets: 1-96, 2-145,  
3-164, 4-302

To bat: R Jacobs, F Rose, C  
Ambrose, R King, C Walsh  
**Bowler** O M R W  
Gough 21 3 87 1  
Caddick 16 4 49 0  
Cork 18 8 28 0  
Croft 23 6 84 1  
White 15 4 36 1  
Trescothick 1 0 12 0  
Vaughan 2 1 3 0  
Umpires: P Willey (Eng), D  
Cowie (NZ), Third umpire: K  
Palmer (Eng)  
Match referee: Rauljan  
Madugalle (Sri)

## Saber condole Lala's demise

Sports Reporter

The president of Bangladesh  
Cricket Board (BCB) Saber  
Hossain Chowdhury yesterday  
has condole the death of Lala  
Amarnath, the first captain of  
independent India.

In a condolence message,  
Saber said that Lala Amarnath  
was not only of the greatest  
sports personalities of the sub-  
continent but also a human be-  
ing who possessed indomitable  
courage and determination.

He prayed for the salvation  
of the departed soul.

Lala Amarnath died of old  
age complications on Saturday.  
He was 88.

Saber also expressed his pro-  
found sympathy to members of  
the bereaved family.

His youngest son Mohinder  
Amarnath, a member of India's  
victorious 1983 World Cup win-  
ning squad, was the former  
coach of Bangladesh national  
team.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS  
1 Moment  
4 Belgian  
7 Rue the  
11 Declare  
13 Carpeing  
14 Othello  
15 Low-  
16 Knight  
17 Thought  
18 John of  
20 Toy shop  
22 Court  
24 Billfold  
28 English  
32 Prep for  
33 Casa-  
34 Band-  
36 Vahalla  
37 Fashion  
39 LaGuardia  
41 Mortar-  
43 1773  
44 Kite  
46 Skating  
50 Martial art  
53 Broom  
55 Do a  
56 Spinted  
57 Large  
58 Overhang  
59 It goes  
60 Make a  
61 Castilian  
62 Prop for  
63 Wells  
64 FARGO  
65 TOILER  
66 ROMMEL  
67 KARAN  
68 GETS  
69 ENSUE  
70 CATALAN  
71 CABANAS  
72 AMER  
73 HER  
74 SALE  
75 STR  
76 NOTED  
77 NAG  
78 ANADEM  
79 WULETA  
80 SUTURE  
81 ADIAGES