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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



**Lothar Matthaeus**  
(German football legend)  
"I could imagine myself staying in the United States for another year."

Commenting on the prospect of extending his stay in Major League Soccer.

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### Frankfurt IM meet

#### Rajib earns sixth place

Sports Reporter  
Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib clinched sixth position in an International Masters tournament in Karl-Mala-Gedenkstuvnir 2000, held in Frankfurt, Germany from August 3 to 6, according to an e-mail received here yesterday.

Rajib earned the distinction when he finished with five and a half points out of a possible seven in the seven-round Swiss-league competition. A total of 169 players including one Grand Master and four International Masters took part.

Fide Master Bidman Yuri of Germany won the title with six and a half points.

#### Old Trafford may lose its Tests

MANCHESTER, Aug 8: Lancashire called for government action here on Monday to prevent a recurrence of the pitch invasions which disrupted the third Test between England and West Indies and may affect Old Trafford's status as an international cricket venue, reports AFP.

Four streakers caused hold-ups in play on Saturday and a further fully clothed intruder had to be chased the length of the field yesterday, provoking questions about levels of security at the ground.

The International Cricket Council (ICC), the sport's world governing body, warned last summer that any ground which has persistent crowd trouble could have their Test status removed following the mass invasion after the India v Pakistan World Cup match at the same venue.

It leaves Old Trafford very much under threat with Sri Lankan match referee Ranjan Madugalle forced to mention the incidents in his Test report by rules stating that any more than three invasions must be included in his summary.

## Quader hits out at cricket

Sports Reporter

Obaidul Quader hit out at cricket officials yesterday accusing them of complicating further the dispute over Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) between football and cricket.

The State Minister for Youth and Sports, who, in his capacity as the chairman of the National Sports Council (NSC), failed to diffuse the age-old dispute effectively, rebuked the organisers for their latest demand of the BNS permanently for cricket. The sports boss vented his anger while speaking at a prize giving ceremony of the Daily Sangbad's Asia Cup quiz winners.

The crisis got a new twist on Monday night when the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), after a meeting with the Dhaka Mahanagari Cricket Club Samity, suspended all its activities to press the demand of winning back the BNS exclusively for cricket. The headline stand of the Dhaka clubs came following the usually docile Bangladesh Cricket Board's decision to suspend its annual calendar in protest of the NSC decision to extend football's allotment of

BNS up to October 31.

"I'm now at a fix. So far their demand was to have a permanent venue for cricket. We have made it in Fatullah. But now they are saying that they need



OBAIDUL QUADER

the BNS. I don't understand this," said Quader. "It's only a half an hour drive (to Fatullah) and the communication will also automatically improve once the ring road is made. So, I don't really understand why they're

now saying that they won't play their domestic cricket there," said Quader, claiming that last month "I was the enemy of football" and this month he has become enemy of cricket.

Only in the last month, Quader's courage dramatically caved in to the political clout of football soon after he had ruled out BFF's plea for an extension of the BNS allotment. Quader, in an interview with The Daily Star Sport last week, admitted that the political muscle of football organisers were much stronger than that of cricket and he had no option but to pursue the controversial NSC policy of sharing BNS between football and cricket.

"The BNS will be exclusively an international venue for both cricket and football. Well, cricket might get maximum priority but international football will also be played there in future during the rainy season," Quader reiterated. "I had to allow the domestic football at the BNS only for this season because the Saidabad Stadium is not completed yet. Local football will not be played at the BNS from next season."

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Scene from yesterday's eighth round of the Expatriate Open Chess tournament at the NSC chess room. — Star photo

## Bulgarian coach replacing Samir?

Sports Reporter

Former Maldives national football team coach Yordan Ivanov Stoykov is likely to arrive in the capital early next week to replace temperamental Iraqi Samir Shakir as coach at Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP).

The former 49-year-old Bulgarian international, is coming following the initiative of State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader.

Yordan, who has represented the Bulgarian national A team on nine occasions, decided not to extend his one-year contract with the Maldives Football Association when it expired last May.

Samir, the architect of Bangladesh's maiden SAF Games gold in Nepal last October, went on a week's leave in June. On his return the former World Cupper was supposed to take over responsibility of the

national team, which toured England on June 31.

But when he did not report for duty it forced Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to appoint Hasanuzzaman Khan Bablu as the stand-in coach.

Interestingly, Samir's supposed re-appointment happened when Englishman Mark Harrison who himself took a break, after a four-nation tournament in the Maldives, never returned to Bangladesh.

During his six-months at BKSP, brought to a close on July 31, the Iraq had a history of irresponsible behavior. Samir walked out on the national team twice and even committed it in his club days. "I will not take him (Samir) back. He has broken his words many a times. You can not expect commitment from such a person who does not have minimum credibility or honesty," said Obaidul Quader recently while talking to The Daily Star. There were no official announcements regarding the

payment of the Bulgarian coach. However, according to reliable sources, the amount is slightly higher than Samir's monthly salary of 3000 US dollars.

Mentionably, Yordan brought about a massive facelift to Maldives football following a disastrous World Cup 1998 qualifying campaign where the tiny islanders suffered a humiliating 17-0 mauling at the hands of eventual finalists Iran.

Yordan took over the charge of the Maldives team soon after that forgettable mission. Under his astute guidance, Maldives became a side good enough to draw respect from fellow South Asian football powers India and Bangladesh.

Maldives have become a pain in the neck for the supposed superior Bangladesh. It has been years since Bangladesh have last defeated them. Even during their 1999 SAF Games triumph, Bangladesh lost their group game against Maldives 0-1.

## Proteas gain slim edge

COLOMBO, Aug 8 (AFP): Left-arm spinner Nicky Boje took his second five-wicket haul in Test cricket as South Africa gained a 21-run first innings lead in the decisive third and final match against Sri Lanka on Tuesday.

South Africa, who made 279, dismissed Sri Lanka for 258 with Boje taking five for 62 off 34 overs in an unchanged marathon spell.

By the close brought forward by heavy rain, 40 minutes after the tea break, South Africa had made 27 without loss, extending their overall lead to 48 runs with two days of the Test remaining to force a result.

Play in the morning was delayed by 90 minutes of the 105 overs scheduled only 62 were bowled due to the bad weather which has interfered with play throughout the first three days.

Both teams are level at one-all in the three-Test series and the weather will play an important role in deciding the fate of the match.

Boje, who had three wickets on the second day, added the wickets of Mahela Jayewardene and Arjuna Ranatunga for his second haul of five wickets in an innings of a Test.

The previous occasion the 27-year-old spinner from Free State took five for 83 against India at Bangalore early this year.

Sangakkara caught behind by Mark Boucher for 25 when he chased after a wide delivery.

Shaun Pollock cleaned up the tail with the second new ball by having Ruchira Perera (10) and Upul Chandana (32) caught in the outfield going for big hits.

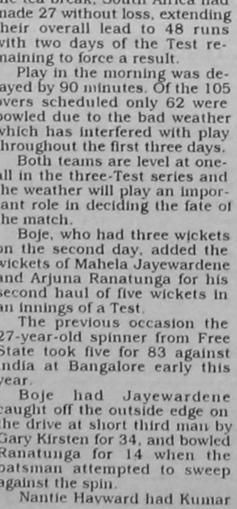
Pollock finished with three wickets for 40 runs.

Scoreboard at close of play on the third day of the final Test between Sri Lanka and South Africa played at the Sinhalese SC grounds on Tuesday:

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 279 (Klusener 95 not out; Vass 4/85)

**SRI LANKA:** First innings (138 for four overnight)  
Atapattu b Hayward 10  
Jayasuriya c Kirsten b Boje 85  
Arnold c Klusener b Boje 28  
De Silva b Boucher b Boje 2  
Jayewardene c Kirsten b Boje 34  
Vaas lbw b Pollock 5  
Ranatunga b Boje 14  
Sangakkara c Boucher b Hayward 25  
Chandana c McKenzie b Pollock 32  
Perera c Boje b Pollock 10  
Muralitharan not out 0

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Nicky Boje (R), the South African left arm spinner, sets off with a stump the fall of a Sri Lankan wicket at Colombo yesterday. Boje finished with hand of five for 62. — Internet photo

## Expatriate Chess Zia, Mizan share the lead

Sports Reporter

International Master Ziaur Rahman of Biman and Mizanur Rahman Labu of Farashganj Sporting Club were jointly leading the Expatriate Open Rating Chess Tournament table at the end of the penultimate round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the eighth of the nine-round Swiss league, Zia beat Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Imon of Ansars while Labu defeated Khandkar Aminul Islam of Leonine Chess Club to remain atop the table with seven points each.

The defeats pulled Imon and Aminul down to third position from the top slot.

Four players -- International Master Abdullah Al-Rakib, Shawkat Hossain Palab, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed -- were at the second spot with six and a half points each.

The final round of the 25,000 Taka tournament will start at the same venue today at 3 pm.

## Gavin is back

Sports Reporter

Gavin Benjafeld, the physio of Bangladesh cricket team, returned to the capital late Monday night after enjoying a two-month leave back home in South Africa.

Gavin, who has been working with the Bangladesh Cricket Board's Director of Development Eddie Barlow from September 1999, went on leave immediately after the conclusion of the Asia Cup at Dhaka in June this year.

"It was a nice vacation," said Gavin while talking to the Daily Star over telephone last night. Gavin also informed that he had had a phone conversation with Eddie yesterday and the former South African Test star, who is recuperating from a cerebral infarction, assured him that he would return to Dhaka on August 25.

## Puzzled PCB

UNDATED (Internet report): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) officials are reportedly fuming over team coach Javed Miandad's wage bill - more than four times that of any Pakistani player.

Karachi's Dawn newspaper reports that Miandad's fee as team coach between April and July amounts to Rs 7.2 million (135,000 US dollars).



JAVED MIANDAD

The PCB paid former coach Intikhab Alam Rs 550,000 (10,300 US dollars) for his services for two months before releasing him during the Test series with Sri Lanka in March.

Dawn's anonymous sources added that the senior most player of the team - un-named by the report - was paid Rs 1.6 million (30,000 US dollars) for the four-month tour.

The same sources reportedly added that Miandad's claim was one of the items on the agenda of PCB emergency meeting scheduled to be held in Lahore on August 15th. Miandad, by virtue of his status as member of the advisory panel, will also attend the meeting.



Players of Mohammedan and Azad fight for possession during their Green Delta Premier Division hockey encounter. — Star photo

## Mohammedan march on

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club extended their impressive all-win record to four when the holders handed down a 6-1 defeat on Azad Sporting Club in their Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League encounter at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

On a roll right from the start of the league, Mohammedan came out of their pale first half to overpower the youthful Azad, pumping in four goals in a space of 16 minutes after the lemon break.

The striking duo of the black and whites Shamim and Ramiz fashioned the big win sharing the five goals while star Pakistani recruit Tahir Zaman scored the other in the 59th minute.

Shamim gave Mohammedan a 2-0 lead at the breather with two quick goals. The diminutive centre forward, who joined Mohammedan this year from Abahani Krira Chakra, opened the account with a powerful hit

in the fourth minute after being nicely fed by hockey legend Shahbaz Ahmed.

Shabaz was again in the thick of things a minute later when the Pakistani charmer dodged past an Azad defender before setting Shamim up for his second goal.

Azad, a constellation of BKSP students, however gave Mohammedan a moment of discomfort when they made it 2-1 two minutes into the second session with Habul scoring a nice field goal.

But the soaring spirits of Azad died down quickly once Ramiz gave Mohammedan an unassailable 3-1 lead.

Involved in a healthy contest with Shamim, who threatened Ramiz's reputation as the leading scorer, the nimble forward scored his sixth goal in the league after the ball came by his way from a penalty corner.

Shamim leapfrogged his partner up front again when he scored his third goal in the match 18 minutes away from the final whistle. But Ramiz was not to be denied his share

as leading scorer with Shamim when he hammered his seventh goal from four games in the 60th minute.

The victory gave Mohammedan the solo lead with maximum 12 points. The other good news for Mohammedan was the return of Mahbulul Elisan Rana. Rana missed the last two games due to injury of his left shoulder in the opening league match Usha Krira Chakra, who played one match less, holds the second position with 9 points.

On the other hand, it was Azad's third defeat from four league encounters.

**FIRST DIVISION**  
Meanwhile, in the First Division League, Wanderers Club recorded a lone goal win over Mukta Bihanga in the 12th minute. Sabu scored the all-important goal for Wanderers in the 12th minute.

**TODAT'S MATCHES**  
Premier Division  
Usha KC v Ajax SC (4pm)  
First Division  
S Bina v Railway (2.15pm)

## Lillee knew it all along

PERTH, Aug 8: Australian fast bowling great Dennis Lillee says Brett Lee's bowling action was never suspect and he was disappointed his protege had been the subject of chucking allegations, reports AFP.

Australia's exciting young express bowler was cleared last week of throwing after two Indian umpires reported him to the International Cricket Council for a suspect action on a tour of New Zealand earlier this year.

Lee, 23, voted Wisden's International Young Cricketer of the Year shortly before the chucking controversy, took 18 wickets at an average of 17.44 while spearheading Australia to a 3-0 victory in the three Test series against the Kiwis.

Lillee said Tuesday he never thought there were any problems with Lee's bowling action and if he had, he would have addressed them. "I'm disappointed more than anything else, but I suppose the umpires, that's what they're there for, and if they've got some problem, they must report it, and it went through the process," Lillee said.



Fide master Enamul Hossain Rajib receiving his sixth place prize of the International Masters tournament — Karl-Mala-Gedenkstuvnir 2000, at Frankfurt, Germany on August 6. — Star photo

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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  - Norm (Abbr.)
  - Skewer
  - Believe
  - Not!
  - Please explain
  - Acress
  - Grand view
  - Zigzag downhill
  - Gnawing critter
  - Kreskin's claim
  - Equitable
  - Ladlog, for short
  - Addressee
  - Money of Pakistan
  - Obsessed
  - Vacationing
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  - He made his mark in menswear
  - Scepter topper
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  - hoop holders
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  - Working-class sort
  - It gets in your hair
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- CRYPTOQUIP**  
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PA YAXWFZYAO ZFTODPL  
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Yesterday's Cryptquip: THE TRAINED CANARY I PICKED OUT AT THE PET SHOP COULD ONLY DO CHEEP TRICKS.  
Today's Cryptquip Clue: D equals R
- The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.