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### SPORTS TALK



**Shane Warne**  
(Australian leg-spinner)  
"Rahul hit the bad balls for four and worked the singles. He is one of the best batsmen in the world and I enjoy our battle."

On Rahul Dravid.

### 'A wake up call for Australia'

MELBOURNE, Aug 21: Australia were Monday brooding on having let their three-match one-day cricket series against South Africa get away from them, reports AFP.

Vice-captain Adam Gilchrist said the one-all result in the series played for the first time indoors at the new Colonial Stadium had taught the Australian team a timely lesson.

"It gives us all something to work on in regards to preparation for Kenya and the season coming up," the wicketkeeper-batsman said Monday, referring to the October knockout tournament in Nairobi.

"It's a reality check — we are world champions, we have the record number of (one-day) wins, but one-dayers in particular prove on any given day, someone can beat you."

"It probably hasn't hurt us and we'll have to come back and hopefully learn and hurt a bit from the loss."

South Africa were outstanding over the last two games of the series, coming back from a 94-run thumping in the first game to tie the next and win Sunday's final match by eight runs.

The tourists were weakened by injuries and never had the advantage in the last two games, but justified their reputation as fighters.

While Shane Warne's strong form and Jason Gillespie's successful comeback to international cricket would have pleased the Australians, generally they were well off their best and failed to match the intensity of the South Africans.

"We feel if we play our best cricket we're the best team in the world and we should be able to beat everybody in the world," Gilchrist said.



Rahmatganj defender Kingshuk is airborne while clearing the ball during their Federation Cup encounter against Mohammedan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

## Nakib goal downs Rahmatganj

### Mohammedan given good run for their money

Sports Reporter

An 82nd minute strike by experienced forward Nakib gave Mohammedan Sporting Club a hard-fought goal win over Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society in the 16th Federation Cup at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The victory also ensured the black and whites a passage into the semifinal with a match in hand against fellow title contenders Muktiyoddha. The two titans will lock horns in the last Group B match on Wednesday.

Switched to Mohammedan this year after serving Muktiyoddha for half a decade, Nakib drew the dividing line between the two fiercely contested sides when he tapped the ball home after a powerful grounder from Rakib slipped past the outstretched Rahmatganj custodian Milon.

The goal however hardly reflected the keenly contested battle of 90 minutes, where fortune fluctuated from one end to the other throughout the proceedings.

Although Mohammedan survived the scare from a new-look Rahmatganj, which fielded as many as three national booters, the popular Motijheel outfit badly missed the service of their inspirational captain Alfaz Ahmed.

Scored four goals in his side 5-2 win against Santinagar on Saturday, Alfaz could play eight minutes only before being carried off the field. He was all in pain, clutching at his sore shoulder, a nagging discomfort he developed in the previous match.

With Alfaz missing in action, Mohammedan discovered a highly combative opponents in Rahmatganj, who displayed perhaps their best game of the Cup this year so far.

The spirited old town outfit sent the chill down the spine of their more vaunted opponents when their star national striker Moin drove a low left-footer from the edge of the box in the 18th minute. But it was magnificently fisted away by custodian Nazim.

The Mohammedan keeper saved his side again three minutes later when he tipped the ball away with two Rahmatganj attackers waiting to pounce on at the far post.

After surviving those close calls, Mohammedan regrouped themselves for counter offensive. They came close to scoring when an airborne Nakib came up with a spectacular header in the 26th minute off a Jahangir cross from the right. But the ball nipped the near post by an inch.

Mohammedan looked more impressive in the second half and created better chances than those of Rahmatganj.

In the 69th minute, Rakib had only to beat Milon, but he

blasted the ball miles over the crossbar, much to the dismay of his teammates.

Rahmatganj sent in Ranjan to give more bite to their attack, and the play of Gabinda almost paid dividend when the former national winger with a lethal left-foot set Milon up with a deft fence-slicing through. But the latter fired the ball over the bar with only Nizam at his mercy.

Rakib wasted another opportunity before he finally made it up in the 82nd minute. After winning the ball in the Rahmatganj half, Rakib intelligently headed the ball over the last defender before galloping down the box. He then drove an angular shot, which an advancing Milon could partially parry off to Nakib.

Rahmatganj could still run away with a creditable draw, had not an Anwar attempt kissed over the bar during the injury time. It was Rahmatganj's second defeat from as many matches.

**TEAMS**  
Mohammedan SC: Nizam, Rezaul, Faisal, Ruhul Amin, Jewel Rana, Selim, Motiur Muina, Jahangir (Pappu), Rakib, Alfaz (Shoaib, Titu) and Nakib.

Rahmatganj MFS: Milon, Monsur, Deen Mohammad, Kingshuk, Mintu, Anwar, Shuvro, Shamim (Javed), Jalal (Murad), Tipu (Ranjan) and Moin.

Referee: Ibrahim Nesar

## India issue new code

BANGALORE, Aug 21: Indian cricket officials on Sunday unveiled a code of conduct which debars cricketers from the game if they are found guilty of betting or match-fixing, reports AFP.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) banned players and team officials from betting on any matches and said they would be debarred from playing for a minimum of five years.

"As a maximum penalty, they shall be debarred from playing or holding such positions for the rest of their life, or fine as assessed in the light of actual circumstances, and shall also include forfeiture of benevolent fund and benefit matches," the code said.

"In such event, the records, achievements made by them in their respective fields will be removed from the official records of the board, making them ineligible to make such claims thereafter."

The code of conduct was unveiled amid a shocking match-fixing scandal that rocked cricket involving top Indian and foreign players.

The scandal erupted in April when Delhi police slapped match-fixing charges against now-disgraced South African captain Hansie Cronje and three of his team-mates.

The BCCI also disallowed players and team officials from using any "communication equipment on or off the ground from anytime they leave the hotel till the time they return to the hotel after the game for a particular day" without the prior permission of the manager.

"No cell phone shall be carried to the ground either during practice session or on actual match days," it said.

The report said the entire foreign exchange earned "except daily allowances on tour, shall have to be accounted for and deposited with the board immediately on their return."

It also prohibited any player from publishing any matter relating to any strategy "nor express views in the media. Only the captain and the coach can do that."

The conduct also barred any player or team official from "engaging in any activity prejudicial to the board" and made it compulsory for all players to attend match practice.

The player or team official shall not be accompanied by any other person, except their wife, without getting prior approval of the board," the code said.

"Without the board's approval no player shall invite anyone to the dressing room... and shall disclose gifts received in excess of 50,000 rupees (1,150 dollars) within 15 days," it said.

The board said it would slap a fine of 100,000 rupees or a ban up to five or eight one day internationals or three test matches if players violate the code.

## Green Delta Hockey

### BSC record first victory

Sports Reporter

Promotees Bangladesh Sporting Club (BSC) yesterday recorded their first win in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium. They defeated Farashganj Sporting Club 1-0.

In an eye-soring affair, Rubel scored the all-important goal converting a short corner 13 minutes into the first half.

Bangladesh Sporting raised their tally to four points from six matches. On the other hand, it was the fourth defeat for Farashganj against three wins which kept them stuck on nine points.

**FIRST DIVISION**  
In the First Division, Wari Club trounced Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha 5-0.

Pakistani striker Selim Khalid scored four goals while Jewel completed the rout. The winners led the first half 3-0.

**TODAY'S MATCH**  
Premier Division  
Mohammedan SC v Mariner (4 pm)

### Div II chess

Sports Reporter

Three teams—Fighter Chess Club, Sat Rawza Nabin Sangha and Dhaka Daba Ghar—were sharing the top spot in the Second Division Chess League table after winning their respective second round matches at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the day's fixtures, Fighter CC beat Hazari Bagh Friendship Sporting Club 3-1, Sat Rawza Nabin Sangha blanked Crescent Chess Club 4-0 while Dhaka Daba Ghar beat Liberty Chess Club 3-1. All the three have seven points each.

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

### IFA lift Shamsul Huda Gold Cup

JESSORE, Aug 21: Indian Football Association (IFA) team clinched the title of the fourth Shamsul Huda Gold Cup football tournament beating BKSP by 3-0 in the final at the local stadium here today, reports BSS.

The goals were scored before the breather. Mridul, Najimul Haq and Kazal scored one goal each in the 23rd, 27th and 32nd minutes respectively.

Najimul was adjudged the best player-of-the-tournament that featured 16 teams including IFA team.

Ali Reza Raju, MP, witnessed the final as the chief guest and gave away trophies.

### 'Windies must drop King'

LONDON, Aug 21 (Internet report): Fast bowler King has struggled for form and consistency in the four-Test series and sent down four no-balls, three wides and several wild deliveries in his 11 overs in England's only innings of the two-day fourth Test loss, conceding 48 runs in the process.

"King has to be dropped for the final Test because he cannot bowl, bat or field," Holding wrote in England's Daily Telegraph.

"Even if there are no fast bowling replacements available, Mahendra Nagamootoo, the leg-spinner, would surely contribute more."

Holding bemoaned the whole side's sub-standard fielding and noted that, "even something as simple as backing up, which ought to be learned in school, appears to be beyond the West Indies."

"It is hard to understand how two coaches, one of whom, Roger Harper, was one of the West Indies best ever fielders, cannot teach them the basics," he said.

### Aussies sledge 'gagging law'

MELBOURNE, Aug 21 (Internet report): Australia's cricketers are up in arms about a proposed law that will crack down on sledging.

A proposed law to penalise teams guilty of misconduct — including sledging — has come under fire from Australia's cricketers.

The president of the Australian Cricketers Association, Tim May, told reporters that Australia planned to lodge a formal protest with the International Cricket Council against the law which allows umpires to fine teams five runs if players are found guilty of distracting or unduly sledging their rivals.

"We are disappointed with the ruling," said May. "Historically, such rules are fraught with danger."

"The ACB has asked for our recommendations on all rule changes. We have made it very clear what we thought of this particular rule."

## Muktis book semis berth

Sports Reporter

Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra moved into the 16th Federation Cup semifinals with a 2-0 win over First Division Prantik Krira Chakra in their Group B match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, forward Farhad and midfielder Asif scored two goals in 17 minutes to help their side post their second successive victory in the four-team group which also includes Favourites Mohammedan Sporting Club and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society. The red and whites beat Rahmatganj 4-1 in their opening match on Friday.

Strangely last year's runners-up began the game in complacent mood. Muktiyoddha created several chances to go in front but each time poor finishing let them down.

Striker Farhad missed the easiest opportunity. In the 31st

minute after receiving an Asif cross from the left, only volleyed the ball over the cross piece from three yards.

However, the balding Chittagongan made amends for his first half gaffe after with a brilliant goal after the breather.

Asif put the issue beyond doubt heading a Masood Rana free kick from the left in the 65th minute.

Muktijoddha raised their tally to six points and confirmed their berth in the August 25 semifinals along with Mohammedan Sporting Club from the same group.

Mohammedan beat Rahmatganj 1-0 in the day's other match, also have equal six points from two matches.



Prantik's Moniruzzaman (L) appears to have lost his balance while yying for the ball with Johnny of Muktiyoddha during their Federation Cup fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. — Star photo

## Spirited SA come to S'pore

SINGAPORE, Aug 21: After a hard-fought series against Australia in Melbourne, the South African squad arrived here for the 2000 Singapore Challenge cricket tournament bubbling with enthusiasm, reports AFP.

Playing indoors for the first time and finishing level at 1-1 against the Australians, the second game having ended in a tie, skipper Shaun Pollock was profuse in praising the young members of his side.

"The new boys have come off very well. They showed they had it in them to play top flight cricket, especially when the chips were down after game one," Pollock said.

"We not only managed to tie a nearly lost game two but won a close game three as well to finish level in this away leg of the series," Pollock said here Monday at a media briefing.

South Africa beat Australia 2-1 at home in April in the first leg of the series.

"It shows that the South African team has depth and we can find adequate replacements when required," added the skipper.

The team needed a replacement wicketkeeper for the injured Mark Boucher, and Nic Potas has flown in from Barbados where he was touring with the South African A team. The tournament started with an opening match Sunday between Pakistan and New Zealand. Pakistan won a closely fought match.

"Potas has already arrived so you will not see (Jacques) Kallis and Pollock alternating behind the wickets and bowling from the other end... though we still need to find him clothing for Wednesday's game," said team manager Goolam Rajah with a smile.

Pollock admitted he had not done such things since school days but it always helps to know that there are players in the side who are not afraid to don the gloves, especially in a tough match as it was against the Australians.

On the team's chances of success here, coach Graeme Ford made a candid admission: "I was worried after the way we caved in to go one down (against the Australians)."

"But then the boys bounced back magnificently and I am sure we are ready to go away with the cup from here as well, even though it is our first visit here and we have no idea what the wicket plays like," Ford said.

The South Africans are also without mercurial Jonty Rhodes who was not named in the original squad for Singapore.

Boucher has a deep cut on his index and middle fingers and Rhodes has a thigh strain but both players are expected to be fit for international duty before the ICC knockout tournament starting October 2 in Kenya.

South Africa play their first game on Wednesday against Pakistan, followed by the encounter with New Zealand on Friday.

The top two teams in the tournament will battle it out in Sunday's final for the top prize of 20,000 US dollars.

## India has strong proof

Crime branch chief Paul did not specify a time-frame for the formal prosecution of the tainted players.

"It will take time as there are many aspects which need investigating," he said.

Paul said the name of a fifth South African player, Henry Williams, had cropped up several times in the taped conversations of Cronje and Chawla.

"Williams will be part of the overseas investigations," Paul said.

Paul's comments came a day after India's Sport Minister Sukhdhv Singh Dhindsa said the police were making "frantic" efforts to extradite Cronje to India.

Dhindsa told a private television network that the process was likely to take time as India and South Africa have no extradition treaty.

A South African team of prosecutors is scheduled to visit India later this month and New Delhi hopes to reopen extradition negotiations then, sources said.

The Cronje scandal opened a can of worms in India and prompted raids on national cricketers and bookmakers by income tax detectives. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) also launched a probe, questioning some nine players for their suspected role in match-fixing.

Sports Minister Dhindsa said the CBI would hand over its probe report to the government early next month.



HANSIE CRONJE  
Boje and Pieter Strydom in April this year.

The four cricketers were charged with fixing some of the matches South Africa played against India during their tour of the subcontinent in March.