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2	Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?	Wasim	Waqar	Moin
3	Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?	Aminul	Akram	Naimur
4	Who won the AB Bank Men's TT title?	Armanita	Ruman	Mariners
5	Who was voted Germany's footballer-of-the-year in 2000?	Kahn	Samer	Reuter

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**JU soccer
 starts**

SAVAR, Sept 5: The inter-department football competition of Jahangirnagar University began at the central playground of the university today, reports UNB.

Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Tajul Islam inaugurated the competition.

In the inaugural match, Department of Statistics defeated BBA 4-2.

For Statistics, Ismail scored three goals and Uzzal one while Ata scored both goals for BBA.

**Hockey return
 leg starts
 today**

Sports Reporter

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on premotives Sonali Bank in the first match of the return leg of the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League which begins at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium today at 4 pm.

Mohammedan finished the first round at the top of the table (24 points) winning all their eight matches while the bankers have seven points from their eight games.

Ahamed, who finished the first round in second position with 17 points, will take on Bangladesh Sporting Club in their return leg opener tomorrow at 4 pm.

Div I hockey

Bangladesh Railway and Wari Club won their respective return leg matches of the Green Delta First Division Hockey League by big margins at the Moulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium today (Tuesday).

Railway outplayed Sadharan Bima 6-2 in the first match after leading the first half 3-1.

Zahidul Islam and Gregor struck twice each while Sudhir and Alfaz scored apiece for the winners. Murad and Selim netted for the losers.

Wari Club also thrashed Dhaka Wanderers Club 6-2 after leading the first half 2-1.

Selim Khalid netted three goals while Pappa, Arif and Rahat scored one goal each for the Wari. Imran Haider and Jubaier scored for the Wanderers.

Mehrab misses African safari

Selectors honour captain's opinion

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The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced a 14-man squad for the ICC Knock-out Tournament in Kenya and the tour to South Africa.

As an aberration to the usual practice, the three-man selection panel headed by Tauvir Haider respected the opinion of the newly appointed Bangladesh captain Naimur Rahman, who preferred both experienced left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique and Enamul Hoque in the tour party.

Naimur, who took up the most demanding job replacing Aminul Islam last month, has also convinced the selectors to include an itchy-feet Al-Shahriar in the side. The ganging stroke-maker however has been an inconsistent customer despite being rated as a fine prospect.

The omission of opener Mehrab Hossain was the only thing that neither Naimur nor the selector wanted. The lone centurion of the country in one-day cricket missed the African safari due to injury.

Although the dashing right-hander attended the training camp for the last two weeks, the selectors decided not to take any risk on advice from South African physio Gavon Benzafield.

"He is an important member of the team. But he is not fit enough at the moment. We do not afford to risk his injury. We have decided to give him further break so that he can get himself fit before our inaugural Test against India," said chief selector Tauvir Haider after the Board approved the selection last evening.

In case of the bowling department, the selectors decided

to stick with the experienced spin duo of Mohammad Rafique and Enamul Hoque. Fahim Muntasir and Sabir Khan, the two young off-spinners on the Board's pay roll along with sixteen more cricketers.

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"We have approached all the nine Test-playing nations for playing a Test series. It would be a wise decision on our part to grab any opportunity that comes by," said Saber. But the BCB boss declined to make any further comments.

"I can only tell you that we are keen to play at least 18 Test series against different teams in the next five years," said Saber.

Saber, who was due to attend the conference in Dubai, opted out of the trip for his commitments at home. BCB general secretary Syed Ashraf Ali Huq will fill in for Saber at Dubai.

MEHRAB HOSSAIN...
 rested

failed to make it to the final four.

Fahim has managed a place in the standby list of four. Sabir on the other hand was left out along with seven other cricketers, called up in the primary camp.

"They are too young to make it to be selected. I think, Naimur is presently doing an excellent job as an off-spinner," Tanvir reasoned.

But Tanvir spoke highly of young left-arm seamer Bikash, who is set to make his international debut after his impressive domestic show for Kalabagan. Bikash will form the three-man seam attack with Monjurul Islam and Hasibul

Stand by: Rajin Saleh, Fahim Muntasir, Aminul (jr.) and Ashraful



Former Indian wicketkeeper Kiran More (L) watching a few youngsters stretching while his legendary compatriot Bishen Singh Bedi and Pakistani Mushtaq Mohammad giving tips at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium yesterday. Besides, Pakistani Sarfraz Nawaz and Sri Lankan Roshan Mahanama are also in town. The five instructors will conduct a 10-day programme at Dhamondi and the BKSP to train 75 youngsters as part of International Cricket Council's specialised courses in batting, pace bowling, spin bowling and wicketkeeping.

—Star photo

Notices issued to Pak stars

KARACHI, Sept 5 (AP): The Pakistan Cricket Board has upheld fines against six players caught up in a match-fixing scandal as recommended by a judicial probe into the affair, PCB chief General Tauqir Zia said today.

The PCB received a letter from the ICC's code of conduct commission inquiring what action the PCB has taken against the players fined in the report.

Some ICC members have raised questions over Pakistan's implementation of the report.

"We will brief the ICC commission about the progress in its meeting in Kenya next month," Zia said.

He said the fines recommended in the report would be taken from the players' fee before the ICC knock out event in Nairobi.

Zia said the PCB had rejected Malik's response to the notice.

"We have conveyed to Malik that he has given arguments against the ban instead of telling us whether he challenges the ban or not," the PCB chief said.

Malik, who pleaded with the board to lift the ban, has been given 10 days to submit his reply, he added.

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"I will meet Mutiah in Dubai and will convince him that ACF and Asian Cricket Council (ACC) will only be successful if both countries play each other," he said.

Zia said the ACF at its two day meeting starting on Wednesday would establish a system to raise funds for the advancement of the game in the region.

Dinajpur Nat'l Youth v'ball champs

Dinajpur emerged as the new champions in the SAICO National Youth Volleyball Championship beating Comilla 25-14, 25-20, 22-25, 17-25, 15-9 in the final at the Mirpur Shaheed Suhrawardi Indoor Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Jhenidah finished third beating Rajshahi by 3-2 sets.

President of the Bangladesh Volleyball Federation Maj Gen (Rtd) Mohammed Azizur Rahman distributed prizes.

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT: The England team forms a guard of honour for Courtney Walsh as he comes to wicket for his last Test innings in England on September 4.

—AFP photo

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