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## SPORTS TALK



### Tiger Woods

(American golf superstar) "It is the time to rest when I am not playing. This week I am at work and that means I want to win. You can not turn the switch on and off."

Said during the US PGA Championship, which he eventually won, this year.

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#### Competition-135

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Competition closes at 8 pm Sept 8, 2000 and draw shortly afterwards

1 Who scored the first hat-trick in this year's Fed Cup football?

Ritu Kanchan Tannir

2 Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?

Wasim Waqar Moin

3 Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?

Aminul Akram Nainur

4 Who won the AB Bank Men's TT title?

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'Worse is coming!'

LONDON, Sept 7: West Indies Test cricket is doomed to years of failure and defeat, according to their former Test pace bowler Michael Holding, reports Reuters.

Holding, writing in Wednesday's Daily Telegraph, said: "Everybody connected with West Indies cricket has to understand this team are going to be beaten regularly for the next few years."

Stung by West Indies' first Test series defeat by England since 1969, Holding added: "There are a few people on this tour who should never get near a West Indies squad again."

The only way forward is to build a better team from players with the right attitude, which is ultimately more important than talent. England are a good example for us to follow."

### Technology to be tested

LONDON, Sept 7 (Reuters): Cricket chiefs are to investigate the use of technology to determine LBW decisions, the International Cricket Council announced on Thursday.

The United Cricket Board of South Africa will experiment with devices to assist with LBW decisions in domestic cricket this season before reporting back to the ICC with their findings.

The ICC will review all the evidence May next year.

"Any system considered for LBW decisions will have to be proven and the technology will need to be available in all test-playing countries," the ICC said in a statement.

The ICC currently uses slow motion video to determine close run-out decisions when an umpire is unsure.

Scientists at German company Siemens said on Tuesday they had invented a machine which can clarify LBW decisions.

The instrument adapts a military missile-tracking system to predict the path of a cricket ball. In the case of an LBW decision, it can calculate to within 5mm whether the ball would have hit the stumps.

## Fitness gets average mark

Hasan Masood, back from BKSP



The Bangladeshi national cricketers have an average fitness level which falls well below the international standard, according to team physio Gavin Benjafield.

The young South African joined the team a year ago along with countryman and Bangladesh Cricket Board's (BCB) Director of Development Eddie Barlow. He replaced Australian physio Alan Hunt who had a very successful three-month stint with Bangladesh's 1999 World Cup squad.

Benjafield was giving his views regarding the physical conditions of the players during a conversation with the Daily Star Sport at the Africa bound team's Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) camp yesterday.

Bangladesh will play in the 11-nation ICC Knock-out tournament in Kenya and then tour South Africa in October.

BCB named a 14-member squad on September 5 after a 20-day long conditioning camp held at BKSP and Cox's Bazar. Twenty-six cricketers took part in the camp.

The conditioning camp was an eye-opener, believes Benjafield.

"Before we went to Cox's Bazar, there was a fitness test for everyone except Aminul Islam, who was in England. The test helped each cricketer to know which areas they need to improve upon," he said.

"There are many areas such as strength, speed, stamina and

flexibility which concerns overall fitness. Nobody has it all. The difference is that before the test nobody had any clear idea about his own fitness but now they all know where they are. They have a graph on chart where their progress is monitored." Benjafield informed that the chart is a guideline for the individuals.

"At the moment not everyone

"For example, the skipper Nainur Rahman doesn't have to work on speed. His speed is very good... his strength is also very good. But his flexibility and stamina is below average. Again a player like young Ashraf, he has very good stamina but he lacks speed and strength."

"Overall, the bowlers of the team are fitter than the batsmen, but still they are some way off the international level" he added.

About the six-day fitness camp by the sea at Cox's Bazar, Benjafield thought the duration was a bit short. "It should've been a ten-day camp," he opined.

He also emphasised on the fact that the cricketers must remain serious about their health and fitness and work on it all-year round and not just during the cricket season.

Replying to query on the fitness of old guards - Akram Khan and Aminul Islam - Benjafield informed, "He (Akram) is pretty much on the average line for batsmen and I have no worries about him. About Aminul, I'm afraid I can't say much as he has only recently joined the camp and has not appeared in any fitness tests so far."

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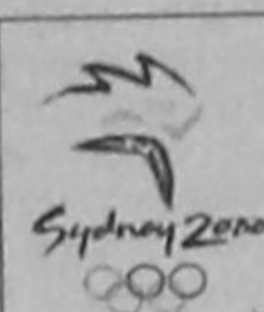
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## The Greatest Ritual of Sports



COUNTDOWN

7 Days to go

Samar Nassar, to be the first Palestinian female to represent her country in an Olympic Games, holding her country's national flag in Amman September 6. The Palestinian team left for Sydney yesterday.

## Asif saves Muktijoddha

Sports Reporter

An injury-time strike by Asif gave title contenders Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra a sensational lone goal win over Brothers Union in the National Bank Premier Football League at the floodlit Gabgambh National Stadium yesterday.

The all-reds were on the verge of conceding their first point at the nascent stage of the league when Asif headed home the all-important goal four minutes into injury time much to the relief of his teammates.

The tall midfielder playmaker who joined Muktijoddha from Arambagh this year, stabbed a perfect free-kick from Masud Rana from the far post, giving no chance to an otherwise flamboyant Brothers custodian Tony.

The victory enabled Muktijoddha, who finished third last year, to share the top spot with champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra - all three teams having six points from two games.

Although Asif seized the spotlight, it was due to the brilliance of Masud Rana that earned Muktijoddha three valuable points.

The experienced left wing-back, considered one of the finest players the country has ever produced, not only set Asif

up with an imaginative free-kick but also pulled off a couple of goal-line saves in the first half.

In fact, had the veteran player not been on hand to deny Brothers' Monir and then Hari Khadka 38 minutes into the first half, the result may have been different.

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Scene from yesterday's National Bank Premier Division football league fixture between Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra and Brothers Union at the Bangladesh National Stadium. - Star photo

## CBI interrogates Kapil

NEW DELHI, Sept 7 (Internet report): With his job as national coach on the line in the wake of his criticism of the cricket board's functioning, former India skipper Kapil Dev on Thursday deposited before the CBI in what is supposed to be the last such appearance by a cricketer in connection with the match-fixing probe.

Kapil Dev, whose residence and office were raided by the Income Tax officials during a nation-wide swoop on cricketers, administrators and bookies on July 20, appeared before the agency on being summoned and was questioned regarding former teammate Manoj Prabhakar's allegations against him and the match-fixing controversy in general. CBI spokesman S M Khan told reporters.

Prabhakar had alleged that Kapil Dev offered him a bribe to underperform in a Singer Cup match against Pakistan in Colombo in 1994. Kapil Dev has denied the allegations.

The captain of the 1983 World Cup winning Indian team looked quite cheerful on emerging out of the CBI headquarters after his one-and-a-half-hour-long grilling by the agency sleuths and even stood smiling outside the building for nearly five minutes, allowing the press photographers all the time to click away to glory.

But he was not as obliging when it came to taking on questions from the inquisitive

reporters camping outside the CBI headquarters in South Delhi since noon. He left after making a brief statement.