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1 Who scored the first hat-trick in this year's Fed Cup football?  
Rajib, Rangana, Tamveer  
2 Who is Pakistan's cricket team captain?  
Wasim, Waseem, Moin  
3 Who is the captain of Bangladeshi cricket team?  
Anamul, Akram, Naimur  
4 Who won the AB Bank Men's TT title?  
Arusacinda, Bumman, Maroers  
5 Who was voted Germany's footballer-of-the-year in 2000?  
Kahn, Sammer, Reuter

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## SPORTS TALK



**Maurice Greene**  
(American star sprinter)  
I give him all the respect he deserves.

On Michael Johnson

## Cricketers off to Kenya

Sports Reporter

A 17-member Bangladesh cricket team, led by all-rounder Naimur Rahman, left for Nairobi last night to take part in the Second ICC Knockout tournament to be held from October 3 to 15.

The team, which includes 14 cricketers and three officials, is expected to reach the port city of Mombassa via Dubai and Nairobi this evening.

During their week-long stay in Mombassa, Bangladesh will play two practice matches against hosts Kenya and Sri Lanka on September 28 and October 1. The team is expected to reach Kenyan capital on October 1.

Bangladesh will take on England in their opening match of the 10-nation cricket carnival at the Nairobi Gymkhana ground on October 3.

Bangladesh will later proceed to South Africa to play a four-day match against a provincial side and three limited-over matches against South Africa A.

## El Guerrouj's motivation

**SYDNEY**, Sept 24: Hicham El Guerrouj begins his campaign for the gold medal in the 1500m Monday claiming that an almost military approach will help him erase the nightmare of the Atlanta Games where a fall scuppered his bid for the title, reports AFP.

El Guerrouj goes into the metric mile in the knowledge that he is one of the hottest favourites in the Sydney track and field programme as his bids to land the one major title to elude him.

"I respect my opponents but I deserve this medal," said El Guerrouj, who lines up in the heats on Monday. "I am like a soldier ready for battle."

El Guerrouj will hope he can count on the support of his team-mates who will help pace him during the race to put him in prime position for the closing 400m where he generally makes the telling breakaway — that policy worked superbly at the 1999 World Championships at Seville, Spain.

But should he be the only Moroccan in the final he is well aware of the pitfalls of running alone where just one stray heel or elbow can end the race for a competitor.

In Atlanta he tumbled out and then had to watch Algeria's Nouredine Morelli romp away with the gold.

"Destiny was against me at Atlanta but I hope this time it will be on my side," said the current holder of three world records in the 1500m, mile and 2000m.

El Guerrouj has prepared for his campaign far from the pollution of Rabat in the mountains of Ifrane accompanied by his coach Abdulkader Kada.



Mohammedan captain Alfaz Ahmed (L) creating an opportunity against Arambagh during their National Bank Premier Division Football League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

## Nakib nullifies Arambagh

Sports Reporter

Nakib struck twice, once in each half, to give holders Mohammedan Sporting Club a 2-0 victory over Arambagh Krira Saugha in a National Bank Premier Football League match at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The delightful double of the lanky former national striker also took him to the top of the leading scorers' list with nine goals, one more than Abahani's Ghanaian forward Kennedy, and his side at the top of the League table with maximum 21 points from seven games.

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