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SPORTS TALK



Savo Milosevic
(Yugoslav international striker)
"I am a footballer, not a politician. I did not want to make a political statement... but I felt I had a moral obligation to be with my people and support their will."
After joining protesters against his namesake, President Slobodan Milosevic.

Dull draws

Sports Reporter
The latest round of matches in the six-a-side football competition of the Dhaka Sports Union produced draws at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.
Sangram and Muktakantha shared points after goalless encounter in Group C. The same was the case when Inqilab and BNS met in Group D. In another game Jugantar earned a walkover against Al-Anin when the latter did not turn up.
The Daily Star begins their Group C campaign against Ajker Kagoj today at 10 am at the same venue.

Salgado blames Anelka

MADRID, Oct 6: Real Madrid and Spain defender Michel Salgado had a dig at former teammate Nicolas Anelka on Friday, saying the France striker should have "told the truth" about his unhappy year at the club, reports AFP.
Salgado told La Razon daily it was high time someone gave Real's side of the story after Anelka's account of how badly he was treated in Spain before going home to join Paris-Saint-Germain.
But Salgado said the players would have helped him to settle if he had only confided in them.
"The dressing room never turned its back on him because he didn't like us," insisted Salgado.
"He never told us about his problems. If he had the players would have helped him."
"He acted badly in refusing to train or play - though he was pardoned for that. But if you then stay in your corner you don't then ask for the help of others."
"He should show the club more respect and tell the truth. In reality he didn't feel at home in Madrid, he didn't adapt and he was not happy. It's not other people's fault," Salgado added.
Anelka moved back to first club PSG for 31 million dollars in July after a tumultuous season in which he was suspended for 45 days in March and fined 300,000 dollars for refusing to train.
"We then told them that if it



Mohammedan ace Alfaz Ahmed (R) heading is the equaliser for his side against Abahani yesterday.
— Star photo by Amran Hossain

Tie-break heartbreak for Abahani

Sports Reporter

Mohammedan Sporting Club sent Abahani further behind the title race when the holders pulled off a sensational 4-3 tie-break win over their arch-rivals in the last first round match of the National Bank Premier Football League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.
The Dhaka derby, which drew an almost packed audience at the big bowl, rolled into a shootout after the tians played out a 1-1 draw during the regulation 90 minutes.
Although Abahani custodian Biplob was reputed of being a penalty-stopper rather than his Mohammedans counterpart Nizam, it was the latter who in fact proved decisive.
Abahani's Ghanaian forward Kennedy scored the first shot, sending Nizam the wrong way. Nakib responded for Mohammedan in the same fashion.
Nizam redeemed himself by stopping the second spot-kick taken by Abahani's central defender Partho.
The delight of the Mohammedan supporters however was interrupted as Biplob saved Rakib's shot, diving to his right.
Mohammedan regained the initiative when Abahani's left-winger Kanchan drove the ball wide of Nizam's left-hand post.
And after Alfaz and Shoaib

scored for Mohammedan while Iqbal and Sabir Pasha scored for Abahani, it was then left to Jewel Rana to settle the issue.
The experienced central defender and former national captain did it in style, driving the ball into Biplob's left-hand post amidst thunderous applause from the loyal black and white supporters.
But Abahani could have escaped the tie-break trauma had their Indian forward Sabir Pasha not spoiled a sitter three minutes from the final whistle.
The nimble attacker, with a lethal left-foot, only managed to

| POINTS TABLE | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|-----|---|-----|----|----|--------|--|
| Teams | M | W | W/T | L | L/T | GF | GA | Points | |
| Muktijoddha | 9 | 7 | 1 | - | 1 | 17 | 2 | 24 | |
| Mohammedan | 9 | 7 | 1 | - | 1 | 20 | 4 | 23 | |
| Abahani | 9 | 6 | - | 2 | 1 | 18 | 5 | 19 | |
| Rahmatganj | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | - | 9 | 10 | 14 | |
| Dhanmondi | 9 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 16 | 12 | |
| Araabagh | 9 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 11 | |
| Farashganj | 9 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 12 | 11 | |
| Brothers Union | 9 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 10 | |
| Badda | 9 | 3 | - | 6 | - | 7 | 7 | 9 | |
| Victoria | 9 | - | 1 | 8 | - | 8 | 27 | 2 | |

Hattricks: Nakib (Mohammedan) against Dhanmondi Club; IM Vijayan (Muktijoddha) against Rahmatganj; Manju (Dhanmondi) against Victoria SC and Askar Babu (Farashganj) against Dhanmondi.
Leading goalscorers: 9 goals - Nakib (Mohammedan); 8 goals - Kannedy (Abahani); 6 goals - Moni (Rahmatganj); Manju (Dhanmondi); 5 goals - Alfaz (Mohammedan); 4 goals - Asif (Muktijoddha); Sohel (Victoria); Don (Abahani); 3 goals - IM Vijayan (Muktijoddha).



Mohammedan custodian Nizam (R) being embraced by coach Hasanuzzaman Khan after his heroics in the tie-breaker against Abahani yesterday.
— Star photo

PCB wants total neutrality

KARACHI, Oct 6 (Internet report): Pakistan will push for the appointment of neutral umpires at both ends in Tests during the International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting scheduled in Nairobi on October 16 and 17.
Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Lt Gen Tauqir Zia said in Lahore on Wednesday that they had already moved a proposal with the ICC in July suggesting appointment of two neutral umpires for a Test match.
"In Nairobi we'll carry the matter further and try to convince the others that this is a feasible idea."

was not possible to have neutral umpires, they should seek more help from technology."
He explained that Pakistan would stress in Nairobi that with the advancement in technology in cricket, there was nothing wrong with seeking more help from technology to make the game free of controversies.
"We showed the world the benefits of having an international panel of umpires and we don't see anything wrong with pushing for Test matches to be controlled totally by neutral umpires."

He believed umpires had to be told there was nothing wrong with seeking technological assistance to rule on close decisions. At the same time, he said, Pakistan had no problems with Australian umpire Darrell Hair supervising their October 8 match with Sri Lanka in Nairobi or coming to Pakistan in November to stand in the first Test against England.
"Yes I know the Sri Lankans have lodged a protest over Hair's appointment, but we've no problems at all and we don't plan to do anything similar."
The PCB chief stated that he was still undecided about attending the ICC meeting in Nairobi owing to his professional duties and if he was unable to make it, director cricket operations Yawar Saad would represent Pakistan.
nology in cricket, there was nothing wrong with referring close bat and pad decisions to television umpire.
Pakistan lost the final Test to the West Indies in Antigua earlier this year after the umpires turned down two clear

NZC taking no risks

WELLINGTON, Oct 6: New Zealand Cricket (NZC) will complete a report of all available international research on bowler's back injuries in a move prompted by recurring problems with three of its bowlers, the organisation said today, reports Reuters.
Bowlers Daniel Vettori and Dion Nash have been hit by flare-ups of old injuries leading to their leaving the tour of Zimbabwe and the ICC knockout tournament in Kenya.
Another bowler, Geoff Allott is still with the team but under close medical scrutiny.
NZ Cricket chief executive said the injury which forced Vettori home last month was of particular concern.
"All the medical assessments suggested that he had fully recovered from the injury he sustained last season, and he was fully fit."
His new injury has now raised concerns as to the thoroughness of the original diagnoses and bone scan," Doig said in a statement.
"It is accepted that more extensive and comprehensive bone scans are required in future with all bowlers to provide a greater certitude of diagnosis," he said.
"We have asked the medical panel to ensure that all New Zealand Cricket bowlers have access to the best quality specialist advice both in New Zealand and overseas," Doig said.
The medical panel will collate all available international research relating to risk factors for bowlers, including information on conditioning bowler technique, managing bowling loads and bowling intensity, the recovery schedule post-game and the number of games the players take part in.
The report will be completed by the end of October.
Doig said a small squad of pace bowlers would continue to be monitored and prepared in New Zealand at the High Performance Centre should they be required as replacements during a South African tour.

direct the ball straight at the onrushing custodian Nizam.
Although Nizam returned as a hero at the end of the day, the tall goalkeeper was equally responsible for the only goal Mohammedan conceded in the 35th minute.
A nervous Nizam, who had a nightmarish experience in the Federation Cup final against the same opponents earlier this year, failed to collect an innocuous header from Pasha.
His terrible lapse was gleefully accepted by a lurking Don at the near post who made no

Big Mac retires

UNDATED, Oct 6 (Internet report): Former Test all-rounder Brian McMillan on Thursday retired from first-class cricket.



BRIAN McMILLAN
The gentle giant opted not to see out the rest of his contract with Western Province this season because of business commitments.
The 36-year-old star, known as 'Big Mac' or 'Buckets' because of the size of his hands, first made his name as the youngest member of Clive Rice's feared "Mean Machine" Transvaal team of the 1980s, an experience which honed his extremely competitive nature.
After South Africa's return from isolation in 1991, McMillan entered the Test arena, making 1,968 runs in 38 Tests, including three centuries. He never took a five-wicket haul, either in Tests or one-day internationals, despite being an integral part of South Africa's seam attack.
He took 49 catches for South Africa in Tests, mostly in the slips or at silly point, which made him one of only two South Africans (the other is Bruce Mitchell) to have averaged more than one catch per Test match.

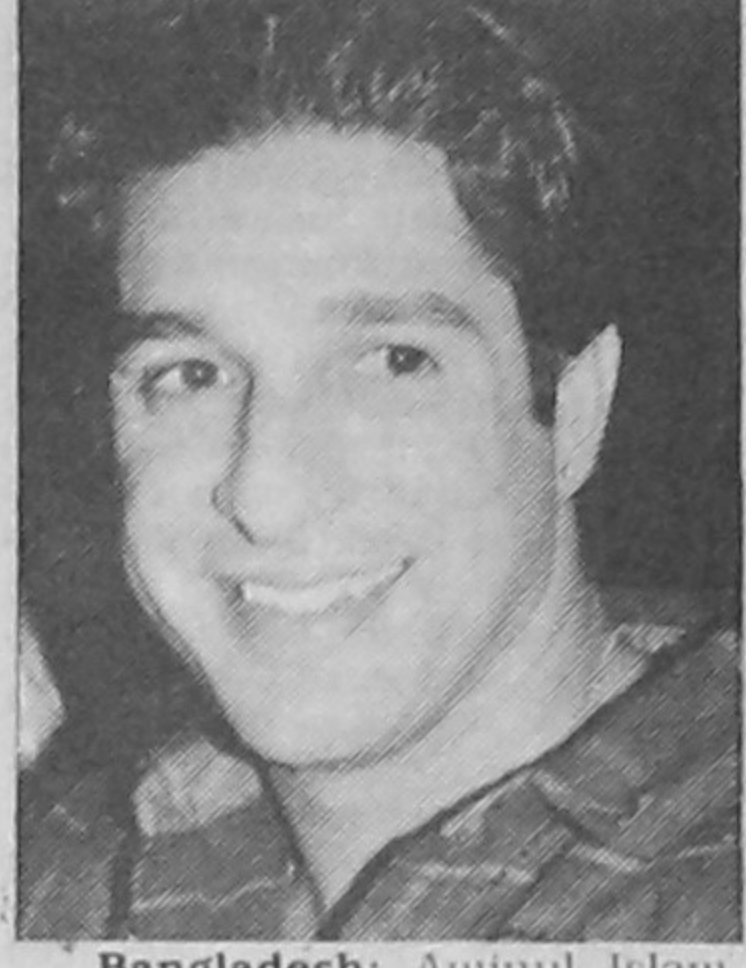
Kremlin hails its Olympians

MOSCOW, Oct 6: Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulated the country's most successful ever Olympic team after meeting Sydney Olympics medal winners in the Kremlin, reports AFP.
"We believed in you and made no mistake," Putin told the athletes.
"You earned the Olympic medals in a tough sporting competition due to your talent, skills and a lot of hard work," he added.
"I wish you further sporting achievements from all of my heart."
Olga Brusnikina, Olympic champion in synchronised swimming, and Olympic gold medal winner in tennis, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, praised Putin for his support on behalf of entire country's Olympic squad.

UAE to honour Wasim Akram

ABU DHABI, Oct 6 (Internet report): Abu Dhabi will host an international double-wicket cricket tournament named Tribute to Wasim Akram at the Al-Wahda Club's Al-Nahyan Stadium in December, the Abu Dhabi Cricket Council (ADCC) announced on Thursday.
Players from eight Test-playing nations Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, England, Bangladesh, New Zealand, Zimbabwe and Kenya have already confirmed for the second international tournament in Abu Dhabi, which is expected to bring the former Pakistan captain along with dashing batsman Shahid Afridi.
The tournament to be staged around December 15 to 18 will carry total prize money worth 25,000 dollars.
Under the format every team will be seen in action in the first three days of the round-robin league. Four matches will be played during the round-robin league, of eight over-a-side with the semifinals and final played over 10 and 12-overs-a-side.
The fielding side will be selected from a pool of the UAE-based players. Ten runs will be deducted each time a batsman gets out.
The players expected are:
Pakistan: Wasim Akram,

Shahid Afridi.
India: Saurav Ganguly, Robin Singh, Ajay Jadeja, and Mohammad Azharuddin.
Sri Lanka: Aravinda de Silva, Arjuna Ranatunga, Avishka Gunawardene, Kumara Dharmasena.
England: Craig White, Andrew Flintoff, Graeme Hick, Darren Gough.



Bangladesh: Anisul Islam, Akram Khan, Hasibul Hossain, and Minhazul Abedin.
New Zealand: Chris Harris, Nathan Asle, Craig McMillan, and Chris Cairns.
Zimbabwe: Heath Streak, Guy Whittall, Paul Strang, and Craig Evans.
Kenya: Thomas Odoyo, Steve Tikolo.

Slater craves for one-day action

SYDNEY, Oct 6: Test opener Michael Slater will use the inter-state limited-overs competition in a bid to realise an obsession by returning to Australia's one-day cricket team, reports AFP.
The dashing opening batsman has not played a limited-overs international for four seasons and is hoping New South Wales' schedule of at least 10 one-day games for the 2000-01 season, will prepare him for a national recall.
"It becomes a bit of an obsession," Slater said at Thursday's launch here of this year's domestic one-day competition.
At times I've missed out in the first game knowing that I might have only two Cup games - then the pressure I place myself under in the second game is pretty ridiculous.
Last year the few opportunities I had, I didn't do myself any favours performance-wise."
Despite being an aggressive and free-scoring batsman, Slater has struggled with the one-day format, averaging just 24 in 42 games for Australia.
His last match was in 1997 against England at The Oval.
The selectors have always said over the years they want to see one-day performances for the one-day game. Now that

we've got twice as many games it gives me a lot better opportunity to prove my worth," Slater said.
The re-jigged domestic competition features a home and away series with states playing each other twice.
Slater said he was concerned about consistency in international cricket, the 30-year-old bemoaning a lack of depth in many Test playing nations.
"You need four countries at least to be playing good, consistent cricket," he said.
"We need to see someone like the West Indies come back and become a force again."
Slater said he was looking forward to facing the West Indies despite their current lack of strength and was hopeful fast bowling great Courtney Walsh would make a farewell appearance in Australia.
In the past he's got me out a couple more times than I would have liked and I'd like to once and for all get the wood on him and score a few off him."



MICHAEL SLATER

Payday for Trine, Angelo

DOHA, Qatar, Oct 6: Olympic gold medalists Trine Hattestad of Norway and Angelo Taylor of the United States ran out the biggest winners here on Thursday on a night when 3.4 million dollars prize money was being handed out, reports AFP.
Hattestad, Norway's Olympic javelin champion, and the 21-year-old American 400m hurdler, Angelo Taylor, finished top of the overall IAAF Grand Prix standings and walked away with major cash prizes.
Taylor won his event here and so collected a total of 250,000 dollars for the individual wins and for heading up the final standings.
Hattestad, for once this season, was beaten, but only by one centimetre by Cuba's Sonia Bisset, but it was still good enough to see the Oslo housewife win 230,000 dollars.
Under the financial circumstances, Marion Jones, the triple Olympic gold medal

winner in Sydney, was reduced to a Grand Prix assured, although she ensured that she finished her season with a victory, clocking 11.00sec in the 100m.
In total, she will bank 150,000 dollars prize money for her night's work.
It was the 16th staging of the annual IAAF Grand Prix final, but only the second time it has been held outside Europe.
Britain's Mark Richardson, deprived of the chance to shine in the Sydney Olympics due to a doping case hanging over his head, had the last laugh.
Just 12 months after testing positive for a banned anabolic steroid, Richardson left the Khalifa International Stadium with a cheque for 50,000 dollars from the world governing body in his pocket.
Richardson, who pulled out of his pre-Olympic arbitration hearing in order to get more evidence to assist him in clearing his name of doping charges, was nevertheless allowed to run

at the International Amateur Athletic Federation's Grand Prix final here.
He duly won the 400 metres in 45.20sec, passing the fading Jerome Young down the home straight and outlasting Brazil's Sanderlei Parrela and the American Antonio Pettigrew.
Both Richardson and Parrela have tested positive for the controversial steroid, Nandrolone, in the past year, although Parrela was cleared to compete at the Olympics by his national federation.
Richardson, too, was cleared of all charges by UK Athletics, but had his case referred to the IAAF's arbitration hearing.
That case is still pending.
But changes in the IAAF's rules could mean that Richardson will still get to keep the whole 50,000 dollars event winner's prize from the Grand Prix final.
Istvan Gyulai, the IAAF secretary, said, "Under our new rules, if after the hearing Richardson is banned, then the two-year suspension will begin from the date of the hearing. Until then, he can race."
"He will be able to keep the money he wins here."
Richardson was buoyed by the outcome of his night's work.
"It's good to get back on a track and prove that I don't need help to run," Richardson said. "It's been quite a year and after missing Sydney, I just wanted to show what I could do. I think I did that today."



American Olympic champion Marion Jones waves after winning the 100m at the IAAF Grand Prix in Doha on October 5.
— AFP photo

Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Oct 6: Padma Sporting Club emerged champions in the Mayor Cup football tournament organised by Dorgapara Jubo Sangha played today at Rajshahi Collegiate School playground.
The winners defeated Zimnagar Sporting Club 1-0.
Captain Ripon slammed home the match winner in the 21 minute.
Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Mizanur Rahman distributed prizes as a chief guest.