

## SPORTS TALK



**Michael Slater**

(Australian cricketer)  
 "It becomes a bit of an  
 obsession."

About his eagerness to play  
 in the one-day internationals.

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### Amateur Cup Golf

Sports Reporter

Y. B. Kim and Farzana Islam  
 lifted the men's and ladies' titles of the ISL Second Amateur Cup Golf Tournament respectively that ended at the Savar Golf Club yesterday.

As many as 156 golfers, including a good number of women drawn from the country's leading clubs, took part in the nine-hole competition.

Besides the hosts the other clubs included Kurmitola Golf Club, Bhatiary Golf and Country Club, Jessor Golf Club and Mainamati Club.

After the competition concluded a prize distribution ceremony was held in the afternoon.

Savar Area Commander of Bangladesh Army Maj Gen Muhamed Masudur Rahman was the chief guest in the absence of Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Mustafizur Rahman.

An attractive lottery draw was held afterwards.

#### OTHER RESULTS

Ladies' Runner-up: Saleha Akter Banu; Men's First Runner-up: Zulfiqur Rahman; Men's Second Runner-up: Masuk Jinnah; Best Gross: Sadeque Quddus; Senior Winner: Maj Gen Amer Ali; Nearest to Pin: Chan Lee; Longest Drive: Faisal Khan.

### Magura cricket

From Our Correspondent  
 MAGURA, Oct 7: Raotara Cricket Club defeated Haripur Cricket Club by 99 runs in the Abdu Sattar-Laskar Smriti Cricket tournament at the Mithun-Kazal-Musa playground today.

Raotara batted first and made 181 losing all wickets in 20.3 overs.

In reply, Hazipur collected only 82 runs for all out in 15.3 overs.

**BRIEFSCORES**  
**RAOTARA CRICKET CLUB:**  
 181 all out in 20.3 overs (Milon 42, Asad 34, Rajib 29, Kauchon 8, Poltu 8, Shonkhan 7; Milon (Senior) 5/23, Simon 2/32, Mumu 1/15, Uzzal 1/22).  
**HAZIPUR CRICKET CLUB:**  
 82 all out in 15.3 overs (Dukhi 30, Zillu 7, Munna 7, Sumon 6, Shahajul 6; Asad 4/11, Nima 2/2, Poltu 2/24, Rajib 1/21).  
 Result: Raotara Cricket Club won the match by 99 runs.  
 Man-of-the-match: Asad.

## Why Bikash is there?

Sports Reporter



As the Bangladesh cricketers head off for a maiden tour of South Africa on Monday, the Test rookies travel with an injury to key left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam.

Monjurul bruised his bowling arm during a practice match against Sri Lanka and subsequently was sidelined from the ICC Knockout encounter against England in Nairobi on October 5.

His absence exposed Bangladesh's bowling deficiencies in that game which they suffered a comprehensive eight-wicket defeat.

While England deployed a four-pronged pace attack, Bangladesh surprisingly opted for one specialist seamer in Habibul Hossain and three spinners along with usual first-change pacer -- Mashfiq Babu.

As a precautionary measure Mahmud-ul Haq has sought a couple of replace-

ments, including a batsman.

However chief selector Tanvir Haider, who was not at all satisfied with the team management's performance against England, has sought a detailed statement about their request.

"I'm really surprised with the team's decision of not trying young fast bowler Bikash Ran-

jan Das. We have selected him for not carrying the water bottle. If Monjurul was injured they should have tried Bikash since he is the best available bowler at the moment," said Tanvir to the Daily Star Sport over telephone yesterday.

"We don't have anybody better than Bikash back home," he remarked.

In South Africa, Bangladesh will play a four-day match against a provincial team from October 12-15. Besides they will feature in three limited-over matches against the hosts second string side.

Against Nasser Hussain's Englishmen, the decision of Mashfiqur Rahaman to open the bowling with Hasibul who had a nightmarish first over that included six no balls and a wide, not only overshadowed an exciting batting display of Naimur's team, but also allowed critics to even question Bangladesh's induction into the Test echelon.

This was Bangladesh's first one-day appearance since they earned the Test status in June this year.

ball. Kenyans are not known for their enthusiasm of other sports.

NAIROBI, Oct 7 (AP): A dearth of spectators has marred the ongoing ICC Knockout Trophy tournament in the Kenyan capital.

Only 2,000 fans, most of them school children, were on hand when Kenya's President Daniel arap Moi tossed the coin for the opening match between the hosts and India in the 7,000-capacity Nairobi Gymkhana grounds on Tues-

day. But this huge expenditure has forced the organisers to raise gate charges.

The price of tickets range from 5,000 shillings (63 dollars) for the whole tournament to 300 shillings (eight dollars) per match which is still too high in a country where many people earn as little as 50 dollars a month.

"This is too expensive for me. That's enough money to keep me going for several weeks," said John Kinani, one of several cricket enthusiasts who turned back at the gate to the venue after being told how

much a ticket would cost.

"I would rather spend that money to buy food for my family than throw it away at Nairobi Gymkhana," said Kinani's friend, Joseph Kioko.

Money aside, many indigenous Kenyans have little knowledge of cricket, a sport they associate with members of the largely affluent Asian and European communities.

"Cricket is a very difficult sport to understand," former national athletics hurdles champion, Charles Osoi told the news agency.

"Many Kenyans find it hard to comprehend wickets, runs, stumps," he added.

But photo-journalist David Odhiambo differs: "It's a very interesting sport. People still go and watch basketball which is not interesting any more. They should switch to cricket!"

Organisers are hoping that attendance will improve during the weekend when quarterfinal matches get underway.

Kenya Cricket Association (KCA), with financial support from the International Cricket Council (ICC), spent about 40 million shillings (about 500,000 dollars) on a major rehabilitation of the tournament venue to bring it up to scratch.

The turn-out was even worse when the West Indies, making their first tournament appearance in Kenya, were thrashed all over the ground by Sri Lanka on Wednesday.

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