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## SPORTS TALK



**Greg Norman**  
 (Australian golf star)  
 "All the things that the Olympics stand for are what golf is all about. That golf isn't in the Olympics is a crying shame."

## Khulna soccer

**KHULNA**, Nov 6: Khulna Newsprint Mills Club defeated Khulna Brothers Union 2-0 in the opening match of the 13th Meghna Cement DSA Cup football tournament at the local stadium today, reports BSS.

The winners led the first half 1-0. Mehedi Hasan and Shaifur Rahman scored one goal each.

Earlier, Harunur Rashid, MP, general secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation, inaugurated the tournament.

Tomorrow's match: Winners Club vs Cosmos Club.

## Stewart in selection doubt

**KARACHI**, Nov 6 (Internet report): Alec Stewart's selection for the first Test against Pakistan next week is in doubt as doubts have been raised as to his mental state.

The former England captain has reportedly appeared drained and distracted since being accused of accepting money to provide information to a bookmaker in Indian Criminal Bureau into corruption, published last Wednesday. Stewart has denied the allegations repeatedly, and has received the backing of the English board.

Having been rested for last week's innings victory over the PCB Patron's XI in Rawalpindi, the wicket-keeper will take part Wednesday's four-day match against a Governor's XI to determine whether he is in a strong enough a mental state to feature in the first Test in Lahore, the Press Association reports.

"We would very much like him to play this week, but we'll have to wait and see," coach Duncan Fletcher told PA. "I'm pretty confident he'll play, but the events of the last week have to be of some concern."

"When you see one of the team go through that you have to look at his behaviour and keep him concentrating on the cricket."



BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury addresses a press briefing in connection with BCB's joint venture polio eradication programme (bowl out polio) at a city hotel yesterday. State Minister for Information Prof Abu Sayeed looks on. —Star photo

# BCB target polio

**Sports Reporter**

On the occasion as chief guest. Other important personalities present were Dhiraj Kumar Nath, the Additional Secretary Health and Family Welfare, Mashur Rahman, the Director General of Health Services, Kayote Oyebite, the Chief of Health and Nutrition of UNICEF, former minister and vice-president of PolioPlus Committee of Rotary Club International Habibullah Khan.

Welcoming the media and other invited guests, Saber Hossain said: "Today, the BCB is announcing its partnership with the Government of Bangladesh and coalition of international partners for polio eradication."

As cricket continues to grow in prestige and popularity, more and more children will want to become cricket stars in the years to come. Until polio is removed from the country, some of them may not realise their dreams because they might be attacked by the deadly virus.

The tragic example of 11-year old Anit, who was infected with wild poliovirus last year, reminds us of the severe consequences of polio infection. More recently, a five-month old girl named Dolly from Mirpur was also stricken with wild poliovirus just three months ago," the BCB supremo said adding that although Bangladesh has made great progress in reducing transmission of wild poliovirus throughout the country, it was still circulating among the children of Dhaka city.

Saber also warned that no children, be they poor or rich, were safe from the disease until all of them have been vaccinated and the virus had been totally eradicated.

To make people conscious about the importance of vaccinating their child, two National Immunisation Days (NIDs) will be conducted in Bangladesh on November 15 and December 17. The parents have been asked to vaccinate all their children below the age of five on the NIDs.

It was also revealed at the press conference that national team captain Naimur Rahman and ace batsman Akram Khan will take part in polio awareness videos.

# Windies open tour today

**PERTH**, Nov 6 (AFP): West Indies superstar Brian Lara, under growing pressure to break his silence over match-fixing allegations, has been selected to take the field in the tourists' opening clash of their Australian tour Tuesday.

Lara, 31, was included late Monday in the squad to take on an Australian Cricket Board Chairman's XI in a limited-overs game at Lilac Hill Park, Caversham, near here.

Earlier, team assistant coach Jeffrey Dujon had said the record-breaking left-hander was no certainty for the match.

"I would like to see him get as much practice as possible, but a one-day game is perhaps not ideal for him," Dujon had said.

The Windies team also includes young star batsmen 20-year-old Ramnaresh Sarwan and 21-year-old Daren Ganga.

Ganga will open with vice-captain Sherwin Campbell.

Young pace hopes 25-year-old Marlon Black and 20-year-old Kerry Jermy will also have their first workouts in Australian conditions.

Lara has batted at length in the Perth nets over the past two days, but there were doubts about his fitness.

He still has some soreness -- a legacy of a hamstring problem in England.

But Dujon said he was delighted Lara was prepared to turn out in the four-opening clash.

"The more match practice he gets, the better his mental condition will be, especially if he gets a couple of hundreds behind him," Dujon said.

Lara remains the side's big batting hope, especially in a team with so little experience at the top.

His fitness has been a major concern, and he has to work harder to keep in shape for the demands of international competition.

He was noticeably more generously proportioned during the England tour, but has shed a few kilograms recently.

"He has trimmed down a bit since England and is getting into trim now," Dujon said.

"I believe he is getting somewhere near where he wants to be."

Meanwhile, Lara continued



An activist of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) student's wing pins a picture of former skipper Mohammad Azharuddin on an effigy along with pictures of four other players which were burnt during a demonstration in Bangalore yesterday. —AFP photo

## Shooters on target

**Sports Reporter**

Bangladesh won four more gold medals in the Third SAF Shooting Championships in Karachi yesterday.

On an eventful day, the men captured two golds in the free rifle prone and air rifle category respectively. Besides, Shoebuzaman, team captain of air rifle team, and Golam Shafiqul Islam Shiplu, who leads the free rifle prone shooters, also claimed the individual gold in their respective events.

Apart from the gold, ace shooter Sabrina Sultana bagged an individual silver in sport rifle prone event on Monday.

Bangladesh have won 11 golds, seven silvers and a bronze so far in the competition.

## Rajshahi soccer

**From Our Correspondent**

**RAJSHAH**, Nov 6: Shaheed Zia Smriti Mini Golf Cup football tournament began here at the Mashkatadighi High School playground today.

In the inaugural match of the day, Sheikh Russel Smriti Sangsad defeated Bhorer Ali Jubo Sangha 1-0.

In the second match, Tikapara Boul Dal and Shanta Ekadosh made a goalless draw.

## CRICKET

**Raninagar Cricket School** (B) defeated Hariar Cricket School by 13 runs in the first Shaheed AFM Gamaruzzaman Heba Smriti Cricket tournament at the Katakhal Adarsha Degree College playground today.

Winning the toss, Raninagar batted first and collected 109 for all in 23.5 overs.

In reply, Hariar went all out in 24.1 overs scoring 96 runs.

## KABADI

**Jagrata Sangha** and **Shiroli Sporting Club** won their respective matches in the inaugural day of the Rajshahi District Kabadi League at the Rajshahi Gymnasium playground.

Jagrata Sangha beat Modheri Boxing Club 72-40 points.

Shiroli defeated Lotas Club 48-24 points in the second match.

## Was that pitch really doctored?

**NEW DELHI**, Nov 6 (Internet report): Groundsman Ram Adhar Chaudhary, who admitted to the CBI that he took money to produce a result pitch in 1996, has claimed his admission was made only to put an end to police abuse.

In a report on Indian website, telhika.com, Chaudhary claimed he did not prepare a "result" pitch in return for a payment from Ajay Sharma via MK Gupta for a one-off Test between India and Australia at Delhi in 1996.

One of the umpires, Peter Willey, described it as the worst first-day pitch he had ever seen in a Test match, providing corroborative evidence to suggest that there might have been pressure brought to bear to produce a pitch that was likely to yield a result.

The groundsman told the website that the police picked him up at the Ferozshah Kotla Ground in New Delhi, and began to beat him. When he continued to deny the accusation of corruption, he was subjected to more blows from the police, so he confessed to save himself from further abuse.

Chaudhary said he did not have it in his powers anyway to affect the nature of the pitch, and that only the head groundsman, Radhey Shyam, could have done so. He claimed that he was only in charge of watering the pitch, which was, in any event prepared over a month, not in two days.

Chaudhary acknowledged that he was offered money by Sharma to prepare a pitch to suit spinners, but that he rejected the offer, saying it was beyond his powers to do so.

# Tickets on sale from today

**Sports Reporter**

Tickets for the historic November 10 Test go on sale through seven branches of Al Baraka Bank in the city today.

The branches are -- VIP Road, Gulshan, Mirpur Road, Islampur, IDB Bhaban Agargaon, Karwan Bazar and Narayanganj.

The Dilkusha Branch will only sell the tickets of VIP Enclosure, International Gallery and Club House.

A spectator in the Eastern Gallery will have to spend minimum Taka 25 each day.

A total of thirty-six thousand five hundred and ninety tickets, of which the Board reserves 735 for their invited guests, will be on offer.

**NAIMUR & CO LEAVE BKSP TOMORROW**

Bangladesh cricket team will check in at Hotel Sheraton tomorrow, a day after their opponents India settle in the five-star hotel. The 14-member India team, led by Saurav Ganguly, are expected to reach the capital in the afternoon.

The 16 Bangladesh cricketers, who are now warming up with a four-day practice match at BKSP, will leave the sports institute tomorrow morning.

Meanwhile, team manager Aziz Al-Kayser was formally introduced to his team last night by BCB general secretary Syed Ashraful Haq at the BKSP. Sarwar Imran is coaching Naimur Rahman's team for the historic affair.

**WORLDTEL IN TOWN**

WorldTel, who has bought the TV rights for Bangladesh cricket, starts installing their cameras and other equipment at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from today.

A ten-member advance team of the WorldTel production group reached the capital yesterday. Production co-ordinator John Bodner leads the team of the American television production company that will provide live coverage of the historic event.

Talking to The Daily Star, John said that a total of 42 crews will be engaged in operating the cameras and control panels. As many as 15 cameras including a mobile van will be used to provide live coverage across the world.

He also added that the members of the five-man commentary team would start arriving in the capital from tomorrow. The panel includes former Australian captain Ian Chappell, his England opposite number Tony Greig, Indian counterpart Ravi Shastri and West Indies speed demon Michael Holding. A host commentator is likely to be included in the commentary team.



Members of the national cricket team share a light moment during a practice match at the BKSP yesterday. —Star photo

# Day of discards

**Sports Reporter**

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# Zim land sans luggage

**MUMBAI**, Nov 6 (AFP): Zimbabwe's cricket team arrived here on Monday for a five-week tour of India, without captain Heath Streak, leg-spinner Brian Murphy and their baggage.

The Zimbabweans landed in the early hours of the morning at Sahar airport to find their kit-bags and luggage had been left behind in London.

Team manager Babu Memon said the airline had promised to deliver the baggage in time for the three-day tour opener against the National Cricket Academy at Indore from Wednesday.

Streak, the team's bowling spearhead, was having his wisdom tooth removed back home in Harare and will join the team only on the second day of the Indore match.

Vice-captain Guy Whittall will lead the tourists in Streak's absence, Memon said.

Murphy, expected to play a key role on spinner-friendly wickets in India, was busy writing his university exams in Cape Town and will arrive just before the two-Test series later this month.

Zimbabwe's only Test match in India was back in 1993 ended in an innings victory for India.

Zimbabwe will have another three-day warm-up match against the Board President's team at Faridabad from November 13 before the first Test in New Delhi starts on November 18.

The second Test will be played in Nagpur from November 25, followed by a series of five one-day internationals.

The Indian team, meanwhile, will travel to Dhaka to play in Bangladesh's inaugural Test match from November 10 before joining up with Zimbabwe in New Delhi.

**SQUAD**

Heath Streak (capt), Guy Whittall (vice-capt), Alistair Campbell, Stuart Carlisle, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Trevor Madondo, Douglas Marillier, Brian Murphy, Mluleki Nkala, Henry Olonga, Gavin Rennie, Bryan Strang, Paul Strang

Manager: Babu Memon  
 Coach: Carl Rackemann

**ITINERARY**

**Nov 8-10:** v National Cricket Academy XI at Indore.

**Nov 13-15:** v Board President's XI at Faridabad.

**Nov 18-22:** First Test at Delhi.

**Nov 25-29:** Second Test at Nagpur.

**Dec 2:** First ODI at Cuttack.

**Dec 5:** Second ODI at Ahmedabad.

**Dec 8:** Third ODI at Jodhpur.

**Dec 11:** Fourth ODI at Kanpur.

**Dec 14:** Fifth ODI at Rajkot.