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Gymnast Olga Korbut was a sensation at the 1972 Olympics. She performed the first backward somersault on the uneven bars, a loop that was named after her.



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**Imran Khan**  
(Former Pakistan cricket captain)  
"Many people still say to me that when we won the Cup I failed to thank my teammates so today I thank my players for that stupendous win."

While speaking at a ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of Pakistan's World Cup win.



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## Mourning Victoria maul MSC

### Abahani back on winning ways

#### GrameenPhone Premier League



SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club paid tribute to their coach Dawlatuzzaman in the most fitting manner at Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Wearing black band on their sleeves, the mourning cricketers pulled themselves together from the shock of losing their beloved coach on Saturday to inflict a 21-run defeat on holders Mohammedan Sporting in a crucial GrameenPhone Premier League match.

The victory of the Victoria's centenary team came following their exciting last ball win over another giants Abahani Krira Chakra on Saturday, the day when coach Daulat could not take the tension of the nerve-wrecking match and suffered massive heart attacks in the second session. The outcome also ends Mohammedan's four-match unbeaten run.

Like Mohammedan a high-flying City Club also lost their unbeaten tag when Abahani handed down a crushing seven-wicket defeat to the surprise package at BKSP in Savar. Rashed Hanif, a Pakistani all-rounder, was however the hero of Victoria's success in the battle of next door neighbours.

The southpaw hammered a superb 114 as Victoria recovered from a shaky start to post a fighting 258 for six in the stipulated 50 overs.

Rashed, the younger brother of former Pakistan international Aamir Hanif, then took two wickets and effected as many run outs to fold the Mohammedan innings at 137 for nine.

The defeat was a blow for Mohammedan, who were playing their first match without star Kenyan batsman Steve Tikolo.

Mohammedan's fortune seemed to have gone away with Tikolo, who flew back home on Saturday to comply with national duties. Besides, Sri Lanka's Test cap Hassan Tillekeratne, a replacement for the aggressive Kenyan, could not bring any luck for Mohammedan in the last few years. The left-hander scored a docile 23. But Tillekeratne would remember the match for a costly let-off. He dropped Rashed on 49 and the result was fatal.

Rashed plundered 92 runs in the last ten overs in association with a consistent Alok Kapali, who scored an unbeaten 33 off 32 balls.

Rashed struck eight boundaries and three sixes including two off successive deliveries against left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique. Mohammedan however started

the chase nicely with openers Rashedul Huq and Ehsanul producing 88 runs in 17.2 overs. Rashed scored 41 off 61 balls and Ehsanul struck 45.

But a brilliant catch by Saiful and the subsequent fall of two wickets turned the match on its head and Mohammedan, who were at one stage cruising along with 142 for two suddenly discovered themselves reeling at 160 for seven.

the loss of three wickets in 32.2 over.

The ploy of Abahani to sacrifice Test cap Mehrab for young Moniruzzaman and the inclusion of medium pacer Iqbal in place of Anwar Hossain Monir worked perfectly.

Iqbal, who shared the new ball with Alamgir, removed City club's Pakistani run-machine Waseem Nayeem for four to effectively dash

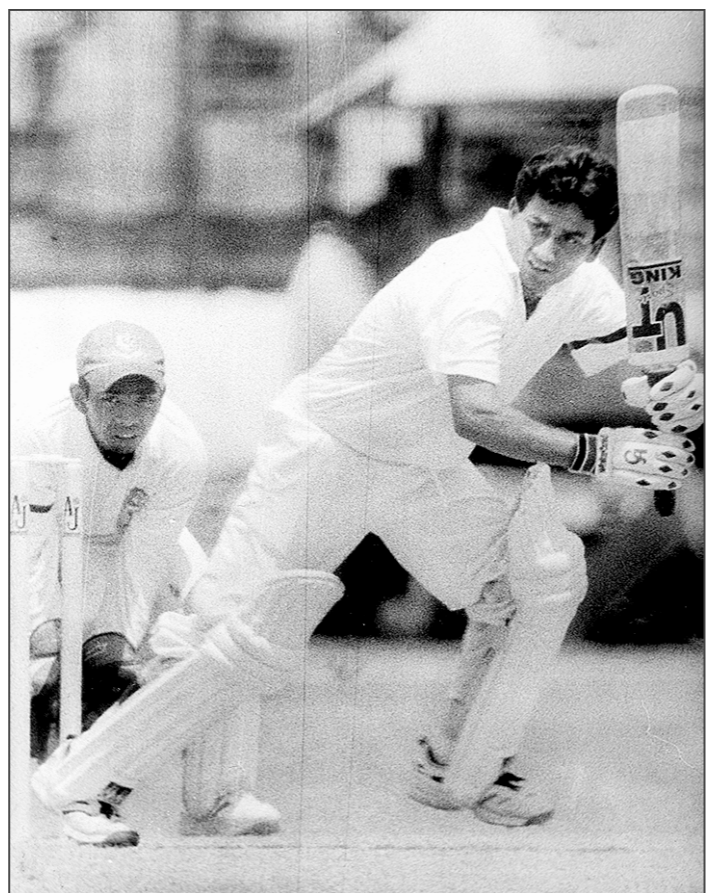


PHOTO: STAR

Victoria's Pakistani recruit Rashed Hanif flicks one on way to scoring a match-winning 114 against Mohammedan in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Monday.

The rot started when Saiful plucked up a one-handed catch on the edge of mid-wicket boundary to remove country's most expensive cricketer Habibul Bashar for 18.

The former national right-arm seamer then took the ball to dismiss Sanwar Hossain for a first ball duck and bowled Tillekeratne with the third ball of the over.

Mohammedan captain Minhazul Abedin and wicketkeeper Anwar tried to mend the damage putting on 58 runs for the eighth wicket. But once Minhaz was spectacularly caught by Khaled Mashud off Rashed, a defeat for Mohammedan was a forgone conclusion.

While Mohammedan faltered, their arch-rivals Abahani cantered past City Club.

Abahani bowled City Club out for 164 runs and then rattled up 165 for

the opponents' hopes of scoring a big total.

Moniruzzaman justified his inclusion for an out of sorts Mehrab with an unbeaten 48.

Halim Shah with 47 off 80 balls was the top scorer for City Club.

Abahani's Pakistani left-hander Mohammad Hossain was the most successful bowler with three for 36 runs.

Hossain also scored a 35 in a 55-run first wicket stand with Nafis, who hammered 42.

The victory put Abahani at the top with Mohammedan, both having collected 8 points from five games.

**SCOREBOARDS**  
Scoreboards of the two Grameen-  
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## Sr Div hockey from today

### SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club take on newcomers Dhaka Railway in the inaugural match when the long awaited Senior Division Hockey League begins at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium today.

10 teams will take part in the Premier League while seven teams will feature in the First Division League. Both the leagues will be held in two legs.

Metro Group will sponsor the league at a cost of Taka five lakh. Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) general secretary Samsul Bari at the press conference yesterday gave details of the league. The secretary of the Senior Division Hockey League Masurul Kabir was also present.

According to Kabir, the league is expected to conclude in the last week of July.

All the 17 senior division clubs are entitled to register three foreign players this year.

The following teams will take part in the Senior Division Hockey League:

**PREMIER DIVISION:** Mohammedan SC, Usha KC, Abahani KC, Mariner Youngs Club, Bangladesh SC, Ajax SC, Farshaganj SC, Sonali Bank, Wari Club and Dhaka Railway.

**FIRST DIVISION:** Azad SC, Sadharan Bima, Dhaka wanderers, Victoria SC, Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha, Barnak samaj and Police AC.

## White Plus GM's Chess Sermek goes clear

### SPORTS REPORTER

Top seed Grand Master Drazen Sermek moved atop the White Plus Grand Masters Chess Tournament with his third consecutive win at the NSC chess room yesterday.

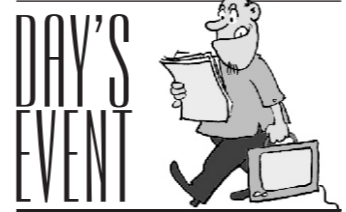
In the day's round, Sermek beat Bangladesh's International Master (IM) Reefat-bin-Sattar to raise his tally to full three points from three games.

Bangladesh's top ranked GM Ziaur Rahman and GM Debyendu Barua of India are following Sermek with 2.5 points each.

Yesterday, Zia beat compatriot Saifuddin Ahmed Lovlu while Debyendu defeated IM Johannesen of Norway.

GM Niaz Murshed, Reefat, Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib, Russian GM Alexander Fominyh, Johannessen, Ruhul Kabir Shiplu, Malaysian IM Wong Zi Jing and two Indians Raktim Bandyopadhyay and Ginnath were sharing the crowded third spot with two points.

The fourth round begins at the same venue today at 3 pm.



## Day's Event

### GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League

**Brothers Union v Uttara SC**  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

**Kalabagan KC v Dhanmondi Club**  
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

**Young Cricketers v Young Pergasus**  
Venue: BKSP

**First Division Cricket League**

**Sadharan Bima v PWD SC**  
Venue: KOACS, Fatullah.

**Premier Division Hockey League**

**Mohammedan SC v Dhaka Railway**  
Venue: Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

**White Plus GM Chess Tournament**

**Round Four**  
Venue: NSC Chess Room.

## Indo-Pak clash Sept 29 if ...



AFP, New Delhi

Despite continued military tensions on both sides of the border, India and Pakistan could meet on the cricket field as early as September 29.

The match, however, will not require any special diplomatic skill or a sudden turnaround in the Indian government's policies to ensure the first international between the two countries since May, 2000 takes place.

It's the players themselves who can make it happen - India and Pakistan need to reach the final of the 12-nation Champions Trophy tournament in the Sri Lankan capital of Colombo to break the ice.

Both India and Pakistan have been drawn in different groups of the International Cricket Council-organised tournament featuring the 10 Test-playing nations plus Kenya and the Netherlands.

India are drawn alongside England and Zimbabwe in Pool B, while Pakistan are in Pool D with hosts Sri Lanka and the Netherlands.

Even if both countries top their respective pools, the ICC have ensured they do not clash in the semifinals, but a meeting cannot be avoided if they reach the finals.

The Indian government has

banned bilateral cricket ties with Pakistan in protest at Islamabad's alleged support for the Muslim militancy in the disputed region of Kashmir.

But the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has permission to play in multi-nation tournaments which feature Pakistan, like the World Cup or the Champions Trophy.

India and Pakistan came to the brink of war earlier this year and still have hundreds of thousands of troops massed on their common border as a result of a December attack on the Indian parliament in December, which New Delhi blamed on Pakistan-based militant groups.

India last played against Pakistan in the Asia Cup in Bangladesh in May 2000.

Since then, the Indian government has refused to sanction the Indian team's trip to Pakistan for a scheduled Test tour, or play the arch-rivals in Toronto, Canada and Sharjah, United Arab Emirates.

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president Suresh Kalmadi, was last week in Islamabad to fix new dates for the South Asian Federation (SAF) Games, which were postponed after the US-led strikes in neighbouring Afghanistan.

The Games, featuring India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Maldives, will be held in Islamabad from March

29 to April 7.

Kalmadi also used the opportunity to meet Pakistan Cricket Board chief Tauqir Zia and discuss the resumption of cricket ties between the two countries.

A BCCI official, however, said Kalmadi's mediation was unlikely to resolve the matter.

"There is no point talking to Pakistan about playing cricket again because they have never refused to play against us," the official said.

"The problem lies with our government's stand and it is up to us to convince the government to allow us to play."

India are scheduled to make a Test tour of Pakistan in April 2003, their first to that country since 1989.

Meanwhile, all the matches of the Champions Trophy will be in Colombo's two grounds, the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka said in a statement. The decision to play all the matches in Colombo have will make it easier for them to be televised.

Sri Lanka, a small tropical island off India's southern coast, has three cities where international matches have been played in the past.

However, due to logistical problems in providing television coverage of the large number of matches, the games would be held on the two pitches in the capital.

## Eng going gets Tuff-ey



AFP, Auckland

Daryl Tuffey struck twice in his opening over to rock England and give New Zealand a sensational

start to their pursuit of a series-levelling win in the rain-hit final cricket Test at Eden Park here Monday.

And April Fool's Day just got worse for England with skipper Nasser Hussain falling for two and leaving the tourists wobbling at 11 for

three just before bad light came to their rescue.

Michael Vaughan on eight and Graham Thorpe yet to score will resume Tuesday with England at 12 for three.

New Zealand, chasing the series after dropping the first Test in Christchurch, were dismissed for 202 when play finally got underway after lunch on the third day.

In the late afternoon shadows paceman Tuffey, recalled to the Kiwi team after being bypassed for the first two Tests, gave them the best possible start with wickets on his second and fifth balls to stun the tourists at 0 for two.

Tuffey trapped Marcus Trescothick lbw and then sent Mark Butcher back to the pavilion with a catch at short-leg by Mark Richardson.

The Kiwi supporters, who have had little to cheer in this one-sided series, roared as Butcher followed Trescothick back in quick procession and raise hopes of a result with two days to play.

Hussain, who was fortunate not to be out when Tuffey's last ball shaved his stumps, lasted nine balls before he edged to birthday boy Stephen Fleming at first slip off Chris Drum for two.

"It's a fantastic start for us on a wicket that's doing a lot and will do a lot," said Fleming.

"It's a very difficult wicket to bat on and it's going to get more difficult to bat on."

The Kiwis had only 6.4 overs at the England batsmen amid criticism that they had wasted precious bowling time by batting on too long for meagre runs.

"It wasn't going to take much longer, probably 10 minutes, and if we could have got 10-20 runs with a couple of nicks they would be valuable towards the end, although I was very conscious of the time factor," said Fleming.

His catch to dismiss rival skipper Hussain gave him special satisfaction.

Fleming had been barracked by England's 'Barney Army' fans as the  
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PHOTO: AFP

New Zealand paceman Daryl Tuffey is exultant after taking the wicket of Mark Butcher on the third day of the third Test against England in Auckland on Monday.

## India WI-bound sans Sourav



REUTERS, New Delhi

India's cricket team have departed for a five-Test series in the West Indies under captain Sourav Ganguly, who delayed his departure because his wife was unwell.

"Sourav asked to delay his departure by a couple of days. He will be with the team soon," Niranjan Shah, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) told this news agency by phone from Baroda.

Ganguly is expected to join the squad ahead of their three-day tour match with a Guyana Board President's XI side at Georgetown, starting on April 5.

India departed with new physical trainer Adrian Le Roux of South

Africa. Coach John Wright is expected to join the squad in London.

Meanwhile, India headed for the West Indies to play the five-Test series hoping to justify their unusual tag of favourites for an overseas tour.

Ganguly's side see an excellent opportunity to end a 16-year wait for a Test series victory outside the sub-continent against an opposition on the decline.

"We have to do well on the whole and not just in one area," Ganguly said in Calcutta on Sunday ahead of the team's departure.

India also play five one-dayers during the tour which ends on June 2.

Although India have been almost unbeatable on slow turning home tracks - having lost just one series in almost 15 years - they have not won a series outside south Asia since claiming a 2-0 victory in a three-Test series against England in 1986.

India also raised hopes of winning abroad last year, but were held to a 1-1 draw in a two-Test series in Zimbabwe and then lost to South Africa.

"We have to put runs on the board and get 20 wickets to win a Test match. But the most important thing is we need to show discipline," Ganguly said.

"We need to be consistent. We play like champions one day and probably not our best cricket the next day."

India pin their hopes on the recent poor record of West Indies, who dominated the game in the 1970s and 80s.

West Indies have lost five consec  
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PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Golf Federation and Kurmitola Golf Club on Monday accorded a reception to three Bangladesh players who finished runners-up in the 4th SAARC Golf Tournament. The March 28-30 meet was held at Gurgaon near Indian capital of New Delhi.

## Tribute to a special person

### AK FAEZUL HUQ

I have invariably succumbed to my emotions whenever I have had to write an obituary reference, remembering a friend, a colleague or a near relation of outstanding merit.

Daulatuzzaman, one of the greatest cricketers of this country, is no exception either. I had the opportunity to know him very intimately since my school days when I used to play in the second division league for the Gopibagh Club (popularly known as the Brother's Union Club). It is still vivid in my mind how much effort and energy we put in to lift the team from the second division to the senior division league (first division in those days) eventually.

Daulat, then a promising fast bowler of Dhaka and as well as of the then East Pakistan, was of course medium fast by today's standard but he was outstanding by all means. He would swing the ball from one end to the other and then send in vicious cutters, with batsmen looking like a cat on hot bricks.

Daulat used to play for Wari Club in those days when two other top shots of Dhaka cricket, Sukumar Da and Mainu Bhai (not to be confused with the current chief selector Mainu

junior), were at their best and Wari was a name to reckon with in the sports arena of the then East Pakistan. Sukumar Da also happened to be my immediate neighbour then at KM Das Lane.

Incidentally, I used to bowl quite fast in those days, primarily due to my own extraordinary height and a well-built physique. One day, as I was bowling in the nets (at the Wari Club) and Mainu Bhai was batting, somehow a strange thing happened, when I suddenly produced a splendid delivery which swung in the air (reverse swing of the modern times, if I am not mistaken) and obviously Mainu Bhai was beaten fair and square.

I heard a mumble of admiration from the great batsman and the other players present at the nets in that afternoon. But Daulat went one

step ahead by complimenting me with a big pat on my back and saying: "Well bowled, Faez Bhai! There were many more compliments for me in the days to come, but Daulat's compliments always appeared to be genuine. That was the big difference about him with others."

Many of his admirers would call Daulat as our Wes Hall. Well, perhaps he was more than that to us. What a beautiful, rhythmic run-up and smooth action he had. Ask someone who has seen the great Ray Lindwall of Australia who played here in Dhaka in 1956 along with Alan Davidson and Richie Benaud. Daulat's action was not only beautiful, it was worth emulating without any doubt, because he, unlike most of the fast bowlers, was seldom erratic.

And then he was a great bats-

man also, especially in a situation when the chips were down. I clearly remember his solid knock against the MCC 'A' team in 1976 at the national stadium. Though not many runs came out of his bat that day yet he batted with full confidence after the Bangladesh team had lost six vital wickets and the stalwarts of our batting including Shamim Kabir had been sent to the pavilion. I remember his great knock, a century, also in a first class match and his later attempt to emerge as a genuine all-rounder; but he would never fail to confide without hesitation, his great love for the new ball!

Many funny stories and anecdotes in the cricket arena of Bangladesh are linked with his name which were produced and publicised by Quran Bhai (another popular name of our cricket field in those days). But one of them I would certainly like to recall here, because of its authenticity and popularity even in these days. It so happened that the East Pakistan Cricket team  
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DAULATUZZAMAN