



## Did U Know?

Hockey is known for its violence, and many players have suffered serious injuries. Only one player, however, was ever set on fire during a game. In a 1930 Quebec Junior Amateur Game, goalie Abie Goldberry, was hit by a flying puck that ignited a pack of matches in his pocket, setting his uniform on fire. He was badly burned before his teammates could put the fire out.



**Jagmohan Dalmiya**  
(Indian cricket chief)  
"Crowd disturbances at cricket grounds anywhere in the world are condemnable. It is against the spirit of the game."



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### Star WHIZZ KID

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# Seniors versus Dev kids

## Mashud back at the national helm



SPORTS REPORTER

After a demoralising draw with the A team on Thursday, the national team will take on Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Development squad in the last first round match of the Challenge Trophy at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium today.

The four-day match will start at 9:15 am.

The seniors failed to earn any point from their previous match against the second string side as the latter ran away with two points by virtue of having one-run lead in the first innings.

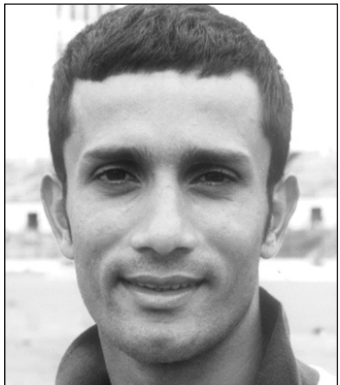
The A team, gathering mostly veteran Test hopefuls, have already booked their berth in the November 14 final by registering an outright win against the Development squad in the first match of the Trophy.

This will be a crucial match for the other two teams as any of them

with an outright win or a first innings lead can now make it to the final.

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud, who missed the previous match to attend his ailing mother, will play in today's match.

The seniors will however defi-



KHALED MASHUD

nately miss the services of their three regular players – Taposh Baishya, Rafiqul Islam Khan and

Alok Kapali. The three young players got injured in a road accident on Wednesday and were ruled out for the match.

Tushar Imran, who escaped the accident with minor cuts and bruises, is sure to play in the match.

"We have not yet finalised our playing eleven. We will do that in the morning," said Mashud.

## SQUAD

**BANGLADESH TEAM:** Khaled Mashud (captain), Habibur Bashar (vice-captain), Javed Omar, Hannan Sarkar, Al-Shahriar, Sanwar Hossain, Khaled Mahmud, Mohammad Rafique, Monjurul Islam, Talha Jubair, Anwar Hossain, Ashiqur Rahman and Tushar Imran.

**BCB DEVELOPMENT SQUAD:** Nazimuddin, Kafi Khan, Kamrul Islam, Bidyut, Mahmudullah, Shafaq Al-Jabir, Gulam Rabbani, Sumon Kumar, Arif Hossain, Abul Bashar, Jubair Hossain, Enamul Haque, Rafiqul Hasan, Ziaul Hasan, Zahid Hasan and Mithun Charabarthi.

## Taposh released, Rafiqul still at ICU

SPORTS REPORTER

Taposh Kumar Baishya, one of the two Bangladesh cricketers who suffered head injuries in a road accident in the capital on Wednesday, was released from the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of Combined Military Hospital yesterday.

The right-arm seamer then flew off straight to his hometown Sylhet for rest. He is expected to return on November 12.

Attending doctors at the CMH however opted to keep Rafiqul Islam Khan under observation for two more days, as the top order Bangladesh batsman was still feeling dizzy.

"Doctors wanted to keep him at the hospital because he is still not fully all right. He feels dizzy at times. He will be kept under observation for another 48 hours," said Bangladesh manager ASM Faruque yesterday.

He however assured that there was nothing to be worried about

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# B'desh men taste defeat



SPORTS REPORTER

After two stunning victories against much stronger opposition, the Bangladesh men's team crashed to earth with a 2.5-1.5 defeat at the hands of Lithuania in round 12 of the 35th Chess Olympiad in Bled on Thursday.

Their female counterparts kept the flag raised though scoring a 2-1 win over hosts Slovenia C selection. It was only their fourth win in as many matches.

With two rounds still to play the men have slipped to 35th collecting 27 points while the ladies are in 37th spot with 19 points.

Against the Lithuanians, Grand Master Ziaur Rahman opened with a draw on the first board and International Master Reefat Bin Sattar defeated another GM Vidmantas Malisauskas.

However that was end of their successes as IMs Abdullah Al Rakib and Enamul Hossain both lost.

In the penultimate round they face the Czech Republic on Friday.

On the women's side, IWM Rani Hamid returned to action with a drawn encounter with WIM Milka Ankerst.

WFM Shabana Parveen then won her match against counterpart Narcisia Mihevc-Mohr. And Zakia Sultana secured the valuable points with a draw on the third and final board.

They next play Lithuania.

Russia continued to dominate the men's table securing 34.5 points. Second-placed Hungary have 32.5 points.

The women's race is very tight indeed.

China and Georgia share the lead having 25.5 points each. Russia and Poland are not far behind with 25 and 23 points respectively.

An Internet report adds: Russia was held to 2.5 points by Croatia, and Hungary scrambled to match the Russians' output through Judit Polgar in the encounter against Georgia.

Robert Zelcic handed Peter Svidler his second loss, and Alexander Khalifman, who drew with Zdenko Kozul, made a pained expression on his face after the defeat.

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# England claw back



AFP, Brisbane

Fighting England recovered some of their battered cricketing pride here Friday to take it to Australia and revive their hopes of saving the opening Ashes Test with three days left.

England, lambasted for their abject opening day when Australia helped themselves to 364 runs for two, clawed back some credibility claiming the last eight wickets for 128 to dismiss them for 492.

At stumps, the tourists crowned a heartening day to be 158 for one and 135 runs away from making Australia bat again with Marcus Trescothick unbeaten on 63 and Mark Butcher not out 51.

Trescothick smashed Shane Warne over wide mid-on for six on the way to his 15th half-century in his 27th Test.

Australia, generally so ruthless in the field, rued a couple of missed chances to ram home their advantage.

Trescothick was dropped by Damien Martyn at third slip off Glenn McGrath when he was two, Martyn flinging himself to his right, while Butcher (14) was put down by a diving Matthew Hayden in the slips

cordon off Andy Bichel. Butcher had a second life on 38 when Adam Gilchrist muffed a

stumping chance off the beguiling Warne.

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PHOTO: AFP

England opener Marcus Trescothick raises his bat on reaching half-century on the second day of the first Ashes Test at the Gabba yesterday.

# Harare Test from today

## Security concerns and rain forecast



REUTERS, Harare

Heightened security was in evidence at the Harare Sports Club (HSC) as weather disrupted preparations for the first Test between Zimbabwe and Pakistan, which starts on Saturday.

At least 30 guards ringed the Harare Sports Club (HSC) field this week while ground staff attempted to prepare the pitch between showers that began falling on Tuesday and were forecast to continue through Friday.

"The guards are there because the last thing Zimbabwe needs with the World Cup coming up is a

breach of security," a Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) official who declined to be named told Reuters.

Zimbabwe celebrated 10 years as a Test playing nation on Wednesday and are scheduled to play their six World Cup pool matches in Harare and Bulawayo next year.

There are, however, doubts whether Australia and England, whose governments have locked horns with Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, will travel to the country to honour their fixtures.

A delegation, headed by International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive Malcolm Speed, is scheduled to arrive in Zimbabwe on November 26 to assess safety in Harare and Bulawayo.

The president of the ZCU, Peter

Chingoka, told Reuters he did not know whether security at HSC had been heightened as a private company decided security requirements.

Chingoka said the increased value of the extensively refurbished ground's assets might have prompted a review of the number of guards needed to secure the venue.

"There's a lot of new equipment at the ground now – perhaps that's what has led to more guards, if it has – and if people want to take the law into their own hands then the law must take its course with them," Chingoka said.

Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell said the wet weather would influence the way he approached the match.

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## Cricket on way to Mirpur?

SPORTS REPORTER

If National Sports Council goes ahead and converts the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium into a full-fledged cricket stadium it can only spell financial trouble for the government.

According to well-placed sources, it is estimated that the total bill would exceed five crore taka when the NSC eventually hands over the second national stadium to the Bangladesh Cricket Board as its permanent home.

The decision to transfer the arena's ownership to the BCB was taken during a meeting on Wednesday. It is part of a compromise plan aimed at ending the decades old struggle between cricket and football authorities over control of the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS).

Also as part of the deal, the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) would be allocated the under-construction Kamalapur Stadium.

The plan envisages leaving the BNS as a multi-purpose venue for international events only.

A senior NSC official, opting anonymity, stressed that the plan was still very much in the initial stages.

"It is still premature to say that a final decision has been made," he said yesterday.

In fact, he believed the whole issue regarding the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium needed to be evaluated.

"The NSC was not absolutely sure on how feasible it would be to make the stadium (Sher-e-Bangla) suitable for cricket."

"Firstly, it needs VIP stands in the northern and southern parts of the gallery. Then a portion of the gallery requires renovation on the eastern and western sides in order to give it an oval shape.

"Then there is the question of installing floodlights, let alone the shifting of the running tracks itself. So all these require a huge expenditure," he added.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman was not available for comments on the issue.

Board president Ali Asghar has however welcomed the initiative.

## BCB U-17s lose in tour opener

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) under-17 side lost their opening one-day match against Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) by one wicket at the Rajdanga ground in Kolkata yesterday.

Chasing BCB under-17's 214, the home side reached home in the last ball of the 50 overs contest. Opener Debraj Roy led the CAB chase with a fine 69 off 112 balls that included eight boundaries. Middle-order Debu chipped in with a 33-ball 44.

Earlier, electing to bat first, BCB under-17 scored 214 for eight.

Captain Ashiqur Rahman hammered unbeaten 70 off 72 balls with two sixes and four boundaries. Golam Rahman and Tanveer added 28 and 26 runs respectively.

The visitors will face their CAB counterparts in a three-day match at the FD Block ground in Salt Lake from today.

## Dhaka DC Cup Tangail rout Shariatpur

UNB, Tangail

Hosts Tangail trounced Shariatpur 4-1 in the opening match of the Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Gold Cup Football Tournament at the local stadium here yesterday.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman inaugurated the final round meet as the chief guest.

In the today's match Kishoreganj take on Narsingdi.

## WHIZZ KID- 183 winner

Shaikh Jawad Ibrahim

(Cosmic Kindergarten, Dhaka)  
Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on November 16.



**Challenge Trophy Cricket Tournament**  
**Bangladesh National Team v BCB Development Squad (Day One)**  
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.



PHOTO: STAR

SAY SOMETHING: Neither national coach George Kottan nor any of the players called up for the SAFF Championship seem to be in a mood to talk or even exchange pleasantries yesterday.

# Masud Rana not interested 24 meet Kottan



SPORTS REPORTER

The primary camp of Bangladesh football team for the forthcoming South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship begins at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) today. National coach George Kottan will supervise it.

The seven-nation tournament is scheduled to get underway in the capital from January 10.

Although Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) called up 25 booters on Wednesday for the residential camp, defender Masud Rana was the notable absentee among the group who reported to the Austro-Hungarian at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in the morning.

Rana, who retired after helping Bangladesh to lift the 1999 SAF Games gold medal in Nepal, was reluctant to join the squad despite enjoying an outstanding domestic season.

The veteran stopper felt he did

not possess the right mental attitude to complete at the highest level.

"I fail to understand why he did not join today. He is still a talented left-back and," said Kottan adding that the players would undergo medical tests before heading for the BKSP in the afternoon.

As part of their build-up Bangladesh would be playing a few practice matches against Myanmar in Myanmar from November 17 to 23.

**Following players have been selected:**

**Goalkeeper** – Biplob Bhattacharya, Aminul Haq and Titumeer Chowdhury.

**Defenders** -- Rajanai Kanta Barman, Nazrul Islam, Mohammad Sujon, Mahmudul Hasan, Mizanur Rahman, Hasan Al-Mamun and Firoz Mahmud Hossain.

**Midfielders** – Abdul Qaiyum Sentu, Monwar Hossain, Arman Miah, Faisal Mahmud, Arif Khan Joy.

**Forwards** -- Rokonzaman Kanchan, Parvez Babu, Saifur Rahman Moni, Mehdi Hasan Uzzal, Alfaz Ahmed, Mujibur Rahman Ritu, Ariful Kabir Farhad, Murad Ahmed Milan and Saiful Islam.

# Jacques jolts Lanka



AFP, Johannesburg

South African all-rounder Jacques Kallis took three wickets in six balls as Sri Lanka suffered a dramatic collapse shortly before tea on the first day of the first Test at the Wanderers Stadium here Friday.

Sri Lanka were 141 for seven at tea. Kallis' burst ended a fightback by the tourists, who struggled against South Africa's all-pace attack on a pitch with pace and bounce.

Kallis made a crucial breakthrough when he had Mahela Jayawardene caught behind off a ball which lifted sharply and moved away from the batsman.

Jayawardene, who top-scored with 39, put on 51 for the fourth wicket with skipper Sanath

Jayasuriya.

Kallis followed up by having Jayasuriya caught at third slip by Graeme Smith – the third catch held by Smith in that position -- in his next over. Jayasuriya made 32.

Then new cap Hasantha Fernando top-edged a pull and gave a simple catch to Gary Kirsten at square leg.

All-rounder Andrew Hall followed up in the next over, the last before tea when Chaminda Vaas was caught at second slip. Sri Lanka had lost four wickets in 17 balls.

Sri Lanka, who won the toss, were in early trouble when left-handed opening batsman Russell Arnold was caught at second slip off Makhaya Ntini for nought in the second over of the match.

Ntini started with a wide and a no-ball before finding his range. Arnold edged a fast delivery, slanted across his body, and Smith held a sharp, low catch to his right.

## Taibur champ

SPORTS REPORTER

FIDE Master Taibur Rahman Sumon emerged champion in the Open FIDE Rating chess tournament, organised by the Bangladesh Chess Federation, at the chess room of NSC yesterday.

He accumulated maximum 8 points from as many rounds and that was enough for him to take the title with one game in hand. Yesterday he defeated Arman Monir.

Giasuddin Ahmed Mithu was in the second position with 6.5 points. He beat Parag.

FM Abu Sufian Shakil, Shawkat Hossain Pallab, Mahtabuddin Ahmed Robin, Arman, Monir Hossain, Moniruzzaman Khan, Farhadur Imam, Kazi Rashed Dinayet, Khorshed Alam, Syed Abdul Zaker and Farhadur Rahman Sabab were in the third place with six points each.

Shakil beat Kajal, Dinayet overcame Lavlu, Khorshed outwitted Rouf and Zaker took care of Shafiq. Pallab drew with Monir, Robin drew with Sabab while Moniruzzaman held Farhadur Imam.

The ninth and last round games start today at 3:00 pm at the same venue.

# Batistuta calls it a day



AFP, Buenos Aires

Argentine goal machine Gabriel Batistuta confirmed his interna-

tional retirement here Thursday a day after he failed to make Marcelo Bielsa's squad for an upcoming friendly against Japan.

The 33-year-old forward, whose goals for Fiorentina and current team Roma in Italy's Serie A have

made him one of the most feared strikers in recent times, said however he had his own reasons for the decision.

Argentina, one of the favourites for this year's World Cup, were unceremoniously dumped from the competition in the first round.

Bielsa's side went from blazing a trail through the South American qualifiers to bowing out of the World Cup after an opening match win against Nigeria, a defeat to England and draw with Sweden.

However 'Batigol' said neither that unforgettable memory, or his recent omission from the squad, was to blame for his decision.

"Whatever people have been saying since the match against Sweden in the World Cup in Japan and South Korea is irrelevant," Batistuta told Argentine radio station La Red here Thursday.

"I've made the decision because of my age, and because of the time needed for other important competitions.

"Everything I could have ever contributed to the national team, I have already given."

'Batigol' began his international career 11 years ago and has participated in the past three World Cups. During his 78 appearances for the national side he scored 56 goals.



GABRIEL BATISTUTA