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Franz Beckenbauer became the first person to win the World Cup as a coach when West Germany won the 1990 edition. Before that he captained his country to football's greatest prize in 1974.

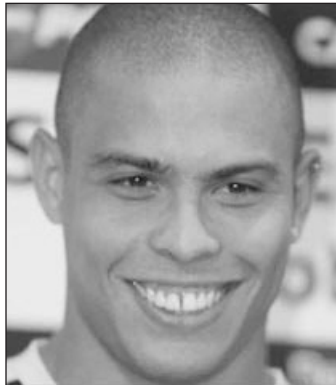


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## Ctg h'ball

### STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong Police Institute won their opening encounter of the Igloo Mahanagari School Handball League with a comprehensive 21-7 win over Bangladesh Export Processing Zone (BEPZ) Public School yesterday.

The Police Institute led the first half 9-2.

Farhad top-scored with 7 goals while Shah Alam got 4 goals for the winners. On the other hand Niaz and Shakil scored two goals each for Public School.

# Come out of the cage

## Cricket

**CHIPS MACKINOLTY, from Darwin**

The determination of both Bangladesh and Australia to play good, positive, aggressive cricket on the eve of their historic first Test match was summed up last night by star Bangladeshi batsman Al-Shahriar.

"This is an exciting time for us to play the number one team it is a dream come true.

"We will all do well this is our challenge to play well, the team will do well, we are all excited," he said.

Successfully recovering from a bout of toothache the only fitness doubt in the team Al-Shahriar is looking to both individual and team improvement.

"Fully I hope that I and the rest of the team will play better every time we play," he said. "I want the people at home to pray for us that's it."

It was a sentiment shared by captain Khaled Mahmud, who said "definitely we are facing one of the best teams in the world but we are

not nervous, rather we are excited to play in Darwin".

There has been considerable commentary in the international cricket media that the forthcoming match will be too one-sided. A former Australian Test player, David Hookes, has claimed tomorrow's game will not last more than a single day.

"We don't think about it too much, we just think about what we want to improve and we want to improve on individual performance," said Mahmud.

"To make it our team effort. That's what we are looking for, we are not talking about what is one-sided or whatever."

Australian captain Steve Waugh agreed, saying that the criticisms were "sledging by the media".

"Bangladeshi players respect us and we respect them.

While Australia announced their team yesterday, Bangladesh were holding their final line up secret until an hour before the first ball.

According to team manager Lt col MA Latif (ret'd), this was "to keep everyone on their toes and the

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## Waugh alone more than Bangladesh!

**AFP, Darwin**

Steve Waugh has played more Tests, taken more wickets and accumulated more runs than the entire Bangladesh team put together.

The 38-year-old Test campaigner, who will lead Australia into the first Test at Marrara Oval here on Friday, is also thought to earn more than all the Bangladesh team.

The gulf in experience between cricket's leading team and the Test minnows is graphically illustrated in Waugh's 18-year record.

His 160 Tests eclipse the 126 played by the whole Bangladesh touring party, who have scored only 4,508 Test runs between them well under half of Waugh's 10,265 runs.

Even Waugh's part-time medium-pacers have netted him 91 wickets compared to the 71 extracted by cricket's newest Test nation.

Waugh and the rest of the Australia side will receive 11,000 dollars (7,200 USD) each per Test.

The Bangladesh players earn about 1,700 dollars (1,100 USD) a game, captain Khaled Mahmud said here on Thursday.

Leading Bangladeshi players are contracted at 1,000 USD per month. The top-ranked players under Cricket Australia contract scheme earn 20 times that amount.

While the Bangladesh wages appear dwarfed compared to those paid to Australia's cricket elite, they appear lucrative in Bangladesh.

Mahmud said he is content with his remuneration, because Bangladesh is a new cricket nation.

"As a start it is not bad, I think, because we just started cricket," Mahmud said.

"Australia have a big reputation from more than 125 years. We are

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## Shishukishore in hockey super league

### SPORTS REPORTER

The super league line-up for the Green Delta First Division Hockey League was finalised when Shishukishore Sangha eliminated Bachelor's Sporting Club 3-0 at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Shishukishore dominated the first half 2-0 after Maksudur Rahman netted two field goals in the 15th and 30th minute. Rajan Banik scored the third field goal in the 42nd minute.

Azad Sporting led the table after the first round securing 21 points from seven matches while Wanderers followed them with 16. Shishukishore collected 12 and Victoria Sporting Club 11 points respectively.

The super league will begin on July 21 at the same venue.



PHOTOS: STEPHEN CHERY



**C'MON TIGERS!** (Clockwise, from far left) Bangladesh batsman Al-Shahriar contemplates facing his 'dream' attack. Khaled Mahmud (L) and Habibul Bashar (R) simulate the behind the wicket scenario when the Aussies will bat. Papri Saleh (C) and her fellow expatriate Bangladeshi friends sport confident smiles in front of the Tigers' dressing room. These photos were taken during yesterday's training session at the Marrara Oval in Darwin.

# A test by Aussie fire

## Cricket

**AFP, Darwin**

What pundits are billing as potentially the greatest mismatch in Test cricket history gets underway Friday when mighty Australia take on minnows Bangladesh, officially the world's worst team.

Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore was fuming on the eve of his side's first-ever match against Australia when he was asked if he was confident the Test would last more than two days.

Whatmore, who took charge last month of Test cricket's newest nation, took a few seconds before replying "absolutely" and after the interview at Marrara Oval here Thursday took exception with the radio reporter over her question.

Bangladesh's modest record of 19 Tests for 18 losses and a rain-affected draw since their debut in 2000 have pundits declaring a rout of spectacular proportions is in the offing.

Former Australian batsman and new commentator David Hookes fired off that there was the potential for the five-day Tests in Darwin and Cairns this month to turn into one-day events with a flurry of Test records to fall.

The Australian team have not been part of the public denigration of the Bangladeshi novices, speaking of their respect for the developing Asian team as Test cricket is played for the first time in Australia's tropical north 'dry season'.

Australian captain Steve Waugh, a great cricket traditionalist, has called the outpourings of scorn as "sledging by the media."

"There's been a lot of rubbish

written over the last couple of weeks about this Test match," Waugh said at his pre-match press conference here on Thursday.

"These guys are capable cricketers. They've won two games on tour so far. They've played 19 Test matches as a country, it's not going to be a walkover, we're going to have to play good cricket.

"Obviously, they're developing and they haven't won a Test match yet... they have to start somewhere and it doesn't do them any good to continually read a lot of what has been in the papers and around the place.

"They're much better than what's been written."

Whatmore knows the great challenge that confronts his untried

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# An unlikely Test venue

## Cricket

**REUTERS, Darwin**

Cricket has been played at a few unlikely venues over the years but perhaps none as unusual as Darwin, the setting for the first Test between Australia and Bangladesh which starts on Friday.

The capital of Australia's Northern Territory is a sprawling city better known for being bombed by the Japanese during the Second World War and flattened by a cyclone on Christmas Eve 1974, than as an international sporting venue.

The Northern Territory is the heartland of Australia's Aboriginal community and Darwin's 70,000 inhabitants are as rugged a people as you could meet in Australia.

Darwin was chosen to host this week's match to help Australia fulfil their commitment to the ICC's World Test Championship, which decrees that all 10 Test-playing nations must play each other home and away within a five-year period.

With the annual summer schedules all heavily booked in advance, Cricket Australia decided to break with tradition and play Bangladesh in the winter in the country's tropical north, where the sun shines all year round and crocodiles outnumber people.

There are only two seasons in Darwin -- wet and dry -- and cricket is played in the dry winter months when the temperatures normally hover around 30 degrees Celsius.

But, while the weather was not a problem, staging a Test in such a remote region did present huge

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## Muktis enter NFL round

### SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijoddha Sangsard Krira Chakra will make their first appearance in the Nitol-Tata third National Football League when the second leg of the final round begins at the Sylhet Stadium tomorrow.

The all-reds face Mohammedan Sporting Club of Sirajganj. Bangladesh Television will provide live coverage of all five matches at the venue. The kick off on each match day is 4pm.

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will play their second match against Arambagh Krira Sangsard the following day.

The holders made a flying start to the tournament with a 6-0 thrashing of Jamalpur Jagarani Club at Chittagong's MA Aziz Stadium while Arambagh drew 1-1 with Jhenidah Mohammedan.

However, the shock of the first leg was title aspirants Abahani's 1-1

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# Zondeki lights up Day 2

## Cricket

**AFP, Taunton**

South Africa's Monde Zondeki claimed a career-best five for 64 on the second day's play of his country's tour match against Somerset.

The 20-year-old Zondeki had the Surrey batsmen in trouble as they replied to South Africa's 326 for four declared with 245 for seven before declaring themselves 81 runs adrift with Matt Wood top-scoring with 55.

At stumps South Africa's advantage had extended to 207 by posting 126 for two. Veteran opener Gary Kirsten followed up his first-

innings 66 with a 42, while Boeta Dippenaar was 52 not out.

However there was another failure by Kirsten's opening partner Herschelle Gibbs, who was out for 17.

With one day to go a draw looks the likely outcome.

Somerset resumed on 38 for no wicket after rain had delayed the start and the opening pair of Wood and South African James Bryant took the total to 100 in the final over before lunch before being parted.

Wood's first 50 of the season, off 76 balls, with 10 fours, came to an end when trapped lbw by a full length delivery from left-arm seamer Charl Willoughby.

Bryant had been dropped on 18

by Kirsten above his head at slip off Willoughby and went on to make 39 before having his off-stump knocked back by a Zondeki yorker in the first over after lunch.

Keith Parsons was dropped by Herschelle Gibbs before being picked up by the same player at third slip for one to give Zondeki his second wicket.

On only his 14th first-class appearance Zondeki then added Ian Blackwell to his victims after a mistimed hook.

From 100 for none, Somerset had subsided to 144 for four.

Mike Burns (35) and Carl Gazzard

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Action from the Green Delta First Division Hockey League match between Bachelors and ShishuKishore Sangha at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

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