

Delta handball CWC, Holy Family earn full points

Sports Reporter

Central Women's College (CWC) and Holy Cross College posted victories on the opening day of the 10th Delta Life handball tournament at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

CWC edged Maghbazar Ishpani Women's College 2-1 after the match was locked 1-1 at the break. Holy Cross, however, put a stunning second half performance to beat BCIC College 4-2 after finishing 2-2 at the breather.

Earlier, Advisor for the Ministry of Commerce Barkatullah Bhulu declared the 11-team meet open.

Mehdi passes away

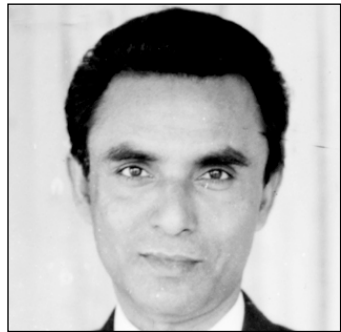
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Former editor of the country's eminent sports fortnightly magazine Kirajagat Mohammed Shamsuddin Ahmed Mehdi died of a heart attack in Chittagong on Sunday night. He was 55.

Shamsuddin, a deputy director of the National Sports Council's Chittagong Division office, was survived by his wife and three sons.

He was buried at his village home in Bhairab.

He joined Kirajagat in 1980 as production manager and was appointed editor in 1992 before



SHAMSUDDIN MEHDI

being promoted to the rank of deputy director.

State Minister for Youth and Sports and NSC chairman Fazlur Rahman expressed his deep sympathy for the bereaved family.

**Star WHIZZ KID**  
**OMPETITION 21**

Tick the correct answers, post  
**The Daily Star**

**Competition closes at 8 pm**  
**Oct 15, 2004 and draw**  
**shortly afterwards**

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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13 Russian river

14 Earthen-ware

15 Lack of boldness

17 Lahr portrayal

18 B&B

19 Socrates' final quaff

21 Stiletto

24 Sara of "Less Than Perfect"

25 Chatterbox

26 Crucial

28 Picture transfer

32 Perches

34 "Dr. Strange-love" subject

36 Undorned

37 Fashion

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62 Bottom line

2 Skater

3 Summer forecast

46 Upper arm bone

50 Turf

51 On

52 Smoothness of motion

56 Kegler's path

57 "Sixteen"

8 Irish girl

9 Hodge-podge

10 United nations

11 Foun-dere

16 Squid

20 Pie ingredi-

21 Low voice

22 Leave out

23 Just out

27 Sweet potato

29 Greed

30 Leading man

31 Monocle part

33 Woody Allen movie

35 Scepter

38 Listening device

40 Stop

43 Medford, Mass.

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46 Sentry's call

47 Beehive State

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PHOTO: STAR

ONE Bank managing director Syed Nurul Amin (L) takes questions from reporters during a press conference at the Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.

No result sees SL thru'



AFP/REUTERS, Rawalpindi

Asian champions Sri Lanka secured a place in the final of the tri-series tournament here Monday after their match against Zimbabwe was called off due to heavy overnight rain.

Overnight rain left the outfield wet and some patches on the bowler's run up at both ends, and conditions did not improve despite determined efforts by ground staff.

The two umpires -- Australian Simon Taufel and Pakistan's Aleem Dar -- after a third inspection of the pitch and the surrounding areas at 1:00 pm (0800 GMT) decided to abandon the match.

"We did not want a silly game to be played with wet patches because safety of the players was most important," umpire Taufel said.

Earlier Sri Lankan captain Marvan Atapattu and coach John Dyson showed the umpires the patches on the bowler's run up and both agreed that play was not possi-

ble.

Both teams got three points each and with 10 points Sri Lanka qualify for the October 16 final scheduled for Lahore.

Hosts Pakistan have already qualified for the final with 16 points and will play the last league match against Sri Lanka in Lahore on Thursday, which has no bearing on the final.

Zimbabwe, who lost their previous three matches, two against Pakistan and one against Sri Lanka, managed just four points.

"Obviously its disappointing not to get a chance to have a last go but it was out of our hands," said Zimbabwean captain Tatenda Taibu.

Zimbabwe are due to fly back home early Tuesday and would play five one-day games against England next month.

"We had a not very impressive first match at Multan, came back in the second at Peshawar but had a terrible third game at Rawalpindi on Saturday so it was a case of two steps forward and one back which we should avoid in future," said

Taibu.

Zimbabwe drew a two-day side game and suffered a humiliating innings defeat against a local side in a four-day match last month.

Sri Lanka captain Marvan Atapattu said his team would have liked some practice.

"It would have been good had we had some practice but now the focus is on October 14 match against Pakistan," said Atapattu.

Sri Lanka also play two Tests against Pakistan after the one-day

SERIES STANDING

Standings in the one-day triangular series after Monday's match between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe was abandoned due to rain (tabulate under team, played, won, lost, no result, bonus points, consolation points, total points):

Team	P	W	L	NR	BP	CP	Pts
Pakistan	3	3	0	0	1	0	16
Sri Lanka	3	1	1	1	1	1	10
Zimbabwe	4	0	3	1	0	1	4

(Points system: Win with bonus point 6, win without bonus point 5, tie or no result 3, loss but not conceding bonus point 1, loss conceding bonus point 0)

ICC likely to rule on racism inquiry soon



CRICINFO, undated

The dozen remaining Zimbabwe rebel cricketers have filed their official letter of complaint against the Zimbabwe Cricket Board (ZCU) with Malcolm Speed, the chief executive of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

The findings of the aborted hearing in Harare are expected to be announced during the ICC's meeting which starts on October 16.

The letter highlights their concerns at the way the hearing was conducted. They say that they were assured that its remit was to listen to "questions of fact" and that there would not be "excessive cross-examination".

However, it became clear from the start that Norman Arendse, the ZCU's lawyer, intended to adopt a confrontational approach and proceedings were doomed to fail thereafter.

Two of the main objects of accusations of racism -- Ozias Bvute, the ZCU's acting managing-director,

and Max Ebrahim, the chief selector were in the hearing and despite being asked to leave by the two-man ICC panel, refused to do so. With witnesses unwilling to speak in front of the pair, the hearing ended almost as soon as it started.

"We had 12 witnesses waiting, some who had travelled great distances," the letter to Speed stated. "The inquiry could still have proceeded with certain witnesses giving evidence in front of all the directors. They were never given the chance."

Only one person actually gave evidence -- a local journalist -- and despite claiming he was given assurances by Speed that he would not be identified as he feared for his safety were it to be known he was giving evidence, the hearing allowed Arendse to remain during his testimony, breaching any undertaking and ensuring that his participation was revealed to those he most feared.

Speed and the ICC, however, have denied that any such assurances were given.

Invincibles

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aeroplane," Australia's oldest Test cricketer Bill Brown said Monday.

"You could bat him anywhere you want to, he was a strong hitter of the ball, he had a very good pair of hands -- especially in close -- and you could always give him the new ball with confidence."

Miller is one of only three Australian cricketers, along with Bradman and Victor Trumper, to be honoured with a portrait in the Lord's Long Room in London.

He was named at No.6 in Australia's cricket team of the 20th century and made his last public appearance at the unveiling of a statue in his honour at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in February.

"Keith Miller was a genuine legend, a man whose dashing approach helped cricket regain its place in the public affection after the dark years of World War II," Cricket Australia chairman Bob Merriman said in a statement.

"He was one of those rare athletes who could turn a game with bat, ball or with an impossible catch."

"But more important, he was a man who understood that the game, great as it is, is just a game, and he played it that way."

A gifted all-round sportsman, Miller played 50 Victorian Football League (now AFL) games for St. Kilda and represented Victoria in 1946.

After retiring from cricket, Miller spent 20 years as the cricket correspondent for London's Daily Express and received an MBE for his services to the sport.

His wife Marie was with him when he passed away.

He would have been 85 next month.

Chess Olympiad Team leaves for Spain tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh chess team will fly to Spain on Wednesday night to take part in the 36th Chess Olympiad.

Calvia, a southern Spanish city on the Mediterranean, hosts the biggest team chess event from October 14-31.

Bangladesh, with two Grand Masters Ziaur Rahman and Niaz Murshed, prepared for a month under the Russian coach Alexander Volzhin.

Niaz, the first GM in South Asia, will be playing in his first Olympiad but will join the team after the seventh round of the competition.

Volzhin has already left for Moscow on Saturday en route to Calvia.

Bangladesh's best performance came in the 2002 Olympiad at Bled, Slovenia. The men's team secured 34th place out of 141 countries, while the women secured 39-41 place among 94 teams.

The men defeated some strong teams like Romania and Philippines in that meet.

**TEAM PLAYERS:** GM Niaz Murshed, GM Ziaur Rahman, IM Reefat-bin-Sattar, IM Enamul Hossain Rajib, IM Abdullah-Al-Rakib and Sheikh Nasir (men), IWM Rani Hamid, Syeda Shabana Parveen, Zakia Sultana and Nazrana Khan Eva (women), Alexander Volzhin (coach).

Fleming's men

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**BCB XI SQUAD:** Alok Kapali (captain), Mohammad Ashraful, Hannan Sarkar, Nafees Iqbal, Aftab Ahmed, Jamaluddin Ahmed, Talha Jubair, Alamgir Kabir, Anwar Hossain Monir, Dhiman Ghosh, Shamsur Rahman, Nadif Chowdhury, Nasiruddin Faruque and Shahadat Hossain.

All tickets

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Club house (East) -- Tk 200, Special enclosure -- Tk 40, International enclosure (East) -- Tk 60, Western gallery -- Tk 25, Eastern gallery -- Tk 15.

**HOSPITALITY BOXES (TEST AND ODIS):** AC box -- Tk 40,000 and Non AC box -- Tk 30,000.

Karppinen

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obtained his diploma in physical education in 2001, will replace compatriot physio Justin Cordy who was released by the Board last month on completion of a one-year contract.

Karppinen, who previously worked for the Australian Institute of Sports, ACT Cricket Association and Western Australian Cricket Association, is expected to join the Tigers in the first week of November.

Women's soccer

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Ansar recorded a massive 12-0 win over Narayanganj to storm into the semis as Group B champions with maximum nine points. Maleka slammed five goals while Rawshan netted three for the winners who led the first half 8-0.

Khulna with six points moved into the last four from this group.

In the day's other match, VDP blanked Jessore Education Board 5-0 to book their place in the semis behind all-win Dhaka.

For VDP, who finished with six points, Shahana Parveen slotted a hatrick while Moin Marna and Rina Parveen shared the other goals.

The two semifinals -- Dhaka v Khulna and Ansar v VDP -- will be played today at the same venue.

In the morning, Chittagong Division meet Narayanganj at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex in the last match of the league phase, which is of academic interest.

India want Sachin back

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there could be a repeat injury because the muscle is not strong enough to take the pressure of batting," he said. "When there is strength, I can start practicing."

But sources indicated Tendulkar was himself "keen to play but was unsure whether a risk should be taken after just two days of nets on Tuesday and Wednesday in almost two months."

Bangalore-based orthopaedic specialist Premchand Khincha, who examined Tendulkar last week, was quoted in local newspapers as saying the batsman had a "50-50" chance of playing in Madras.

"He is still feeling the pain while driving the ball and the injury still persists," Kincha told the Deccan Herald newspaper.

"Normally, it takes about six weeks to three months to recover from a tennis elbow, but in the case of a person involved in heavy physical activity, such as Tendulkar, recovery could take longer."

India, who were shot out for 246

and 239 in the first Test, need the 9,470-run veteran back in Madras to lift the morale of the hosts.

The Chepauk is a happy hunting ground for Tendulkar, who has scored four centuries in six Tests there, including two in succession against the Australians in 1998 and 2001.

In seven home Tests against the world champions, he has amassed 760 runs.

If Australia go 2-0 up in Madras, it may be too late for Tendulkar and India to make an impact in the remaining two Tests in Nagpur and Mumbai.

On Friday, a desperate Tendulkar, who was with the Indian squad at Bangalore, left the Test for a few hours to visit Sai Baba, a popular spiritual guru. He is also believed to be toying with the idea of using a lighter bat to speed his recovery. It seems he is prepared to explore any avenue to get fit, but the reality is that it is simply a matter of time.



PHOTO: STAR

Scene from a fifth round game of the Sixth Special National Chess Championship at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Auditorium yesterday.

BCCI can now operate SC may ask order fresh elections



REUTERS/AFP, New Delhi

India's top court has set aside a lower court's order suspending all office-bearers of the country's cricket board, including president Ranbir Mahendra, because of alleged misconduct during board elections last month.

A two-judge Supreme Court bench granted the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) a stay on Monday until the case was decided.

The court's order would allow the board's newly-elected officials to resume office, a lawyer for the BCCI said.

The Madras High Court in southern India suspended all BCCI officials and temporarily appointed retired Supreme Court judge S



RANBIR MAHENDRA

Mohan as an interim administrator to run the affairs of the board last week.

The Madras court was hearing a case filed by a local club, who alleged the BCCI election was illegal because of the disqualification of a Maharashtra Cricket Association member from voting on election day.

Mahendra won the election after

Special chess 3-way lead at the top

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SM Shahin, Shamsul Islam and Abid Hossain jointly led the table of the Sixth Special Chess Championship with maximum five points at end of the fifth round at the Bangladesh Chess Federation hall room yesterday.

Ferdous Hassan followed the leaders with 4.5 points.

The championship will be decided today with the sixth and the seventh rounds in the morning.

The prize distribution ceremony will be held at the National Sports Council conference room in the afternoon.

Nabin Sangha election held

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Tabibul Haque and Kazi Tabarakul Islam have been re-elected president and general secretary of sports club Nabin Sangha for the next three years. The club recently its election.

Hassan Nur Islam has been elected the club's cricket chairman.

Some solace for India



AFP, Hyderabad

India scored a consolation 2-0 victory over Pakistan in the final match of an eight-Test series on Sunday.

Sandeep Michael and Tushar Khandedkar slammed in the goals as India reduced the margin to 4-2 after Pakistan had already clinched the series by winning the seventh match at Amritsar on Friday.

India scored both goals in the space of four minutes as Michael deflected in a cross from Vikram Pillay in the 16th minute and Tushar Khandedkar followed it with a rasping drive from the left to increase the margin in the 19th.

India, who played the series without prominent players like Dhanraj Pillay, Prabhjot Singh and Gagan Ajit Singh, dominated the game from the start.

The return of Dilip Tirkey, who missed the previous two matches due to an injury, proved crucial as the defence did a fine job to ensure Pakistan did not bounce back in the

match.

"I thought it was a team effort. We marked their players tightly, passed the ball well and made fine clearances," said Tirkey.

Goalkeeper Adrian D'Souza's agility ensured that even ace penalty-corner specialist Sohail Abbas, who set a world record of 268 goals in the last match at Amritsar, was unable to score off Pakistan's six penalty-corners.

"Adrian was outstanding. He has been doing very well in the past few months and has a bright future," said Tirkey.

Pakistan captain Waseem Ahmed was not disappointed with the loss.

"I thought we played well but did not avail our chances. They made the most of their opportunities while we could not score even though we earned quite a few penalty-corners," he said.

The series, the seventh between the two countries, was played in two legs of four matches each in Pakistan and India.

Pakistan have won five series. India have won one, while one ended in a draw.

CCDM names

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include one batsman, one bowler and a second batsman or an all-rounder.

Jamil claimed that this new system would benefit the players financially, especially bowlers who have always been ignored during transfers as pool members.

Meanwhile, the Corporate Cricket League committee has also finalised the grouping for the second edition of the league, the curtain raiser of the domestic season which starts October 15.

The 12 teams have been divided into two groups by open lottery.

**GROUP A:** CityCell, Epyllion Group, Robin Tex, Acme Laboratories, Aktel, Partex Group

**GROUP B:** Gazi Tank, Grameen-Phone, Beximco, Birman Bangla-desh, MM Ishpani and Araf Apparel.

**POOL**

(Batsmen) Habibul Bashir, Rajin Saleh, Hannan Sarkar, Javed Omer Balim, Nafees Iqbal, Aftab Ahmed, Mohammed Ashraful, Faisal Hossain Dickens, Shahriar Hossain, Alok Kapali; (all-rounders) Khaled Mahmud, Khaled Mashud, Mushtiqur Rahman, Manzarul Islam; (bowlers) Mohammed Rafique, Tapash Baisya, Tareq Aziz, Abdur Razzak and Nazmul Alam.



PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan hockey team players pose with the trophy after the final game of the eight-match friendship series against India in Hyderabad on October 10. India won the final match 2-0, but Pakistan won the series 4-2.