

BUET sports

BSS, Dhaka

The annual sports competition of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) was held at its playground yesterday.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr M Alee Murtaza inaugurated the competition in the morning.

Among eight residential halls, Sher-e-Bangla Hall secured the first position while Dr MA Rashid Hall and Nazrul Islam Hall became second and third.

Besides, there were some events for teachers, officers, other employees and their children.

The VC handed over prizes to the winners in the afternoon.

Director of Students' Welfare (DSW) Professor Dr Fazul Baree, advisor of BUET Athletics Club Professor Dr Maglub Al Nur and provosts of residential halls were present during the ceremony.

Magura handball

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Arpana Girls School recorded a 9-0 victory over Daudmalik Girls School in the second match of the women's handball tournament at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Tanis scored four goals while Swapna two and Seema, Toma and Shampa netted one each for the winners.

No Sachin, Shoaib

FROM PAGE 13 game, Shoaib added: "I could go in and rip my hamstring off... and be out of the team for six months."

Woolmer was seen on television during Wednesday's final day of the Sydney Test having animated words with Shoaib in the team pavilion during the tea interval, but he would not elaborate on what was said between the pair, just saying: "That's between me and him, sorry."

"I have to say he was tired. I suppose, in a way, everyone was disappointed with his commitment," he said.

"From a team point of view, we understand that he's given everything in the first two Test matches and it didn't go for him in this Test."

Shoaib, one of the great sights in Test cricket off his long flowing run-up to bowl, would have been one of the major drawcards for the star-studded Asian team, which features Sourav Ganguly, Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid, Muttiah Muralitharan, Sanath Jayasuriya, Anil Kumble and a limited appearance by Sachin Tendulkar.

Mourning

FROM PAGE 13 international Test ground, and somehow we did it, with a lot of difficulties," Warnaweera said. "And now, within such a short period of time, we are left having to face this."

The stadium was also a vital boost for Galle's economy, with hotels, guesthouses and restaurants packed out during international matches. Warnaweera reckons more than 200 local families were supported because of its presence.

Rebuilding will cost at least 300 million rupees (3 million dollars), he estimates. It will be a massive job.

For a start, about six inches (15 centimetres) of soil must be removed from right across the field and replaced. All of the drainage systems must be rebuilt from scratch. Maintenance machinery, computers and files are destroyed.

But a few items have been spared. Warnaweera proudly points out a photograph of the opening day of the first Test match, hanging on the wall of his office. The two-metre high watermark on the wall runs right across it.

And while cricket-mad Sri Lankans grieve for the more than 30,000 Sri Lankans killed by the tsunami, many are also sparing a thought for the loss of Galle's pride and joy.

Hotel management student Harsha Fernando, 24, who once played here as a schoolboy, dropped by to see the damage for himself.

"If you take 100 Sri Lankans, 95 of them are cricket lovers. This is one of the best grounds in Sri Lanka. But what do we now?" Fernando intoned.

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