

## LOCAL SNIPPETS

## SPORTS REPORTER

The residential camp of eight disciplines for the coming 2nd Indo-Bangladesh Bangla Games will begin on September 10.

Some 285 athletes, 24 coaches and nine camp commanders will attend the month long camps for football, kabaddi, volleyball, swimming, athletics, shooting, basketball and kho kho.

Football, swimming and athletics camps will be held at the BKSP in Savar while the remaining teams will stay in the capital.

The first ever Indo-Bangla Games were held in Kolkata last year while Dhaka will host the second edition in December this year.

The Bangladesh Olympic Association will bear the entire cost of the training camps.

## DIV 3 FOOTBALL

Shafullah scored a hattrick as Gulistan registered a 3-2 victory over Rainbow in the Third Division Football League at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

Shafullah scored twice in the first-half and once in the 57th minute. Raju Mia and Sohel netted one goal each for Rainbow.

At the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Sepoy Mohammad Mostafa Stadium in Kamalapur, Dhaka Junior beat Tongi 3-0 goals with Saidur scoring once in each half while Kamal scoring the other.

In another match at the same venue, Sheikh Sadi struck for Spandan in the 11th minute as they beat Jirabo 1-0.

## WOMEN'S CRICKET

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)'s women's wing has arranged the training programme.

Eighteen selected women cricketers have been asked to report to coach Zafraul Hasan, assistant coach Parvin Putul and manager Najma Shamini on Friday at 4 pm at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex.

The players are: Panna Ghosh, Khadiza Akhter, Maria Tanzim, Tazkia Akhter, Monjila Khatun, Champa Chakma, Ayesha Akhter, Mina Khatun Mona, Tithi Rani Sarker, Salma Akhter, Sathira Zakir, Shamima Akhter, Salma Khatun, Papiya Haq, Shuktara, Irine Sultana, Chameli Khatun and Reshma Akhter.

## OPEN TABLE TENNIS

UNB adds: The Sam Open Table Tennis Tournament began at the NSC Woodenfloor Gymnasium yesterday with 12 matches decided on the opening day.

In the women's singles, Tamanna (Lalbagh), Rumi, Jayati (Abahani) and Seema (Palolico) won their respective matches in straight sets while Binti (Lalbagh) beat her teammate Eti 3-1.

In under-14 boys' singles, Shibu, Babu (Gangabanda), Aunty, Sabir, Himesh (Palolico) and Palash (Lalbagh) defeated their opponents by identical 3-0 sets while Hridoy (Lalbagh) edged Rabbi (Palolico) 3-2.

## CARROM TOURNEY

## DELAYED

UNB adds: Bangladesh Carrom Federation at its executive committee meeting has decided to defer the two-day 1st Open Women Carrom Championship, which was scheduled to begin on Friday, until after the Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr.

The championship has been deferred as most of the female dormitories of the country's educational institutions, including Dhaka University, Eden Women's College and Begum Badrunnesa Women's College, remained closed.

The Federation hopes to stage the championship after the Ramadan, said a press release.

## NCA meet NT Strike today

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Fresh from a 132-run victory against Tasmania in a three-dayer, Bangladesh Cricket Board National Cricket Academy will get involved in a limited-overs match when the visitors take on Northern Territory Strike today.

The Crocodile Cup match against the home side will be held at the Marrara Oval in Darwin.

It would be the NCA's last one-day match of the trip before they wrap up their tour down under with a four-day match against the NT Strike from September 10.

The NCA have won two of the four one-dayers in the Institute Challenge Cup.

## WC 2010 enters

FROM PAGE 24 especially in capital Pretoria, for September 15.

"We would like to assert to the world and South Africans that the different institutions involved in the organisation are confident that we are on course that we will host a wonderful World Cup," said Jordaan without giving further details on the programme of activities.



PHOTO: AFP  
BITTER END: Bangladesh's Kamruzzaman (R) tries to stop Korean Yoon Sung Hoon from taking a swipe at the goal during their final first round match of the seventh Asia Cup hockey tournament in Chennai yesterday. Bangladesh gulped 8 goals without any reply.

## Bosman calls coach 'liar'

### Nel called up as replacement

## Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

procedure that has been followed. "I have the findings of the leading neurosurgeon in the land. How can I argue against that?" he said. "Does Loots not realise that there is a possibility that he could be paralysed?"

South Africa's Twenty20 campaign gets underway against West Indies at Johannesburg on Tuesday, and Arthur claimed that he had envisaged a full role in the tournament for Bosman, had he been fit. "I wanted him to play in the warm-up game in Potchefstroom on Saturday," said Arthur, "but he could not attend a fitness test as at the end of the month, he will state his side of the matter."

As a consequence of his comments, Bosman has been charged with four breaches of the CSA code of conduct, including "detrimental conduct which could bring (himself), the board or the game of cricket into disrepute." As was the case with his teammate, Mark Boucher, who was carpeted for speaking publicly about Jacques Kallis's omission from the Twenty20 squad, Bosman will appear before the CSA's Disciplinary Commissioner, Advocate Michael Kuper SC, on a date that has yet to be decided.

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The case is yet another example of the very public rifts developing in South African cricket. At the weekend, the allrounder Andrew Hall announced that he would be turning his back on the national team when his contract expires at the end of the month, and instead has committed

to the breakaway Indian Cricket League.

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## Dimitri in with chance

## Cricket

AFP, London

Dimitri Mascalheras hopes hitting five sixes in an over in the sixth one-day international against India will secure him a place in England's squad for the Twenty20 World Championship.

Mascalheras had made six from nine balls when he took strike against Yuvraj Singh in the final over at the Brit Oval Wednesday.

He miscued the first ball, and was almost out from the second as Piyush Chawla took a running catch at deep midwicket only to sprawl back against the boundary rope.

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was seeing it pretty good, so I just kept swinging hard and it kept hitting the middle of the bat."

With England's squad for the Twenty20 World Championship, which starts in South Africa next week, ravaged by injury, Mascalheras must come into contention.

"There's obviously a chance with injuries -- that's all I know," he said. "I'd love to be in the Twenty20 side."

Ravi Bopara has a thumb injury, while Andrew Flintoff remains a doubt for the competition with an ankle problem.

His condition will be monitored further over the next couple of days before a final decision is made.

Mascalheras was named in England's provisional 30-man squad for the tournament, but not in the final 15.

Given his bowling ability -- he took two wickets at the Oval -- Mascalheras would be a logical straight swap for either Bopara or Flintoff.

"The closest I've seen to that was South Africa against Australia so far. In ten innings in the series so far, he has plundered 548 runs, with four 90s, at a strike rate of 84.3. The tour also reunited him with his opening partner Sourav Ganguly, and the pair, the most prolific in the history of one-day cricket, added four more century partnerships to take their tally to 25, 16 of them for the first wicket."

94 to set up India's run chase.

Even Rahul Dravid, India's captain, had words of praise for Mascalheras.

"I've never seen hitting quite as big as that," he admitted.

"I have bowled spinner for last over before, but here it looks like the wrong decision because he went for five sixes."

"But our fast bowlers were going for 14-15 and Yuvraj bowled a good 48 over. If Piyush had caught the first one, it would have been different."

"After that one I said to Yuvraj, don't worry he'll edge the next one. Then I said it after the second one, but after the third one I gave up."

## Tendulkar denies

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obstacle," he said. "It does take its toll on the body. When you are 22 or 23, you recover a lot more quickly. But at 34, it's not so easy."

Tendulkar has been in excellent one-day form on the tour of England so far. In ten innings in the series so far, he has plundered 548 runs, with four 90s, at a strike rate of 84.3. The tour also reunited him with his opening partner Sourav Ganguly, and the pair, the most prolific in the history of one-day cricket, added four more century partnerships to take their tally to 25, 16 of them for the first wicket.

## Shakib in shortlist

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which was a reward for another superb year as he made 1185 ODI runs at 51.52 and 576 Test runs at 82.28. He also led Australia to triumphs in the World Cup, Champions Trophy and the Ashes.

Pietersen, Yusuf and Muttiah Muralitharan are also up for the Test player award, with Yusuf's record of five centuries and 944 runs at 94.40 from his six Tests making him hard to beat. However, Muralitharan had a stellar year with 43 wickets at 11.60 and Pietersen scored 1255 runs at 57.04.

The ODI title is an Australian-dominated affair with Ponting, Glenn McGrath, Matthew Hayden and Jacques Kallis the four nominees. Hayden's remarkable return

to the Australian line-up brought 1368 runs at 62.18, Kallis scored 1149 runs at 60.47, while McGrath enjoyed his farewell year with 50 wickets at 19.34.

## Cricketter of the Year

Shivnarine Chanderpaul (WI)

Kevin Pietersen (Eng)

Ricky Ponting (Aus)

Mohammed Yousuf (Pak)

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Jacques Kallis (SA)

Glenn McGrath (Aus)

Ricky Ponting (Aus)

## Emerging Player

Ravinder Bopara (Eng)

Shakib Al Hasan (BD)

Shaun Tait (Aus)

Ross Taylor (NZ)

## Captain of the Year

Mahela Jayawardene (SL)

Ricky Ponting (Aus)

## Associate Player of the Year

Ashish Bagai (Can)

Thomas Odoyo (Ken)

Ryan ten Doeschate (Ned)

Steve Tikolo (Ken)

## Umpire of the Year

Mark Benson

Steve Bucknor

Simon Taufel

## Women's Cricketer of the Year

Jhulan Goswami (Ind)

Lisa Sthalekar (Aus)

Claire Taylor (Eng)

from the single over in a one-day international but no one prior to that had managed five. Mascalheras, with impressive muscularity, rectified that from the last five deliveries of the innings sent down by Yuvraj. In six matches now, he has hit only a single four but ten sixes for all that.

## SCOREBOARD

Final scorecard of the sixth one-day international between England and India at The Oval on Wednesday:

## ENGLAND

Cook c Dhoni b Zaheer 0  
Prior lbw b Agarkar 6  
Bell b Chawla 49  
Pietersen run out 53  
Collingwood run out 1  
Shah not out 107  
Wright run out 50

Mascalheras not out 36  
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-6) 14  
Total: (For 6 wkt in 50 overs) 316  
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-20, 3-79, 4-83, 5-137, 6-243

Did not bat: Broad, Anderson, Panesar 10 0 55 1  
Shah 4 0 19 1

Result: India won by two wickets and level the 7-ODI series at 3-3.