

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 commandants will attend the month long camps for football, kabaddi, volleyball, swimming, athletics, shooting, basket-ball 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

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

Shafiullah 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 Zafrul Hasan, assistant coach Parvin Putul and manager Najma Shamim 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, Tiithi Rani Sarker, Salma Akhter, Sathira Zakir, Shamima Akhter, Salma Khatun, Papiya Haq, Shuklara, 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 (Palolic) won their respective matches in straight sets while Binti (Lalbag) beater teammate Eti 3-1.

In under-14 boys' singles, Shibli, Babu (Gaibandha), Auttu, Sabbir, Himel (Palolic) and Palash (Lalbagh) defeated their opponents by identical 3-0 sets while Hridoy (Lalbagh) edged Rabbi (Palolic) 3-2.

CARROM TOURNNEY DELAYED

UNB adds: Bangladesh Carrom Federation at its executive committee meeting has decided to defer the two-day 1st Open Women Carom 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

A 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



CRICINFO, undated

The opening batsman, Loots Bosman, has become the second South African cricketer in the space of a month to be called before a CSA disciplinary hearing, following his controversial criticism of the national coach, Mickey Arthur, in the Afrikaans newspaper, Beeld.

On Tuesday, Bosman was withdrawn from the South Africa squad for the ICC World Twenty20 with a back injury, to be replaced by the fast bowler, Andre Nel. The official reason for his omission, however, did not go down well with the player himself, who was quoted in Wednesday's edition of Beeld as accusing Arthur of lying.

Under the headline Loots slaan Mickey vir 'n ses, Bosman hit out at the decision, claiming that the CSA medical advice that he should rest his injured back for six weeks was suspect. "I am tired of the lying," Bosman was quoted as saying. "I am fine, ask my physiotherapist in Bloemfontein who treated me last week. I am very, very, disappointed. Mickey (Arthur) tells too many lies."

Arthur himself responded in the same paper that the comments were "shocking". "It is understandable that he would be disappointed," said Arthur, "but his reactions are very immature and I am disappointed how he has handled this."

Arthur is also confident that there is nothing wrong with the

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 it had been recommended that he should not be active for a six-week period."

As a consequence of his comments, Bosman has been charged with four breaches of the CSA code of conduct, including "deliberate 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 carpentered for speaking publicly about Jacques Kallis's omission from the Twenty20 squad, Bosman will appear before the C S A's Disciplinary Commissioner, Advocate Michael Kuper SC, on a date that has yet to be decided.

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.

Unlike Boucher and Bosman, however, Hall has vowed to keep his council until his contract expires. "I don't want the same to happen to my husband than what happened to Mark Boucher," his wife, Leanie, told Beeld. "When Andrew's contract with CSA expires at the end of the month, he will state his side of the matter."

Lehmann loses

FROM PAGE 24 But Wales striker Freddy Eastwood, who scored the winning goal on his debut against Bulgaria last month, said Lehmann is Germany's "weak point".

"When you look at the form I'm in and the form he's in, I definitely fancy my chances against him," Eastwood said.

"We'll be looking at the German side for any weak points and I'm sure the gaffer will pick out Lehmann's form.

"Every player goes through a bad time and Lehmann seems to be having one at the start of this season. That's unlucky for him - but it's a good thing for us."

Lehmann has always been German head coach Joachim Loew's first-choice keeper since he took over as head coach from Jurgen Klinsmann after last year's World Cup.

Germany are five points clear at the top of Group D with Wales in fifth place on seven points.

South Korea

FROM PAGE 21 Lanka level with Korea on seven points.

Korea, however, enjoyed a better goal difference (41-8) to China (32-6) after the latter's 10-2 defeat of the Lankans.

The Korean coach was eager about the result of the China-Korea match, which kicked off an hour earlier, as he was seen talking on a cell phone while his boys were tearing apart the Bangladesh defence.

Goalkeeper Zahid Hossain, who made a series of saves against hosts India before going down 6-0, once again showed his brilliance under the bar but once he was beaten, the total resistance of the team was destroyed.

The Koreans simply toyed with their lesser rivals, enjoying superior ball possession and the Bangladesh stick wielders were chasing shadows most of the time, failing to touch the ball for minute after minute.

In the end, Bangladesh who trailed 5-0 at the break, suffered their biggest defeat of the tournament after also losing to China 6-0.

Bangladesh began the event in the South Indian city with a massive 13-0 win over Thailand and defeated Sri Lanka 3-2.

After a rest day today, the classification matches will begin tomorrow. Bangladesh, who finished fourth in the group, will meet Pakistan in their first game for the 5th-8th place play-offs.

Dravid awaits

FROM PAGE 21 "When you see a team fighting like that it's a great thing for a captain."

He insisted that his side will be able to pick themselves up for Saturday's decider.

"We have to get our heads held high because we know we've done good things today," he said.

"We've got to prove we're still playing good cricket, which we are doing."

Akhtar slates ODI changes

BBC ONLINE, undated

Pakistan paceman Shoaib Akhtar has criticised cricket's administrators for favouring batsmen over fast bowlers.

The 32-year-old is fit again and back in favour with new coach Geoff Lawson but said: "Cricket should be about fast bowlers, not batsmen.

"Spectators like to see fast bowlers running in, hurting people, and pitches that make batsmen struggle for runs.

"But now we play on good batting tracks all the time, they've made laws about bouncers and free hits for a no-ball."

Shoaib, who was banned for two years in November 2006 after failing a drugs tests only to have the suspension quashed, missed the World Cup in the Caribbean earlier this year because of injury.

He has not played a one-day international since the fourth match of the series in England in September 2006 but played in recent Twenty20 matches for Pakistan and is part of Lawson's squad for the forthcoming ICC World Twenty20 in South Africa.

Regarding his well-documented ban, he put the blame at the hands of the committee set up by the Pakistan Cricket Board to investigate the matter.

"It's difficult when you get into trouble," he said. "If I do it, then it is a problem, but if anyone else does it, they don't get into trouble."

"The Pakistan Cricket Board has helped, it was not their fault the case went wrong. "The disciplinary committee turned out to be the main culprit."

Having conceded 31 from four overs in his Twenty20 debut in England last year, Shoaib took two wickets apiece against Bangladesh and Kenya in Nairobi recently.

He remains convinced, however, that fast bowlers are hard done by in modern day cricket.

"The charm has gone down in cricket because you don't have fast bowlers running in and bowling at 90mph now," he added.

Umpires backed over run-out decision

BBC ONLINE, undated

The International Cricket Council has backed umpire Peter Hartley following a controversial run-out decision during England's game with India at The Oval.

Hartley initially declined to refer the matter to the TV umpire after Paul Collingwood attempted a risky single.

But he did so after seeing the incident on the giant screen at the ground, and Collingwood was duly given out.

An ICC spokesman said: "The way he got to the decision was not ideal, but the fact is the right decision was made."

He continued: "There is nothing to prevent an umpire reversing his decision as long as it is before the next ball was bowled."

"He should have referred the decision straight away but he had the presence of mind to refer it once he realised his mistake."

"Imagine if he had not referred it when Collingwood was clearly out."

The manner of his dismissal appeared to annoy Collingwood, who made only a single.

The ICC confirmed, however, that no attempt was made by the Indian players to influence the umpire into referring the decision.

Dimitri in with chance



AFP, London

Dimitri Mascarenhas 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.

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

He misused 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.

"I saw him catch it and I just thought touch the rope, touch the rope, and he did," Mascarenhas said. "That's what you need sometimes, a bit of luck."

There was no luck about the next four deliveries, though, as the Hampshire all-rounded thrashed Yuvraj for further sixes in that same arc between the sightscreen and midwicket.

"It wasn't a plan -- but with slower bowling you're conscious of getting as many runs as you can," Mascarenhas went on.

"It wasn't a surprise to see him bowl it because he'd bowled the 48th well.

"After the second one I knew I

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, Mascarenhas 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.

Mascarenhas 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 -- Mascarenhas would be a logical straight swap for either Bopara or Flintoff.

"The closest I've seen to that was South Africa against Australia when they chased over 400," his captain Paul Collingwood said in evident admiration.

"That's the only thing that comes close. It certainly tipped the momentum in our favour."

It carried England's score to 316-6, but that wasn't enough as Sachin Tendulkar hit a magnificent

94 to set up India's run chase.

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

"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 48th 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.

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which was a reward for another superb year in which 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, Yousuf and Muttiah Muralitharan are also up for the Test player award, with Yousuf'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.

Cricketer of the Year Shivnarine Chanderpaul (WI)

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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)

The 'singing' Robin

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(35) was bowled behind his legs by Stuart Broad to leave 23 needed from the final two overs. Agarkar was run out but Anderson's final over conceded 13, leaving Broad to defend 10. Two from the first ball and then the run-out of Zaheer was not sufficient: Uthappa flicked the third ball over his shoulder and past Panesar at short fine-leg and when Collingwood punished the spinner back and brought up Cook instead from the fence, the batsman took his chance with the half volley.

In defeat, though, there was much to comfort the England management in the performances of the next generation of players. At Old Trafford Broad and Bopara had their day. Yesterday Shah, stung by his unwitting involvement in the run-out of Pietersen for 53 and fortunate to escape an appeal for a catch behind when 40, reached 50 from 62 balls, and his hundred from just 29 more as the bottom hand kicked in. Wright, too, demonstrated the prodigious speed of his hands through the ball and may well find himself opening before long.

For his part Mascarenhas put himself in the history books. During the World Cup, Herschelle Gibbs became the first man to hit six sixes

from a single over in a one-day international but no one prior to that had managed five. Mascarenhas, 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 scoreboard of the sixth one-day international between England and India at The Oval on Wednesday:

ENGLAND		INDIA	
Cook c Dhoni b Zaheer	0	Extras: (b-9, w-9)	18
Prior lbw b Agarkar	6	Total: (For 8 wkts in 49.4 overs) 317	
Bell b Chawla	49	Fall of wickets: 1-150, 2-156, 3-209, 4-216, 5-234, 6-294, 7-307, 8-309	
Pietersen run out	53	Did not bat: Chawla	
Collingwood run out	1	Bowler	O M R W
Shah not out	107	Broad	9.4 1 46 2
Wright run out	50	Anderson	8 0 79 0
Mascarenhas not out	36	Mascarenhas	10 0 55 2
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, w-6)	14	Collingwood	8 0 54 0
Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 316		Panesar	10 0 55 1
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-20, 3-79, 4-83, 5-137, 6-243		Shah	4 0 19 1
Did not bat: Broad, Anderson, Panesar			

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Zaheer	10	0	4	31
Agarkar	8	0	63	1
Ganguly	7	0	43	0
Chawla	10	1	44	1
Power	9	0	44	0

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	35 Deck-hands	DOWN	16 Flop
1 Poet	36 Hay bundle	1 Chest protector	20 Enthusiast
5 Cronies	37 "Our Miss Brooks" star	2 Big brother	21 Eastern wigwig
9 Pop sheltered	38 Plant life (Pref.)	3 Actor Stephen	22 Staminate
14 Hall, Caesar!	40 Single (Pref.)	4 Fixed a hole	23 Road sign
15 Business-meeting site	42 Meadow	5 Take up space?	24 Luminary
17 Sleep in its	43 "Monopoly" purchase	6 Lotlon additive	26 Models stance
18 Micro-wave, slangily	48 Rowing tool	7 Zodiac feline	27 Indivisible
19 Prelude	49 Tibetan monk	8 Students' strike	28 Duel tool
21 Stick in the mud	50 Differently	9 Pub target	29 Stitched fil
24 Cold-shoulder	51 Remnant	10 State with certainty	31 Fil for purchase
25 One of the help	52 List-shorten-ing abbr.	11 Show-room sample	34 Corn spike
26 Vichy-soise ingredi-	53 Arp's style		35 Boasted
30 Under the weather			37 Moreover
31 Underwater tracker			38 Big ice mass
32 Mimic			39 Slender
33 One who'll let things go			40 One of the Three Bears
			41 Exam format
			44 Feedbag
			45 —carte
			46 1960s hallucinogen
			47 Mauna —

Solution time: 21 mins.	
ACROSS	DOWN
1 POET	16 FLOP
5 CRONIES	20 ENTHUSIAST
9 POP SHELTERED	21 EASTERN WIGWIG
14 HALL, CAESAR!	22 STAMINATE
15 BUSINESS-MEETING SITE	23 ROAD SIGN
17 SLEEP IN ITS	24 LUMINARY
18 MICRO-WAVE, SLANGILY	26 MODELS STANCE
19 PRELUDE	27 INDIVISIBLE
21 STICK IN THE MUD	28 DUEL TOOL
24 COLD-SHOULDER	29 STITCHED FIL
25 ONE OF THE HELP	31 FIL FOR PURCHASE
26 VICHY-SOISE INGREDIENTS	34 CORN SPIKE
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	46 1960S HALLUCINOGEN
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