

## BANGLA GAMES BOA disburses funds to feds

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) yesterday handed over cheques of Tk 12,34,750 to different federations as part of their preparation for this year's 2nd Indo-Bangladesh Bangla Games.

BOA deputy secretary-general and chairman of coaching committee Ashrafuldin Chunnu handed over the cheques to the representatives of eight federations.

The competition between athletes from Bangladesh and West Bengal of India will be held in eight disciplines.

The Bangladesh Football Federation received highest Tk 3,20,500 while Bangladesh Swimming Federation got Tk 2,18,750.

The rest of the amount was distributed among basketball (Tk 1,37,750), volleyball (1,15,250), shooting (1,67,000), kabaddi (1,37,750) and kho kho (1,37,750) federations.

All the disciplines excepting football have already begun their residential training camps.

**McGrath keen**

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wait and see."

McGrath, 37, said he was also looking at business opportunities in cricketing-mad India.

"Whether that's playing or whatever, we'll see what happens," he said.

Earlier this month Indian cricket authorities announced McGrath and New Zealander Stephen Fleming would be part of the Indian Premier League made up of franchised teams under the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

**Ricky blow**

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the tournament began on September 11 following his wife's illness.

But Kourtois said the late arrival or the return to action after a four-month break had caused the injury.

"It can happen anytime," he said.

"We get them anytime in a season."

"He's been here for a week now so really I could not say with confidence that it had anything to do with it. It's just coincidence."

Ponting is expected to be replaced for the crucial Sri Lanka game by all-rounder Shane Watson, who himself has just recovered from a hamstring injury.

**Denmark plan**

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a two-way mirror ahead of the Danish team's key tactical meeting before their clash with China last Wednesday.

Earlier in the week, the team discovered men filming them from a building at a closed training session.

FIFA issued a statement saying an investigation concluded that the men had nothing to do with football, but gave no other explanation.

**Shevchenko**

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been criticised for scoring only 15 goals in 53 Blues appearances.

He might have hoped his equaliser would have earned a pat on the back from his boss.

But when asked about the Ukrainian's performance, Mourinho stared blankly for a while then shrugged.

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PHOTO: AFP

Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia prepares to serve against Marta Domachowska of Poland at the Sunfeast Open in Kolkata yesterday.

## Method over mercurial

CRICINFO, undated

ICC WORLD TWENTY20  
SOUTH AFRICA 2007

No Pakistani player was as ridiculed coming in to the tournament as Misbahul Haq, whose selection at the expense of Mohammad Yousuf, Pakistan's record-breaking run getter last year, drove the latter into the lap of the Indian Cricket League. He might return home as Pakistan's most celebrated cricketer from the ICC World Twenty20 Championship.

Pakistan have qualified for the semifinals, and it came on the back of a performance so controlled and clinical that it could have belonged to the team they beat, Australia, judging from what Adam Gilchrist had to say at the post-match press conference, are yet to embrace this format wholeheartedly and they are far from invincible in this form, but there was nothing remotely flukeish about Pakistan's win. They out-bowled, out-batted, and would you believe it, out-fielded Australia.

It was Malik who led the charge with a four and six off Mitchell Johnson and Stuart Clark before targeting Michael Clarke for two fours and a six. Misbah didn't hit a four until his 19th ball when he gave Nathan Bracken the full view of his stumps before lofting over extra cover. The next shot was even smarter: Bracken shortened his length, and Misbah waited on the backfoot to deftly guide it to the third-man boundary.

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## Hantuchova advances

AFP, Kolkata

Slovak second seed Daniela Hantuchova moved into the second round of the WTA Sunfeast Open here on Wednesday with a 6-2, 6-1 win against Poland's Maria Domachowska.

Hantuchova's powerful serve and trademark double-handed backhand gave the Polish qualifier little chance in the one-sided encounter that lasted barely an hour.

Also making it to the second round were England's Anne Keothavong and Maria Korttseva of Ukraine.

Keothavong defeated Italian Sara Errani 6-4, 6-4 while Korttseva beat Australian Monique Adamczak 6-3, 6-3.

Eighth seed Chan Yung-jan of Taiwan and Tzipora Obziler of Israel progressed to the quarter-finals of this Tier-III event.

Obziler, who upset ninth seed Russian Yaroslava Shvedova on Tuesday, took time to get into the groove before winning 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 against Australian Casey Dellacqua.

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## Proteas bring Kiwis down

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no-ball by umpire Billy Doctrove.

Craig McMillan top scored for New Zealand with 48 not out in an innings studded with four sixes.

New Zealand made a brisk start as openers Brendon McCullum and Lou Vincent hammered 68 for the first wicket by the ninth over.

South Africa hit back by claiming three wickets in 11 balls and earned a fourth success soon after to make the Black Caps 90-4 by the 13th over.

Morkel had McCullum (38) and Ross Taylor (one) caught behind by wicket-keeper Mark Boucher in the ninth over.

Vincent, who settled in to hit 32 off 29 balls, was bowled by Johan van der Wath in the 10th and Scott Styris holed out in the deep off Albie Morkel after making six.

Morne Morkel returned for his second spell to bowl Jacob Oram and had Shane Bond caught by Boucher.

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### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Twenty20 World Super Eights match between New Zealand and South Africa at the Kingsmead on Wednesday:

**NEW ZEALAND**

Vincent b Van der Wath 32  
McCullum c Boucher b M 20

Morkel 38  
Styris c De Villiers b A Morkel 6

McMillan not out 48

Oram b Morkel 15

McCullum run out 1

Velotti c A Morkel b Van der Wath 1

Bond c Boucher b M Morkel 0

Gillespie not out 3

Extras: (lb-1, w-5, nb-2) 8

Total: (For 8 wkts in 20 overs) 153

Fall of wickets: 1-68, 2-70, 3-76, 4-90, 5-131, 6-132, 7-137, 8-139.

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Pollock 4 0 41 0

Nel 4 0 23 0

M Morkel 4 0 17 4

Van der Wath 4 0 31 2

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Gibbs c sub (Patel) b Martin 19

De Villiers c B McCullum b

Gillespie 1

Kempton not out 89

Boucher c McCullum b

Gillespie 23

Pollock not out 16

Extras: (lb-1, w-4, nb-3) 8

Total: (For 4 wkts in 19.1 overs) 158

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-17, 3-45, 4-110.

**Bowler O M R W**

Bond 4 0 31 1

Gillespie 3.1 1 11 2

Martin 4 0 40 1

Oram 4 0 50 0

Vettori 4 0 25 0

Result: South Africa won by six wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Justin Kemp.

Toss: South Africa

**BANGLADESH**

Iqbal c Malinga b Fernando 3

Nazimuddin lbw b Vaas 0

Aftab b Fernando 18

Ashraful c Dilshan b Vaas 4

Shakib b Maharoof 18

Nadim run out 5

Mahmudullah c Mubarak 16

b Jayasuriya 12

Mortaza b Malinga 12

Rahim run out 1

Razzak c Sangakkara b Jayasuriya 5

Rasel not out 0

Extras: (lb-1) 1

Total: (All out in 15.5 overs) 83

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-21, 3-21, 4-31, 5-39, 6-53, 7-66, 8-68, 9-81.

**Bowler O M R W**

Vaas 4 0 14 2

Fernando 3 1 21 2

Maharoof 3 0 16 1

Dilshan not out 21

Mubarak not out 31

Extras: (b-4, lb-3, w-2, nb-1) 10

Total: (For 5 wkts in 20 overs) 147

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-37, 3-59, 4-84, 5-96.

**Bowler O M R W**

Mortaza 4 0 39 1

Rasel 4 0 26 1

Ashraful 2 0 14 0

Mahmudullah 4 0 19 1

Shakib 3 0 22 1

Razzak 3 0 20 1

**BANGLADESH**

Umpires: Mark Benson (ENG) and Daryl Harper (AUS)

TWU umpire: Nigel Llong (ENG)