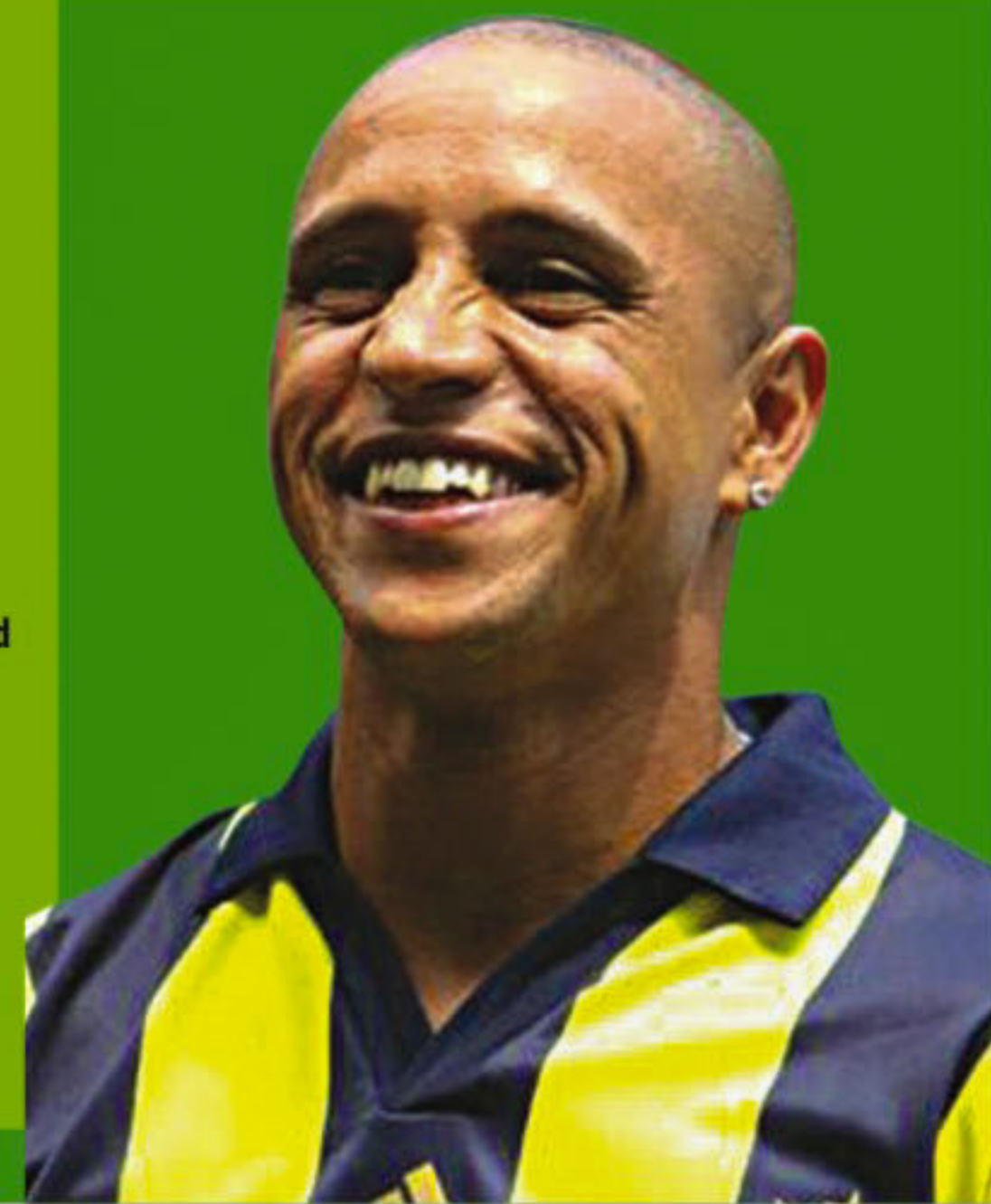


The Brazilian season got off to a flying start with a brilliant goal direct from a corner by former Brazil and Real Madrid fullback Roberto Carlos on Sunday. Roberto Carlos scored with what is known in South America as an Olympic goal to help Corinthians beat Portuguesa 2-0 on the opening weekend of the Paulista (Sao Paulo state) championship. "That was the first Olympic goal of my career. It took a long time coming, right," a grinning Roberto Carlos told reporters as he was kissed on his bald head by former Brazil team mate Ronaldo.



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Arambagh's Bangoura Ismael is hoisted by teammates after the Guinean scored the lone goal in their Bangladesh League match against Sheikh Jamal at the Birshreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium yesterday.

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## Tigers' squad on hold

To be disclosed tomorrow after review

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The country will have to wait till the last day of deadline to know the Tigers' World Cup squad after the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) decided to announce the 15-member team on January 19.

After a marathon meeting of the technical and evaluation committee that lasted more than three hours, it was informed that due to 'several scopes of discussion', the team could not be put forward for BCB president's approval. The technical committee, led by Enayet Hossain Siraj, is the first checking point for the selectors, and the Rafiqul Alam-led panel failed to get past that hurdle with what mooted to be their choice of 15.

The chief reason behind the delay, according to Siraj, is consideration of medical grounds. In other words, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza's standing in the team, after his fitness report confirmed that he wouldn't be fit before selection, kept the meeting a hotly-contested one.

Sources have confirmed that Mashrafe wasn't in the selection committee's consideration, a reason enough for the some of the technical committee members to oppose. Another area, the team's middle-order, also kept the meeting busy with the position of Rokibul-much-talked-about.

The debate put the autonomy of the selection committee in serious threat for a second time but Siraj said that since the board takes all the blame, the technical committee is legitimate to discuss anything.

The common practice is for the selectors to select the team and the board president to approve it. It used to be an academic event but the evaluation committee, a latest creation of the board, has put a stop to what used to be a very simple equation. According to a source, Rafiqul Alam and his two colleagues had to face a lot of questions and give a lot of explanations on the choices they made.

"The selectors do pick the team but ultimately, BCB are to blame if something goes wrong. So there is nothing wrong if the technical committee evaluates the selection and

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## Arambagh scalp giants Sheikh Jamal

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A struggling Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club finally dropped all three points when the star-studded newcomers suffered a single-goal defeat at the hands of Arambagh KS in their Bangladesh League match at the Birshreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Guinean striker Bangoura Ismael, playing in his first Bangladesh League match, converted a penalty in the first half to give Arambagh their first victory in four matches as well as handing the first defeat to Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club. The newcomers had earlier played out a goalless draw against holders Abahani, won 2-0 against Muktiyoddha Sangsad and drawn 1-1 against Chittagong Abahani.

The minnows continued to stun the giants in the league, which had earlier saw holders Abahani lose to Farashganj SC and Mohammedan going down to Rahmatganj MFS.

Sheikh Jamal have been playing without coach after Serbian Zoran Kraljevic was terminated over a selection row with the club management just before their league

opener. New coach Packeer Ali from Sri Lanka is set to take over, but even his presence at the stadium, after he landed in Dhaka yesterday, proved to be of little motivation to his new side.

Sheikh Jamal drafted in striker Towhidul Alam Sabuj in place of struggling Zahid Hasan Emily along with Federation Cup's second highest scorer Enamul Haq and the striking duo penetrated a youthful Arambagh backline from the word go but neither Sabuj nor Enamul could find the target as Arambagh played in a 3-5-1-1 formation in a bid to thwart the opponents attacks.

After surviving the first 10 minutes, Arambagh showed signs of life when Sharif Khan whipped in a cross from the right for Liberian striker Benjamin Cooper, who headed the cross narrowly wide in the 20th minute.

Sheikh Jamal however, should have taken a lead just a minute earlier but winger Zahid Hossain struck straight at goalkeeper Biplonb Kumar Bishnu inside the box.

From a counter attack, Bangoura Ismael advanced into the danger zone but was brought down by Sheikh Jamal's Nigerian midfielder Modo Hugues inside the box and

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## H'ball teams triumph

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Men's and women's team from Bangladesh emerged champions in the International Friendship Handball Tournament that concluded at Haldia in the State of West Bengal, India yesterday.

Bangladesh Men's A team beat their Indian counterparts in the last match by 31-26 points to emerge champions and the Women's A team followed suit. Imdadul of the

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## Ashraful's one final try

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Two centuries, a hat-trick and an important four-wicket haul would easily take away attention on any day but a half-century not because of its quality, but for sheer timing, stole away the limelight yesterday. Mohammad Ashraful slammed 85 to not only force a Cricket Coaching School (CCS) win against BKSP by four runs in the Premier League, but also to stake his final claim for World Cup selection.

But it was a day which also belonged to Dhiman Ghosh and Mominul Haque

Sourav (for their centuries), Asif Ahmed, who took the league's first hat-trick and four-wicket hero Forhad Reza.

Old DOHS, Surjo Tarun and CCS won their respective matches, ensuring CCS and DOHS into the top six with a game in hand and keeping Tarun just above the drop zone.

### VICTORIA-TARUN

The Dhanmondi outfit could have been discouraged by Victoria's competitive 241-9 in 50 overs but Dhiman, promoted to No 3, took his time and slammed a match-winning 107 not out to guide Surjo Tarun home in 48.1 overs at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

The right-hander hit eleven bound-

aries and a six to pilot Tarun's chase with support only from Hamidul Islam, who made 40 off 70 balls. They shared a 101-run stand for the fifth wicket but though the latter fell to Monir Hossain, Dhiman continued to reach his first century this season off 132 balls.

Earlier, young Sourav batted very well for his unbeaten 116. His 117-ball effort included twelve boundaries and a six, and it held the Victoria innings together.

Abdur Razzak and Rizwan Qureshi took three wickets each for Surjo Tarun.

### DOHS-GAZITANK

Forhad's early damage and key break-

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## Packeer arrives to coach Sheikh Jamal

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Sheikh Jamal Dhanmondi Club could have celebrated the arrival of its new coach Packeer Ali of Sri Lanka through a victory but his new charges greeted him with a defeat in the Bangladesh League.

Packeer Ali, who was a well-known footballer in Bangladesh in 80s and played for Abahani and PWD, saw his new charges suffer a single-goal defeat to Arambagh after coming to the venue straight from the airport.

The 57-year-old coach watched the first-half of the

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## ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP TALK

### 'Our worst time'

Hannan Sarkar played the 2003 World Cup. The stylish opener, in a chat to The Daily Star Sport, recalls his memories of the event, and also reveals the solidarity of the Tigers' fans during what was an ill-fated tournament.

Daily Star Sport (DSS): How did it feel when you heard that you would play the 2003 World Cup?

Hannan Sarkar (HS): We toured South Africa in 2002 where we did pretty well and personally I was in good nick. I did well in domestic cricket too, so I was sort of confident that I would get in the side. Nevertheless it was a good moment when I heard that I was in the 15-member squad.



HANNAN SARKAR

DSS: How excited were you?

HS: I used to open with Al Shahriar at that time. So, way before the tournament, I was getting excited thinking about striking the first ball for Bangladesh in the World Cup. I was waiting for the moment and finally it came against Canada.

DSS: How was the team atmosphere in South Africa?

HS: Team atmosphere was fine.

There were no negatives as such. We were touring Namibia before the start of the world Cup where Gordon Greenidge joined us, and it was a nice gesture to have our former coach back encouraging us.

DSS: Was there frustration with your performance?

HS: Yes, my performance wasn't good in the tournament. I scored only 34 runs from the three matches I played, the highest being 25 against Canada. And from the team's perspective it was the worst tournament for us, I would say, in our cricket history.

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