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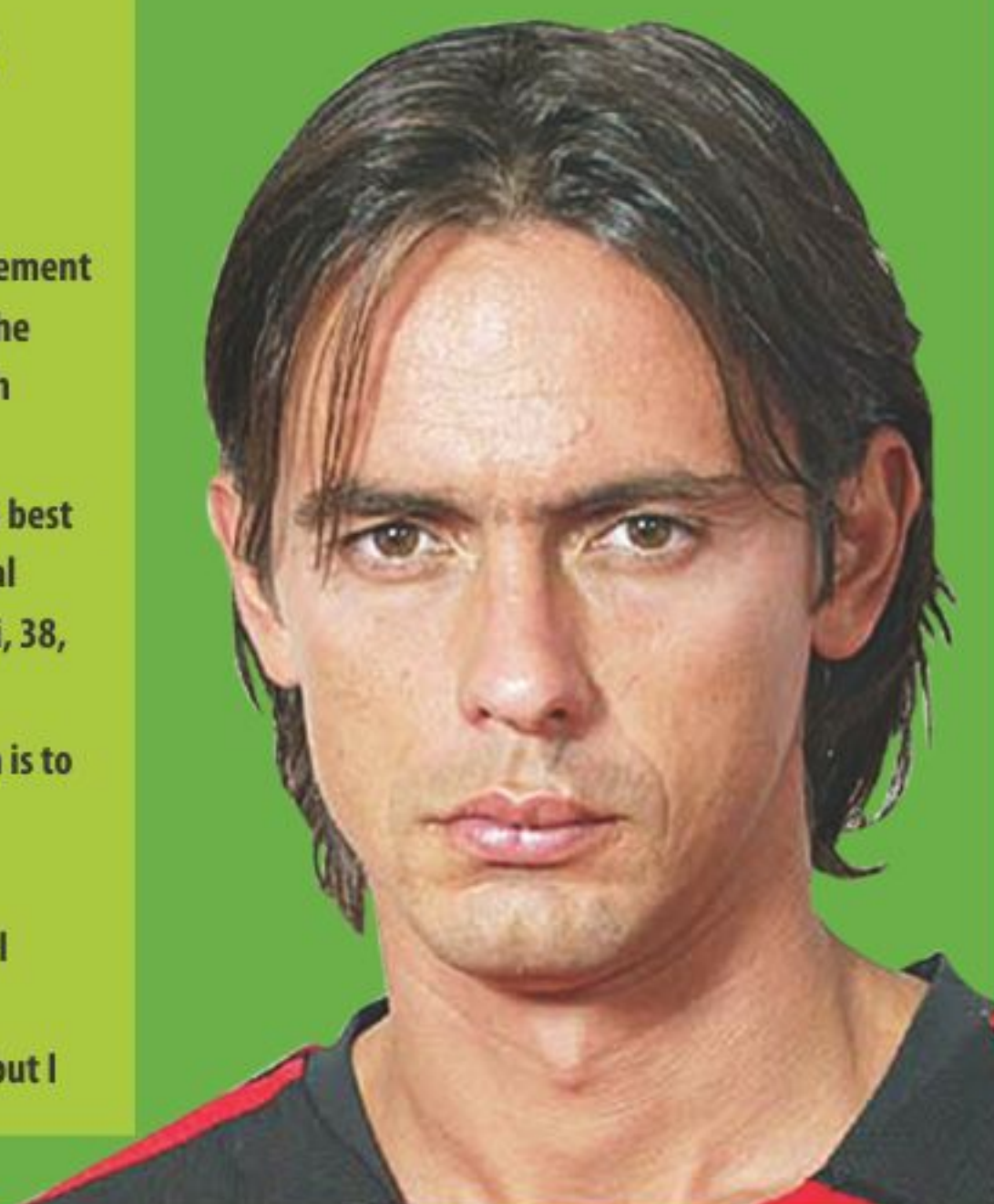
## Inzaghi hangs up his boots

Filippo Inzaghi announced his retirement from football on Tuesday, and said he would be joining the AC Milan youth coaching staff.

"My time with Milan finished in the best possible way, with a goal in the final game, so it was all perfect," Inzaghi, 38, told Italian media.

"Now I begin another dream, which is to be a coach and hopefully win the Champions League."

"I couldn't go to play elsewhere, as I could not just leave Milan. Today I received a proposal from England, but I



## Tamim tames Dutch

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh bounced back from Tuesday's loss to lowly Scotland, as they comfortably beat Netherlands by eight wickets last night at Sportpark Westvliet in The Hague.

Tamim Iqbal's unbeaten 69, his maiden Twenty20 half-century, helped the Tigers go past the home side's 144-7 with two overs to spare. The Tigers reached the target through Mushfiqur Rahim's fourth six in his unbeaten 24-ball 37, the pair having added 82 runs for the undefeated third wicket stand which would help in some way to lay the ghost of the 34-run defeat to the Scots.

Tamim hammered five boundaries and a couple of sixes in his 53-ball knock while there also contribution from Junaed Siddiqui at the top of the order. The left-hander was given a go in place of Mohammad Ashraful and although he didn't set the world on fire, he did hit a six and three boundaries in his 20-ball 26. When he was caught by Peter Borren off paceman Timm van

der Gugten, it ended a 45-run opening stand with Tamim.

Shakib Al Hasan, having lost his place at the top of the ICC Test all-rounder rankings, gave a timid return catch to medium-pacer Ahsan Malik after making 12 off 11 balls with the help of two boundaries.

The home side's decision to bat first backfired from the first over when Mashrafe clean bowled wicketkeeper Wesley Barresi in the first over. The Australia born Tom Cooper then swung one from Mashrafe down Shakib's throat at deep mid-wicket, giving Bangladesh an early footing in the game. Eric Szwarczynski's dismissal, caught at mid-on off Shakib, in the fourth over made it 14 for three.

Michael Swart remained intact at the other end, adding 38 for the fourth wicket with Peter Borren though that partnership was brought to an end when the latter was needlessly run out for 12. The veteran Tom de Grooth then aided Swart to his half-century, the pair adding 42 for the fifth wicket, brought to an end by a superb catch by another veteran, Abdur Razzak, running

towards long-off.

Swart was next to go but he made the biggest contribution: 57 off 41 balls with the help of four boundaries and a six. Hometown boy Tim Gruijters's final over blast at Mashrafe spoiled the paceman's figures but the 17 runs -- via Peter Seelar's six and two boundaries by Gruijters -- gave the Dutch some runs to bowl at.

Apart from Mashrafe's two, Shakib also got a couple of wickets while Abdur Razzak and Mahmudullah Riyad picked up one wicket each.

The Tigers, who will remain at ninth place in the ICC Twenty20 rankings, play their last game on tour, taking on the hosts again today at the same venue. The match begins at 6:00pm Bangladesh Standard Time.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

NETHERLANDS: 144-7 in 20 overs (Swart 57, de Grooth 22; Mashrafe 2-22, Shakib 2-23)

BANGLADESH: 145-2 in 18 overs (Tamim 69 not out, Mushfiqur 37 not out; van der Gugten 1-7)

Result: Bangladesh won by eight wickets.



Three of the goalscorers for Mohammedan -- (from L) Rasel Mahmud Jimmy, Sheikh Mohammad Nannu, Tanku Ahmed Tajuddin -- and Istiaque Ahmed join in celebration after one of their goals against Abahani in their Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League match at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

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## Perfect ten for MSC

### Beat archrivals Abahani 4-3

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Title contenders Mohammedan SC twice came from behind to beat archrivals Abahani 4-3 in the last match of the first leg of Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Winger Sheikh Mohammad Nannu, Malaysian forward Tanku Ahmed Tajuddin, defender Mamunur Rahman Chayan and striker Rasel

Mahmud Jimmy scored one goal apiece for Mohammedan while all three of the Abahani goals were scored by Pakistani defender Kashim Ali. The match was an entertaining one as it swung from one side to the other before the Black and Whites had the last laugh and exacted revenge for their defeat in the Club Cup semifinal earlier in May. The match, meanwhile, was held up for 20 minutes as Abahani players refuted a decision by the Indian umpire.

The win for Mohammedan, their tenth in ten matches, put them on top

of the 11-team table with maximum 30 points, and gives them a healthy three point lead over second placed Usha, going into the Super Five stage. Abahani, on the other hand, have some heavy catch-up to do as they have only 24 points.

From the outset, both Abahani and Mohammedan put on an attacking display and Abahani almost took the lead in the fifth minute but Mohammedan skipper Moshir Rahman Biplob came to the rescue by foiling the attack for a long corner.

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## Scots eye full membership

Cricket

CRICINFO, The Hague

Scotland coach Peter Steindl has said his young team is capable of challenging more higher-ranked sides after they secured their first win against a full membership nation by beating Bangladesh in a Twenty20 international at The Hague.

Steindl praised the composure and shot selection of Richie Berrington, who scored his maiden international century to lead Scotland to a 34-run victory on Tuesday.

"We've set our sights at beating a full

member and we haven't done that in a bonafide international before, either ODI or T20 internationals," Steindl told BBC Scotland. "We know we are capable of challenging teams that are above us."

"We had a polished performance, we worked hard and got that result we were looking for. We've got a young team who are hungry for success but realise we have a long way to go."

Berrington, a 25-year-old batsman who was born in Pretoria in South Africa, was the only player to score more than 20 for Scotland after they chose to bat. He was firm at one end, striking five sixes and ten fours in his 100 off 58 balls,

the seventh hundred in Twenty20 internationals. He was dismissed in the 19th over and Scotland's score of 162 proved too much for Bangladesh to chase.

"That was an outstanding knock by Richie," Steindl said. "He's had a couple of really good knocks for Scotland over the last two years, but today the composure that he had, his shot selection and decision making was outstanding and he deserved to get a hundred. But Richie would say himself that it was made even more special by the result."

Berrington concurred. "I am absolutely delighted to get my 100, my first

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## THE MEDAL Story

QUAZI ZULQUARNAIN ISLAM from London



The Olympics don't start until tomorrow and the first range of prizes are not handed out until Saturday but the most important aspect of the Games, the medals, are already here and securely stowed away under lock and key.

Mined from the pits of

Mongolia and Utah the eight tonnes of gold, silver and copper used to make the medals for London 2012 is the largest haul in Olympic history. No wonder then, that all of the 4,700 Olympic and Paralympic medals are being guarded alongside the Crown Jewels at the Tower of London.

These eye-watering figures represent a massive departure from the original

Olympic tradition. For if London had followed the lead of the ancient Greeks, winners would not be handed medals but olive wreaths to mark their achievements.

The medal tradition actually began with the first modern Games, which were held in 1896, but Paris 1900 saw a strange deviation in some events, winners were awarded prizes rather than medals. Take pole-vault for

instance, where the runner-up went home with just an umbrella.

There is no chance of catching even a glimpse of the medals at the Tower of London, but a quick trip to the iconic British Museum to attend the eye-opening medal display is a possibility. The superb display on show tells the story of the production of the medals for the

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AUSSIE COACH

## Waqar not in the run

CRICINFO, Melbourne

Waqar Younis is no longer in contention to become Australia's new bowling coach after being turned down this week following an interview. Cricket Australia is searching for a replacement for Craig McDermott, who vacated the position in May, and Waqar was keen to take on the position and work with Australia's emerging crop of fast bowlers.

Tasmania's bowling coach Ali de Winter is another contender for the role and was given the chance to audition as the stand-in mentor on the recent one-day tour of England. Interviews for the job did not take place until after the squad returned from that trip and Waqar said on Wednesday he was no longer in the running.

"I was interested but it didn't work out between me and Cricket Australia," Waqar told ESPNcricinfo. "It didn't really work out. They did interview me. I guess what I'm offering and what they're looking at are two different things. I don't know, I haven't really asked them the details but that's how it stands at the moment. It has just been in the last couple of days."

Waqar took 373 Test wickets for Pakistan during a 14-year career and was considered a master exponent of reverse swing, and has since then served as bowling mentor and head coach of Pakistan. Now based in Sydney, Waqar said he remained keen to become

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SPORTS REPORTER from London

Yomna Khallaf, an Egyptian athlete who will be participating in the synchronized swimming meet on Wednesday said that the 'official' Nike gear provided to her by her Olympic association were actually fake. Khallaf claimed that she had to buy her own gear after the gaffe and expressed her frustration by social media network, Twitter. "The bags have big Nike logos in the front while the zippers are Adidas," she said. It is understood the Egyptian Olympic Committee chose a vendor for its athletes' training and village wear who supplied counterfeit clothing bearing the Nike brand.

### London's Eye on Twitter

If you want to know how people are feeling about the 2012 Olympic Games, all people have to do is just watch the giant wheel that looms over the River Thames in London. Once a night, for the duration of the Games, the London Eye will light up in a pattern that reflects the prevailing sentiment about the Games among Twitter users that day. Positive tweets will turn the thing yellow, negative ones purple.

### 'Idiot Pearce'

The sad thing about football is that everyone has an opinion. Take the case of singer Sir Paul McCartney who labelled Team GB football coach, Stuart Pearce an "idiot" for excluding David Beckham



Bangladesh's archer in the Olympics, Emdadul Haque Milon, takes aim during a training session at the Lord's Cricket Ground in London on Wednesday.

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