

English translation:

I will impart some knowledge about the sport scene in Bangladesh. Football was the most popular sport in Bangladesh. It is still popular, but for the present generation it has lost a bit of its popularity to cricket. The national sport of Bangladesh is *kabaddi* (a team sport originally from the Indian subcontinent). We will first talk about football. Bangladeshi football...as you all know.... In a game of football, eleven players are needed.¹ One person assumes the role of the goal-keeper and the rest of the players play defense or back. They are mostly there to tackle the opposition's forward players and prevent them from scoring goals. About two or three players play midfield. They sometimes help the forwards and sometimes the [defenders]. In a football game, a midfielder is known as the playmaker, because he is the one who plays the most vital role in the game. What is left then is the forward player or striker and the two wing players, either right out wing or left out wing. The wing players are mainly the players responsible for scoring the goals for their respective teams.

People who play football or know about the game will understand the four-three-three rule. Football in Bangladesh is played using this rule. Four-three-three implies the four defenses or back players, two stopper back and two wing back players. They are usually the ones to tackle the opposition's forward players. If they cannot defend, then the goal-keeper has to try and prevent the other team from scoring. And in Bangladesh, there are three players playing in the midfield and, as I said before, they assist the back players and mainly they pass through or minor balls to the forward or the wing players. The forward players are mainly the strikers. Players who are the most talented are usually made to play in the forward position. And the two wings: right wing and left wing. They play from the two wings of the field and assist the strikers to strike for goal. So, the history of football in Bangladesh is very old; we have been playing football for many, many years now, even though Bangladesh is ranked very low in the world. According to the FIFA rankings, Bangladesh's position is somewhere around 145/144. So, even though it is historically experienced, Bangladesh has not made many contributions to football. Even in Asia, Bangladesh's position is not very strong. Bangladesh is quite behind in the football scene in Asia or even South Asia, even though it was an extremely popular sport and still is today.

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¹ Twelve players are needed: one goal-keeper and five field players per side.

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