



Did U Know?

Injury time added on by referee is sometimes necessary. But Frenchman Michel Vautrot added on 8 minutes only in the first period of extra-time in the semifinal of the World Cup football between Italy and Argentina in 1990! He later admitted he forgot about the time.



ESPN
New Zealand vs India
Fifth ODI
Live at 7:00 am
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
STAR Sports
Primera Liga
Real Sociedad vs Malaga
Repeat at 10:00 am
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
Repeat at 9:30 pm



John Wright
(India cricket coach)
"Things may change when he comes back for this match."
While expecting Sachin Tendulkar to return for the fifth one-day international against New Zealand on Wednesday.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 18
Tick the correct answers, Post to The Daily Star
Competition closes at 8 pm Jan 10, 2003 and draw

- Who lifted Div I chess title?
Titans Club | Biman | Ansars
- Who won Reuters' sportswoman of 2002 award?
Hingis | Serena | Jones
- Who won the man-of-the-match award in the second and final Test between Bangladesh and West Indies?
Jacobs | Kapali | Mashud
- Who won 2002 FIFA World Player of the Year award?
Owen | Ronald | Carlos
- Who clinched World Squash Open title?

Name
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CU soccer

CU CORRESPONDENT
The Inter-faculty football tournament of the Chittagong University (CU) began at the central field of the campus yesterday.
In the first match of the tournament, Arts faculty blanked the Science faculty by 3-0.
Bishwajit Borua of Arts faculty scored two goals while Shakil Babu netted the other.
Pro-vice-chancellor of CU, Professor Mohammad Shamsuddin, inaugurated the tournament and Professor Mahbubullah, dean of the social science was also present.



Players of Bhutan, who came here at midnight Monday to participate in the SAFF Championship, are having practice at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Bhutan history bound



SPORTS REPORTER

Bhutan is about to make history when the footballers of the tiny Himalayan country set their feet on the greens of the Bangabandhu National Stadium to feature in their first match of the third South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship.
That match against Maldives will mark their first ever appearance in international football.
"We are eagerly waiting for January 11 when we play against Maldives in our maiden international match after getting the FIFA recognition. The whole six million people back home are eagerly waiting for that moment," said Sonm Novru, manager of Bhutan yesterday after his team's practice.
Bhutan however played in the SAFF Games football in 1987 when the competition was not recognised by Asian Football Confederation (AFC). But when the regional tournament was graded by AFC in 1989, Bhutan could not take part in the meet for not having a FIFA membership.

They indeed got their much expected FIFA full membership in July 2000, but the country had to wait till now as no SAFF Championship was held since 1999.
The 24-member Bhutan team braved over 800-km journey by bus to reach Dhaka late on Monday night to make their historic debut.
Novru, the 38-year-old former Bhutan captain who led his country in the third SAFF Games in Kolkata in 1987, admitted he was not expecting any surprise from his players.
"We've started seeing international football matches through satellite television from only two years back. Before that there was no cable TV in Bhutan. So, you can well understand how much we're lagging behind."
"But what I can tell you is that we are determined to show our mettle through this SAFF tournament," said Novru.
He revealed that eight of the nineteen players in this team are from the under-19 development programme being run under the FIFA goal project from last year.
"We have limited human resource for the game in Bhutan. There are only 22 clubs in the whole country, out of which 21 are based in the capital Thimpu. The other clubs we have are in Phuentsholing, about 160-km away from Thimpu. We can scout talents from these clubs only."
"However, we have taken some development programmes for the under-14 and under 19 booters. But it will take some time before we start to reap benefit," said Novru, who is currently working as a professional coach with the Bhutan Football Federation.
An AFC-sponsored Korean coach had been working with Bhutan for the last two years. But they had to hire a Dutch coach, Henk Walk, last October after the Korean died of stomach cancer in July.
Asked about his best players, Novru mentioned the name of captain Pasang Tshering and forward Wange Dorji.
"Pasang is our libero and he is an exciting player at the back. And Dorji is also a good attacking player who can score from difficult chances," he said.
Though archery is the national game of Bhutan, but football has always been the most popular sports in Bhutan. The Bhutanese have however started to take extra interest in cricket.

BD squad announced



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation yesterday named a 20-member Bangladesh team for the SAFF Championship that begins in the capital from January 10.
Pencilled in Group B, the hosts will take on Nepal in their first match on January 11 evening at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.
SQUAD: Rajani Kanta Barman (captain), Biplab Bhattacharyya, Aminul Hoq, Mohammad Sujon, Arman Mia, Mahmudul Hasan, Saiful Islam, Saifur Rahman Moni, Rokonzaman Kanchan, Mustafa Anwar Parvez, Alfaz Ahmed, Arif Khan Joy, Matur Rahman Munna, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Titu, Monwar Hossain, Kazi Nazrul Islam, Hasan Al-Mamun, Abdul Kayum Sentu, Mehdi Hasan Uzzal and Ariful Kabir Farhad.

Besides, Mujibur Rahman Ritu, Faisal Mahmood, Titumeer Chowdhury and Murad Ahmed Milan have been kept as reserves.
Meanwhile, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) made Debjit Ghosh stand in captain in place of injured star forward Baichung Bhutia.
SQUAD: Rajat Dastidar, M Suresh, S Venkatesh, Renedy Singh, Subhash Chakraborty, Alvito D'Cunha, Ashim Biswas, Naseem Akhter, Abhishek Yadav, Virender Singh, Jo Paul Anchery, Selwyn Fernandes, Roberto Fernandes, Lawrence Climax, Sameer Naik, Abhay Kumar, Jules Alberto, IM Vijayan and Harvinder Singh.
Renowned singer Baby Naznin along with four other co-artists will present the "theme song" of the championship from a mobile stage.
The details were disclosed at a press briefing yesterday chaired by organising committee secretary Badal Roy.
BHUTAN, MALDIVES TRAINING SESSIONS
Both Bhutan and Maldives had their first training session in the capital yesterday.
The Bhutanese players practised at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.



A Maldives player stretches during their practice session at the BUET ground yesterday.

Tigers' second practice tie today

SPORTS REPORTER

The World Cup bound national cricket team will play a limited-overs match against the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) development squad at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) in Savar today.
This will be the last practice match for Khaled Mashud's side, which will fly off to Namibia on January 13 for a two-week camp heading into the World Cup.
The BCB squad is made up of talented teenagers but Mashud was still expecting a good game for his team.
"I want maximum involvement in batting and bowling for each of the 15 members of my team. That's why some members of the national team might play for the development squad", said Mashud during a training session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.
Meanwhile, young paceman Mashrafe-bin Mortuza said that he was fit to play in the limited-overs match.

The 18-year-old pace sensation missed the first practice match against a combined National League XI on Sunday due to stomach problems.

Sub-jr chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champion Minhazuddin Sagar and Shamima Akhter Liza were jointly leading the 23rd National Sub-junior Chess Championship table on Tuesday.
In the fifth round held at the NSC chess room, Sagar beat Arefin while Liza defeated Shahin to register their fifth win in as many matches and remain atop the table.
Hasib Redwan Khan and Saima Almas were in the second spot with four points each.

JU cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Government and Politics Department moved into the semifinals of the inter-department cricket tournament with a 74 run victory over English Department yesterday.
Winning the toss English decided to chase.
Government and Politics scored a massive 211 for two in the stipulated 30 overs. Mishu hammered an unbeaten 102 while Soleman contributed 75.
Jihe and Monni claimed one wicket each for 34 and 22 runs respectively.
In reply, English were all out for 137 in the 29.4 overs.
Anis scored 25 while Munna made 23.
Shajal snatched five for 22 while Shinto and Swapan grabbed two wickets apiece.

School cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

A superb all-round effort from Poragh propelled Shapla Kindergarten to an emphatic 10-wicket win against Shaheedbagh High School in a Dhaka Mohanagari Zone match of the Standard Chartered 21st National Schools Cricket Championship at the East End Club ground yesterday.
Poragh captured six wickets for only four runs in an astonishing spell as Shaheedbagh were shot out for 90 in 24.1 overs. He then smashed an unbeaten 60 as his side raced to 92 in only 9.2 overs.
In other matches of the day, Rayerbazar High School recorded a 68-run win against BCSIR High School, Hammadia High School edged past Natun Kuri Shikkhalaya by one wicket and Islam Adarsha School prevailed over MDC Model Institute by two wickets.

BRIEF SCORES
Rayerbazar High School v BCSIR High School
Venue: City Club
Rayerbazar 211 all out in 33.1 overs (Jewel 57, Hiru 71; Farid 4/28) BCSIR 143 all out in 27.1 overs (Saidur 45, Mitu 3/41, Russel 2/37)
Result: Rayerbazar High School won by 68 runs.
Islami Adarsha School v MDC Model Institute
Venue: Uttara Friends Club ground
MDC Model 176 for 8 in 43 overs (Ashiq 40, Shariful 27; Altair 6/50, Shoab 2/36)
Islami Adarsha 180 for 8 in 28.1 overs (Helal 33; Sabuj 3/26)
Result: Islami Adarsha Institute won by 2 wickets.
Hammadia High School v Natun Kuri Shikkhalaya
Venue: Kalindi ground
Natun 150 all out in 34.4 overs (Sohel 5/19, Rana 2/17)
Hammadia 154 for 9 in 33 overs (Rana 29 not out, Kabir 24, Younis 4/20)

Aftab steers Chittagong



SPORTS REPORTER

Aftab Ahmed struck a superb century as Chittagong gave a fitting reply to holders Dhaka on the second day of their Ispahani Mirzapore Fourth National League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.
The young right-hander hammered a swashbuckling 129 off 117 balls, his first hundred in the this year's first-class competition, to guide the leaders to 231 for five in 50 overs after Dhaka posted an imposing 376-9 in their first innings quota of 100 overs.
Opening the innings with Nafis Iqbal, the aggressive Aftab toyed with the opponents' attack on a batting-friendly wicket. He hammered seventeen boundaries and a couple of sixes in his explosive innings.
A member of the Bangladesh Under-19 team that toured New Zealand last year, Aftab is the fifth

Chittagong batsman and 11th in the overall list to score a century this season so far.
He dominated a 129-run third wicket stand with Nazimuddin after his partner Nafis and Azam departed at the score of 60.
Experienced middle-order batsman Akram Khan was batting on 36 with captain Sabbir Khan (0) when the stumps were drawn for the day.
Akram will resume the chase today with Chittagong still needing 145 runs to make Dhaka bat again.
Earlier, resuming the day on 316-8, Dhaka plundered 60 runs off 75 balls with Neeyamur Rashid taking his overnight 39 to 57 and Mosaddek Hossain hammering 37 runs off only 26 balls.
But Dhaka, who began the match seeking an outright victory to stay alive in the title race, will find it very difficult to bowl their opponents out twice on a placid wicket.
Anwar Hossain Munir has been the most successful bowler with three wickets for 40 runs in his eight overs. Off-spinner Naimur Rahman took 2-47.

BARISAL-SYLHET

Away at the Fatullah Stadium, Prosenjit missed a deserving hundred for seven runs, but his side Barisal's quest for first point looked a reality when Sylhet were left tottering on 201 for eight.
The middle-order batsman could add only four runs to his overnight score of 89 before being bowled by Neyeem. His partner Nadif Chowdhury however scored an unbeaten 51 as Barisal posted a impressive first-innings total of 347-9.
Nadif was also in the thick of things when Barisal restricted Sylhet to 201-8 in 81 overs. The young off-spinner captured four wickets for 54 runs.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecards on the second day of the two Ispahani Mirzapore National League four-day matches yesterday:

Dhaka v Chittagong
DHAKA: First innings (Overnight)

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JUST DO THIS: Sri Lanka coach Marcus Ferreira imparts some tips to his boys during a practice session at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

India want to be clean



AFP, Wellington

India's cricketers will be dope-tested for the first time in their careers ahead of next month's World Cup in South Africa, the team's physio said here on Tuesday.
"The players have already been informed about it," physio Andrew Leipus said, adding he did not know when and where the tests would be conducted.
Saurav Ganguly's Indians are preparing for the fifth one-day international against New Zealand here on Wednesday.
They have already lost a two-Test series 2-0 and are trailing 4-0 in the ongoing series of seven one-day

internationals.
The tests will be conducted by the Board of Control for Cricket in India to ensure that no untoward incident takes place in South Africa.
A list of banned substances was sent to the Indian board last August.
The International Cricket Council (ICC) has said that dope-testing is mandatory for all the participating teams in the World Cup because of South African government regulations.
It is the first time that dope tests will be conducted in the game's biggest event. Only four cricket nations -- Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and England -- have a doping policy in place.
Leipus said he had already advised Indian cricketers not to take any medicine without consulting him.
"Dr Anant Joshi (the Indian board official doctor) is also co-ordinating. He is drawing up a list of drugs which might include banned substances," said Leipus.
"The players have been asked to fill out a questionnaire for me and the ICC just to check out what they are taking."
"It will be a tragedy if an innocent cricketer tests positive at the World Cup even if he has not used drugs to enhance performance. That's the reason we have to be very careful."
Barring a few incidents, cricket has so far remained a drug-free sport.
In 1997, England's Ed Giddins was banned after testing positive for cocaine. Four years later, five South African cricketers admitted smoking cannabis during the West Indies tour.

Fifth one-dayer today



AFP, Wellington

All-rounder Chris Cairns has replaced fast bowler Jacob Oram in a 12-member New Zealand squad for the fifth one-day international against India, starting here on Wednesday.

New Zealand, leading 4-0, have already clinched the series.
Meanwhile, India skipper Saurav Ganguly said Tuesday his team was not short of motivation going into the fifth one-day international despite having already lost the series.
"There is still a lot to play for us in the remaining three one-dayers as we want to go to South Africa (for the World Cup) in a confident mood,"



SACHIN TENDULKAR



CHRIS CAIRNS

Oram fractured his finger during a late catching practice session, manager Jeff Crowe said Tuesday.
Cairns has been included in the team for the first time in the ongoing series of seven one-day internationals against the tourists. He was out of international cricket for nearly eight months due to a knee injury.

returning to the winning ways before we go to South Africa," said Ganguly.
"We haven't had a series in the last year in which we haven't won a match. There's motivation to do well in the next three games and the World Cup."
Indian batting star Sachin Tendulkar is likely to return after missing the first four one-dayers due to an ankle injury.
"His presence will definitely strengthen the side. He is a great player and an important member of the team," said Ganguly, who seemed more worried about his side's batting than bowling.
"We have to make sure we bat the full quota of 50 overs which we have not done in the previous matches," said Ganguly.
"Our approach should be not to lose early wickets. An important thing on these pitches is we should get a total of 180-200 considering that the New Zealand batsmen also have not had much runs under their belt."
New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming said he expected an improved batting performance from India despite having steamrollered them in the previous matches.
The hosts won both Tests inside three days and outplayed the tourists in the first four one-dayers.

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