



Did U Know?

Walter Zenga, goalkeeper of Italy, holds the record of longest unbeaten run in World Cup history. He played 517 minutes (Almost 6 games) without letting in a goal in the 1990 tournament. Claudio Caniggia of Argentina ended his run in the semifinal that Italy lost on penalties.



What to Watch

ESPN
English Premier Football League
Arsenal vs Fulham
Repeat at 6:30 pm
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
English Premier Football League
West Ham United vs Liverpool
Repeat at 9:30 pm
STAR Sports
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 11:30 am
English Premier Football League
Aston Villa vs Blackburn Rovers
Taped Version at 12:30 pm
Sportline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
Futbol Mundial
Taped Version at 11:00 pm

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 18
Tick the correct answers, post to
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Feb 7, 2003 and draw

- Who clinched the national junior chess title?
Parag Ali Zia
- Bangladesh lost to Namibia by 20 runs 2-wkt 7-wkt
- Who became MVP in the SAFF Championship?
Arman Rajani Atifaz
- Who will lead Kenya in the cricket World Cup?
Odumbe Tikolo Suji
- Ronaldinho plays for

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TALK TURKEY



Wasim Akram
(Legendary Pakistan cricketer)
"I have gone through many trials and tribulations and now wish to win the Cup for Pakistan to have a memorable swansong in the game I love the most."

DAY'S EVENT

GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League
Mohammedan SC vs Surjo Tarun
Venue: BNS
Biman vs Brothers Union
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.
Abahani vs Uttara SC
Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium

Victoria halt Orient

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER
Orient Sporting Club's giant-slaying streak came to an end when Victoria Sporting Club thrashed the promotees by 123 runs in the GrameenPhone Premier Division League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.
Orient, who upset heavyweights Biman and Mohammedan in their previous two matches chasing target successfully, slumped to 145 all out in 47.4 overs after being set to score 269.

Sabbir Khan put a spoke in Orient's wheel taking four wickets for 42 runs with his off-spinners. He was ably supported by Abdur Razzak, Wasim Nayeem and Manzarul Islam who evenly shared six other wickets among them.
Earlier, Victoria rode on half centuries from opener Wasim Nayeem and middle-order Rafiqul Islam to post 268 all out in 49.5 overs.
Pakistani Wasim smashed 67 off 70 balls with 11 hits across the park while Rafiqul took 94 balls for his 68 that included four boundaries.
It was the third win for Victoria in three matches that placed them atop the table with 14 points.
YOUNG PEGASUS V CITY CLUB
Away at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium, City Club opened their

League campaign with a 97-run win over Young Pegasus.
A third wicket century partnership between Mazharul Haque and Rajin Saleh led the Mirpur club to 253 for six in the allotted 50 overs after being asked to bat first.
Young Mazharul scored 59 off 103 balls and Rajin 68 off 97 balls.
In reply, Pegasus could manage 156 before exhausting their share of overs, middle-order Mohammad Nirala topscoring with 55 not out.

SCOREBOARDS
Scoreboards of the two GrameenPhone Premier Division Football League matches yesterday:

Victoria SC v Orient SC
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.
VICTORIA SC
Wasim c R Hanif b Saju 67

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Lucky	10	2	40	1
Kamal	9	1	51	2
Saju	10	0	42	1
Jewel	1	0	12	0
R Hanif	9.5	1	58	2
Topu	10	0	56	3

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POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	L	T	Bonus	Points
Victoria SC	3	3	0	0	1	14
Abahani KC	2	2	0	0	0	12
Uttara SC	2	2	0	0	0	12
Orient SC	3	2	1	0	0	12
City Club	1	1	0	0	0	6
Brothers	2	1	1	0	0	6
Mohammedan	2	1	1	0	0	6
Surjo Tarun	2	1	1	0	0	6
Y Pegasus	2	0	2	0	0	0
Biman	2	0	2	0	0	0
Kalabagan	2	0	2	0	0	0
Indira Road	2	0	2	0	0	0



Victoria's Rafiqul Islam follows through on a sweep during his knock of 68 against Orient in a GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

1992 revisited

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003
AFP, Johannesburg
The 1992 World Cup was co-hosted by holders Australia and New Zealand in a tournament which saw South Africa's debut following their apartheid-enforced exile.
It was an innovative tournament - the first World Cup to be played in coloured clothing with some matches under floodlights.
In another change, the teams, instead of being arranged in groups, all played one another, the top four qualifying for the semifinals.
And there were tactical developments too. New Zealand captain Martin Crowe went against conventional wisdom by bringing on off-spinner Dipak Patel for the second over of his side's match against Australia.
Crowe, who had earlier made an unbeaten 100, saw Patel keep his nerve and New Zealand win by 37 runs.
And there was more misery for Australia when they lost to South

Africa by nine wickets -- an ironic twist was that the batsman who steered South Africa to victory, Kepler Wessels, had been an Australia Test cricketer during the isolation years.
This was the start of an eventful tournament for South Africa but no one could have predicted how it would end.
Another new development at this tournament was the introduction of a rain rule which was hoped would provide a fairer method of setting a revised target than the old system of calculating a target based on run-rate.
Unfortunately, in a rain-affected semifinal at Sydney it ruined what had been an exciting contest.
South Africa were up against England who had made 252. South Africa were 231 for six in the 43rd over when rain intervened. Play was held up for 12 minutes but the match could still have been finished in conventional fashion.
However, tournament chiefs felt obliged to stick to their own rules and following a recalculation the giant scoreboard proclaimed that South Africa needed 22 runs to win off one ball.
The capacity crowd vented its frustration at being denied a proper climax by throwing rubbish onto the outfield. Chris Lewis ran in at half-past, South Africa took a single and England were in their third World Cup final.
Meanwhile in Auckland, New Zealand's brilliant campaign ended against Pakistan.
Crowe, who made 91, pulled his hamstring so severely while batting he could not field.
But New Zealand were still in charge when the then largely unknown Inzamamul Haq thrashed 60 off 37 balls before Pakistan keeper Moin Khan saw the team to their victory target of 264.
Imran Khan, who had come out of international retirement to once again captain Pakistan, told his team to "fight like cornered tigers".
And following a typically lacklustre start that would have sapped most other sides, Pakistan were starting to do just that.
The final pitted two of England's old stagers -- captain Graham Gooch and all-rounder Ian Botham against two Pakistan veterans --

Aussie players undecided

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003
AFP, Johannesburg
Australia may yet pull out of their World Cup cricket match in Zimbabwe, Australian players' union chief Tim May said Wednesday.
The Australian Cricketers Association (ACA) chief executive made his comments after Australian Cricket Board (ACB) officials confirmed the game in Bulawayo on February 24 would be going ahead.
May said security in Zimbabwe would continue to be reviewed after a meeting here with Australia's high commissioner to Zimbabwe, Jonathan Brown, along with ACB chief executive James Sutherland.

them before they go to Zimbabwe," Sutherland told reporters.
"We are committed to working through a process with our players and making sure they have all the information in respect to safety and security. At this stage, we are committed to playing in Zimbabwe."
Australia's government has called on the national cricket body to pull out of the Zimbabwe match due to fears of anti-government protests and possible violence surrounding the game.
The foreign ministry issued a travel advisory late Monday warning that Australians trying to attend the match in Bulawayo could be caught up in violence.
England's request to have their match in Harare on Feb 13 moved to South Africa will be heard by the

Tigers chase 251

SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh were given a challenging winning target by KwaZulu Natal in their second and last lead-up match of the ICC World Cup 2003 at Durban's Kingsmead stadium yesterday.
Opting to bat in the day-night encounter, the Dolphins made 251 for six in the stipulated 50 overs.
South African under-19 batsman HM Amla top-scored with 76 off 89 balls with a six and seven boundaries while opener Saunders made 64.

Bangladesh all-rounder Alok Kapali took three wickets but conceded 70 in his 10 overs.

SCOREBOARD
KWAZULU-NATAL

Amla b Monjurul	2
M Saunders b Kapali	64
H Amla b Kapali	76
D Benkenstein c Ehsanul b Kapali	35
F Lazarus lbw b Taposh	21
E Stewart not out	22
R MacQueen b Mashrafe	6
J Anderson not out	1
Extras: (b-2, lb-10, w-10, nb-2)	24
Total: (For 6 wks in 50 overs)	251
Fall of wickets: 1-10, 2-152, 3-161, 4-213, 5-226, 6-245.	

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	7	0	32	1
Mashrafe	9	1	40	1
Taposh	9	0	47	1
Kapali	10	0	70	3
Ehsanul	5	0	27	0
Rafique	10	1	23	0

BANGLADESH TEAM: Khaled Mashud, Al Sahariar, Hannan Sarkar, Habibul Bashar, Tushar Imran, Ehsanul Haque, Alok Kapali, Mohammad Rafique, Monjurul Islam, Taposh Baisya and Mashrafe Mortaza.

Bangladesh Asia's team of the month

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh were awarded as "the best team of the month" by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) for their brilliant success in the recently concluded 3rd SAFF Championship in Dhaka.
The AFC selected Bangladesh for the award for lifting the 3rd SAFF Championship trophy with unbeaten note defeating the Maldives in the final last month.
This was the second regional soccer title for Bangladesh after clinching the SAF Games football gold medal in 1999.
Pakistan's Sarfaraz Rasool was named AFC 'player of the month' as the Pakistani midfielder scored four goals in the SAFF Championship, including the third place match-decider against their arch-rival India.
Jozef Jankech, the Slovak coach of the Maldives, was honoured as the 'best coach of the month' as his team showed remarkable improvement.
AFC introduced the awards in 1995 to honour the national and club football teams, players, coaches and individuals involved in football in the continent.

BFF wants Kottan back

SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will ask coach George Kottan to take over the Bangladesh squad for next month's South Asian Federation (SAF) Games in Islamabad.
The decision to call back the Austro-Hungarian, who is holidaying in Europe, was taken at an executive committee meeting of the BFF at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.
Kottan, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) appointed coach, guided Bangladesh to their first South Asian Football Federation Championship title last month. As his two-year contract with Bangladesh had already expired, Kottan flew off to Vienna last Thursday but indicated before leaving that he would consider offers from the BFF.
It was also learnt that the BFF would offer Kottan a three-month stint at the helm of the national squad.
"We want to keep him until April. We will try to contact him via e-mail. We are hoping he would join us by February 15," said acting BFF general secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu.
Bachchu, however, failed to say when the booters' camp for the SAF Games would begin.
"The BFF's technical committee will sit within a day or two and announce a date for the start of the camp," he said.
The SAF Games is scheduled to be held in Islamabad, Pakistan from March 29 to April 7. Bangladesh are defending champions of Games' football competition.



Banned items in stadiums SOUTH AFRICA '03 CRICKET WORLD CUP

- Dangerous goods
- Drinks (except for diabetics)
- Cooler boxes (small cool bags allowed)
- Animals (except for guide dogs)
- Deck chairs, umbrellas, gazebos
- Air horns, lasers, strobes, musical instruments
- Video or flash cameras
- Non-accredited media equipment
- Barbeque grills
- Items with corporate-branding (except for official sponsors, vendors)
- Banners or flags (on a pole, larger than 1.5 x 1 m); tasteful, non-offensive wording only
- Balls or frisbees
- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, skates
- Cans, glass containers
- Mace spray
- Compressed gas containers
- Chemicals
- TV's, radios (except for transistors with earpiece)

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ICC decides today

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003
REUTERS, Johannesburg
The World Cup technical committee will meet on Thursday to decide whether England's match against Zimbabwe can be switched to South Africa, the International Cricket Council (ICC) said on Wednesday.
England's cricket board officially requested on Tuesday for the February 13 game to be moved from the strife-torn country because of mounting concerns over security.
"The meeting of the Cricket World Cup technical committee, to consider the England and Wales Cricket Board request to reschedule its match against Zimbabwe from Harare, will take place on Thursday afternoon (1430 GMT) in Cape Town," the ICC said in a statement.
The committee comprises six men, but they can make a decision by majority vote, which is expected to happen in one session.
"The committee has a quorum of four and it can make a majority decision," ICC spokesman Brendan

McClements told Reuters.
Should the request be rejected, England would forfeit the match, a move that would leave them with only a slim chance of reaching the next round.
England or Zimbabwe, should the request be upheld, can appeal against the technical committee's decision through any one of three judges from South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya, McClements added.
The technical committee is made up of ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed, World Cup executive director Ali Bacher, ICC commercial manager Campbell Jamieson, ex-South African umpire Brian Basson, former India batsman Sunil Gavaskar and ex-West Indies pace bowler Michael Holding.
"We are trying to establish Michael Holding's whereabouts at the moment, he's not believed to be in South Africa," McClements said.
After weeks of hesitating, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) finally backed their players by calling on the ICC to move the Harare game, threatening to throw the tournament into turmoil.
The ECB had previously turned down British government requests to

ECB seeks Zim switch

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003
AFP, Johannesburg
English cricket chiefs have tabled a formal request for their World Cup match in Zimbabwe to be switched to South Africa, the International

Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed here on Tuesday.
In a statement, world cricket's governing body said that the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) had requested that the World Cup Technical Committee review the security situation in Zimbabwe ahead of England's scheduled February 13 game in Harare.
ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said that the request would be discussed by the technical committee in Cape Town on Thursday.
The committee will be chaired by Speed and also includes World Cup supremo Ali Bacher, Campbell Jamieson, head of the ICC's commercial arm, and Brian Basson of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA).
Former players Sunil Gavaskar and Michael Holding are the two independent members of the committee.
A minimum of four committee members are required for a decision to be made.
The ECB said the application had been lodged with the backing of England captain Nasser Hussain and the players. ECB chief executive Tim Lamb will lead a three-man team presenting the application at Thursday's hearing.
Speed said the English request was the first of its kind to the ICC, which has twice passed Zimbabwe as safe to host the six matches due to take place on its soil.
"Prior to this request from the ECB, no country has sought a review of the ICC decision to stage games in Zimbabwe."
But Australian cricket chiefs are also expected to request that their match in Zimbabwe is moved to South Africa. The ICC has said it could switch matches with four to five days notice -- which would make Sunday a deadline for moving the England game.
Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) chief executive Tim May and Australian Cricket Board (ACB) boss James Sutherland have been briefed by Australia's High Commissioner to Zimbabwe, Jonathan Brown, in Johannesburg.
They were understood to have decided to call on the ICC to switch the fixture after being told that Bulawayo was not a safe venue for their team's February 24 one-dayer.
The ECB had previously insisted that England could not back out of



THE WORLD CUP FEVER HAS CAUGHT THEM TOO: Like many throughout the world, children in Langa, a poor township of South Africa, play street cricket recently.