

RECOMMENDATIONS

Exhibition

February March 18-April 7
Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts will hold a solo exhibition of abstract art by Mahmudul Haque, one of the major exponents of the trend in contemporary times. The show will be inaugurated at 6.30 p.m. by Honorable Minister for Commerce Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury; the Ambassador of Japan to Bangladesh Jiro Kobayashi will also be present. The exhibition will run through April 7 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. everyday.

Dance/Instrumentals

March 15-18
The Indian Council for Cultural Relations and the High Commission of India, Dhaka will be presenting the following cultural programmes at three cities in the country as per following schedule:

Bhanga/Giddha Dance by Mr. G.P.S. Ahluwalia and his troupe

March 17, 2003 at rajshahi Medical College Auditorium, rajshahi at 07.00 p.m.

Sitar/Surbahar recital by Mr. Jagdeep Sing Bedi and his troupe

March 17, 2003 at Musliminstitute, Chittagong, at 07.00 p.m.

March 18, 2003 at National Museum Auditorium, Dhaka at 07.00 p.m.

World Theatre Day

March 27
On occasion of World Theatre Day, Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and ITI Bangladesh jointly organises a celebration ceremony. The programme schedule follows:

4.00 p.m. Assembly of theatre activists at the Mohila Samity premises

4.30 p.m. Rally
5.30 p.m. Tea
6.30 p.m. Seminar, Award distribution and cultural show

Interested are requested to collect their coupon within March 24.

Chaitro Sankranti

April 13
Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation arranges a cultural show on the occasion at the Mohila Samity auditorium. The programme will start at 6 p.m.

Tribute

Remembering Golam Mustafa

MIJARUL QUAYES

GOLAM Mustafa breathed his last at 9:40 am on 20th February. His death brings to an end a career in performance distinguished by tremendous elan



and character.

Golam Mustafa was more than a performer. He was an artist -- like no other. He defined his space, he defined the characters he portrayed, he defined the literature he read out from. Whether it was cinema, TV, a live performance, a presentation, or when just hanging out in an *adda*, Golam Mustafa exuded a personality that charmed, a dignity that few could match. There was a period in the life of Bangladesh Television that a good drama could not be thought of without Golam Mustafa acting in it. Mustafa's easy portrayal of characters in films over the last few decades, in many ways ennobled our rather pitiable mainstream film industry.

One larger than life aspect of Golam Mustafa's artistic repertoire was his voice - emotive,

cured and full grained. He also knew how to play with this marvellous instrument that he possessed, his voice, and create magical expressions with just plain spoken words. He could bring to life with full force the meaning, the nuances and the subtleties that make the physique of fine poetry.

We all remember him reading from Tagore or Nazrul at Ramna *botomul* on Pohela Boishakh, the Bengali New Year's day. He is immortalised however in the flawless rendering of Sikander Abu Zafar's *Tumi Bangla Chharo*, which was written only a couple of days before the Pakistani forces launched their attack in 1971. The poet had struck every string in the Bengali soul when he wrote the poem on those fateful days when history was in the making. And in Golam Mustafa's voice, we found the voice of nation come together, a nation roused in resistance, in pride and in patriotism. Oh! He indeed does us proud.

Personally, I have never thought of a time when Golam Mustafa will not be around. He has been so much a part of our cultural scene, so deeply enmeshed. Some would call him a star, brighter than many others; and he would say with a smile and humility that he envied Hasan Imam more because the latter could also sing. I do not wish to call him a star, he was indeed like the sky - out there, all encompassing and straddling the horizon.

I remember as I stood by his coffin at the Shaheed Minar in the morning of the 22nd, I told his daughter Shuborna that he was dear to us. Golam Mustafa was indeed very dear to us.

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Exhibition

An opulent world of colours and symbols

Goutam Chakrabarty's exhibit at Boston

FAYZA HAQ

GOUTAM Chakrabarty's recent presentation of miniature paintings at the Kresge Auditorium, MIT, Boston, brought in a feast of colours and forms which were sensuous and dreamlike bringing in careful contours and details in which we



Goutam Chakrabarty

found human and animal forms. The curves created a floating pattern along the edges and background. The final result is not of despair but a calm that shows his involvement with life going by his rich world of colours, forms and lines. The bluish gray that he has often used is the colour of the morgue going back to his childhood days when he saw his dead mother. The brighter colours of yellow and orange bring in delicacy and deliberation. He not only presents images but a complex world beyond them.

Goutam's "Cat-45" brought in curls of gray-green and blue with a touch of yellow to depict a curled feline animal with fish bones in front of it and a flecked background beyond. "Cat-46" was similar to the first image only the animal here is in indigo blue and pink with a similar small head and a thick tail thrust to the front. At the back were endless blue dots and in front of the crossed lines are numerous fish bones on a striped gray foreground.

Goutam's depiction of a wild racing steed in "Horse-53"

depicted an animal with almost human legs, a face with large eyes and streaking mane of blue in the form of four floating lines crossing bars of blue with a pink and mauve background that was dotted and flecked. Equally fascinating was the "Poet" with his dreaming blue face atop the elongated neck and dotted purple chest. His hair were like slices of coloured vegetable skin peels while behind were bars of green, purple, blue and flamingo pink dotted with indigo streaks.

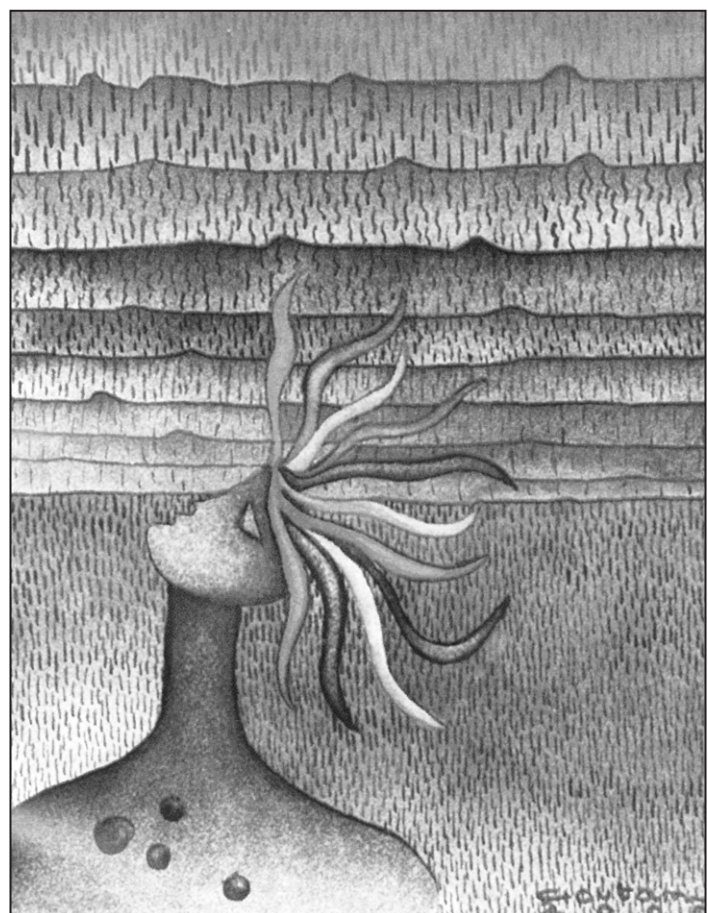
"Teresa-14" was a simplified portrait with blue stripes to finish the beige sari and a cross on the face. Behind were gray chips against more green-gray. "Portrait of Sufia Kamal" was similarly another simple moving piece in black, white and gray, which brought in the aging face, the graying hair and the cover of white draping sari against a backdrop of gray flecked with white and red. His "Teresa-12" and "Teresa-13" brought in impressionistic homage to the saintly character in shades of white, gray blue and yellow. In one case the figure of Mother Teresa was almost that of a drooping bird while in another the draped face was only suggested.

Goutam's "Scream" brought in a face and chest in scraps of pink, mauve and purple, with flowing hair brought in by blue and mauve dates and blue delicate lines. The

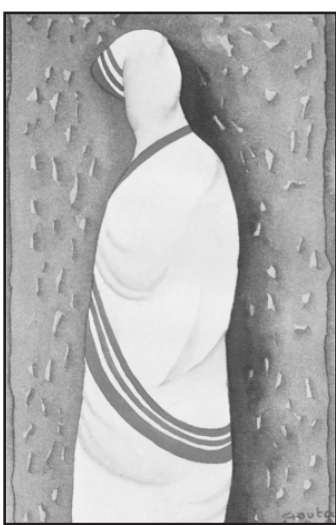
scream was in the form of gray, pale brown, blue and light green streaks emanating from the open mouth of the figure. "Elephant-66" and "Elephant-64" brought in the trunk, legs and tusks of the great animal in wriggles and folds of pink, orange and green against a mystifying backdrop of mauve, green, orange and gray with flecks and squiggles on them. His "Cat-47" and "Horse-52" were simplified and exaggerated forms of a speeding horse seen in shades of orange against a backdrop of bras of green, gray and pink. The cat was a rounded scoop of pink and orange with bluish eyes and ears, with the legs merging with the tail. The cat had squiggles of mosaic type designing on its coat while the backdrop was flecks of pale pink on darker pink.

His "waiting-3" brought a seated woman who had been brought into focus in two oval shapes the lower one being humped on top and the upper one having a thin line of red to bring in the border of the sari. While the blouse was a neat green checked one the complementing sari was in dots of indigo on paler blue. The background was in stripes of gray at the back and flecks of purple on blue. On the sides were brought the neat geometrical patterns of laticed mats in yellow and brown.

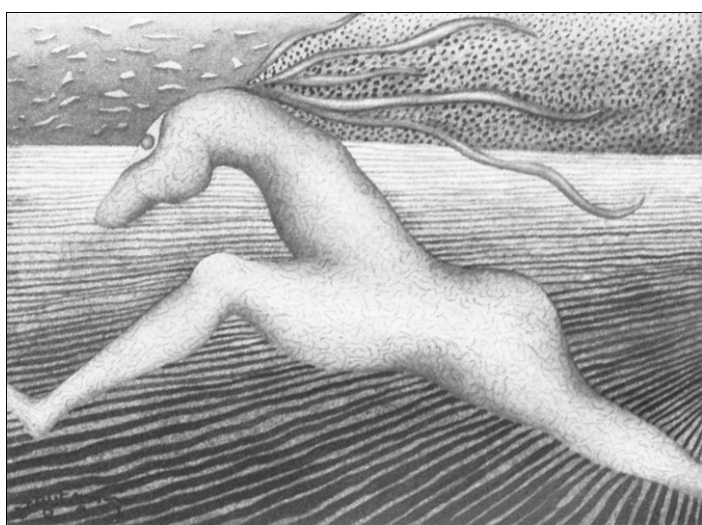
With cat-like eyes, a long neck,



Poet



Teresa



Horse

strands of multicoloured hair, hands put at the back, sporting a sea-green dress was "Adolescence" which brought in the shyness and demure deportment of that age. The backdrop consisted of strips of barred green, lemon green with waves of green, some blue, mauve and gold strips and a bar of yellow ochre with brown dots.

Complete with the pink bow, walking cane and gray suit was "Chaplin-2" seen against scraps of writing as on collage seen of a flecked gray-green background and a delicate ladder at the right end.

Goutam's forms and perspectives in miniature mode with their delicate contours and focused central figures presented a meditative involvement with life.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



AXN: 10.30 p.m. Earthquake. Construction Engineer Stuart Graff is estranged from his jealously possessive wife, Remy, and has an affair with Denise Marshall, the widow of a co-worker. Meanwhile, Remy tries to persuade her father, Sam Royce, who is Stuart's employer, to use his influence to stop Stuart from seeing Denise. Rogue policeman Lew Slade is suspended from the L.A.P.D. for having punched an obtuse officer from another jurisdiction.



HBO: 7.45 p.m. Small Soldiers. Alan, son of a Toy Store owner, tries out some new action figures: The Commando Elite vs. The Gorgonites. What he does not know, is that both sets of toys were designed to move, talk and play back. The Commando Elite's purpose is to destroy the Gorgonites. Unfortunately, the toy designer who was responsible for the programming, bought highly intelligent military computer chips that are usually used for steering missiles - and are able to learn.

PICK OF THE DAY



Moulin Rouge
On Star Movies at 9.10 p.m.
Christian, a young wannabe Bohemian poet living in 1899 Paris, defies his father by joining the colorfully diverse clique inhabiting the dark, fantastical underworld of Paris' now legendary Moulin Rouge. In this seedy but glamorous haven of sex, drugs and newly-discovered electricity, the poet-innocent finds himself plunged into a passionate but ultimately tragic love affair with Satine, the club's highest paid star and the city's most famous courtesan.

BTV	12.10 News Headlines	12.15 Shuvessha Nin	12.30 Aijker Shangbadpatro	12.40 Health Bulletin	01.00 Khorob	01.05 The X Files	02.00 News Headlines	02.05 Cartoon	02.30 Open University	03.00 News (English)	03.05 Anu Poromanu	03.30 Shukhi Poribar	04.00 News Headlines	04.05 Lekhapora	04.30 Drama performed by the Children: Shopner Deshe	05.00 Khorob	05.05 National Television	05.45 Debate Competition	05.45 News For Children	06.00 Khorob- Desh Jonopod	06.10 Dolonchapa	06.30 Nupur Nikkon	07.00 News Headlines (English)	07.05 Share Bazaar, Weather Report	07.05 Sur Anondo	07.30 Drama Serial	08.00 8 o'clock Bengali News	08.30 Shamokaleen Natak	09.30 Chokher Alo	10.00 English News at Ten	10.25 News Bulletin	10.30 Shomokaleen Arthonity	10.35 Chawa Pawa	11.00 Shindhu Hindol	11.30 Late Night News/ News Headlines
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ATN BANGLA	6:00 Islamic prog: Islamee Sawal O Jawab	8:00 ATN Bangla News	8:25 New Singer competition Prog: Nabin Boran	9:35 Musical prog: Surer Madhury	10:10 Talk Show: Alokpat	12:00 ATN Bangla News	12:30 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Aijker Sangbadpotro	12:50 Dilim song's prog: Shurcobi	1:30 Bengali feature film Neshipap Bhadu	2:30 ATN Bangla News Headlines	4:50 The Daily Newspaper Discussing Prog: Aijker Sangbadpotro	5:00 Gram Gonger	5:15 Sangbad	5:15 Channel Prog: ATN Shapla Shaluk Gold Medel Protijogita	6:25 Islamic prog: Islamee Sawal O Jawab	7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News	7:30 Weekly Drama: Dure Kuthao	8:40 Magazine prog: Sutorang	9:00 ATN Bangla News	9:25 Drama Serial: Durotha	10:00 ATN Bangla News	10:30 Musical Prog: Cheers	11:00 ATN Bangla News	12:00 Bengali feature film: Abdullah
HBO	6:30 Cinema Secrets III: Catalytic Events	7:00 King Kong	9:45 Driven	12:00 Beer Money	1:45 Ben-Hur	6:00 Darkman III: Die Darkman Die	7:45 Small Soldiers	10:00 Bats	12:00 Silver	2:00 K-911	4:00 Higher Learning													
AXN	6:30 Movie: Sand	8:30 Eco-Challenge	9:30 Queen of Swords	10:30 Honour Thy Father	10:30 Seven Days: Space Station Down	11:30 Andromeda	1:30 Martial Law																	

2:30 Movie: Sand	3:30 Who Dares Wins	4:30 The Right Stuff	6:30 Andromeda	7:30 Eco-Challenge	8:30 Queen of Swords	9:30 X Zone Fear Factor	10:30 Award Winning Musical prog: Surer Madhury	1:30 The Hunger																													
STAR MOVIES	06:45 The Elite	08:30 It Had to Be You	10:15 Second Nature	12:00 Tough Enough	13:45 When the Party is Over	15:45 In the Time of the Butterflies	17:30 Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure	19:00 Hoffa	21:10 Moulin Rouge	23:30 A Low Down Dirty Shame	01:30 Spitfire																										
STAR WORLD	12:00 Focus Asia	12:30 Iht World	1:00 English News	2:00 Cheers	2:30 Creflo Dollar Daily	3:00 Kenneth Copeland Ministries	3:30 The Simpsons	4:00 World News	4:30 Suddenly Susan	5:00 Hollywood Squares	5:30 The Brady Bunch	6:00 Cheers	6:30 Oprah Winfrey Show	7:30 Chicago Hope	8:30 Nash Bridges	9:30 Traders	10:30 Oprah Winfrey Show	11:28 Star Asia Travel	11:30 World's Wildest Police Videos	12:30 Suddenly Susan	13:00 The Bold And The Beautiful	13:30 Hollywood Squares	14:00 The Brady Bunch	14:30 Baywatch	15:30 The Simpsons	16:00 Cheers	16:30 Starnews Asia	17:00 Frasier	17:30 The King Of Queens	18:00 Everybody Loves Raymond	18:25 Starnews Asia	18:30 Grounded For Life	19:00 Frasier	19:30 Boston Public	20:28 Star Asia Travel	20:30 Frasier	21:00 The King Of Queens

STAR PLUS	00:00 Shagun	00:30 Sonpari	1:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	1:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay	2:00 Hum Hai Kal Aaj Kal Aur Kal	2:30 Khichdi	3:00 Yatra	3:30 Shanti	4:00 Jubilee Plus	4:30 Saans	5:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M	5:30 Kyun Hai Hota Hai Pyarr	6:00 Star Geetmala	7:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom	7:30 Aatma	8:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M	9:00 Fox Kids	9:40 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M	10:00 KabhieKabhieMereg	10:30 Meri Saheli	11:00 Kabhii Sautan Kabhii Saheli	11:30 Shanti	12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M
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12:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay	13:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	13:30 Bhabhi	14:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu	14:30 Shagun (461 - 560)	15:00 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai	15:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	16:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz	16:30 Film Topper - 301 Series	16:35 Saans	17:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M	17:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain	18:00 Fox Kids	18:40 Aaj Ki Baat	18:55 Film Topper - 301 Series	19:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan	19:25 Film Topper - 301 Series	19:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom	20:00 Krishna Arjun	20:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay	21:00 Des Mein Nikla Hoga Chand	22:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii	22:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi	23:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz	23:30 Aaj Ki Baat
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3:00 Ek Raaz	6:30 Geet Bahar	7:00 Hare Kanch Ki Choori	10:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit	10:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M	10:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit	11:00 Chori Chori	13:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit	14:00 Geet Bahar	14:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M	14:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit	15:00 Mehboob Ki Mehndi	18:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit	18:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M	18:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit	19:00 Mela	22:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit	22:30 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein	23:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet - 20 M	23:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit	23:30 Khwab
STAR SPORTS	(+ 30 Minutes)	2:00 Pga Tour Golf The Honda Classic Palm Beach Gardens, FL	3:00 Usa Third Round(R)	5:00 Sports Unlimited (R)																

6:00 Tennis Masters Series Pacific Life Open, Indian Wells Indian Wells, Ca Usa Final(R)	9:00 Indoor Athletics laaf Indoor Athletics Gp 2003 Lievin, France (T)	12:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 Birmingham, England Aston Villa Vs Manchester United (T)	14:00 Spanish Football League 2002/03 Spanish Football League Bilbao, Spain Athletic Club Bilbao Vs Valencia Cf (S)	16:00 Golf Programming The Golf Club 2003 (R)	16:30 Pga Tour Golf The Honda Classic Palm Beach Gardens, FL Usa Final Round(S)	19:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L)	20:00 Formula One Highlights 2003 Formula One Highlights Melbourne, Australia Foster's Australian Grand Prix(R)	21:00 Wrestling Apple Crush (R)	22:00 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (T)	22:30 Pool Rack 'Em Up - Best Of Jimmy White
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Dave Linton Vs Jimmy White (T)	23:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (R) 00:30:00																																	
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ADVENTURE ONE	(+ 30 Minutes)	00:30:00 The Hunt For Amazing Treasures	1:00 On Assignment	00:30:00	1:30 Quest For K2	2:00 Surfer's Journal	2:30 Explorer's Journal	3:30 Out There	4:00 Next Wave	4:30 Across The Line	5:00 Boot Camp	5:30 Danger Diaries	6:30 On Assignment	7:00 Life On The Line	7:30 Quest For K2	8:00 Surfer's Journal	8:30 Explorer's Journal	9:30 Out There	10:00 Next Wave	10:30 Across The Line	11:00 Into The Deep	11:30 Danger Diaries	12:30 New Matadors	13:00 Life On The Line	13:30 Quest For K2	14:00 Surfer's Journal	14:30 Explorer's Journal	15:30 On Assignment	16:00 Quest For K2	16:30 Surfer's Journal	17:00 Explorer's Journal	18:00 Out There	00:30:00	18:30 Next Wave	19:00 Across The Line	19:30 Boot Camp	20:00 Danger Diaries	21:00 On Assignment	21:30 Out There	22:00 Next Wave	22:30 Across The Line	23:00 Boot Camp	23:30 Danger Diaries
ESPN	(+ 30 Minutes)	00:00 Pool Mosconi Cup	1:00 Spanish Football League 2002/03 Spanish Football League Bilbao, Spain Athletic Club Bilbao Vs Valencia Cf (L)	3:00 Pro Water Ski Series	2002 Pro Water Ski Series Charleston, Sc Usa (R)	4:00 Premier Snooker																																					

League Premier Snooker League 2003 Hartlepool, United Kingdom (R)	6:00 Uefa Champions League 2002/03 Uefa Champions League Amsterdam, Netherlands Afc Ajax Vs Valencia Cf Group Phase 2, Matchday 11(T)	8:00 Pool Mosconi Cup 2002 (R)	9:00 Asian X-Games Qualifiers Asian X Games V Presented By Toyota Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Episode 4(F,R)	10:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 Birmingham, England Aston Villa Vs Manchester United (R)	12:00 Pro Wakeboard Series 2002 Pro Wakeboard Series (Men's) Detroit, Mi Usa (R)	12:30 Asa World Tour Asa Pro Tour Cincinnati, Oh Usa (R)	13:30 Pool Mosconi Cup 2002 (T)	14:30 Ama Motocross Ama Motocross (250 Cc) Millville, Mn Usa (R)	15:30 Western Union World Football (R)	16:00 Championship 2002 National Aerobics Championships Miami, Fl Usa (R)	17:00 Spanish Football League 2002/03 Spanish Football League Bilbao, Spain Athletic Club Bilbao Vs Valencia Cf (R)	19:00 English Premier League Highlights English Premier League Highlights 2002/03 (T)	20:00 Sportscenter Hindi (L)	20:30 Best Of Pga Golf Fantastic Finishes # 2 (R)	21:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 Birmingham, England Aston Villa Vs Manchester United (R)	23:00 Sportscenter Hindi (T)	23:30 Western Union World Football (R)
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