

NSU football final today

PRESS RELEASE
The North South University Intra-Football Tournament final will be played at the WAPDA ground in Banani. The match is expected to kick-off at 4 p.m.

McGrath

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McGrath acknowledged the injury breaks could have contributed to his current state of fitness.
"Ve always said that if I keep playing the body gets used to it and I'm fine but getting back into it can sometimes be a worry," McGrath said.

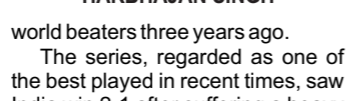


India cricket captain Saurav Ganguly (L) receives a crest from city Mayor Subrata Mukhopadhyay during a public reception at the Town Hall in Calcutta on July 30. Ganguly, born and still a resident of the West Bengal capital, has been honoured by the city for leading the Indian team to the final of the World Cup in South Africa earlier this year.

No mercy for New Zealand

Cricket
AFP, New Delhi
Prolific off-spinner Harbhajan Singh on Thursday warned New Zealand to expect a gruelling experience on their tour of India later this year, saying the hosts were thirsting for revenge.

a play on his Sikh headgear after a sensational haul of 32 wickets in three Tests against Steve Waugh's bowler on tracks that assist spinners.
But he denied the Indians will prepare turning wickets to beat the Kiwis.



HARBHAJAN SINGH
world beater three years ago.
The series, regarded as one of the best played in recent times, saw India win 2-1 after suffering a heavy defeat in the first Test and following on 274 runs behind in the second.

BD's winning

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MacKenzie, M Petrie
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-10, 3-19, 4-24, 5-70, 6-132, 7-161
Bowler O M R W
Hasibul 10 2 39 3
Anwar 10 4 15 1
Mahmud 10 2 33 2
Rafique 9 0 37 0
Hannan 3 0 12 0
Kapali 2 0 15 1
Sanwar 6 0 22 0
BANGLADESH
Hannan c Hartley b Johnson 35
Al Shahrnar c Hartley b MacKenzie 2
Bashar b Petrie 21
Kapali c Simpson b Philipson 36
Sanwar c Payne b Simpson 26
Imran st Hartley b Simpson 0
Mahsud not out 37
Mahmud not out 2
Extras: (lb-3, w-8, nb-6) 17
Total: (For 6 wks in 46.2 overs) 176
Did not bat: Rafique, Hasibul, Anwar, Ashrafal
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-64, 3-69, 4-111, 5-114, 6-153
Bowler O M R W
MacKenzie 8.2 0 32 1
Hopes 10 2 28 0
Johnson 8 0 30 1
Petrie 7 0 30 1
Simpson 6 0 28 2
Reimers 3 0 14 0
Philipson 4 0 11 1
Result: Bangladesh won by 4 wickets.
Toss: Queensland Academy of Sport.
Umpires: Steve Davis and Simon Taufel.

Dolaipar

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School became Group A champions defeating Kamarpara High School 4-2 in the other match.
Ali Hossain struck twice while Nazrul Islam and Al Amin scored one each for Emarat. Sohail Rana netted both goals for Kamarpara.

Khulna

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"No effort has been spared to make the stadium popular," he said yesterday.
"Work on the gallery, fences and pavilion building have been completed, he said.
Interestingly, Khulna Stadium was declared as the best venue of the inaugural edition three years ago.

Wanderers

FROM PAGE 13
Jumbatul Hassan, Milon, Jalal, Kabir, Masud Khan, Masud Alam, Suhannur Rahman and Saiful Islam.
ARAMBAGH KS: Himu, Kamruzzaman, Rezaul Karim, Shahin, Arman, Kamrul, Biddiyut, Saif, Emu, Apu and Wino.
Referee: Mansoor Azad.

Hewitt blazes thru'

Tennis
AFP, Los Angeles
Former world No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt blasted 14 aces, including five straight to start his serving games, beating American Michael Joyce 6-3, 6-0 on Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals of the 380,000 dollar Los Angeles ATP event.
The 22-year-old Australian was playing for the second straight day against a journeyman American in his first tournament since losing in the opening round at Wimbledon.
"I felt I didn't serve that great yesterday so I came out here and tried to work on it," said Hewitt.
"It is a heck of a lot easier to take control when you are serving aces."
Hewitt suffered a shocking early exit at this year's Wimbledon, losing to Croatian qualifier Ivo Karlovic.
Hewitt, the 2002 Wimbledon winner, had one minor letdown in Wednesday's one hour, 11 minute match when he lost his serve to go 3-3 in the first set.
"I took my foot off the pedal at stages but I felt I was in control of the match," he said.
It was a more polished performance than the spotty play that marked Tuesday's tournament 6-0,

Ronaldo takes on press

Football

AFP, Kunming
World Footballer of the Year Ronaldo says sex isn't everything and he's got no complaints about abstaining for two weeks while on a tour of Asia.
However, the Spanish superstar was clearly flummoxed by the question from a Chinese reporter during a press conference at the Hongta sports centre in Kunming and was heard muttering: "This is tasteless."
He recovered his composure to say he would make up for lost time when he got back to Madrid.
"well, we're all professionals and we're working and we're only thinking about getting ready and that's it," he said here.
"we have plenty of time for sex and we have all our lives for that and two weeks is not going to kill us. And I'm sure we'll make up for lost time."
At the World Cup last year, the Real Madrid striker admitted that scoring both goals in the final had been better than sex.
"The World Cup is better than sex," he said. "Anyway, the World Cup is only once every four years and sex is not."



Real Madrid superstar Ronaldo at a media conference at the Hongta sports center in Kunming yesterday.

Madrid for China that said he had in fact shed five kilos (11 pounds) over the summer break.
Ronaldo, who is known to enjoy hamburgers and fizzy drinks, has struggled with his weight before.
Last year, the issue became a major talking point in Spain.
The super striker said he's indifferent to the celebrity surrounding new teammate David Beckham in Asia, and made clear he's the more famous face in other parts of the world.
"if he's more famous here there are places that I'm more famous than he is," said the Brazilian, who is considered a national hero back home.
This contrasts with Spanish newspaper reports before he left

and maybe he's more marketable than I am, that could be.
"but for my career it doesn't matter. I don't see it as an important thing, it's a comparison that does not matter."
Ronaldo is a double World Cup winner and has been voted FIFA Player of the Year an unprecedented three times.
Until Beckham's move to Madrid earlier this month, he was considered the star-laden team's most high profile player, lifting Real to the Spanish league title with 23 goals last season.
Beckham however has brought with him from Manchester a cult following and has a fanatical fan base in Asia.

Ronaldo said he hopes the two kick on the field.
"I follow what I want to do and keep on winning like I'm sure Beckham wants to win as well," said Ronaldo.
"I have been able to see that his passes are really good and I just hope that we'll be able to understand each other on the field."
Real Madrid wrap up a week of training in southwestern China Thursday evening. They play a Chinese select side on August 2 before continuing their pre-season promotional tour of Asia in Tokyo, Bangkok and Hong Kong.

Larsson enters record books

Football

AFP, Kaunas, Lithuania
Henrik Larsson scored a British record-equaling 30th European goal for Celtic on Wednesday as the Scottish giants enjoyed a comfortable 4-0 win over Lithuanian champions FBK Kaunas in their opening Champions League match.
The Swedish international striker now stands alongside Peter Lorimer, of Leeds, and Liverpool's Ian Rush in equalling the record for European goals scored by a player with the same British club.
However, Larsson later limped out of the match with a hamstring injury leaving manager Martin O'Neill facing an anxious wait before the damage is assessed.

Ronaldinho stars

Football

AFP, Washington
Brazilian international striker Ronaldinho scored one goal and made a crucial pass to set up another, leading FC Barcelona past AC Milan 2-0 here Wednesday in an international football friendly.
Playing his second match with the Catalan club since being obtained from Paris Saint-Germain, Ronaldinho showed why "Barca" spent 30 million euros with a sparkling 56-minute performance before a crowd of 45,000 people despite rain.
"he made artistic moves and passes. He's very inventive," FC Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard said of Ronaldinho, the Dutchman citing the Brazilian's pass to set up the opening goal.



RONALDINHO

guarded.
"Everything went very well," Ronaldinho said. "I was very pleased. My teammates are very attentive and play well."
It was Barcelona's second match without Dutchman Patrick Kluijvert, kept from joining the team when it arrived by United States officials. The problem was solved. He is expected to play Sunday in Philadelphia against Manchester United.
Milan faces an important match Sunday as well against rival Juventus of Turin in the Italian Super Cup, the traditional annual match between Italian champions, Juventus, and the Cup winner, AC Milan.
They meet in East Rutherford, New Jersey, in a rematch of the European Cup match won by AC Milan.

Lyon - Lille in Ligue 1 opener

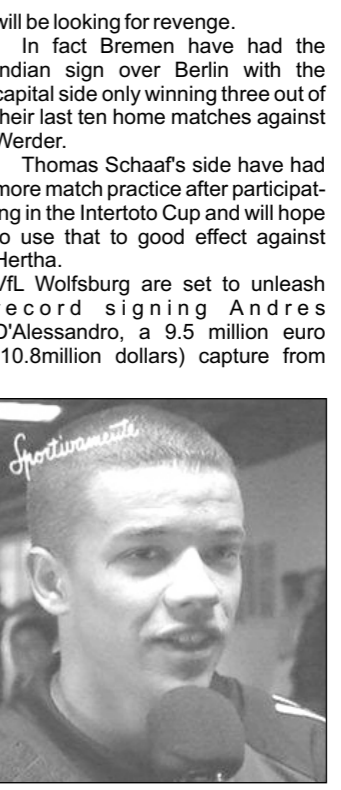
Football

AFP, Paris
Champions Lyon kick off the new season in France, starting their chase for a third consecutive title with a tricky trip to Lille on Friday.
But every opening match for Lyon seems troublesome, as they have not won their first league game for the last 22 years.
France forward Sidney Govou is absent with an ankle injury that will keep him on the sidelines till the end of August.
That leaves Congo-born French striker Peguy Luyindula leading the line in attack, where the arrival of a big name player in the wake of Brazilian Sonny Anderson is still on hold.

Bundesliga begins

Football

AFP, Neuss.
Reigning champions Bayern Munich kick off the 41st Bundesliga title race on Friday against newly-promoted Eintracht Frankfurt at the Olympic Stadium.
Frankfurt have won just three out of their last 34 meetings against Bayern and it will be a major upset if they make it four.
Bayern have concerns about the fitness of Ghanaian defender Sammy Kuffour, while strikers Roque Santa Cruz and Alexander Zickler are definitely sidelined.
Ottmar Hitzfeld's side are favourites to reclaim their title while Frankfurt are favourites for the drop after securing the final promotion place last season.
New Schalke coach Jupp Heynckes faces a baptism of fire on Saturday as his Bundesliga return sees him lead his troops out against Ruhr rivals Borussia Dortmund.
Matthias Sammer's side will be looking to put the League Cup final defeat against SV Hamburg behind them and victory against arch rivals Schalke 04 would give the supporters a lift.
The two teams could not be separated last season with a 2-2 draw in Gelsenkirchen and a 1-1 draw at the Westfalen Stadium.
Injuries to Evanilson and Torsten Frings, who are both out for six months, have hindered Dortmund's preparations as has the suspension of Sebastian Kehl, who was sent off for pushing the referee in the League Cup final.
New loan signing Flavio Conceicao may make his debut.
Hertha Berlin lost just three games at home last season but one of them was a 1-0 reverse against Werder Bremen and The Old Lady



ANDRES D'ALESSANDRO
River Plate, on VfL Bochum.

will be looking for revenge.
In fact Bremen have had the Indian sign over Berlin with the capital side only winning three out of their last ten home matches against Werder.
Bernardo Romeo, the club's top-scorer last season with 15 goals, is a doubt for the tie with Japanese forward Naohiro Takahara - scorer of one of their goals in the victory over Dortmund - and Sergei Barbarez likely to deputise.
VfL Wolfsburg are set to unleash record signing Andres D'Alessandro, a 9.5 million euro (10.8million dollars) capture from Borussia Monchengladbach and FC Cologne lock horns on Sunday in a passionate North German derby.
There is added spice to the match with Gladbach coach Ewald Lienen a former manager at FC Cologne, guiding the club into the Bundesliga just three years ago.
VfB Stuttgart will be looking to build on last season's Champions League qualification with three points over Hansa Rostock.
Stuttgart were a potent force away from home last season, bagging 27 points on their travels.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Vaughan's men

Scoreboard for Vaughan's men cricket match, including team names, scores, and player statistics.

CRYPTOQUIP

Cryptoquip puzzle with a grid of letters and a clue: 'Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN AN IRRITATED POSTMASTER GETS REALLY ANGRY, I WONDER IF HE STAMPS HIS FEET.'

FIXTURES

Table of football fixtures including Friday, Saturday, and Sunday matches with team names and venues.