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Pakistan's Majid Khan is the only player in Test cricket who started his career as an opening bowler and became the opening batsman.



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Ricky Ponting
(Australia ODI captain)
"There are things that happen on the field that we are not happy with all the time."

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- Who clinched the CONCACAF Gold Cup?
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- How many Test tens has Steve...
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Abahani observes Sk Kamal's 54th birthday today

On the eve of the 54th anniversary of Sheikh Kamal, the founder of Abahani Krira Chakra, the popular Dharmadhi club as well as its supporters forum have organised a painting competition for children at the club's premises 4 pm today. Editor of The Daily Ittefaq Anwar Hossain Monju will later distribute prizes as the chief guest. AKM Muhi Uddin, former president of the Abahani Krira Chakra, will be present as the special guest.



An aerial Muktijoddha striker Alfaz Ahmed (No 10) makes an abortive attempt to score against Chittagong Mohammedan during their Nitol-Tata National Football League encounter at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

Open tennis

Sadia Hossain of the BKSP became champion in the under-13 event of the Modern Builders Open Tennis Competition edging past Amrin Hasan 7-6, 7-5 at the National Tennis Complex yesterday. Ranjan Ram moved into the semifinals in the under-16 event beating Delwar 6-4, 6-3. In the boys' under-13 event, Jamal beat Raihan 6-2, 6-3, Delwar defeated Riasat 6-2, 6-2, Ula Mong overpowered Omar 6-1, 6-1 and Rishad beat Mufazzal 6-0, 7-5 to book their places in the last four. Sathi Sarker and Ishrat Sultana moved into the semifinals of the women's singles winning their respective quarterfinals matches. Sathi beat Taslima 6-2, 6-3 and Ishrat beat Reefat 6-1, 6-0. In the men's singles, top seeded Amol Roy beat Shahnewaz 7-5, 6-4, Akhter beat Shams 6-3, 6-1, Yousof beat Laxman 6-4, 6-2, Alamgir beat Anwar 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, Dilip beat Kanchan 6-4, 6-4, Dipu defeated

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Ctg Mohammedan stun Muktijoddha

FROM QUAZI AMANULLAH

Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club caused the biggest upset in the Nitol-Tata Third National Football League when the port city outfit pulled off a sensational 1-0 victory against giants Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra at the Khulna Stadium yesterday. The opening match of the fourth and final leg stored more surprises than anybody had expected where the underdogs ruled over the big guns in front of a jam-packed audience. Masud Parvez Kaiser produced

the knockout punch with a powerful right-footer in the 16th minute to end Muktijoddha's three-match



KAISER...m-o-m

unbeaten run. The unheralded but nimble Kaiser shot to fame with a low rasping drive that took a wicked deflection off Muktijoddha defender Pavel Mahmud before entering the net. Kaiser deserved every right to bask in the glory for not only scoring the match-winner, but also making the right flank his own property. He was just like a runaway train that bulldozed through the vaunted Muktijoddha defence time and again. His one-stroke brilliance brightened Chittagong Mohammedan's chances of reaching the Super Six stages. Muktijoddha threw everything to protect their enviable unbeaten tag intact, but only to be denied by Chittagong custodian Raju, who

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Vaughan ready for Thorpe

middle-order and Vaughan denied reports that he had a personal objection to the Surrey left-hander's presence in the side. "If he's right in his mind and personal life then I am sure the selectors will talk about him. He's a fantastic player," said Vaughan. Thorpe, 34, has not played for England in nearly a year following personal problems brought about by the break-up of his marriage. He was picked for the 2002-03 tour of Australia only to change his mind before the plane left England. But last month Thorpe, who confirmed he had cancelled his one-day international retirement, insisted he was now ready to resume his England career. Looking ahead, Vaughan insisted he had no knowledge of reports that fast bowler Darren Gough and former captain Nasser Hussain were about to quit Test

cricket. "If Gough's going to retire, he hasn't told me," said Vaughan of his Yorkshire teammate. He added that Gough, 34, had endured a tough return to Test match life following South Africa captain Graeme Smith's successive double hundreds in the first two matches of the series. "He's had two years out of Test cricket (with a knee injury). He's come back on a very flat wicket, against a guy in supreme form (Smith)." England coach Duncan Fletcher said the turmoil caused by Nasser Hussain's shock resignation as England Test captain, following last week's drawn series opener at Edgbaston, was no excuse for the team's overwhelming defeat at Lord's.

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Pak boost for MSC

Title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club are all set to include two more Pakistani hockey players. Full-back Selim Amir and midfielder Imran Rasool are expected to join the popular black and whites tent on August 7. Both players were recently called up to join the Pakistan national team's stand-by list. Last year's runners-up Mohammedan currently enjoy the services of Pakistanis Kamran Ashraf and Mohammad Anis.

Ntini goes up in rankings

South African Makhaya Ntini has climbed four places to sixth in the PricewaterhouseCooper Test bowling ratings after his 10-wicket haul in the second Test against England at Lord's. His captain Graeme Smith, who scored a record 259 as South Africa completed an innings victory, also moves up seven places to 12th in the batting ratings. South African bowler Shaun Pollock, however, has slipped to second place behind Muttiah Muralitharan after suffering at the hands of Andrew Flintoff who scored a defiant century to salvage a little pride for England on Sunday. England bowler Darren Gough, who had miserable figures of 0-127 in the second Test, is now out of the top 20 and at his lowest rating for six years.

Batsman	Points
Brian Lara	887
Sachin Tendulkar	843
Michael Vaughan	836
Matthew Hayden	821
Ricky Ponting	816
Jacques Kallis	804
Adam Gilchrist	799
Inzamamul Haq	793
Rahul Dravid	789
Herschelle Gibbs	785
Bowler	Points
Muttiah Muralitharan	861
Shaun Pollock	860
Glenn McGrath	848
Harbhajan Singh	746
Jason Gillespie	740
Makhaya Ntini	739
Stuart MacGill	691
Shoaib Akhtar	691
Andrew Caddick	691
Anil Kumble	688

Making of Makhaya

force he once was, it is Ntini, the first black player to make it to the national side, who is revelling in the role of strike bowler and he grabbed the spotlight of history with both hands at Lord's here as his ten-wicket match haul helped South Africa to victory in the second Test. They were the best figures by a South African bowler at the home of cricket since Xen Balaskas took nine in 1935. The 26-year-old Ntini now has

114 Test victims to his name. His rise to the top, however, has not been without its problems. In 1999, Ntini was charged and initially convicted of rape. He maintained his innocence and was subsequently acquitted on appeal. Ntini is used to fighting adversity. When he was a youngster, he had to borrow a pair of training shoes when two officials of the local cricket board academy came calling

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LORD'S LORD: South Africa fast bowler Makhaya Ntini kisses the pitch of Lord's after grabbing his tenth wicket for the match on the fourth day of the second Test against England on August 3.

Booters win Futsal match

SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh finally scored a win in the Futsal tournament in Qatar after thrashing Jordan Community 8-5 on Sunday. Rana and Manju struck twice while Raju, Bakhtiar, Jahangir and Nurul Islam scored one apiece. Bangladesh, which is making their first appearance in the five-a-side indoor tournament, lost their two previous encounters. The visitors were scheduled to play their fourth match against Al Gezira club last night.

BFF names U-17, U-19 booters

SPORTS REPORTER
The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) announced the players' lists of the under-20 and under-17 teams to take part in the residential training camp beginning from August 8 at BKSP. Former national booter Golam Sarwar Tipu has been named coordinator for the camps. Abu Yousuf, Mahmudul Haq Liton and Mussaraf Hossain Badal will conduct the under-20 camp while Shahidur Rahman Shantu and Hasanuzzaman Bablu will look after the under-17 players. **UNDER-20 SQUAD:** Azom Biplob, Indrajit Saha, Piru, Parvez, Mozammel Hossain and Sujon (goalkeepers); Tareq, Amin, Uttam, Dipu, Jahirul, Mahiuddin, Rabin, Murad, Sultan and Rajib (defenders); Shamim, Nurul Islam, Malay, Rumel, Arup, Miraj, Masud, Sujon, Maruf and Roaza (midfielders); Surat, Sujon, Sharif, Rony, Ashfaq, Sentu, Russel, Anwar and Emily (forwards). **UNDER-17 SQUAD:** Himel, Nipu, Shahriar, Sumon, Uttam (goalkeepers); Bappi, Jasim, Arafat, Mishu, Kasem, Barkat, Mamun, Sarwar and Nandu (defenders); Ronny, Nasir, Sharif, Zahid, Parvez, Rajib, Hassan, Ali, Shankar and Zahed (midfielders); Gafur, Abid, Rabindra, Alim, Mithun, Rubel, Manu and Rajan (forwards).

Abahani derail Railway



SPORTS REPORTER
Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra handed Dhaka Railway a 5-1 thrashing in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday. The emphatic result not only helped the popular sky-blues to maintain their all win-record but also ended Railway's own unbeaten run. The holders have bagged maximum fifteen points from five matches while Railway collected five points playing a game less. Striker Ashrafur Islam Shishu struck twice while Ramij Ahmed, Indians Amor Ayamma and MK Prakash shared the other goals. Indian recruit Bharat scored a consolation goal for Railway. The Dharmadhi outfit led the first half 2-1. Shishu scored a stunning goal in the opening minute to put Abahani

ahead. He dribbled past four players from the centre of the pitch before putting the ball into the net. Ramij doubled the margin with a fine angular hit from the right in the 20th minute. Railway then launched some good attacks and in the 30th minute they reduced the deficit. Bharat executed a powerful hit that deflected off Abahani defender Nakib before entering the net. Amor started the second half fiesta for Abahani when the Indian forward cleverly found the board in the 41st minute. His compatriot Prakash netted the fourth goal from a pass by fellow Indian Christopher Thomas in the 58th minute. Two minutes later Shishu completed the rout with a field goal that was the result of a Ramij pass. But the last two goals could be blamed for Railway custodian Ajoy Mukharjee's poor work. **TODAY'S MATCHES**
Sonali Bank vs Wari Club (2:15pm)
Bangladesh SC vs Ajax SC (4:15pm)



Abahani's Shishu (behind the goalkeeper) sees the ball go across the Wari goal line. Against the old-towners yesterday Shishu scored two goals in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

SA CAA rejects murder claims

getting a bullet in the head. "I understand that police have found evidence of sabotage, but they're reluctant to go public on this." However, CAA commissioner Trevor Abrahams told SABC radio news Monday morning the claims were fictitious. "We are not aware of any such report. I don't know where it comes from and certainly the indication that someone involved in the actual investigation from the CAA made any such statements are not true," Abrahams said. Cronje died along with the two pilots when the cargo plane he was travelling in crashed shortly before landing at George airport. He was known to have an arrangement where he travelled for free on AirQuarus, rather than take up an offer from his employers to take a commercial flight back to his wife in George, some 430 kilometres (260 miles) east of Cape Town. According to the Observer, the CAA report may take longer to be published than normal especially if it is found that there are grounds to support rumours that George airport's ground landing system which failed had been sabotaged.

John's point to bargain

AFP, Cairns
John Buchanan has some impressive statistics to boost his bargaining power for an improved contract as Australian Test and one-day cricket coach. Buchanan, in negotiations with Cricket Australia (CA) over a new contract, will point to the team winning more often since he took over from Geoff Marsh in 1999. Buchanan, asked what had changed in the national one-day team since he took over, said: "Our win ratio has probably gone up as have other things like our run-rate." Australia's win over Bangladesh here on Sunday marked the 100th one-day game since Buchanan took charge of the team. Before he took over, Australia had played 443 one-day games for a success rate of 58 per cent. In his four years in charge, Australia's success rate is up to 78 per cent. The team's run-rate has increased from 4.53 runs per over, or 227 runs per game, to 5.28, or 264 runs per game. Australia has definitely improved as a Test and one-day side under the lateral thinking of Buchanan. Buchanan, who has sometimes been mocked for employing the

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Smith hails mates

"We will celebrate tonight but be humble tomorrow," said Smith, who in this match became only the fourth player in history to make double centuries in successive Tests after his South African record 277 in the drawn series opener at Edgbaston. Smith also paid tribute to the work of Manchester-based Mike Finnegan, described by a South African spokesman as a "motivational psychologist". "He's been working really hard on the mental side of our game. He joined up with us after the final. He's from England," admitted Smith to a chorus of laughter from assembled reporters. Smith and fast bowler Makhaya Ntini shared the man-of-the-match award after the paceman became the first South African to take ten wickets in a Lord's Test match. "It was a superb effort by Makhaya. He always comes back from his bad overs and is always ready to bowl. He is superb and is an icon for the country," said Smith.

South Africa were effectively reduced to just three quicks for this match. Fast bowler Dewald Pretorius sustained a thigh strain Friday and only managed seven overs in the entire match. "Their fitness levels were tremendous. They never once moaned. They just said 'give me the ball'," Smith said. Ntini paid fulsome tribute to his skipper, his country's youngest at 22. "He did tremendously well to lead the side. It's always easy for me to come on and bowl. I am always ready." Looking ahead Smith said the third Test, which gets underway at Trent Bridge on August 14 would be the "crunch game" of the series. "It's going to be a huge Test. If we can win there's nothing stopping us." By contrast, England skipper Michael Vaughan, in charge for the

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