

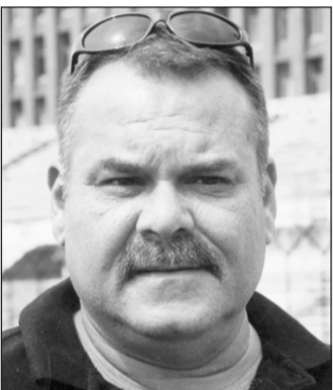


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Dav Whatmore
(Bangladesh cricket coach)
"I am speechless and at a loss to describe the reversal in this match." After losing the Peshawar Test.

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Kallis' double ton in draw

AFP, Derby
Jacques Kallis warmed up for next week's fifth Test against England with the first double century of his career against Derbyshire here on Saturday.
All-rounder Kallis made exactly 200 in the tourists' total of 460 for seven declared although the Western Province star's runs did come against an under-strength Derbyshire attack.
In reply the hosts made 136 for four declared with swing bowler Charl Willoughby taking three for 31.

Giant disappointment

SPORTS REPORTER



The first meeting of the season between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira was a disappointment for a 20,000 strong crowd at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.
It was not the result that irritated the paying football fan, but the manner in which the giants played out a goalless draw in the last robin league match of the Nitol-Tata National Football League.
A Mohammedan-Muktiyoddha encounter is always guaranteed plenty of excitement and drama, but Sunday's game had neither. It was evident that both teams wanting to avoid a premature clash with Abahani Krira Chakra, adopted a safety-first policy.
And after a 90-minutes of dreary football the onus will be on Mohammedan to face their bitter rivals Abahani in the second semi-final.

Muktiyoddha, on the other hand, will have to be on their guard while playing dark horse Moulvibazar Wanderers in the first semifinal.
Both semifinals will take place tomorrow at the same venue. Group A champion Wanderers meet Muktiyoddha at 3.30pm while the Dhaka derby will kick off at 5.30pm.
Although the second semifinal was scheduled for Wednesday, the tournament committee changed the fixture to ensure live coverage after Bangladesh Television expressed its inability due to a prior national engagement.
With both teams assured of a place in the last four the equation going into the last match was for Mohammedan to lose and Muktiyoddha needing a draw to avoid a semifinal battle against Abahani.
The first half promised plenty of end-to-end action. Striker Saiful Islam Moni, the leading scorer in the competition, got two chances to end the deadlock for Muktiyoddha. But his first effort a header from an Alfaz cross went wide and the other a curling free-kick from the top of the box was fisted away by Mohammedan

custodian Nizam.
Mohammedan also could have taken the lead at the stroke of the break when Pappu set Farhad up with a defence-splitting pass but the shaven-headed striker could only manage a feeble shot straight at Aminul.
If that was the first sign of a striker unwilling to score from a vantage position then Alfaz's funny shot with Nizam at his mercy could be best described as a back pass.
And when the final whistle went, there were no cheers but only jeers from the stands.
Yellow cards: Ghansa (Muktiyoddha) and Salisu (Mohammedan).
TEAMS
MOHAMMEDAN SC: Nizam, Jewel Rana, Masud Rana, Hassan, Titoo, Joy, Faisal (Salisu), Pappu (Tushar), Kanchan, Nakib (Dabran) and Farhad.
MUKTIYODDHA SANGSAD KC: Aminul, Hasan Al Mamun, Rajani, Sujon, Papal, Prodip, Ghansa, Nono (Lajuk), Matir Munna, Alfaz and Moni.
Referee: Mansoor Azad



Mohammedan defender Jewel Rana (R) clears the ball against Muktiyoddha striker Alfaz Ahmed during their Nitol-Tata Third National Football League Super Six encounter at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

Usha's maiden Super 5 win

SPORTS REPORTER
Usha Krira Chakra tamed giant-killers Sonali Bank 4-1 in a Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League match at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.
This was Usha's first win in their four 'Super Five' encounters so far, but their effort meant little as they remained at the bottom with 18 points from 13 matches. On the other hand, Sonali Bank, who upset Abahani in their previous game, also stayed put with 19 points from twelve matches.
Usha led the first-half 2-1 in the one-sided match against the youthful bankers.
Indian Vikramjit Singh struck twice, once in each half, from penalty corners. Forward Moududur Rahman Shuvo netted a field goal before the break and Vikramjit's countryman Mobinur Rahman scored another field goal in the second session for Usha.
Indian Anil Ekka reduced the margin for bankers.
TODAY'S MATCH
Mohammedan SC v Ajax SC (4pm)

Return of Thorpe



REUTERS/AFP, London

Graham Thorpe ended a year-long exile on Sunday when he was recalled to the England squad to face South Africa in the fifth and final Test at The Oval starting on Thursday.
The Surrey left-hander has been on the sidelines since announcing he was taking a complete break from cricket following last year's Lord's Test against India in July in the aftermath of his marriage break-up. He also withdrew from last year's Ashes tour.
But his talent and experience at the highest level has persuaded the selectors to include him in the 13-man squad.
He comes in as a straight replacement for Nasser Hussain, who broke his left toe while batting during last week's fourth Test defeat at Headingley.
Hussain is not expected to play again this season.
"It feels very good," Thorpe told BBC radio. "It's great to get an opportunity now and to be fit and firing. It's the last game and we need to do well in it."
"I don't really feel that I've got anything to lose by playing in this game."
The only other change to the team beaten at Headingley was the inclusion of off-spinner Gareth Batty in place of seamer James Kirtley, who is out with shin splints.

Thorpe is regarded as England's best batsman. The 34-year-old has played 77 Tests and averages 41.87. He has also played 82 one-dayers.
England, who trail 2-1 in the five-match series, have blooded a string of younger batsmen in his absence but without success.
The match will also be wicketkeeper-batsman Alec Stewart's last for England after a 14-year Test career which has seen him score 8,425 runs, eighth in the all-time list.
England had been due to name their squad on Friday but delayed the announcement for 48 hours because

"Graham is a proven performer at Test level and I'm sure that he will relish the challenge."
Bowler Martin Bicknell was included in the squad, although he must undergo a fitness test on a hamstring problem. He was bothered by long-standing hamstring trouble during his Test return last week.
England's pace attack has struggled throughout the series, with Andrew Caddick unavailable because of a back problem while Matthew Hoggard is still not fit following knee surgery.
Steve Harmison, overlooked from the Headingley starting line-up, is almost certain to regain his place in the starting line-up but the selectors decided against the return of Somerset seamer Richard Johnson, who has been plagued by knee trouble ever since the end of the one-day triangular tournament mid-way through the summer.
South Africa, ranked second in the world, won the fourth Test at Headingley to take control of a series they have dominated from the outset.
SQUAD
Michael Vaughan (captain), Gareth Batty, Kabir Ali, James Anderson, Martin Bicknell, Graham Thorpe, Mark Butcher, Andrew Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Stephen Harmison, Ed Smith, Alec Stewart, Marcus Trescothick.



GRAHAM THORPE
of injury concerns.
"We've chosen Graham Thorpe as a like-for-like replacement for Nasser Hussain," explained chairman of selectors David Graveney.

Johnson keeps crown White in trouble

AFP, Paris
Allen Johnson could be forgiven if he didn't have much time for women athletes as for the second successive World Championships his remarkable dominance of the 110-metre hurdles was overshadowed and this time it was by one of his own teammates.
While Johnson - the self-professed 'Quiet Man' of the sport - won his fourth world title, Kelli White's achievement in taking the 100m and 200m double was cast into doubt as it was revealed she had tested positive for a stimulant following the 100m.
White was withdrawn from the American team after it was revealed she had tested positive for Modafinil, which stimulates the nervous system and combats tiredness, following her 100m victory last Sunday, though the IAAF did not object to her running in the 4x100m relay as it is not on the banned list.
The Americans' loss was France's gain as their quartet took advantage of White's absence to take the relay gold.
It was the climax of a glorious 10 minutes for the hosts as Eunice Barber pulled off a stunning last effort to take the long jump title and gain rich compensation for her silver in the heptathlon.
Johnson was superb as he barely had to break sweat to ensure he added a fourth gold to his bursting medals cabinet but again he had to acknowledge that he would have to take a back seat to another athlete.
"Even if I'm not front page news, I am still the first four-time champion, so I'm happy," said Johnson who won his first world title in 1995.

Moses making a comeback



AFP, Paris

Two-time Olympic champion Edwin Moses confirmed on Sunday he is making a comeback to the 400 metres hurdles at the age of 48 with an initial aim of qualifying to run in the trials for the US team for next year's Olympics in Athens.
The former world record holder held a press conference to officially announce his decision on the day of his 48th birthday and the anniversary of his last world record of 47.02sec in 1983.
The American said his first aim was to achieve a time more than three seconds slower - 50.55sec - which would qualify him to run in next year's US Olympic trials.
"If it is possible for me to appear at the Olympic trials that would be



EDWIN MOSES
fantastic as I am an old man.
"In terms of going to Athens, if things happen they happen. But
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Action on yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League Super Five clash between Usha and Sonali Bank at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

Irani Trophy Tendulkar to lead Mumbai

CRICINFO, undated

Sachin Tendulkar, who last led Mumbai four years, will captain the side against the Rest of India in the Irani Trophy match to be played over September 18-22.
The decision was taken by the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) selection committee after they spoke to Tendulkar, who is currently in Bangalore with the other Indian probables.
Ratnakar Shetty, the MCA joint secretary, said, "The Irani Trophy being a very crucial match before the home series against the visiting New Zealand, we wanted the best side and the best man to lead."
"Moreover, Mumbai do not have a very experienced player to lead the side, apart from leg-spinner Sairaj Bahutule and Ajit Agarkar, who are still very young."
According to Shetty, "With Sachin leading the side for the Irani Trophy, others can learn a trick or two which will help during the sides Ranji Trophy campaign later."
It's the first time in years that the Irani Trophy has been taken so seriously, with almost all the contenders for national team selection part of the mix.

Lanka afraid of 'barmy army' invasion

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's battle with Tamil Tiger rebels usually discouraged tourists, but the ongoing truce is also causing problems as the authorities brace for an invasion by the "barmy army."
Cricket officials said they were struggling to find accommodation for thousands of England fans known as the "barmy army," who are expected to accompany their team on tour here in November and December.
"There is a shortage of about 3,000 rooms," a cricket board official said. "Hotels are overbooked and we have not encountered this sort of problem in decades."
In 1996, Australia and the West Indies boycotted their World Cup qualifying matches in Sri Lanka for fear of attack, but the current ceasefire is sending a flood of holidaymakers to the island.
Tourism authorities and the Cricket board have brought the shortage of rooms to the attention of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, who has ordered that state guest houses be opened for fans.
The Cricket Board said it was also inviting private homes to offer rooms to paying guests in a bid to ease the pressure on hotel accommodation during the England tour.
Foreign tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka increased by nearly 25 percent in the first six months of 2003 over a year earlier to around 216,000 people.
Government spokesman G. L. Peiris said there had also been 23,000 new jobs created in the hospitality sector since the truce with the Tamil Tigers went into effect on February 23 last year.
Several hotels closed in July 2001 and others retrenched a large chunk of their staff after the Tiger rebels completely destroyed four Sri Lankan airlines aircraft parked at the island's only international airport.

Latif for better batting



REUTERS, Rawalpindi

Pakistan captain Rashid Latif is looking for his side to improve their batting in the third Test against Bangladesh as they attempt to complete a whitewash of the three-match series.
Pakistan won the first two Tests in Karachi and Peshawar by seven and nine wickets respectively and the third Test is to be played from September 3 to 7 in Multan.
"I want to see the batsmen play longer innings and give the bowlers a proper total to bowl at and help us win the third Test in a more convincing manner," Latif told this news agency on Sunday.
"The batsmen have struggled against the open field and consistent bowling by the Bangladesh bowlers. In the third Test we need to improve."
Pakistan has only recorded 3-0 whitewash wins over touring sides twice, against Australia in 1982-83 and then over the West Indies in 1997 and Latif said a third sweep would give his side confidence ahead of their series with South Africa.
"If we finish this series with a three-nil result it will put us in the proper frame of mind for the next series against South Africa," Latif said.
The 34-year-old said the third Test squad would be strengthened

with the return of batsman Younis Khan, for the injured Shoaib Malik, and off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq, who replaces fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar, who is returning to England to play for Durham.
Younis missed the first two Tests due to family commitments while the selectors have recalled Saqlain after being ignored for three one-day tournaments after the World Cup.
Latif said he had been surprised by the performances of the Bangladeshis, particularly their batsman Habibul Bashar and Javed Omar, who have each scored a



RASHID LATIF
century in the series so far.
Bashar also scored 97 in the first innings at Peshawar.
"They have proved worthy opponents. They have shown improve-

ment despite their limited resources," said Latif.
"In Peshawar we were lucky that Shoaib Akhtar got into his rhythm at the right time and helped us win the match."
Meanwhile, Pakistan are confident fast bowler Mohammad Sami will be available for the end of their one-day series against Bangladesh in September.
Pakistan manager Haroon Rasheed told Reuters that Sami had responded well to specialist treatment for a stress hairline fracture to his ankle.
"The feedback we have got about him is very encouraging," Rasheed said.
"The team coach and captain are keen that if he recovers in time he should bowl a few overs in the last one-day against Bangladesh so that he is match fit for the series against South Africa."
Sami hurt his ankle while fielding for Kent in the English County Championship in July.
Bangladesh will play five one-day internationals against Pakistan in Multan, Faisalabad, Lahore, Rawalpindi and Karachi on September 9, 12, 15, 18 and 21 respectively.
Pakistan's first one-dayer against South Africa is in Karachi on September 26 when they hope Sami and Shoaib Akhtar will spearhead their attack.

Rain holds Agassi up No problems for contenders



REUTERS, New York

Jennifer Capriati, Justine Henin-Hardenne and Lleyton Hewitt all looked forward to the business end of the US Open after clocking up victories at the rain-hit hardcourt Grand Slam on Saturday.
But top seed and world number one Andre Agassi was put on hold by organisers, who told the American to go home and complete his interrupted third-round match with Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov on Sunday.
Agassi was leading 6-3, 0-1 when rain over Flushing Meadows forced the pair off Arthur Ashe court.
While Capriati and Hewitt, as well as resurgent Frenchwoman Mary Pierce, had the good fortune to finish their third-round matches before the weather turned, women's second seed Henin-Hardenne and men's third seed Juan Carlos Ferrero were among those forced to hang around.
When the rain relented, Belgian Henin-Hardenne emerged to crush Saori Obata of Japan 6-1, 6-2 in 55 minutes.
The win set up a fourth-round encounter with Dinara Safina, the sister of men's 2000 US Open champion Marat Safin.
The unseeded Safina beat Claudine Schaul of Luxembourg 6-4, 7-5 to become one of five Russian women in the last 16 -- a record at the US Open.
Spaniard Ferrero was at his diligent best in overcoming Argentine Juan Ignacio Chela 7-5, 7-5, 6-1, while the rain delay could not derail American Taylor Dent as he recorded the best performance

of his Grand Slam career.
The American world number 74 came from two sets to one down to beat Chilean 15th seed Fernando Gonzalez 7-6, 6-7, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, a victory which gave 22-year-old Dent a fourth-round contest with the winner of the Agassi-Kafelnikov match.



France's Mary Pierce licks her lips after she won a point against Shinobu Asagoe of Japan during their US Open engagement at Flushing Meadows in New York on August 30. Pierce won the match 6-4, 6-1.