



Mamun (L) of Balaka Sporting Club fires home his first goal against Winners' Club in the DSA Cup football tournament at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

Khulna soccer

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Newcomers Balaka Sporting Club outplayed defending champions Winners' Club 3-0 in the inaugural match of the 15th DSA Cup football tournament at the local stadium yesterday.

Vaughan effort goes in vain

AFP, London

England captain Michael Vaughan warmed up for next week's fifth Test against South Africa by making 90 in a National (One-Day) League match for Yorkshire against Surrey at Headingley on Sunday.

Golden day for Africa
Curtain falls on World C'ships



AFP, Paris

Africa brought down the curtain on the world championships with a gold medal laden series of performances here on Sunday although it could not be capped by either Ethiopia's Kenenisa Bekele or Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco capturing an astonishing second title in the 5,000 metres.

Meanwhile, the new young lions of American sprinting, 200m gold and silver medalists John Capel and Darvis Patton, made light of the absence of the fading powers of world record holder Tim Montgomery and Olympic champion Maurice Greene to help their team to the 4x100m gold.

Similar sentiments were expressed by Said-Guerni. Eight years the senior of Kipchoge, he revealed how injury had sent him to the depths of despair after the early promise of bronze in the 1999 championships and in the 2000 Olympics.

game might be up for him. "I am still the best in the world," he insisted. Suitably Sunday saw someone called Moses, Edwin to be exact, officially announce a miraculous return from self-imposed sporting exile - on his 48th birthday.



Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge (R) powers his way to win the 5,000m gold ahead of Hicham El Guerrouj of Morocco at the 9th IAAF World Athletics Championships on Sunday.

FINAL MEDAL TABLE table with columns for country, gold, silver, bronze, and total medals.

Help from all corners



AFP, Bangalore

India's top cricketers began a six-day training camp here on Monday that will include sessions with a software mogul, TV tycoon and world champions in badminton and billiards.

England badminton champion Prakash Padukone on how international sportsmen should conduct themselves. "I don't think we could have lined up a better array of stars to speak to the boys," Mathur told AFP.

two local tournaments in mid-September after which the Indian team will be finalised for the two Test matches against New Zealand in October. World champions Australia will join India and New Zealand in late October for a limited-overs tri-series before the Indians tour Australia at the end of the year for four Test matches.

Alec's days numbered



AFP, London

Alec Stewart, England's most capped player, is set to make his final international appearance on his Oval home ground when the fifth Test against South Africa gets underway here Thursday.

becoming England manager in the late 1980s. If Stewart's background was that of a solid English professional, his batting has always had a cavalier dash about it.

extra bowler but not even Stewart could combine the physical demands of keeping with opening. Dropping down the order Stewart, vulnerable against spin, found himself facing it early in his innings.

TT Leagues

FROM PAGE 13 Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation office on payment of a Tk 400 fee by September 18.

Clijsters cruises



AFP, New York

If world number one Kim Clijsters is going to reach her first US Open semifinal, she is going to have to overcome the woman who ousted her here last year -- France's Amelie Mauresmo.

stage of the season since Chris Evert in 1974. She was on a tour-best six titles this year. But to stop being the only women's number one without a Slam title, Mauresmo must go.

going to be a tough one. She serves well. She doesn't make many unforced errors. I'm going to have to play my game very well if I want to have a chance to beat her."

reach her seventh US Open quarter-final in a row and will face a foe who has never beaten her, Argentina's 25th-ranked Paola Suarez.



Kim Clijsters pumps her fists after defeating Meghann Shaughnessy at the US Open on Sunday

Mahmud positive

FROM PAGE 13 second in Peshawar by nine wickets, will be determined to complete their first series whitewash at home since 1997.

"It is all about motivation," said Latif. "We have taken the series, but we made mistakes in them (the first two Tests)."

Agassi, Roddick

FROM PAGE 13 position of having to come back two days in a row against a match that's concluding."

Eight-time Slam champion Agassi, who won the US Open in 1994 and 1999, has won four titles in 2003, including his fourth Australian Open crown, and is a Slam top seed for the first time since the 2000 US Open.

The 21-year-old American, 23-1 with three ATP titles on hardcourts since Wimbledon, laughed at the notion he has forgotten how to lose.

Dutch 12th seed Sjeng Schalken ousted Croatian qualifier Ivo Karlovic 7-6 (10/8), 7-6 (7/5), 7-6 (7/3) to book a fourth-round date with German eighth seed Rainer Schuettler.

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