

Ishad rules the roost

BDNEWS, Dhaka
Ishad Hossain of BKSP lifted gold in long horse champion in the 18th National Junior Gymnastics Championships scoring 17.05 points at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

Nepal spikers in city

SPORTS REPORTER
An 18-member Nepal national volleyball team arrived here yesterday to play three Test and some warm-up matches against Bangladesh across the country.

Pak not too keen on Zim

REUTERS, Karachi
Pakistan are having reservations about hosting Zimbabwe for a one-day series in September due a lack of financial incentive for the matches, the country's cricket board chairman told Reuters on Wednesday.

Argentines

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who saw little action in Japan, Ayala because of injury and Crespo, Gabriel Batistuta's understudy for two World Cups, are also major players in the side Pekerman is grooming for Germany.

Will Ronaldo

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career at international level appear to justify Parreira's optimism.
With 58 goals in 91 matches for Brazil, Ronaldo remains a class apart. His scoring record is even more remarkable when set against the fact that injuries have sidelined him for around three years throughout his career.

Lanka get Malinga boost

Go into today's 2nd Test against Eng sans Jayasuriya



AFP, Birmingham
Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene has named strike bowler Lasith Malinga in the 12-man squad for the second Test against England here at Edgbaston starting Thursday.

Dravid begs tail to score

PTI, St. Kitts
India captain Rahul Dravid has exhorted the lower-order batsmen to come good and promised the team would bounce back to win the last two ODIs and take the five-match series against the West Indies.

"We need to get more runs from the lower order but we will come back. The batsmen are getting used to the slow wickets and will get better," Dravid said after India's four-wicket loss in the third one-dayer on Tuesday.

India opt for young blood

REUTERS, Mumbai
Suresh Raina has earned a call up to the India Test side after selectors included the stylish left-handed batsman in a 16-man squad on Wednesday for next month's four-match series in the West Indies.

Argentina 1978: The dawn

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dribbling left-wingers in John Robertson and the recalled Willie Johnstone. Enough to make people believe the volatile new manager when he intimated that Scotland's third match, against Holland, would be to decide who finished top of the group. Before that, only an ageing Peru followed by Iran, who must have been terrified to hear that 'My name is Ally MacLeod and I am a born winner'.

century was the centrepiece of Sri Lanka's 14-hour rearguard action at Lord's, said he was a tricky customer for even the most experienced batsman to face.

Tendulkar shuns retirement talks

CRICINFO, undated
pressure situations in limited-over games and similarly when you negotiate the good spells of rival bowlers in Test matches.

mances, the uncapped 28-year-old named as a third slow bowler along with Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh.

was that when we started this tour we decided on a youth policy and we told the young guys we would give them the necessary opportunities.

Freddie's focus only on cricket

AFP, Birmingham
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Dalglish: Best

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I'm sure he will be given every opportunity because he is different class as a player.



West Indies stalwart Ramnaresh Sarwan (R) plays a late cut for four past Indian wicketkeeper Mahendra Dhoni during the third One-day International between the teams at the Warner Park in Saint Kitts on Tuesday.

Sarwan gives Windies lead

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India won last Thursday's opener by five wickets with one ball to spare, and West Indies rebounded to prevail by one run with two balls to spare in last Saturday's second ODI.

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BCB hunts

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players, Khulna four, Narayanangj two while BKSP and Sylhet lost one each.

Ghana promised payout

INTERNET, undated
Ghana's World Cup team could receive a huge financial windfall if they are successful in Germany this summer.

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Scoreboard table with columns: WEST INDIES, Bowler, O, M, R, W. Rows include Gayle, Samuels, Morton, Sarwan, Lara, Chandrapaul, Bravo, Baugh, Extras, Total, Fall of wickets, Did not bat, Edwards.

Result: West Indies won by four wickets and take 2-1 lead in the 5-ODI series.
Man-of-the-match: Ramnaresh Sarwan.

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