



National youth kabadi starts today

BDNEWS, Dhaka
The regional phase of Banglalink IGP Cup National Youth Kabadi Championship, organised by Bangladesh Kabadi Federation, begins today simultaneously at different venues across the country.

Liu sets hurdles record

AFP, Lausanne
China's Liu Xiang set a new 110 metres hurdles world record Tuesday on a stunning night in Lausanne.

leading marks for America's Michelle Perry in the 100m-hurdles (12.43), Kenya's Janeth Jepkosgei in the 800m (1min 56.66sec) and pole vault world record-holder Yelena Isinbayeva of Russia who cleared 4.90m before failing at a new world record height of 5.02m.

Leonine Chess from July 20

SPORTS REPORTER
The Leonine Open Women International Rating Chess tournament will begin from July 20 at the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) hall-room.

Tour braces pure climb

REUTERS, Dax, France
The Tour de France starts riders face the first mountain stage from Cambo-les-Bains to Pau as the race headed into the Pyrenees on Wednesday.

won the same stage in 2002 after escaping early and crossing the line well ahead of the peloton. After the Soudet comes the Col de Marie Blanque, regarded as one of the steepest ascents in the area with an 11 percent gradient over the last part.



Did U Know?

The 2002 World Cup marked the last time the reigning champions qualified automatically for the next tournament.



Rahul Dravid (India cricket captain)
'I'm not bothered about ratings or rankings from ICC. I don't even look at that.'



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BD finally go down in fourth match

SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh A team's winning run came to a halt when they conceded a six-wicket defeat to Zimbabwe A in the fourth one-day match at the Kwekwe Sports Club ground yesterday.

BTF selects four for Davis Cup

SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh Tennis Federation (BTF) has selected four players to take part in the Davis Cup Asia/Oceania Zone Group-3 competition which will be held in Philippine from July 17 to July 24.

Carew calls it quits

AFP, St John's
West Indies' Convenor of Selectors Joey Carew revealed on Wednesday he will not stand for re-election for the forthcoming two-year term.

Lippi signs off

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won a trophy since they lifted the World Cup in 1982. Lippi's resignation had been expected and media speculation have said that among those in the running to take over from him are former players like Roberto Donadoni or Gianluca Vialli as well as the coach Alberto Zaccheroni.

Klinsmann

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The 46-year-old Loew is a low profile choice as national coach never having played for his country at the top level. Like Klinsmann he started off his career at Stuttgart before playing with several modest German clubs.

Loew looks

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film is "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest", starring his favourite actor Jack Nicholson. Loew was born on Feb. 3, 1960 in Schoenau in the south-western German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg near the borders with France and Switzerland.

Prince set to make history

Cricket
THE GUARDIAN
South Africa will be captained for the first time in their history by a non-white player in the two-Test series against Sri Lanka which begins in Colombo on July 27.

forced circumstances, will not be missed and should be celebrated by South Africa and the rest of the world," said the national selection convener Haroon Lorgat.



ASHWELL PRINCE
Ashwell and they are all very comfortable with him leading. His ability to assess match situations and remain calm and level-headed is not questioned.

starting to try to redress the injustices of the apartheid era, and initially he was regarded, unjustly, by some white cricketers as being a token appointment. Two years ago he captained South Africa A to a commanding victory against England in a three-day match immediately before the five-Test series which England won 2-1.

England to wait on Hoggard

Cricket
AFP, Paris
Matthew Hoggard is set to be given until the morning of the match to prove his fitness for the first Test against Pakistan here at Lord's and bolster what will otherwise be an inexperienced attack.

"Fielding is important. I don't think you can go into a game with a guy who is unable to field."

Under Strauss's leadership an injury-hit side then went down to a 5-0 one-day series thrashing by Sri Lanka concluded earlier this month.

The swing specialist, ever-present in England's last 32 Tests, sustained a bizarre injury to his right, bowling, hand when it was trodden on by Yorkshire colleague Tim Bresnan while the pair were warming-up on Saturday during the A team's draw against Pakistan at Canterbury.

"We all know Hoggie's done a very good job for the England team over the last 24 months and, certainly since the Ashes, he's probably been the pick of our bowlers."

"I've said all long I'm very happy to do the job if other people feel I'm the right man to do it. At this stage they feel Fred is the man to do it and I fully support him. He's going to need and deserve the support of the senior players around him. There's no leadership contest or anything like that."

Greek Federation approves new law

Football
REUTERS, Athens
The Greek Football Federation (EPO) has given its approval to a revised sports bill that was passed late on Tuesday night by the Greek government.

FIFA, who have already seen a draft of the revised bill, as soon as possible, adding that he expected a swift decision about the lifting of the suspension.

Zizou may lose
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sent off in the second period of extra time for head-butting an Italian opponent.

Kaneria wants

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all I can say is I will try my best and if it is my day and if the ball comes out well, I know I can cause problems.

"Kevin Pietersen is playing very well and I noticed he played Muralitharan the best of the England batsmen by being aggressive and he will be a dangerous player to us."

"That is why I gave the orders to our disciplinary commission to investigate what happened."