

Sport

Bangladesh beat Sri Lanka 3-0

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh ended their World Cup Asian Zone Group F qualifying round campaign with a comfortable 3-0 win over Sri Lanka in Dubai yesterday.
Mamun Joarder scored twice while captain Khaled Hamid netted once for the national side.
Bangladesh, who had one win against three defeats in the first leg in Japan, finished with two victories against six losses overall.
Sri Lanka, who lost to Bangladesh by a solitary goal in the first phase, finished without a win.

Abahani-MSC charity match postponed

Sports Reporter
The exhibition cricket match between Premier League champions Abahani Krira Chakra and runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club could not be held yesterday due to inclement weather.
The match was arranged to raise funds for the treatment of Victoria Sporting Club cricketer Hira.

Hockey league ties fall through

Sports Reporter
The matches of the Green Delta Insurance First Division hockey league between Abahani Krira Chakra and Bangladesh Railway; Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club and Azad Sporting Club could not be held yesterday because of heavy rain.
Both the matches will be held today at the Hockey Stadium.

Nat'l snooker

CHITTAGONG, May 7: Five games of the national snooker championship were decided at the billiards room of the Chittagong Club here Wednesday night, reports BNA.
Syed Mansur Hyder of Comilla Club defeated Abrar Alam Anwar of Chittagong Club by 4-0 frames. A B Chowdhury of Engineers' Club defeated Umber Ali of Chittagong Club 4-0. Rowen Randolph of Catholic Club outplayed Yaser Mohammed Faruk of Dhaka Club 4-2. Peter Randolph of Catholic Club beat Anwarul Haq of Chittagong Club 4-1 and K P Akbar Ali of Gulshan Club defeated Syed Mansur Ali of Chittagong Club 4-3.

ASEAN Cup golf

Sports Reporter
Riazur Rahman Sohail won the men's event while JS Park clinched women's title in the Indonesia-Malaysia-ASEAN golf tournament at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.
Chief of Army Staff Lt General Mohammed Nooruddin Khan inaugurated the meet, organised jointly by the Indonesian Embassy and Malaysian High Commission in Dhaka, in the morning.
One hundred and twenty-seven golfers took part in the meet.

Wind cuts a joke

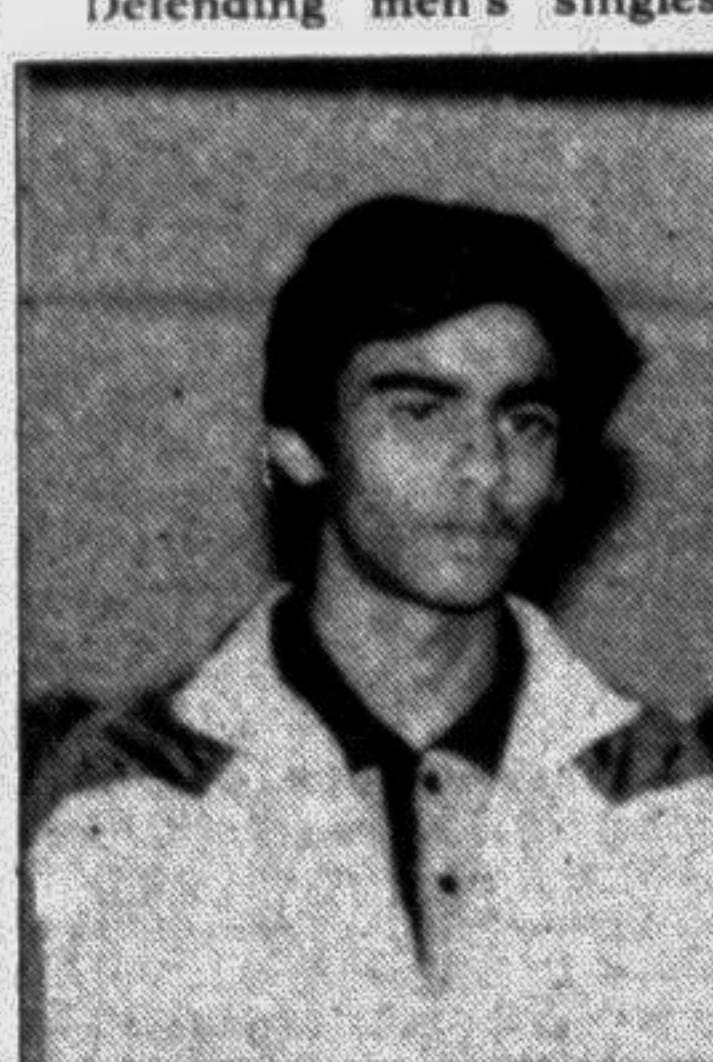
OMAEZAKI, Japan, May 7: A lack of wind forced the cancellation of Thursday's races in the dlr 240,000 Sometime World Cup wind surfing competition, reports AP.
After five rounds of course racing, Bjoern Dunderbeck of Spain, seeking his sixth straight overall World Cup title, led the men's competition. His younger sister Britt, the 1992 women's overall champion, led in the women's races.
Jason Polakow of Australia led after one race in the men's wave performance competition. Bjoern Dunderbeck was second and American Robby Naish third.
Jessica Crisp of Australia led in the women's competition, followed by American Angela Cochran and Britt Dunderbeck.
The 10-day meet at Shiroua Beach in Omaezaki, 180 kilometres (180 miles) southwest of Tokyo, is the 11th leg of the 29-meet series. It continues through May 8.

Fenech makes his comeback on June 7

SYDNEY, May 7: Three-time world boxing champion Jeff Fenech of Australia will make his comeback in a 10-round non-title bout against American Calvin Grove in Melbourne on June 7, promoter Bill Morley announced Thursday, reports AP.
Morley said Fenech would face Grove at the National Tennis Center in his first fight since his loss to WBC super-featherweight champion Azumah Nelson of Ghana in Melbourne 14 months ago.
Grove outpointed fellow American Troy Dorsey earlier this year and has a 42-5 record.

Nat'l championships conclude

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Mosaddequul Huq Rochi of Bangladesh Biman, Zulchka Akhter and Hanif Mohammad Hamlet of Bangladesh Ansars and Tania Termin Rinu of Jessore DSA won double crown in the Econo eighth-teenth national table tennis championships which concluded yesterday at the Jessore gymnasium.
Defending men's singles



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champion Rochi denied teammate Saidul Huq Sadi for the second successive year when he quite comfortably won the best-of-five final 21-14, 21-15, 21-13 to add to his mixed doubles title which he won Thursday night with Jessore DSA's Rinu, another double-crown winner.
Earlier in the round of last four Thursday night, Rochi and Sadi had contrasting victories.
Rochi, playing aggressive table tennis, brushed aside Mustafa 21-13, 21-19, 21-14 but Sadi was given a scare by BTMC's Badal in his semifinal before rounding off a 21-13,

19-21, 17-21, 21-17, 21-13 win.
In the mixed doubles final Rochi and Rinu defeated Kisloo of BTMC and Zobera Rahman Linu in straight sets. Having been stretched to duce in the opening set Rochi and Rinu speeded up their game to demolish Kisloo and Linu's defence. The final scoreline was 22-20, 21-10, 21-10.
The six-day competition was a disappointment for Linu,



Hanif Mohammed Hamlet and Manash respectively.

who ended the meet without a single crown. Yesterday Linu once again failed to snatch the women's singles crown from arch-rival Zulchka Akhter.
On the contrary, Zulchka ended her campaign with two more championship trophies for her showcase. Zulchka earlier won the women's doubles, pairing with Rinu of Jessore DSA, for whom it has also been a successful meet. Rinu was later adjudged the best player of the meet.
The other paddler to finish with a double crown was Ansars' Hamlet who added boys' singles title to the men's

doubles he won with Mahbub of Dhaka.
In the final Hamlet beat Dhaka's Shaon in a see-saw five-setter yesterday.
Hamlet won the first set 21-14 only to find Shaon level the match with a similar margin victory in the second. The eventual boys singles winner once again went up with a convincing 21-7 win in the third. But again Shaon fought back to take the third set 21-16. Hamlet, however, did not let up the pressure and wrapped up the final with a stylish 21-16 victory.
Earlier in the semifinals Hamlet and Shaon had nearly similar experiences against Mahbub and Manash respectively.
Hamlet, however, had tougher time against his doubles partner from Dhaka DSA. After taking the first two sets 21-8 and 21-19, Hamlet found stiffer challenge from Mahbub in the third and lost 18-21.
The fourth set was even closer with both players fighting each and every point till 20-20. Hamlet conceded only one point in the duce before rounding off 23-21.
Shaon was also stretched to four set by teammate Monash but except for the second set which he lost 15-21 he was always on top of his opponent. The semifinal ended 21-10, 15-21, and 21-14.

Minister for Social Welfare and Women Affairs Tariqul Islam later gave away prizes as chief guest. State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hosain Khoka, Syed Yousuf Hosain, president of the Bangladesh Table Tennis Federation (BTTF), and Khulna Divisional Commissioner Abdul Mukhtar Chowdhury were also present in the prize giving ceremony among others.
The six-day competition was jointly organised by BTTF and the Jessore District Sports Association.

It's team spirit, says Richardson
ST JOHN'S, Antigua, May 7: West Indies captain Richie Richardson put his side's success down to team spirit at the end of their victorious series against tourists Pakistan here on Thursday, reports AFP.
West Indies won the first two Tests in Trinidad and Barbados by the hefty margins of 204 runs and ten wickets respectively, and the third Test petered out in a draw on Thursday, with the last day's play abandoned due to rain.
Richardson said there was every justification for the last day's play to be called off even before the appointed time for its start.
"It was a commonsense decision," said Mr Subba Row, adding Bucknor was not involved in the final decision because he could not be found.
Looking back on the Test series, Richardson said: "The results look easy, but sometimes the wicket was quite hard. But West Indies were the better team in all departments and we never gave Pakistan a chance."

Div II cricket qualifiers from tomorrow

Sports Reporter
The Second Division cricket qualifying competition of this year gets underway tomorrow at four different venues across the capital.
Seventy-four teams — split into eight groups — will take part in the knock-out competition.
After the first phase of the meet the eight group leaders will compete in yet another knock-out round for the top two slots, which will earn them in promotion to next year's Second Division league.
Unity Sports Academy take on Zingira Krira Chakra at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium; Tarulata Sangha face Sacheton Goshai at the Dhanmondi Club ground, Farashganj Sporting Club meet Chhatgaon Progoti Sangha at the Mirpur Pallabi ground and Malibagh Bright Cricket Club play against Purana Paltan Youth Club at Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University on the opening day of the meet.

Div II basketball

Sports Reporter
Rangers Club registered a convincing 65-41 victory over Mitford Friends Club in the BGIC Second Division basketball league at the wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.
The first half score was 32-11 in favour of the winners.
For Rangers Sujon was the topscorer with 30 points followed by Liton with 16.
Nabi and Nabab caged 15 and 10 points respectively for the losers.
Dhaka Mariner Youngs got a walkover against Victoria Sporting Club when the latter failed to turn up.
Rising Force take on Kurmitola Youngs Star while Young Angels will be up against Josephites hawks today.



Scene from yesterday's BGIC Second Division basketball league match between Rangers Club and Mitford Friends Club at the Outer Stadium wooden-floor gymnasium. Rangers won the match 65-41. — Star photo

Reefat becomes IM Niaz emerges joint champion

Niaz Murshed, the only Grandmaster of the country, became joint champion in the qualifying round of the world chess championship for zonal eleven which concluded Thursday, securing eight points from eleven matches, according to a message received in Dhaka yesterday from Isphahan, Iran, reports BSS.
Grandmaster Dibyendu Barua and FIDE Master Verquse Koshi of India shared the honour with Niaz.
Grandmaster Niaz beat International Master Praveen Thipsy of India in the last round yesterday to share the top spot.
Earlier in the tenth round Niaz defeated OM Dibyendu Barua.
Bangladesh national champion FIDE Master Reefat-bin-Sattar became International Master by scoring seven and a half points in eleven rounds. He tied the position from fourth to sixth.
He drew with International Master Ravi Hegde of India. Reefat became the third international Master of the country after Zillur Rahman and Ziaur Rahman.
Both Niaz and Reefat are expected to return home on May 11 from Dubai by Bangladesh Biman.

Border apologises

WORCESTER, England, May 7: Australian captain Allan Border has apologised to his country's board of control for hitting his stumps in the win over Middlesex at Lord's on Monday, reports AFP.
The world's highest Test run-scorer was reported to the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) by tour manager Des Rundle for his angry swipe of the bat after being bowled by a full toss from Middlesex pacesman Angus Fraser.
"Having received and considered the report, ACB chairman Alan Crompton is satisfied that the matter has been handled appropriately by the team management and is now regarded as closed," said a statement issued here on Friday.

O'Neal honoured

NEW YORK, May 7: Orlando Magic centre Shaquille O'Neal won the National Basketball Association rookie-of-the-year award here Thursday by a landslide, reports AP.
O'Neal, the only player included in the NBA top 10 in four statistical categories, received 96 of a possible 98 votes from journalists who regularly cover basketball.
The seven-foot-one centre averaged 23.4 points, 13.9 rebounds and 3.53 blocked shots a game this season and shot 56.2 from the field to lead all rookies in each category.

Hick leaves Australians ruing

WORCESTER, England, May 7: England batsman Graeme Hick made Australia pay for letting him off the hook with a superb century here on Thursday as Worcestershire staged a magnificent recovery after being asked to follow on, reports AFP.
The tourists looked to be heading for an innings victory when they skittled the English county for just 90 first time round, 172 behind.
But Hick had other ideas, slamming an unbeaten 161 in 205 balls with 24 fours and two sixes to lead Worcester to 311 for three at the close, 139 ahead.
He said: "It's always pleasing to get a big hundred early in the season, whether it's against the Australians or anyone else."
"But Test matches are a totally different kettle of fish. There's a long summer ahead and I hope I can finish with a smile on my face."
The Aussies had their chances to dismiss him, but they dropped the 26-year-old four times — at 17, 31, 101 and 141.
The worst miss was the first by wicket-keeper Ian Healy, who let a snick off Brendon Julian slide through his gloves.
Fourteen runs later Hick clipped Wayne Holdsworth into and out of David Boon's hands at mid-wicket as he dived and left.
However, after that let-off his innings blossomed against

the Australians' second-string pace attack and number one leg-spinner Shane Warne as he shared a second-wicket stand of 168 with skipper Tim Curtis (67).
He was particularly severe on Warne. In one over costing 19 runs he drove, swept and



GRAEME HICK... 161 n.o. out the Victorian for three fours and also lifted him over long-on for six.
Such Worcestershire riches were unthinkable at lunch with the side 21 for one second time around after being dismissed for just 90.
Paul Reiffel, Holdsworth and Julian picked up three

wickets apiece as the ball swung, seamed and bounced unpredictably.
SCOREBOARD
AUSTRALIA: 1st innings 262 (D.C. Boon 108)
WORCESTERSHIRE: 1st innings
T. S. Curtis lbw b Julian 1
WPC Weston c Martyn b Julian 17
G. A. Hick c Taylor b Reiffel 5
D. B. D'Oliveira c Healy b Holdsworth 13
A. C. H Seymour c Healy b Julian 6
S. R. Lampitt lbw b Reiffel 4
S. J. Rhodes c Healy b Reiffel 0
R. K. Illingworth c Taylor b Holdsworth 12
P. J. Newport run out 7
N. V. Radford c Healy b Holdsworth 4
C. M. Tolley not out 0
Extras: (b 1, lb 5, w 2, nb 12) 21
Total: 90
Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-31; 3-35; 4-47; 5-55; 6-59; 7-59; 8-68; 9-82.
Bowling: O M R W
Holdsworth 7 3 15 3
Julian 13 6 31 3
Reiffel 10 5 21 3
M. Waugh 3 0 17 0

WORCESTERSHIRE: 2nd innings
Curtis lbw b Julian 67
Weston c Taylor b Holdsworth 16
Hick not out 161
D'Oliveira b Warne 27
Seymour not out 12
Extras: (b 7, w 1, nb 20) 28
Total: (3 wks) 311
Fall of wickets: 1-21; 2-189; 3-252.

Eyes on Caddick, Lathwell

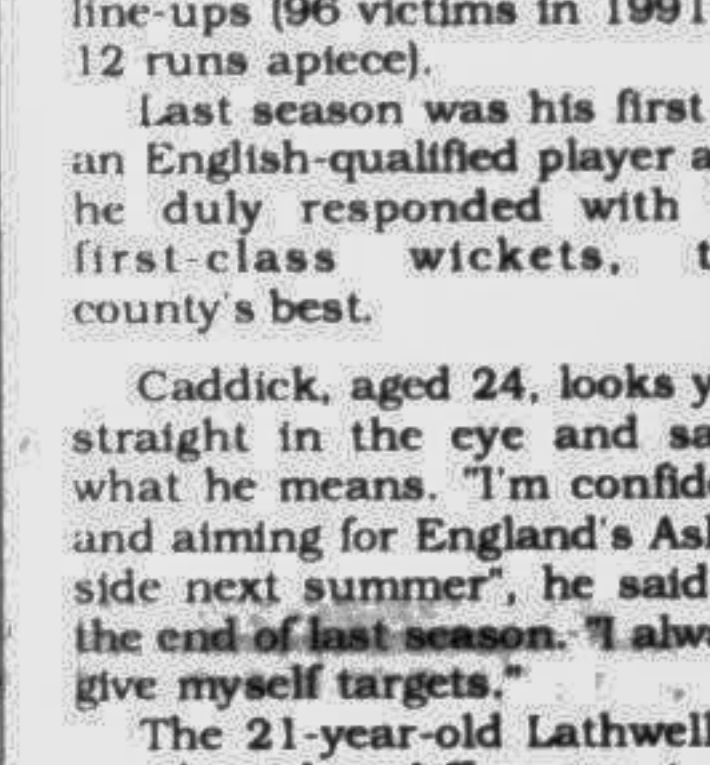
PARIS, May 7: England hopefuls Mark Lathwell and Andy Caddick get the perfect chance to further their international claims on Saturday — against the Australian tourists, reports AFP.
The 21-year-old Lathwell is an altogether different animal, a Devon-bred 5ft 7ins batsman with an unconventional grip of the bat and an astonishing ability to hit the ball late.
He started last season hoping for a first team place. New Somerset director of cricket Bob Cottam was an immediate convert and Lathwell started — and ended — the season in the No 1 spot.
Since then the taciturn Lathwell (initially nicknamed "Rowdy" until his eating habits earned the new sobriquet of "Troff"), a man never happier than when surrounded by his Branton mates around a dart board or pool table, has shown immaculate timing — not only at the wicket but also in his choice of audiences.
On his way to 1,000 maiden first-class runs, he doomed Essex to defeat last season with two quick-fire 70s in front of future England manager Keith Fletcher (of his 155 runs, 128 came in boundaries), then scored a career-best 175 in Australia against Tasmania

appearances at junior level and waiting out the four-years qualification period.
With South African Jimmy Cook at Somerset, he knew he would not be able to appear in first-team action until 1992 and kept himself busy by painting the Taunton pavilion and declaiming 2nd XI batting line-ups (96 victims in 1991 at 12 runs apiece).
Last season was his first as an English-qualified player and he duly responded with 71 first-class wickets, the county's best.
Caddick, aged 24, looks you straight in the eye and says what he means. "I'm confident and aiming for England's Ashes side next summer," he said at the end of last season. "I always give myself targets."

in front of Ted Dexter.
England A coach Norman Gifford was soon calling him "a very special talent" and former England wicket-keeper Jack Russell described one innings on tour as "near genius".
Lathwell's father Derek, a qualified cricket coach himself, would have liked his son to have had more time to establish himself without media attention. A bit like hoping for a greyhound on Amphetamines to pace itself.
But while England's golden oldies like David Gower and Ian Botham began this campaign by telling the media why they should be restored to the national side (and Mike Gatting put his arm through a glass door), Lathwell let his scores talk for him — 84 for England A against Essex (and Gooch) and 99 against Hampshire.
Caddick, incidentally, began with 6-48 and 4-44 in that crushing victory over Hampshire and he may, as a bowler, have the better of the two for an early Test debut, particularly after Phil Deffen's dismal winter tour and the injuries to rivals Martin McCague and David Millns.
But Lathwell's mouth watering style would certainly make him a tempting choice for the one-day internationals.



ANDREW CADDICK



MARK LATHWELL

There is little doubt that selectors chairman Ted Dexter will be well represented at Taunton for the three-day match, as England look to rebuild confidence after the disastrous winter tours of India and Sri Lanka.
Many of Graham Gooch's ageing tourists looked a shade past their sell-by date and it is players like Somerset's Lathwell and Caddick, both of whom toured with England A after just one season at the top level, who are leading the argument for a switch to youth.
The excitement over Caddick is understandable, but Lathwell's rapid emergence, will have surprised even him.
At 6ft 5ins and with a fine, fluid-escape pace bowlers action, Caddick is a rare commodity in English county cricket.
Born in Christchurch, New Zealand, of English parentage, he revealed his undoubted determination by moving to England after a series of Kiwi

were left to rue their decisions.
Gloucestershire suffered the most, being bundled out by Northamptonshire for 107 in 49.3 overs at Northampton — the lowest score of the day.
Former Zimbabwe all-rounder Kevin Curran was the destroyer in chief with an impressive haul of five for 38 from 15 overs against his former county.
Northants replied with 105 for four, with Alan Fordham hitting a high-class 54.
At Hove Surrey paceman Martin Bicknell was the bowler in form, exploiting a lively pitch to grab six for 43 from 25 hostile overs as Sussex were hustled out for 213.
Pacemen were also on top at Leicester, where Leicestershire lost their last eight wickets for 86 runs against Nottinghamshire.
Nigel Briars compiled a four-hour 53 for Leicester, before they slipped from 133 for two to 219 all out, with New Zealander Chris Cairns taking three for 50.
At Lord's, though, it was England spinner Phil Tufnell who was the principal wicket-taker. He captured four for 64 as Kent were dismissed for 265 by Middlesex, with Mark Benson and Matthew Flemming both scoring 57.
There were two half-centuries as well at Edgbaston, with Chris Adams and John

Nightmarish start for Essex

LONDON, May 7: Essex's defence of their English County Championship title got off to a disastrous start on Thursday as Yorkshire flayed their bowling attack, reports AP.
Davis Byas, deputising for injured skipper Martyn Moxon, capitalised on a rare first-team chance with a career-best 156 to spearhead a Tykes total 353 for eight.
The 29-year-old left-hander cracked three sixes and 23 fours in reaching only his ninth ton before falling to a superb diving catch by Nasser Hussain off the occasional seam of Pakistani Salim Malik.
Yorkshire's score should have been even better, but they collapsed from 342 for four, losing four wickets for 11 runs as England seamer Mark Illott took three in five balls.
Durham made no such slip-up against Lancashire at Old Trafford, racing to 330 for two in 110 overs.
Graeme Fowler, sacked by Lancashire last season, hit 49 of a century stand with Wayne Larkins (71), before Paul Parker (85) and Phil Bainbridge (79) piled on the agony with an unbroken partnership of 169.
Yorkshire and Durham had both elected to bat first, as did every county captain who won the toss. The rest, however,

Morris sharing an unbroken stand of 123 as Derbyshire reached 143 for two in reply to Warwickshire's 192 all out.

Ali lays wreath on Khomeini's tomb

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 7: Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali visited the shrine of the late Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini near Tehran on Thursday, Iran's news agency said, reports AP.
Ali, on a week-long visit, laid a wreath at Khomeini's tomb on the southern outskirts of the Iranian capital "and prayed for the soul of the man who led the Islamic revolution to victory in 1979," the Islamic Republic News Agency said.
The agency, which is monitored in Nicosia, said Ali was warmly received by a large group of Iranians gathered at the shrine to pay respects to Khomeini.
On Friday, Ali will attend a news conference before joining Muslim worshippers at Tehran University campus for Friday congregational prayers, the report said.
Known as Cassius Clay before his conversion to Islam, Ali achieved worldwide fame as one of the greatest heavyweights ever.