

IOC chief leaves

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International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch left Dhaka yesterday for Singapore after a brief goodwill visit to Bangladesh.

Agrani Bank, Victoria make it

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Agrani Bank and Victoria Sporting Club made it to the eight-team final round of the DMFA Cup football tournament registering contrasting victories in their respective group finals at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

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with the bankers, with a re-organised game plan, launching relentless attacks on the Wanderers' defence.

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their fifth-minute goal lead to ensure the passage to the final round.



Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of Dhaka Metropolis moves his knight deep into defending national champion Reefat-bin-Sattar's territory during their seventh round match in the nineteenth national chess championship at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Independence Day gymnastics from tomorrow

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The two-day Biman Independence Day gymnastics championships, organised by the Bangladesh Gymnastics Federation and patronised by Biman Bangladesh Airlines, gets underway tomorrow.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will inaugurate the competition as chief guest at 5:00 pm.

Maradona faces trial on drug charges

ROME, May 18: A judge ruled that Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona and his former manager Guillermo Coppola must stand trial in Italy on drug charges, the Italian news agency ANSA reported Monday, reports AP.

Baggio - heir to Platini

MILAN, Italy, May 18: It took three years to realize it, but Juventus may have found their long-sought heir to Michel Platini, reports AP.

This season Baggio, unfettered from tactical duties and left free to play the way he likes, exploded with 33 goals - 19 in league games, six in the UEFA Cup, and three in the Italian Cup.

Div I hockey

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Independence Cup winners Usha Krira Chakra posted an impressive 4-0 victory over Bangladesh Sporting Club in the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division hockey league match between Usha Krira Chakra and Bangladesh Sporting Club at the Hockey Stadium. Usha won the match 4-0. - Star photo

Reefat still ahead

Sports Reporter
Defending national champion Reefat-bin-Sattar maintained his solo lead in the nineteenth national chess championship when he beat Abul Kashem Bhuiyan in the seventh round at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Experiment with new faces

PARIS, May 18: England and Australia could be accused of putting the boys before the men as they launch into their one-day international series this week, reports AFP.

Baishaki h'ball

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Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club maintained their winning streaks in the Baishaki handball championship when they narrowly beat Surjody Boys Club 23-19 in a cliff-hanger at the Outer Stadium yesterday.

US Cup officials want Gazza

LOS ANGELES, California, May 18: American soccer chiefs have asked the games ruling body, FIFA, for help in their bid to get Lazio to release England crowd puller Paul Gascoigne for next month's US Cup, reports AFP.



North Korea's Kim Jyong (2nd L) heads the ball as South Korea's Yoon Jung Swan (L) and Kim Chang Won (2nd R) and North Korea's Chong Gang Song run along side during the final match at the first East Asian Games in Shanghai yesterday.

England seek a moral booster

MANCHESTER, May 18: After three Test match defeats in India and another in Sri Lanka, England's cricketers hope for a confidence boost Wednesday by beating Australia in the first of three one-day internationals, reports AP.

Mini wrestling

Miah Sardar Physical Centre became champions in the Bangladesh sports first metropolitan mini and cadet wrestling competition, which concluded at the National Sports Coaching Centre yesterday, reports UNB.

Jansher denies Dittmar again

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 18: World champion Jansher Khan of Pakistan won the 50th major squash title of his career when he beat his great rival Chris Dittmar of Australia 9-15, 15-5, 15-7, 8-15, 15-6 to win the 140,000 US dollar Brazilian Classic on Monday, reports Reuter.

Spaniard scales Mount Everest

KATMANDU, May 18: A member of a Spanish expedition has climbed Mount Everest, base camp reported Tuesday, reports AP.