

Invincible Ansars

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The invincible Ansars eyes put yet another feather in their already bejewelled cap when they won the national women's handball championship title for the ninth time in a row after defeating BJMC by 24-13 in the final at the court adjacent to the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.



The players of Bangladesh Ansars who clinched the Phoenix Insurance national women's title beating BJMC 24-13 in the final at the handball court yesterday. — Star photo

Faridpur in youth hockey final

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Artif Imtiaz notched a brilliant hat-trick as Faridpur moved into the finals of the 14th national youth hockey championship with a thumping 3-0 win over Sylhet in the first semifinal at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Saadi, Hemlet clinch men's doubles TT title

Saadi and Hemlet of Bangladesh Biman clinched the men's doubles title of the 20th Karnaphuli national table tennis championship yesterday, reports UNI.

Office cricket league results

Partex Group beat Acquamarine Distribution by eight wickets in the Office cricket league at the Jagannath Hall ground yesterday, reports UNB.

Kafelnikov toils to qtrs

NICE, Apr 20: Top seed Russian Yevgeny Kafelnikov was given a hard battle by unheralded Belgian Kris Gossens before winning through to the quarter-finals of the Nice Open tennis tournament on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

PA makes his last address

SWINDON, Apr 20: A public address announcer was fired during half-time of an English soccer game Wednesday night for criticizing the referee, reports AP.

Courier cruises

HONG KONG, Apr 20: Enough is enough for American Jim Courier — and two weeks of back-to-back tennis events in Asia is just about right for his schedule.

Pepsi national championship Sylhet, Ctg move to semis

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Defending champions Sylhet along with last year's defeated semifinalists Chittagong stepped into the last four of the 21st Pepsi national cricket championship after winning their respective matches billed at different city venues yesterday.

Atherton must wait

BIRMINGHAM, Apr 20: Mike Atherton is set to be reappointed England captain next week — provided he agrees to tackle the job Ray Illingworth's way, reports Reuter.

Rackemann may replace Waqar

LONDON, Apr 20: Surrey confirmed on Wednesday they have agreed terms with a new overseas player to replace Pakistan's injured fast bowler Waqar Younis for the county cricket season starting this weekend, reports Reuter.

FIFA probes into bribery scam

ZURICH, Apr 20: FIFA, world soccer's governing body, said on Wednesday it had launched an investigation into allegations of attempts to bribe players at the World Youth Championship, reports Reuter.

Moeller in trouble

FRANKFURT, Apr 20: In what could be a major blow to Borussia Dortmund's hope of clinching the Bundesliga title, midfielder Andreas Moeller faces a possible season-ending ban for taking a dive that earned his team a penalty, reports AP.



AC Milan's Dejan Savicevic (R) fires a left-footer as Paris St Germain's Paul Le Guen (L) and Valdo (C) look on helplessly during their Champions' League second leg semifinal in Milan on April 19. Savicevic netted twice in AC Milan's 2-0 win. — AFP/UNB photo

An AC-Ajax affair

LONDON, Apr 20: Holders AC Milan and former champions Ajax Amsterdam strode into the European Cup final with clear-cut victories in the semifinals on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

World Youth Championship Brazil, Russia reach qtrs

DOHA, Apr 20: Brazil and Russia qualified for the quarter-finals with victories in their last group matches in the World Youth Championship on Wednesday, reports Reuter.

Platt staying at Sampdoria

GENOVA, Apr 20: David Platt ruled out the prospect of an early move to English football when he signed a one-year extension to his contract with Sampdoria here on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Trinidad Test begins today

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Apr 20: Key batsman, handy medium pace bowler and brilliant fieldman Mark Waugh is poised to add another string to his bow for Australia in the third Test against West Indies starting here on Friday, reports Reuter.

Duran's denial

PANAMA, Apr 20: Former four-time world boxing champion Roberto Duran denied that he will retire in June and claimed that the statements of his withdrawal from the sport was a ploy by promoters to fill the arena for his next fight, reports AP.



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However, skipper Mark Taylor expected the well grassed wicket would eventually offer more turn than the second Test strip in Antigua and he wanted Waugh to be on call.

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American world heavyweight champion George Foreman and challenger Axel Schultz (R) from Germany pose for the press at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas on April 19. Schultz will fight for the IBF Heavyweight Championship on April 22 at the MGM Hotel. — AFP/UNB photo