

Lara hits jackpot

LONDON, Dec 23 (The Electronic Telegraph) When Brian Lara signed a new contract with Warwickshire Saturday...

Bangladesh demoted again



Bangladesh have been pushed further down while their neighbours India overtook eight countries in the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Ranking...

Germany, who have taken the role of eternal runners-up, are in their customary second place with their Czech Republic very hot on their trail after receiving greatest boost ever on strength

of a powerhouse performance in Riyadh, England (4) and Mexico (5) have also gained new heights.

FIFA TOP TEN table with columns: Team, Rank, Points. Includes Brazil (73.45), Germany (65.41), Czech Rep (64.92), England (61.26), Mexico (60.80), France (60.36), Romania (60.35), Denmark (59.95), Italy (59.59), Colombia (59.44)

Police post second win

Police Athletics Club recorded their second victory in the First Division football league defeating promotees Shantinagar Club 3-2 in a return leg clash at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.



Action from yesterday's Premier Division football league encounter between Abahani Krira Chakra and Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool. Abahani won 1-0.

SA not scared of Warne



MELBOURNE, Dec 23: South Africa are hoping that doubts over the fitness of Australia's premier stricker Glenn McGrath and the Australian policy of fielding separate one-day and Test sides will help them take the first Test which starts here Friday, reports AFP.

against wrist-spinners and believes Warne will not pose as great a threat as when he claimed 43 wickets in their last eight Test meetings.

ers play spin a lot better and it's a question of how patient we are against him.

Nat'l hockey from Jan 15

The 18th national hockey competition will begin at the National Hockey Stadium from January 15, says a press release.

Olympic flame in Tokyo

TOKYO, Dec 23: The Olympic flame arrived in Japan today via a chartered flight from Greece, ahead of the Winter Olympic Games, reports Reuters.

League postponed for 3 days

Abahani ride on Zakir



An 83rd minute strike by skipper Zakir Hossain secured Abahani Krira Chakra to a hard-earned lone goal victory over Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool in a return leg clash of the Premier Division football league at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

in vain because of poor marksmanship. In the 34th minute, a Tipu header went an inch above the cross piece while after two minutes he shot the ball straight into the safe hands of Fakirerpool custodian Lahul from six yards after being led by Raju.

According to a press release issued last night, the DMFLC will try to negotiate the ground problems existing in the soccer arena by that time and will meet again on December 27 to fix further course of action.

Gooch to assist Durham

LONDON, Dec 23: Former England captain and Test selector Graham Gooch has joined David Boon's Durham as a consultant and batting coach for next season, reports AFP.

Acme hockey

Dhaka Education Board, Gazipur and Rangpur won their respective first round matches of the Acme 16th national championship at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

B Boys beat Orient SC

Bangladesh Boys recorded a three-wicket win over Orient Sporting Club in the lone First Division cricket league match at the City Club ground in Mirpur yesterday.



SHANE WARNE wickets at 19.47 in this year's Ashes series in England, is trying to convince selectors of his fitness this week but the odds are against him being at his best against Hansie Cronje's men take on the top-rated Aussies.

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Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto takes a closer look at the Olympic flame for the Nagano Winter Games, which arrived in Tokyo from Greece on Dec 23.

Meril badminton

PABNA, Dec 23: The Meril 20th national badminton championships began at the local stadium gymnasium here today.

Mona Smriti cricket begins today

The Mona Smriti cricket tournament begins today at the Bangladesh Math in the older part of the city.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার মাদকদ্রব্য নিয়ন্ত্রণ অধিদপ্তর সংশোধনী নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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