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**European soccer scene**

**UNDATED:** Apr 13 (AFP/AP): Inter Milan were hot on the heels of Juventus while in Spain a number of teams have started concentrating on finishing second to runaway leaders Barcelona and away in Germany Bayern Munich in on top of the table Kaiserslautern in league matches over the weekend.

**ITALY:** Ronaldo all but repeat his 30 million dollar transfer fee on Saturday when he earned Inter Milan a crucial 2-1 win over Roma that kept the heat on leaders Juventus.

Juventus stay a point clear at the top after an easy 2-0 victory over lowly Piacenza, while an era of Italian football came to an end when Diego Maradona's old club Napoli were relegated.

Juventus had to wait for the 53rd minute to break the deadlock in Turin. Alessandro Del Piero curled over a corner and French midfielder Zinedine Zidane trapped the ball before smacking it into the roof of the net.

Del Piero, currently linked with a move to the English Premiership, followed up with a fine solo goal, his 20th of the season.

Ronaldo, who was booked for a foul at the end of the first half, was once again Inter Milan's hero.

The 21-year-old beat the off-side trap in the 50th minute with a chip from Frenchman Benoit Calet and rounded goalkeeper Michael Konsel before slotting the ball into an empty net.

Lazio bounced back from their 1-0 defeat to Juventus and AC Milan last week to lead Brescia 1-0 before having to settle for a 1-1 draw which gives them little hope of the Champions League next season.

**SPAIN:** Sunday's 33rd-round matches focused on the battle for the No 2 spot that would mean a place in the Champions League.

Real Sociedad and Mallorca notched up wins giving them each a total of 55 points, just one behind current runner-up and defending champion Real Madrid. Athletic de Bilbao also jumped into the race for second

place, joining Celta with 54 points.

Real Sociedad's 3-1 away game drubbing of Compostela began with a header from Jose Antonio Pikabea in the 25th minute. Croatian Igor Cvitanovic put Real Sociedad two up in the 38th.

**GERMANY:** Bayern Munich crushed 1860 Munich 3-1 in a one-sided derby Saturday and afterward lost their trainer Giovanni Trapattoni who confirmed speculation that he would stand down at the end of the season because of personal reasons.



Superstar Ronaldo of Inter Milan faces the press on arriving at the Sheremetyevo airport in Moscow on April 12 to play in the UEFA Cup semifinal second leg match against Spartak Moscow scheduled for today. —AP/UNB photo

**BCB's first meeting today**

Sports Reporter

The first meeting of the newly elected executive committee of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will be held at its office at the Dhaka Stadium today at 5 in the afternoon.

Local cricket buffs have been eagerly waiting for this day as some important issues regarding local and international cricket including the forthcoming ICC knock-out tournament to be held at the Dhaka Stadium in October, are expected to be discussed in the meeting today.

BCB president and Deputy Minister for Shipping Saber Hossain Chowdhury will preside over the meeting.

**U-19 booters hold United Sporting**

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh under-19 football team came from behind to hold the visiting Sporting United FC of the United Kingdom to a 1-1 draw in the second friendly match at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

The Sporting United side, who suffered a 0-4 defeat at the hands of the under-16 boys in the first match on Sunday, played better yesterday and led the first half 1-0 through a brilliant goal by Araz Miah.

However, they lost the lead as Walid scored the equaliser in the second half.

The visitors will play a few matches in Sylhet next week.

**Rajshahi cricket**

From Our Correspondent

**RAJSHAH:** Apr 13: Bright Star Club defeated Agamani Kira Chakra by 44 runs in the Rajshahi First Division cricket super league at the Rajshahi Government College playground today.

Winning the toss, Bright Star batted first and collected 170 runs in 40.5 overs losing all wickets.

Murtaja, Bidyut, Dipu, Murad, Sweet, Ehtesham and Shahin scored 22, 18, 19, 13, 22, 39 and 11 respectively. Priya and Sajal captured two wickets each.

In reply, Agamani Kira Chakra went all out collecting 127 runs in 38.4 overs.

Priya, Kamal, Sajal and Tony made 30, 17, 23 and 25 runs respectively.

**Wright awaits his fate**

**LONDON:** Apr 13 (AFP Internet): British Police are expected to decide next week whether to charge Arsenal and England striker Ian Wright with a public order offence following his alleged outburst at fans following the London team's home defeat by Blackburn last December.

Scotland Yard officers took statements from supporters following the game at Highbury and submitted a file on the case to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) last month.

The CPS has now evaluated the evidence and sent their advice on whether a charge could be brought against Wright back to police.

Police will now consider that advice before making their next move and have a range of possible options, which include charging Wright and bringing him to court, giving him an official caution or throwing out the case due to lack of evidence.

**Dawn Grammar canter**

Dawn Grammar School of Gulshan posted a five-wicket victory over Maple Leaf International in a friendly cricket match played at the Old DOHS playground on April 4, says a press release.

Chasing a huge 186 in the stipulated 25 overs, the winners reached 187 for the loss of five wickets with two overs to go.

The opening pair of Dawn Grammar School got off to a flying start putting on 100 in just ten overs. Dawn's Arshad scored the winning run with a superb boundary over the cover region in the last ball of the 23rd over.

The match was organised by Russell Talukder and sponsored by Dawn Grammar School, Oven Fresh, Hasnahana Cattle and Poultry Ltd, Beg Rubber Industry and Mukti.

Yasmeen Sadique, principal of Dawn Grammar School, distributed prizes.

that the CFO was looking for an official anthem for France '98. I finished the song properly, and changed the words into French to fit in with the CFO's conditions.

"You can imagine, I was very flattered when I heard it had been chosen. Michel Platini made a special trip to the studio. He talked to me about music and I picked his brains about football. I didn't really want to sing the song on my own. I wanted Axelle Red (who played football in school and

**Johansson in Malaysia**

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Apr 13: The two-way battle for the presidency of FIFA has spread to Asia, with UEFA president Lennart Johansson visiting Malaysia Tuesday to drum up support for his bid, reports AFP.

Johansson is expected to meet Asian Football Confederation (AFC) president Sultan Ahmad Shah and the AFC executive committee on April 14, AFC said in a statement.

The Swede is involved in a two-way fight with the ruling body's general secretary Sepp Blatter to succeed Joao Havelange as FIFA president.

"It is obvious that he is here to garner support for his victory," an observer close to football officials said.

He said Asia's vote of 44 was crucial to decide who would emerge as the new president.

Johansson is also scheduled to visit Singapore and Hong Kong on a similar mission. He will be accompanied by UEFA vice-president Antonio Matarrese.

The AFC had said it would announce who it would support on May 14, when the association members meet here.

**N'Dour will make the world sing**

Star Sport Monitor

**Yousou N'Dour** is destined to become one of the stars of the World Cup. In his own right, the Senegalese singer-songwriter composed the official France '98 Anthem entitled "La Cour des Grands" (Do you mind if I play), which he performs as a duet with Axelle Red. A pioneer of World Music and a friend of Peter Gabriel, Yousou N'Dour, 38, is also a big football fan; the ideal person for the job in fact.

"A good move on the football field, just like a good song, must be powerfully performed if it is to get the desired results. Both disciplines, sport and music, embrace a common desire to bring everybody together. I was born in Dakar, and like all little kids there, I played football in the local neighbourhood, which is called Medina.

"I played with my friends in a street team against other streets. These games tended to last for ever. I played up front, and, even though I say it myself, wasn't a bad goalscorer.

In one game, an important match I remember, I got brought down from behind and broke my leg. I enjoy watching Dutch football, specially Ajax. And I like AC Milan too, probably, because they try to play the same way. No surprises in my personal list of all-time greats: Pele, Cruyff, Maradona and Platini. I never dreamed of becoming a professional footballer myself. I was never really good enough. Events took their course and in fact music came into my life pretty early. When I was twelve I was already singing in a group called Star Band, which became very popular.

"Nowadays I watch football more than I play it. Except on tour, and then I play with my musicians from the group Super Etolie. When I'm in the studio I arrange the sessions so they don't clash with games on TV. Something else I love doing is watching matches with a group of friends at home. It's fun to talk football, which we usually end up doing long after the match is over."

**THE WORLD CUP SONG**

*La Cour des Grands (Do you mind if I play)*

Quatre années ont passé  
Mais dans les regards  
Je peux voir  
Cette soif de victoire  
Le stade est bondé  
Supporters surexcités  
Tous ces pays représentés  
C'est magique et pour nous  
C'est beau de voir tout ce monde  
qui joue allez allez...

[Chorus]  
A toi de faire rêver  
A ton tour de jouer  
A ton tour de marquer  
A ton tour de gagner  
L'émotion et la passion  
Au service du ballon rond  
C'est la cour des grands  
C'est un rêve pour moi  
C'est beau de voir un monde qui  
joue allez allez...

[Chorus]  
En un tour de main  
Du monde de demain  
Il t'appartient  
De faire un monde bien  
C'est beau de voir un monde qui  
joue allez allez...

[Chorus]

Four years have passed  
But in the visions  
I can see  
This thirst of victory  
The stadium is crammed  
Supporters over excited  
All these countries represented  
This is magnificent and for us  
It is good to see all these people  
who play go go...

It is on you to make dream  
It is your turn to play  
It is your turn to score  
It is your turn to win  
The emotion and the passion  
Dedicated to the round ball  
This is the yard of the greats  
It is a dream for me  
It is nice to see a world that  
plays go go...

In a single flick of the wrist  
The world of tomorrow  
It belongs to you  
To make this world good

(Translation: Morshed Ali Khan)

Improvisation, sharpness and appreciation of the African game. It's all about feeling, in fact.

The singer believes that music and sport are alike in that they bring the whole world together. "In 1989 I wrote a song in honour of the Senegal Lions. One number called 'Gaiende,' 'The Lion' in English, became the title song on my album. Football really inspires me. The idea for 'La Cour des Grands' grew up when I was recording in England with my producer. I suddenly knew I wanted to write something about football again. I scribbled down a few verses with an international flavour to them (in English and Wolof) and just added some African colour.

"During rehearsals, some people from Sony, my record company, dropped by to say hello and listened to what I had so far. They liked it and told me

whose father managed a Belgian Division One side) to sing alongside me. It seemed like a great idea to have a black man and a white woman sing a World Cup anthem together.

They sang it for the first time in public in Marseille for the finals draw in front of 30,000 people. 'I've sung in stadiums before but that night was very special. I really had shivers of excitement running up and down my spine. The song is addressed mainly to children, so the message is one of fraternity and humanity. Kids should follow their dreams. It's really for them that I sing.

"Naturally I won't be working during the World Cup at all. I'll stop everything so I can follow it. Africa is better represented than ever before but unfortunately Senegal won't be there. It's too bad, especially as this generation of Senegalese footballers — Bocande, Youm, Simba, Mendy and the rest — are very talented. When the news broke that my song had been chosen for the event, the papers made a big thing about the fact that Senegal would, after all be playing its part in the proceedings because of me. I heard that it was even discussed during a governmental cabinet meeting. And the Senegalese President called me in person to congratulate me."

**SIX NO TRUMPS**

A K Sayeedul Huq

A GOOD HAND PLAY BY SOUTH (Hand # 14)

West	North	East
S: J10XX H: KXXXX D: 10X C: A B	S: K9X H: 9 D: AKXXX C: KQJX	S: XXX H: Q10X D: QJ9X C: XXX
South (D)		
S: A08 H: AJXX D: 10XXX C: 10XXX		

Bidding (Neither side vulnerable)

South (Saved)	West (Mizan)	North (Mazumdar)	East (Mohsin)
Pass	Pass	1D*	Pass
1NT**	2H	3D	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	

\* Artificial  
\* Artificial, 10-12 HCP

The Play

South expected to have two checks in Hearts with his four-card A J holding. East, who was stopping the Diamond run, doubled asking partner to lead Heart. Accordingly, West led his fourth best, East played the Q which was won by South with the Ace. He assumed that West should have the Ace of Clubs for his two-level overall, and therefore, the J of Hearts would be a stopper. South knocked out the Ace of Clubs. West played a small Spade hoping that his partner could gain the lead to play Hearts. However, South got 3 Spade, 1 Heart, 2 Diamond and 3 Club tricks to make his doubled contract.

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

**ACROSS**  
1 Grow tired  
5 Cougar  
9 Comedian  
12 Caron role  
13 Two peas in  
14 Coach  
15 Black Sea  
16 Du-  
17 Energy  
18 Cracker  
19 Mimic  
20 "Wei-  
21 Arise  
23 Hot tub  
25 Mother  
28 It gets  
29 "H  
32 "Disdain  
34 Racetrack  
35 officials

**DOWN**  
2 Try to fly  
3 half-sister  
3 Billions  
4 Down-  
5 Jipijapa  
6 "— and  
7 Hardy  
8 Citric  
9 Hirt hit  
10 Neighbor of N.Mex.  
11 Job-  
20 Ruthless  
22 Butler's  
24 Old hat  
25 A wel-  
26 "The  
27 Computer  
28 As well  
30 Stick  
31 Indivisible  
35 Deli  
36 Take in  
39 Hardy  
40 Carolina  
41 Obosit's  
43 Leading  
45 Mature  
46 Troop  
47 Divorcees  
49 Eight bits; abbr.

**CRYPTOQUIP**

J S D T S G A G Q D U B Y R N R J  
S Z J D Y B Z Y R N T J Z S R O D  
J S D R Q Q D U B D O R D Q N D A

Yesterday's Cryptiquip: WON'T MOST SCARE-CROWS SAY "HAY, MAN!" TO EACH OTHER?

Today's Cryptiquip clue: Q equals N  
The Cryptiquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.



Players of the Dawn Grammar School pose with the trophy after their friendly cricket match at the Old DOHS playground on April 4.

**FRANCE '98 SIDELINES**

**UNDATED:** Apr 13 (AP): Widely criticised South African coach Philippe Troussier has an unlikely ally.

Neil Tovey, the former national side captain so far ignored for a spot on this year's World Cup squad, writing in a column in the Sunday Times newspaper said South African Troussier should get used to Troussier's closed policy regarding the media.

Troussier has been criticised for refusing to talk to the media after training camp sessions last week, and then conducting a news conference in French, through an interpreter, even though he speaks English.

But Tovey, who was left off two training camp squads from which the World Cup team will be chosen, said Troussier's predecessors sometimes suffered from being too open with the media.

"The media have suddenly realised that the previous coaches were not that bad, after all," Tovey said in reference to Clive Barker and Jomo Sono.

Barker resigned in December, amid much media criticism for his coaching, and was replaced by Sono as an interim coach until Troussier was free from a contract with Burkina Faso to take over in March.

Tovey said Troussier's "closed-book" approach was the norm in most soccer nations. He called on the South African Football Association to try to "get the media used to the new approach."

**RUUD THE JOURNALIST**

Former Dutch international Ruud Gullit, fired in February as player-manager by English side Chelsea, is becoming a newspaper journalist.

Gullit will write a column for Sunday's "The Observer," which has announced plans to expand its sports section.

Gullit is becoming a familiar face in the British media.

Earlier he announced plans to jump from the BBC — the state-owned broadcaster — to a soccer's commentator's job with ITV, one of Britain's three

commercial stations. Gullit, who led Chelsea to the FA Cup title last season, will make his ITV debut at this year's FA Cup final May 16 between Newcastle and Arsenal.

**CLEVER COOK**  
British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook hopes to keep Nigeria military leader Gen Sani Abacha from attending this summer's World Cup.

Cook, speaking to the Sunday Observer, said Abacha should be prevented from using a loophole in European sanctions against Nigeria to attend soccer's showcase in France.

Cook said he would press French authorities on the matter.

A Foreign Office spokesman, speaking for Cook said, "He hopes it will not be possible for some figures in the regime to find a loophole that will enable them to come to France."

Glenys Kinnock, a member of the European Parliament, has urged English and Scottish fans to wear black armbands if they attend a Nigeria match.

Abacha will seek election as a civilian president just a month after the World Cup ends. Opponents say he will use his presence at the World Cup as a campaign tool.

**REAL SCOTS'**

French World Cup host city St Etienne was advertising on the Internet for "real Scots" who would come and put on a demonstration of traditional sports and music.

Success. Fifty residents of Scotland's far northwestern Outer Hebrides islands answered the call and have won a trip to the World Cup for the June 23 match Scotland vs Morocco.

The Scottish visitors will introduce the French to caber tossing, bagpipe playing, Highland dancing and whisky drinking. The French are providing the lodging, but the tourists will have to arrange their own transportation.

**HAPPY GO LUCKY ZICO**

The Brazil national team's technical coordinator is confi-

dent his team will beat Argentina in an upcoming exhibition game, but even a loss shouldn't affect Brazil's chances in the World Cup. Journal do Brasil reported Thursday.

"It would be very good to beat Argentina but it won't change our plans for the World Cup," Zico told reporters.

Brazil and Argentina will play Apr 29 in Rio de Janeiro Maracana Stadium.

**PSG's date with destiny**

**PARIS:** Apr 13: An early goal by striker Florian Maurice sent Paris-Saint Germain to the French Cup final in a 1-0 semi-final victory over Guingamp on Sunday, reports AP.

Playing in front of 28,000 fans at its home Parc des Princes stadium, PSG's goal came after just four minutes, when Maurice fired in a cross with a right foot shot at the far post.

PSG will play Lens in the final, at the Stade de France, on May 2.

PSG have one of the best records in the French Cup, having lifted the trophy four times, in 1982, 1983, 1993 and 1995. If PSG beat Lens, they will be the first team to win both of France's domestic cup competitions in the same season.

**Blood donation programme**

**Sports Reporter**

A day-long blood donation programme, jointly organised by Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association (BSWA) and Lions Club of Dhaka paradise to celebrate the Bengali New Year, will be held at the BSWA office at the Dhaka Stadium today.

All members of BSWA and interested ones who want to donate blood, have been invited to participate in the programme starting at 9 am.

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**Information**

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- There will be nine rounds of competition.
- Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of Transcom Electronics Ltd. as per announcement.
- Participants of all the nine rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- For each round, sets of questions will be published in The Daily Star Sport Pages.
- Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Daily Star.
- Winners will have to collect their prizes from The Daily Star office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
- Any taxes or levies, as per law, for all the above prizes will have to be borne by the prize winners.

**Prizes for Round One**

Prize	Nos.	Item
1st	One	Philips 20" Smart CTV
2nd	One	Philips 14" B/W TV
3rd	One	Philips Mini Food Processor
4th	Ten	2 dozs Philips Bulbs
5th	25	T-shirt and cap

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- All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in The Daily Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form will not be accepted.
- Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines.
- Participants are to put a tick (✓) mark in the box alongside their answer to each question.
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- Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen.
- Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.
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The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round One Ends April 15, 1998

Tick (✓) the correct answers

1. World Cup '98 begins on	June 10	June 11	June 12
2. Brazil has won the World Cup	Twice	Thrice	Four times
3. No. of teams in WC '98 is	16	32	48
4. First World Cup football was held in	1926	1930	1934
5. Whose eyes?	Ronaldo's	Gullit's	Zola's

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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