

**Renovated Ctg Stadium opened**

CHITTAGONG, Apr 25: State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader today inaugurated the newly-built floodlights and extended two-storied gallery of the local M A Aziz Stadium, reports UNB.

A total of Tk 10 crore was spent for the development of the stadium.

Out of the total amount, Tk 4.82 crore was spent for the gallery and rest for floodlights and outer stadium.

The stadium has been named after M A Aziz, an eminent politician and front-ranking leader of the historic Six-Point Movement in 1966.

Later Abahani and Mohammedan met in an exhibition match in the renovated stadium.

**London Marathon today**

LONDON, Apr 25 (Reuters): For a shy Irish country girl, Catherine McKiernan proved remarkably adept this week at avoiding persistent questioners inviting her to predict a world best in Sunday's London Marathon.

McKiernan, an 8/11 favourite, is expected to win. So the questions concentrated on her predicted time and, in particular her chances of breaking Tegla Loroupe's world mark of two hours 20 minutes 47 seconds set in last Sunday's Rotterdam race.

The women start 30 minutes ahead of the men at 9 am (0800 GMT) on Sunday, which gives spectators the chance to watch two distinct contests.

International race coordinator Dave Bedford has assembled an outstanding men's field featuring the Olympic, world and Commonwealth champions plus last year's winner Antonio Pinto.

Joshua Thugwane, the first black South African to win an Olympic title, will run along with Spaniard world champion Abel Anton and Australia's seasoned Commonwealth gold medalist Steve Monaghan.

Pinto won the Lisbon half-marathon last month in 59.43, a then world best, and finished second in the European 10,000 metres challenge in a personal best of 27:15.76, despite wearing flat road shoes and no spikes in order to avert possible injury before Sunday's race.

**Hill salutes Venables**

SYDNEY, Apr 25: Australian soccer chief David Hill paid tribute to Terry Venables on Sunday after the former England manager announced he had quit the Socceros to join relegation-bound Crystal Palace, reports AP.

Venables confirmed he would return to the club, which launched his coaching career 20 years ago, in his weekly column for the News of the World.

"It has taken time, a lot of talking and some hard negotiating but the decision has been taken — being any late problems I will be in charge of Crystal Palace next season," Venables said.

"I have been taken on to coach the club, to turn them around, to prepare them for what I hope and plan will be an exciting future, trying to make yet another return to the Premiership."

Venables was expected to leave the Australian team after failing to qualify for the June-July World Cup in France.

At 55 he was not prepared to commit another four years to the Socceros when Palace was offering him about seven times the wages offered by Soccer Australia.

**Zubizarreta's anxious moments**

VALENCIA, Spain, Apr 25: (AFP/Internet): Veteran Spanish keeper Andoni Zubizarreta said here on Wednesday that he was 'broken-hearted' that he could miss the World Cup finals in June after suffering a serious groin injury in training on Tuesday.

The 36-year-old Valencia player, capped over 120 times by Spain, is afraid that a scan on Wednesday will reveal he has suffered the same injury that led to Brazilian star and former teammate Romario missing eight weeks of last season.

"I pray to God that will not be the case and that I will only miss four weeks," Zubizarreta said. Spanish coach Javier Clemente said that Zubizarreta was so important to the team's morale that he would take him to the finals 'on crutches if necessary.'

Spain's first match is against Nigeria in on June 13.

**Redondo's heart is bleeding**

BUENOS AIRES, Apr 25: Although his Spanish soccer league team Real Madrid have qualified for the final of the European Cup, Argentine midfielder Fernando Redondo wants more, reports AP.

"It hurts not to be going to the World Cup," Redondo told Ole, a Buenos Aires sports daily. "Each day the pain grows."

Once a member of Argentina's national team, Redondo left after a series of run-ins with coach Daniel Passarella. The problems began in September 1995 when Redondo refused to cut his hair as Passarella requires to play on the team.

Known for his strong personality, Redondo was a starter for Argentina in World Cup '94.



India captain Mohammad Azharuddin (R) poses with the Coca-Cola Sharjah Cup after the final against Australia on April 24. India beat the Aussies by six wickets to lift the title. — AP/UNB photo

**'Sachin best since Bradman'**

SYDNEY, Apr 25 (AP/PTI): Australia's one-day captain Steve Waugh declared Indian star Sachin Tendulkar was the best batsman since Sir Donald Bradman after Tendulkar destroyed his side in Sharjah.

Tendulkar completed a stunning run of form against the Australians with 134 off only 131 balls as India passed Australia's challenging total of 273 for nine with six wickets in hand and nine balls to spare to lift the Coca-Cola Cup.

His 15th limited-over century was the ideal 25th birthday present for Tendulkar as India avenged their loss in the final of their home tri-series to Australia in New Delhi on April 14.

Tendulkar's hundred took his haul against Australia to 1,130 runs from 12 innings at an average of 113 since the Australians arrived in India on February 21. His knocks included one double century, five centuries and two half centuries.

"You take Bradman away and he is next up I reckon," Waugh said Saturday.

Waugh said what sets Tendulkar apart from other batsmen is he picks up the ball so early.

"He is just such a sweet timer of the ball. He's got a great eye and great foot movement and he very rarely gets in the wrong position," Waugh said.

Australian Bradman is widely acknowledged as the greatest batsman to have played the game. He scored 6,996 in 52 Tests at a peerless average of 99.94. Only a duck in his final innings deprived him of a 100 career average.

Bradman, 89, said in a 1996 television interview that Ten-



SACHIN TENDULKAR

dulkar was the one player he has seen who reminded him of himself.

Not having watched his own batting having played in the 1930s and 40s when matches were captured only with movie cameras, Don last year asked his wife to judge Tendulkar's approach and she declared it came closest to his batting.

With 15 one-day hundreds he is on the verge of surpassing West Indian Desmond Haynes's record of 17 anytime and has already amassed over 6650 runs in 188 matches and 182 innings.

Besides Indian stars of the yesteryears, other greats of the game also sang praises of Tendulkar.

Former England skipper Tony Greg, who was present during the final in Sharjah at a Star TV commentator, said, "This is the nearest thing to Bradman there could ever be. What a player!"

Sir Garfield Sobers, the West Indian all-time great all-rounder, declared the Indian little champion as the best batsman in contemporary cricket.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scorecards of the final of the Coca-Cola Cup between India and Australia at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium Friday:

**AUSTRALIA:** 272 for 9 (Steve Waugh 70, Darren Lehmann 70, Venkatesh Prasad 2/32, H Kanitkar 2/58)

**INDIA:**

Ganguly c Moody b Fleming	23			
Tendulkar lbw Kasprowicz	134			
Mongia c Gilchrist b Fleming	28			
Azharuddin c Gilchrist b Kasprowicz	58			
Jadeja not out	11			
Kanitkar not out	6			
Extras (lb-7, b-1, nb-2, w-5)	15			
Total (for 4 in 48.3 overs)	275			
Did not bat: Anil Kumble, Ajit Agarkar, Venkatesh Prasad, Rahul Sanghvi.				
Fall of wickets: 1-39; 2-128; 3-248; 4-261.				
Bowling	O	M	R	W
Fleming	10	0	48	2
Kasprowicz	10	0	47	2
Warne	10	0	61	0
Moody	9.3	0	63	0
M Waugh	3	0	20	0
S Waugh	6	0	28	0

**Player-of-the-match:** Sachin Tendulkar.

**Player-of-the-series:** Sachin Tendulkar.

**Two WI teams to tour SA?**

Star Sport Monitor

Following in the footsteps of Australia and England, West Indies are almost certain to send two separate teams for the one-day and Test series in South Africa later this year, according to a report of The Barbados Nation.

For the first time ever on an overseas tour, the West Indies selectors will have the option of picking specific squads for the five Test matches and seven one-day internationals.

When contacted at the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) office in Antigua, executive secretary Andrew Sealy said the tactic would be given consideration but the decision would be left solely up to the selectors.

"The move is in keeping with the policy of a one-day team format, but it is dependent on what the selectors determine," Sealy told from St. John's.

"The possibility definitely exists but the selectors may make a determination that they wish to do so or they don't."

On the evidence of their decisions in the just-ended series against England when eight

players who did not play in the Tests were summoned during the one-day matches, the selectors will more than likely make wholesale changes.

Lack of financial resources had previously been identified as the major reason why the West Indies were restricted to the same group of players on previous overseas tours, but Sealy said the additional expenses would be shared between the WICB and the United Cricket Board of South Africa.

The West Indies start the first of five Tests on November 26 and after the five-match Test series which ends on January 15, those not needed for the seven one-day internationals starting a week later, would fly back to the Caribbean.

David Holford, a one-time chairman of West Indies selectors, welcomed the move, adding that his panel was somewhat restricted by having to pick the same group of players for both forms of the game.

"It got very complicated trying to pick a team to cover both areas," he said.

"You had to give consideration to a player who may be a good one-day player as opposed to a player who may be a better Test player."

Holford, who also served as a

previous West Indies manager, said the new system offered the selectors more scope.

"I think it is a good move. The selectors will be able to concentrate on picking Test teams without trying to fit in anybody who might be a good one-day player," he said.

"After that you pick your best one-day squad. It's a much better system."

Under the old method, Holford said emphasis was placed on selecting teams with priority on the Test matches.

In the recent one-day series against England, the West Indies selectors called up Phil Simmons, Keith Arthurton, Ridley Jacobs, Rawl Lewis, Carl Tuckett, Laurie Williams and Mervyn Dillon, none of whom played in any of the preceding five Tests.

In contrast, Sherwin Campbell, Jimmy Adams, Roland Holder, David Williams, Dinanath Ramnarine, Ian Bishop and Kenny Benjamin were not required for a single limited-overs match after their part in the Test series.

Chairman of selectors Wes Hall later said it was in keeping with a policy to expose as many one-day specialists ahead of next year's World Cup in England.

**Jansher opts for surgery**

LONDON, Apr 25: Jansher Khan, whose six-year reign as British Open champion was brought to an end by Scotland's Peter Nicol earlier this month, has decided after all to have an operation on the injuries to his knees, reports AFP.

This reverses the decision made by the great Pakistani before his unsuccessful title defence when he said he was afraid that by having immediate surgery it might end his career.

Jansher has a torn ligament in one knee and the front of the other slightly out of alignment, and he played the British Open with both knees in bandages.

Jansher's decision to have the operation sooner rather than later may also have been affected by the postponement of the world's richest tournament, next month's 140,000 Al Ahram International at Giza in Egypt.

This has been delayed for more than four months, and will take place between September 28 and October 2.

The next time Jansher is likely to face Nicol again is not therefore until the Hong Kong Open in August.

**Reuben wins Belgrade Marathon**

BELGRADE, Apr 25: Reuben Chebutich of Kenya took a step beyond his 1997 runner-up performance by winning the men's Belgrade Marathon today with a time of two hours 12 minutes and 51 seconds, reports Reuters.

Irina Bogacheva of Kyrgyzstan won the women's race for the second year running with a new course record of 2:32:07, one minute and one second better than the previous record, set in 1994 by Romanian Cristina Pomacu.

Chebutich came within half a minute of breaking the 1994 course record of 2:12:27, despite a warm and humid day.

Chebutich, compatriots Jimmy Muindi and Julius Ondieki, and Thabiso Mochali of Lesotho broke away from the main group towards the end of the course.

They were still together a kilometre before the finish, a group of three more Kenyans, including last year's winner and race favourite Josephat Ndeti, trailing them by about half a minute.

Chebutich, who ran his first-ever marathon in Belgrade last year, broke away on the last straight stretch, beating Muindi by 12 seconds and Mochali by 20.

Ndeti ended the race in sixth place.

**Asian Youth football Bangladesh too hot to handle**

Sports Reporter

Favourites Bangladesh will take on lowly-rated Guam in their Group Five qualifying round match of the 8th Asian Youth football championship in the Nepalese border town of Birganj today. Considering the performance of the two teams, Bangladesh may expect a goal feast.

A mere draw in today's match will ensure Bangladesh a berth in the ten-team final round which will be held in Qatar next September. Bangladesh lead the four-nation group table with full four points having won their first two matches against Sri Lanka (4-0) and hosts Nepal (1-0).

Guam have lost both their earlier matches, going down to Nepal (0-1) and Sri Lanka (0-8).

**Commonwealth Games Stick-wielders await test result**

Sports Reporter

A two-day long hockey trials to form the national team for the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur coming October concluded at the National Hockey Stadium yesterday. Seventy stick-wielders attended the selection trials that were supervised by national coach Ehtesham Sultan. BHF expected to pick forty from the lot for further training. An announcement to this effect is likely this evening.

**Serie A to date with Saturdays**

MILAN, Apr 25: League officials here are planning a revolution in Italian football in 1999, by switching the Serie A from its time-honoured Sunday slot to Saturday afternoons, reports AFP.

The league are anxious to cash in on a lucrative new era of televised, pay-per-view football, following the example set by the English Premiership.

The plans, leaked to the Gazzetta Dello Sport on Wednesday, would see seven of the nine Serie A matches played on Saturday afternoons, one in the evening and one on Sunday evening.

Currently, there are eight on Sunday afternoon and one on Sunday night for pay-per-viewers, except for the few weekends before European Cup ties.

The changes, which will be discussed at a council meeting on March 23, cannot be introduced before 1999-2000 because of the league's existing television contracts.

The move would certainly be welcomed by church leaders here, who have long protested at the Lord's Day being monopolised by football instead of spiritual and family affairs.

**Sunnydale in next round**

Sports Reporter

In reply, Morning Star were shot out for a meagre 77 in 23.2 overs.

Away at the T&T ground in Mahakhali, Banani Model School recorded a 69-run win over Mitali Bidyapith. Batting first, Banani managed 150 for seven in the regulation 35 overs with Shaifult scoring highest 35. In reply, Mitali were bundled out for 81 in 31.1 overs.

On April 30, Banani will take on Ahmed Hawani Academy who handed Sahajuddin Sarkar Adarsha School an eight-wicket defeat at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Chasing a paltry Sahajuddin total of 77 in 35 overs, Ahmed Hawani reached 78 for two in 15.1 overs.

In another encounter of Group Five, Natun Kuri High School outplayed Bangladesh International School (BIT) by 58 runs at the Uttara Friends Club ground. Batting first, Natun Kuri mustered 189 for nine in 35 overs with Sharif scoring highest 34.

Sumon (30) and Mukul (29) were the other notable run-get-

ters. In reply, BIT were shot out for 131 in 28.3 overs in the face of some inspirational bowling from Hafiz who finished with six for 25.

In their next engagement also scheduled on April 30, Natun Kuri will meet BCBSR School who on the day beat Islamia School by 54 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

In the day's remaining fixture, T&T School registered a marginal one-wicket victory over National Bank Public School in a Group Four affair.

**Nasirabad clinch Ctg cricket title**

CHITTAGONG, Apr 25: Nasirabad Sporting Club clinched the Rahat Mahanagari cricket tournament title beating Sports Club by eight wickets at Dampara Police Line ground here today, reports BSS.

Batting first Sports Club were all out for 108 runs.

In reply, Nasirabad reached the target for the loss of two wickets. Shakil of Nasirabad was adjudged player-of-the-final, who scored 43 runs and collected three vital wickets for 29 runs.

**SLAB sports**

The Sri Lankan community in Bangladesh celebrated Sinhala and Tamil New Year on Friday. The day-long carnival was organised by the Sri Lankan Association in Bangladesh (SLAB) in collaboration with the Sri Lankan High Commission in Dhaka, says a press release.

In celebration of the occasion different sports and traditional games were organised. They included: Marathon, cricket, badminton, table tennis, fancy dress, balloon blowing and pillow fighting.

Managala Samaraweera, minister for posts, telecommunication media in Sri Lanka, M L A M Hissullah, Deputy Minister and Ariva Rubasinghe, director of information were present on the occasion.



Children inflating balloons in a competition organised in celebration of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year at the Sri Lankan High Commission premises in the city on April 24.

**The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98**

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**ROUND 2**

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**5th Prize:** Caps & T-Shirts

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**Competition Information, Prizes and Rules**

**Information**

- The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in France from June 10 to July 12, 1998.
- 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 Two**

Prize	Nos.	Item
1st	One	Philips CD Mini System
2nd	One	Sanyo Twin-Tub Washing Machine
3rd	One	Philips Rice Cooker
4th	Ten	5 dozen Philips Bulbs
5th	25	T-shirt and cap

**Rules**




- Residents of Bangladesh are eligible to participate in The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98. Employees of The Daily Star and Transcom Electronics Ltd and their immediate family members shall not be eligible to participate.
- 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.
- A person may send numerous entries.
- 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.
- Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
- Entries must reach the office of The Daily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.
- Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star Quiz 2".
- Entries may be hand delivered or posted to The Daily Star, House No: 11, Road No: 3, Dhanmondi RA, Dhaka 1205.
- Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any.
- Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries drawn out from the box.
- Entering this Quiz competition shall be construed as the respective agreement by each participant to abide by all rules, instructions and guidelines as may be issued by The Daily Star.
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Participants at the start of the Belgrade Marathon held yesterday. The race was reintroduced two years ago after the lifting of international sanctions imposed on Yugoslavia. — AP/UNB photo

**The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98, Round Two** Ends April 29, 1998

Tick (✓) the correct answers

- For World Cup '98, who was last to qualify? Iran  Iraq  Ireland
- The Final of World Cup '98 will be played at Paris  London  Rome
- Who is known as Brazil's "white Pele"? Zico  Romario  Pele
- 1974 champs Germany played Final against Holland  England  Brazil
- Which one is Danish star Brian Laudrup?   

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms) ..... Age .....

Father's name ..... Occupation .....

Address .....

Telephone (if any) ..... Signature ..... Date .....

Write with a ballpoint pen in clear BLOCK letters.  
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