

Sport

Muktijoddha to take part in McDowell Cup

Sports Reporter
Premier Division soccer league champions Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra will participate in the final round of the McDowell Cup scheduled to begin in Calcutta from June 3. Jahangir Alam, manager of the team confirmed last night.
But Alam was unable to say how many teams would participate in the final round. "I have heard that six teams including Mohun Bagan and East Bengal will play," said Alam when contacted over phone.
Alam also confirmed that two Abahani booters — Zakir and Mizan, will join the league champions for the tour. "We are also trying to get Alfaz from Mohammedan Sporting Club," Jahangir added.
Muktijoddhas, who also clinched the Mahanagari Cup last year, are expected to leave for Calcutta either on June 1 or 2.



PLAYBOY ROMARIO! Brazil's super-striker Romario (C) is engulfed by models during an exhibition football game at Rio de Janeiro on May 17. — AP/UNB photo

Bangladesh, Qatar soccer friendlies after World Cup

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh national football team will play two friendly matches against Qatar in Doha after the World Cup. This was confirmed by a Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) official last night.
According to the official, the BFF have recently agreed to play two friendly matches following an invitation from the Qatar Football Federation a few days back.
The schedule of the matches is yet to be finalised.
Meanwhile, the Indian under-16 football team, which will play in the Asian Youth Group Four qualifiers in Kazakhstan, will arrive in the capital to play a few warm up matches. Bangladesh have already moved into the final round winning the Group Five qualifiers in Nepal last month. The final round will be held in Qatar next September.

Shooting Federation Court battle

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A High Court division of the Supreme Court comprising Justice Kazi Shafiqul Islam and Justice M A Aziz issued a rule today in a writ petition calling upon the govt and another respondent to show cause as to why the appointment of Mayeed Chowdhury, a Secretary of the govt and head of the Multipurpose Jamuna Bridge Project as President of National Shooting Federation should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority, illegal and is of no legal effect, says a press release.
The writ petition was filed by Major General (Rtd) Abdus Salam, a Member of Parliament and a former Bangladesh ambassador who was appointed President of National Shooting Federation by the govt in August, 1996. Appearing for him his senior counsel Advocate Mahbubur Rahman MP submitted that the petitioner was appointed under the provisions of relevant law which does not provide for removal of the President of National Shooting Federation in any manner arbitrarily without show cause notice and hearing. The relevant law also does not provide for two presidents for the said Federation at a time.

DU cricket

Sports Reporter
The final of the Dhaka University inter-department cricket championship will be held at the Jagannath Hall ground tomorrow between Public Administration and Marketing.
Pro-VC Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed will inaugurate the final while Prof Durgadas Vattayacharya will be present as the special guest.
The match will be held at 10.00 am.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Danish Third Division Cricket League:
New Eagles vs Cricket Coaching School (City Club ground)
Sussex Club vs CCS Blue (Mipur Outer Stadium)
Anirban Sangha vs Postal CC (TKT ground, Mahakhali)
Dikusha SC vs Maghbazur Jubo Sangha (Dhanmondi Club ground).

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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FRANCE '98 SIDELINES

UNDATED, May 19 (AP, AFP): Less than a month before the World Cup, both coach Harman Dario Gomez and controversial forward Victor Hugo Aristizabal have received telephone death threats.
Star striker Faustino Asprilla said he would not play if Aristizabal, whose naming to the squad has angered some fans, was forced off the team.
"I'm tired of the threats," Asprilla told NTC television news upon returning from Italy to rejoin the team. "What kind of country do we live in?"
The team was sticking to its plan to depart Thursday for New York, where it meets Scotland on Saturday.
Aristizabal acknowledged receiving the threats on Monday and said he now has 24-hour police protection.
"I never thought for a moment about resigning from the team... I feel proud to be Colombian," he told Caracol radio.
Colombian Soccer Federation spokesman Victor Rosas said the threats most likely came from "fanatics or bettors." Neither he nor Aristizabal said how many threats were received or what was said.
National Police chief Gen Rosso Jose Serrano told reporters he had "nothing concrete" on the threats, which recalled an ugly chapter in Colombian soccer.
Five days after the country's first-round elimination from the 1994 tournament, defender Andres Escobar was shot to death outside a bar in confused circumstances. Escobar had scored an own goal in a 2-1 loss to the host United States.
In addition, then-coach Francisco Maturana was forced to temporarily flee Colombia by death threats.

EDMUNDO'S DENIAL

Florentina striker and national team member Edmundo on Monday denied in a pre-trial hearing he was drunk at the time of a car accident that killed three people and injured three more in 1993.
Edmundo Alves de Souza Neto, 27, was charged with three counts of manslaughter in connection with the accident that occurred after the pickup truck he was driving collided with a car and flipped over.
The car smashed into a pole killing three passengers. Edmundo was saved by the truck's air bag but received 10 stitches in his forehead.
Witnesses said Edmundo was going at least 60 mph (95 kph) in a 40 mph (65 kph) zone.
In court, Edmundo denied he was drunk at the time of the accident, saying he had only drunk two glasses of beer.
Judge Moacir Pessoa de Araujo, however, pointed out that depositions taken from people at the nightclub where Edmundo was prior to the accident said the player had consumed a large amount of alcohol.
Vistibly nervous during his testimony, the player also contradicted himself by first denying having seen the victim's car prior to the accident and then later saying he saw it coming at him.
The judge set a date for a new hearing on July 17th.

FIVE MORE IN NIGERIA CAMP

Nigerian coach Bora Milutinovic has invited five additional players for pre-World Cup training in Switzerland, a spokesman for the Nigeria Football Association (NFA) said here Monday.
The five called up are goalkeepers Abiodun Baruwa (FC Sion) and Ademola Bankole from England's crew Alexander, Barcelona's Emmanuel Amunike, Henry Omorurike of Dutch outfit Eintracht and James Obiora from Anderlecht, according to NFA spokesman Austin Mgboho.
Amunike had been struggling with injury but Barca have declared him fit.
First choice goalkeeper Tike Shorunmu of FC Zurich was dropped from the original list after suffering a compound fracture playing in the Zurich derby against Grasshopper at the weekend.

Platini draws the line

PARIS, May 19: Michel Platini said on Monday he will quit FIFA if the vote for its presidency goes against Sepp Blatter, reports Reuters.
Platini, the former French international midfielder and currently joint head of the World Cup organizing committee (CFO), is also due to take on a new role in FIFA as director of football.
But he said that he will stand down if UEFA president Lennart Johansson beats FIFA general secretary Blatter in the battle to succeed Brazilian Joao Havelange on June 6.
"I can't fight a system and then afterwards want to join that system," he said.
"I have absolutely no personal interest. I'm a man of conviction and if I do this it's because I think I'm the only person who can get FIFA to change course because I was a player and a coach," he said.
"None of us knows where football is heading, politically, economically or socially."
"Before, football was a game, now it's more than that. Before it was only the footballers, but not it's more than just commissions and all that."
"I think the first thing the new president of FIFA should do is to get everyone together to hear what their views are," he said.
"We've done this for the techniques of the game, now we must do it for the politics."
"The most important thing is to hear what the 300 million players in the whole world have to say."
Platini said he was the only former player who knew the inner workings of FIFA after five years heading the CFO.
He does not believe it is run democratically and fears that if Johansson wins the election there will be no change.
"Democracy is to allow people to express their opinion, that's why I want a players' representative, a referees' representative, one for coaches, may be women's football, may be the professionals," he said.
"The big clubs are an infinitesimal part of football, for the few big countries. There are lots of countries with nothing and it's there that they need help, setting up technical centres for example."
"I've got lots of ideas but first I want to get the various families together to hear what they think."
On the subject of the 2006 World Cup, Platini said it was

logical that an African country should be host.
"It's the most important reservoir of footballing talent in the world and it's the only continent that hasn't held it yet," he said.
On the playing side, the former midfield Maestro said he believed the introduction of red cards for tackles from behind will help protect the ball players.
"Football was made for the artists, it's right that the tackle from behind should be punished."
"I would have preferred it if (Marco) Van Basten had been able to play until he was 35. Frankly, I'd rather pay to go and see Van Basten play than the player who injured him."
Czechs, Aussies record victories
DUSSELDORF, Germany, May 19: Petr Korda led the Czech Republic to victory over Sweden in the World Team Cup, and Australia rallied to beat the United States in the round robin competition here Monday, reports AFP.
The World Team Cup awards 1.9 million dollars prize money, with 500,000 dollars going to the winning team. The competition consists of eight teams split into two groups. The Red Group consists of Australia, the Czech Republic, Sweden and the United States, and the Blue Group is made up of France, Germany, Slovakia and Spain.

Juergen, Lothar mending fences?

FRANKFURT, Germany, May 19: Juergen Klinsmann and Lothar Matthaeus refused to dig over their recent bitter past when Germany flew to Finland on Monday for a 10-day World Cup training camp, reports AFP.
"Just as in 1990 we have only one goal — to become world champions. And it worked then," Klinsmann said.
"We're old enough to be able to talk to each other," Matthaeus said. The 37-year-old sweeper had in the past claimed Klinsmann conspired to keep him out of the team.
"We have always been able to play together whether it was at Bayern or Milan," he added.
The two players were teammates at Bayern Munich and Inter Milan.
Schalke sweeper Olaf Thon and Dortmund midfielder Steffen Freund were held up by heavy traffic and missed the plane.
The two Italy-based players — Oliver Bierhoff (Udinese) and Christian Ziege (AC Milan) — will be flying direct to Finland.
Germany's squad session finished with a friendly against Finland on May 27.
They have two more warm-up matches after that — against Colombia at Frankfurt on May 30 and against Luxembourg at Mannheim on June 5.
They open their World Cup campaign against the United States at the Parc des Prince in Paris on June 15.
Yugoslavia and Iran are Germany's other Group F opponents.

Danish booters for May 28 friendly

COPENHAGEN, May 19: Denmark coach Bo Johansson has given MSV Duisburg midfielder Stig Tofting a late chance for a World Cup place, reports AFP.
Tofting's goals last played for Denmark in the 1996 European Championship in England, was picked in a 17 strong squad for a World Cup warm-up match against Sweden at Malmoe on May 28.
The squad for the World Cup finals in France, where Denmark are drawn in Group C with France, Saudi Arabia and South Africa is to be named on June 1.
SQUAD
Goalkeepers: Peter Schmeichel (Manchester United, Eng), Mogens Krogh (Brondby).
Defenders: Jes Hoegh (Fenerbahce, Tur), March Rieper (Celtic, Scot), Michael Schjoenberg (Kaiserslautern, Ger), Jan Heitz (Bayer Leverkusen, Ger), Jacob Laursen (Derby county, Eng).
Midfielders: Thomas Helveg (Udinese, Ita), Stig Tofting (MSV Duisburg, Ger), Per Prandsen (Bolton Eng), Allan Nielsen (Tottenham, Eng), Morten Wiehorst (Celtic, Scot), Michael Laudrup (Ajax Amsterdam, Ned), Martin Joergensen (Udinese, Ita).
Forwards: Miklos Molnar (Seville, Spa), Peter Moler (PSV Eindhoven, Ned), Brian Laudrup (Rangers, Scot).

Robson rates Gazza 'priceless'

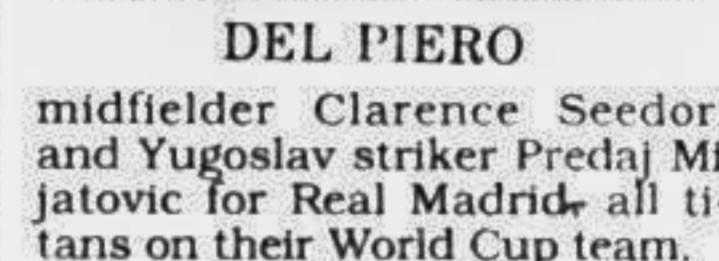
LONDON, May 19 (AFP/AP): Former England managers Bobby Robson and Terry Venables on Monday warned Glenn Hoddle he must take Paul Gascoigne to the World Cup, reports AFP.
Robson described Gascoigne as "priceless" to the England team as he was the only "clever, go-scoring midfielder" in the squad, while Venables insisted the star was worth the trouble that came with him.
And both are sure that England's chances of winning the World Cup will be greatly reduced unless Gascoigne is in the team and playing near his peak.
In a perfect world the Middlebrough player would be a World Cup certainty but even Hoddle, who has backed him to the hilt in the past, has now expressed a note of caution about his preparation for this summer's tournament in France.
Injury problems with Boro and Rangers followed by recent allegedly highly publicised drunken trips out on the town with celebrity friends Chris Evers, Rod Stewart and Danny Baker, would not seem to be the perfect build up to the World Cup.
Gascoigne, who last week admitted to smoking 20 cigarettes a day, teamed up with the rest of the World Cup squad Monday for England's final preparations.
Hoddle hinted he would crack down on his colourful, sometimes wayward star to make sure he is preparing properly for the biggest competition in world soccer.
"I've had words with him and I'll have more words with him," Hoddle said in a BBC radio interview. "Certain things worry me and in certain things I still see he has genius in him."
Hoddle added that Gascoigne is "not 100 per cent" certain to be picked for the World Cup team.

New women's hammer record

MOSCOW, May 19: Russian Olga Kuzenkova improved her own women's hammer record to 73.80 metres in Togliatti, Russia on Sunday. Itar-Tass news agency said, reports Reuters.
Her previous mark of 73.10 was set at the European Cup competition in Munich last June.

Euro supremacy at stake

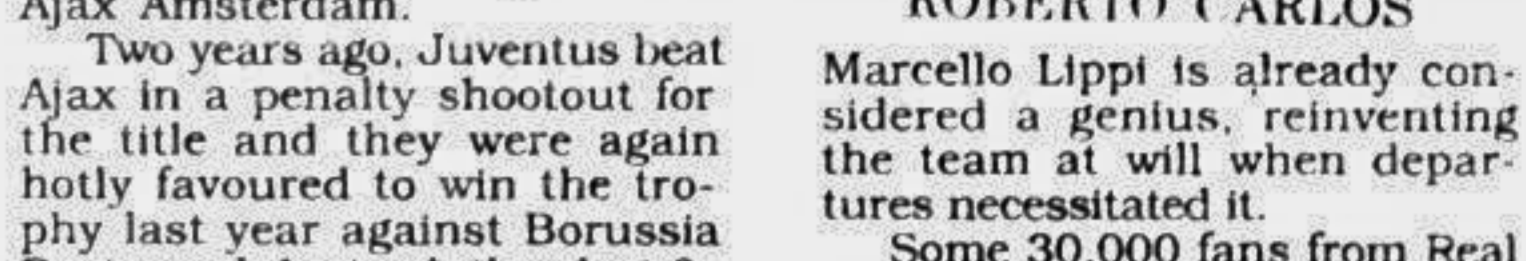
AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, May 19: The World Cup final should be so lucky to have the kind of talent on show which Wednesday's European Champions Cup final will have, reports AP.
On one side are Brazilian defender Roberto Carlos, Dutch
On the other side is France's backbone of Didier Deschamps and Zinedine Zidane and rejuvenated Dutchman Edgar Davids for Juventus Turin.
And, oh yes, Juve also provide Italy with such offensive power as Alessandro Del Piero and Filippo Inzaghi, perhaps the greatest forward combination at the moment.
Real boosts Spain's chances at the World Cup with forward Raul and defensive mainstay Ferrnando Hierro.
For once it is hard to scoff at those easy superlatives as two traditional powers of European soccer go for the continent's ultimate club prize — the Champions Cup.
"Until Wednesday night, the only thing on my mind will be the Champions League, the match against Real, the most interesting final there could have been," said Del Piero, holly tipped to be the determining player at the 50,000-seat Ajax Arena, the home ground of Ajax Amsterdam.
Two years ago, Juventus beat Ajax in a penalty shootout for the title and they were again hotly favoured to win the trophy last year against Borussia Dortmund. Instead, they lost 3-1 to the Germans.
The "Old Lady," as the team is known, is now poised for revenge.
"Some bitter moments and disappointments in my career still burn. At the top of the list is last year's cup final loss to Borussia," Del Piero said.
Real, on the other hand, is motivated by fear.
Madrid's carefully chosen selection of soccer millionaires finished only fourth in the league and will miss out on the lucrative Champions League next season unless they win Wednesday and enter as defending champion. The head coach Jupp Heynckes is expected to roll whatever the result.
"Even if we didn't win the league this year, let no one forget we are Real Madrid," said Hierro, counting on pride when results have failed the club.



DEL PIERO
midfielder Clarence Seedorf and Yugoslav striker Predaj Mijatovic for Real Madrid; all talents on their World Cup team.

Goellner advances

ST. POELTEN, Austria, May 19: Marc-Kevin Goellner of Germany rallied to beat South Africa's Wayne Black 3-6, 7-6, 6-1 Monday in the first round of the rain-marred Raiffeisen Grand Prix, reports AP.
After losing the first set, Goellner trailed 2-5 in the second set before making his comeback.
Also reaching the second round was Sweden's Tomas Nydahl, who defeated Alex Calatrava of Spain 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.
After rain interrupted play several times, eighth-seeded Richard Frommer of Australia beat Grant Stafford of South Africa 6-7, 7-6, 6-1.



ROBERTO CARLOS
Marcello Lippi is already considered a genius, reinventing the team at will when departures necessitated it.
Some 30,000 fans from Real and Juventus are expected to converge on Amsterdam by Wednesday night for the final, which will be played on a new 150,000 dollars pitch.
ESPN will telecast the match live from 0030 hrs BST.

Bandarban soccer

BANDARBAN, May 19: Ramu Bazar Brothers Union moved to the quarterfinal of Independence Day Gold Cup football tournament beating Satkania XI 7-6 goals at the local stadium today, reports UNB.
The match was decided through tie-breaker after the scheduled time ended in a 1-1 draw.
Wednesday's match: Regensega Sporting Club of Chittagong vs Sabuj Sangha of Rangamati.

The Daily Star World Cup Quiz '98

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5th	25	T-shirt and cap

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Tick (✓) the correct answers

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2. The youngest-ever WC winner is	Batista	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pele	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rossi
3. W-Germany beat Argentina in the 1990 WC final by	1-0	<input type="checkbox"/>	2-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	3-2
4. In the 1930 WC finals the number of teams was	13	<input type="checkbox"/>	15	<input type="checkbox"/>	16
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