

Column One SPORTS TALK



Michael Johnson
(Double Olympic champion)
"I hope to end the season ranked number one."

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)
That in cricket the *mama-bhagna* does not always work.
In the second Test of the 1952-53 series against India, Clyde Walcott was out leg before. He was 98. Tch! Tch!
More 'tch! tch!' because the umpire who gave him out lbw was his uncle Harold.

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1. What is the result of the Australia-West Indies Test series?
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2. Who was the man-of-the-series in the Australia-West Indies Test series?
McGrath Lara S Waugh
3. Who won the Pepsi Cup in India?
Sri Lanka India Pakistan
4. Who was the man-of-the-final in the Pepsi Cup?
Mahmood Ganguly Inzamam
5. Who lifted the Merit Int'l Cup?
Bangladesh Zimbabwe Kenya

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Lorcy clinches WBA belt

PARIS, Apr 11: Julien Lorcy stopped veteran boxer Jean-Baptiste Mendy in the sixth round of an all-French bout on Saturday to win the WBA lightweight title, reports AP.
Lorcy, 26, was on the offensive from the start and hit the champion with several heavy blows in the second and third rounds.

Biman become national champions Halim Shah's grand knock

Bangladesh Biman became national cricket champions for the fourth time by virtue of a 93-run first innings lead against Jessore in the four-day final that ended yesterday at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.
Earlier Biman were champions in 1977-78, 1980-81 and 87-88. The national airlines team has finished runners-up on six previous occasions.

BCB XI's final match today

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Eleven will play their last group match against Hyderabad Cricket Association at the Karachi National Stadium today, reports UNB.
The previous match between BCB Eleven and Quetta Cricket Association ended in a tie at the same venue on Saturday when both teams made 185 in stipulated 50 overs.

Nat'l youth cricket

BKSP and Sylhet posted respectable totals on the first day of the two-day group finals in the 19th National Youth Cricket Championship at different venues yesterday, reports UNB.
At Sakhira Stadium, BKSP batted first against hosts Sakhira and scored 241 for eight in stipulated 80 overs.
Rifat scored 59 while Kafi and Shimul made 52 and 45 respectively. Shafiq took two wickets for 15 runs.
In reply, Sakhira were 58 for one in 20 overs at stumps. Ajoy and Farhad were batting with 23 and 18 runs respectively.
At Kushiha Stadium, Sylhet piled up 252 all out in 79.3 overs against Khulna.
Alokmoni scored highest 56 while Shaheen, Shishir and Babar made 53, 34 and 34 respectively.
In reply, Khulna made 24 for one in 11 overs. Saiful and Aslam were batting with 11 and 1. Tapas took the only wicket for 11 runs.

Resuming on 78 for three, Biman rattled up 356 for five in 91 overs in their second innings.
The day belonged to Halim



HALIM SHAH... m-o-m
Shah as the middle-order batsman cracked a superb unbeaten 141.
Shah, who went to the crease with the Premier Division champions in trouble at 35 for three, figured in a 112-run fourth-wicket partnership with wicketkeeper Atiar Rahman (51).
Shah struck ten fours and a six in his 204-ball innings. He

was adjudged man-of-the-match.
Atiar faced 131 balls for his half-century. It included seven hits across the rope.
Shah also featured in an enterprising 106-run stand for the fifth wicket with Sanwar Hossain, who contributed 29.
Jessore medium-pace Ziauddin Babu captured four wickets.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the 25th national cricket championship final match between Bangladesh Biman and Jessore:
BANGLADESH BIMAN: First innings 270 for 8 in 100 overs.
JESSORE: First innings 177 all out in 83.1 overs.
BANGLADESH BIMAN: Second innings (overnight 78 for 3) 23
Rafiqul b Babu 4
Faiyaz c Tushar b Babu 0
J A Dula c Kiron b Babu 4
Halim Shah not out 141
Atiar c Babu b Wahidul 51
Sanwar c Tushar b Babu 29
Rupom not out 4
Extras: (b-5, lb-5, nb-1) 11
Total: (For 5 wks in 91 overs) 356
Did not bat: Sohail, Plabon, Jem and Timir.
Fall of wks: 1-16; 2-16; 3-37; 4-149; 5-255

Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Lucky:	8	1	20	0
Babu:	32	5	91	4
Tushar:	31	6	79	0
Wahidul:	16	4	42	1
Biplob:	4	0	21	0

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champions	Runners-up
1974-75	Comilla	Barisal
1975-76	Faridpur	Comilla
1976-77	Comilla	Dhaka
1977-78	Biman	Rajshahi
1978-79	Dhaka University	Biman
1979-80	Dhaka University	Biman
1980-81	Biman	Chittagong
1981-82	Shipping Corp	Dhaka
1982-83	Sylhet	Dhaka
1983-84	Dhaka University	Biman
1984-85	Dhaka University	Barisal
1985-86	Dhaka University	Barisal
1986-87	Biman	Biman
1987-88	Chittagong	Barisal
1988-89	Dhaka University	Dhaka University
1989-90	Did not hold	Narayanganj
1990-91	Chittagong	Sylhet
1991-92	Chittagong	Biman
1992-93	Chittagong	Biman
1993-94	Sylhet	Chittagong
1994-95	Sylhet	Biman
1995-96	Chittagong	Biman
1996-97	Chittagong	Biman
1997-98	Narayanganj	Chittagong
1997-98	Biman	Jessore
1998-99	Biman	Jessore

Rajshahi rout C'nawabganj

Three hatricks by Aziz, Mamun and Munna powered hosts Rajshahi to a 10-1 victory over neighbours Chapinawabganj on way to zonal semifinal of the Biman Cup under-14 na-

tion football championship at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.
Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Rajbari, Faridpur, Comilla, Laxmiur, Bagerhat, Munshiganj, Kishoreganj and BKSP also moved into the zonal semis.
Earlier, 14 teams reached the last four on Saturday.
At Rajshahi, Aziz scored the first hatrick for the home side with goals in the 11th, 23rd and 42nd minutes. Mamun's came in the 9th, 29th and 44th and Munna struck in the 53rd, 56th and 65th.
Azad netted the other goal for Rajshahi in the 27th minute, while Akram scored a consolation goal for Chapinawabganj in the 61st minute.
At Nilphamari, the hosts

recorded a 7-0 victory over Pan-chagarh while Gaibandha defeated Sirajganj 4-0.
Sumon and Shariful netted two goals each, and Gobinda, Sabu and Lebu one each for Nilphamari while Aziz scored two, and Asad and Parvez one each for Gaibandha.
At Faridpur, the hosts outplayed Jhenidah 4-0 while Rajbari thrashed Magura 5-1.
Rezail of Faridpur scored a hatrick while Raihan scored the other goal for the hosts.
Tushar netted three times while Hasan and Kamal one each for Rajbari. Wahid scored the lone goal for Magura.
At Comilla the hosts managed a solitary goal win over Bandarban while Laxmiur got a walkover against Khagrachhari.
At Patuakhali, Bagerhat beat Gopalganj 3-1 in the tie-breaker after a 1-1 draw in regulation time.
At Narayanganj, Munshiganj defeated Gazipur 4-3, also in the tie-breaker after a 1-1 during the scheduled time. Hannan scored for Munshiganj and Amjad for Gazipur in the stipulated time.
At Dhaka, Kishoreganj outplayed Habiganj 5-2 while BKSP earned a narrow 2-1 victory over Jamalpur.
Javed and Azim struck twice each and Kamrul netted the other goal for Kishoreganj while Al-Amin and Gaus scored for Habiganj.
In the other match, Milon scored both goals for BKSP and Moniruzzaman netted once for Jamalpur.



Office football from Apr 17

The first-ever office football tournament to be participated by 12 teams will begin on April 17 at different city grounds, reports APB.
In the inaugural match, Bangladesh Army will face Fields Kings Sports and Garments at the Army Stadium 4 pm.
Splitting into three groups, the teams will play in the preliminary round to qualify for the semifinals. The group champions and best third-place team will play in the last four.
The semifinals will be held on April 29 at the Mirpur Stadium while the final on May 2 at the same venue.
The teams are:
Group A: Army, Nir Limited, Police AC, Fields Kings Sports and Garments.
Group B: Navy, Neptune Spinning Mills, Janata Bank, Apex Foam Industries.
Group C: Agrani Bank, Dhaka City Corporation, Air Force, Hossain Group of Industries.

Viv the WI motivator

ST VINCENTS, Apr 11 (AFP/Internet): The West Indies have drafted legendary former batsman Vivian Richards onto their World Cup management team after he proved a secret weapon for them in the recent 2-2 drawn series with Australia.
The hiring of the 47-year-old



VIV RICHARDS
former West Indian captain, who will be asked to help out with the batsmen in the nets, apparently follows his involvement during the third Test when he visited the home dressing room many times, talked to the players and motivated them - ending in a one wicket win for the West Indies.
According to sources close to the team, the players welcomed Richards' contribution and led West Indies Cricket Board president Pat Rousseau talking to Richards about being officially involved in the Cup campaign and after discussing it with his board and the team's management, issued the invitation and Richards accepted.
"It still hurts," he said. "It's still very, very disappointing but as far as I'm concerned I'm using these seven one-dayers to get pumped up for the World Cup."
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After a poor Test series in which he claimed just two wickets from three matches, Warne will resume in his former role as Australia's key bowler given that front-line pacer Glenn McGrath will be rested and in-form seamer Adam Dale remains in doubt because of a virus.
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Players and officials of Bangladesh Biman, the newly-crowned national cricket champions. — Star photo

World Cup Cricket Emergency Ward for Bangladesh

Sports Reporter
Bangladesh World Cuppers will get a crash course on fast bowling from a former England cricketer on the team's arrival in England, said a BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) spokesman last night.
Alan Ward, who played for his country between 1969-79, will join as bowling assistant to coach Gordon Greenidge on April 15. Bangladesh cricketers will leave for England the day before.
The almost unknown Ward, who is reported to have run a cricket clinic in England and is also connected with the English Cricket Board, will work with Bangladesh pacers for two weeks.
The right-arm fast bowler, who made his Test debut against New Zealand in 1969, played only 5 matches for England, taking 14 wickets and scoring 40 runs. Ward, whose career-best figure is 4/61, last played against West Indies at Leeds in 1978.
The Board however did not provide any further detail about the contract. It earlier confirmed that Pakistan cricket great Mushtaq Mohammad would join the Bangladesh team as consultant in England, also on April 15. Mushtaq, who is tipped to replace Greenidge after the World Cup, will help the spinners.

Indians restricted to 239/6

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Apr 11 (AFP/Internet): England, needing a win to stay afloat in the three-nation Champions Cup, restricted India to 239 for six from 50 overs here on Sunday.
Alec Stewart's miserable luck with the toss - he has lost it on 14 occasions in the last 19 matches - meant India got the use of better batting conditions in the day-night international.
The Indians, reduced to 149-5, were then boosted by an unbeaten 74 off 67 balls from skipper Ajay Jadeja.

Jadeja, standing in for Mohammad Azharuddin who was nursing a bruised toe, hit seven boundaries as India added 71 runs in the last 10 overs.
England began well through steady bowling by seamer Angus Fraser, playing for the first time in the tournament, and inspired fielding by Neil Fairbrother.
Fraser conceded just 15 runs in his opening spell of eight overs to keep India down to 54 runs from their first 15 overs.
Fairbrother ended a doughty knock of 63 by Rahul Dravid with a direct hit and then held a spectacular catch at short mid-

wicket to dismiss Robin Singh.
Another defeat for England, who have lost both their previous matches against Pakistan and India, would knock them out of the race for Friday's final.
India slipped to 61-3 by the 20th over before Dravid and the promoted Jagavallu Srinath revived them with a run-a-ball stand of 59 for the fourth wicket.
Srinath, sent in at number five, hit a bold 28 off 29 balls to lend badly-needed momentum to the Indian batting.
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Saurav Ganguly, the Indian opener, returns to the dressing room after being bowled by England pacer Darren Gough at Sharjah yesterday. — Internet photo

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Indian innings in the Champions' Cup one-day international against England on Sunday:

INDIA
Ramesh c Wells b Fraser 12
Ganguly b Gough 2
Dravid run out 63
Kambli c Hick b Ealham 23
Srinath c and b Hick 28
Jadeja not out 74
Singh c Fairbrother b Gough 18
Mongia not out 11
Extras: (b-2, w-2, nb-4) 8
Total: (For six wickets) 239
Did not bat: S Joshi, A Kumble, V Prasad
Fall of wks: 1-16; 2-16; 3-61; 4-120; 5-149; 6-207

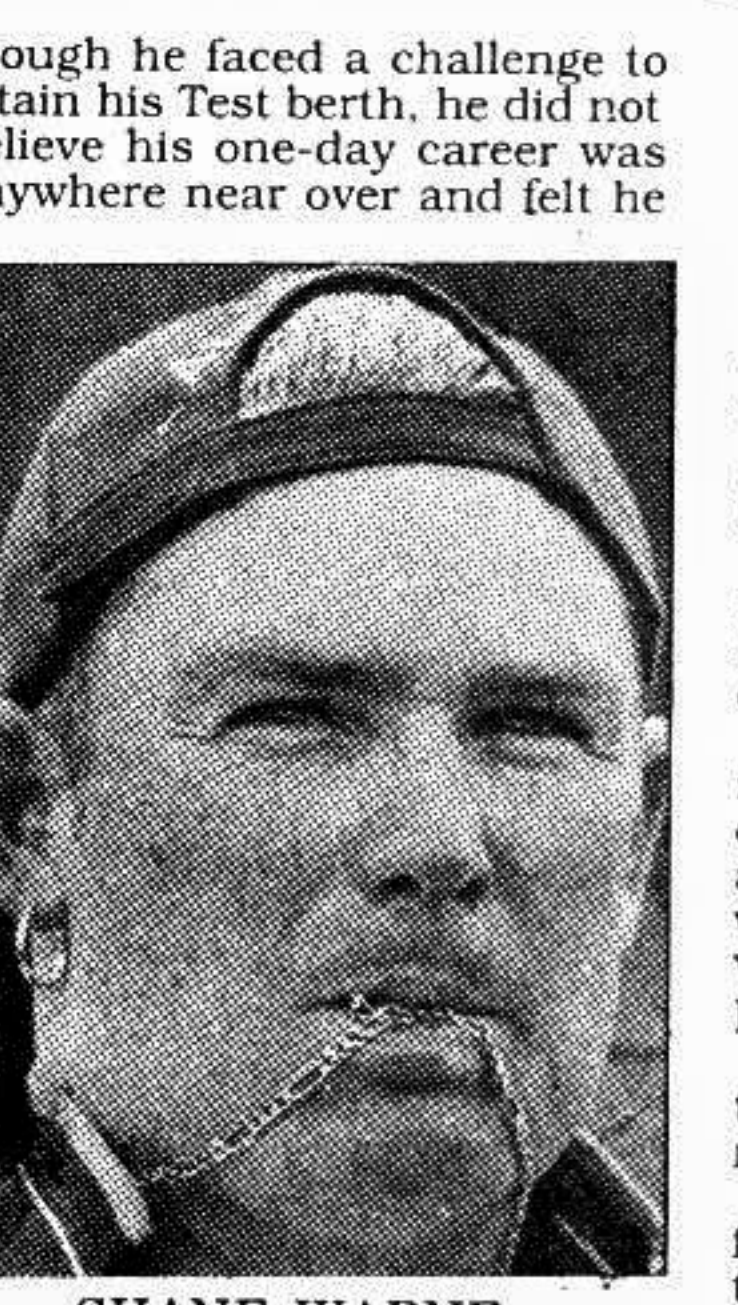
Bowler:	O	M	R	W
Gough	10	2	49	2
Fraser	10	3	24	1
Austin	7	0	49	0
Flintoff	8	0	43	0
Ealham	10	0	41	1
Hick	3	0	13	1
Wells	2	0	18	0

CU athletes

From CU Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Apr 11: The two-day long annual athletics competition of Chittagong University will begin at the university central field tomorrow.
Vice Chancellor Professor Abdul Mannan will inaugurate the competition as the chief guest. Professor Abu Yousuf, pro-Vice Chancellor will be present as the special guest.
About hundred athletes are expected to take part in eleven events.

Warne on mission restoration

ST VINCENT, Apr 11 (Reuters/Internet): Axed Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne believes his changed approach to one-day cricket will help resurrect his once spectacular career.
That career plummeted to its lowest depth last week when he was dropped from the team for the fourth and final test. But Warne will return to the Australian line-up for Sunday's one-day international with the West Indies at Arnos Vale in St Vincent.
It is the first of seven limited-overs matches.
Warne reiterated the claim he made in the wake of his Test sacking that he would consider his cricket future after the World Cup and claimed he was not yet over the disappointment of losing his Test berth.
"It still hurts," he said. "It's still very, very disappointing but as far as I'm concerned I'm using these seven one-dayers to get pumped up for the World Cup."
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had become an even more valuable member of Australia's limited-overs team in recent years.
"I think I've done pretty well and my record in the one-day format speaks for itself," said Warne, who has taken 169 wickets from 108 one-day international appearances.
"I've had a pretty good career so far. I'm not looking to finish my one-day career, that's for sure, and I think in the last few years I've learned how to bowl in one-day cricket."
"The first four or five years I played one-day cricket I basically just bowled leg breaks and



Scene from yesterday's 25th national chess championship qualifiers at the NSC. — Star photo

Windies 141 for four

The West Indies were 141 for four in the 35th over after being put into bat by Australia in the first of the seven-match one-day series at St. Vincent yesterday. Sherwin Campbell was batting on 60.
West Indies skipper Brian Lara scored 16 before holding out to Michael Bevan off pacer Shane Lee. Jimmy Adams was run out after contributing 32.
Source: Internet