

Column One
SPORTS TALK



Richard Krajicek
(Dutch tennis player)
"I didn't buy anything for my Emma, but I won the Lipton tournament for her."
After lifting the Lipton title a day after his 4-year-old daughter's birthday.

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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 Meril Int'l Cup?
Bangladesh Zimbabwe Kenya

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Office football begins today

Bangladesh Army will take on Fields Kings Sports & Garments in the inaugural match of the first ever Office football league, which begins at the Bangladesh Army Stadium today, reports UNB.
Deputy Minister for LGRD Saber Hossain Chowdhury will inaugurate the meet at 3:45 pm as the chief guest.
Barring the opening day, all other matches, including the two semifinals, and the final, will be held at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.
Twelve teams, split into three groups, are taking part in the league championship. The three group champions along with the third best finisher will qualify for the semifinals.

- GROUPS**
- Group A: Bangladesh Army, Neer Limited, Police AC and Fields Kings Sports & Garments.
 - Group B: Bangladesh Navy, Neptune Spinning Mills, Janata Bank and Apex Foam Industries.
 - Group C: Agrani Bank SC, Dhaka City Corporation, Bangladesh Air Force and Hossain Group of Industries.

Friendly cricket JPC beat CPC

Jatiya Press Club (JPC) beat Calcutta Press Club (CPC) by 161 runs in a friendly cricket match at the Bangladesh National Stadium on Saturday, reports BSS.
Batting first, JPC piled up 250 for five in the stipulated 30 overs with Mujtaba Danish hammering a quickfire 74 off 45 balls that included 14 fours. He was adjudged man-of-the-match.
Partha Tanveed hit 59 off 29 balls with 10 spectacular fours. Nasimul Hasan Dodul with 20 (8 balls), captain M. Garmuzza-man 19 (retired) not out, Badal Mustafiz 18 and Saidur Rahman Shamim 18 were the other scorers.
Alokesh Sen took two wickets for 33 while Sudhir Kar-makar, Ashish Chakrabarty, Devdutt Ghosh Thakur got one wicket each.
The CPC were all out for 89 in 24.3 overs.

Cricket's contradictions and complexities

Dr Nizamuddin Ahmed

These are times to build up your own defences.
The Bangladesh cricketers have been transformed from 38 degrees to one below freezing. We are all rubbing our palms, not to fight off the bitter English cold in sympathetic response, but more in preparation to cheer if our team does well, or to hit out if they sink our *jjfat*. Yes! We are ready to rejoice on their success and all set to denounce them if they lose. We have never been in such a comfortable position before. In fact, no World Cup-playing team is.



The best thing is that we all have our little side bets going along the way.
Let us start from the players. The batsmen would consider their WC venture successful if they can avoid a goose egg, perhaps reach the double figures on a couple of occasions, hit a World-class bowler for a four, a six would be something to talk about to their grandchildren.
A bowler's day would be made if he could claim the wicket of anyone within the top ten of the CEAT ranking. And, as long as there is cricket, our bowler's will have the added advantage of being able to blame the fielders for dropping catches, in which the latter inevitably oblige.
The coach? Well, I have not seen a more muted West Indian in my life. The last time I saw him was at the Emirates 'bon voyage' reception at the Sonar-gaon Hotel. A Bangladeshi journalist greeted him with all 32 as they crossed each other. The poor 'upset-for-whatever-reason' soul passed by like a robot. I have never been to the Caribbean but from what I have heard, such cold demeanour is unthinkable in the 'paradise on earth'. If his batting was tinged with the pigments of the bright Caribbean summer, his stint as

a coach has rarely been above black-and-white. He has the English weather and our lack of talent (by his own admission) to fall back on when we do badly. For our successes, well, he can always put his head out and say, "I was the coach for the past two years."

Cricket, and I have to con-tradict the pundits, is such more than batting, bowling and field-ing. Many a game is won and lost in the dressing room, in the shades of the BKSP, in the cor-ridors of the Bangabandhu Stadium. An encouraging state-ment from a responsible person, a pat on the back from another, can fire up a team (playing and non-playing) to perform beyond them. Unfor-tunately, the reverse is also true.

As far as the coming World Cup is concerned, we all have our own defensive walls and of-fensive weapons ready; the ad-versary are but from within us. We shall shield ourselves from their attack and unleash ag-gression on them. We shall fight each other as we do on every other front: social, political, cultural...
But, only to keep the records straight, because we so often change our minds (and words), every concerned party should write down their pre-World Cup forecast, seal it in an envelope and deposit the same with the Bangladesh Bank or in the deep seat of your conscience.
The advantage of the most-oft used phrase in Bangladesh, 'I had told you', is that it can be used either ways, in victory and in defeat, in failure and in suc-cess.

Captain Ronaldo speaks

MILAN, Apr 18: Ronaldo revealed today that Inter Milan's disastrous season is down to petty jealousy and in-fighting within the team, reports AFP.

undoubtedly penalised us this season, there have been a lot of dressing room problems and they are still there now.
Every team has its prob-lems, but ours are going to be difficult to resolve. Even so, we must try. There are six matches

injury and poor coaching were through to be behind the UEFA Cup holders dramatic decline.
But their newly-appointed captain broke a three-week silence to reveal that the squad has been a nest of vipers for months.
Inter are struggling mid-table in the Serie A, after being expected to win the title, and are out of the European Champions League after being widely tipped to at least reach the semifinals.
Two coaches have been sacked since November, Gigi Simoni and Mircea Lucescu, but the poor performances have continued — culminating in last week's humiliating 2-0 defeat to relegation strugglers Salerni-tana.

Ronaldo rang the alarm bell on Saturday, saying: "Now it's time for us to stop having all these rows and start behaving like a team again."
"We've talked amongst our-selves over the last few days in the hope we can at least finish the championship without hav-ing to play the intertoto."
And he admitted: "apart from the injuries, which have

RONALDO
still to play and we need to give everything."
"Now is the moment for us to forget about egos and all the nastiness which has gone on between us."
"If people want to have a row off the pitch, that's one thing. But when we're playing, they have to tell positive about the player nearest to them," he told the Gazzetta Dello Sport.
The climate of in-fighting

has inevitably formed a vicious circle with the team's losing streak.
"When you lose, the prob-lem obviously become more acute," Ronaldo said. "And as the problems get worse, they are bound to lead to further de-feats."
Ronaldo, who like Roberto, Baggio and star winger Fran-cesco Moriero has been dogged by injury all season, was doubtful that the number of foreign players was to blame. Last weekend, Inter fielded only one Italian.
"I don't think so," said the Brazilian. "We are all workers, with one objective victory."
Though several players are involved in the trouble, Ronal-do refused to name names. "There's no point telling the newspapers," he said. "It's something we have to sort out amongst ourselves."
Whether or not the differ-ences can be resolved, Inter Milan are heading for a shake-up anyway this summer when new coach Marcello Lippi takes over from stand-in Luciano Castel-lini.
Aside from the new signings, club president Massimo Mor-atti has warned his troops that a clear-out in the offing.
Ronaldo admitted: "there's a need to change the players, the structure of the team and the way it plays. But these things aren't for me to decide."

Barca overcome Mallorca

BARCELONA, Spain, Apr 18: Barcelona continued their march towards the Spanish Primera Liga title with a hard-fought 2-1 win over European hopefuls Mallorca that saw a frenetic finish, reports Reuters.
Louis van Gaal's side, leading 2-0 through first half goals from Frank de Boer and Patrick Kluivert, were almost denied victory at the death as Phillip Cocu conceded a penalty for handball in the final minute.
The Dutch midfielder re-ceived the red card, Leonardo Biagini netted the spot kick and Barcelona had to survive three torturous minutes of injury time.

Mallorca had most of the possession throughout the first half but they struggled to create worthwhile chances, with the highly rated Dani Garcia anonymous up front.
And one foray forward led to Barcelona's second, from a classic counter-attacking move on 22 minutes.

Barcelona just managed to hold on and duly extended their lead at the top of the table to 10 points, although Celta Vigo can reduce the deficit to seven if they win at home to Alaves to-day.
Mallorca, with half an eye on Thursday's European Cup Winners' Cup semifinal decider with Chelsea, looked to play a cautious game, packing the midfield and attempting to deny space to Rivaldo and Luis Figo.
But the islanders were un-done as early as the fourth minute when their much-vaunted defence went to sleep.
A short corner on the left led to a dinked cross and an un-marked Frank de Boer nodded home.



OH NO! Australia's premier fast bowler Glenn McGrath contemplates his future after twisting an ankle while fielding during the third one-day international in Trinidad April 17.

Abahani-Usha tie today

Leaders Abahani will lock horns with title contenders Usha KC in a crucial return league tie of the Green Delta Premier hockey today, reports APB.

The match will kick-off at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium at 4 pm.
Abahani who tamed Usha by a solitary goal in the first league match, are in an advan-tageous position having 31 points from 11 outings. Usha have managed 27 points in as many as engagements.

This is going to be a 'do-or-die' match for Usha as a win will keep them afloat in the title race. The absence of Indian playmaker Dhanraj Pillai in the Abahani arsenal will cer-tainly give their opponents an edge.
Pillai scored the all-import-ant goal in the first league match that pushed Usha down to second position.

Barisal cricket

From Staff Correspondent
BARISAL, Apr 18: Sangskriti Majlish became cham-pions beating Four-H Club by 48 runs in the final of the First Division cricket league here at the Shaheed Abdur Rab Ser-niabat Stadium yesterday.
Sangskriti Majlish won the league title for the third time in a row.
Winning the toss, Sangskriti Majlish decided to bat first and scored 196 losing all in 49.5 overs.
Opener Manju made 43 and Rezwan 47.
Faruk also scored 24.
Mintu of Four-H Club took 5 wickets for 28 runs in 10 overs.
In reply, Four-H collected 148 runs losing all the wickets in 44.1 overs.
Babu and Nayan managed 15 and 40 runs respectively.
Faruk, Tutan and Manju captured 1.2 and 3 wickets for Majlish.
Manju was adjudged man-of-the-match.

CHITTAGONG, Apr 18: Continental Mahanagari Junior Cricket competition for under 19 boys began at the Dampara Police Line ground here on Saturday, reports BSS.
Nasirabad Sporting Club beat Rifa Cricket Club by three wickets in the opening match.
Rafa batted first and scored 129 in 39.5 overs.
In reply, Nasirabad scored 130 for seven in 26.2 overs.
A total of 15 teams are partic-ipating in the competition being held under the auspices of Chittagong Mahanagari Krira Sangha (CMKS).
ATM Ahmedul Hog Chowd-hury, president of CMKS and commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police inaugu-rated the competition as the chief guest.

Ctg cricket

M'ysingh cricket
MYMENSINGH, Apr 18: Panditpara Sporting Club beat County Nabin Sangra by 87 runs in the local First Division cricket league at the Circuit House ground today, reports UNB.
Batting first, Panditpara piled up 226 for three in cur-tailed 40 overs. The overs were reduced due to rain.
Moni made 67 not out, Sajal scored 52 and Liton an unbeaten 51. Habul, Dipu and Rony took one wicket each.
In reply, County were all out for 139 runs in 35.4 overs with Dipu contributing an unbeaten 20.
Shamim and Sani picked up three wickets each for 22 and 26 runs respectively.

Australia 189/9

Sports Reporter
Austarlia scored 189 for nine in their allotted 50 overs in the fourth one-day interna-tional against West Indies at the Queen's Park Oval in Trinidad yesterday.
LAGOS, Apr 18: With Argentina going to play Brazil or Uruguay — to defend South America's honour at the World Youth Championship, reports AP.
And only one will survive past Sunday's quarterfinals.
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And besides being four-time World Cup champions, Brazil also are a three-time cham-pions at the under-20 level.
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TRINIDADIAN TERROR! An imposing looking West Indian fan invades the Queen's Park Oval pitch after the home side won the third one-day international against Australia on April 17.

Adams assaults Australia

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Apr 18 (AP/Reuters): Jimmy Adams' career-best 82 and successive partnerships of 109 with Sherwin Campbell and 70 with Carl Hooper carried the West Indies to a five-wicket victory over Australia on Saturday in their third one-day international.
The match left the top-ranked Australians trailing 2-1 in the series. Worse, premier fast bowler Glenn McGrath sprained his left ankle and left for treatment after bowling only one over.
His involvement in the re-maining four matches was in doubt and Australian physio-therapist Erol Alcott said he would not play in Sunday's fourth match at Trinidad's Queen's Park Oval.
Chasing an Australian 50 overs total of 242 for eight wickets, the West Indies played always on course for their target. They finished 244 for five, winning on Brian Lara's boundary with an over to go.
The left-handed Adams, in the No 3 position because Lara was carrying a wrist injury ag-ggravated when struck while fielding, came in after the early loss of opener Stuart Williams to Damien Fleming, the medium-pacer who was Aus-tralia's best bowler with three for 50 from his 10 overs.
He and Campbell revived the innings, exploiting McGrath's absence, which prompted Aus-tralia's captain Steve Waugh to use seven other bowlers on a favourable batting pitch and fast outfield.
Australia's eighth bowler, occasional left-arm spinner Damien Lehmann, broke the partnership by bowling Camp-bell for 64, made from 83 balls with four fours. But Adams found another solid accomplice in the elegant Hooper.
They carried the West Indies to within 49 of their goal when Fleming produced a perfect yorker to bowl Adams for 82. The Jamaican was made man-of-the-match.
His total came off 102 balls and included eight fours, better-ing his unbeaten 81 against Pakistan in Sharjah in 1993.
Fleming struck again when he bowled Hooper off the inside

edge for 56, his highest score of the series. By then the outcome was little more than a formality, even though the West Indies lost Phil Simmons for nine to a confused run out before Lara put the finishing touches to the day.
Australia, batting first after Steve Waugh won the toss for the third successive time in the series, based their total on an opening partnership of 108 between Mark Waugh and Adam Gilchrist.
Waugh hit a straight six from off-spinner Hooper and five fours in his 74 before he was one of the two run-out vic-tims of sharp West Indian field-ing. The left-handed Gilchrist made 43 before he hoisted a deep field catch to Curtly Am-brose from off-spinner Neme-hiah Perry, the West Indies's best bowler with three wickets for 45 from his 10 overs.
Once they were separated in the 25th over, the West Indies, backed by a capacity crowd of 25,000, kept the scoring rate down to less than five runs an over with their fielding and steady bowling.
Gilchrist, Waugh and all-rounder Shane Lee, promoted to

The Australian innings again sputtered a Steve Waugh (2) and Lehmann (40) were re-moved by medium-pacer Sim-mons and Perry bowled Tom Moody with a faster ball for 2.
It was left to Michael Bevan, the left-hander known as 'The Filnsher' for his ability to gather quick runs in the closing over, to accelerate the scoring with an unbeaten 27 off 22 balls in a stand of 27 with Shane Warne.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third one-day international between Australia and West Indies on Saturday:

AUSTRALIA

M Waugh	run out	74
Gilchrist	c Ambrose b Perry	43
Lee	lbw b Perry	47
Martyn	run out	29
Lehmann	c Hooper b Simmons	40
S Waugh	b Simmons	2
Bevan	not out	29
Moody	b Perry	2
Warne	not out	11
Extras	(lb-3, w-6, nb-2)	5
Total	(for 7 wks in 50 overs)	242
Did not bat:	D Fleming, G McGrath	

Fall of wks: 1-108; 2-123; 3-128; 4-194; 5-201; 6-210; 7-215

Bowler

Ambrose	0	M	R	W
Lee	10	2	40	0
Bryant	10	0	50	0
Hooper	9	0	47	0
Arthurton	2	0	14	0
Perry	10	0	45	3
Simmons	9	0	43	2

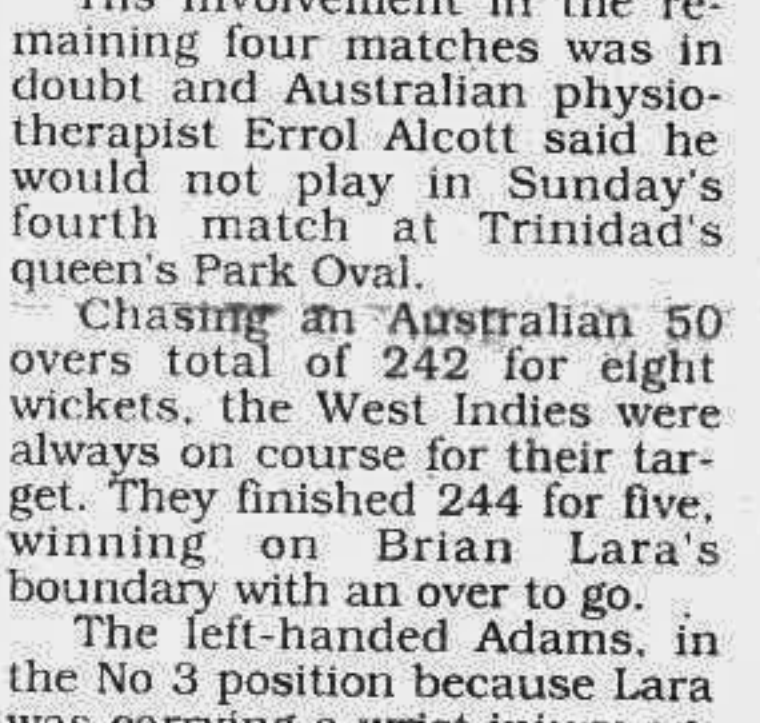
WEST INDIES

Williams	lbw b Fleming	4
Campbell	b Lehmann	64
Adams	b Fleming	82
Hooper	b Fleming	56
Lara	not out	18
Simmons	run out	19
Arthurton	not out	10
Extras	(lb-1, w-9)	10
Total	(for 5 wks in 49 overs)	244
Did not bat:	R Jacobs, H Bryan, N Perry, C Ambrose	
Fall of wks:	1-15; 2-124; 3-194; 4-225; 5-236	

Bowler

McGrath	0	M	R	W
Fleming	10	1	49	3
Moody	8	1	32	0
Martyn	3	0	16	0
Warne	9	0	59	0
Lee	7	0	39	0
M Waugh	7	0	30	0
Lehmann	4	0	17	1

Result: West Indies won by five wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Jimmy Adams.



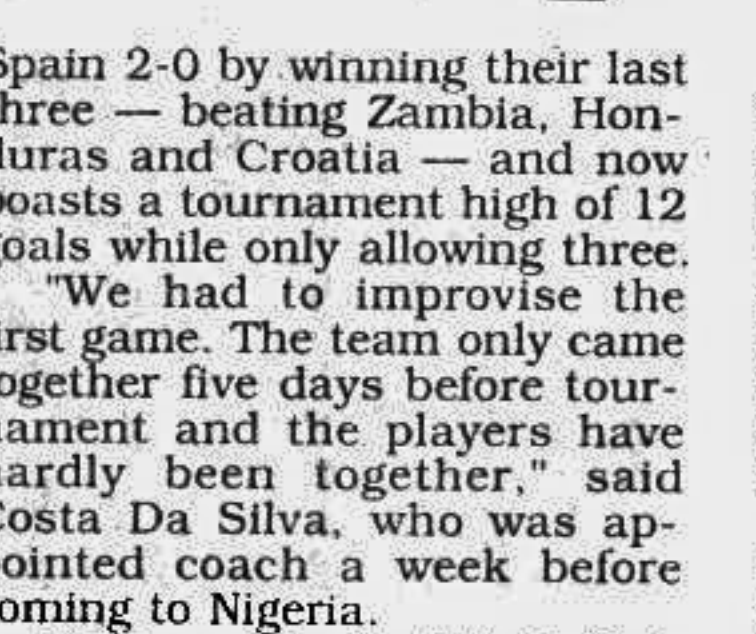
JIMMY ADAMS ... m-o-m No 3, were out within 20 runs of each other.

Damien Martyn and left-hander Lehmann, who hit an unbeaten 110 in Australia's vic-tory in the second match of the series, rebuilt the innings with a stand of 44 from 74 balls be-fore Perry's fast, accurate throw from short fire-leg uprooted the stumps to run out Martyn for 29.

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"We can't wait to play Brazil. It'll be a classic," said coach Vic-tor Pua, who headed the side in Malaysia in 1997. Uruguay and Brazil twice played to stale-mates in the South American under-20 championship, which served as the qualifying event for the World Cup.
Mexico, who showed some stunning form against Ar-gentina, are undoubtedly Japan's toughest test so far. The Asian side, led by senior team midfielder Shinji Ono, owe their place in the quarterfinals to an unrelenting tenacity that has beaten opponents so such as the United States, England and Portugal by simply exhausting them.

Latin Clash tops the bill

Spain, who impressed many in the first round by beating Brazil, showed some weakness in their last outing when they let the United States rally from a three-goal deficit in the first half with a pair of goals in the final 45 minutes before finally prevailing 3-2 in the second round.
A late collapse could be dan-gerous against Ghana, who have demonstrated the stingiest de-fence in the tournament, allow-ing only one goal in four games.
Spain should be thankful they are not playing Mali, who rallied from a 4-2 deficit in the final minutes of their second-round clash against Cameroon to win 5-4 in extra time.
Mahamadou Dissa scored the equaliser and the game-winner, giving him a share of the tournament scoring lead with four goals.
Nigeria, meanwhile, with a 1-2 record, have yet to knock their immensely talented team into a disciplined and compact unit.
SAHCO nat'l v'ball
Comilla, Gazipur, Rajshahi and Rangpur won their respec-tive matches in the SAHCO na-tional youth volleyball competi-tion in the city yesterday, re-ports UNB.
Comilla beat Jhenidah 25-12, 25-18, 25-20, Gazipur beat Sylhet 25-9, 25-19, 25-11, Ra-jshahi beat Narail 25-9, 25-14, 25-17 and Rangpur beat Khulna 25-22, 25-20, 25-23.



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