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## Column One

### DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

**T**HAT Romanian athlete, Iolanda Balas, (b. 1936) was the dominant performer in the women's high jump during the late 1950s and '60s. She won two Olympic gold medals in the event, set 14 world records, and was the first woman to high-jump six feet.

Balas cleared the bar in a variation of the scissors method; her coach was Ion Star, an outstanding high jumper whom she later married. If you can jump that high you have to get your man.

### SPORTS TALK



#### Anna Kournikova

(Russian tennis star)  
"No the last time I saw him was the only time I saw him, at the French Open last year, when we were introduced to each other. That's the only time I ever talked to him."

Responding to a story whether she was romantically linked to Brazilian footballer Ronaldinho.

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1. Who is the new England cricket coach?

Fletcher Hussain Marsh

2. Brazilian footballer Rivaldo plays for

Lazio Barcelona Arsenal

3. Who is the captain of Argentina soccer team?

Simeone Batistuta Ayala

4. How many Grand Slam titles has Steffi Graf won till now?

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5. Who is ATP's top ranked player right now?

Sampras Moya Agassi

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#### Div I soccer

Dhaka Wanderers Club beat Agrani Bank SC 1-0 in the Metropolis First Division football league at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

With this second victory in seven matches, Wanderers secured eight points. Agrani Bank have five points from seven outings.

After a barren first half in the day's match, Chhotan scored the all-important goal for Wanderers in the 78th minute.

The day's other match between Dhanmondi Club and Shantinagar Club ended in a 2-2 draw after the first half was locked 1-1 at the same venue.

Dhanmondi now have seven points and Shantinagar five points from six outings.

Tawhid and Bulbul scored for Dhanmondi while Masud and Momin for Shantinagar.

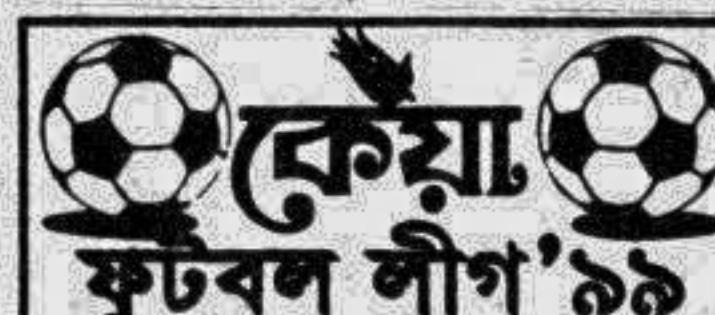
Tawhid put Dhanmondi ahead in the early 8th minute, but Masud equalised the margin for Shantinagar in the 40th minute.

Bulbul scored in the 52nd minute to put Dhanmondi in front again while Momin restored parity for Shantinagar in the 66th minute.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**

Victoria SC vs BRITC SC (3 pm), and East End Club vs Pranik KC (5 pm).

## MSC owe Rezaul one



of a 0-1 defeat against the Federation Cup champions.

**HOLDERS** Muktijoddha Sangsad and runners-up Mohammedan now jointly top the league table with 19 points from seven matches.

The day's defeat was the first in the league for Abahani.

As the two powerhouses were heading for a draw, Rezaul in a vital match of the Koya Premier Division Football League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

At least 10 spectators and two policemen were injured in a melee after the match when some crazy fans hurled bricks towards match referee and police inside the stadium. Police lobbed several rounds of teargas shell to control the situation.

After a barren first half in the day's nerve-tangling match in front of season's highest 35,000 crowd, striker Anwar Hossain and medio Rezaul scored for the black and white team. Left back Dusal netted the lone goal for the sky-yellow Dhanmondi outfit.

Mohammedan earned double delight as they not only took joint lead in the league with Muktijoddha with a clear margin of five points over Abahani but also exacted a sweet revenge

Aminul with a fine placing shot.

In the first half, physically superior Mohammedan had the upper hand and managed more scoring chances than Abahani.

Rakib and Shamim of Mohammedan and Sabir Pasha and Mintoo of Abahani got some good chances but failed to strike due to brilliant saves by the two custodians.

In the 58th minute of the match, Mohammedan fielded an unwell national striker Al-faz Ahmed.

Yellow cards: Motiar Munna and Ruhul Amin (Mohammedan), Mintoo and Ranjan (Abahani).

#### TEAMS

**MOHAMMEDAN SC:** Ponir, Faisal, Ruhul Amin, Monwar Munna, Jahangir, Selim, Motiar Munna (Rezaul), Ashkar Babu (Shoeb), Shamim (Alfaz), Rakib and Anwar.

**ABAHANI:** Aminul, Dusal, Sohel, Reza, Kingsuk, Partha, Mintoo, Arman, Iqbal, Sento, Zakir (Ranjan) and Sabir Pasha.

Referee: Ehsanul Haq.

#### TODAY'S MATCHES

Farashganj SC vs Badda Jagan Sangsad (3:30 pm)

Youngmen's Club Fakirpore vs Arambagh KS (5:30 pm).



Mohammedan defender Faisal (No 3) trying to stop Abahani forward Zakir during yesterday's Koya Premier Division football league match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

— Star photo

## Clash of contrasting foes



JOHANNESBURG, July 22 (Reuters):

Two candidates representing the opposing factions in South African cricket on Saturday engage in the first leadership contest since the sport was racially united eight years ago.

The incident unfolded at the Western Province's headquarters, and besides nominating Sonn for the UCB presidency the WPCA has responded by nominating its own officials.

Arman, for the posts of treasurer and convenor of selectors respectively.

The vice-presidency will be contested by Richard Harrison of Northerns, who has said he will withdraw if Sonn, also standing for vice-president, fails to secure the presidency, and Border's Robbie Muzzell-Harrison and Muzzell are white.

Peter Pollock has retired and Magiet will face competition from former South African captain Clive Rice and former test all-rounder Mike Procter, all incumbent selectors, for the convenor's job.

Another former captain, Kepler Wessels, is not on the selectors' nominations list but he could enter the race if he is backed by one of the 11 provinces on Saturday.

Wessels had been a strong candidate for selection con-

venor and his current absence from the fray could be explained by the opinions he expressed in his weekend newspaper column, views which would seem to be at odds with the affirmative action policies adopted by the UCB this year.

"Will anyone (at the UCB annual meeting) take time out to discuss cricket?" Wessels wrote.

"Because in many ways I wonder whether this meeting is about cricket at all. This meeting sounds to me as though it is going to be about power. The battle lines are drawn."

"What will be the winner's priority? Will it be to produce the best cricket team in the world? Will it be to wield the sword of power?"

"Cricket, politics, power - a heady mix. I just hope that cricket is at the head of the priority queue."

"Somehow my experience tells me that is unlikely."

However, UCB managing director Ali Bacher was at pains to explain that South African cricket was not at a racial crossroads.

"We're a non-racial body, we always have been and that is not going to change at the annual meeting," Bacher said on Tuesday.

"I can't recall when all three top positions were contested, but that is a good sign that our democracy is healthy."

## Noon's near-miss



LONDON, July 22 (Reuters): Nottinghamshire wicketkeeper Wayne Noon showed he was a worthy stand-in for England's Chris Read by almost equaling a world record on Wednesday.

Noon held seven catches -- one short of the most by a keeper in an innings -- on the first day of Notts' county

championship match against Kent at Trent Bridge.

Three players, Australian Wally Grout, Essex's David East and Steve Marsh of Kent, share the world mark of eight catches by a wicketkeeper in one innings.

Third-placed Hampshire, seeking to sustain their title challenge after losing to Surrey last week, were made to toil in the field by Lancashire at Southampton.

Lancashire, lifted by wins in their last two matches, made 329 for five on the strength of 101 from John Crawley and 83 by fellow former England batsman Neil Fairbrother.

Durham, bottom of the 18-team table for much of the first half of the season, continued their revival at the expense of Gloucestershire.

Regular Notts' keeper Read is dismissed Kent for 191 but the visitors immediately hit back by reducing Nottinghamshire to 18 for two at the close.

Regular Notts' keeper Read is on England duty for the second test against New Zealand starting at Lord's on Thursday.

Unbeaten championship leaders Surrey piled up 389 for six against Warwickshire at Edgbaston, despite being without their four test men -- Alec

Magiet and Darren Gough.

Gough looks likely to be out of action for at least another month with a mystery calf injury, reports AFP.

A statement issued on Tuesday by his county Yorkshire said Gough had seen a specialist about his latest calf injury which has left the experts baffled.

The specialist feels that it might be related to a previous hamstring tendon injury. He will have a bone scan tomorrow to eliminate any possible cause in the calf," the statement added.

If it is then believed to be a hamstring problem, Darren will need rehabilitation and strengthening and a long period of rest that will put him out of cricket for at least four weeks.

"We are awaiting the results of the scan tomorrow before we can make further plans."

Gough was unfit for England's first Test of the current four-match series against New Zealand and was then left out of the squad for the Lord's Test before his leg injury returned.

He now looks sure to miss both the third Test starting on August 5 and the fourth Test two weeks later.

## Luizinho joins Gamba Osaka

OSAKA, Japan, July 22: Brazilian midfielder Luizinho has signed a six-month contract to play for J-League club Gamba Osaka, a club official said Thursday, reports AFP.

England opener Alec Stewart playing on the on-side during his half-century against New Zealand in the second Test at Lord's yesterday.

## 2 Ghanaians for Abahani

Two Ghanaians players arrived yesterday to play in the on-going Premier Division football league for Abahani.

They are William Opuju and Charles Ghansia. Opuju is a striker while Ghansia is a stopper.

Both players played for the Mine Stars First Division Football Club.

Earlier, Abahani recruited another foreigner Sabir Pasa of India.

## England 183 for nine

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#### Sports Reporter

England were 183 for nine in their first innings when bad light stopped play after tea in the second Test at Lord's yesterday.

"I know within myself that the time has come to leave international cricket," Reiffel said.

"But then I slept on it overnight and woke up and thought 'don't be stupid - do it because that's what I felt was right.'

The Victorian medium pace bowler walked into the office of Australian Cricket Board (ACB) chief executive Mal Speed on Tuesday and said he would retire from international cricket immediately.

The couple of days since ... has definitely reaffirmed my belief that it is the right time,"

England were 80 for two at lunch.

When Stewart was on 31 he reached 6,000 runs to become the 28th batsman to achieve the feat and also ninth in the all-time list of leading English scorers.

Stewart playing in his 89th Test was under immense pressure after successive failures in the first Test at Edgbaston.

When the players came off the pitch Hussain was batting on 59.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the second Test between England and New Zealand at Lord's on Thursday.

#### ENGLAND:

First innings

M Butcher c Parore b Cairns 8

A Stewart c Fleming b Nash 50

N Hussain not out 35

G Thorpe c Astle b Cairns 7

M Ramprakash lbw b Nash 4

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