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- 3 Who won the Confederations' Cup title?  
Brazil | Mexico | USA
- 4 Who is the Bangladesh cricket captain?  
Minhazul | Akram | Aminul
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Yokohama | Suzuki | Nagoya

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**Carlos Roa**

(Ex Argentine national  
goalie)  
"Money is not everything, I  
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ball again."

### Khalifman closer to crown

LAS VEGAS, Aug. 28: Alexander Khalifman coolly defended an inferior position to emerge with a draw in the fifth game of his match with Vladimir Akopian for the World Chess Championship at Caesar's Palace, reports AP.

Leading by a full point after Friday night's game, Khalifman stands just a half a point away from becoming chess' 14th world champion and collecting \$600,000 dollars. The loser will receive \$360,000.

Akopian must win the sixth game Saturday, when he plays black, to force tie-break matches Sunday. Since white always moves first, playing that colour is a significant advantage at this level.

Grand Master Amador Rodriguez of Spain equates Akopian's situation as similar to a baseball team being forced to spot its opponent three or four runs.

Both players say they are tired after a full month of competition. They each defeated six opponents to reach the finals.

The knockout-style event, organized by the Federation Internationale des Echecs, began with 100 players. The prize fund is \$3 million dollars.

Friday's game began with a well-known series of moves. There was little chance that either Grand Master would ruin into a surprise move early in the game, as happened the last time Akopian played white.

As expected after the opening moves, Khalifman, 33, from St Petersburg, Russia, was forced onto the defensive. His Armenian opponent pressed hard but was unable to significantly increase his advantage.

When almost all the pieces were traded off, Akopian, 27, emerged with an extra pawn. Khalifman, however, had thoroughly analyzed the possibilities and knew he could force the draw that he wanted.

This is the first time in the tournament the Armenian has been faced with elimination. He was undefeated going into this final match. He defeated top players such as Michael Adams of England, Evgeny Bareev of Russia, and the up-and-coming 20-year-old Czech, Sergey Movsesian.



Action from yesterday's Bangabandhu Cup match between Ghana and Nepal.—Star photo

Cup may have to be shifted to Mirpur

## Ghana scrape thru' in the mud, Korea-Thai match postponed

Sports Reporter

After an inspiring start the Bangabandhu Cup International Football Tournament hit a low on the second day yesterday when the Olympic team of Ghana survived a Nepalese second-half rally to squeeze past by the odd goal in three.

The day turned out to be sheer disappointment for the sparse crowd at the Bangabandhu National Stadium where the Ghanaian team miserably failed to live up to their lofty tag.

Dubbed one of the favourites to win the title, the African side, who on their arrival in the city promised to display the beautiful game, did hardly anything to enthrall the Dhaka crowd apart from the two first goals.

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