

Nat'l youth hockey Dhaka, Dinajpur in semis

Dhaka moved into the group final of the Acme 19th national youth hockey championship as they crushed Rangpur 8-0 at the Moulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Wins for Young Cricketers, Boys

Sports Reporter Young Cricketers and Bangladesh Boys won their respective matches in the 19th Damal Smriti cricket tournament at different city venues yesterday.

BRIEF SCORES

Young Cricketers vs Kalindi KC (Venue: Dhamondi Cricket Stadium) Young Cricketers: 249 for 7 in 50 overs (Adil 61, Moniruzzaman 55, Arman 62 not out; Chanchal 2/39) Kalindi KC: 91 all out in 32.5 overs (Mintu: 14; Shahidul 3/18, Ripon 2/16, Hielal 2/22) Result: Young Cricketers won by 158 runs.

At the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium, Young Cricketers recorded a massive 158-run victory over Kalindi Krira Chakra. Batting first after winning the toss, Young Cricketers piled up a huge 249 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs with the help of three enterprising half-centuries from their top order batsman.

Army Europa Cup b'ball champs

Bangladesh Army clinched the title of the Europa Cup 22nd national basketball championship beating Bangladesh Navy 73-66 in the final at the Dhamondi basketball gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

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Through captains' eyes

PERTH, Nov 29: Skipper Steve Waugh hailed Sunday Australia's 3-0 clean sweep over Pakistan as a great achievement and said the team would try hard to keep it up in the upcoming series against India, reports AP.



STEVE WAUGH

Waugh handed out an innings and 20-run defeat to Australia were home for tea on the third day when swing bowler Damien Fleming had Shoab Akhtar caught by first slip Shane Warne.

It's a bit like the World Cup. You set your standards really high. You don't want to fall below that level again. It is something we'll have to keep up now.

Australia have been notorious for losing the last tests in series already won. "The dead rubber syndrome is gone," said Waugh.

Waugh recalled the first day of the series in Brisbane as the major turning point for his team.

"I look back to the day one of the series when we were 3-265 and we could have easily dropped our heads and the Test could have gone their way," Waugh said.

was great Test match batting. It has come of age. The win in Hobart has lifted us to another level. We believe we can win any top Test match even if we're down.



WASIM AKRAM

"We've got an elected board now and hope we as players can concentrate on playing our cricket," Akram said.

Akram said Pakistan were beaten by a better organised side and his team had depended heavily on the bowling of Akhtar who struggled and took just 4-5-6 in three Tests.

SA win series Cape Town, Nov 29 (Internet report): South Africa 'A' wrapped up the three-match limited overs series against Sri Lanka 'A' at Newlands on Sunday.

South Africa's largest Afrikaans-language newspaper, Beeld, led with the bad news for England that all-rounder Jacques Kallis would almost certainly be able to bowl in the second Test in Port Elizabeth starting on December 9.

Business Day, South Africa's leading financial newspaper, had the headline: "England lose badly and the problem is it is going to get worse."

Durban's Natal Mercury, quoting South African skipper Hansie Cronje, carried the warning: "Not bad, we can do better, promises Cronje."

Queensland coast

BRISBANE, Nov 29: India started their Australian tour badly when they were beaten by wickets by state side Queensland in their four-day match at the Gabba ground today.

Queensland needed just 81 runs to seal victory when their second innings started on the final day. The state side wasted little effort in reaching 82-0 to complete the win.

Captain Stuart Law led the way with 60 not out and Jimmy Maher was unbeaten on 20 after Queensland on Sunday sent India crashing for 204 in their second innings.

The tourists scored 277 in their opening innings. Queensland replied with 401.

Queensland also beat Pakistan inside four days earlier this month. The win over India appeared a formality after the tourists lost seven wickets for 37 runs in the second innings on Sunday.

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Premiership

Leeds go top of the table

LONDON, Nov 29: A spectacular injury time winner from Michael Bridges sent Leeds United's young side to the top of the English Premier League on Sunday after a 1-0 home defeat of Southampton, reports Reuters.

Bridges struck a fierce right-foot shot from the edge for the penalty area to put Leeds two points ahead of champions Manchester United on 35 points from 16 games.

United, the European Cup winners, are not playing a premier league match this weekend because they face Brazil's Palmeiras for the World Cup title on Tuesday in Tokyo.

Southampton had seen defender Patrick Collette sent off in the 88th minute and Leeds made their one-man advantage pay seconds later with Bridges' 10th goal of the season.

Southampton manager Dave Jones launched a fierce attack on referee Rob Harris after the game.

"I wouldn't warrant him to go and referee a Sunday league game," he said. "The assessor sits up there and if he can give him anything but minus 10 then there is something wrong with the game... All three officials did not do their job."

"It's hard enough competing against Leeds without competing against the three officials. And that's what my lads had to do today."

Harris has been involved in controversy already this season. Last month Liverpool's Steve Staunton was able to escape punishment after Harris admitted he had made a mistake in sending him off in a premier league class against Aston Villa.

Leeds struggled to dominate the game and were lucky to take the three points after heavy Southampton pressure in the first half saw Jonathan Woodgate clear a shot off the line.

But serious championship contenders have to pick up points when they are playing below par and David O'Leary's young team proved they have that ability.

"They could have got a draw, thought they were going to get a draw but we kept going to the very end and we scored a goal," O'Leary said. "Man United do that many times. The great Liverpool did that many times."

Arsenal had to come from behind to make sure of third place against Derby thanks to two goals from Frenchman Thierry Henry. The London club are three points behind Leeds.

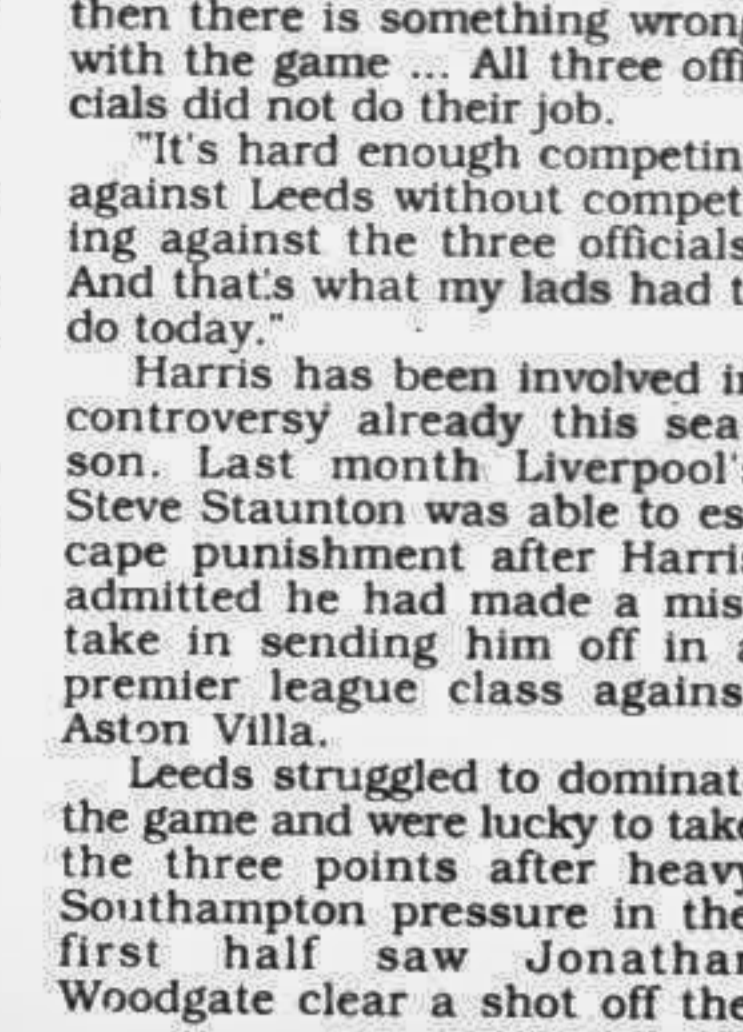
French international Henry twice got on the end of intelligent passes from Dutch midfielder Marc Overmars to score in the 11th and 50th minutes after Derby had gone ahead in the second minute after a low strike from striker Dean Strickland.

Promoted Sunderland, who beat struggling Watford 3-2 on Saturday, stood fourth one point behind Arsenal on 31 points.

In Sunday's other matches Newcastle United earned three important points in a 2-1 home defeat of Tottenham Hotspur which allowed Newcastle to pull four points clear of the bottom four sides.

Georgian forward Temuri Ketsbaia gave Newcastle the lead in the fifth minute when he scrambled the ball home.

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Mauled by media

LONDON, Nov 29: England's cricketers, skittled to an innings defeat in the first Test against South Africa on Sunday, faced another barrage from Monday's newspapers, reports Reuters.

The Sun gave the beleaguered team "51 days to save England from total humiliation," but warned that "the potential for pain and suffering before then (the end of the fifth Test) is virtually limitless."

England suffered defeat by an innings and 21 runs early on the fourth day of the first Test on Sunday.

Hussain, England's fourth captain in seven years, said: "It's character-building and we must learn from it... I'd be very disappointed if (the team) let their heads drop after three days like this. I certainly won't 'I'll make sure they remain positive and upbeat'."

Hussain pointed out that the performance of paeaman Darren Gough, who took five wickets during the South African innings, and debutant Michael Vaughan, who scored 33 in the first innings, were all promising signs.

"We didn't collapse down the order as much as we have done in the past," Hussain said, "and a spirit within the side is still very good."

England got down to some of that hard work straight after the conclusion of the Test, with a net session. Their next game is on Wednesday against a Gauteng XI in Lenasia.

The next couple of weeks will be a mixture of hard work and relaxation. We will need to identify certain areas when our heads are clear tomorrow morning," Hussain added.

"We need to look at areas like concentrating on seeing off (Allan) Donald and (Shaun) Pollock early on and tightening up in the field."

But the Daily Mirror called the defeat "totally characterless," saying: "England's record speaks for itself: They are the worst team in the world, according to cricket bible Wisden. And this was England's 22nd defeat in 48 overseas Test over 10 years."

Many papers echoed skipper Hussain's complaints about the head groundsman admitted was too damp when play began on Thursday, England lost the toss and were immediately in trouble.

"It was interesting cricket, the ball going over the keeper's head and then along the ground and shooting sideways... It is for other people on committees to say whether the pitch was suitable for Test cricket," Hussain said.

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Cape Town, Nov 29 (Internet report): South Africa 'A' wrapped up the three-match limited overs series against Sri Lanka 'A' at Newlands on Sunday.

Spearheaded by Neil McKenzie (79 not out) and skipper Dale Benkenstein (61 not out), South Africa recorded a decisive eight-wicket victory with 32 deliveries to spare.

McKenzie, named man-of-the-match, and his skipper took the bowling apart as they hit 141 from the same number of balls for the undefeated third wicket.

McKenzie posted his 79 from 94 balls, including two fours and three sixes, while Benkenstein needed just 73 balls for his 61, which included only one four. He scored the majority of his runs with brisk running between the wickets.

Credit for the victory must also go to openers Mark Bruyns (63 from 74 balls, including seven fours) and Ashwell Prince (19) who posted a platform of 71 runs in 13.5 overs for the first wicket.

With a target of 236 for victory after Sri Lanka hit 235/6 in their allotted 50 overs, the opening stand set up the momentum for the victory.

Pete's perfect riposte HANOVER, Nov 29 (AP): Pete Sampras has no argument with Andre Agassi being No 1 in the world. Sampras just likes beating him.

In a season curtailed by back problems, Sampras had abandoned any hopes of extending his record six-year run of finishing the season as No 1.

But he is healthy again, as Agassi found out to his detriment Sunday, when Sampras won 6-1, 7-5, 6-4 to capture the ATP Tour World Championship, the season-ending tournament that features the top eight players in the world.

"The ranking isn't quite as significant. It's nice, but beating Andre, who's had a phenomenal year, is what I am most pleased about," Sampras said.

"After the US Open, I kind of accepted the fact that I wasn't going to be No 1. I've done it longer than anyone," said Sampras, who had to miss the US Open.

Agassi, enjoying the best year of his career, won the French Open and the US Open and lost the Wimbledon final to Sampras. He will finish the year as No 1 for the first time.

Serie A

ROME, Nov 29: Lazio and Juventus drew 0-0 at the Olympic Stadium on Sunday to leave three teams level on points at the top of the Italian first division — and AS Roma ahead on goal difference, reports Reuters.

AS Roma won 2-0 at Udinese courtesy of a double strike in the second half from Marco Delvecchio.

Lazio ended their match with 10 men after striker Simone Inzaghi was sent off in the 86th minute shortly after coming on as a substitute, and they slip to second while 1998 champions Juventus are third.

All three teams have 22 points from 11 matches. Lazio's clash with Juventus in Rome was an evenly balanced contest that never quite lived up to its promise.

Chilean Marcelo Salas squandered the home side's best chance of the match when he fired a low shot at Juve goalkeeper Michelangelo Rampulla in the 16th minute after a fine through ball from Juan Veron.

Juve's best opportunity fell to midfielder Gianluca Zambrotta soon after the interval but he fired a harmless shot across goal to the dismay of teammate Filippo Inzaghi, lurking on the edge of the six-metre box.

Inzaghi's younger brother Simone was dismissed, apparently for dissent, after what appeared to be a harmless clash with Ciro Ferrara.

The draw suited Fabio Capello's Roma, who earlier recorded their first win in Udine for seven years. With playmaker Francesco Totti far from his best, the visitors only created three chances in 90 minutes.

Delvecchio missed the first in the 44th minute, shooting straight at Luigi Turci with only the keeper to beat, but made no mistake with the other two.

In the 73rd, defender Andrea Sottili fatally lost control of Vincent Candela's corner in his own six-metre box and Delvecchio pounced for the opener.

Fourteen minutes later, a long Aldair ball set Delvecchio off on a 30-metre run which finished with a low shot into the far corner.

"There are key moments in a match and you have to be ready to take them," Capello said, "but let's not talk about the championship. It's a long road yet."

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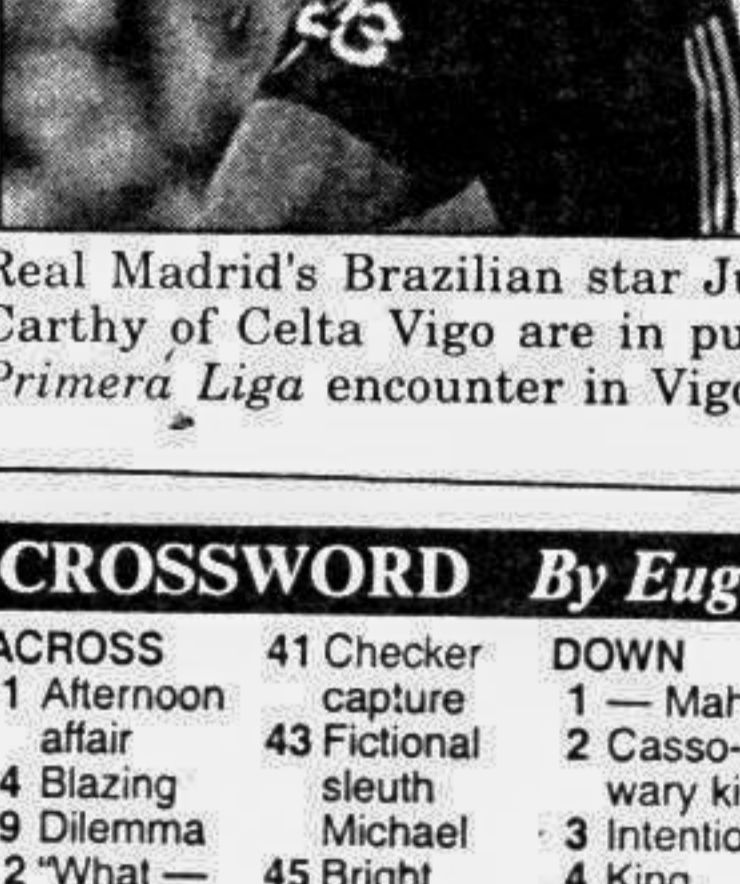
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Result: Chittagong won the match by two wickets. Man-of-the-match: Minhazul Abedin.

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