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Competition-131

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shortly afterwards

1 Who is the number one women tennis player at the moment?
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2 Who won the European Champions' League?
M United | Real Madrid | Lazio

3 Who won the UEFA Cup?
Valencia | Galatasaray | Fiorentina

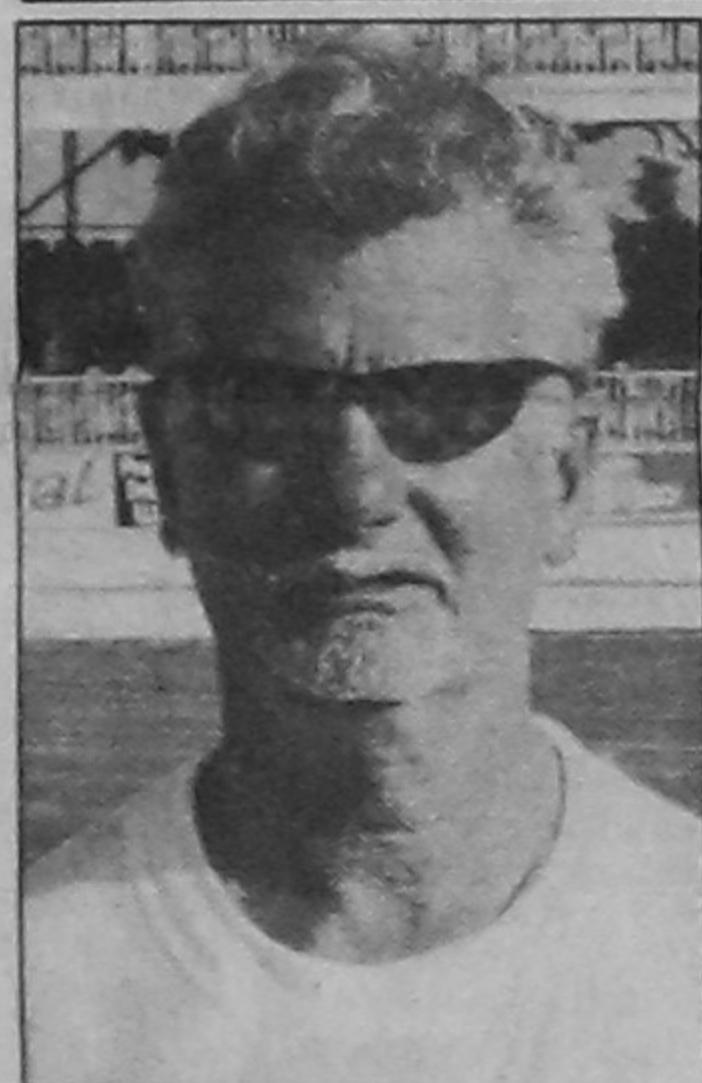
4 Who lifted national schools cricket title?
S Joseph | M Singh Zila | Cig Kastagir

5 Who is the coach of Bangladesh football team?
Harrison | Van Gaal | Shakir

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POWERED WITH
EN-VITS
ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

SPORTS TALK



Dan Kiesel

(Pakistan cricket team doctor)

In order to be durable one has to be talented and also motivated. And may be the motivation can come from watching Wasim Akram in action. Even when there are days when he is under tremendous pressure, on or off the pitch, he will perform. The reason being because he is motivated and extremely talented and there is a lot of expectation whenever Wasim comes on.

Sylhet cricket

SYLHET, June 7: Srirampur Cricket Eleven defeated Anura Nuton Hillalpur by 30 runs while Tikkorbari Cricket Eleven beat Sylhet Fighter Cricket Eleven by one run in the Mustafa Alimma Gold Cup jumbo cricket tournament held at the MC Academy Ground, Golapganj, Sylhet today, says a press release.



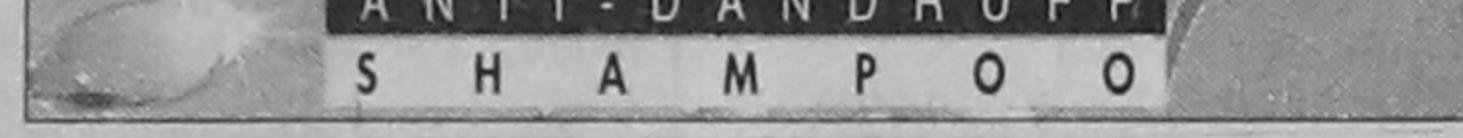
Saeed Anwar playing a paddle-sweep yesterday.

—Star photo by Amran Hossain

Waqar part of SL tour party

Moin intends to win

Hasan Masood



About the present squad, the Pakistan skipper termed his



MOIN KHAN

unit as the best after the 1992 World Cup winning squad led by legendary Imran Khan.

"A team is rated after how it finishes in a season. I think, after we lost to Sri Lanka at home, we did pretty well in Sharjah and West Indies. And if we can win here and in Sri Lanka, then we will be rated as good team," Moin said.

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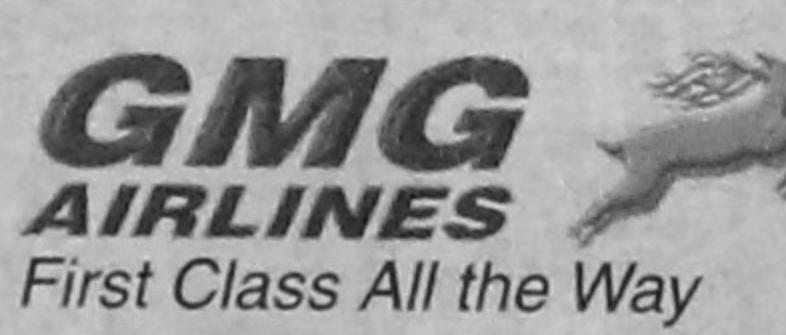
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Bangladesh Cricket Team

We
wish you
success!



PAKISTAN-SRILANKA SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Pepsi Asia Cup final between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

PAKISTAN

	R	B	4s	6s
Anwar c Muralitharan b Jayasuriya	82	115	6	1
Nazir c & b Zoya	3	12	-	-
Afridi c Arnold b Zoya	22	27	2	-
Youhana c & b Chandana	25	54	-	-
Inzamam not out	72	66	5	1
Moin not out	56	31	3	4
Extras: (b-3, lb-7, w-2, nb-5)				17
Total: (For 4 wkt in 50 overs)				277
Fall of wickets: 1/17; 2/56; 3/124; 4/173				

Did not bat: Abdur Razzaq, Wasim Akram, Mohammad Akram, Arshad Khan and Azhar Mahmood.

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Vaas	8	0	52	0
Zoya	8	1	44	2
Weeraratne	6	0	23	0
Muralitharan	10	0	42	0
Chandana	10	0	43	1
Jayasuriya	8	0	63	1

SRI LANKA

	R	B	4s	6s
Jayasuriya c & b M Akram	22	25	3	-
Kaluwitharana run out	0	0	-	-
A de Silva c Youhana b Arshad	20	43	-	-
Arnold c Afridi b Arshad	41	44	4	2
Jayawardene run out (Afridi)	0	1	-	-
Cliandana b Wasim	24	16	2	1
Zoya not out	6	4	1	-
Muralitharan c sub (S Malik) b Razzaq	0	2	-	-
Extras: (lb-8, w-5, nb-2)	15			
Total: (For 9 wkt in 45.2 overs)	238			

Did not bat: Kaushalya Weeraratne.

Fall of wickets: 1/6, 2/21, 3/46, 4/117, 5/196, 6/202, 7/220, 8/237, 9/238

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Wasim Akram	8	0	38	2
Mohammad Akram	8	0	50	2
Abdur Razzaq	7.2	0	40	1
Azhar Mahmood	10	0	40	0
Arshad Khan	10	0	42	2
Shahid Afridi	2	0	20	0

Result: Pakistan won the final by 39 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Moin Khan (Pakistan).
Man-of-the-series: Younus Youhana (Pakistan).

Inzamamul Haq sweeping during his majestic 72 yesterday.

—Star photo

Sher-e-Bangla Cup

Bhola beat Jessore

Bhola made a good start in the 21 Sher-e-Bangla Cup National Football Championship beating Jessore by a solitary goal at the Shaheed Bhulal Stadium, Noakhali yesterday, reports UNB.

Shohag scored the match-winner in the very third minute.

Earlier in the day's first match, Narasingdi shared points with Pabna in a 4-4 draw at the same venue. The match was locked in 1-1 goal during the first half.

Shoab, Bashir, Bulbul and Sudan scored one each for Narasingdi while Rabi struck twice. Taju and Altaf netted the remaining goals for Pabna.

Bangladesh Army will play Rajshahi at 2 pm while Khulna will encounter hosts Noakhali at 4 pm today.

Side strain sidelines Shoib

NOTTINGHAM, England, June 7: Leading Pakistani pace bowler Shoib Akhtar was on Wednesday forced to delay his debut for English county side Nottingham after falling a fitness test, reports AFP.

Akhtar, who will be 25 next Tuesday, has earned the sobriquet of the "Rawalpindi Express" as he is reputed to be the fastest bowler in the world, was named in the squad of 13 for Wednesday's County Championship match with Worcestershire.

But a side strain, which ruled him out of last week's match against Warwickshire, has once again kept him out of the starting line-up.

Akhtar admitted recently that he almost gave up the sport when he was temporarily suspended after the legality of his bowling action was questioned during the 1999 tour of Australia.

However, he was initially reinstated for the triangular one-day series with Australia and India and then totally cleared by an ICC enquiry in February this year.

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Singles from the Stadium

Hasan Masood



Fans gave ticket touts a taste of their own medicine yesterday.

The touts had anticipated a field day after seeing a record crowd assembling for the final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. But their attempts to sell tickets at a higher price received a cold response from the fans who were prepared to play a waiting game.

Finally the 'poor' touts gave in after finding very few prospective buyers. The dealers began to sell the tickets at half of the original price and fans got their tickets according to their will.

TREVOR UNDER SCRUTINY

The appalling fielding of the Sri Lankan team in the Asia Cup has raised a big question mark on the credibility of their fielding coach Trevor Chappell who has been with the team over a year.

Sri Lanka dropped seven catches during the Pakistan innings yesterday which can easily be described as their worst fielding display so far.

Although Trevor, the youngest of the Chappell brothers, spent more than an hour practising fielding with his team before the final, everything went in vain when the match started as they dropped catches one after another.

This is the worst fielding by the Sri Lankan team I have ever seen," said a senior journalist.

The Lankan board should seek an explanation from Trevor," he said.

SHAMEFUL CROWD BEHAVIOUR

The Bangabandhu National Stadium became mini-Pakistan yesterday. It seemed as if everyone present was supporting the Pakistanis.

For some reason, the crowd cheered every Pakistani run while there was a complete hush even when the Lankans were hitting boundaries.

They ran two rounds with Miandad keeping the same pace with the youngster.

They were jogging with young fast bowler Sabir.

The little Sri Lankan keeper played in the late eighties for PWD and Brothers Union.

Although Kaluwitharana has made a lot of friends in Bangladesh during his stint as a club cricketer in Dhaka.

The world's best cricketer has been busy meeting some of his old acquaintances at the Bangabandhu National Stadium before the match and taking snaps with them.

DAV TALES

Dav Whatmore had a little batting practice at the Bangabandhu National Stadium nets yesterday before the final.

The portly-built Sri Lankan coach was almost looking like former Australian opener David Boon from the gallery and seeing that one crazy fan shouted at him, "Here comes Boonie."

It could not be confirmed whether Whatmore heard that or not but obviously he was not in a good mood after Sri Lanka dropped seven catches in the final.

When the team was taking dinner in the break, the balding Sri Lankan coach was sitting outside the dressing room alone and furiously puffing away.

Tennis ball does the trick

Al-Amin



He is not reckoned to be a bowler in the world cricket's fast lane. He is not as colourful as his Rawalpindi-mate Shoib Akhtar. But Mohammad Akram, undoubtedly, belongs to the exclusive club of genuine fast bowlers.

The lanky right-arm pacer did not get enough exposure at the highest level of the game. Made his debut in 1995-96 season, he managed to play only eight Test matches and 25 one-day internationals. His record could have been more impressive had he represented any team other than Pakistan, where quality fast bowlers are amazingly plentiful.