

## Column One

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1	Which country will host 2006 football World Cup?	South Africa	England	Germany
2	When did Germany host its last World Cup?	1968	1974	1978
3	Who led the German bid for 2006 World Cup?	Beckbauer	Matthaeus	Muller
4	Where did the voting for 2006 World Cup take place?	Italy	Belgium	Switzerland
5	Who conducted the voting?	UEFA	FIFA	AFC

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## SPORTS TALK



**PT Usha**  
(Indian sprint queen)  
"It is a painful decision but a well thought out one. Two decades is a long time as I go, I have a bag of mixed emotions, some great moments and some bitter experiences."  
After announcing her retirement.

## AB Bank TT

**Sports Reporter**  
Holders Biman recorded their fifth win in the AB Bank Premier Division table tennis league with straight sets (3-0) win over Inter Sports at the NSC wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Biman's Mahbub won the first match against Mona 21-12, 21-16 while Mustafa won the second match against Monir 21-11, 21-14, 21-11. Former national champion Nasimul Hasan Kochi then made it 3-0, defeating Bipu 21-12, 21-13.

With yesterday's win, Biman are now jointly sharing the top spot along with Armanitola Jubo Sangha, who also recorded an identical margin victory against Wari Club.

Armanitola's Hamlet won the first match 21-15, 21-21, 21-14 against Pappu, Manash beat Adison 18-21, 21-14, 21-17 while Goutami won the last match 21-18, 21-16 against Rubel.

In the day's First Division match, Brothers Union Club outplayed Armanitola Juniors 3-0.

Today's matches  
Inter Sports v Armanitola JS  
Wari Club v Engineers Club.

## Mustafa stays at the top

**Sports Reporter**  
Golam Mustafa Bhuiyan of Bangladesh continued his impressive run in the Telegraph School Chess Championship in Calcutta when he beat Deep Sen in the seventh round on Wednesday.



Sonali Bank custodian Kamrul thwarts an Abahani attack during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

## Sonali hold Abahani

**Sports Reporter**  
A late second half goal by Hasan helped Sonali Bank come from behind to hold title contenders Abahani Krira Chakra in the Green Delta Premier Division hockey league at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Abahani broke the deadlock 46 minutes into the second half when forward Glasuddin Rubel found the net with a reverse hit following a goalmouth scramble. But eleven minutes later the bankers, spearheaded by their Pakistani pair Atiqur Rahman and Zahid Afzal, levelled the margin.

Atiq initiated the move bursting through the centre before passing to Zahid, who in turn provided the ball to unguarded Hasan. Having gone past Abahani custodian Bappy, he tapped in the ball into the empty net.

## MPs to know about it first

**Taxmen working on locker findings**

**NEW DELHI, July 27 (AFP):** Indian revenue detectives on Thursday said the results of their nationwide raids against cricketers, bookies and officials of the game would soon be unveiled in the federal parliament.

## No action over Warne incident

**LONDON, July 27 (Internet report):** English cricket county Hampshire will take no action over a bar incident involving Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne.

Warne's Hampshire teammates became involved in a scuffle with a fan when they were drinking in the Lord's Tavern beside the famous cricket ground of the same name in London on Tuesday night.



SHANE WARNE

## BFF, please explain

**Sports Reporter**  
Neither the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) nor the fans knew about the result of the lone warm-up match of the national team against English First Division Huddersfield Town, scheduled to be held at Birmingham late Wednesday night.

The Bangladesh team, now on their maiden tour outside Asia, were completely cut off from Dhaka as there was no communication made to the BFF office till filing of this report last night.

## NSC's belated wisdom

**Sports Reporter**  
Wisdom finally dawned on the National Sports Council (NSC) when the apex body of local sports ordered the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to stop holding Pioneer Division Football League matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader, who is also the chairman of the NSC, took the initiative following widespread criticism in different national dailies including the Daily Star.

## Dhaka to stage U-17 Asia Cup next year

**Sports Reporter**  
The second edition of the ICC Under-17 Asia Cup will be held in Bangladesh next year. This was disclosed by the joint-secretary of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Mahmud Ul Haq, who returned home with the team from Pakistan yesterday.

## More Pakistanis for Green Delta hockey

**Sports Reporter**  
Six Pakistani hockey players arrived in the capital yesterday to play the Green Delta Premier Division league.

## BDR wrestling

Dhaka Sector emerged champions in the Bangladesh Rifles inter-sector wrestling competition bagging three gold and four silver medals, reports UNB.

## India go the hosts way

**Soya Handball semifinals tomorrow**  
**Sports Reporter**

Chinese Taipei became the first round campaign with full six points. But the day's excitement was provided by the clash between two old rivals -- Japan and China. They fought neck and neck throughout the proceedings and went on to share honours after finishing at 19-19 in their last Group B clash. Both teams have however earlier confirmed their berths from their group.

China led the first half of the group championship decider 10-9. But Japan staged a dramatic comeback after the lemon break, scoring ten goals against China's nine to become the Group B champions on superior goal aggregate.

The match came to a halt at the leg of second half when an error on the electronic scoreboard was corrected. Sino players and officials rushed to protest the amendment and some of them broke into tears when the scoreboard, then read-



Ota Tomoko of Japan going to score against China during their Soya America 6th Asian Women Juniors Handball Championship engagement at the Shaheed Suhrawardi National Indoor Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

## Flintoff flays Surrey

**LONDON, July 27:** India Test batsman Saurav Ganguly was forced to play second fiddle to Andrew Flintoff as the pair compiled a match-winning stand of 190 in Lancashire's NatWest Trophy quarterfinal against Surrey here at The Oval on Wednesday, reports AFP.

Flintoff was unbeaten on 135 off 110 balls including 19 fours and four sixes. Chasing 211 to win Lancashire recovered from the setback of one for nought after setting England opener Michael Atherton have his off-stump knocked back for a third ball duck by a fine delivery from fast bowler Alex Tudor.

Flintoff, aged 22, who has been omitted from England's Test squad against the West Indies in part because his injured back prevents him from bowling and amid accusations that he is overweight, was in majestic form making a century off 88 balls including 14 fours and three sixes.

He brought up his 50 with a huge straight six off medium-pace Jason Ratcliffe. Flintoff survived an lbw shout from leg-spinner Ian Salisbury on 67 and on 68 he

was dropped by Alistair Brown off the same bowler, an extremely fast chance. Amidst such blazing hitting there was no need for any heroics from Ganguly. He produced the occasional class stroke letting Adam Holloake for four to

## Marshall brings 'em together

**LONDON, July 27 (Internet report):** Test stars past and present have gathered in London today for a special match to honour former West Indies and Hampshire fast bowler Malcolm Marshall, who died of cancer last year.

A Malcolm Marshall XI captained by Sir Vivian Richards contained some of West Indian cricket's biggest names from the past three decades, including Brian Lara, Joel Garner, Michael Holding, Gordon Greenidge and Courtney Walsh.

They were playing a Professional Cricketers' Association Bunbury XI which featured the likes of former England skipper Graham Gooch, Mike Gatting and Alec Stewart as well as current internationals Graeme Hick and Andrew Flintoff.

Also taking part with 40 cricketing greats involved to varying degrees, were Australian internationals such as Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath, Pakistan star Wasim



MALCOLM MARSHALL

Austin (left) Alec Stewart was opening the batting for Surrey and found Ganguly's gentle medium-pace very much to his liking.

The hero of England's successful NatWest Trophy triangular series victory struck five fours in Ganguly's opening spell including a couple of superb cover-drives.

Stewart was equally severe on left-arm spinner Keedy lofting him for a straight six over the Pavilion rope.

However, once he had chopped on to his stumps against Keedy for 49 off 71 balls, the rest of the top-order succumbed to spin, only fellow England international Graham Thorpe (55) making a significant score.

Leg-spinner Schofield, who is one of England's centrally contracted players but not selected for the third Test against West Indies next week, was Lancashire's most successful bowler with four for 41 off his 10 overs.

In the day's other quarterfinal at Bristol, Gloucestershire beat Northamptonshire by 62 runs after a an innings of 110 from Ian Hogg, aided by 51 from Kim Barnett, set up an imminent

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