

Police to name names

NEW DELHI, Sept 8: An Indian federal probe into match-fixing and corruption in cricket is likely to point fingers at several national and overseas cricketers later this month, official sources said here Friday, reports AFP.

The probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in addition to the bombshell corruption charges levelled April by the Delhi Police against disgraced South African captain Hansie Cronje and three of his teammates.

The CBI will submit an interim report on its probe, which is also likely to list corruption charges against two English and three Pakistani cricketers, a highly-placed source from the federal agency said.

The report is to be submitted by September end and it will contain an exhaustive picture of corruption in the game, he said without disclosing the names of the players likely to be charged.

A CBI team recently visited Britain in connection with their investigations. "We have also zeroed down on some of our boys as well but since the interim report is under preparation it would be inappropriate to elaborate," the source added.

The comments came a day after CBI detectives summoned national coach Kapil Dev for questioning at its New Delhi headquarters and sent a two-member squad to Bombay for an "informal chat" with star Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar.

Kapil Dev was the 16th Indian cricketer to be quizzed by the CBI since all-rounder Manoj Prabhakar in June accused Kapil of offering him 2.5 million rupees (57,000 dollars) to underperform in a match against Pakistan in 1994.

Ravi Shastri, another Indian player, collaborated Prabhakar's charges against Kapil Dev.

Kapil, who put his job on the line recently by saying Prabhakar's charges against him had blunted his enthusiasm for the game, said he felt relieved following his questioning by the CBI on Thursday.

"I have told them all they wanted to know and I will be able to sleep well tonight," Kapil Dev told reporters.

Akram sees

From page 8 chairman General Tauqir Zia Thursday threw the ball in India's court saying he is prepared to take his team to India if India does not come to Pakistan.

Akram said India's recent refusal to play against Pakistan in Toronto, Canada, was disappointing.

"It was disappointing that India pulled out from a venue where cricket is on the rise," he said.

Akram said India was avoiding Pakistan for fear of defeat.

Their refusal to play leaves us to think that they fear losing to Pakistan."

Usha run

From page 8 former national captain Mamun with four penalty-corner goals. He owed the goals to his BKSP mate and national skipper Khurshid.

While Shuvo always posed a threat to the Farashganj defenders his senior partner Kamal couldn't find the net more than once in the seventh minute.

It was Usha's sixth win in nine matches which raised their tally to 19 points, one less than Abahani from nine games. Mohammedan have maximum points from the same number of outings.

On the other hand, it was Farashganj's fifth loss which kept them glued to their previous collection of 12 points.

**HONOURS EVEN** In the day's first match, First Division sides Sadharan Bima Krira Sangha and Warli Club shared honours with a 1-1 draw.

Rashed Hasan Roni put Bima ahead with a field goal in the 25th minute while Khalid levelled for Warli from a short corner in the 32nd minute.

**TODAY'S MATCHES** Premier League Mariner Youngs v Azad SC (4 pm)

First Division Dhaka Wanderers v Mukta Bishnaga (2.15 pm)

Premiership preview

Time of Shearer's life

LONDON, Sept 8: Life could hardly be sweeter for former England captain Alan Shearer, even though he might be short of a bit of sleep at the moment, reports AFP.

Shearer netted from the penalty spot in his 375th league appearance in the 2-0 triumph at Coventry on Wednesday, scoring his 200th League goal in the process.

four games, but more importantly I'm pleased with the three points and we thoroughly deserved them," said a happy Shearer.

"We are certainly not getting carried away with Newcastle United being top and I've said before that we won't win the Premiership this season. But if we can keep improving as we have done, then who knows where it will get us?"

"There is a marked difference

part and will be a relief to him," said the Newcastle boss.

"It's a milestone. It means a player is averaging 20 goals a season over 10 years at the highest level and remember he has missed two full seasons with his cruetic injury and broken ankle.

"He has got a remarkable record and he has not finished his career yet. He's still only 30."

Newcastle entertain Chelsea at St James's Park on Saturday, looking to take advantage of a side whose defensive frailties have begun to undermine their title challenge.

Gianluca Vialli's side threw away a two-goal lead on Wednesday to end up with just a point in a thrilling 2-2 draw at home to London rivals Arsenal.

It was a case of *deja vu* for Chelsea who were winning 2-0 in the same fixture last season only to end up with nothing when Nwankwo Kanu scored a hat-trick in the last 15 minutes.

And Vialli believes his side need to show a mean streak if they are to put their championship challenge back on track.

"Having quality players they always try to play football and there are pros and cons in that, but sometimes you have to realise you have to be a bit ruthless."

"Sometimes you don't have to care where the ball goes as long as it is going far from your goal. These are all things we know but football is played by human beings and we all make mistakes."

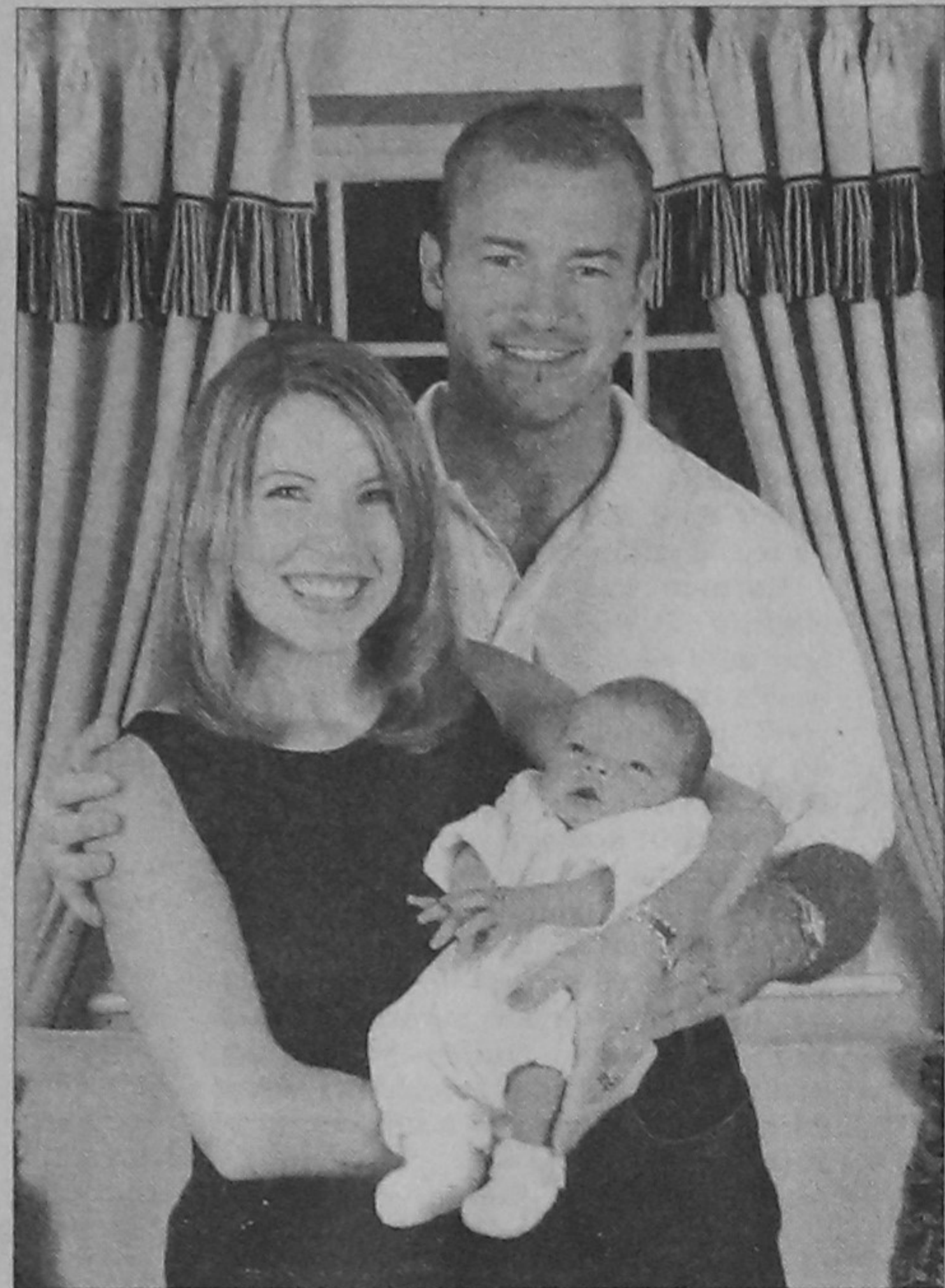
"Perhaps we all remembered what happened last season and that was in the back of our minds but I think tiredness was probably more the reason than a lack of confidence."

"At least this year we got a point because the way things were going we feared the worst. We played some good football and looked very solid for 70 minutes but at the end we got a bit tired and started defending a bit too deep."

He added: "It was too easy for them to go past us at times, we have to make it more difficult. At the moment we are not at our peak physically and against Arsenal you are going to play heavily for that."

**FIXTURES (kick-off 1400GMT unless stated):** Saturday: Bradford v Arsenal, Coventry v Leeds, Ipswich v Aston Villa, Leicester v Southampton, Liverpool v Manchester City, Manchester United v Sunderland, Middlesbrough v Everton, Newcastle v Chelsea

Sunday: Derby v Charlton (1500GMT) Monday: Tottenham v West Ham (1900GMT)



FEELING BLESSED: Newcastle United's former England striker Alan Shearer with his newborn son Will and wife Lainey on September 7.

It rounded off a memorable, if sleepless, few days for Shearer since the birth of his first son, Will, last Friday.

Shearer has excelled at club level this season and his goals have helped fire Newcastle to the top of the English Premiership - albeit after just four games.

His strike at Highfield Road saw the Magpies on the way to their third successive victory and elevated the North East club into pole position.

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SYDNEY SIDELINES

SYDNEY, Sept 8 (AP) - As competition manager for the first Olympic triathlon, David Hansen has a

simple goal: make sure the athletes are not worried about sharks.

To that end, Hansen and other organizers on Friday showed off the electronic safety net that will surround the triathletes when they jump into the harbor at the foot of the city's famed Opera House next week, the first competition of the Sydney Games.

Known as a "shark pod deterrent device," it uses electrical currents that surround accompanying divers to keep sharks away.

"We're not concerned about sharks," Hansen said. "International competitors may have reservations, but we want all athletes going into the competition at the same level, not concerned about sharks."

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Gibbs back in action Oct 1

DURBAN, Sept 8: South Africa's Herschelle Gibbs, banned from international cricket, will return to action when he plays for Western Province in a limited-overs tournament here on October 1, the club said today.

"Herschelle has been training with the squad, he's due to go on our pre-season tour and he will be available for selection for the Durban event," Western Province captain HD Ackerman told Reuters on Friday.

Gibbs was banned from international cricket last month by the United Cricket Board disciplinary committee for his part in the Hansie Cronje match-fixing scandal.

The ban, which runs until December 31, was punishment for having agreed to Cronje's proposal to underperform in a one-day international against India in Nagpur on March 19.

However, the ban does not apply to provincial matches.

The tournament will also feature Northern, Eastern Province and Natal in matches of 25 overs-a-side.

Title within Surrey's grasp

LONDON, Sept 8: Surrey's charge towards a second consecutive County Championship title continued unabated on Thursday as Durham were relegated from Division One, reports AFP.

Ian Ward and Mark Butcher, both on centuries overnight, added another 116 against Durham at The Oval before departing, Ward for 144 and Butcher nine short of his double century.

Surrey declared on 453 for four and leg-spinner Ian Salisbury then took four wickets to leave Durham, already relegated after failing to take enough bowling points, 165 for six and facing a likely follow-on.

Darren Lehmann continued to mine his rich vein of form with a century in only 89 balls for Yorkshire against Kent - a fourth first-class ton of the season for the Championship's top run-scorer.

Anthony McGrath (133) and Michael Vaughan (69) played their part but for a mini-collapse to leave Yorkshire 365 for seven at stumps.

Derbyshire's batsmen made a delicate response to Hampshire's huge first innings at Southampton.

Luke Sutton and Aussie Michael Di Venuto each hit half-centuries as Derbyshire closed the second day at 188 for two on a placid pitch.

Shane Warne (34) and Dimitri Mascarenhas (62) had pushed Hampshire from 368 for four overnight to 522.

In Division Two, former Australian Test batsman Matthew Hayden made a nonsense of speculation over the state of the pitch with a magnificent century to put his Northamptonshire side firmly in charge against Essex.

Hayden's concentration and high-quality footwork earned him 164 off 260 balls, including a six and 17 fours, as Northants closed on 337 for seven, a lead of 104.

Andrew Harris (five for 69) claimed his fourth five-wicket haul of the season as Nottinghamshire ripped through Glamorgan to enforce the follow-on.

The Welshmen tumbled to 187 all out and then lost three quick wickets to end up 22 for three at stumps, still 161 behind.

Australian Ian Harvey claimed Championship-best figures of six for 19 as one-day supremacists Gloucestershire kept their promotion drive alive in the four-day game at Hove.

Sussex were skittled out for 138 but the visitors showed the pitch was not to blame by reaching 74 for two.

Mark Ramprakash (88 no) and Australian Justin Langer smashed Middlesex back into contention against Warwickshire at Lord's.

Langer hit a half-century in just 21 deliveries in his 70, and helped the hosts end their first innings on 350, 66 behind. Poor bowling then handed the initiative back to the visitors, who moved on to 109 for one, a lead of 175.

Martin, Safin meet

NEW YORK, Sept 8: Crowd favourite American Todd Martin reached the semifinals of the 15-million-dollar US Open with a four-set win over Thomas Johansson of Sweden here Thursday, reports AFP.

The 30-year-old 1999 runner-up defeated Johansson 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in two hours and 32 minutes while firing up 18 aces.

Martin will now face sixth-seeded Russian Marat Safin Saturday, who beat fourteenth-seeded Nicolas Pietrangeli of Germany in an earlier match Thursday.

Up two-sets to love, Martin saw Johansson make a final comeback, winning the third set and going up 4-1 in the fourth before the American prevailed.

With the win, the American reached his sixth career Grand Slam tournament semifinal and third here while this was Johansson's first Grand Slam quarter-final since the 1998 US Open.

The 91-ranked Johansson did not play at last year's American hard-court event because of viral pericarditis and myocarditis, a viral infection affecting the lining and muscle of the heart that caused him to be sidelined for the remainder of the year.

The resilient American is known for his epic come-backs here. He rebounded from a two-sets to love deficit and faced a match point in his fourth round match against former world number one Carlos Moya of Spain before rallying to pull out an incredible win in four hours 17 minutes.

The come-back was reminiscent of last year's 1999 fourth round encounter here with Britain's Greg Rusedski. There, Martin also erased a two-set to love deficit and advanced.

But he didn't have to work hard tonight in the beginning, dictating play at will with his usual sound volleying and sharply angled serving. Martin fought off three break points in the fourth game to hold serve, the only break points he faced in the two first sets, then broke in the following game with a clean forehand down the line winner to go up 4-2. He served out the set on a Johansson netted backhand.

The same scenario unfolded in the second set, with Martin earning a break in the fifth game on a forehand passing-shot winner and secured the set five games later on a winning backhand volley.

As the former Australian Open runner-up appeared to be cruising, he began to run out of gas, dropping his serve for the first time in the fourth game. The Swede went up 4-1 and secured the set 6-3 on an ace, his 15th.

Growing in confidence and looking in much better shape physically than Martin, Johansson broke immediately in the fourth to take a 2-love, then 4-1 lead.

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was a good player all along. I just was unable to win some of the larger matches. Then I started coming out on top. That was the main difference. I was just tired of walking into the locker room as the loser," she said.

Lindsay Davenport is confident of her chances against Russian teenager Elena Dementieva after knocking out Serena in straight sets Wednesday night.

That victory turned around a run of five consecutive defeats. Davenport said she and Williams may have formed an alliance to thwart the Williams offensive.

Davenport said she has yet to consider her possibilities against surprise semifinalist Dementieva, but knows what she must do after four straight wins in their series.

Davenport has dropped only one set so far during the fortnight and has spent only five hours and a bit on court.

It's Martina or Venus

NEW YORK, Sept 8 (AFP) - Martina Hingis is ready to dispatch Venus - the one Williams remaining in the 15-million-dollar U.S. Open.

The Swiss top seed has been gunning for a serious revenge win after running up a losing record in their series since winning a semifinal here against the American a year ago.

In the interim, Williams won the Wimbledon title, joining her sister Serena as a Grand Slam champion, and is currently riding a 24-match winning streak with four straight titles.

But Hingis has her own plans when they play a semifinal on Friday. "I feel like I have a pretty good chance. I'm playing well," Hingis said. "Venus has won four tournaments, so maybe she's a little more favoured."

Unlike Williams, the Hingis strength is not her big-hitting, but her big-time thinking and

strategy. And she has her calculating eye on Williams after compiling a 9-6 career record against the 20-year-old.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I ONCE KNEW A MAN WHO LIKED TO RIDE THE MONORAIL. HE HAD A ONE-TRICK MIND.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals C. The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

TV Guide

Saturday 9th September (All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

BTV Morning Prog. 9:00 Opening, Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 9:05 Patriotic Song 9:10 Khela Dhula 9:40 English Debating (2nd & 4th Week) 10:05 Sasho Tatho: Serial: 10:35 Hasi Khushi (Bengal Literature Prog.) 10:50 Movie of The Week: The Invisible Man (David McCallum, Jackie Cooper, Henry Darrow) 12:35 A Programme Outline For 2nd Session B) National Song 12:40 Closing.

Evening Prog. 3:00 Opening, Announcement, Recitation From The Holy Quran And Programme Outline 3:15 Patriotic Song 3:20 Tele Film: Serial: Durer Akash 4:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 4:05 Nabagato 5:25

Kishor Mancho 6:05 Nibedan 6:30 Transmission from Chittagong 7:00 Sambad (Bangla News) 7:05 Geetimalya (Song of Robin-dranath) 7:25 Series: Mowgli (Bangla Dub) 8:00 Bangla News At 8:20 Weekly Drama: Fagun Di (A'zal Hossan, Jyoti Ahasan, Shahrier Nazim Joy, Eshita) 10:00 News At Ten (English) 10:20 Khola Jaanala (Talk Show) 10:50 Mini Series: A Son of Good Earth 11:30 Sambad (Bangla News) 11:35 English News 11:40 A) Programme Outline For Sunday B) National Song 11:45 Closing.

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STAR SPORTS 7:00 PGA Tour Golf Bell Canadian Open Oakville, ON CANADA Day One 8:30 Film World Motorcyle Championship 2000 MotoGP-1st ROUND Highlights 10:00 SBK Superbike Assen, NETHERLANDS Highlights 10:30 World Wrestling Federation Live Wire 11:30 WTA Tour The Pilot Pen New Haven, CT USA Semifinals 2:30 Fivb Beach Volleyball - Australia & Japanese Open Men's &

Hour 10:00 Planet Green 11:00 On The Edge 12:00 Violent Earth 1:00 Wild 2:00 Friday Frontiers 3:00 Wild 4:00 Lost Civilisations of Rio La Venta 5:00 Family Hour 6:00 Planet Green 7:00 On The Edge 8:00 Violent Earth 9:00 Wild World of The East 9:30