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Did U Know?

The martial arts have a long history. "Martial" comes from Mars, the Roman god of war, and the planet Mars received its name because of its red colour, which was thought to resemble the heat and fire of battle.

The martial arts were once used only for self-defence and were not even known in Bangladesh when our grandparents were children. It wasn't until 1964 that judo was accepted as an Olympic sport. Today we know karate, aikido, kung fu, and many others as rigorous sports that demand great skill and many years of training.



Talk Turkey



Almira Skripchenko

(Moldovan chess player)

"From the age of one, I was travelling with my parents, and I was always in chess halls, so I had to be a player. I learnt the moves when I was six, but it was from the age of 10 that I took up chess seriously."



What to Watch

ESPN
Australia vs West Indies
Second final of Carlton series
Live at 9:20 am

Star Sports
New Zealand vs Sri Lanka
Fourth one-day international
5:00 pm (1hr highlights)
Asian Football Show
8:30 pm

Sports Whizz Kid

Competition 144

✓ Tick the Correct Answers
Post to Star Daily Star
Win attractive prizes
Competition closes at 8 pm
Feb 16, 2001 and draw
shortly afterwards

- Who became Green Delta Premier Division cricket league champs? (Chittagong Biman) Khulna
- Who lifted Milo U-13 cricket title? (Rajshahi Padma) Rajshahi Tista Barisal Maroons
- Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy clinched the three-match one-day series. (2-1) (3-0) (2-0)
- Who lifted the Australian open men's title? (Sampers) Agassi Ruffes
- Who lifted the Australian open women's title? (Devenport) Capriati Hingis

Name:
Class: Roll No.:
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Annual sports

The annual sports competition of Saint Gregory's High School will be held at its Laxmibazar premises in the city today. It begins at 9 am.

Shaharul Hossain, the deputy managing director of Water and Power Development Board, will be present during the day-long event as the chief guest.

Zimbabwe tour Primary camp begins today

SPORTS REPORTER

Primary camp for twenty-two cricketers called up for the tour of Zimbabwe in April, will commence at the Bangabandhu National Stadium this morning.

Bangladesh will play two Test matches and a three-match one-day series against Zimbabwe during the month-long tour.

The camp will be held at the stadium under the supervision of national coach Sarwar Imran until February 11.

Later, it may be shifted to Baridhara for a brief period before moving finally to the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Pratishthan (BKSP) in Savar on February 28.

Following are the 22 cricketers: Naimur Rahman, Khaled Masood, Javed Omar, Shahriar Hossain, Mehrez Hossain, Mohammad Ashraf, Habibul Bashar, Al-Shahriar, Aminul Islam, Akram Khan, Enamul Hoque, Hasibul Hossain, Monjurul Islam, Mushfiqur Rahman, Fahim Muntasir, Rajin Saleh Alam, Nasirul Alam, Mohammad Rafique, Sabbir Khan, Ehsanul Haque, Bikash Ranjan Das and Mohammad Sharif.

Green signal for PM Gold Cup

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Having received green signal from the government this week, the organising committee of the proposed Prime Minister Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 2001 sits for the first time on February 14.

When Bangladesh Hockey Federation officials met him on Tuesday, Commerce Minister Abdul Jalil, who is the chairman of a staggering 130-member organising committee for the ten-nation tournament which also includes Pakistan, India and Japan, has already given his government's thumbs-up to put the event in motion.

The second biggest international hockey tournament to be held in Bangladesh after the Asia Cup in 1985 would feature two European teams -- Ireland and Scotland -- and might commence at the Moulana Bhasani Stadium from March 10-20.

Hoshs Bangladesh have been placed in Group B along with India, Japan, Singapore and Scotland. The other group includes Pakistan, Ireland, Chile, Malaysia and Egypt.

"We have already sent the fixture to the International Hockey Federation for approval," said the BHF joint-secretary Zahidur Rahman Pushkin yesterday.

He also revealed that all the ten teams including arch-rivals India and Pakistan have confirmed their participation and are expected to name their squads by February 15.

The Federation held a meeting with the Maatra and Ardent Consortium, a local event management company, yesterday in order to find a suitable sponsor.

The organisers have already prepared a preliminary budget of Taka 1.5 crore to meet costs for the tournament. But if the Federation can avail concessions from airlines (Bangladesh Biman) and hotel (Purbani) the cost would go down automatically, Pushkin assured.

U-17 Asia Cup Pakistan to arrive first

SPORTS REPORTER

Pakistan will be the first team to arrive on February 13 for the GreenPhone Second Under 17 Asia Cup 2001.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will declare the ten-nation tournament open at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on February 15 with Bangladesh taking on Nepal. On the opening day, three other matches will take place at different city venues. Final of the second youth Asia Cup is billed for Feb 24 with a reserve day on 25th.

India, UAE and Singapore will be arriving on February 14, revealed Event Manager Mahmud Ul Haq yesterday.

All the participating teams are however expected to arrive by February 14 as they are scheduled to experience almost non-stop cricket in eight days of the meet, which allows two rest days.

When asked if hartal was called on a match day, Mahmud said that points will be split in that case.

Former Indian captain Ravi Shastri, who has been appointed as Cricket Ambassador for the tournament by the International Cricket Council, is expected to reach the capital on February 14.



Former national pacer Jahangir Talukdar Dulu (C), who joined Brothers Union this year, delivering some wise words to his junior colleagues during a practice session as part of their preparations for the Premier Division Cricket League at Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The League starts February 12.

No way can they be picked

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

Indian cricketers Mohammad Azharuddin and Ajay Jadeja will not be picked for the upcoming home series against Australia even if their appeal to play is upheld by the courts, a cricket official said on Thursday.

Azharuddin and Jadeja, banned from the game after being accused of match-fixing and links with bookmakers, have both urged courts to set aside the verdict of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Jadeja's plea for a temporary suspension of the ban will be heard in the Delhi High Court on Friday.

A similar appeal by Azharuddin will come up before a civil court in the cricketer's home city of Hyderabad next Wednesday.

If the respective courts uphold

the appeals, both Azharuddin and Jadeja will, in theory, be eligible to play against Australia in the three-Test series starting later this month.

But a senior BCCI official, speaking on condition of anonymity, shot down the players' chances of appearing for India in the home series.

"I can say with some certainty that Azharuddin and Jadeja will not play against Australia," the official said.

"Picking national teams is the prerogative of the selectors. None of these players is on their short-list for the series."

Azharuddin, 38, a former Indian captain, is one match away from joining the select 100-Test club. He has also played more one-day internationals (334) than any player in the world.

Jadeja, 30, was one of India's leading limited-overs players till the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) charged him with associating with bookmakers.

Following the CBI report and the BCCI's own internal inquiry, Azharuddin and former Test player Ajay Sharma were banned for life, while Jadeja and Manoj Prabhakar were handed a five-year suspension.

Azharuddin and Jadeja have both gone to court to challenge the decision, and asked for a temporary suspension of the bans till the cases were decided.

Jadeja's lawyer, Vineet Malhotra, said he hoped the courts will reverse the decisions.

"We have said that no opportunity was given to Jadeja to prove

Nat'l Youth Cricket final today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Pratishthan (BKSP) face Chittagong in the 20th National Youth (under-19) Cricket Championship final at the Thakurgaon Stadium this morning.

The country's only sports institute earlier booked its place defeating Jessore by two wickets in the first semifinal on Tuesday. Chittagong eliminated Comilla by 30 runs in the other semifinal on Wednesday.

Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Probhati Sangha recorded a seven wicket victory over Bright Star Club in a Rajshahi Premier Division Cricket League at Rajshahi District Stadium today.

Winning the toss, Probhati invited Bright Star to bat first. Bright Star were all out for 159 in 48 overs.

In reply, Probhati reached the target of 160 runs losing three wickets in 35 overs.



AZHARUDDIN



AJAY JADEJA

Aussies to go for the kill

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Steve Waugh's Australian team have the incentive to crush the West Indies one last time, even apart from achieving a record perfect cricket summer.

However, Brian Lara is determined to put one over the Aussies before ending what could be his last tour down under.

Victory for Australia in the second Carlton tri-series final against the West Indies at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Friday would give them a unique clean sweep of the one-day series to go with the 5-0 whitewash of the Test series against the West Indies -- plus another little bonus.

"No Australian side has ever gone through undefeated for the whole season and I want to go home for two more days before we leave for India so there is plenty of incentive to win tomorrow," Waugh said Thursday.

"And I still think we haven't played our best game of one day cricket for the season so there is at least three reasons why we are going to play well tomorrow."

Australia have dominated the West Indies in their five encounters in the tri-series already, winning Wednesday's first final by 134 runs in Sydney.

The only possible way it seems the Windies could take the series into a third final here on Sunday is if the forecast rain washes out Friday's game.

However star batsman Lara is

desperate to post one more big score before leaving Australia.

The champion left hander was in a determined mood upon arriving here Thursday despite what has been a personally difficult tour.

"The amount of reliance that was placed on myself for the one-dayers and the Test series was something I didn't live up to -- it's something that I relish but I didn't live up to it," Lara admitted.

"Hopefully I can pay back the West Indies the amount of investment they've had."

Lara, 31, hopes he will tour Australia again but is far from certain.

"Four years is a pretty long time so it's hard for me to predict that but I hope it isn't the last time," he said.

The West Indies' batting has been their major problem all season and unless Lara does make a massive score, it is difficult to see the team posting a competitive total.

For Waugh, victory Friday would complete a dream he could not have even contemplated when he made his debut back in 1985 in what was then a struggling Australian side.

"But that's the beauty of sport, you can turn things around and make changes and do something about it when you are not playing well."

TEAMS

AUSTRALIA (from): Steve Waugh (captain), Adam Gilchrist (vice-captain), Mark Waugh, Ricky Ponting, Michael Bevan, Damien

Sirajganj cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, SIRAJGANJ

Kornosuti New Boys Club registered a thrilling one wicket victory over Mulibari Nabojagorani Shanga in the TM Smriti cricket tournament at the Itaji Korop Ali Memorial Degree College playground today.

Winning the toss, Mulibari decided to bat first and collected 84 runs losing all the wickets in 30 overs.

In reply, Kornosuti managed 85 for nine in 25.1 overs.

'Goalball

Sirajganj Ambagan Sporting Club defeated Rahmatganj Young Association 3-1 in the First Division football league at the Shaheed Shamsuddin Stadium today.

Lanka clear further

Cricket

REUTERS, Hamilton

Calculators at the ready, Sri Lanka won the fourth one-day international against New Zealand in a bizarre ending on Thursday as bad light stopped play with the visitors on 155 for five.

The Duckworth-Lewis system was in force and Sri Lanka, originally chasing 183, were declared winners by three runs after passing the required mark in the 31st over at the end of which umpires finally stopped play because of the light.

The Sri Lankans now lead 4-0 in the five-match series.

New Zealand made 182 for nine in their allotted 35 overs after the match started three-and-a-half hours late due to rain, with Stephen Fleming top-scoring with 67.

Once Sri Lanka's innings got past the 25-over mark, the Duckworth-Lewis system of deciding a winner came into play in the event

of bad weather or playing conditions ending the match early.

In the 25th over, Sri Lanka lost two wickets, so captain Sanath Jayasuriya sent 12th man Avisha Gunawardene out to the middle with the Duckworth-Lewis calculations in hand.

Batsmen Dilhara Fernando and Kumar Dharmasena could then track what was required after each over as the gloom descended.

"They knew exactly what they had to do," Jayasuriya said. "Their big job was not to get out because then the calculations change. But it became obvious they wouldn't get to the end of 35 overs because the light was impossible. They couldn't see the ball."

Jayasuriya got agitated as he saw the gloom descend, but the decision to end play in one-day internationals is the prerogative of the umpires only. Umpires Steve Dunne and Evan Watkin consulted their light meters after each over and it was not until the end of the 31st they decided to halt proceedings.

Sri Lanka had done enough at that stage -- when they scored their 152nd run -- to win the game, although there was no jubilation because there was no guarantee at what stage the umpires would abandon play.

In the end it was an anticlimax. Had play been able to carry on for Sri Lanka's full 35 overs, they still had 28 runs to get off 24 balls and it could have been an exciting finish.

Jayasuriya and Ramesh Kaluwitharana joined up for the first time on tour and blasted 96 for the first wicket before Nathan Astle removed them both in the same over.

New Zealand captain Fleming described the ending as "bizarre".

"It's the first time I've been involved in a match like that," he said. "It's a little unsatisfactory in a way but it was pretty gloomy out there. We were trying to make it as hard as possible for them and they were doing just enough to keep ahead of the sheet of paper."

"It's hard to say whether we've improved because we lost again. It was very disappointing."

The final match takes place in Christchurch on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the fourth one-day international between New Zealand and Sri Lanka on Thursday:

NEW ZEALAND

Parore c K'tharana b Zoysa	0
Astle c D'sena b Gallege	7
Fleming c Zoysa b de Silva	67
Twose st K'tharana b M'tharan	20
McMillan st K'tharana b M'tharan	19
Vincent lbw b de Silva	0
Harris lbw b Zoysa	13
Oram c M'tharan b D'sena	24
Vettori c sub (Atapattu) b Zoysa	13
Tuffey not out	0
Martin not out	1
Extras: (w-6, nb-4, lb-8)	18
Total: (for 9 wks in 35 overs)	182

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-42, 3-85, 4-127, 5-128, 6-133, 7-166, 8-181, 9-181

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Zoysa	5	2	27	3
Gallege	7	0	37	1
D'sena	7	0	21	1
Fernando	4	0	28	0
M'tharan	7	0	23	2

JAYASURIYA ... m-o-m

De Silva	4	0	35	2
J'suriya	1	0	3	0

SRI LANKA

J'suriya c Martin b Astle	52
K'tharana lbw b Astle	31
S'kara c Parore b Martin	20
Jayawardene not out	17
De Silva c Oram b Tuffey	10
Arnold c Parore b Tuffey	0
D'sena not out	5
Extras: (w-8, lb-7, nb-2)	17
Total: (for 5 wks in 31 overs)	155

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Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardene (L) and Kumar Dharmasena leaving the ground after bad light stopped the proceedings of the fourth one-day international against New Zealand at Hamilton yesterday.