

Under-17 Asia Cup Indians make it to Dhaka

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The Indian under-17 cricket team arrived in the capital yesterday evening to take part in the GreenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup, which has already started on Thursday.

ITF jr tennis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Yong Bom Seo of Korea and Yoo Mi Jung of Thailand clinched the boys' and girls' singles crowns respectively of the ITF Junior (U-18) Tennis Championships at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex yesterday.

Kenya initiate inquiry

Cricket
AGENCIES, Nairobi
The Kenyan government on Thursday stepped into a cricket row when it appointed a six-man committee to resolve the stalemate over last week's dismissal of 11 national players by the Kenya Cricket Association (KCA).

right direction".
"It is my sincere hope that the committee shall move fast and give favourable results," he told Reuters.



BACK TO BASICS? Australian's Damien Fleming (R) showing his teammate Shane Warne how to grip the ball for fast bowling during a net practice session in Nagpur yesterday.

Goodricke Chess Zia finishes third

SPORTS REPORTER
International Master (IM) Ziaur Rahman completed his Goodricke International Open Chess Tournament campaign with a draw against India IM Sandipan Chanda in the final round of the 11-round Swiss League competition at the Gorky Sadan in Kolkata yesterday.

Atherton in action

Cricket
REUTERS, Malaga
Michael Atherton anchored England with an unbeaten 74 before rain halted their progress against a Sri Lanka Cricket Board President's XI on Friday.

out for 253 in their first innings on the opening day of the touring team's last warm-up match ahead of the first Test against Sri Lanka starting next Thursday.



England's Michael Atherton square cuts one on way to an unbeaten 74 on the second day of their four-day tour match against Sri Lanka Cricket Board President's XI on Friday.

Court hears more stories

Football
AFP, Hull
One of a group of Asian students taunted a drunken friend of Leeds United footballer Jonathan Woodgate before punching him, in the face in a confrontation, a court was told here Thursday.

and beating senseless in a street attack.
Lawson said the students started "taunting" and laughing at Hewison, who twice "squared up" to them, despite being restrained by England defender Woodgate.

Int'l jr tennis starts today

UNB, Dhaka
The fifth Bangladesh International Junior Tennis tournament, organised by Bangladesh Tennis Federation, begins at the Ramna National Tennis Complex today.

Marion inspires Cathy

Athletics
AP, Sydney
Olympic 400-meter champion Cathy Freeman is confident she can keep winning titles but says she needs a rival like US sprinter Marion Jones if she's to have any chance of breaking the world record for the one-lap race.

September but her main goal had been to clinch her first Olympic gold.
"I can handle more, I want more," she said. "The pressure is really in myself more than coming from anywhere else."

Div I cricket

UNB, Dhaka
Indira Road Kira Chakra beat Wari Club by two wickets in the opening match of the First-Division Cricket League at the City Club ground yesterday.

Transfer talks near deal

Football
REUTERS, Brussels
The European Commission and soccer's governing bodies have moved closer to agreement on a new transfer system that will meet EU legal requirements.

set at between one and five years, stopping players from switching clubs twice in a season.
"We are near a solution which would be beneficial for the whole world of football and which... would enhance the quality of the game," said FIFA president Sepp Blatter.

Barnak Jr Div hockey champs

UNB, Dhaka
Barnak Samaj emerged unbeaten champions in the Metropolitan Junior Division Hockey League beating Police AC by a solitary goal in the last super league match at Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura
Shaheed Mintu Sangha emerged champions beating Surjamukhi Club by 92 runs in the final match of the Continental Courier cricket tournament at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Doig goes

INTERNET, undated
Chris Doig, New Zealand Cricket's chief executive, has resigned on Friday after being in charge of the game in New Zealand for the past five years.

What's coming

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Pakistan captain Moin Khan agreed New Zealand's current form was good news for his side but he still had the shock of Nairobi fresh in his mind.

Schools cricket

UNB, Dhaka
Scholastica and Green Herald International emerged group champions in the 19th National Schools cricket tournament beating their respective rivals yesterday.

Taxmen talk to Gavaskar

AFP, New Delhi
Indian cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar has been questioned by tax officials over the recovery of foreign currency from a club locker in Bombay, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported on Friday.

Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Upashahar Cricket Club recorded a 125-run victory over Town Club in the Rajshahi Premier Division Cricket League match at the local district stadium yesterday.

Aussies open

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In the Mumbai team, the current Ranji Trophy champions, to play the tourists even though the first Test begins a few days later on February 27.

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