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Canada's first Olympic gold medal was won by a man competing for the United States. George Orton of Strathroy, Ontario, took first place in the steeplechase at the 1900 Olympics in Paris, but because Canada didn't have an official team, he entered as part of the American team instead.



What to WATCH

ESPN
Pakistan vs New Zealand
Second Test Day Five
Highlights at 7:30 pm
Pakistan vs New Zealand
Third Test Day One
Live at 3:15 am (Tuesday)
UEFA Champions League
Highlights at 2 pm

Star Sports
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
at 11 pm
Australian Domestic Cricket
Day One Highlights
at 9:30 pm (Tuesday)



TALK TURKEY



Harold 'Dickie' Bird,
(Famous English umpire)
"The umpire is finished. They could be playing without umpires as early as October."

Sports WHIZZ KID

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April 6, 2001 and draw
shortly afterwards

- Who clinched the SAARC basketball crown?
India Sri Lanka Nepal
- Who won the Masters Series in Indian Wells?
Agassi Sampras Kafelnikov
- What position did Bangladesh capture in the Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey tournament?
Fifth Sixth Seventh
- Who became Prime Minister of Australia?
India Pakistan Malaysia
- Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Pepsi Test series between India and Australia?
Harbhajan Singh Shane Warne VVS Laxman

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Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi
Rajshahi Krirangon and Primary Cricket Training Centre won their respective matches of the fourth Hasan Imam-Ali Imam Pintu Smriti cricket tournament at the Rajshahi Medical College Hostel playground yesterday.
In the first match, Rajshahi Krirangon defeated Abdul Mannan Smriti by six wickets.
Batting first, Abdul Mannan Smriti were all out for 116 in the allotted 22 overs.
In reply, Rajshahi Krirangon reached the target losing four wickets in 17 overs.



Pakistani opener Shahid Afridi (R) chats with teammates Imran Nazir (L) and Shabbir Ahmed on arrival at the Zia International Airport on Sunday.

Stage set for Dhaka match

Afridi, Nazir and Sabbir in town

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER
Three Pakistani players dashing opener Shahid Afridi, young right-hander Imran Nazir and paceman Shabbir Ahmed have arrived in the city on Sunday to play for International Eleven against the Bangladesh Cricket Board Eleven in a limited-overs exhibition match on March 27.
The day-night affair in celebration of country's 30th year of independence will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. The ball bashing affair will start at 2.15 pm.
Enthusiasm among the local cricket buffs was very high at the prospect of a good contest, despite of the fact the game would not be included in the record book of one-day internationals.
The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has already struck lucrative deals with different sponsors. Coca-Cola and Samsung have agreed to pay Taka 16 lakhs to win the title rights. Besides, Al-Baraka Bank paid Taka four lakh for win-

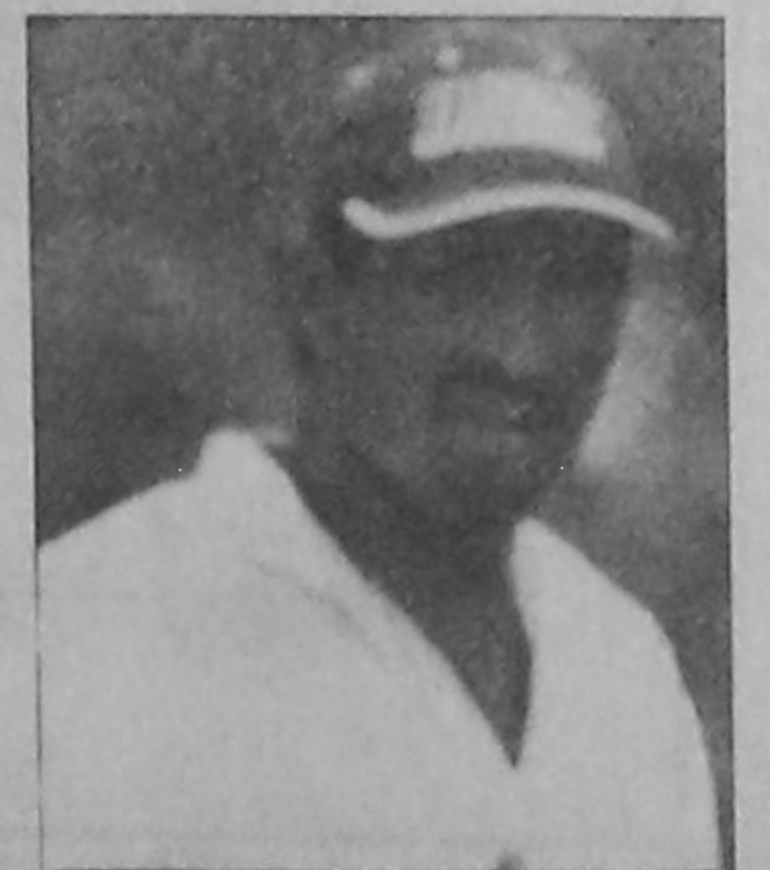


(From L-R) Khalid Raja, manager business operations Coca-Cola, outgoing BCB general secretary Syed Ashraf Huq, Monjurul Karim senior executive Electra International and Mohiuddin Ahmed, senior vice-president Al-Baraka Bank at a press briefing at BCB office on Sunday in connection with the Samsung-Coca-Cola Independence Day Challenge Trophy.

Victoria stage walkout

Furore over Tariq

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER
The Premier Cricket League suffered a blow on Sunday when Victoria Sporting Club staged a walk out in protest against illegal blowing action of Kalabagan's Pakistani right-arm off-spinner Tariq Mehmud at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.
The unprecedented move happened when Victoria refused to allow Tariq to continue to bowl with the match only 11 overs old and the Motijheel side on 25 for one.
There were however conflicting views on the bowling action of the Pakistani.
Victoria captain Kiron branded Tariq as an outright 'chucker' in the Dhaka League, while umpire Mizanur Rahman Milon ruled out the allegation calling his action as fair.
His action was perfectly al-



TARIQ MEHMUD

Div I Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER
Indira Road Kriya Chakra registered an exciting one-run win over Azad Sporting Club in a First Division Cricket League encounter held at the City Club ground in Mirpur on Sunday.
Put into bat, Indira Road scored 213 for nine in the stipulated 50 overs with opener Sarzil scoring highest 41.
In reply, Azad Sporting were all out for 212 in 50 overs with opener Aftab hammering 59 off 82 balls inclusive of three sixes and eight boundaries.
SCORES IN BRIEF
Indira Road KC: 213 for 9 in 50 overs (Sarzil 41, Sweet 33, Raihan 20, Murad 3/46)
Azad SC: 212 all out in 50 overs (Aftab 59, Kajal 42, Tushar 32, Alamgir 3/26, Mustafa 3/48)
Result: Indira Road KC won by one run.

Div II Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh Railway defeated Udayachal Club by 77 runs in one of the three Acme Second Division Cricket League matches, played at the Dhanmondi Club ground on Sunday.
In the other two matches, Badda Ekata Samaj handed Partex Sporting Club a huge 108-run defeat at the Uttara Friends Club ground and Ajax Sporting Club thrashed Lalbagh Union Sporting Club by 102 runs at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

Cricket
INTERNET, Bangalore
India won the first one-day international against Australia backing up their highest limited-over score against the tourists with a fine performance in the field.
Australia ran out of wickets as they attempted to overhaul India's impressive total of 315 in Bangalore.
The tourists had seemingly been set to take the match to the wire until skipper Steve Waugh's controversial lbw dismissal in the 36th over.
His departure saw the required run rate creep above seven an over for the first time in the innings and left the Aussies with too much to do.

Pepsi Div I cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh
Renaissance Club defeated Mohammedan Sporting Club by 11 runs in the Pepsi First Division Cricket League at the local Circuit House ground yesterday.
Winning the toss, Renaissance batted first and scored 166 runs losing all wickets in 39.5 overs.
In reply, Mohammedan made 155 runs all out in 40 overs.

Shield final Q'land slow Victoria down

AFP, Brisbane
Queensland's bowlers hit back in the final session to weaken Victoria's position in the Sheffield Shield cricket final at the Gabba here Sunday.
At the close on the third day, Victoria were 172 for four in their second innings for a lead of 106, with former Test opener Matthew Elliott batting through the day for an unbeaten 88.
Elliott survived while Victoria lost three wickets for 27 runs after the tea interval.
Matthew Mott (19 from 141 balls), Brad Hodge (three) and Michael Klinger (nine) were dismissed after Victoria had toiled through a lifeless day at the crease.
With Queensland bowlers sticking to a line on or outside off-stump, Victoria crawled through the opening two sessions, scoring just 91 runs in four hours.
Adam Dale (2-43) ended Mott's laborious innings when he bowled his off-stump.
Hodge then fell to a brilliant catch by Clinton Perren at slip from the bowling of Andrew Bichel (1-20 from 22 overs) while Klinger failed to offer a shot to a Joe Dawes' (1-35) delivery, which trapped him, lbw.
Elliott and Jonathon Moss (five not out) braved the second new ball, with Elliott reaching his highest score of the season.

Abahani ride on Hussain

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER
An all-round performance from Mohammad Hussain throttled holders Abahani to a 25-run victory over City Club in a Premier Division Cricket League match at the BKSP ground in Savar on Sunday.
The discarded Pakistan international scored a quickfire 62 as Abahani, electing to bat first, scored a fighting 244 before being all out with three balls to spare. The left-arm spinner then went on to pick up three wickets for 31 runs as the run chase of the Mirpur outfit ended in 47.1 overs for 219. It was Abahani's fifth win on the trot.
Coming in to open the innings for the Dhanmondi Club, Hussain, who lost his partner Nafees (5) on 34, dominated a 60-run second wicket stand with Azam Iqbal. The pinch-hitter was eventually out in the 19th over leaving Abahani on 94 for two. In his 52-ball knock, the portly Pakistani, who took 42 balls for his fifty, struck eight sweetly timed hits across the rope. It was Hussain's third half-century in four matches as a makeshift opener.
At the fall of Hussain, Azam took over the charge and scored a brilliant 65 off 86 balls. He laced

Brawny win for India

Cricket
INTERNET, Bangalore
India's total of 315 all out was their highest one-day score against the Australian tourists, surpassing a 309-5 at Cochin in 1998.
It came courtesy of a measured display from Rahul Dravid, who shared in significant partnerships with
Tendulkar propelled India to 50 in the first over setting the tone for India's aggressive innings. He hit six fours and a six in his 26-ball knock before being run out on 35 to leave India on 52-2.
Dravid provided India's backbone, making a partnership of 100 with Sehwag to take India past the 200 mark and 67 with Dahiya to bring up the 250.
He appeared to be closing in on his century but he went for 80 after holing out to Harvey from the bowling of Martyn in the 44th over.
No 8 Ajit Agarkar brought up the 300 for India before Australia finally wrapped up the innings, conceding just nine more runs as they took the last four wickets in eleven balls.

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Goodbye Bradman

Cricket
REUTERS, Adelaide
The cricket world bid a formal but personal farewell to Donald Bradman on Sunday, hailing his achievements as a cricketer and a man at a memorial service broadcast live to fans across the world.
Former West Indies captain Viv Richards and members of the 1948 Invincibles side, which Bradman captained against England, gathered in St Peter's Cathedral to pay their final respects, with Britain's Queen Elizabeth sending a personal tribute.
"He was a man who embodied the best of the Australian spirit, a love of life, a love of sport, an ability to bring out enthusiasm in all who knew him," she said in a message read by Australia's Governor-General William Deane.
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Intensely private to the end of his life, Bradman turned down the offer of a state funeral and his body was cremated at a private service held in Adelaide four days after his death.
His son John led the eulogies at the memorial service, saying his father had been "absolutely astonished and very moved" at the response around the world to his father's death.
"Despite all of this, at heart for me he is just my dad," Bradman told the 700 invited guests, ranging from Australian Prime Minister John Howard to scores of local cricketers.
Bradman spoke of his father's great modesty and integrity, and appealed to the world not to sanctify him.
"We must not be too serious about him and we must not treat him as if he is a religious figure," he said.
"For me, far and away his greatest achievement, greater than any of his sporting exploits, was



Fans at the Adelaide Oval watch the service.