



## Did U Know?

The world's oldest continuously sanctioned sporting competition is the Kirkpinar Wrestling Festival, Turkey, which has been held since 1460. The event is staged on the Sarayici Peninsula, near Edirne. The Kirkpinar Festival is staged to commemorate the sacrifice of 40 Ottoman soldiers, who wrestled to their deaths in an open field in Rumeli, Turkey. Wrestling champions compete in an open field with bouts lasting as long as 40 minutes. The wrestlers wear nothing but leather "trousers" and their upper torsos are coated in olive oil. The winner is awarded the Golden Belt and the title "Baspheivan", presented by the President of Turkey.



## What to Watch

**ESPN**  
Pakistan vs England  
Second Test Day Three  
Highlights  
1:00 pm  
World Cup Qualifier  
Bosnia vs Herzegovina  
8:00 pm  
**Star Sports**  
Pakistan vs England  
Second Test Day Three  
Highlights  
6:30 am & 3:00 pm  
**Primera Liga**  
Highlights  
9:00 am  
**Pakistan vs England**  
Second Test Day Four  
Live at 3:55 pm



## Talk Turkey



**John Buchanan**  
(Australia cricket coach)  
"We're going to face a pace bowling attack that can swing and seam the ball. In the right conditions they will be very difficult to handle."  
On the upcoming Ashes tour.

## Sports WHIZZ KID

**Competition 151**  
Tick the Correct Answers  
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June 15, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who lifted the European Champions League trophy?  
Valencia | Man United | Bayern Munich
- Who became champions in the World Team Cup tennis?  
Russia | America | Australia
- Who clinched the German Open tennis title?  
Hings | Pierce | Mauresmo
- Who became Hamburg Masters Series champion?  
Ferrero | Kuerten | Portas
- Who clinched the Spanish League title?  
Barcelona | Alaves | Real Madrid

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## Arambagh plot MSC downfall

**Football**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Arambagh Kriya Sangha will line up with Mohammedan Sporting Club to fulfil a dream match when the two Motijheel neighbours lock horns in the first semifinal of the Nitol White Cement 17th Federation Cup football tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

The match will kick off at 5pm with Bangladesh Betar expected to provide running commentary from the big bowl.

Never won any domestic football title, Arambagh however looked a better team this year to capture the ultimate glory. The mediocre Premier League outfit only once made it to the final of the season's curtain raising meet

in 1997 before eventually losing to Abahani in the final showdown.

But this time around the boys of Wazed Gazi threw a caution to the established forces in the domestic football, making a place in the last four at the expense of last year's champions Abahani Kriya Chakra.

Their place in the semifinal for a second successive year was no fluke, thanks to a committed and disciplined display by his players throughout the first round.

Gazi was not ready to accept that his side's 1-1 draw against Abahani was an upset, which admittedly threw the popular Dhanmondi out of the Cup race prematurely.

"Abahani might be a better team on paper, but we played better football in the first round. And if the boys continue to play

like this, I'm confident about beating Mohammedan", said the inspirational Arambagh coach.

Arambagh has got a strong attacking line up, and with Khokon returning to the team after serving a one-match ban Gazi feel that his up-front would offer more bite.

But Arambagh will certainly feel the discomfort of the presence of a strong band of Mohammedan supporters, who would be out there only to celebrate their exit.

Mohammedan on the other hand would be looking for a consistent performance to cross a major obstacle on their way to end their title drought. Failed to win the Cup for the last three seasons, the black and whites were however not that impressive in the group league matches.

They conceded a 2-1 defeat at

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## Asian snooker in Karachi

SPORTS REPORTER

The 18th Asian Snooker Championship will be held at the Karachi Sheraton Hotel from June 4 to 9. Forty-eight players from 21 countries including Bangladesh are taking part in this annual event.

National snooker champion Rifat Hossain Rizvi will represent Bangladesh in this prestigious tournament.

The other participating countries are Brunei, China, Chinese Taipei, China-Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and hosts Pakistan.

The annual general meeting of the ACBS will be held on June 8. Federation presidents of the Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will also meet on June 6 to finalise the details of the launching of South Asian Billiards Sports Federation.



Canada's Kevin McKenna (R) and Brazil's Leo (C) and Fabio all attempt to win the header during their Confederation Cup clash on June 2.

## Div I cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Lalmatia Club defeated Bangladesh Boys Club by seven wickets in the First Division Cricket League at the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University yesterday.

Deciding to bat first, Bangladesh Boys scored 55 for nine in fixed 22 overs with Monoj alone reaching double figure of 17 runs. Sajid picked up three wickets while Sayeed and Lalu took two wickets each.

In reply, Lalmatia reached the target making 57 for three in only nine overs with Sajal making highest 17 not out.

## CJKS Div I cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Abahani Kriya Chakra and Elite Paint RC won their respective matches of the CJKS-Ispahani First Division Cricket League here yesterday.

Abahani defeated Rising Star by three-wicket at the MA Aziz Stadium while Elite Paint beat Auchhi Club by 38-run at the Police Lines ground.

## BRIEF SCORES

**RISING STAR CLUB:** 239 for eight in 45 overs (Rupom 95, Salfar 52, Harun 25, extra 9; Rizwan 3/24).

**ABAHANI KC:** 242 for 7 in 45 overs (Rizwan 124, Zioan 34, Babu 25, Jahed 23, extras 17; Ripon 2/34).

**ELITE PAINT RC:** 189/9 in 45 overs (Kamal 55, Sharif 30, Faruq 23; Shipok 3/21).

**AUCHHI CLUB:** 151/10 in 31.4 overs (Ahmed 53, Bakkor 24, extras 29, Chapri 2/22).

## England collapse

REUTERS, Manchester

Pakistan rekindled their victory hopes in the second Test on Saturday by scything through the England order to dismiss them for 357 after a record stand of 267 by Michael Vaughan and Graham Thorpe.

The touring team seized England's last eight wickets for 75, including the last five batsmen for nine in 34 balls, to snatch a first innings lead of 46 at tea on the third day at Old Trafford.

## India rest stars

INTERNET, Harare

Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid have been left out of India's team for their final warm-up match against CFX Academy starting Saturday before the first Test against Zimbabwe.

The pair are certain selections for the Test and the tour management team has opted to give openers Shiv Das and Sadagopan Ramesh another chance to find their form.

Dravid made 137 in the opening tour game against Zimbabwe A, while Tendulkar confirmed his well-being by hammering 33 off only 30 balls in their second innings.

Das and Ramesh recorded two failures each in the match and need runs to prevent the selectors from reshuffling the Test line-up to accommodate Hemang Badapi in the middle order.

Javagal Srinath, the senior fast bowler in the squad, makes his first appearance of the tour at the Harare Country Club.

He will share the new ball with left-armers Asish Nehra, who bowled well at Mutare but was plagued by an over-stepping problem which saw him send down 11 no-balls in 13 overs.

The first Test at Bulawayo starts on Thursday.

## Ton-up Thorpe, Vaughan

**Cricket**  
REUTERS, Manchester

Michael Vaughan stroked his maiden Test century and Graham Thorpe hit his ninth during a record stand of 267 for England before Pakistan removed both just before lunch on the third day of the second and final Test on Saturday.

The home team, in reply to Pakistan's first innings of 403, reached the interval on 298 for four at Old Trafford, with Alec Stewart and Ian Ward at the wicket.

Thorpe scored 138, equalling his highest Test score made against Australia at Edgbaston four years ago, before he was run out by a yard following a fine turn and throw from Wasim Akram off his own bowling.

One run later it was 283 for four when Vaughan, on 120, shaped to avoid a Waqar Younis bouncer with the new ball and was caught behind down the leg side off his glove.

The pair had come together on Friday with England tottering on 15 for two.

The left-handed Thorpe, stranded on 98 overnight, had needed only four balls before he hit Waqar for a back-foot boundary past point to reach three figures.

Vaughan arrived there in more bizarre fashion.

A cover-driven four off Saqlain Mushtaq and a back-foot boundary past point off Wasim took him to 94. The Yorkshireman then risked a second run after a top-edged cut to third man where Wasim slung in a wild return which went for four overthrows.

The right-hander, newly promoted from number six to three, celebrated by removing his helmet, lifting both arms in the air and hugging Thorpe.

Soon he was re-writing another record. A cover drive off all-rounder Abdur Razaq was followed in the same over by a pull to the fence, bringing up the 250 stand and surpassing England's previous record partnership for any wicket against Pakistan, 248 by Colin Cowdrey and Ted Dexter at The Oval in 1962.

It was Thorpe's ninth Test century and continued a prolific run of form which has seen him hit two hundreds in his last three Tests and three in his last eight.

The Surrey player also made 80 in the first Test at Lord's which England won by an innings and



PHOTO AFP

**THE CENTURIONS:** England's Graham Thorpe (foreground) is being congratulated by fellow batsman Michael Vaughan after reaching his century against Pakistan on Saturday. Vaughan also scored his maiden Test ton afterwards.

**ENGLAND:** First innings (over-night 204-2)  
Atherton c Latif b Waqar 5  
Trescothick b Akram 10  
Vaughan c Latif b Waqar 120  
Thorpe run out (Akram) 138  
Stewart not out 9  
Ward not out 7  
Extras: (lb-4, w-2, nb-3) 9  
Total: (For 4 wks in 89 overs) 298  
Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-15, 3-282, 4-283  
To bat: N Knight, D Cork, A Caddick, D Gough, M Hoggard  
**Bowler**  
O M R W  
Akram 24 6 70 1  
Waqar 20 2 79 2  
Mahmood 8 0 35 0  
Saqlain 25 5 66 0  
Razaq 12 1 44 0

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at lunch on the third day of the second and final Test between England and Pakistan at Old Trafford on Saturday:  
**PAKISTAN:** First innings 403 (Inzamamul Haq 114, Rashid Latif 71, Younis Khan 65; M Hoggard 3/79, D Gough 3/94, A Caddick 3/111)



PHOTO AFP

Even the support from a Japanese crowd could not push Brazil's luck as the favourites were held to a draw by Canada.

## Brazil lost in Forrest



AFP, Kashima

West Ham goalkeeper Craig Forrest was Canada's hero as they held out for 90 minutes under intense pressure from Brazil to keep their Confederations Cup hopes alive here on Saturday.

It was a frustrating afternoon for the Brazilians, who failed to turn their overwhelming territorial dominance into many clear cut chances.

When they did, they found themselves denied either by the giant Forrest, the woodwork or wayward finishing.

Midfielder Fabio went closest to breaking the deadlock with a long-range effort 12 minutes from time that struck the bottom of the post.

Brazil also had legitimate grounds for complaint after a controversial offside decision cost them a first half goal.

But they only had themselves to blame for their profligacy in front of goal, with centre forward Washington the worst culprit.

The striker squandered two golden chances to clinch the three points. In the 66th minute he spun round his marker Mark Watson in the box only to be denied by Forrest's outstretched leg.

Then, in the dying seconds of the match, he blasted a volley over from just 12 yards out.

Brazilian coach Emerson Leao was disappointed with the result, which leaves Brazil with four points after Thursday's 2-0 win over Cameroon.

"The result was not good but the music on the goal was there -- we had a lot of opportunities," Leao said.

"Canada's marking was very good and they got their tactics right," he said. "We were able to escape the marking three of four times, but each time their goalkeeper was there -- my compliments to him."

Olger Osieck, Canada's German coach, was delighted with the result after a demoralising 3-0 defeat by Japan in their opening group match.

"It is great to get a result like this tonight against Brazil. It's a great achievement for Canadian football."

"We tried to play to our strengths. We do not have the same technical ability as Brazil but we played to our strengths."

Osieck also paid tribute to his goalkeeper, who has missed most of the last season through injury

and was badly missed in Canada's disappointing World Cup qualifying campaign.

"He is different class," Osieck said. "Maybe if he had not been injured we might have qualified."

After a cagey start to the match, Brazil suddenly burst into life after Fiorentina forward Leandro was brought on for Sonny Anderson in the 22nd minute.

The substitute had only been on the field for four minutes before he had the ball in the back of the net, only to see his close range header ruled out by a controversial offside decision by Chinese referee Lu Jun.

Leandro went close again three minutes later with a shot from a tight angle that rattled into the side netting and he could have put the Brazilians ahead on the stroke of half-time when wingback Leo's low cross whizzed across the Canadian goalmouth just ahead of his outstretched boot.

But the Brazilians did not have things all their own way and Canada looked dangerous on the break throughout the match.

The underdogs might have snatched the lead in the 34th minute when a pinpoint cross from Hearts' Kevin McKenna found Paul Stalteri unmarked on the six-yard line. But the midfielder failed to get up high enough and his header sailed over the bar.

Five minutes after the interval,

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