

NB v'ball

UNB, Dhaka
Azad Sporting Club earned full points against Bangladesh Bank in the National Bank Premier Division Volleyball League at the volleyball court yesterday.
They beat the bankers 25-17, 25-22, 31-29.
Sunday's matches: PDB vs Wari Club and Dilkusha SC vs Azad SC.

Fletcher full of their praise

INTERNET, Manchester
Coach Duncan Fletcher had nothing but compliments for Graham Thorpe and Michael Vaughan as England prepared to continue their run chase on Saturday against Pakistan at Old Trafford.

England were still 199 runs behind their visitors' first innings total of 403, following Thorpe's and Vaughan's mammoth efforts on Friday.
They notched up an unbroken 189-run third wicket stand by the close of the second day.

"He's shown us the talent and we've been waiting to give him the opportunity," Fletcher said of Vaughan.

Brazil

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Paul Pechisolido drew a fine save from Brazilian goalkeeper Dida with a shot from the edge of the area.
A neat one-two with Washington produced a 57th minute chance for Brazilian defender Leomar but he blasted his shot into the stands.
That was the start of a concerted Brazilian onslaught on the Canadian goal but they were not to find a way past Forrest.

TEAMS
Brazil: Dida, Ze Maria, Lucio, Edmilson, Leomar (capt.), Leo, Fabio, Ramon (Magno Alves 65), Carlos Miguel (Robert 71), Anderson (Leandro 22), Washington.

Canada: Craig Forrest, Mark Watson (Carl Fletcher 70), Tony Menezes, Jason DeVos (capt.), Jason Bent, Paul Stalteri, Nick Dasovic, Davide Xausa (Carlo Corazzin 46), Jim Brennan, Paul Pechisolido (Dwayne Derosario 85), Kevin McKenna.
Referee: Lu Jun (Chn).

Arambagh
FROM PAGE 13
the hands of Muktijoddha in the final league match on Friday. But more importantly, the team is plagued by injury.
Ace striker Alfaz got a minor hamstring injury in the match against Muktijoddha, experienced defender Jewel Rana also hurt his left knee. Tipu was nursing a bruised right foot and midfielder Anwar yet to recover from a left ankle injury.
Alfaz however said that he would play today. But Mohammad's Sri Lankan coach Pakir Ali has more reasons to worry about the lack of stamina of his players.
The Mohammedan players, who started the training twelve days before the start of the tournament, are yet to recover from the tough work schedule given by the Sri Lankan.
"We are at the moment 70 per cent match fit. But this problem would be solved before the start of the Premier League", said new Mohammedan captain Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib.
Both teams stayed off from getting into serious training on Saturday due to heavy rain.
Meanwhile, the organisers Bangladesh Football Federation reduced the price of gallery tickets anticipating lower turnout due to the early exit of Abahani.
The rate of gallery tickets has been fixed at taka 20 (west) and taka 10 (east).

Aussie seam too hot

INTERNET, Worcester

Australia's seam attack seized the initiative on the second morning at New Road despite Anurag Singh's maiden half-century as Worcestershire were reduced to 120 for five at lunch.
The former Warwickshire opener scored 62 becoming Glenn McGrath's third victim on the ground where the fast bowler gave magnificent service as the county's overseas player last summer.
Damien Fleming and Nathan Bracken also picked up a wicket apiece, but there was no luck for leg-spinner Shane Warne, who took nought for 17 from nine overs.
Worcestershire began the day on 50 for one, with a near capacity crowd of around 4,500 in the ground despite threatening skies.
But skipper Graeme Hick (19) only lasted two balls before playing forward to McGrath and edging a comfortable catch to Warne at slip.
There was no addition to the score until the fifth over when Singh, whose previous best first-class score for the county was 36, picked up three through the covers.
He then square cut Fleming to the fence, but was lucky when an outside edge to a ball from McGrath flew wide of the slips and down to third man for another boundary.
The score moved on to 67 before Vikram Solanki was trapped on the back foot by Fleming and

given out lbw for three.

The dismissal and an 18-minute rain interruption which followed, failed to disturb Singh's composure and he reached his fifty soon after the re-start.
He and David Leatherdale shared a stand of 42 before left-arm Bracken found the edge and he was caught behind by Aussie vice-captain Adam Gilchrist for 22.
Singh followed in similar fashion six runs later off the bowling of McGrath, who had figures of three for 31, after hitting 10 boundaries in his 117-ball knock.
It left the county on 115 for five but youngsters Kadeer Ali and David Pipe prevented further loss before the interval.

Earlier, Australia batsman Damien Martyn showed what England's batting attack will be up against in the forthcoming Ashes series when he smashed a century on Friday.
The 29-year-old Martyn came to the crease at 109 for four and made his hundred off 145 balls, with 19 fours and a six spicing his total.
Martyn has played little Test cricket but he will be a key run-getter in the triangular limited-overs series which also involves Pakistan.
His century came with a cut for two off Matthew Rawnsley. He slugged a straight six in the same over before falling lbw to the spinner for 108.
SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at lunch on the second day of the three-day tour match between Australia and Worcestershire on Saturday:

AUSTRALIA: First innings 351 (D. Martyn 108, S. Warne 68)

Hayden c Pipe b Kabir Ali	20
M Waugh c Singh b Sheryar	13
Ponting lbw b Liprot	24
Bevan c Weston b Kabir Ali	33
S Waugh b Liprot	30
Martyn lbw b Rawnsley	108
Gilchrist c Leatherdale b Liprot	21
Warne lbw b Rawnsley	68
Fleming b Rawnsley	11
Bracken not out	1
McGrath c Leatherdale b Kabir Ali	4
Extras: (b-9, lb-7, nb-2)	18
Totals: (All out in 87.2 overs)	351
Fall of wickets: 1- 29, 2-55, 3-59, 4-109, 5-134, 6-178, 7-326, 8-333, 9-342	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Sheryar	20	3	86	1
Kabir Ali	12.2	1	43	3
Liprot	17	3	37	3
Leatherdale	5	0	46	0
Rawnsley	23	4	90	3
Solanki	10	3	33	0

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings (overnight 50-1)
Weston c Warne b McGrath
Singh c Gilchrist b McGrath
Hick c Warne b McGrath
Solanki lbw b Fleming
Leatherdale c Gilchrist b Bracken
Kadeer Ali not out
Pipe not out
Extras: (b-2)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	13	6	31	3
Fleming	11	3	36	1
Warne	9	3	17	0
Bracken	7	1	19	1
Martyn	4	1	15	0

To bat: Kabir Ali, M Rawnsley, C Liprot, A Sheryar
Bowler O M R W
McGrath 13 6 31 3
Fleming 11 3 36 1
Warne 9 3 17 0
Bracken 7 1 19 1
Martyn 4 1 15 0

Shoaib released from hospital

REUTERS, Manchester

Pakistan tour manager Yawar Saeed confirmed Friday that fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar had left hospital after the 25-year-old had been detained overnight.
"Shoaib had a fever yesterday and a high temperature," Yawar told Sky TV. "The doctor said he should stay in hospital for tests but now everything's okay."
Shoaib was not selected for the second Test against England currently in progress here. His place was taken by off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq after an ineffectual performance in the first Test at Lord's.

"The Rawalpindi Express" arrived late on tour after struggling with a stomach infection but remains a part of Pakistan's plans for the triangular one-day series involving England and Australia that follows this Test.
Zimbabwe batsman Andy Flower is confident of victory ahead of the two-match Test series against India, which starts on Thursday.
Zimbabwe were in Bulawayo preparing for the first Test while India were in Harare playing against the CFX Academy XI in a three-day match.
"India will be full of confidence after their win over Australia," Flower said on Saturday.
"But I believe that we can win the series. We beat them the last time they were here so I think we have the confidence to do it again."

Flower upbeat

REUTERS, Bulawayo

Zimbabwe beat India by 61 runs in a one-off Test in Harare in October 1998. But they have lost their other four Test matches against India.
The tourists are fresh from a stunning 2-1 Test series win over Australia, while Zimbabwe comfortably beat Bangladesh 2-0 in a recent series.
India drew their opening three-day match against Zimbabwe A in Mutare last week.
Seam bowler Davis Mutendera, who snapped up five for 100 in the match, has been included in the 14-man Zimbabwean squad.
Zimbabwe Squad: Heatham Streak (captain), Andy Blynnat, Alistair Campbell, Stuart Carlisle, Dion Ebrahim, Andrew Flower, Grant Flower, David Mutendera, Brian Murphy, Mluleki Nkala, Ray Price, Gavin Rennie, Bryan Strang, Guy Whittall.

Safin bites the clay

Tennis

AFP, Paris

Second seeded Marat Safin of Russia crashed out of the French Open here on Saturday, losing 4-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, 1-6 to unseeded Fabrice Santoro of France in a roller-

poised to start a comeback, but the 28-year-old Santoro reeled off four games in a row against an increasingly abject looking Russian.
Suddenly the momentum switched as Safin opened up managing to break back in the next game and from 4-4, he reeled off

when he also reached the last 16 before falling to Michael Stich of Germany.

He next plays Alex Corretja of Spain, the 13th seed, who defeated Magnus Larsson of Sweden 6-0, 6-3, 6-4 for a place in the quarter-finals.

Safin has struggled this year after injuring his back in Dubai in March and he owed his second seeding to his fine performances at the end of last year. He came into the match against Santoro with a poor 6-7 win-loss record since the Dubai tournament.
French tenth seed Sebastien Grosjean outlasted compatriot Anthony Dupuis to reach the last 16, winning 6-4, 2-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Grosjean now faces unseeded Spaniard Galo Blanco, who ousted Germany's Lars Burgsmuller 7-5, 6-2, 6-3.
In women's action, former junior finalist Cara Black of Zimbabwe pulled off the biggest win of her career, beating last year's finalist and Spanish eighth seed Conchita Martinez of Spain 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 to reach the last 16.
The 22-year-old Harare-born Black, who overcame blustery and cold conditions, will now play Schiavone, who ousted Coetzee 7-5, 6-4.
South African tenth seed Amanda Coetzee crashed out, unseeded Italian Francesca Schiavone beating her 7-5, 6-4 in 2hr 7min in their third-round encounter.
Jennifer Capriati was the first to go through Saturday defeating Croatia's Mirjana Lukic 6-3, 6-1 in just 51 minutes.
Capriati next faces compatriot and 16th seed Meghann Shaughnessy, a 7-5, 6-4 winner over Janette Husarova of Slovakia.
Serena Williams needed five minutes more to dispose of Hungary's Zsotia Gubacs, a 20-year-old from Budapest playing in only her second Grand Slam tournament.
The 6-1, 6-2 win confirmed Williams' progression since she struggled to overcome France's lowly Sarah Pitkowski in the first round, her first match since losing to Capriati in the final of the Miami Open in March.



American Serena Williams during her third round engagement of the French Open against Zsotia Gubacs at Roland Garros yesterday.

coaster third round match.
The unpredictable Safin could find no way to totally overpower the wily Frenchman who has beaten him six times in seven matches.
True to style Santoro fought his corner in the opening two sets allowing the mercurial 21-year-old Muscovite to dictate the play and then frustrating him into a string of errors.
Safin broke to lead 2-0 at the start of the third set and looked

eight games in a row to level the match at two sets all.
But then the mists rolled in again for Safin as he allowed Santoro's bedevilly to get the better of him in the deciding set as the Centre Court crowd smelled Russian blood.
Santoro took command, winning six games in a row to clinch the match in 3hrs 12mins.
Santoro was making his 12th appearance at Roland Garros and this was his best result for 10 years

FRENCH FRIES

AFP, Paris

French Open diary on the sixth day of the tournament here Saturday.

PARIS WONDERLAND FOR RUSSELL
He'd never won a match in Grand Slam tennis before. Now he has three under his belt (seven including the qualifiers) and a date with top seed and defending champion Gustavo Kuerten, Detroit's Michael Russell is living a dream. "I don't know if I'll play on the Centre Court. To play Guga, the No 1 player in the world on clay, especially fourth round here at the French Open in Paris - I couldn't ask for anything more," he said.

SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME
They've marked each others cards. The first Grand Slam encounter between Australia's Lleyton Hewitt and American Andy Roddick may have come to premature end when the latter pulled a hamstring when they were dead level in the third set, but they will meet again and at the top. Hewitt, 20, on Roddick, 18: "You know, we're going to have a lot of different matches. I'm sure, a lot of different surfaces, and hopefully closer to holding the cup up at the end of the Grand Slams." Roddick on

Hewitt: "I think that between us there is definitely the potential for a rivalry. We're both competitors. He's going to hold up his end of the bargain. I just hope I can keep playing well."

HARDER COURTSIDE FOR GRAF
Steffi Graf finds it hard to come back to the scene of six her 22 Grand Slam singles triumphs as she's torn between offering moral support for partner Andre Agassi and the desire to get back out there herself.

"I have incredible memories to look back on," says Graf. "It's always special to come back here. It's more relaxing when you're watching - but you can't do anything."
WILANDER ENJOYING TAMING TEMPESTUOUS SAFIN
Three-time French Open winner Mats Wilander of Sweden says he is enjoying a new lease of life channelling the tempestuous talent of Marat Safin.
Wilander fines the Russian giant 100 dollars every time he breaks a racket and Safin has thus had to cut back on such futile aggression.
"It's great to have the chance to work with someone like Safin. He can take the sport into a new dimension."

Wilander has also consoled Safin for just losing out on the year-end top ranking to Gustavo Kuerten last December.
This obsessional quest to be number one - I am well placed to tell Marat it is a vain one," Wilander told L'Equipe magazine.

"Look at (Carlos) Moya or (Marcelo) Rios. They were number one - but what did that help them? Kuerten has won the French Open twice - it's that which made him stronger, not the fact that he finished ahead of Marat in the rankings."

Hingis enters last 16

AFP, Paris

Top seed Martina Hingis of Switzerland qualified for the last 16 of the women's singles at the French Open here on Saturday by defeating Rachel McQuillan of Australia 7-5, 6-1.
Hingis, who has yet to drop a set, next plays either Sandrine Testud of France or Elena Bovina of Russia for a place in the quarter-finals.

WICB under Skerritt fire

Cricket

REUTERS, Georgetown

West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) president Pat Rousseau and his deputy Clarvis Joseph could find their positions under threat because of the way Ricky Skerritt was sacked last week as team manager.
WICB rules state that unless there was full agreement among board members with the "procedure" taken to sack the team manager then a special meeting has to be called within 21 days to decide whether to remove the president and deputy president.

A board official told the news agency on Friday: "This is something that is in the law of the board and once a decision of this magnitude (Skerritt's sacking) is made without all parties concerned being in agreement an emergency meeting to decide their (Rousseau's and Joseph's) fate will be called."
The "procedure" referred to deals with the manner in which Skerritt was relieved of his managerial duties last Friday when he was informed by WICB chief executive Gregory Shillingford via e-mail of the decision to terminate his three-year contract.
Two WICB directors, Chetram Singh, who is president of the Guyana Cricket Board (GCB), and Trinidad and Tobago's Richard DeSouza were quoted by the Barbados Advocate newspaper on Thursday as saying they disagreed with Skerritt's sacking.
The Advocate said Singh and DeSouza "are also members of the executive committee responsible for Skerritt's dismissal."
But Singh made it clear that the two-day annual general meeting of the WICB's directors at the Acre Hotel in Barbados on Friday and Saturday would be a fiery one.
DeSouza told the paper: "I'm not in agreement with the sacking and I will make that clear at the meeting."
Singh said he was informed by Shillingford last Saturday of a recommendation that Skerritt be removed as manager after Skerritt

was debriefed by Shillingford, Rousseau and Joseph.
"My reaction to him (Shillingford) was that I am not in agreement with Skerritt being removed because I don't have the facts and if they are going to look at Skerritt they should look at the entire management team and then make a decision," Singh told the paper.

Roberts said.
"This is something we need to have and a lot of these things can be taught at that level. But the Board needs to put the programme together and the territories need to implement it."
Roberts, who spearheaded the tearful four-pronged attack from the mid-1970s to the early '80s, will be in Trinidad this weekend working with the seven fast bowlers selected for a training camp ahead of the tour of Zimbabwe and Kenya starting on July 17.



RICKY SKERRITT

The next thing I heard was that Skerritt was fired through correspondence by e-mail. It will be a hot topic at the meeting in Barbados this weekend," said Singh.
Rousseau said on Tuesday that further changes in team personnel could well follow Skerritt's sacking.
Skerritt was axed after a series of poor performances by the West Indies who have recently struggled to find form.
They lost their home test series to South Africa 2-1 last month and were also beaten 5-2 in the one-day series.
Meanwhile, former test pacer Andy Roberts is calling on the WICB to formulate a structured coaching programme for Caribbean cricketers.
"I have been advocating for a long time that we should have a regional programme so that if my 12-year-old son leaves here and goes to Guyana to live he falls into (a similar) programme and graduates (to the other age groups)."

Kuerten survives a scare

AFP, Paris

Top seed and defending champion Gustavo Kuerten conceded his first set of the tournament to unseeded Moroccan Karim Alami but survived to advance to the final 16 at the French Open here on Friday.

The two-time champion advanced 6-3, 6-7 (3/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-2 in 3hr 10min against an opponent ranked just 125th in the world.
A relieved 'Guga' admitted that the tie could have gone either way.
"I could have lost the match, but the fact that I won the third set was decisive. I was able to pull myself together and in such circumstances I usually gain confidence," said the Brazilian.
"I've played him before and know that he's the kind of guy who really lifts his game when he's up against top players," added Kuerten, who needed five sets to win their last meeting, in a Davis Cup tie last February.

Roddick sidelined

AFP, Paris

The French Open ended in tears of frustration for American prodigy Andy Roddick on Friday when a pulled hamstring sent him crashing out of a pulsating third round tie with Australia's Lleyton Hewitt.
Roddick sustained the injury when he ran wide to his forehand to retrieve a Hewitt broadside at 2-2 in the third set after the two youngsters had shared the first two sets.
He twisted over on his right ankle and collapsed into the back panels where he lay holding his left thigh.
The 18-year-old Roddick, being touted as a future great of tennis, then received court-side treatment and a strapping to his thigh before trying to continue.
But it was soon clear he could not play on and he walked dejectedly to the net at 15-40 on his own serve to shake Hewitt's hand.
Roddick shed a tear before limping off to a huge ovation from the centre court crowd which had taken him to heart after he had fought off cramps to defeat Michael Chang in five sets in the second round.
"My leg was sore from the other day and I was having trouble moving to my right in the second set. I slipped on the tarpaulin and strained it pretty good," said Roddick.
"It was a pity because we were battling. It was great tennis - a contrast in styles - the both of us going at it."
"It took me a while to regain my composure after the match. But it's just part of the game and I will just have to bite the bullet," he added.

Alami had achieved a career-high third round place at Roland Garros following the retirement of Israeli Harel Levy with a shoulder injury.
And the 28-year-old admitted he had been overawed by his opponent who is ranked number three in the Champions Race points.
"Today I had a really good match and nearly went 2-1 up. But I'm not at the level to players like Guga," said the Monte Carlo-based Moroccan.
Alami looked as if he was set for an early drubbing at the hands of the 24-year-old Brazilian when he conceded his serve twice in the opening set to lose the set 3-6 in 31 minutes.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Received
4 Where member
8 Harvester's collection
12 Honest
13 Ary
14 Pit
15 - Alamos
16 Part of a foot
17 Cleese
18 Barberer's phrase
21 Height of fashion?
22 Wish
23 Stared
26 Cartoonist
27 Cable guide
30 Roman poet
31 Director's cry
32 Lose color
33 Energy
34 Trot

DOWN
1 Chutzpah
2 Bert
5 Region of Vietnam
6 Tress
7 Receive
8 Scold
9 Went on
10 - podrida
11 Zest
19 Lean-to
20 Diving
23 Bush
24 Thorough-lare (Abbr.)
25 Move
26 Used a
27 Send
28 Bother-ation
29 Blokes
31 Signify
32 Datum
34 One of Marilyn's hubbies
35 Resells at huge profits
36 Threaded nail
37 Border
38 Cham-pagne popper
39 Eastern sultanate
40 Eur.
41 Arduous journey
42 "Music Man"
43 Skunk's defense
44 Salamander

Solution time: 23 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP
Q X D U Z D F R K D F A G V A
V X V Z A P F A R X V T Y D
A Q F E D A B G V F P K U Y D
BRTD GVF V KDXAVY TYQBE.
Yesterday's Cryptquip: DO YOU KNOW IF MOST CAMEL MILK NOWADAYS TRULY COMES FROM A DROMEDAIRY?
Today's Cryptquip Clue: F Equals S
The Cryptquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Minhaz Friendship Golf Tournament

Minhaz Friendship Golf Tournament
A Rahim Chowdhury (6th from L), winner of the Minhaz Friendship Golf Tournament, poses with his trophy after the end of the day-long event at Gulshan Club on June 1. The tournament, which was participated by the Gulshan Club members, was held at the Kurmitola Golf Club. Minhaz Group chairman ABM Kamal Uddin Khan (7th from L) is seen with the participants.

শাখা স্থানান্তর

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