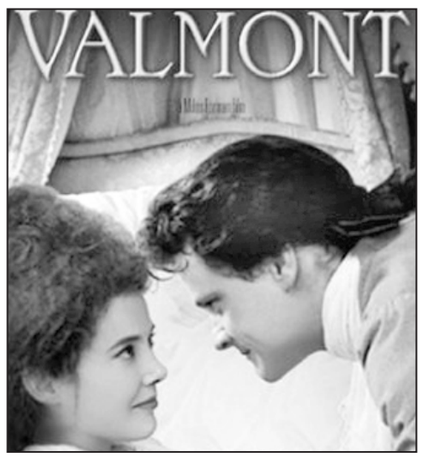
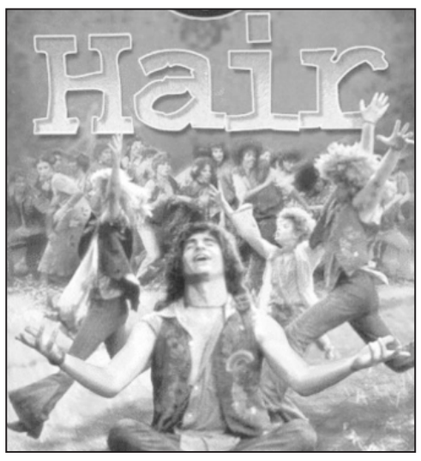
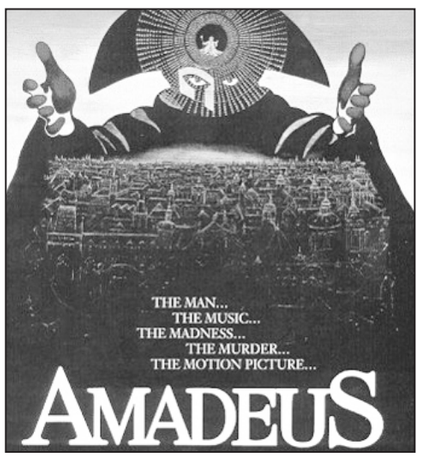
Cinema

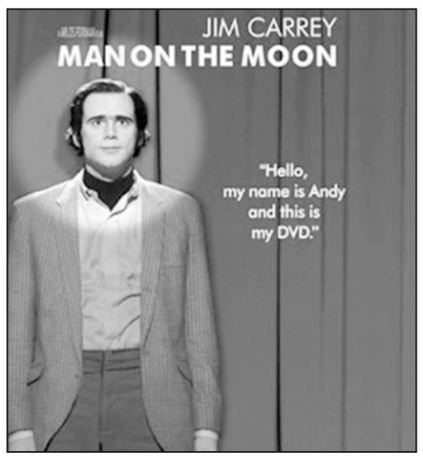
Forman films on the city's cine-buffs' platter

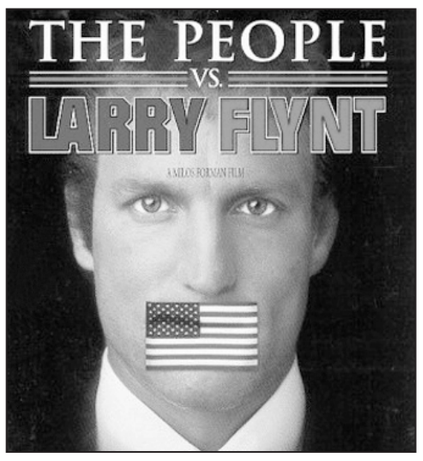
Czech new-wave film-maker Milos Forman Retrospective opens at German Cultural Centre today











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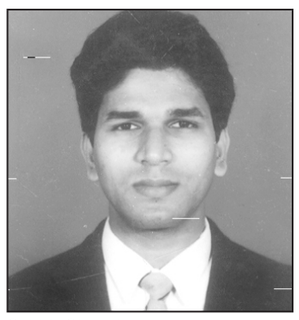
ZAHIR Raihan Film Society's dedication in inculcating film sense and building a cine literate society is commendable. Driven by the motto to make a good movie one needs to see good film, the film society organises film sessions, retrospectives, seminars, workshops, and symposiums on film and film techniques.

Pro-active, the society's calendar of activities is focused above everything on film-conscious viewers. This week the society has come up with a retrospective on one of



Sabbir Chowdhury

Hollywood's great film-makers Milos Forman.

Throughout his career, Czechoslovakian-born filmmaker Milos Forman has combined a unique sensitivity to American themes with the best of European cinematic sensibilities. His films include such successful American releases as *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (1975), *Hair* (1979), *Ragtime* (1981), and *Amadeus* (1983). Forman is among only a handful of filmmakers whose body of work represents a constant artistic integrity with broad popular appeal.

Born in 1932 in Caslav, a small town outside of Prague, Forman lost both his parents in the Nazi death camps during World War II. In the early 1950s, Forman enrolled at the newly founded Film Institute at the University of Prague, where he worked with many of the major figures of the "Golden Age of Czech Cinema." It was there that he first began to form his unique visual style.

Speaking about what inspired Sabbir Chowdhury, General Secretary of the Zahir Raihan Film Society, to organise the retrospective, he said, 'I have long been interested in European cinema. So far, I have seen about 500 European films. I have been to three film festivals in Europe last year: International Festival of Film Societies at Reggio-Calabria in Italy, Kino Festival in Manchester, and London Film Festival. This visit has given me an idea of the nature and scope of the European film industry. As is the case with film-goers in other countries, the film enthusiasts here do not have an easy access to the good and quality films which are awarded regularly in different international festivals. Zahir Raihan Film Society tries to procure and present such films to its members. Milos Forman, though he can no longer be considered a pure Czech filmmaker as he has now become a Hollywood filmmaker, is a representative of the Czech Realist Film Movement in the early sixties who later on associated himself with the Czech New Wave Film Movement. We wanted to present his films to our members. Here we have included six of his Hollywood films. We wanted to screen two of his Czech films, namely *A Blonde in Love* (1965) and *The Firemen's Ball* (1968), but we had to drop these two films to be screened later.'

Responding about Zahir Raihan's constantly successful retrospectives of cinematic legends and focus on contemporary film-makers, Sabbir said, 'We believe that a successful evaluation of films and film art is only possible when we watch as many films as possible by a filmmaker. This will give us an opportunity to evaluate the specific individual style of a filmmaker. As the legendary filmmakers as well as the contemporary ones have been contributing towards the development of "the Cinema" we organise 'Retrospectives' or 'Retros' focussing on a filmmaker.'

Reflecting on the alternative film movement and the observation by many that it has died an immature death Sabbir said in his view, "Alternative Film Movement is composed of two streams: the Film Society Movement and the Short and Alternative Film-making Movement. Zahir Raihan Film Society has been working very actively for the last fifteen years. It has so far screened more than fifteen hundred films. This year, we'll have shown more than two hundred films by the end of December. Apart from two or three other film societies, though they do not show as many films as we do, film society movement as a whole is not enjoying a high time. And same is the case with the short and alternative film movement. I wouldn't go as far as calling the movement to be dead, but it no longer has the same impact as it used to have during the Eighties or the early-Nineties."

Film societies have an important role to play in educating cine-goers. Does film society movement succeed in educating viewers?

"Due to the shortage of funds and resources film societies cannot play the role as is expected of them. More and more government efforts are what is really needed in having a nationwide impact and proper education for the cine-goers. But, film societies like that of ours are trying their best to do so. All the alternative filmmakers in Bangladesh are the products of the film societies. That way, I think film societies, like Zahir Raihan Film Society, have succeeded in educating cine-goers as well as prospective filmmakers. If you think of bigger institutes like film institutes, then it is the task of the government."

Milos Forman

Our film industry is in shambles, has there any attempts from the film societies to make an inroad into the psyche of our film goers?

"It is difficult to reach all the cine-goers in Bangladesh. Because, the mainstream film industry is controlled by the business community interested in film as a means of trade - loss and profit motive is all they care about. Film societies are trying to do their best, but, as I told you earlier, our resources are limited for reaching whole Bangladesh."

Talking about the future plans of the society and its aim, Sabbir said, "We'll organise a Dutch film festival very soon. As for retrospectives, we would like to organise retros of films by Abbas Kiarostami from Iran, Robert Altman from U.S.A., Jean-Luc Godard from France, Wim Wenders from Germany, Luis Bunuel from Spain, Kenji Mizoguchi and Yasujiro Ozu from Japan, Zhang Yimou from China, Wong Kar-Wai from Chinese Hong Kong, Fernando Solanas from Argentina, Glauber Rocha from Brazil, Theo Angelopoulos from Greece, Manoel de Oliveira from Portugal, and others. We would also like to organise a bigger festival of European films some time next year."

Is the society holding any film festivals in future?

"Yes, we would like to hold a Dutch film festival, a European film festival, an African film festival, and a Latin American film festival in future."

Anybody who is interested in good films can become a member of the society. Annual subscription is one thousand takas for general members and five hundred takas for student members. Registration can be done during any of the on-going film sessions. Persons interested can contact at this e-mail address: sabbirchowdhury@yahoo.com

RECOMMENDATIONS

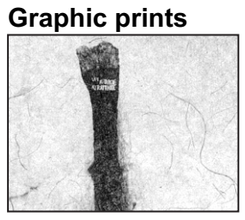
Milos Forman Retrospective

Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen six films by Hollywood-based Czech New Wave filmmaker Milos Forman at the Goethe-Institut Dhaka at Road No. 9, Dhanmondi from Saturday, October 6 to Monday, October 8.The programme-schedule: "Hair" (1979) at 5:00 pm and "Man on the Moon" (1999) at 7:00 pm on October 6; "Valmont" (1989) at 5:00 pm and "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (1975) at 7:00 pm on October 7; "Amadeus" (1984) at 5:00 pm and "The People vs. Larry Flynt" (1996) at 7:00 pm on Oct. 8.

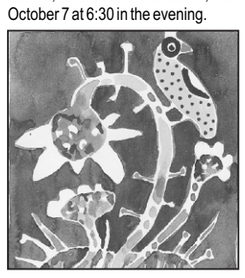
Debut photo show

Mulla Shawgatul Alam Sagar first solo photography show is now being held at the Indian High Commission auditorium at 754, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Open from 3 to 8 pm, Mulla's solo exhibition runs until October 8.

Graphic prints show



Noted French artist Jean-Michel Alberola's solo exhibition of graphic prints opens at the French cultural centre, Alliance Francaise, on October 7 at 6:30 in the evening.



Six Seasons

Shilparag Gallery at Dhanmandi (House#15, Road# 27 old) presents an exhibition on the theme six seasons. Leading artists of the country have captured in their canvas the rich variety of our seasons and their ambience. The month-long show will continue till October 14 everyday from 11 am to 8pm.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR WORLD: 8:00 pm. ***Water Rats***. Investigating the murder of a wealthy businessman and the apparent kidnap of his second wife, Jeff Hawker is reacquainted with a woman he once loved but lost to another man.

STAR GOLD: 7:30 pm. ***Devdas***. This is the film version of one of the most celebrated novel by Sarat Chandra Chatterjee. Dilip Kumar portrayed the character Devdas. Starring also in the movie is Suchitra Sen.

STAR PLUS: 8:30 pm. ***Raja Hindustani.*** This superhit Hindi movie starring Amir Khan and Karishma Kapoor won awards in different categories.

PICK OF THE DAY

The Bone Collector.

On HBO at 10:00 pm

A Manhattan murder leaves bony fragments of clues after his killings to see if any man of like-minded intelligence wants to pick up the missing piecesprovided they can keep up. It's up to Lincoln Rhymens, a New York detective specializing in forensics who teams up with rookie street cop Amelia to see if they have the mind and the stomach to trail the clues.

BTV

9:10 am Nijer Jannaya
9:35 Angana
10:00 Documentary
10:25 Sawastha Tathya
11:40 Movie of the Week
3:20 pm Magazine Ittayadi
4:00 Khabar
5:25 Sukhi Paribar
6:00 Khabar
6:10 Nibedan
7:00 News Headlines
7:05 Film Osin Girl
7:25 Geetimalya
8:00 News in Bengali
8:30 Drama of the week Dukhya 0 Shukher Banjan
9:00 News Headlines
9:30 Programme on cinema
10:00 News in English
10:30 Khola Janala
11:30 Khabar/The News

EKUSHEY TV

12:00 Ekushey Headlines
12:05 Ajker Potrikay
12:14 Ekatturer Ei Dine
12:20 Mukto Khobor
12:50 Bolte Chai
1:20 Toyota Wild of Wild Life
2:30 Ei Shoptaho
3:00 Ekushey Headlines
4:00 Jatra Pala
5:30 Deshjure
6:00 Ekushey Headlines
6:05 Serial: Alif Laila
6:55 Ekushey Headlines
7:00 Classic Cartoons
7:30 Ekushey News
7:58 Ek Minute
8:40 Bangla Film: Apon Ghor
10:00 News: Simulcast from BTV
11:15 Ekushey Late Night News

ATN BANGLA

5:30 "Islamic Prog"
7:00 Child's Prog "Cholo Gan Gai"
7:35 Viewers Request Prog: "Matamot"
8:05 Drama Serial-"Utarran"
8:45 Reporting Prog: "Ghotona Probhah"
9:20 Magazine Prog" "Videocon Edaning
9:55 Musical Prog. "Surer Chhoya"
10:35 Musical Prog: Singer Tapan Chowdhury
11:15 Bengali film "Prattirodh"
6:06 Child's Prog "Shapla Saluk"
6:45 Film Songs Prog. "Surchhobi"
7:00 ATN Bangla News.
7:35 Drama Serial "Uttaran"
8:10 Reporting Prog. "Ghotanar Nepathee"
8:45 Musical Prog: "Sapner Rajkumar" Singer Akhi Alamgir
9:20 Magazine Prog. "Ispahani Aiyojon"
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:35 Bolliwood Khabar
11:15 Bengali Film "Ashirbad"

CHANNEL-i

8:00 am Din Pratidin
8:25 Drama serial Nai Kono Thikana
9:00 Drama serial Pantha Janer Sakha
10:10 I Music
10:40 Magazine Mela
11:20 Kathay Kathay
12:00 Natake Gaan
12:40 pm Your Choice Ole Ole
3:00 Bengali feature film Eai Ghar Eai Sangsar
6:10 I Focus
6:40 I Music
7:15 Channel I Sangbad
7:20 Drama serial Joyar Bhata
8:00 Drama serial Durbin
8:30 Ispahani I tele quiz
8:40 Music Horizon
9:00 Channel I Sangbad
9:15 Drama Bela Banerjeer Prem
9:30 Results of Ispahani I tele quiz
10:00 Quiz 60 seconds
10:01 Na Bala Katha
10:30 Channel I Sangbad
11:00 Bengali feature film Jharer Pakhi, Starring Razzak, Shabana

HBO

6:30 Death Benefit
8:15 Mad Dog and Glory
10:00 Nadine
11:45 New Jersey Drive
1:45 One False Move
3:45 New Alcatraz
5:45 Double Jeopardy
8:00 King Solomon's Mines
10:00 The Matrix
12:45 Bulletproof
2:30 The Advocate's Devil
4:15 Double Jeopardy

STAR GOLD

10:30 Amul Bollywood News
11:00 Geet Bahar
11:30 Love in Simla (Joy Mukherjee, Sadhana)
3:00 Amul Bollywood News
3:30 Nastik (Nalini, Jayawant, Ajit)
7:00 Geet Bahar
7:30 Saturday Special-Devdas (Dilip Kumar, Suchtra Sen, Vyjantimala)
11:00 Rahein Na Rahein Hum
11:30 New Wave Cinema Current (Om Puri, Deepti Naval)
12:30 Current (Contd)
3:00 Geet Bahar
3:30 Nastik (Nalini, Jayawant, Ajit)
7:00 Toofan Aur Deeya (Rajendra Kumar, Nanda

STAR WORLD

6:00 Water Rats
7:00 The Simpsons
7:30 Things People Do
8:00 The Bold & The Beautiful
10:00 That '70s Show
10:30 Travel Asia
11:00 Goosebumps
11:30 Spiderman
12:00 Biker Mice From Mars
12:30 X Men
1:00 World's Wildest Police Videos
2:00 Mission Impossible
3:00 Baywatch
4:00 Hercules
5:00 Xena
6:00 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World
7:00 First Wave
8:00 Water Rats
9:00 3rd Rock From the Sun
9:30 Baywatch Hawaii
10:30 First Wave
11:30 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's The Lost World
12:30 Xena
1:30 Hercules
2:30 Cops
3:00 Key of David
3:30 Morris Cerullo
4:00 Benny Hinn
4:30 Small Wonder
5:00 Mr Belvedere
5:30 Doogie Howser

STAR PLUS

6:30 Star Geetmala
7:30 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu
8:00 Hit Ya Fit
8:30 Aatma
9:30 Fox Kids
10:30 National Geographic Special
11:30 Hit Ya Fit
12:00 Kuchha Papad Pucca Papad
12:30 Mirch Masala
1:00 Sonpari
1:30 Jubilee Plus
2:00 I Love My India
2:30 National Geographic Special
3:30 Tea Time Cinema
6:30 Fox Kids
7:30 The Sword of Tipu Sultan
8:30 Star Superhit: Raja Hindustani (Aamir Khan, Karishma Kapoor)
11:30 Aaj Ki Baat
12:00 Raja Hindustani
12:30 Ji Mantriji
1:00 Kalash
1:30 Jubilee Plus
2:00 Tu Tu Main Main
2:30 Sonpari
3:00 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu
3:30 National Geographic Special
4:30 Musafir Hoon Yaroon
5:00 Ssshhh ... Koi Hai

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News
6:30 World Business Report
7:00 BBC News
7:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
8:00 BBC News
8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
9:00 BBC News
9:30 Asia Today/World Business Report
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10:30 Talking Movies
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5:30 This Week

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 [V] So Long Gone
8:30 [V] Best of Jumpstart
11:30 Billboard US Countdown
12:30 [V] Saturday Stack
2:30 [V] Mainstage
3:30 [V] Saturday Stack
5:30 [V] Weekend Spl
6:30 [V] Saturday Stack
8:00 [V] Karaoke
8:30 Billboard US Countdown
9:30 [V] Saturday Stack
10:30 Club [V]
11:30 [V] Weekend Spl
12:00 [V] Sunday Stack

ZEE TV

6:30 Aalap
7:00 Yoga For Life
7:20 Jagran
7:50 Zee Gym & Eat Healthy
8:00 Jai Ganesh
9:00 Nickelodeon
10:00 Guldasta
10:30 Top of The Tops
11:00 Chota Muh Aur Badia Baat
11:30 Sansaar
12:30 Khana Khazana
1:00 Hip Hip Hurray
1:25 Jhalak
1:30 India's Most Wanted
2:00 Dollar Bhu
2:30 Gudgudee
3:00 Rishtey
4:00 Naye Nazrane
4:30 Razzmatazz
5:30 Quiz Contest
6:00 Gaane Anjaane
6:30 Nickeldeon On Zee
7:30 Neelaam Ghar Bid Bid Boom
8:30 KhelSaturday Night Special
11:30 Shri 420
12:00 Guldasta
12:30 Quiz Contest
1:00 Aaj Bhi.... Ateet
1:30 Dollar Bahu
2:00 Hip Hip Hurray
2:30 Zee & You
3:00 Gaban Feature Film
5:30 News in Hindi

STAR MOVIES

6:30 This is My Life
8:15 Chance
10:00 Dreaming of Joseph Lees
11:45 Heist, the
1:30 Body and Soul
3:00 Distinguished Gentleman, the
5:00 Pushing Tin
7:00 Runaway Bride
9:00 Raw Deal
10:45 Chance
12:30 Rambo 3
2:30 Distinguished Gentleman, the
4:30 This is My Life

ZEE CINEMA

6:00 Jaam Lada Demge-Feature Film
9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
9:15 Tara Rum
9:45 Movie Fare
10:00 Navratri- Feature Film
1:00 Cine News
1:15 Madhyantar
1:30 Dil Ek Mandir- Feature Film
5:00 Darpan
5:15 Dadamoni A Tribute To the Legend-Ashok Kumar
5:45 Film Time
6:00 Aatank Hi Aatank-Feature Film
9:15 Chatpati Chat
9:30 Weekend Cinema
10:00 Haisiyat- Feature Film
2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme
2:30 Mohabbat Isko Kehte Hai- Feature Film
5:30 Chehren

ZEE MUSIC

6:00 Dial M
7:00 Aalaap
7:30 Ysts Tum
8:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:30 Hit Mix
11:00 Fillers
11:30 Music Box
12:00 Best of the Best
1:00 Hit Pe Hit
2:00 Jharokha
2:35 Compact Disc
3:05 Tara Rum
4:00 Hit Pe Hit
5:00 Music Box
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Just Jammin
6:30 Dial M
7:30 Hit Pe Hit
8:30 Music. Com
9:30 Music Box
10:00 Sizzlers
10:30 Jharokha
11:05 Music Asia Live
12:00 Phoren Maal
1:00 Music Box
1:30 Jharokha
2:00 Hit Pe Hit
3:00 Just Jammin
3:30 Tara Rum
4:30 Phoren Maal
5:30 Sizzlers

ALPHA TV BANGLA

6:00 Sheshprashna
6:30 Monniye
7:00 Grohon
7:30 News
8:00 Surer Ei Jharna Dharay
8:30 Purobi
9:00 News
9:05 Bharat Bhraman
9:30 Phire Elam
10:00 Ekushe Paa
10:30 Daibaddha
11:00 Sheshprashna
11:30 Saregama
12:30 Chena Mukher Shari
1:00 Ingit
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Nayantara
2:30 Uttar Phalguni- Feature Film
5:00 Surer Ei Jharna Dharay
5:30 Lookochuri
6:00 News
6:30 Aatpake Bandha
7:00 Safallya
7:30 Sur Taal
8:00 Nijei Nayak
8:30 Saregama
9:45 Prapto Baesthoder Jarnyo
10:15 Saat Kahan
10:45 Ek Palake
10:50 News
10:55 Ek Palake
11:00 Kashinath
11:30 News
11:55 Ek Palake
12:00 Shesh Prashna
12:25 Ek Palake
12:30 Bangla Feature Film
3:00 Talk Jhal Misti
3:30 Bharat Bhraman
4:00 Daibaddho
4:30 Jhara Samayer Upakatha
5:00 Gandharbi
5:30 Saat Kahan

HALLMARK

12:00 Norman Rock Well's Breaking Home Ties
2:00 Katts And Dog
3:00 Norman Rockwell's Breaking Home Ties
5:00 Sesame Street
6:00 The Prince and The Pauper
8:00 Ghostwariter
8:30 Wishbone
9:00 Sesame Street
10:00 Lena : My 100 Children
12:00 Face To Face
2:00 The Prince and The Pauper
4:00 Breathing Lessons
6:00 Brooklyn South
7:00 Earth Angel
9:00 Run For The Dream : The Gail Devers Story
11:00 Bridesmaids

STAR NEWS

9:30 STAR News English
10:00 STAR News Hindi
10:30 Limeight English
1:00 Limeight Hindi
2:30 Star News English
7:30 Saat Baje
8:00 Limeight Hindi
8:30 The Big Fight
9:30 Star News English
10:00 Reality Bites
10:30 Star Newshour
11:30 STAR News English
12:00 Star News Hindi
12:30 The Big Fight

SPORTS

ESPN

6:00 Nfl's Greatest Moments Personal Portraits
6:30 Sportscenter Hindi
7:00 World of Rugby the Irb's World of Rugby
7:30 Racehorse Digest
8:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 London, England Manchester United @ Tottenham Hotspur
10:00 Ecb International Cricket The Npower Test Series London, England Pakistan @ England 1st Test Day 3 Highlights
11:00 Ecb International Cricket The Npower Test Series London, England Pakistan @ England 1st test Day 4 1st Session
2:00 Ecb International Cricket The Npower Test Series London, England Pakistan @ England 1st test Day 4, 2nd & 3rd Session
6:00 Expn 2day X Games 2001 Preview
9:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 London, England Newcastle United @ West Ham United
10:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Liverpool, England Liverpool s@ Everton
11:30 Golf Classics Magnificent 8-Carnoustie
12:30 World Cup Qualifying Matches Hungary & Italy
3:00 World of Rugby the Irb's World of Rugby
4:00 Major League Baseball Pennant Series San Francisco, CA USA San Diego Padres & San Francisco Giants

STAR SPORTS

6:00 South Africa Cricket Tri Series Johannesburg, South Africa India @ South Africa 1st Odi, Highlights
7:30 Golf Programming Golfglobe 2001
8:00 South Africa Cricket Tri Series Johannesburg, South Africa India @ South Africa 1st Odi, 1st Session
10:30 South Africa Cricket Tri Series Johannesburg, South Africa India @ South Africa 1st Odi, 2nd Session
1:00 World Cup Mix
1:30 Football Asia
2:00 Sbk Superbike Imola, San Marino Highlights
2:30 Asia Sport Show
3:00 Trans World Sport
4:00 National Rugby League 2001 Telstra Premiership Sydney, Australia Newcastle Knights @ Parramatta Eels Grand Final
6:00 Nba Inside Stuff 2001/02 Nba Inside Stuff
6:30 Spanish Football League 2001/02 Spanish Football League Villarreal, Spain Deportivo La Coruna @ Villareal
8:30 Football Asia
9:00 Rally Racing 2001 Fia World Rally Championships Auckland, New Zealand Highlights
10:00 Nba Inside Stuff 2001/02 Nba Inside Stuff
10:30 Spanish League Highlights 2001/02 Spanish League Highlights
11:00 South Africa Cricket Tri Series Johannesburg, South Africa India @ South Africa 1st Odi, Highlights
12:30 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports
1:00 Spanish Football League 2001/02 Spanish Football League
3:00 Senior Pga Tour Golf Allianz Championship Des Moines, IA USA First Round
4:30 Fivb Beach Volleyball Fivb Beach Volleyball Japan Open Osaka, Japan Women's Semifinals