



## Did U Know?

Helsinki and London would host the 1940 and 1944 Olympics had those not been cancelled because of World War Two.



## What to WATCH

### ESPN

Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
7:30 am  
South Africa vs Australia  
12<sup>th</sup> ODI  
Highlights at 8:00 am  
New Zealand vs South Africa  
First Final  
Live at 9:27 am  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
5:30 pm

English Premier Football League  
Highlights at 6:30 pm  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm

### STAR Sports

Sportsline Today  
Sport News  
7:30 am  
Primera Liga  
Alaves vs Deportivo La Coruna  
8:30 am  
English Premier Football League  
Liverpool vs Leeds United  
1:00 pm  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
World Cup Soccer Mix  
8:30 pm  
South Africa Tri Series  
Zimbabwe vs England  
Fourth ODI  
Highlights at 9:30 pm  
Primera Liga  
Real Madrid vs Valladolid  
Live at 2:00 am (Thursday)



## TALK TURKEY

### UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Rifles reached the final of the Pepsi 14th National Men's Handball Championship on Tuesday.

They outplayed Bandarban DSA 41-11 in the first semifinal at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium.

The other match between Dhaka DSA and Bangladesh Police had to be abandoned due to crowd trouble after 13 minutes Dhaka were leading 16-14 at the time.

**Dennis Lillee**  
(Legends Australian fast bowler)  
"I nearly choked on my cornflakes when I read Buchanan had said he was powerless to stop his bowlers infringing and virtually given up trying to eradicate the problem. The ball is fairly and squarely in Buchanan's court."

**Criticizing national cricket coach John Buchanan for his failure to act over Test paceman Brett Lee's repeated no-balling.**



## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 166

Tick the Correct Answers Post to

### The Daily Star

Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

Feb 15, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. How many ODI matches did Sachin Tendulkar play to score 11000 runs?

300 284 276

2. Who won the Australian Open title?

Hingis Capriati Davenport

3. Who became National women's chess champion?

Rani Hamid Shabana Parveen Tanima Parveen

4. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Bangladesh-Pakistan one-dayers?

Waqar Younis Abdur Razzaq Shoaib Afridi

5. Which team clinched the Victory Day hockey title?

Bangladesh Army Abahani Mohammadan

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Class..... Roll No.....

School Address .....

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## AFC to table ban issue Feb 7

Bangladesh delegation encouraged by talks

### Football

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Anwarul Haq Helal, who had replaced Harun in the government appointed now scrapped ad-hoc committee of the BFF, had a 'fruitful' meeting with the AFC boss.

"I had a talk with Harun over telephone. He told me that their meeting was promising," said Badal Roy, an assistant general secretary of the reinstated executive committee of the BFF yesterday revealed this to the local media following his conversation with the three-member Bangladesh delegation now in Malaysia, which met AFC general secretary Peter Velappan at his Kuala Lumpur office in the morning.

The National Sports Council (NSC) reinstated the dissolved BFF body on Monday in a desperate bid to appease AFC and FIFA and try to have the suspension withdrawn as soon as possible.

According to Badal, Jute Minister Maj (retired) Hafizuddin Ahmed, leader of the delegation, BFF general secretary Harunur Rashid, and

adding that the AFC had decided to include the Bangladesh issue in its agenda for the February 7 conference.

Bangladesh were suspended by FIFA on January 9 as a disciplinary measure after the government

refused to reinstate the elected committee of the BFF which was dissolved on December 20.

Following furious reaction in the press and the football community, the government understood the gravity of its folly in challenging the might of the AFC and FIFA and withdrew its ad-hoc committee on Monday and brought back Harun and the other members back in office.

Meanwhile, both Maj, Hafiz and Harun expressed their optimism about a positive end to the ban crisis while talking to Ekuushe Television by telephone from Kuala Lumpur last night.

"The meeting with Velappan was encouraging. Hopefully the AFC will make its recommendation on Thursday," said Maj Hafiz.

They also expected that the third SAFF Football Championship, which was scheduled to be held in Dhaka this month but had to be postponed following the FIFA suspension, could still be hosted by Bangladesh after FIFA lifts the ban.

Meantime, the reinstated committee took over its charge of the BFF yesterday. Both the assistant general secretaries Badal Roy and Sirajul Islam attended office.

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The winners will meet Zimbabwe in the final on Friday.

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Talking to The Daily Star Sport, Zafar Imam revealed that they have planned a grand opening and clo-

ing ceremony of the Games at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is likely to attend the inaugural

ceremony as chief guest, he said.

The Games was scheduled to be held in April last year.

Meanwhile, BOA awarded 484 sports persons, organisers, federations and sponsors with the "Diploma for Volunteer" on Monday.

State Minister for Youth and

Sports Fazlur Rahman handed over the certificates as chief guest while BOA president and Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Harun-ar-Rashid BP, vice-presidents Mizanur Rahman Manu, Abdul Mueed Chowdhury and Anjan Chowdhury Pintoo were also present.

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