

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura
Sreepur Rising Star Club defeated Patriot Sporting Club by four wickets in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium on Thursday.

Younis, Shahid flay WI

Cricket
REUTERS, Sharjah
Shahid Afridi, who survived four dropped catches, and Younis Khan struck centuries as Pakistan raced to 344 for three on the first day of the second Test against West Indies on Thursday.

Inzamam made 36 off 72 balls with four fours and a pair of sixes off Pedro Collins and Ramnarine. Yousof Youhana almost went the very next ball, but wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs put down a simple catch.



Shahid Afridi in action during his century knock.

Taufeeq Umar caught by Daren Ganga at forward short leg for just eight, but Pakistan were happy to bat first after losing the toss.

West Indies, already hit by an injury to Sherwin Campbell, suffered another blow when Shivnarine Chanderpaul had to leave the field after injuring his right thumb while fielding in the morning session.

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns: Batter, Runs, Balls, Extras, Fall of wickets, Bowling figures.

Winter Olympics start today

AFP, Salt Lake City
The 19th Winter Olympics begin here on Friday, the biggest sporting spectacle since September 11 taking place amid unprecedented security that organizers vow won't detract from the spirit of the Games.

Aussie-Protea finale

ICC U19 CRICKET WORLD CUP NEW ZEALAND 2002
AFP, Christchurch
Australia eased into the final of the ICC Under-19s World Cup in Christchurch with a resounding 93-run victory over West Indies at the Bert Sutcliffe Oval on Thursday.

West Indies opener Donovan Pagon had a fruitful tournament but he failed to produce the match-winning innings his side needed as both openers were removed with the score on 21.

JU sports

SPORTS REPORTER
The annual sports competition of Jahangirnagar University will be held on February 9 at the university central playground.

Ajim lifts

FROM PAGE 13
Sabir c Nayeem b Imran 4
Morruza batting 2
Extras: (b-10, lb-8, nb-3, w-6) 27

Barisal v Khulna
Venue: Jessore Stadium
BARISAL: First innings
Imran b Hasan 5

Al-Amin 17 5 29 1
Hasan 12 4 24 2
Sajjadul 3 2 1 0

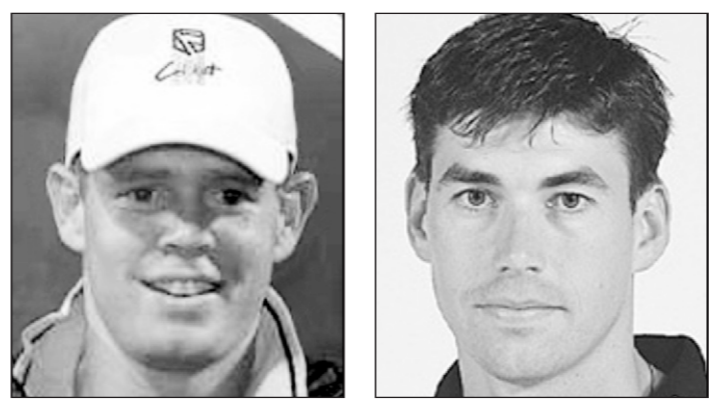
Dhaka v Rajshahi
Venue: Mymensingh Stadium.
RAJSHAH: First innings
Rafiqul lbw b K Mahmud 11

Bowler O M R W
K Mahmud 12 4 31 1
Neyeyamur 8 1 24 0

Rain forecast at Sydney

Cricket
AP, Sydney
After a lopsided loss in the first tri-series cricket final against South Africa, New Zealand had little time to think -- or practice -- before Friday's second match at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

There's 10 to 15 overs a match when we're not playing that well and every time against South Africa, they've capitalised on it.



SHAUN POLLOCK
STEPHEN FLEMING

Captain Stephen Fleming said his team wasn't about to radically overhaul any part of its game.

The South Africans will play the same team which won the first final. Earlier Thursday, an International Cricket Council disciplinary hearing found Chris Cairns and Fleming had no case to answer following an incident in Wednesday night's match.

Asghar to start

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With Saber about his removal, Asghar replied with an air of discomf, "I don't think it was necessary."

Ironically, his word belies his action. When he was busy in sacking coaches in various development programmes, Asghar said that he was still keen on maintaining two offices -- the other being at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Raju blazes

FROM PAGE 13
JANNAT ACADEMY: 168 for 2 in 20.3 overs (Raju 107 not out; Enam 51 not out)
Result: Jannat Academy won by 8 wickets.

Feroz, Sanjay

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Patel, Kolkata's Rafiq Ali and Yusuf Ali and Delhi's Jaiveer Virk respectively. They all have four-under 140.

Large advertisement for Natore Cricket Club featuring a photo of a player and text about the club's activities and contact information.

Italian Cup

Juve through to final

Football
AFP, Turin
A brilliant goal from Italian international winger Gianluca Zambrotta ensured Juventus held historic rivals AC Milan to a 1-1 draw here in an Italian Cup semi-final second leg match, ensuring a 3-2 aggregate victory and a place in the final against either Parma or Brescia.

and Juve coach Marcello Lippi responded by bringing on striker David Trezeguet for his French World Cup winning colleague Lilian Thuram, a defender.



Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Sadek Hossain (C) inaugurates the Pepsi Inter-District Volleyball Championship at the Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

Crossword puzzle by Eugene Sheffer with clues and a grid. Includes a cryptogram at the bottom.