

Former England cricketer D R Pringle made a brief appearance in the 1981 film



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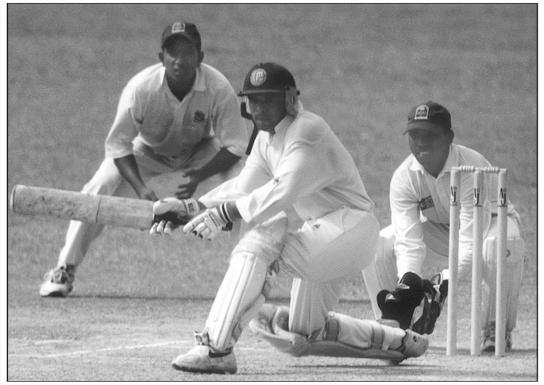
Masters Series tennis title? Hewitt Henman Agassi 2. Who won the Bangladesh Games hockev title?

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4. Who lifted the Bangladesh

Games football title?
Chittagong Dhaka Army

5. How many gold medals did Doly Akhter win in Bangladesh Games?



Victoria Sporting Club's veteran opening batsman Jahangir Alam sweeping against Young Pegasus at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Victoria victorious

Uttara stun City



Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The 'Centenary' team of Victoria Sporting Club moved into second position in the GrameenPhone Premier League when they defeated Young Cricketers by seven wickets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

In the other match of the day, another big spending team City Club suffered a five-wicket defeat against Uttara Sporting Club in a raincurtailed encounter at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) in Savar. **VICTORIA V YOUNG**

CRICKETERS

Dhaka

University

Former national seamer Saiful Islam led Victoria to their fifth victory in six

cricket champs

Dhaka scored 207 for eight in their

stipulated 40 overs after deciding to

take the first strike. Rubel made

highest 55 while Debashis and Mridul

wickets and Debu, Sabbir, Sanjoy

dled out for 181 runs in 38 overs.

Rana scored highest 26 and Debu 23.

both man-of-the-match and man-of-

Jasimuddin Ahmed later distributed

A brilliant Rubel hundred enabled

PWD Sporting Club earn a 30-run

victory over Agrani Bank Club in the

Metropolis First Division Cricket

League at the Fatullah Cricket

Batting first PWD piled up a

formidable total of 235 for seven in 45

overs. Rubel faced 120 balls on way

to making a polished 104 featuring

missed for 205 with 11 balls yet to be

bowled. Number five bat Zamiul

Alam fought a losing battle scoring

42 runs off 41 deliveries that included

A Biman sweep

In reply, the bankers were dis-

four boundaries and eight sixers.

Div I cricket

and Sajal took one wicket apiece.

For JU, Hannan bagged two

In their turn, the hosts were bun-

Rubel of Dhaka was adjudged

JU Vice-Chancellor Prof

contributed 42 each.

the-tournament.

UNB, Dhaka

Stadium on Tuesday.

JU CORRESPONDENT, Savar

games with a five-wicket haul. The experienced paceman from

Mymensingh bowled a devastating spell with the new ball as Young Cricketers were bundled out for 112 runs in 35.5 overs. The match at the BNS was

reduced to a 44-over contest due to overnight rain. Saiful finished with five for 27

from his quota of nine overs. His new-ball partner and national leftarm paceman Monjurul Islam captured two wickets giving away 28

Sentu with 32 was the top scorer for Young Cricketers followed by Iftekher, who made 30.

Victoria, in their chase, raced to 115 in 26.2 overs with one-down Jahangir Alam hammering an unbeaten 48 off 65 balls. The former national opener struck five bound-

CITY CLUB V UTTARA SPORTING

At the BKSP City Club failed to avoid their third successive defeat despite fielding Pakistani Test cap Hasan Raja and having Australian Trevor Chappell as their new coach.

Raja, who flew into Dhaka on Monday, made an impressive League debut with an unbeaten 56

in his side's fighting total of 139 in the 25-over a side contest.

But an exciting undefeated 36run sixth wicket stand between Faisal Hossain and Arman throttled Uttara to their second victory. Uttara needed 36 runs from the last 29 delivers with five wickets in hand.

Faisal, who had earlier captured two wickets, struck a 30-ball 31 as Uttara toppled the City total with three balls to spare.

Arman was more aggressive of the two with a blazing 23 off 16 balls that included two huge sixes and a

SOCREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the two Grameen-Phone Premier Division Cricket League matches played at different venues in the city on Tuesday: Victoria SC vs Young Cricketers

Venue: BNS YOUNG CRICKETERS Imran c K Masood b Monjurul Zahid b Saiful

Nayan Al-Shahriar b Saiful Jibran c K Masood b Saiful Shamsul c Masud b Saiful Shahidul c Al-Shahriar b Moniurul 5 Iftekher b Rashed

New White Plus GM Chess

Last laugh Sermek's

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka University emerged champi-Top Seed Grand Master (GM) ons in the inter-university cricket Drazen Sermek of Slovenia competition beating hosts clinched the title of New White Plus Jahangirnagar University (JU) by 26 Grandmaster Chess Tournament runs in the final at the central playground on Tuesday.

In the final of the 11-round Swiss League at the NSC chess room, Sermek beat GM Alexander



GM DRAZEN SERMEK

Goloshchapov of Ukraine to raise his tally to highest 8.5 points.

Three players -- GM Dibyendu Barua of India, IM Reefat-bin-Sattar and IM Johannessen of Nowray -finished with equal eight points

tem, Dibyendu became runner-up, Reefat got the third spot while Johannessen became 4th.

India Roktim Bandyopadhya finished fifth with 7.5 points while Bangladesh GM Ziaur Rahman earned the sixth position with seven points. GM Alexander Fominyh of Russia, GM Niaz Murshed and India IWM Nisha Mohota occupied 7th, 8th and 9th place respectively.

In the final round, Fominyh beat Dibyendu, Reefat beat IM Abdullah Al-Rakib, Johannessen beat GM Ziaur Rahman. Roktim beat Aminul Islam, Niaz beat IM Neerai Kumar Mishra, Nisha beat Kaves Hasan, PDS Girinath beat FM Abu Sufian Shakil. IM Ji Jing Wong of Malaysia beat Sveda Shabana Parveen Nipa. Sawkat Hossain Pallab beat Saifuddin Lovlu, FM Enamul Hossain Raiib beat Mehdi Hasan IWM Rani Hamid beat FM Rezaul Hague and Nasir Ahmed drew with Sved Ruhul Kabir Shiplu.

The prize distribution ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Conference room of National Sports Council. Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadek Hossain will distribute prize among the winners.

Hopeful Harbhajan

Cricket

Indian off-spinner Harbhajan Singh is likely to play in the first Test against West Indies starting on Thursday despite suffering a shoulder injury during a tour match, team officials said on Monday.

right shoulder against a Guyana Cricket Board President's XI side on Sunday and had to be taken to

Trinidad for tests. "So far he is available for selec-Gautam Dasgupta, manager of the Indian cricket team, told the news agency. "Most probably he will

play."
Team physiotherapist Andrew Leipus said á final decision on his fitness could only be made after the medical reports arrived on Tuesday.

but we can't guarantee till the reports come in," Leipus said. Harbhajan is also optimistic that

he will be fit to play in the opening Test. "I felt severe pain after throwing the ball in the practice match, but am feeling much better now. I think I should be able to play," he said.

(BCCI) had called in off-spinner Sarandeep Singh as back-up. at the last minute that Harbhajan is

Turbanator", sprung to prominence when he captured 32 wickets to lead India to a stunning 2-1 comeback home series win against Australia early last year.

Nigerian booters' woe ends finally SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club claimed to have cleared all their dues with their three Nigerian footballers on Monday, eight months after they played for the black and whites in the

Premier Division League. Club general secretary Lokman Hossain Bhuyian said yesterday that they settled everything on Monday by paying full salaries to the three players -- Jide, Abdullah and John. However, the three Nigerians could not be reached for comments till filing of this report.

The reputed club made this move following a letter published in The Daily Star. Power, water and gas connections of the players' rented house was cut off as the penniless Nigerians owed around eighty thousands to the landlord.

Claiming that lack of funds was the reason for the non-payment, Lokman agreed that this treatment to the foreign players brought very bad publicity for the club.

Trevor's stint formally over

SPORTS REPORTER

Trevor Chappell's stint as Bangladesh coach was formally over after a meeting with Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar yesterday.

The meeting was held at BCB's management office in Gulshan. During the meeting, a letter of termination was handed over to the former Australia cricketer. His termination, effective from March 30 this year, came after 13 months of his taking over of Bangladesh

cricket. Trevor, who returned in Dhaka on April 7 after spending a monthlong holiday back home, accepted the letter on condition that the Board would provide him three-month's compensatory salary as per agree-

This was confirmed by BCB director Syed Ashraful Huq yester-

Trevor has however already got a new job in Premier Division side City Club. He had his first training session at the City Club ground on

Monday afternoon. But he could not make a winning debut as his team lost to Uttara Sportinng Club by five wickets at the BKSP ground yesterday.

He also revealed that former Pakistan Test cricketer Mohsin Kamal would take over the Bangladesh team from early next month along with Ali Zia, whose appointment would be as trainer of

Metro hockey

Ajax edge past BSP

SPORTS REPORTER

Ajax Sporting Club registered a 2-0 win over Bangladesh Sporting Club in a Metro Premier Division Hockey League clash at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

After a barren first half, Shipu put the Elephant Road-based club ahead with a field goal in the 54th minute while Biaka Lusai doubled the margin after 12 minutes with vet another field goal.

Earlier, Sadharan Bima blanked Victoria Sporting Club 10-0 in the First Division League.

The winners scored five goals in

Abdus Samad scored highest six goals with a hattrick while Murad netted twice. Shahen Ali and Salek scored the other two goals for the

Premier v'ball

Bangladesh Rifles and Titas Club won their respective matches in the National Bank Metropolis Premier Division Volleyball League at the Dhaka Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

Defending champions Rifles beat Bangladesh Police by straight 3-0 sets while current runners-up Titas defeated Power Development Board by 3-1 sets.



GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League **Brothers Union v Young Pegasus**

Mohammedan SC v wari Club (4 . Venue: Maulana Bhasani Stadium

Abahani meet Chaturanga

Nitol-Tata 2nd NFL starts today

Football

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Venue: Sylhet

Venue: Jessore

Venue: Rajshahi

Venue: Chittagong

Holders Abahani Krira Chakra will take on qualifiers Chaturanga Sangha of Sylhet in the inaugural match of the Nitol-Tata 2nd

Match

Dhaka Abahani v Chaturanga Sangha Mohammedan SC v Mohsin Club

Khulna Abahani v Chaturanga Sangha

Chittagong Abahani v Muktijoddha Sangsad

Mohammedan SC v Muktijoddha Sangsad

Chittagong Abahani v Rajshahi Abahani

Chaturanga Sangha v Bangladesh Army

Mohammedan SC v Chittagong Abahani

Muktijoddha Sangsad v Rajshahi Abahani

Dhaka Abahani v Khulna Abahani

T&T Club v Chaturanga Sangha

Muktiioddha Sangsad v Mohsin Club

Khulna Abahani v Bangladesh Army

Dhaka Abahani v Bangladesh Army

Chittagong Abahani v Mohsin Club

T&T Club v Khulna Abahan

Mohammedan SC v Rajshahi Abahani

T&T Club v Bangladesh Army

Dhaka Abahani v T&T Club

Mohsin Club v Rajshahi Abahani

National Football League final round at the MA Aziz Stadium in

Chittagong on April 16. A total of ten teams, spilt into two groups, would participate in the league to be played on round robin format. Group matches commence in four different venues --Chittagong, Sylhet, Jessore and

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Rajshahi.

After the first round, which is scheduled to end on May 13, the top two teams from each group will advance into the semifinals. But, to decide who to play whom in the semis, the teams would engage in a freshly-introduced unusual league,

named as 'Super Four' phase. Team finishing atop in the 'Super Four' would meet the third team while the second and fourth placed outfits would engage in the other

The Super Four, semifinals and final will be held in Dhaka. Semifinals are scheduled to be held

on May 22 and the final on May 24. Abahani, the winners of the opening edition in 2000, have been placed in Group A along with T&T Club of Barisal, Abahani KC of Khulna, Chaturanga Sangha and Bangladesh Army. Their arch-rivals and runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club lead the other group that also includes Chittagong Abahani, Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra, Mohsin Club of Nayaranganj and Abahani KC of Rajshahi.

Mohammedan would meet Mohsin Club of Nayaranganj in their Group B opener on April 18 at the

Bangladesh Television will telecast all the matches live

Bests face to face

cricket ball since Viv Richards.

of experts, including the late Don

But the West Indian is a runaway

No one has struck more memo-

leader if match-winning innings are

taken as the barometer.

Cricket

REUTERS, Georgetown

The "who's the world's best batsman?" debate has produced a hung verdict for almost a decade.

Both Brian Charles Lara and Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar have made it impossible for the other to

don the mantle without dispute. The central protagonists in



SACHIN TENDULKAR BRIAN LARA India's five-Test series in the West Lara has 7,221 runs in 83 Tests Indies starting on Thursday, Lara at an average of 50.49. His 18 and Tendulkar will this time be centuries include three doubleinvolved in a head-to-head fight for hundreds and one triple-ton. the crown in what promises to be a His 277 at Sydney in 1993

against Australia and his 179 two "Who is better is the most difficult years later at The Oval against question to answer," former Indian captain Ajit Wadekar said last week.

England were both priceless. But what truly defined Lara's style of play was the unbeaten 153 eral levels, measure them against a at Barbados in March 1999, when he brought up the last 69 runs with wide range of yardsticks. And still it's Curtly Ambrose and last-man Courtney Walsh to chase down 308 in the fourth innings for a stunning Test score of 375, is perhaps the

one-wicket win over Australia. "The high backlift, the character-

Richards said in an interview. "If Lara is batting one day and Sachin the next, I won't choose

between the two, I'll watch them both.' But if consistency alone were the key to the debate, Tendulkar, third

28 in 91 matches, would be a com-

The 28-year-old has scored his 7,673 test runs at 58.57. "There is no doubt Sachin will cross Don Bradman's 29 Test hun-

player Atul Wassan said.

on Tendulkar. Seen as India's Mr Reliable, the man who fights on when everyone

since his first Test ton at Old Trafford during India's 1990 tour of England. His 177 at Nottingham and

The legendary Bradman said

He was heavily criticised after India lost by 12 runs despite his 136 in the fourth innings against

Pakistan at Madras in 1999.

Cricket

Sri Lanka's ace spinner Muttiah Muralitharan grabbed five wickets for nine runs in 10 overs to restrict New Zealand to 218-8 in the threenation Sharjah Cup here on Tuesday.

The Kiwis were 159-7 at one

form Nathan Astle, caught behind off a lifter from Nuwan Zoysa, never allowed New Zealand to settle in.

Zovsa also removed Craig

wickets off his first 13 deliveries without conceding a run and then added one more victim in his fourth over as the Kiwis slipped from 86-2

Fleming, who made 34, attempted to cut and found the ball go straight to Russel Arnold in the lone slip region. Scott Styris fell into

Muralitharan's trap when he pulled a short ball to deep mid-wicket where Chaminda Vaas, stationed for that very shot, gleefully accepted the catch. Nevin, who became

Muralitharan's third victim after making 45, was unlucky to be dismissed to a catch at short-leg.

ruled the catch had been taken clearly, but prevailing rules did not allow him to tell the on-field umpires that the ball had bounced off the batsman's pad and not the bat. Muralitharan was taken off after

to remove both batsmen in succes-Sinclair, who made 28, attempted an ambitious reverse sweep and only managed to hole

istic shuffle and the powerful punch

on the all-time test centuries list with fortable pick.

dreds in the Caribbean," former Test

of fans in India before every series put a huge burden of responsibility

hundred from him is considered a disappointment. The 28-year-old from Bombay has struck several stand-out innings

both hallmarks of his aggressive

him of his own batting. But the Indian has often been accused of not delivering the killer

NZ in Muralitharan spin

New Zealand elected to take first strike in the day-night international.

Muralitharan's devastation left Sri Lanka facing a moderate target of 4.4 runs an over to record their second successive win in the 250,000-dollar limited-overs tourna-

came on to bowl in the 16th over. The wily bowler grabbed two

that sends the ball racing to the Tendulkar, India's batting linchpin for more than a decade, has fence are a part of Lara folklore,' been hailed as modern cricket's most complete player by a plethora

Huge expectations from millions

approach. Tendulkar's strokeplay reminded

blow in Tests -- a charge he has not

dramatic Caribbean series.

"We need to study them at sev-

Lara, known as much for his

flambovance as for his world record

most belligerent dispatcher of a

stage before Jacob Oram smashed an unbeaten 46 off 33 balls, with five fours and two sixes, to boost the

The seventh ball dismissal of in-

The partnership prospered till all hell broke loose when Muralitharan

First innings scoreboard in the

Third umpire David Shepherd

a six-over spell in which he took three wickets for six runs, allowing the Kiwis to breathe easier. Matthew Sinclair and Chris Harris put on 56 for the sixth wicket. before Muralitharan came on again

out to Kumar Sangakkara at short

else has failed, anything less than a

fighting 114 at Perth in 1992 were

a close call."

The versatile off-spinner, whose 3-27 routed Pakistan on Monday, once again showed his guile after

McMillan for six, hooking down finelea's throat, before Chris Nevin and skipper Stephen Fleming added 55 for the third wicket.

> Harris was caught at slip by Arnold after making 33, which

reduced New Zealand to 159-7 in the 42nd over. **SCOREBOARD**

> between New Zealand and Sri Lanka on Tuesday: **NEW ZEALAND** Nevin c sub (Dilshan) b M'tharan45 Astle c Kaluwitharana b Zoysa McMillan c Vaas b Zoysa Fleming c Arnold b M'tharan

Styris c Vaas b M'tharan

Harris c Arnold b M'tharan

Sharjah Cup one-day international

Sinclair c Sangakkara b M'tharan28 Oram not out Franklin c Jayasuriya b Buddhika 9 Tuffy not out Extras: (lb-7, w-4, nb-2) Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 218

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-31, 3-86, 4-

0

43

40

32

31

Zoysa Arnold M'tharan Chandana 10 Jayasuriya 0 19 Buddhika SRI LANKA: Sanath Jayasuriya, Marvan Atapattu, Kumar

92, 5-99, 6-155, 7-159, 8-197

Bowler

Vaas

Russel Arnold, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Muttiah Muralitharan, Chaminda Vaas, Charitha Buddika, Nuwan Zoysa, Upul Chandana. Umpires: Russel Tiffin (Zimba-

Sangakkara, Mahela Javawardena,

bwe) and Srinivas Venkataraghvan

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Bangladesh Biman clinched the titles

Table Tennis Tournament at the National Sports Council Gymnasium

Biman Red defeated Biman Green 3-0 in the women's final while Biman beat Dilkusha Club by the same margin in the men's final. They again defeated Narail 3-2 in

of the women's, men's and boys' team events in the Biman Crew Cup Open

REUTERS, Georgetown

Harbhajan pulled a muscle in his

"It will be too late if it's announced unfit. So the board decided to send Sarandeep as back-up in any case,

Harbhajan, nicknamed "The

Meanwhile, Dasgupta said the Board of Control for Cricket in India

Metro Premier Hockey League

