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Marc Wilmots

(Belgium soccer captain) "After the finals, I will stop. I am 33 vears old and it's time to think a little of myself. I have already given a lot and I don't want to risk further injuries and operations. My body is telling me it's time to take it easier." On his decision to retire after

the World Cup.



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April 26, 2002 and draw

shortly afterwards

Who clinched the Indian Wells

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- fastest double century?
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- Games football title?
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- desh Games?
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- Sarandeep Singh (39 not out). Phone: (If any)

goal, let alone exciting football in the NITOL-TATA NAT'L FOOTBALL LEAGUE last two games. Defending champions Abahani

MSC a la Abahani

also shared a goalless draw with Chaturanga Club of Sylhet in the opening match on Tuesday. The goal draught certainly

reflected little or no preparation of the big teams. The match hardly saw any creative move in the first Alfaz, who is widely known for his

killer run and skilful penetration, was not in his usual self in the first half. His attacking partner Nakib, known for his spectacular header, was a complete flop. Mohammedan however

close to scoring twice in the second They got their first real chance in the 56th minute when Alfaz dribbled

launched a late assault and came

past two Mohsin Club defenders down the left-flank and lobbed a perfect cross, only to be fisted away for corner by goalkeeper Raju.

Mohammedan however pressed hard in the last five minutes to break in the defence of Mohsin Club. Raju saved his team again by fisting away a spectacular header from Joy in the 86th minute.

Yellow Cards: Tipu (Mohammedan), Sufian, Apu and Mithu (Mohsin

TEAMS

Mohammedan SC: Nizam, Jewel Rana, Faisal, Papel, Masud Rana, Anwar (Tipu), Joy, Tushar, Monwar (Pappu) Alfaz and Nakib.

Mohsin Club: Raju, Sufian, Montu, Rinku (Jahangir), Biplob, Chanchal (Apu), Mithu, Abul, Riaz (Rabi) and Walid

Referee: Ram Krishna Ghosh.



A Mohsin Club defender (R) fails to cut off an Alfaz shot during their Nitol-Tata National Football League clash against Mohammedan at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Thursday.

Bagan toy with Young

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CORRESPONDENT,Chittagong

Mohammedan Sporting Club fol-

lowed in the footsteps of their arch-

rivals Abahani Krira Chakra when

they drew goalless with Mohsin

Club in the second match of Nitol-

Tata National Football League here

live up to their big tag apart from

some 'fag-end' dazzles in an insipid

the desire of Mohsin Club, but it was

yet another disappointing day for a

few thousands spectators, who

were deprived of seeing a single

and eye-soaring encounter.

The black and whites failed to

The outcome might have served

at the MAAziz stadium yesterday.



Kalabagan Krira Chaka set some sort of record when they took just 38 balls to dump Young PREMIER LEAGUE Cricketers in one

of the two GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches at the

Right-arm seamer Mushfiqur Rahman returned with a five-wicket haul to help Kalabagan book Young Cricketers for only 98 in 33.4 overs The national all-rounder gave away only 16 runs off his ten overs to rip the heart out of Young batting order.

Left-arm spinner Manzarul Islam and young right arm pacer Talha Jubayer were Mushfig's partner in crime sharing rest of the five wick-

Manzarul bagged three wickets for 14 runs while Talha took two wickets for 24.

Number ten Nayan Kumar was the highest run getter for Young Cricketers with a 30-ball 26.

Chasing the paltry total, the lakeside outfit raced to score 102 for no loss in just 6.2 overs, with openers Ziaur Rahman and Rafiqul Islam sending Youngs on a cherry chase all around the park.

Ziaur smashed an unbeaten 54 off just 27 balls with eleven boundaries while in-form Rafigul plundered 37 from only 13 balls. Rafigul smote one six and half a dozen of

boundaries.

It was Kalabagan's fifth win in ten matches that kept their hopes alive for a 'Super League' berth.

On the other hand, promotees Young succumbed to their tenth In the other match of the day,

Uttara Sporting Club beat Dhanmondi Club by 44 runs at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Put into bat first, Uttara reached

Middle-order Rashed topscored

with 48 off 65 balls In reply, Dhanmondi were all out

MUSHFIQUR ... 5 for 16

for 193 in 42.4 overs with Nadim Keramat hammering highest 43.

Sri Lankan Nilanth Tillekeratne and Neaz Murshed led the Utta bowling attack with three wickets

It was Uttara's third win in ten outings while Dhanmondi won one out of nine defeats

SCOREBOARDS

Scoreboards of the two GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches played at different city venues yesterday:

Uttara SC v Dhanmondi Club Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

Moniruzzaman c Shahriar b Mahfuz c Ashraf b Shafiul

Narayan b tahmim 37 Barua Ibw b Debabrata Faisal c Ashraf b Nadim Rashed c Hasibul b Monirul 48 Tillekeratne Ibw b Monirul 27 Neaz st Hasibul b Tahmim Moinuzzaman st Hasibul b Shahriar 10 Rose not out Ashfaq not out Extras: (lb-6, nb-1, w-11) Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 237

Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-61, 3-63,

4-105, 5-121, (6-176,	7-21	18, 8-2	2
9-229.				
Bowler	0	M	R	
Ashraf	6	0	47	
Debabrata	8	2	20	
Tahmim	10	0	41	
Shafiul	10	0	38	
Shahriar	8	0	39	
Nadim	4	0	13	
DHANMONDI CLUB				

Taj b Barua Shafiul Ibw b Ashfaq

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Biman-MSC important tie today

National Stadium today.

The two giants of Dhaka cricket, who are currently sharing the second place behind leaders Victoria Sporting Club, have bolstered their respective line-ups before going into the penultimate game of the

While Mohammedan regained leg-spinner.

Tikolo, who missed the last five triumph last year.

Pakistan's Test discard Farhat also reached Dhaka yesterday to play his first match of this year's Leágue. Farhat was Biman's overseas recruit last season also and was the top run-getter of the

Usha eat Farashgani

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Usha Krira Chakra overwhelmed Farshganj Sporting Club 10-0 to register their third successive victory in the Green Delta Premier

Bhasani Stadium yesterday. Striker Habul led the Usha goalfeast with three followed by penalty corner specialist Mamunur Rashid

Jahid Hossain Raju, Roni, Tutul Kumar Nag and Ehtesham shared the other goals for the title contend-

Usha led the first half 3-0.

on the trot after gulping down 20 goals in their previous two games. Meanwhile, in the First Division League Mukta Bihanga scored a lone goal victory over Barnak

Anis struck the all-important goal for Mukta Bihanga in the 19th min-

UI IM Chess Reefat infront

International Master (IM) Reefatbin-Sattar took solo lead in the United Insurance IM Chess Tournament after defeating IM Leit Johannessen of Norway in the eighth round at the NSC chess room

yesterday.

Reefat raised his tally to 6.5

Johannessen, on the other hand, oined IM Abdullah Al-Rakib, Roktim Bandyopadhyay and International Women Master (IWM) Nisha Mohota of India in the second position with each having 5.5 points.

In yesterday's round, Rakib beat IM Nolotoal Das of India while Nisha Mishra.

naster Taibur Rahman and Indians PDS Girinath and Santarshi Roy of India. All of them have five points. The ninth round begins at the

maintained their all-win run in the NBL Premier Division Volleyball League beating Dilkusha SC 25-17 21-25. 25-22. 25-22 at Dhaka Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

play Audit KS in today's lone match at the same venue.



GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League

Nitol-Tata National Football League T&T Club, Barisal v Bangladesh Army (5:30 pm)

Green Delta Premier Hockey Mariner Young Club v Wari Club (4

Tournament Round Nine

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Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on Bangladesh Biman in a crucial GrameenPhone Premier League match at the Bangabandhu

first round

the services of their star Kenvan batsman Steve Tikolo, Biman brought in Pakistani left hander Imran Farhat who is also a useful

games due to national commit-ments, arrived in Dhaka yesterday. The aggressive right-hander was the linchpin of Mohammedan's title

Green Delta Hockey

AFP, Lagos

resolved Wednesday, officials told AFP

by the official broadcasters.

they remain undefeated.

receive a five million yen bonus.

Hockey League at the Maulana

who struck twice.

For Usha, it was a third battering

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points with the win.

beat Nasir Ahmed. Roktim drew with fellow Indian IM Neeraj Kumar Mishra remained third in the table along with Bangladeshi Fide

same venue at 3 pm today.

Premier Div v'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Last time runners-up Titas Club

Water Development Board will



Surjo Tarun v Brothers Union Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

Venue: Maulana Bhasani Stadium United Insurance IM Chess

Beckham speaks

AFP, London

BLAST FROM THE PAST

A LEGEND IS BORN: 1958 World Cup Final. Stockholm, Sweden. 29th June, 1958. Sweden 2 v Brazil 5. Brazil's Pele

surrounded by delighted Brazilian fans after the final in which he scored twice.

CUP CORNER

Nigerians will now watch all matches of the 2002 World Cup on television after a crisis between local stations and rights owners TV Africa was

live," said Mac Emakpore, a top official of the Nigeria Broadcasting Com-

"Local stations have been permitted to show the World Cup matches

According to the official, the local stations can show all 64 games live or

Nigeria's state-owned television station, the Nigeria Television Authority

the condition they buy TV Africa decoders and run commercials approved

(NTA), as well as several leading private stations had kicked against show

ng the championship free of their own commercials.

TV Africa, who paid two and half million dollars for the World Cup rights

The recalcitrant stations argued that it was unprofessional and imperial istic for TV Africa to select media that could broadcast the matches.

JAPANESE HAVE \$280 MILLION WAITING!

<u>Tokyo</u> Japan's World Cup footballers stand to earn 37 million yen (283 million

dollars) each in bonus payments if they go through the tournament unde-

Winning the final in front of their home crowd will earn the players a lucrative 30 million yen each, the association said.

meaning they could reap an extra seven million yen in the unlikely even

third place, the players will get 15 million yen each.

The bonus falls to 10 million yen for fourth place and eight million yen i

they finish between fifth and eighth.

If they make the round of 16 but progress no further, the players will each

The BBC reported on Wednesday that England's World Cup players could earn up to 200,000 pounds (288,000 dollars) each if they win the

tournament, which is co-hosted by Japan and South Korea and starts or

TURKEY, SA IN HONG KONG MEET

Standing in their way of Cup glory will be a Scotland team determined to show they should also have been among the 32 teams heading to South

Turkey will be looking to midfield dynamo Kerimoglu of Blackburn Rovers

The Cup is being held to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the handover

The winner of each match gets three points, the loser none. In the even

of a draw, there will be a penalty shoot-out. The winner will get two points

THAILAND TO HOST URUGUAY

Thailand will host two-time World Cup champions Uruguay in a friendly

of Hong Kong back to China," said James Tsang of the Hong Kong Football

in Hong Kong from May 20-23, it was announced Thursday.

Korea and Japan for the World Cup finals.

country and hone his predatory instincts.

There is no prize money on offer.

South Africa vs Scotland (0745 GMT)
Hong Kong XI vs Turkey (1000 GMT)

Scotland vs Hong Kong XI (1000 GMT) Turkey vs South Africa (0015 GMT)

Tournament engagement at the NSC yesterday.

May 30:

and the loser one.

The players will earn a minimum 10,000 yen each for every game they

They will get an extra one million yen each for every game they win

feated, the Japanese Football Association announced Thursday.

each, regardless of where they eventually finish in the tournament

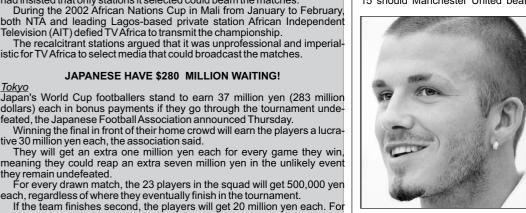
nad insisted that only stations it selected could beam the matches.

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP KOREA APAN

England captain David Beckham said the thought of playing in the World Cup was keeping him going through the biggest test of his career.

Manchester United midfielder Beckham, who missed England's friendly against Paraguay on Wednesday because of a broken foot sustained in Champions League victory against Spanish outfit Deportivo La Coruna, was confident he would be ready for the forthcoming finals in Japan and South Korea.

But the 26-vear-old admitted that realistically he would taking no part in a Champions League final on May 15 should Manchester United beat



DAVID BECKHAM

German side Bayer Leverkusen in

the semis Beckham said: "The World Cup is the one thing that's motivating me -

it's the light at the end of the tunnel.

"It's the biggest mental test of my career - I haven't had a bad injury before. It's difficult, but I've got to get on with it. "I've had a few tests over my

A star-studded Turkey team, spearheaded by Tugay Kerimoglu, will join fellow World Cup qualifiers South Africa in the four-nation Reunification Cup career, physically and mentally, and I've come through them quite well and this is just another one. "But there are a load of more important things going on around the

AHong Kong XI makes up the numbers.

Turkey and South Africa are likely to bring full strength squads as they complete preparations ahead of the World Cup which gets under way in South Korea on May 31. world than my left foot," he told United television station MUTV He added: "A lot of people have mentioned England, but no-one's South African striker Shaun Bartlett, who plays for Charlton Athletic in the mentioned that I'm missing a semi-English Premiership, will be keen to add to the 23 goals he has scored for his final in the Champions League and

upsetting thing.

that for me at the moment is the

"If we did get through to the final

then maybe there'd be a chance (of playing), but that's my heart speaking and not my head. I might recover quicker than I think, but realistically, Beckham said initial predictions

changed in his first week out of action. "Unless anything drastically goes wrong they've given me the timescale of six to eight weeks -

about the extent of injury had not

there's seven weeks to the first game so we'll have to wait and see. "I've been in for treatment every day and everyone's doing everything

"At United you know you've got the best of everything and in my opinion we've got the best doctors and physios, so I'm in good hands and I'm still setting my sights on being fit as guick as I can.'

Beckham, who said he heard his

foot crack after attempting to apply pressure on the injury moments after the tackle from Deportivo's Pedro Duscher on April 10 at Old Trafford, had no bitterness towards the Argentinian He added: "I think it was a bad tackle, and people have been saying

was it a coincidence he is Argentinian, but the player rang me up and apologised and said he didn't mean to hurt me, and I accepted his apology.'

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Both want to bowl better with a first-choice attack as top offthe first match, with Srinath alone

Cricket

AFP, Port-of-Spain

India and the West Indies go into the second Test here on Friday hoping to put up a better bowling performance to seize the initiative in the fivematch series.

Both the teams squandered an advantage in the rain-hit opening Test, which ended in a draw at Georgetown in Guyana on Monday. Paceman Javagal Srinath

reduced the West Indies to 44-3 on the first morning of the match, but received no support from the other end as the hosts went on to amass 501 in their only innings. The West Indies then looked set to enforce a follow-on and gain a

India reeling at 275-7, but only to see their bowlers fail to complete the job. Rahul Dravid slammed a plucky 144 not out to steer India past the follow-on mark of 302, sharing a 120-run stand with tail-ender India are likely to go into the Test

psychological edge when they sent

spinner Harbhajan Singh has been declared fit. "He has been declared fit by

physio Andrew Leipus for the match and is available for selection. The playing eleven will be decided later," said Indian cricket manager Gautam Dasgupta on Wednesday. The spinner was ruled out of the opening Test due to a shoulder-

injury, sustained during a three-day game before the match His replacement. Sarandeep. failed to solve India's bowling problems as he finished with 1-80 off 21 overs in his maiden overseas Test.

Harbhaian, seven short of 100 Test wickets, rose to prominence with a 32-wicket haul against Steve Waugh's Australians last year. His absence in the First test was severely felt by the tourists, who

struggled to keep the pressure on

the West Indies. The Indian manager said Dravid was feeling better after being struck on the grill on his helmet during the

"There's a little bit of swelling, but no pain," Dasgupta said. Bowling was India's main worry in

giving a good account of himself with a three-wicket burst.

seamer Zaheer Khan both failed to Kumble and Zaheer shared four wickets, but proved expensive as the West Indian batsmen made merry on a good pitch to post a big total.

Indian coach John Wright conceded that none of the bowlers could

support Srinath.

West Indies skipper Carl Hooper

Somebody has to chip in from

the other end," Wright said, adding

he hoped Harbhajan's return to the

squad would provide sharpness to

He, however, got little support from the other end as key leg-

Skipper Carl Hooper led the run-

spinner Anil Kumble and left-arm

riot with a superb 233, sharing a record 293-run stand for the fifth wicket with fellow-Guyanese Shivnarine Chanderpaul (140).

also expected his bowlers to deliver

Biman v Mohammedan SC Venue: Bangabandhu National

Venue: MA Aziz Stadium, Chittagong

Venue: NSC Chess Room

Reefat-bin-Sattar (L) thinks over his next move against Leif Johannessen of Norway during their Sixth United Insurance International Masters' Chess