Muttiah may tour England

REUTERS/AP, Colombo

Injured off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan will consult a specialis in Australia to decide if he needs surgery to his damaged left shoulder, the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lankan (BCCSL) said.

Muralitharan sufféred a slight dislocation and torn ligaments while fielding against Pakistan in the Sharjah Cup final on Wednesday.

BCCSL however said Muralitharan has not been completely ruled out of Sri Lanka's tour of England, beginning next week.

The injury to his non-bowling arm has left his participation in the first Test with England next month in doubt. Sri Lanka are due to play three Tests in England as well as taking part in a one-day tourna-

"The England tour is a long tour and it is most likely that Muralitharan will join at some point," said BCCSL spokesman Niresh

Eliatamby "The time period that Muralitharan will be unavailable for the tour will be ascertained only after he is examined by specialists,

BCCSL said in a statement. Muralitharan, who turned 30 on Wednesday, will travel to Melbourne for the consultation. The first Test against England starts on May 16 at Lord's. The tour ends on

The Sri Lankan has been the world's must successful spinner for the past couple of seasons, taking 80 wickets in 12 Tests in 2001. He currently boasts 412 Test wickets overall, just behind Australian leg-

spinner Shane Warne's total of 450. Earlier this year Muralitharan took nine for 51 in the second Test against Zimbabwe, just missing out history to take all 10 wickets in an

Cup Corner

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next month less than two weeks before the finals kick off, sports

authorities confirmed Thursday.
Thai Football Association officials told AFP the South Americans will play Thailand on May 18. "It will be a warm-up before they

(Uruguay) head to South Korea for the finals," the official said. Uruguay, which won the inaugu-

ral tournament in 1930 on home soil and again in 1950, has not reached the finals of the World Cup since

Thailand, currently ranked 60th in the world by FIFA, is a perennial Southeast Asian power but has never made it to the finals. Four-time champions Brazil had

expressed a willingness to train in football-mad Thailand ahead of the tournament but instead opted for neighbouring Malaysia.

Uruguay is in Group A with current champions France, Denmark and Senegal 100 "LANGUAGE"

Japan's Narita International Airport will mobilise 100 volunteers skilled in seven different languages to assist foreign football fans as they arrive for the World Cup finals, an official said Thursday.

The helpers will be available at the airport's arrival lobby and its underground train stations from May 29 to June 7, said Hidehisa Matsumoto, an official for Narita Airport Authority.

Japan and South Korea will cohost the month-long football tournament, which begins on May 31.

"We hope our volunteers will make it easier for foreign visitors to get to football stadiums, Matsumoto said.

The assistants will offer language services in Chinese, French, Ger-

many, Italian, Korean, Spanish and Russian. The airport is already well sign-posted in English. The volunteers will also be avail-

able from June 27 to July 1.

Narita airport, some 60 kilometers (40 miles) east of Tokyo, is one of the busiest airports in Asia with some 370 arriving and departing flights a day.

On Thursday, the airport opened its second runway to commercial flights just in time for the World Cup finals after a string of delays due to strong resistance from local farmers and landowners.

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Pak slaughter Sri Lanka

Cricket

AFP, Sharjah

Yousuf Youhana smashed a century in his 100th one-dayer as Pakistan took advantage of a shoulder injury to Sri Lanka's star bowler Muttiah Muralitharan to win the Sharjah Cup final by a whopping 217 runs here on Wednesday.

Youhana hit 129 off 131 balls as Pakistan piled up 295-6 from 50 overs and then shot out a dispirited Sri Lanka for only 78 in 16.5 overs before 20,000 screaming fans at the overflowing Sharjah cricket sta-Fast bowlers Shoaib Akhtar and

Wagar Younis grabbed three wickets each and Wasim Akram claimed two as the shell-shocked Sri Lankan batsmen fell like nine pins against hostile pace.

Youhana hit eight boundaries and three sixes and opener Imran Nazir smashed 63 off 61 balls after Wagar won the toss and elected to bat in the day-night international But it was Younis Khan's 66 off

71 balls and his 155-run stand for the fifth wicket with Youhana that enabled Pakistan build a huge Pakistan's emphatic win was however, marred by a serious injury

to Muralitharan which could keep him out of next month's tour of England. Muralitharan was taken to hospital with torn ligaments in his left

shoulder and officials said the injury was serious enough to require The off-spinner, celebrating his 30th birthday, tripped while fielding in the 11th over and hit the ground

clutching his left shoulder. Team physiotherapist Alex Kontouri, who accompanied Muralitharan to hospital, said the shoulder was not dislocated, but he was consulting a doctor in Australia for immediate surgery on the torn ligaments

"We want Muralitharan to have the surgery as quick as possible and may send him to Australia soon," said Sri Lankan cricket official Michael Tissera.

Officials, however, refused to say if Muralitharan will be available for the three-Test series against England starting on May 17 exactly a month from now. With the versatile Muralitharan

out of the way, the Pakistani bats-

men made merry and then received wonderful support from the bowlers. Two wickets each by Akhtar and Wasim reduced Sri Lanka to 57-5 by the 13th over and, with the top order gone, the later batsmen proved

easy meat for the Pakistanis Sri Lanka moved to 52-1 when they lost four wickets in as many overs to ensure a certain victory for

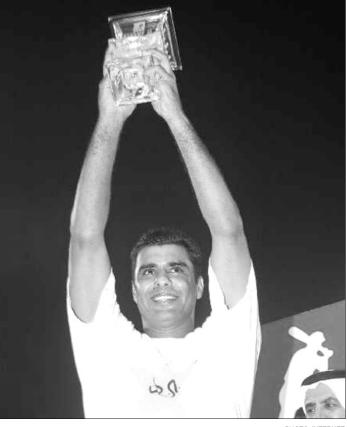
Akhtar forced Sanath Jayasuriya (19) to top-edge a hook in his first over and then had Kumar Sangakkara caught behind by wicket-keeper Rashid Latif.

Akram, who had earlier bowled Marvan Atapattu, trapped pinch-

SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the Sharjah Cup final between Pakistan and Sri I anka on Wednesday: PAKISTAN: 259 for six in 50 overs

(Y Youhana 129, Younis Khan 66, Nazir 63; Zoysa 3-63) SRILANKA



Pakistan captain Waqar Younis holds aloft the Sharjah Cup after his side won the final against Sri Lanka on Wednesday.

hitter Chaminda Vaas leg-before, while Waqar clean bowled Mahela Jayawardena for no score. Pakistan had themselves recov-

ered from the loss of opener Shahid Afridi and Latif by the seventh over to set Sri Lanka a challenging target of almost six runs an over. Youhana and Nazir put on 85 for the third wicket, before Pakistan

slipped again when Nazir was

bowled in leg-spinner Upul Chandana's first over and Inzamam-ul Haq was run out for 12. Younis and Youhana, however, flayed the depleted Sri Lankan attack as Muralitharan watched haplessly from the dressing room

after returning from hospital. Left-arm seamer Nuwan Zoysa, who removed both Youhana and Younis off consecutive balls in the final over, finished with three for 63.

But Abdul Razzaq prevented a hattrick by smashing the last ball for Jayasuriya c and b Akhtar Atapattu b Akram Sangakkara c Latif b Akhtar Vaas Ibw b Akram Jayawardena b Waqar Arnold c and b Akhtar Chandana not out Dharmasena run out Zoysa b Waqar Buddhika c Latif b Waqar Muralitharan did not bat Extras: (b-1, w-3, nb-5) Total: (All out in 16.5 overs) 4-53, 5-57, 6-76, 7-77, 8-78, 9-78

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SPORTS REPORTER Orient Sporting Club rode on a brilliant unbeaten century by Ismail to record

First Division Cricket

Orient cruise

Ismail fashions

their second successive win in the First Division Cricket League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The opening batsman struck an

attacking 79-ball 106 as Orient, chasing a modest Dhaka Wanderers total of 183, reached 186 for the loss of two wickets in only 28.2 overs. Ismail hammered 17 boundaries

and two sixes in his blazing knock. He shared 140 runs for the unbroken third wicket with Masum-Ud Dowla. who scored a run-a-ball 57. **BRIEF SCORES:**

Dhaka Wanderers 183 for 8 in 50 overs (Nazrul 73; Mizanur 3/30) Orient SC: 186 for 2 in 28.2 overs

(Ismail 106 not, Masum 57 not out) Result: Orient SC won by 8 wick-

New Model in semis

SPORTS REPORTER



New Model High School of Dhaka booked the last semifinal berth of the Standard Chartered Bank 20th National School Cricket Championship with a comfortable 86-run win over Kabi Nazrul School of Meherpur at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra yesterday Batting first, New Model were all

out for 202 in 34.3 overs, Zahidul topscoring with 55. Rajib was the other notable run-getter with 48.

In reply, Kabi Nazrul School were shot our for 116 in 24.5 overs.

The winners will take on holders BKSP in today's semifinals at the Bogra Stadium. The other semifinal will also be played today at the Altafunnessa playground between Bhola Government High School and Comilla High School

SCORES IN BRIEF

New Model High School: 202 all out in 34.3 overs (Zahidul 55, Rajib 48, Kabi Nazrul School: 116 all out in 24.5 overs (Hasan 19, Shovon 4-24,

Babu 3-22) Result: New Model High School won by 86 runs.

Nat'l Youth Cricket

Chandpur, Kushtia and Jhalakati won their respective matches in the City Cell 21st National Youth Cricket at country's different venues yester

Chandpur defeated Khagrachhari by 140 runs at

for six wickets in 50 overs. At Narail, Kushtia outplayed

30.1 overs chasing Jhenidah's 114 runs all out in 36.3 overs. At Patuakhali, Jhalakati beat Barisal by four wickets

Barisal scored 148 runs all out in 44.3 overs.

In reply, Jhalakati made 150 runs

What to watch FROM PAGE 13

Sportsline Tonight Sport News Live at 6:30 pm West Indies vs India Second Test, Day One

FROM PAGE 13 this time, saying they could have

done better in the previous match.

sial caught-behind decision. "I'm sure Brian Lara and the rest

who didn't get runs (in Guyana) will be out to prove their worth in the second Test," said West Indian manager Ricky Skerrit. **TEAMS**

(captain), Chris Gayle, Stuart Williams, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Brian Lara, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Ryan Hinds, Junior Murray, Mervyn Dillon, Cameron Cuffy, Marlon Black, Adam Sanford, Mahendra Nagamootoo.

INDIA (from): Sourav Ganguly Singh.

Kiwis arrive in Pakistan

Cricket

New Zealand cricket captain Stephen Fleming and manager John Dykes on Thursday said safety fears in Pakistan would not affect their team's performance, after they arrived here on Thursday under heavy guard.

"Natural apprehensions remain there, but after security assurances by Pakistan Cricket Board we hope it would be a good, trouble-free tour and players would give their best,' Dykes told a press conference here. Large numbers of police and

Black Caps as they were escorted from the airport to their hotel at the start of a 25-day tour. The tour had been due to take place in September and October last year, but was postponed follow-

paramilitary troops greeted the

"There were real security con-

United States.

ing the September 11 attacks in the

cerns when we postponed that tour but since New Zealand Cricket (NZC) remained committed to honour the commitment, we are delighted to be here," Dykes said.

Pakistani authorities have promised "foolproof" security for the tourists who agreed to reschedule the tour only after Pakistan's interior ministry guaranteed the visitors safe exit in the event of a security alert.

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming, who leads the team on the heels of a tri-series with Pakistan and Sri Lanka in Sharjah, where they failed to reach the final, said players are well aware of all off-field "We are aware of everything,

including security, but we will not be

bothered as we are given assur-

ances which look satisfying," said

Fleming, a veteran of New

Zealand's last tour to Pakistan in

1996-97 The tourists will play their first match in the port city of Karachi on Sunday, where Wall Street Journal iournalist Daniel Pearl was kid-

napped and executed by Islamic extremists earlier this year.

The remaining two one-dayers will be played at Rawalpindi on April 24 and Lahore on April 27. The first Test will start in Lahore from May 1 while the second is scheduled at Karachi from May 8-12.

"Pakistan is a formidable side and at full strength and we miss some key players, but we will put up a good show," Fleming said.

"We have been playing well since our tour to Australia last year and hope to carry on that form."

Ace New Zealand all-rounders Chris Cairns and Dion Nash and rising pacer Shane Bond are missing due to injury while teammates Scot Styris, Jacob Oram and James Franklin will leave after the one-day series to be replaced in the Tests by Chris Martin, Daniel Vettori and Mark Richardson.

Robbie Hart and Vincent will join the team from New Zealand later Thursday while Chris Nevin has been retained after he was earlier ruled out due to injury.

Round 1, Draw in Barisal

Competition Information, Prizes and Rules

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their answer to each question.

Information

- The Baily Star Rangs Toshiba World Cup Quiz 2002 is a series of competitions on World Cup Soccer being held in
- Each round will have a separate draw with attractive prizes from the house of RANGS TOSHIBA as per
- Participants of all the SIX rounds will automatically qualify for the Bumper Draw, which will have even bigger prizes.
- For each round, a set of questions including a photographic Quiz will be published in The Pailly Star.
- Winners will have to collect their prizes from @. Daily & complete forms will not be accepted. office after satisfactory authentication of their identity.
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- Entry forms should be completed with a ballpoint pen. Name, address, father's name and particulars of participants must be clearly written. Each entry form must also bear the signature of the participant and date.

Forms will have to be cut along the dotted lines

Entries must reach the office of The Baily Star on or before the closing date marked on the entry form. Late entries will not be accepted.

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immediate family members shall not be eligible to

All entries must be submitted in the original form printed in

The Bailly Star. Photocopies or reproductions in any form

Participants are to put a tick (O) mark in the box alongside

A person may send numerous entries for each round.

- Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star World Cup Quiz 1."
- Entries may be hand delivered or posted to The Bailly Star, 19, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
- Entries will be placed in a sealed box for the draw to be held on a notified date in public in presence of invited guests and Quiz participants, if any. Winners will be decided on the basis of correct entries
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The ปิลเป็น Star RANGS TOSHIBA World Cup Quiz, Round 1 Ends April 25, 2002 Tick (\hat{O}) the correct answers

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CRYPTOQUIP FGUF VGDA MCDISOD MNILFLZD DZDCPNAD SAUALONSI, IDD UPD

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A VAMPIRE HAPPENS TO BE A VEGETARIAN, MIGHT HE TURN INTO A

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals A The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ment begins at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium today. A total of six teams are taking part in the competition, organised by Bangladesh Basketball Federation. The teams are: Scholastica, BTS, Sunbeams, South breeze,

Mastermind and Maple Leaf.

Leaf in the inaugural match at 3 pm. School in the other two opening day

Notre Dame

Notre Dame College clinched the title of the Dhaka Metropolis intercollege (higher secondary) football championship defeating Tejgaon College 3-0 in the final at the Motijheel Government Boys' High

Dhaka Education Board.

M'singh cricket OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Station Quarters Eleven defeated

Rajkumar Eleven by five wickets in Basundhara LP Gas First Division Cricket League at local Circuit House Batting first, Rajkumar Eleven

In reply, County scored only 71 runs

"It's nice that people are wanting thank a lot of people.

19 19 Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-52, 3-53,

Pakistan won by 217 Result:

Man-of-the-match: Yousuf Man-of-the-series: Marvan

Scholastica will take on Maple BTS will play Master Mind while

Inter-college soccer

champs

School ground yesterday.

Eight teams took part in the competition, organised by the

defeated County Nabin by 79 runs at local Gymnasium ground vesterday. Batting first, Nil Kamol made 150 all

FROM PAGE 13 Beckham added that he was grateful for the massive outpouring of public concern throughout England over his injury.

getting injured in the next couple of weeks. The way I've got to look at it is I can't get injured now for the rest

School b'ball UNB, Dhaka begins today The girls' school basketball tourna-

Sunbeams encounter South Breeze

BSS, Dhaka

scored 127 runs all out. In reply, Station Quarters scored 131 losing five wickets. In another match, Nil Kamol AC

Beckham speaks

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Khagrachhari were all out for 139 runs in reply to Chandpur's 279 runs

Jhenidah by six wickets. Kushtia scored 115 runs for four wickets in

for six wickets in 46.5 overs.

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Also hoping to make amends is batting star Brian Lara, playing on his home ground. The prolific lefthander could not score at Georgetown, falling to a controver-

WEST INDIES (from): Carl Hooper

(captain), Shiv Sunder Das, Deep Dasgupta, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Venkatsai Laxman, Dinesh Mongia, Anil Kumble, Harbhajan Singh, Javagal Srinath, Zaheer Khan, Sanjay Bangar, Ajay Ratra, Tinu Yohannan, Ashish Nehra, Wasim Jaffer, Sarandeep

Japan & South Korea From May 31 to June 30. There will be SIX rounds of competition.

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Names and addresses of all prize winners will be published in The Pailly Star.

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QUIZ SCHEDULE

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Round & Draw	Starts	Answers must reach by noon	Lucky Draw for prizes
1 Barisal	12 April	25 April	26 April
2 Khulna	26 April	9 May	10 May
3 Rajshahi	10 May	23 May	24 May
4 Sylhet	24 May	6 June	7 June
5 Chittagong	7 June	20 June	21 June
6 Dhaka	21 June	28 June	29 June

World Cup 2002 kicks off at Tokyo Seoul Hanoi

Cut along the dotted lines and mail to OR drop in the Quiz Box at The Daily Star You may send as many entries as you like. Envelopes of entries must be clearly marked "Star World Cup Quiz 1."

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