

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP
KOREA JAPAN

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days to go



Did U Know?

The 10th FIFA World Cup tournament in Germany in 1974 was marked by the arrival of colour television! And as if to highlight this cultural revolution even more, the World Cup featured two other major changes. The first was a change in the tournament rules. The first round group system followed by knock-out in the second round was replaced by a group system in both rounds. The second change was the replacing of the Jules Rimet trophy - won outright by Brazil four years earlier after winning the FIFA World Cup three times (1958, 1962, 1970) - by a new solid gold statuette known as the "FIFA World Cup".



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April 26, 2002 and draw
shortly afterwards

- Who clinched the Indian Wells Masters Series tennis title?
Hewitt Henman Agassi
- Who won the Bangladesh Games hockey title?
Dhaka BDR BJMC
- How many balls did Nathan Astle face to score Test cricket's fastest double century?
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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?
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Alan Shearer

(Newcastle United's former England striker)

"I could never have imagined I would score 200 goals in the Premier League and the reaction those fans gave me in the last few minutes will live with me forever."

After scoring the Premiership 200th goal.

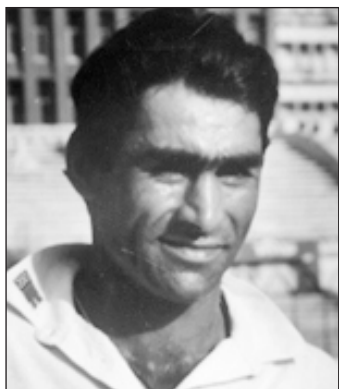
Bagan bags Super ticket

SPORTS REPORTER



Kalabagan Krira Chakra advanced into the 'Super Six' phase as the fifth team when they defeated Brothers Union by 125 runs in a GrameenPhone Premier League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The victory completed a fantastic recovery operation for Kalabagan after a poor start in the 12-team first



ZIAUR ... 104 n.o

round.

A youthful Kalabagan desperately needed a win in their last match of the first round against the traditional giants to avoid the ignominy of playing in the Relegation League. And they did it in style with young middle-order batsman Anisur Rahman and Pakistani Ziaur Rahman delivering the goods in the nick of time.

Ziaur struck a blazing unbeaten 104 off 99 balls and Anisur hammered a composed 87 as Kalabagan, sent into bat, amassed 296 for five in the stipulated 50 overs.

Brothers, in their chase, were bundled out for 171 in 42.5 overs. Kalabagan never looked behind

after Anisur and Ziaur put on 103 runs for the third wicket. Anisur laid the foundation with a disciplined 101-ball knock that included seven boundaries and a six.

The young right-hander was eventually out in the 36th over leaving his side strongly placed at 189.

Ziaur, the elder brother of former Pakistan paceman Ataur Rahman, launched a terrific assault in the last ten overs in company of Manzarul Islam, who clobbered a 23-ball 32 with the help of two sixes and a four.

The Brothers chase never took off against a soaring run-rate. They lost wickets at regular intervals in the face of some quality bowling from right-arm paceman Talha Jubair, who took three wickets for 40 runs in his ten overs.

Brothers' hopes of a turnaround were over when Moin Khan departed after scoring a 33-ball 31. The former Pakistan captain was spectacularly taken by wicketkeeper Lablur Rahman off leg-spinner Mosaddek Hossain.

The defeat served big blow in their bid to book a place in the Super Six.

Three teams are currently vying for the sixth slot with promotes Young Pegasus having an excellent chance to grab it. Pegasus needed a victory against a lowly City Club today.

Among the other two contenders, Surjo Tarun are left with a highly unlikely proposition of defeating League leaders Victoria Sporting Club by a big margin. Brothers on the other hand will have to keep their fingers crossed for the defeat of both Surjo Tarun and Pegasus to fancy their chances.

Four teams -- Victoria, defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club, Bangladesh Biman and runners-up Abahani Krira Chakra -- had

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BLAST FROM THE PAST



PHOTO: STAR FILE

Paul Breitner (R) and Gerd Müller, Germany's two scorers in the 1974 FIFA World Cup final, arm in arm at Munich's Olympic Stadium. For the Bayern Munich forward Müller, his goal in the victory over the Dutch was his fourth of the competition and his fourteenth in total combined with the 1970 tournament. Müller, nicknamed "The Bomber", still holds the record for most goals scored in combined FIFA World Cups. The record of Just Fontaine (13 goals at Sweden 1958) still stands to this day.

LATEST

India lead by 312 runs

SPORTS REPORTER

India were 218 for nine at lunch in their second innings on the fourth day of the second Test at Queen's Park Oval, Trinidad yesterday.

India were leading by 312 runs.

Div I cricket Big win for S Bima

UNB, Dhaka

An unbeaten 85-run knock by Ali Nishan guided Sadharan Bima to earn a comfortable seven-wicket victory over Bangladesh Boys Club in the Metropolis First Division Cricket League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Winning the toss, the insurance men sent Bangladesh Boys in to bat first and dismissed them for moderate 189 runs in 48.4 overs.

In reply, Bima reached the target making 192 for 3 in 42.3 overs.

In the day's other matches, Agrani Bank beat Lalmatia Club by 20 runs at the Jagannath University Ground while Dhaka Wanderers Club defeated Azad Sporting Club by five wickets at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium.



AFP, Milan

The clamour for veteran Brescia striker Roberto Baggio to be called into Italy's World Cup squad grew to a crescendo Monday morning after the 35-year-old had defied doctors to come back and score two goals in an Italian First Division match with Fiorentina.

Baggio, nicknamed the divine ponytail for his Buddhist beliefs and trademark hairstyle, had been ruled out for the season - and therefore the World Cup - after injuring cruciate ligaments on January 31.

Accordingly last week, although there were reports that Baggio was defying medical predictions with his rapid return to fitness, Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni confirmed that Baggio would not be going to Japan, naming his seven offensive players for the World Cup.

While Baggio is Italy's most popular player, key members of the Italian team such as Francesco Totti and Alessandro Del Piero have made it clear they are less than keen on Baggio returning to wear the shirt of the Italian national team.

Del Piero, who many believe was undermined by Baggio at the 1998 World Cup in France, said on Sunday night's Controcampo programme: "I think it would be difficult to call him up."

Baggio himself admitted a change of heart by Trapattoni was a long shot. Speaking after the 3-0 win over Fiorentina he said: "Trapattoni does not need to feel embarrassed, all I can do is give it my maximum but I have little time left."

Even before Sunday's performance petitions were being organised to persuade Trapattoni to rethink but on Monday Baggio's two goals in a 20-minute appearance as a substitute had given the pro-Baggio camp a new lease of life.

Gazzetta dello Sport titled: "Baggio stuns the world: two goals after his personal Calvary."

An editorial entitled "What now, Trap?" was entirely pro-Baggio, saying the former Fiorentina, Juventus, AC Milan and Inter Milan player incarnated Italy.

"Baggio is the Italian national anthem of football, the power of fantasy, the man who unites generations in the name of football," wrote leader writer Elio Trifari.

Referring to the notorious rivalry

Asian U-20 C'ship Booters off to Pakistan

UNB, Dhaka

A 25-member Bangladesh youth team left here yesterday for Pakistan to participate in the qualifying round of the Asian Youth Under-20 Football Championship in Karachi.

The Bangladesh youth team, led by Badda Jagarani striker Mehdi Hasan Ujjal, has been placed in Asian Group-5 with Sri Lanka, Maldives and hosts Pakistan.

Reigning SAF Games football champions Bangladesh will play Sri Lanka in the inaugural match on Apr. 25 at the Peoples Stadium. They will meet Maldives on Apr. 27 and play hosts Pakistan on Apr. 29 in the last group engagement.

BD's first Test from July 20



Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The first Test between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka starts in the Emerald Island from July 20, revealed a Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) high-up yesterday.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport, Board director Syed Ashraf Huq mentioned that the match might run up to July 25 as Sri Lanka observes a government holiday on July 23, a day when no play would be held.

Bangladesh will play two Tests and a three-match one-day series during their month long tour. The Sri Lanka Board has finalised the fixture but is yet to confirm the venues.

The Test babes are scheduled to fly off to Colombo on July 9 and return exactly a month later on August 8.

As per the incomplete itinerary that reached BCB recently, Bangladesh would play two three-day practice matches ahead of the Test series.

The first practice match is slated to start from July 11 and the second

from July 15.

The second Test will start from July 28. The one-day series will then commence after a couple of days' break.

ITINERARY

	Departure
July 9	3-day match
July 11-13	3-day match
July 15-17	3-day match
July 20-25	First Test
July 28-August 12	2nd ODI
August 4	First ODI
August 5	2nd ODI
August 7	Third ODI

The Board is likely to name a primary squad for the trip early next month.

BKSP retain the title

SPORTS REPORTER



Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) retained the Standard Chartered Bank National School Cricket Championship with an exciting seven-run win over Comilla High School at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra yesterday.

It was the third successive triumph for the country's lone sports institution in the National School Championship.

Batting first, BKSP were all out for 156 in 29.5 overs as Comilla's Rajib grabbed three wickets for 34 runs.

Mitu topscored with 36 followed by Iftekhar, who added 17.

But BKSP bowled their heart out while defending the modest total.

Shirhan led the BKSP attack to restrict Comilla High School to 149 for seven in the stipulated 30 overs. He gave away only 20 runs for his three scalps.

Masum fought the lost battle for Comilla with a gutsy 44.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman handed over prizes as chief guest.

SCORES IN BRIEF

BKSP: 156 all out in 29.5 overs (Mitu 34, Iftekhar 17; Rajib 3-34, Jamal 2-21, Rashed 2-19)

COMILLA HIGH SCHOOL: 149 for 7 in 30 overs (Masum 44, Sujon 27 no; Shirhan 3-20)

Result: BKSP won by seven runs

ROLL OF HONOUR

Year	Champions
1982-83	Residential Model
1983-84	Wills Little Flower
1984-85	Wills Little Flower
1985-86	Wills Little Flower
1986-87	West End High
1987-88	Narayanganj High
1988-89	Mukul Niketon
1989-90	Final Rd Not Held
1990-91	Final Rd Not Held
1991-92	Comilla Zilla High
1992-93	Narayanganj High
1993-94	Narayanganj High
1994-95	Bindu Bashini High
1995-96	Scholastica
1996-97	Scholastica
1997-98	Final Rd Not Held
1998-99	Bindu Bashini
1999-2000	Mymensingha Zilla High
2000-2001	BKSP
2001-2002	BKSP

Pabna cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Sangram Club defeated Ranasa Club by four wickets in the Pepsi First Division Cricket League at the Pabna Edward College ground yesterday.

Batting first, Ranasa scored 175 runs all out in 42.2 overs.

In reply, Sangram reached the target of 176 runs losing six wickets in 41.1 overs.

BRIEF SCORES

RANASA CLUB: 175 all out in 42.2 overs (Nupur 29, Lemon 25, Pavel 20, Reza 19; Shipon 3/36)

SANGRAM CLUB: 176 for 6 in 41.1 overs (Mitul 42, Rajib 25, Sanjoy 24, Hemel 21; Sohel 2/43).



GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League

Victoria SC v Surjo Tarun

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

City Club v Young Pegasus

Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

Biman v Uttara SC

Venue: BKSP