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2002 FIFA WORLD CUP
KOREA JAPAN

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days to go



Did U Know?

Cameroun's consolation goal in their 6-1 defeat by Russia in the 1994 World Cup finals in the USA was scored by - who else? - Roger Milla, thus earning him another mention in the record book as the oldest goal-scorer in a World Cup final round. Milla was 42 years 1 month and 8 days old when he scored the goal.



TALK TURKEY



Paolo Maldini
(Italy soccer captain)
"With the World Cup I will end my career with the 'Azzurri'. For me it is the last time."

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 170

Tick the correct answers, post to
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Competition closes at 8 pm
May 10, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

- How many Test tons has Tendulkar scored so far?
30 25 29
- Who won the Standard Chartered Bank National School Cricket Championship?
Comilla High Scholastica BKSP
- Who became champions in the AUB Cup inter-private university cricket tournament?
AUB AUB NSU
- Who clinched the New White Plus GM chess tournament title?
Zia Reefat Sermek
- Which sport does Paolo Maldini play?
Cricket Hockey Football

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What to WATCH

Dear readers,
We are sorry that we could not give you television timings today. In fact, due to some technical difficulties.

N'mootoo out of third Test

AFP, Georgetown
West Indies spin-bowler Mahendra Nagamootoo was on Friday injured in a road accident in his native Guyana and flew to Trinidad for precautionary medical treatment.



EVERYONE WANTS A PIECE OF IT: State Minister for Youth and Sport Fazlur Rahman and national football captain Alfaz Ahmed hold aloft the World Cup on the coveted trophy's arrival at the Zia International Airport yesterday. Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president SA Sultan and Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) president Chief of Army Staff Lt. Gen. Harun-Ar-Rashid, are also seen.

D' mondi upend Tarun

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhanmondi Club pulled off an upset six-wicket win over Surjo Tarun Club in a GrameenPhone Premier Cricket Relegation League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Young paceman Debabrato Pal and his partner Tariqul Islam wreaked havoc with the new ball as Surjo Tarun, electing to bat on a damp wicket, were shot out for 131 in 40.3 overs. The match was reduced to a 42-overs-a-side contest after overnight shower delayed the start.

Debabrato and Tariqul captured three wickets each to send the

Taruns reeling at 31 for six from where they never recovered.

Debabrato, who played for Chittagong in the National League, finished with fantastic figures of 3 for 20 from his nine overs. Tariqul was equally impressive with three for 27.

Surjo Tarun crossed the 100-mark thanks mainly to a defiant 38 by off-spinner Sohail Islam and an unbeaten 12 from number ten batsman Saikat.

Dhanmondi reached the modest target of 132 in 32.3 overs losing only four batsmen. Openers Shaiful and Nasirul put things right for them with a 57-run stand.

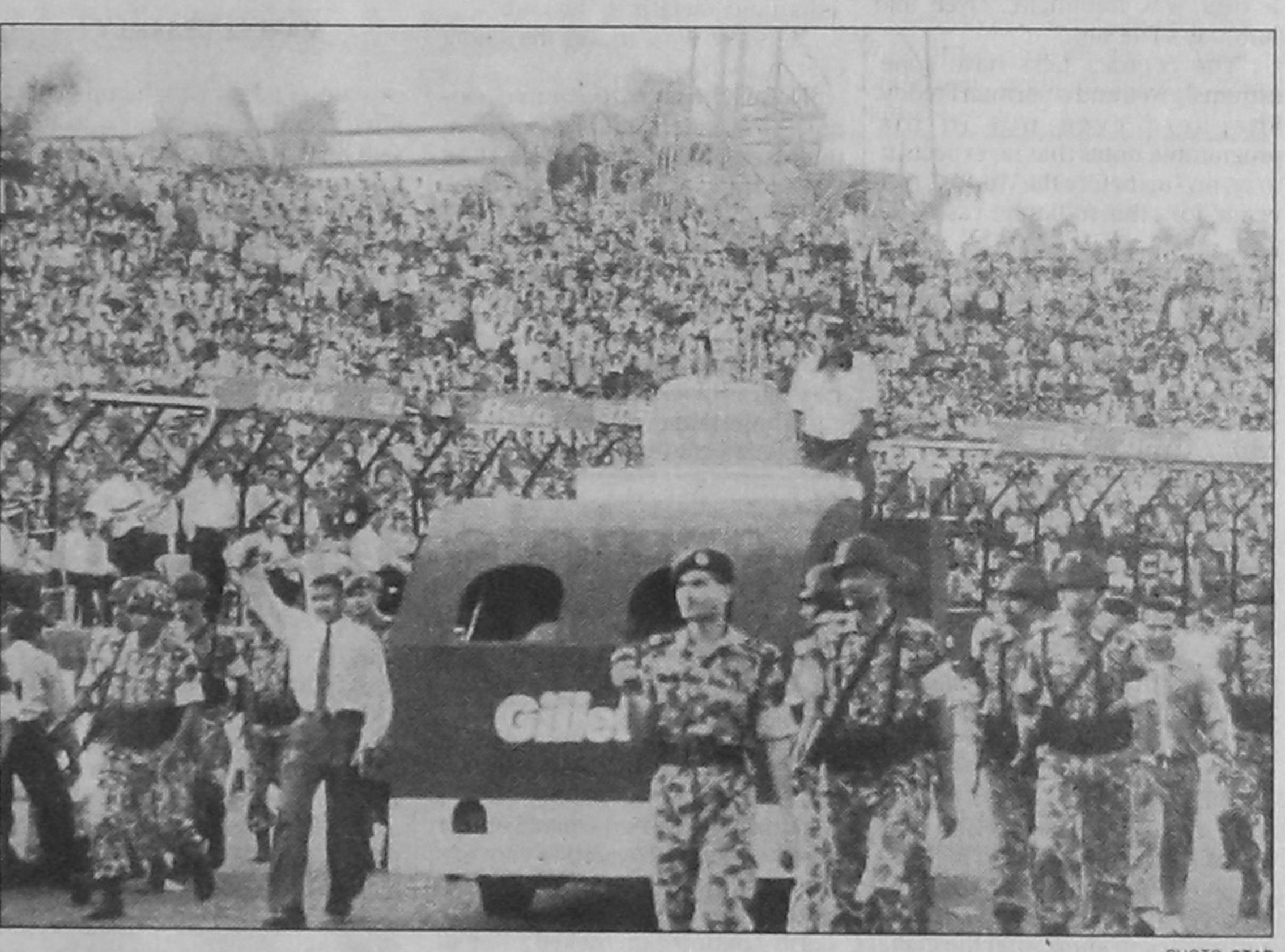
Shaiful scored a breezy 35 off 38 balls that included six boundaries. Nasirul scored 27. Nadim made 24 and wicketkeeper Hasibul Huq scored an unbeaten 18.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecard of the GrameenPhone Premier Cricket Relegation League match between Dhanmondi Club and Surjo Tarun Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday:

SURJO TARUN
Hannan c Shaiful b Tariqul 8
Faruque c Nasirul b Debabrato 4
Saikat not out 9
Jashim c Nadim b Debabrato 1
Shariful hit wicket b Debabrato 1
Ashraf lbw b Tariqul 1
Iqbal c Hasibul b Tariqul 1
Rafiqul lbw b Nadim 19
Sohail lbw b Tamim 38
Kamal b Tamim 5
Saikat not out 13
Shaifac & b Shaifirar 12
Extras: (b-3, lb-2, w-15) 20
Total: (All out in 40.3 overs) 131

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SEE YOU IN KOREA-JAPAN! The FIFA World Cup trophy goes through a lap of honour at the Bangabandhu National Stadium before leaving for the Sheraton Hotel yesterday.

Malik ton in Pakistan's 278

Cricket

AFP, Lahore
Makeshift opener Shoaib Malik hit a sparkling hundred as Pakistan dominated the New Zealand attack in the third and final limited-overs match at Gaddafi Stadium here Saturday.

Malik, 20, recorded a career best 115 as his team made 278-5 in its 50 overs.

He hit twelve fours during his 197-minute stay at the crease and faced 142 balls before being caught at deep square leg by Ian Butler off Andre Adams.

He left Pakistan solidly placed at 250 from 47.1 overs with an innings likely to boost his chances of filling the opening slot on a more full-time basis.

Yousuf Youhana chipped in with a useful 53 while debutant Misbahul Haq made 28 and Abdul Razzak hit a punishing 22 off 11 balls.

Pakistan, having already pocketed the series with wins in Karachi and Rawalpindi, decided to bat after winning the toss on a placid track before a crowd of 20,000.

Afridi and Malik had put on a brisk 26 by the sixth over when Afridi miscued a pull off Adams and was caught at mid-on by Matthew Horne

did not make the tour due to injury.

SCOREBOARD
Scorecard of Pakistan innings in the third and final day-night limited-overs international at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on Saturday:

PAKISTAN
Malik c Butler b Adams 115
Afridi c Horne b Adams 18
Youhana c and b Walker 53
Inzamam c Tuffey b Walker 35
Misbah c Butler b Tuffey 28
Razzak not out 22
Younis not out 4
Extras: (w-2, nb-1) 3
Total: (for 5 wickets in 50 overs) 278

Did not bat: Rashid Latif, Waqar Younis, Mohammad Sami, Shoaib Akhtar

Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-119, 3-191, 4-250, 5-262

Bowler
Tuffey 8 2 29 1
Adams 8 0 57 2
Stryis 9 0 65 0
Butler 10 0 46 0
Harris 5 0 32 0
Walker 10 0 49 2

NEW ZEALAND: Stephen Fleming, Craig McMillan, Chris Nevin, Matthew Horne, Lou Vincent, Andre Adams, Brooke Walker, Scott Stryis, Chris Harris, Daryl Tuffey, Ian Butler.

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Aleem Dar (Pakistan).

Abahanis draw

NITOL-TATA NAT'L FOOTBALL LEAGUE

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Two Abahanis -- Chittagong's and Rajshahi's -- shared points in the Nitol-Tata National Football League as their encounter ended in a 1-1 draw at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

The first half of the keenly contested match was goalless.

However, Milton of Rajshahi Abahani broke the deadlock in the 60th minute when he shot the ball home capitalising on a neat cross from Sohag.

But after conceding the goal the Chittagonians went on the offensive as they kept counter-attacking. Their efforts finally succeeded in the 83rd minute. Substitute Al-Amin's header took a deflection by hitting teammate Parvez Babu's head before finding the net.

TEAMS

CHITTAGONG ABAHANI: Biplab, Shamim, Apu, Aminur, Mintu, Liton, Jalal Jr. (Al-Amin), Hari Khadka (Parvez Babu), Bakhtiar, Niranjan Majhi (Jalal Sr.), Moni.

RAISHAHI ABAHANI: Mohammad Ali, Ruhul, Mintu, Jet, Shamim Kabir, Hanif, Shamim, Manik, Tota, Bulbul (Nayan), Sohag (Kamal).

Referee: Abdur Raquib.

Youths make sound start in Kolkata

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh youth team made a sound start in the All-India Under-19 Invitation Inter-State Cricket Tournament when they defeated Hyderabad Cricket Association by four wickets in Kolkata yesterday.

The visitors successfully chased a victory target of 164 for the loss of six wickets in 29.3 overs with opener Naim scoring highest 45 runs and Irfekher hammering an unbeaten 25.

Earlier on, the youths, backed by some brilliant ground fielding, bowled their Hyderabad counterparts out for 153. Hyderabad, who suffered five run outs in the match, were however awarded with eight runs to their total as penalty on the bowling side.

Ziaur captured two wickets for 16 runs in his six overs.

Imran top-scored for Hyderabad with 52.

The Bangladesh youths will play the next Group B match against FOS on May 1. Their last match against Assam will be held on the following day.

Green Delta hockey MSC blank F'ganj

UNB, Dhaka

Holders Mohammedan Sporting Club continued their supremacy in the Green Delta Metropolitan Premier Division Hockey League crushing Farashganj SC by 10-0 at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Striker Rafiqul Islam Kamal made a hat-trick to guide the celebrated Motijheel outfit in earning the massive victory as the league resumed yesterday after a five-day break.

The winners dominated the first half by 6-0 goals.

Musa Mia struck twice while Issa Mia, Anifal Haq Prince, Shamsuddin Tuhin, Moududur Rahman Shuvo and Shahidullah Titu one each for the winners.

In the day's First Division fixture, Bangladesh Railway beat Bangladesh Sporting Club 3-2 after leading the first half 2-1 at the same venue.

Salam netted two goals while Rassel Rahman one for the winners. Taleb scored both the goals for the losers.

Sunday's matches: Usha KC vs Sonali Bank (2:15 pm), Abahani vs Wari Club (4 pm).

DAY'S EVENT

Nitol-Tara National Football League
Chaturanga-Sangha v Bangladesh Army
Venue: Sylhet Stadium

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Romario, wrapped in Brazilian colours, after the 1994 FIFA World Cup final triumph against Italy. Brazil became the first team to win World Cup four times. Romario was the Most Valuable Player of the tournament and netted five goals in seven matches.

CUP CORNER

AFP, Zagreb
The high cost of a trip to Japan for next month's World Cup finals is expected to keep Croatia's fans away in droves, it was reported here Saturday.

The Vecernji List newspaper reported that thousands of tickets allocated to Croatia for the World Cup remained unsold, declaring that only the country's super-rich supporters would travel.

According to the paper, only 2,000 tickets out of an allotted 7,500 had been sold so far, with the finals in Japan and South Korea little more than a month away.

Most fans were priced out of the footballing extravaganza, with Croatian travel agencies charging between 1,300 and 3,300 euros (1,000-3,000 dollars) for a one or two week stay - excluding tickets.

WASEIGE TO STAY WITH BELGIANS

Brussels
Belgium coach Robert Waseige has committed himself to the job for another few years, according to the Belgian football federation.

The length of Waseige's new contract has not yet been confirmed but is believed to run at least until the 2004 European Championships in Portugal.

Waseige, 62, took over from George Leekens in 1999. Recently Waseige has been attracting interest from a number of clubs including Standard Liege.

CRESPO PULLS FOR BAGGIO

Rome
Argentina international forward Hernan Crespo has joined the chorus of support for Italy's favourite footballer, veteran Roberto Baggio, to be included in Giovanni Trapattoni's World Cup squad.

"I would really like to see a player like Baggio at the World Cup," said Crespo, who plays at Lazio. "The Italy team has the same problems as we do - there are a lot of good players but we can't include all of them."

Baggio recently returned for his club Brescia following an injury lay-off but pleas for his inclusion in the World Cup squad have so far fallen on deaf ears.

SINGAPORE ALLOWS BETTING

Singapore
Singapore's government-run lottery operator said Saturday it will allow betting on the World Cup and European matches in a move likely to be welcomed by gamblers and fans.

From May 3, Singapore Pools will offer betting on foreign football matches, including European games and the World Cup opening on May 31.

"With this move, Pools will provide Singaporeans with a much-awaited legal avenue for having a little flutter while soaking in the excitement of the foreign football matches," Singapore Pools said in a statement.

"This is in keeping with Pools' mission to curb illegal gambling," it added.

Only betting on horse races and local football matches is currently allowed in the tightly governed republic, and the Pools move is expected to eat into the business of illegal bookmakers.

Singapore Pools was incorporated by the government in 1968 in an effort to curb illegal gambling, which was then rampant, and provide a legal outlet for Singaporeans' urge for a punt.



BACK TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS: Mohammedan's Montu and custodian Ponir thwart an Abahani attack while another former star Kaiser Hamid looks on during yesterday's exhibition match between ex-players of the arch rivals at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.