

SPORTS REPORTER

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Club made a

confident start to

their 'super six'

campaign of the

GrameenPhone

Premier Division

the Bangabandhu National Stadium

the inaugural match of the 'super

points. On the other hand, Pegasus

tasted their sixth defeat against as

Thomas Odoyo and Alok Kapali

threw a spanner in the Pegasus

chase. The two evenly shared six

wickets among them to bowl them

league Odoyo finished his six-over

bowler, with Victoria on 29 for no

loss after nine overs, the medium

pacer sent Sabbir (19) and

Humayun (6) to the pavilion in his

first over. He then dismissed one

down Shamimul (7) to reduce

however little expensive with figures

with bat as he got out for only 9 runs.

The big bowling all-rounder came

out of the crease in a bid to send off-

spinner Mahbub out of the park, but

missed the line completely, only to

spotlight with his trademark attack-

ing batting. Together with one-down

Jahangir Alam (26), Al-Shahriar

dominated a 116-run stand after

quick succession captain Khaled

Mashud found a wily partner in

Sajjad Ahmed to help Victoria pass

When both the two perished in

Victoria lost their first wicket on 5.

Al-Shariar however seized the

be stumped by Shamimul.

Leg-spinner Alok Kapali was

Odoyo however could not shine

Pegasus reeling on 40 for three.

of 10-0-41-3.

Playing his first match in the

Coming in as a first change

Victoria's Kenyan signing

many wins yesterday.

out for 179 in 49.2 overs.

first spell with three for 14.



For the first ever FIFA World Cup in 1930, there are no qualifying rounds participation is by invitation only. Because of recession and the long voyage to Uruguay by ship, lots of European teams declined to take part. In Romania, a decree from King Carol gave the players three months off from their jobs and a guarantee that they will be re-employed on their return. The king himself is also active as coach, but after a great performance from the host country, the king's men have to pack their bags for an early trip home.



ESPN

English Premier Football League Charlton Athletic vs Sunderland Repeat at 7:30 am Highlights Taped Version at 6:30 pm Football Focus Same Day Delay at 7:30 pm





Philippe Troussier

(Japan soccer coach)
"I said after the Italy game in November that we were ready for the World Cup. I am 99 percent sure of my squad and I am very confident."



The Haily Star

Win attractive prizes

May 10, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards 1. How many Test tons has

		Tendulkar scored so far?							
		30		25			29		
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Cricket Championship? Comilla High | Scholastica | BKSP

Who became champions in the AIUB Cup inter-private university cricket tournament?

Who clinched the New White Plus GM chess tournament title?

Which sport does Paolo Maldini play? Cricket Hockey Football

Class..... Roll No.....

Phone: (If any)

company was out of order

the 200-mark. Mashud hit 39 and Sajjad 28. Jamal Faisal topscored with a 78-Title-aspirants

Pegasus pummeled



AL-SHAHRIAR ... 83 **SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League 'super six' match between Victoria Sporting Club and Young Pegasus at the Bangabandhu National Stadium VICTORIASC Parvez c Hasanuzzaman b Sabbir 5

Al-Shahriar st Shamimul b Mahbub

Jahangir b Majed K Mashud run out Odoyo st Shamimul b Mahbub Sajjad c Sabbir b Saifullah Enamul c Sabbir b Saifullah Masud c Shamimul b Saifullah Saiful not out

Monjurul c Tanvir b Mahbub Extras: (b-1, lb-8, nb-4, w-13) 26 Total: (All out in 48.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-121, 3-144, 4-162, 5-212, 6-217, 7-229, 8-232,

9-237.							
Bowler	0	M	R	V			
Shahzada	8	0	36	(
Sabbir	6	0	30	•			
Saifullah	9	0	52	;			
Majed	10	0	49				
Mahbub	9.5	0	36	4			
Rana	6	0	25	(
YOUNG PEGASUS							

Humayun c Masud b Odoyo Sabbir c Saiful b Odoyo Shamimul b Odoyo Hasanuzzaman b Kapali Jamal st Jahangir b Enamul 56 Majed b Kapal Mahbub c Shuvro b Kapali Tanvir c Monjurul b Masud 21 Shahzada not out Rana c Parvez b Masud Saifullah b Sajjad 17 Extras: (b-4, lb-7, w-6)



Victoria's Khaled Mashud plays a cut-shot during his innings against Young Pegasus in a GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League Super Six fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Opener Athar turns No 11

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Dhanmondi Club registered their second successive win in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Relegation

League, beating an under-strength Brothers Union by five wickets at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Opener Nasimul Islam scored 64 as Dhanmondi, chasing a paltry Brothers Union total of 167 in 50 overs, raced to 168 in only 33.1 overs. Nasimul hit ten fours in his

82-ball innings Middle-order Nadim Keramat (45) and one-down Nuruzzaman (39) was the other notable run-

getters for Dhanmondi. Brothers however appeared to have desperate to see their opponents winners. Electing to bat first. Brothers, who excluded two veteran batsmen Harunur Rashid and Mahbubur Rahman, could muster only 167 for 9 in 50 overs, middleorder Towhid Hossain topscoring batted at number eleven and scored

With that win, Dhanmondi edged past Uttara Sporting Club in the table having raised their tally to 8 points from 13 matches. They moved to fourth spot in the six-team

Brothers, however, remained atop with 14 points from 13 matches

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone Premier Cricket Relegation League match between Brothers Union and Dhanmondi Club at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday: **BROTHERS UNION**

Jewel b Debabrata Ziauddin c Hasibul b Debabrata 6 Imon b Saiful Towhid b Debabrata Imran Ibw b Nadim 12 Shamsul c Adil b Tahmim Joy c Nuruzzaman b Nadim Rajib c & b Tahmim Morshed c Hasibul b Debabrata Mahbub not out

Extras: (b-5, lb-6, nb-1, w-12)

Brothers captain and former Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 167 4-72, 5-113, 6-149, 7-158, 8-160, 9-

	Bowler	U	IVI	ĸ	W	
	Debabrata	10	0	27	4	
	Tariqul	6	0	12	0	
	Shafiul	6	0	18	1	
	Tanvir	8	0	32	0	
	Nadim	10	0	30	2	
	Tahmim	10	0	37	2	
DHANMONDI CLUB						
	Shafiul c Mahbub b Morshed					
	Nasim c Athar b Imran					
	Nuruzzaman b Shamsul					
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Nadim c Mahbub b Towhid 45 Adil c & b Imran Hasibul not out Tarigul not out Extras: (lb-1, nb-4, w-8) 13 Total: (For 5 wickets in 33.1 overs) 168

Fall of wiclets:1-0, 2-67, 3-149, 4-154, 5-161. **Bowler** 0 34 Morshed 0 26 23 Shamsul 0 27 0 32 **Imran** 0 18 Ziauddin Towhid Result: Dhanmondi Club won by

Shoaib 'Ferrari' Akhtar

Cricket

AP/REUTERS, undated

Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar

had a delivery clocked at 161 kilometres-per-hour during the third limited-overs international against New Zealand on Saturday. A speed gun -- provided by a local

internet company -- at the Gaddafi Stadium beamed Akhtar's fifth delivery of the second over to Craig McMillan at 161 kph, to the delight around 30,000 spectators. Akhtar's feat, the cricketing

equivalent of the first sub-four minute mile, was announced in a terse statement by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore. "According to the speed gun

operated in the ground by a sponsor, Shoaib Akhtar bowled a delivery as a speed of 161 kph (100.04)," the statement said. The speed gun operated by the host broadcasting

The accuracy of the speed gun has been questioned, but the PC has acknowledged that Akhtar bowled fastest ever delivery. Australian fast bowler Jeff

Thomson bowled at 99.8 mph under



SHOAIB AKHTAR

controlled conditions in 1975. West Indies' Andy Roberts recorded 96.0 in the same trial Akhtar said he'd improved the 27-

vear-old mark. "It doesn't matter to me whether somebody recognises the speed

gun or not. For me it's satisfying that have bowled fastest ever delivery, Akhtar, 26, told the Associated Press

"I am delighted to bowl that fast and the speed gun is authentic and it should be acknowledged throughout the world," he said Sunday. The speedster, who is bracketed

with Australian Brett Lee as the fastest of the current first-class bowlers, bowled just four overs in Saturday's 66-run victory over New Zealand as Pakistan completed a 3-0 series whitewash. "I was not well and having fever

that's why I bowled just four overs," "I wanted to take rest before the

two Test matches against New Zealand and did not want to exhaust myself before the five day games," he added. The speed gun is from Stalker

Sports, United States, which throws rays and measures speed of anything travelling beyond 25 kph within However, Akhtar's 100 mile an **SEE PAGE 15**

BLAST FROM THE PAST

preside over five successive tournaments, from Uruguay through to Switzerland 54. Green Delta hockey

FIFA Chairman Jules Rimet greets the crowd on his arrival by a ship (then the only mode of transportation between

continents) in Montevideo for the first ever FIFA World Cup in Uruguay in 1930. The Frenchman's great dream

becomes a reality after years of work and unfailing determination at the head of FIFA . The FIFA chairman was to

Mariners march on

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Mariner Youngs Club registered their fourth win in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League defeating Dhaka Railway 3-0 at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yester-

After a barren first half, two Pakistani recruits Adnan Maksud and Yamin Bhatti converted two short corners while Rahul scored the other goal for the winners. Mariner have now 12 points from four matches

In the other match of the day, Azad Sporting Club beat Police 4-0 in a First Division encounter.

The winners led the first half 2-0 Taleb, Russell, Mubarak and Rajib netted one goal each for the

Pabna cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Durdom Club and Shristy Club wor their respective matches in the Pepsi First Division Cricket League yesterday In the first match, Durdom

defeated Obhijatree by 38 runs at the Pabna Stadium. Winning the toss. Durdom decided to bat first and made 226

runs for nine in the stipulated 50 In reply, Obhijatree were all out

for 188 runs in 45.5 overs. In other match of the day at

Pabna Edward College ground, Shristy beat Ishwardi Cricket Club by four wickets. Batting first, Ishwardi scored 213

runs for seven wickets in 50 overs. In reply, Shristy made 216 runs for six in 46.4 overs.

Sirajganj football

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sirajganj

Karotoa recorded a lone goal victory over Jamuna in the opening match of the Sirajganj Football League at the Masumpur ground in the here yesterday.

Ratan struck the all-important goal in the 25th minute of the keenly contested match

Four teams are taking part in the league. Padma and Meghna are the other two participants. State minister for power division

Iqbal Hasan Mahmud inaugurated



GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League Supersix

Biman v Kalabagan KC Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium Relegation League

League Farashganj SC v Sonali Bank (4 pm) Venue: Maulana Bhasani Stadium.

CUP CORNER



Football fans around the globe will be able to log on to the Internet for highlights of this summer's World Cup after a groundbreaking deal

announced here Monday For a subscription fee, video footage from tournament matches will be screened on world governing body FIFA's official World Cup site (www.fifaworldcup.com), FIFA said in a statement.

"FIFA is very pleased to announce the global distribution of video highlights on FIFAworldcup.com in this historic agreement," FIFA president Sepp Blatter said. "This is particularly significant for fans in different time zones to Korea

and Japan, for example Europe is up to nine hours behind. "By launching this video highlights package FIFA has listened to the voices of football fans across the globe and has responded by providing the ultimate way to stay in touch with the action." he added

The highlights deal was confirmed on Monday after an agreement between FIFA, Kirchsport AG and Internet giants Yahoo!, the statement Asian U-20 soccer

Bangladesh in final round

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Bangladesh staged a spectacular second-half rally to draw 2-2 with hosts Pakistan and win a place in the final round of the Asian Under-

20 football championship. The visitors were trailing 0-2 in the first half in their final Group 5 match in Karachi yesterday. But goals from Arman and Shawkat after the break effectively dashed Pakistan's hopes of playing in the 12-team final round to be held in

Qatar from October 15-31. Bangladesh went into the final match with a one goal advantage against Pakistan only needed a draw to move into the next round.

The youths blanked Sri Lanka 2-0 in the opening match and thumped down a 4-0 defeat on Maldives in their second group league match. Pakistan also scored six goals in their first two games against Maldives and Sri Lanka. But the only goal they conceded at the hands of Maldives proved decisive at the end the day.

Div I cricket

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Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha beat Eskaton Sabuj Sangha by four wickets in a First Division Cricket League match at the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University yester-

Chasing Eskaton's 142 in 50 overs, Bima reached 146 for six in 33 overs with middle-order Ali Nishan scoring highest 57 off 54 balls. He hit two sixes and eight

One-down Shaon (21) and opener Nahid (19) were the other

notable run-scorers Earlier, electing to bat first, Eskaton were all out for 142 in 48.1

Opener Shishir topscored with

43 followed by Hadi (34) **SCORES IN BRIEF**

Eskaton SS: 142 all out in 48.1 overs (Shishir 43, Hadi 34, Tota 16, Dalim 3-22, Azim 2-14) Sadharan Bima: 146 for 6 in 33.1 overs (Ali Nishan 57, Shaon 21, Nahid 19, Babu 18, Enam 5-26) Result: Sadharan Bima won by four

Trap boost for Baggio



AFP, Rome

Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni has raised the possibility of a dramatic World Cup recall for Roberto Baggio, insisting the 'divine ponytail' has not been excluded from consid-

In the latest twist to a selection saga that has gripped Italy's media in recent weeks, Trapattoni refused to rule out Baggio from the Azzurri's squad for next month's finals in Japan and South Korea.

Trapattoni said when questioned on RAI television. "There is still one round of the championship to play, and we have got a friendly match against the Czech Republic.

"I will be keeping an eye on Baggio." added Trapattoni, who earlier this month appeared to shoot

down the veteran star's hopes of a

"You can never say never,"

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP fourth World Cup when he named his complement of attackers for the

However while Trapattoni suggested the door had not shut on Baggio on Monday, he nevertheless



ROBERTO BAGGIO hinted the pony-tailed star would year ne would nave nad a very good chance, but I've got five forwards who are all fit at my disposal and there's nothing I can do about that,'

Trapattoni said Baggio made a near-miraculous recovery from a serious knee injury suffered in January, scoring twice on his return as a substitute for Brescia

against Fiorentina on April 21. His performance sparked a frenzy of speculation about a possible recall, although Baggio himself last week attempted to damp down the clamour, telling fans and media

to lay off Trapattoni. "There has been an upsurge in public opinion among politicians and the press which is recommending me for a place in the Italy squad

for Japan," Baggio said. "I am very moved by so much affection and consideration and I hope this does not create too much

"I have known Trapattoni for many years and consider him a very

Bielsa threatens to quit

his way into the Italian squad.



Argentina coach Marcelo Bielsa has

threatened to resign next week

unless a pay dispute with his country's football federation is settled, it was reported here Sunday.

row with the Argentina Football Federation (AFA) claiming he is owed thousands of dollars in unpaid

Bielsa has been embroiled in a

Last week AFA president Julio Grondona insisted the dispute had



Cup next month, where the South American giants start as joint favour-But in a interview published with the News of the World here Sunday,

been settled and that Bielsa would

definitely lead Argentina to the World

Bielsa said the dispute had not been settled and that he was ready to resign on Wednesday.

"I'm extremely angry about the situation and I am mentally exhausted," the newspaper quoted him as saying. "It's dragged on far too long and the time has come to make stand.

"If the money has not been received by Wednesday, I'll resign.'

The cash dispute was sparked by the crisis in Argentina's economy. Bielsa wants his wages to be paid in US dollars instead of the now heavily devalued Argentine pesos. "I'm married with a young daugh-

ter and we have had to live without a salary for seven months," Bielsa told the News of the World. "President Julio Grondona has made continuous promises to me

which have never been met. "Our efforts for the World Cup

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Surjo Tarun v Uttara SC Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Green Delta Premier Hockey

AFP, London

Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Mariner Youngs and Bangladesh Railway at the Maulana have been undermined by the

of a problem for the coach. have to impress him mightily to force thorough and honest person.