

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP  
KOREA JAPAN

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days to go



## Did U Know?

José Batista of Uruguay was sent off after just 56 seconds against Scotland in 1986! That is the fastest dismissal in World Cup history. His foul on Gordon Strachan gave French referee Joël Quiniou no choice. Uruguay kept the score at 0-0 and progressed to the next round at the expense of Scotland.

What to WATCH

BTV  
Nitol-Tata National Football League  
Sylhet Chaturanga vs Chittagong Abahani  
Live at 4:00 pm

&  
Dhaka Abahani vs Dhaka Mohammedan  
Live at 6:00 pm

ESPN  
England vs Sri Lanka  
First Test, Day Three  
Live at 3:58 pm  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
Repeat at 6:00 pm

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TALK TURKEY

**Giovanni Trapattoni**  
(Italy football coach)  
"A few years ago, Baggio was an emblematic figure - like Ronaldo for Brazil."  
On Roberto Baggio.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 171

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Competition closes at 8 pm May 24, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

- West Indies won the third Test against India by  
8 wickets 10 wickets 19 runs
- Who will lead Bangladesh A team in the Malaysia Cricket Challenge?  
Akram Amihul K Mashud
- Who won the man-of-the-match award in the first Test between Pakistan and New Zealand?  
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- Who are the English Premiership champions?  
Manchester United Arsenal Liverpool
- Who clinched the Hamburg...

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VICTOR-IANS: Victoria Sporting Club players are over the moon after they clinched the title of the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League yesterday.

# Enamul Victoria's man Late Daulat's boys taste title

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Victoria Sporting Club yesterday rode on the guile and guts of experienced Enamul Hoque to emerge champions in the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League, thrashing Bangladesh Biman by 93 runs in their last Super Six clash at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

The balding southpaw became the toast of his teammates after he helped the 99-year-old club clinch a thrilling victory in a low-scoring affair to win the prestigious Dhaka League title after 26 years. The title could not have come at a better moment for the old town club who are planning to celebrate their centenary year next year in grand style.

With wickets tumbling like nine pins, Enamul scored his team's highest 48 not out as Victoria could garner a moderate 194 before being all out in 49.2 overs. The 37-year-old then went on to capture four wickets for only 20 runs with his spinners as the national flag-carriers came down crashing for a meager 101 in 36.3 overs.

Victoria winded up their campaign with 14 wins from 16 matches and highest 28 points, four point clear of holders and second-placed Mohammedan Sporting Club. With still a match in hand, Mohammedan, who kept their fingers crossed for a Victoria debacle yesterday, have already confirmed the runners-up spot. Biman on the other hand tasted their fifth defeat yesterday to finish third with a collection of 22 points.

Electing to bat first, Victoria were off to a cautious start collecting 51 runs in 16 overs. But the match took an ominous swing when they lost three quick wickets to reel on 57 for three in the 19th over.

Victoria's leading run-getter Al-Shahriar was first to go offering a simple catch to Ziaur Rashid at mid-wicket for 34. Sajjad Ahmed and Jahangir followed in his footsteps soon scoring one run each.

Things turned bad to worse when Victoria lost their fifth wicket at 87 in 26 overs.

But then came Enamul who remained not out till the end to ensure Victoria do have some total on board to defend. He faced 57 balls that yielded four boundaries.

Opener Parvez (35) and captain Khaled Mashud (28) were the other notable run-scorers.

Biman, in their chase, found man-of-the-match Enamul nearly unplayable. Two new-ball bowlers - Monjurul Islam, Saiful Islam, and leg spinner Alok Kapali was also very impressive. The trio evenly shared six wickets among them.

"Personal achievement is not important to me. We all have given our best this season. And had we lost today, all the hard works would have gone down the drain," said Enamul after the match. "Today we batted really bad and came under the wrath of our officials during lunch. I think that gave everybody an extra determination to win the match."

His captain Khaled Mashud dedicated the championship to their late coach Daulatuzzaman, who died of cardiac failure during the third match of the first round.

"His sudden death gave us extra power. Moreover, I would also thank the management of Victoria

Sporting Club for extending their co-operation," said Mashud, the Bangladesh captain who led a club side for the first time in Dhaka league.

"We planned match by match, and I think that also helped us to winning the title."



Victoria all-rounder Enamul Hoque cracks one on the on-side during their GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League Super Six clash against Biman at the BKSP in Savar yesterday.

ROLL OF HONOUR		
Year	Champions	Runners-up
1974-75	Abahani KC	Shantinagar Club
1975-76	Victoria SC	Abahani KC
1976-77	Abahani KC	Victoria SC
1977-78	Mohammedan SC	Abahani KC
1978-79	Mohammedan SC	Abahani KC
1979-80	Biman	Azad Boys Club
1980-81	Biman	Mohammedan SC
1981-82	Mohammedan SC	Abahani KC
1982-83	Abahani KC	Mohammedan SC
1983-84	Biman	Mohammedan SC
1984-85	Abahani KC	Mohammedan SC
1985-86	Abahani KC	Mohammedan SC
1986-87	Abahani KC	Mohammedan SC
1987-88	Mohammedan SC	Abahani KC
1988-89	Biman	Abahani KC
1989-90	Abahani KC	Rupali Bank
1990-91	Biman	Biman
1991-92	Mohammedan SC	Abahani KC
1992-93	Abahani KC	Mohammedan SC/Biman
1993-94	Abahani KC/Biman	Mohammedan SC
1994-95	Abahani KC/Mohammedan SC	Kalabagan KC
1995-96	Mohammedan SC	Brothers Union
1996-97	Abahani KC	Kalabagan KC
1997-98	Abahani KC	Brothers Union
1998-99	Biman	Abahani KC
1999-2000	Abahani KC	Kalabagan KC
2000-01	Mohammedan SC	Abahani KC
2001-02	Victoria SC	Mohammedan SC

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League Super Six match between Bangladesh Biman and Victoria Sporting Club at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday:

VICTORIA SC		BIMAN	
Parvez c Faruque b Ziaur	35	R Hanif c Razzak b Imran	7
Al-Shahriar c Ziaur b K Mahmud	34	K Mashud b Aminul	28
Sajjad run out	1	Kapali c Faruque b Aminul	11
Jahangir c Hasanuzzaman b Ziaur	1	Enamul not out	48
		Masud c Aftab b Aminul	2
		Saiful run out	2
		Monjurul run out	2
		Extras: (b-4, lb-3, w-13)	20
		Total: (All out in 49.2 overs)	194
		Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-52, 3-56, 4-83, 5-87, 6-114, 7-147, 8-164, 9-180.	
		<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O M R W</b>
		Al-Amin	6 0 24 0
		Anis	6 0 38 0
		K Mahmud	9.2 3 16 1
		Ziaur	10 0 35 2
		Imran	7 1 25 1
		Razzak	2 0 16 0
		Aminul	9 0 33 3
		<b>BIMAN</b>	
		Faruque c Enamul b Monjurul	8
		Aftab lbw b Monjurul	6
		Imran b Saiful	8
		Aminul c Parvez b Enamul	18
		Hasanuzzaman c & b Saiful	0
		K Mahmud b Enamul	22
		Sajjad c Monjurul b Enamul	0
		Ziaur c Parvez b Kapali	17
		Razzak c Jahangir b Kapali	2
		Anis st K Mashud b Enamul	7
		Al-Amin not out	4
		Extras: (lb-2, w-7)	9
		Total: (All out in 36.3 overs)	101
		Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-15, 3-39, 4-43, 5-43, 6-43, 7-75, 8-86, 9-86.	
		<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O M R W</b>
		Monjurul	7 1 13 2
		Saiful	8 1 29 2
		Enamul	8.3 2 20 4
		Kapali	10 1 28 2
		Masud	3 0 9 0
		Result: Victoria SC won by 93 runs.	

**Gordon could become WI selector**

REUTERS, Bridgetown

Former West Indies opening batsman Gordon Greenidge has been added to the list of candidates for positions on the next panel of national selectors.

The 51-year-old, who was nominated by the Barbados Cricket Association, joins his former captain Viv Richards and ex-Test players Andy Roberts, Joe Solomon and Maurice Foster as possible replacements for current selectors Mike Findlay, Joey Carew and Joel Garner.

Greenidge scored 7,558 runs, including 19 centuries, in 108 Tests between 1974 and 1990, making him the third most prolific West Indies batsman in Test history.

The West Indies Cricket Board is due to meet at the end of the current series against India to name the new panel of selectors.

## Pegasus abase Abahani

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Abahani Krira Chakra concluded their dismal GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League campaign with a four-wicket defeat to promotees Young Pegasus in their last Super Six clash at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Electing to bat first, Abahani scored a fighting 243 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs, their captain Akram Khan topscoring with 72 off 111 balls.

Skipper Hasanuzzaman led the chase from the front with an 89-ball 72 as Pegasus reached 245 in 47 overs with four wickets to spare. Jamal Faisal (42) and Tanvir (32) were the other notable contributors for Pegasus.

It was Abahani's eighth defeat against as many wins.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**ABAHANI KC:** 243 for 7 in 50 overs (Akram 72, Alamgir 53 no, Neeyamur 31, Tariqul 2-30)

**YOUNG PEGASUS:** 245 for 6 in 47 overs (Hasanuzzaman 72, Jamal 42, Tanvir 32, Mustakim 31 no, Anwar 2-47)

Result: Young Pegasus won by four wickets

## Green Delta hockey Usha, Mariner play to draw

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Usha Krira Chakra and Mariner Youngs Club shared points in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with a 2-2 draw at the Maulana Bhashani Stadium yesterday.

Mariner led the first half 2-1. Razzak and Pakistani recruit Yamin Bhatti struck one goal each for Mariner in the 7th and 27th minutes while Shakil and Habul scored for Usha in the 25th and 62nd minute.

Both teams have now 19 points from eight matches.

## CityCell U-19 cricket Rangpur, Comilla move on

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Rangpur and Comilla moved into the next round of the CityCell Digital 21st National Youth (under-19) Cricket Championship after winning their respective opening matches yesterday.

Rangpur beat Khulna by 53 runs at the Bogra Stadium. Batting first, Rangpur scored 238 for nine in 50 overs with Munna being topscorer (48). In reply, Khulna were all out for 185 in 41.2 overs. Sajib and Shashiq destroyed the Khulna batting line-up taking three wickets each.

In the day's other match at the Natore Stadium, Comilla defeated Narayanganj by 31 runs.

In a low scoring match, Comilla were all out for 173 in 49.3 overs. In reply, Narayanganj could muster only 142 all out in 46.2 overs.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**

**RANGPUR:** 238 for 9 in 50 overs (Munna 48, Rony 33, Swapan 33, Sabuj 3-47)

**KHULNA:** 185 all out in 41.2 overs (Rubel 45, Rana 28, Sajib 3-41, Ashiq 3-38)

Result: Rangpur won by 53 runs

**COMILLA:** 173 all out in 49.3 overs (Russell 27, Ahmed 17, Masum 3-34, Sumon 2-33)

**NARAYANGANJ:** 142 all out in 46.2 overs (Shiplu 29, Sharif 29, Palash 3-33, Monirul 3-32)

Result: Comilla won by 31 runs

## FEEL THE FEVER



A resident of a Rio de Janeiro neighbourhood decorates the surroundings of his house with yellow and green flags on May 16 to celebrate the upcoming World Cup.

## CUP CORNER

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AFP, Tokyo

Roughly one-third of fans in Japan are still waiting for their World Cup tickets to be printed with only two weeks to go before the big kick-off, Japanese organisers JAWOC said Thursday.

JAWOC has already sent all the necessary information to Byrom, the firm in Manchester, England, which is handling printing of World Cup tickets, said Shinichiro Misono, operations chief at JAWOC.

"The delay is because Byrom is still printing and packaging the tickets," Misono told reporters.

"We have dispatched our staff to Manchester to help Byrom process the tickets faster," he said.

Misono said he did not know reasons for the delay, adding: "We are now focusing our efforts on getting the tickets to our customers as fast as possible."

JAWOC will investigate the causes for the delays "after everything settles down and when we have more time", he said.

Misono refused to say exactly how many tickets are yet to be shipped to Japan.

Some 675,000 tickets are due to be distributed to Japanese fans through JAWOC, including ones allotted to official sponsors.

The number could rise depending on cancellations and low international demand for certain tickets, among other factors, JAWOC officials said. The domestic Japanese ticket allocation is virtually sold out.

Misono said JAWOC was doing all it could to deliver the delayed tickets to fans before the tournament starts in South Korea on May 31.

He declined to say what JAWOC might do in case some of the tickets were not delivered in time.

"We sincerely apologise to all the fans for the delay," he said.

## SHERINGHAM WARY OF STICKY GRASS

REUTERS, London

England forward Teddy Sheringham has said the World Cup pitches in South Korea and Japan will not suit the playing style favoured by Sven-Goran Eriksson's team.

The Bermudan grass which has been laid at the venues for the finals, which kick off on May 31, is far longer and thicker than that used in England.

"We will have to get into it very quickly in the first two warm up games because it will be a slower game and we will have to adapt," the Tottenham Hotspur player told the Daily Telegraph paper.

"There won't be any nipping about, like the one touch football in the premier league. The grass makes the ball cling and be sticky, so we have to learn how the ball rolls."

"It's very long grass and the humidity and the pitch will suit the South Americans. So the Brazilians, Argentinians as well as the Japanese will be very good," the 36-year-old added.

**KOVAC HOPING AGAINST HOPE**

REUTERS, Zagreb

Croatia's World Cup squad lacks the individual talent of the team that won bronze at the 1998 finals in France but still has the quality to do well at this

## Spurred by Zidane magic

East on Sunday.

With time on their hands, the French squad gathered around a television to watch the European Cup final - and several were still waxing lyrical about Zidane's marvellous goal here Thursday.

"It's was magic," said Zidane's close friend and squad member Christophe Dugarry.

Zidane scored an exquisite volley for Real Madrid against Bayer Leverkusen at Hampden Park on Wednesday as the Spanish giants lifted the most coveted trophy in club football.

The 45th minute goal has been hailed as one of the greatest ever to grace a European Cup final and with Zidane so clearly in his pomp augurs well for France's World Cup hopes.

The world champions have been gathering at France's national football centre at Clairefontaine, south of Paris, this week ahead of a friendly against Belgium on Saturday, before heading to the Far

DAY'S EVENT

**GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League Super Six**

Mohammedan SC v Kalabagan KC  
Venue: KOACS, Fatullah.

**Nitol-Tata National Football League**

Sylhet Chaturanga v Chittagong Abahani (4:00 pm)  
Abahani KC v Mohammedan SC (6:00 pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.

**Green Delta Premier Hockey League**

Abahani KC v Mohammedan SC (4 pm)  
Venue: Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.