

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP
KOREA JAPAN

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days to go



Did U Know?

The venue for the seventeenth World Cup was decided six years ago in 1996. FIFA wanted the Cup to be played in Asia for the first time, so first Japan announced its candidacy as host. South Korea then put its name forward, and it became a straight contest between these two candidates. At first, FIFA was expected to award the event to one country as usual, but both countries lobbied fiercely. The FIFA Executive Committee, which selects host nations, failed to reach a decision, and the idea of the first-ever joint hosting was proposed. Japan and South Korea both accepted this idea.

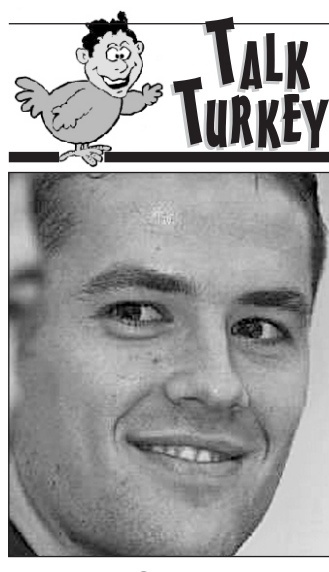
What to WATCH

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Nito-Tata National Football League
Dhaka Mohammedan vs Sylhet Chaturanga

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TALK TURKEY



Michael Owen
(England soccer superstar)
"I was just happy to be involved last time. There were great players only on the bench so I went there thinking that if I played only five minutes I'd still be able to say I'd been part of the World Cup. Now it is different, with expectation on me, but I don't mind having that."
On difference between the Owen of 1998 and 2002.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 171

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1. West Indies won the third Test against India by
8 wickets 10 wickets 19 runs

2. Who will lead Bangladesh A team in the Malaysia Cricket Challenge?
Akram Amihul Mashud K

3. Who won the man-of-the-match award in the first Test between Pakistan and New Zealand?
Millan Inzamam Afridi M c

4. Who are the English Premiership champions?
Man United Arsenal Liverpool

5. Who clinched the Hamburg...

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Ehsanul rested, not axed

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

When Bangladesh A take on USA in the inaugural match of the three-nation limited-overs cricket tournament in Malaysia this morning, opener Ehsanul Haque will put his feet up at his home in the capital and let the right-ankle injury heal up.

Ehsanul, the highest scorer in the just concluded GrameenPhone Premier League, was a last minute omission from the Malaysia-bound second string side of Bangladesh on Saturday.

The selectors excluded the right-hander only a few hours before the team's flight to Kuala Lumpur having been suggested by a doctor that he needs more time to heal the twisted ankle.

Ehsanul suffered the injury during a crucial Super Six match for Mohammedan against Victoria Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last week.

The opener from Chittagong was in the best of his form this year scoring highest 807 runs with an amazing average of 62.08. He scored one hundred and seven fifties in sixteen innings.

It was a terrific run of form for Ehsanul that earned him rightful place in the 14-man Bangladesh A team for the Malaysia trip.

Playing in the shadow of country's top batsman Habibul Bashar, Ehsanul not only put in his best for popular Motijheel outfit but also

earned a rare distinction of becoming the top scorer that Pakistani cricketers reserved for themselves for the last few years.

But the injury in the penultimate match came as a shocking blow for the young batsman, who has certainly brightened his prospect to walk into the Test team.

Ehsanul however defied the pain



EHSANUL HAQUE

and smashed 51 against Kalabagan in the last Super Six match. But the 23-year-old admitted that he still had pain in the right ankle.

"What I can say is that I am not yet fully fit. I do feel the pain and it would take some more time to go off," said Ehsanul while talking to The Daily Star Sport over his cell phone yesterday afternoon.

Ehsanul also rebutted the report of a few newspapers that he was forced to skip trip and said that the decision would help him avoid

further injury.

A selector said that they have decided to give Ehsanul some rest instead of sending him to Malaysia after being advised by the doctor.

"We don't want to take any risk with Ehsanul because he is a good prospect. We don't want him to suffer the same fate of Mashrafe who was initially not given proper care," said the selector opting anonymity.

"I think it's not a very important tour. We have a busy cricket schedule ahead and hopefully he would be there in the middle once he get fully fit," he added.

Meanwhile, chief selector Mainul Haq was not available for his comment in this regard.

Against	Runs
Young Pegasus	61
Uttara SC	10
Young Cricketers	110
Brothers Union	0
Victoria SC	45
City Club	84
Surjo Tarun	94*
Kalabagan KC	36
Dhanmondi Club	88*
Biman	15
Abahani KC	46
Super Six	65*
Abahani KC	65*
Young Pegasus	65
Biman	2
Victoria SC	35
Kalabagan KC	51

Vaughan stands tall

Cricket
AFP, LONDON

Michael Vaughan's 115 guided England to 230 for two at tea on the fourth day of the first Test against Sri Lanka here at Lord's on Sunday.

However, the Yorkshire batsman went before the interval, caught by wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara off seamer Ruchira Perera.

That swung the momentum back in Sri Lanka's favour and, at the interval, Mark Butcher (13 not out) and England captain Nasser Hussain (11 not out) were at the crease.

England were still 50 runs behind the tourists' huge first innings 555 for eight declared but they should have been in a far worse position.

Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya twice dropped Vaughan on his way to three figures.

In the first over of the day, Vaughan edged Buddha Fernando's third ball to first slip where the normally safe hands of Jayasuriya floored the routine chance.

Vaughan was then 28, England 61 without loss and he had added five more runs when he nicked Nuwan Zoysa and Jayasuriya again dropped a regulation slip catch.

Sri Lanka had to wait until the fifth over after lunch for England to lose their first second innings wicket.

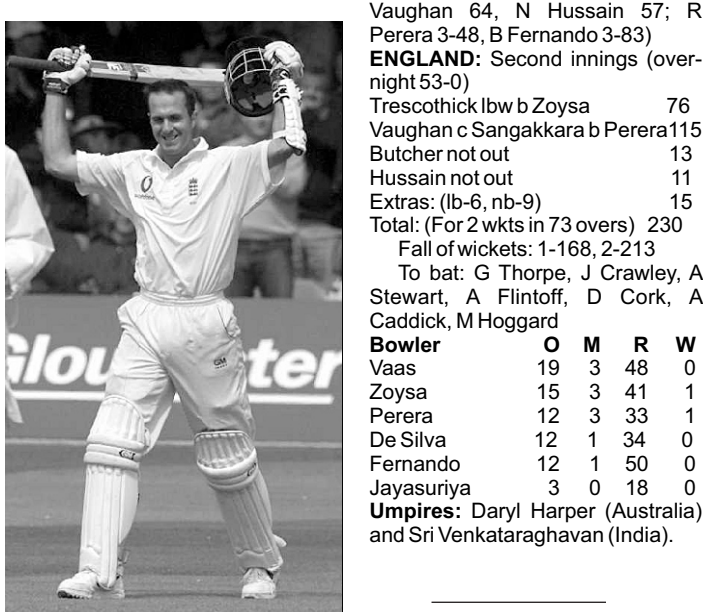
Marcus Trescothick was lbw to Nuwan Zoysa but television replays suggested Australian umpire Daryl Harper had made a mistake, the ball deflecting into the left-hander's pads off his bat.

Nevertheless the Somerset batsman was out for a well-made 76 from 135 balls including seven fours with England 168 for one at that stage.

He and Vaughan had been responsible for England's best opening stand since Michael Atherton and Butcher put on 179 in the First Test against South Africa at Edgbaston in 1998.

Vaughan, 74 at lunch, drove part-time off-spinner Aravinda de Silva for four to go 99. But on the brink of his second Test century he suffered several moments of panic.

Some wild heaves against de Silva would not have inspired confidence in the England dressing room



MICHAEL VAUGHAN ... 115

and nor would Butcher's kamikaze single to get Vaughan on strike.

Vaughan eventually got to his hundred with another risky single off de Silva, having faced 197 balls including 15 boundaries. Jayasuriya, backing up Fernando's throw from mid-off, injured his left hand and left the field.

Soon afterwards, to the second ball of Perera's new spell, Vaughan nibbled tamely outside off-stump to give Sangakkara his sixth dismissal of the match.

And the keeper might have had a seventh when left-hander Butcher (nine) went for a pull shot off Perera.

But Sangakkara dropped the right-handed chance although the ball appeared to come off Butcher's shoulder rather than his glove.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the fourth day of the first Test between England and Sri Lanka at Lord's on Sunday:

SRI LANKA: First innings 555-8 declared (M Atapattu 185, M Jayawardene 107, A de Silva 88, R Arnold 50; D Cork 3-93)

ENGLAND: First Innings 275 (M Vaughan 64, N Hussain 57; R Perera 3-48, B Fernando 3-83)

ENGLAND: Second innings (over-night 53-0)

Trescothick lbw b Zoysa 76
Vaughan c Sangakkara b Perera 115
Butcher not out 13
Hussain not out 11
Extras: (lb-6, nb-9) 15
Total: (For 2 wks in 73 overs) 230

Fall of wickets: 1-168, 2-213
To bat: G Thorpe, J Crawley, A Stewart, A Flintoff, D Cork, A Caddick, M Hoggard

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	19	3	48	0
Zoysa	15	3	41	1
Perera	12	3	33	1
De Silva	12	1	34	0
Fernando	12	1	50	0
Jayasuriya	3	0	18	0

Umpires: Daryl Harper (Australia) and Sri Venkataraghavan (India).

Div I cricket Wins for Azad, Nabin Sangha

UNB, Dhaka

An allround performance by Sanjoy steered Azad Sporting Club to a convincing nine-wicket victory over Uttara Friends Club in the Metropolis First Division Cricket League at Fatullah Stadium yesterday.

Sanjoy grabbed four Uttara wickets conceding 21 runs in his 10-over spell with a maiden and later hammered unbeaten 54 runs off 78 balls, including four fours.

In the other match, Nabin Sangha managed a two-wicket win over Wari Club at Jagannath Hall

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Members of the Malaysia-bound Bangladesh A cricket team who left here Saturday night to take part in a tri-nation tournament there. The second string national side take on the United States in their opening match today.

Nito-Tata NFL Foes in semis to be settled today

SPORTS REPORTER

The semifinal lineup of the Nito-Tata National Football League will be decided today when the four qualifiers in the final round play their last round robin matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Mohammedan Sporting Club will be looking for a win against Sylhet Chaturanga in the first match to avoid a semifinal clash with defending champions Abahani, who won the first meeting of the two titans 1-0 on Sunday.

Abahani, the only unbeaten team in the fray, will need a draw against their Chittagong namesakes to finish at the top of the table and face a relatively weak opponents in the knock out stage.

The two semifinals will be held on May 22. The final is billed on May 24.

POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	D	L	G/F	G/APts
Abahani	2	2	0	0	3	0
Mohammedan	2	1	0	1	3	1
City Club	2	1	0	1	3	4
Sylhet Chaturanga	2	0	2	1	5	0

Aminul's mother passes away

SPORTS REPORTER

Mehrunnisa, mother of former national captain Aminul Islam, died at her Gandaria residence yesterday. She was 75.

Mehrunnisa was suffering from old age ailments. But unfortunately, Aminul could not be present when his beloved mother breathed her last at around 12 noon.

The first Test centurion of the country left for Malaysia on Sunday night to lead the Bangladesh A team in a tri-nation tournament, which will commence today.

The namaz-e-ijanaaz of the deceased was held at the Gandaria High School. She was buried at the Jurain graveyard later.

Aminul was the youngest son of Mehrunnisa.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) expressed its deep shock at the death of Mehrunnisa and prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

Green Delta hockey Sonali Bank, BD Sporting split points

UNB, Dhaka

Sonali Bank shared points with Bangladesh Sporting Club in a goalless match in the Green Delta Metropolis Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

In the Metropolis First Division League, Sadharan Bima KS earned a solitary goal victory over Azad Sporting Club at the same venue.

Shahen Shah Ali scored the match-winning goal for the insurance men in the very first minute of the match from a penalty stroke.

Ajax SC will meet Farashganj SC at 2.15 pm while Abahani play Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club at 4 pm at the same venue today.

FEEL THE FEVER



South Korean soccer fans watch England World Cup squad train at a ground in Soegwipo on Jeju Island yesterday.

CUP CORNER

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AFP, Seoul

South Korea has confirmed two fresh cases of foot-and-mouth disease, dealing a blow to its desperate battle to contain the highly contagious disease ahead of the football World Cup, officials said Sunday.

"We found a pig infected with the disease today after confirming another case reported last night," an agriculture ministry official told AFP.

The infected pigs were found at two nearby farms in Anseong, 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Seoul, where the first outbreak was reported on May 2, he said.

"We have been culling some 2,000 pigs at the two farms," he said, adding the the animal epidemic hit ten pig farms in Anseong and the nearby counties of Jinchon and Yongin.

The new cases were reported just outside cull zones set up earlier, triggering concern that the disease is spreading near Seoul and the southern city of Suwon, which have World Cup stadiums.

"We are trying hard to contain the animal disease before the World Cup by stepping up disinfections," the ministry official said.

Quarantine authorities, backed by army soldiers, have already slaughtered more than 92,000 pigs within three kilometers (almost two miles) of the affected farms.

The government has restricted livestock trading and movements of animals and humans around the areas to ensure the outbreak does not affect preparations for the May 31-June 30 World Cup.

South Korea had been free of foot-and-mouth since March 2000 after that outbreak was contained.

Foot-and-mouth disease attacks hoofed animals such as pigs, cows and goats, but is not dangerous to humans. The Philippines, China and Japan have banned all imports of South Korean pork and beef.

The animal disease was compounded by growing concern about food safety in South Korea and Japan, which are co-hosting the world's biggest sport event.

A 71-year-old woman in Seoul was found infected with cholera on Friday, while Japan has reported a new case of mad cow disease.

Since October, Japan has tested all cows slaughtered for beef for the fatal brain-wasting disorder, after the first case was reported in September and two more cases were found in November.

Experts say eating mad cow beef can cause a similar disorder to humans known as Creutzfeldt Jakob disease.

THAIS OPEN TO BRITISH

Bangkok
Thailand will not ban British football fans from entering the kingdom or using it as a transfer point to World Cup hosts Korea and Japan as a means of cracking down on hooliganism, reports said Sunday.

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CityCell U-19 cricket BKSP, Comilla reach semis

UNB, Dhaka

BKSP and Comilla reached the semifinals of the CityCell Digital 21st National Youth (U-19) Cricket Championship eliminating their rivals in two northern district venues yesterday.

Defending champions BKSP earned a comfortable nine-wicket victory over Rangpur at Shaheed Chandu Stadium at Bogra.

BKSP will play the semifinal on Tuesday against the winners of Chittagong and Tangail, who will meet each other today.

In today's match, Rangpur batted first to score 215 runs for seven in 50 overs.

In reply, BKSP scored 220 runs for the loss of one wicket in 36.2 overs with Dhiman Ghose making a brilliant century with 119 runs.

At the Natore Stadium, an allround performance by Monirul enabled Comilla to eliminate Satkhira by 31 runs. Monirul hit match highest 65 runs and later took two wickets for 30 runs.

Comilla will play semifinal on Tuesday against the winners of Rajshahi and Jessore Education Board, who will meet today.

BRIEF SCORES

RANGPUR: 215 for 7 in 50 overs (Sujon 38, Cholan 31, Moksed 31, Rony 21; Sadik 2/32).

BKSP: 220 for one in 36.2 overs (Dhiman 119, Rabiul not out 57; Ashique 1/38).

COMILLA DSA: 192 for 8 in 50 overs (Monirul 65, Hasan 52; Hasan 2/37).

SATKHIRA DSA: 161 all out in 45.5 overs (Alam 61, Ahmed 4/39 and Monirul 2/30).