



## Did U Know?

The World Cup has only seen 5 players who each have appeared for two nations: Jos Altafini (then known as Mazzola) played for Brazil in 1958 and Italy in 1962; Luis Monti played for Argentina in 1930 and Italy in 1934; Ferenc Puskas played for Hungary in 1954 and Spain 1962; Jos Santamania played for Uruguay in 1954 and Spain in 1962 and Robert Proshinecki played for Yugoslavia in 1990 and Croatia in 1998. The rules are changed now, and no player will ever be playing for more than one country again.



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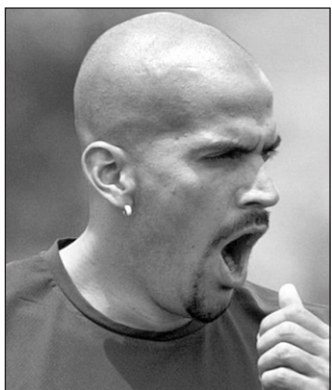
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England vs India

First Test, Day Two

Highlights

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## Juan Sebastian Veron

(Argentine soccer star)  
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1. Who scored the first hatrick in the National Bank Premier Football League?	Alfaz	Nakib	Arif
2. Who won the man-of-the-match award in the NatWest Series final?	Tendulkar	Kaif	Laxman
3. How many ODI centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored so far?	30	33	29
4. Who clinched Swiss Open tennis title?	Sampras	Corretja	Agassi
5. Who is No 1 in the WTA Tour rankings?	Venus	Serena	Hingis
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# Emeka blanks Brothers



## SPORTS REPORTER

Two brilliant second-half goals from Nigerian striker Emeka Echelefu gave hot favourites Muktioddha Sangsad Krira Chakra a 2-0 win against Brothers Union in a National Bank Premier Football League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The tall Nigerian struck in the 53rd and 57th minute to make sure that the star-studded team record their first win after a disappointing 4-2 tiebreak defeat at the hands of lowly Dhanmondi Club in their opening match on July 18.

The impressive victory for the all-

reds against the paper giants landed them in the second place with defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra, Dhanmondi Club and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society, all having collected four points from two games.

Mohammedan Sporting Club are leading the 10-team League race with full six points.

The first match after a three-day break due to poor ground condition offered an enterprising first half, where both sides made some lively attacks and counter attacks.

After a barren first 45 minutes, Muktioddha took total control of the game with their prized frontline of Arman, Alfaz, Motiur Munna and Moni testing the inexperienced Brothers defence time and again.

Emeka broke the evening's duck eight minutes after the break. After receiving a neat through from Arman, Emeka raced wide off the right-hand post before sending the ball into the far corner of the net with a powerful grounder, giving no chance to Brothers custodian Mohammed Ali.

Ali could not move even an inch when Emeka struck his second goal with a sudden right-footer from the top of the box.

The giant marksman, who is a regular player in the Indian League, however, missed the opportunity to

become the second player to score a hatrick after Mohammedan striker Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib.

He muffed up a golden opportunity in the 70th minute when Alfaz fed him with a defence-slicing cross. But Emeka shot the ball miles over the crossbar from only six yards.

Coach Shafique Haq Manik called back the Nigerian in the last quarter of the match to experiment with other players.

It was a welcome return for Manik at the helm after he had resigned last year following a row with manager Jahangir Alam.

The defeat was a blow for Brothers to their chase for regaining the lost pride. The Gopibagh outfit fielded three Nepalese booters — Hari Khadka, Bal Gopal and Rajan Rai Majhi — in the match, but Muktioddha proved too strong for them.

Yellow cards: Sujon of Muktioddha

## TEAMS

**MUKTIJODDHA:** Biplob, Hasan-al Mamun, Rajani, Papel, Sujon, Propid (Asif), Motiur Munna, Arman, Moni (Rakib), Alfaz and Emeka  
**BROTHERS UNION:** Mohammad Ali, Jahangir, Ashraf, Bal Gopal, Rezaul Karim, Saker, Rikta (Elimi), Saurav Raju (Zahid), Hari Khadka, Saiful and Rajan Rai Majhi



Muktioddha Sangsad's Emeka (L) heads the ball over Brothers Union defender Ashrafal Kabir during their National Bank Premier Division Football League encounter at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday.

# Samedul out in heat



## SPORTS REPORTER

Karar Samedul Islam returned from hiding to participate in his favourite 100 breaststroke at the Manchester Aquatic Centre Wednesday.

The Bangladeshi ace swimmer finished sixth in Heat 3, clocking 1 minute 10.97sec. He ended up more than nine seconds behind of Canadian Morgan Knabe, who topped the qualifying with 1:01.79.

Another Bangladeshi swimmer Mohammad Niaz Ali was disqualified in the same event.

Samedul had earlier gone missing on Friday from the Games Village with four other athletes. He however emerged in the pool claiming that he lost his way.

The four other missing athletes are Maruf Reza, Shafique Islam, Humayun Kabir and Shah Dilwar.

Shortly after the competition was over, Samedul said, "I am happy with my performance in a mega-event here today (Wednesday) as my timing is better than that of the Sydney Olympics." But he declined to say anything regarding his mysterious missing.

Other Bangladeshi swimmer, M

Jewel Ahmed, participated in the men's 50-metre butterfly in the day's first swimming event and ended up 29th among 42 participants clocking 26.78 seconds. Jewel, who finished last in the eight-man heat number four, also got eliminated from the event.

Geoff Huegill of Australia finished top overall clocking 24.10 points and qualified for the next round along with 16 other swimmers of the events.

## Orient h'ball

### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Police, Narinda Progoti Sangha and Arambagh Krira Sangha won their respective matches of the Orient Bread Cup Handball Tournament at the court adjacent to the Bangabandhu national Stadium yesterday.

Police thumped down a 35-8 defeat on Jamalpur Jila handball Porishad in the opening match of the day.

Narinda Progoti won the second match against Victoria Sporting Club by 39-17.

Arambagh won the battle of neighbours 16-11 against Dhaka Wanderers.

## MacLaurin leaves ECB

REUTERS/AFP, London

Chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) Lord Ian MacLaurin on Wednesday announced that he was standing down after a six-year tenure and would not be seeking a re-election.

MacLaurin helped bring in central contracts for England players in 2000, a change which has been widely credited as the main reason for the team's recent upsurge in performance.

MacLaurin, however, who also helped pave the way for England's new national cricket academy to develop young players, was not universally popular.

His decision leaves the way open for a battle between Surrey chairman Mike Soper, David Morgan, the chairman of Glamorgan, and possibly former MCC president Tony Lewis.

He would have been forced to stand for re-election later this year, with the English counties expected to field a candidate against him.

"It's been an immense privilege and honour to serve as chairman of the ECB and I believe we have achieved much in the past six years," MacLaurin said.

"However, after giving the matter a great deal of thought, I have concluded that I no longer have the necessary time to devote to this very important role," he said in a statement.

MacLaurin has wide business interests and is the chairman of telecom company Vodafone and banking organisation NatWest.

His decision led several ECB colleagues to pay tribute to MacLaurin's achievements during his time at the ECB, which include the introduction of a two-division County Championship, central contracts for England players and the setting up of the national academy.

"In bringing his business acumen to bear on the leadership of the board over a six-year period, Ian has played a major role in the commercial success of the game and similarly in terms of the improvement in the performances of England in the international arena," said Morgan, who has served as MacLaurin's deputy at the ECB in recent years.

"Working closely with him has been both instructive and stimulating and his contribution will be clearly remembered and appreciated by both players and the game's administrators world-wide."

Tim Lamb, the ECB's chief executive, added: "Ian has made a huge contribution to cricket and he can feel justifiably proud of the achievements of the ECB."

"I fully understand the reasons for his decision and there is no doubt that cricket in England and Wales is in a much stronger position than when he took office. I look forward to working with the new

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## Div II b'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Old DOHS Saturn and Orbit Club won their respective matches in the Second Division Basketball League at the Dhanmondi basketball gymnasium yesterday.

Old DOHS beat Flame Boys Club 90-66 after leading the first half 43-21 while Orbit defeated Panthers Green 68-62 after leading the first half 26-25.

# BD need not to worry



REUTERS, London

Bangladesh's Test status is not under threat despite their struggle to compete at the top level, an official at the International Cricket Council (ICC) has said.

Asked if the country's Test status could be reviewed, ICC corporate affairs general manager Brendan McClements told Reuters: "It's simply not on the agenda. It's not something that's being brought up at the moment."

Sri Lanka, fielding a second-string team, beat Bangladesh by 288 runs in the second Test in Colombo on Wednesday.

Bangladesh have now lost 12 of their 13 matches since being granted Test status two years ago. They were also in trouble in the other game against Zimbabwe but were saved when two days were washed out by rain.

McClements added: "We take note of their performances, of course, but that in no way suggests there's going to be any question of losing a Test playing nation."

"Test status was awarded to them and it's theirs by right."

# Tendulkar put to test



REUTERS, New Delhi

He is widely regarded as the world's best batsman but after another overseas Test defeat, India is beginning to consider the hitherto unthinkable — does Sachin Tendulkar choke when it matters most?

Tendulkar was bowled through the gate for 12 attempting an uppish drive against paceman Matthew Hoggard at Lord's on Sunday, just when India were hoping he could help them save the first Test.

The problem, experts and former players say, is that it wasn't a one-off.

"One more defeat on foreign soil. One more time when Sachin Tendulkar failed to produce a quality innings in adversity," said the Hindustan Times.

"Tendulkar's greatness as a

complete batsman is on test. He is prolific but not decisive."

The 29-year-old said in an interview earlier this year that he was disappointed at not winning Test matches when the team had to chase challenging fourth-innings totals.

"I have been disappointed with myself... I have to learn to finish Tests," he said.

His six-ball duck with India needing 396 to win in the fourth innings at Adelaide in 1999-2000, and a breezy but ultimately fruitless 86 in a similar situation at Jamaica in May are cases in point.

Tendulkar's second innings average over the last three years is 31.9 — with no centuries — against an impressive career mark of 56.96 in 97 Tests.

Of his 29 centuries only eight, two of them overseas, have resulted in Indian victories.

The only time Tendulkar came

close to lifting India to a Test win single-handedly was against Pakistan in Madras in 1999 when he struck a masterful 137 but his dismissal 17 runs from the 271-run target sparked an astonishing lower-order collapse that saw India lose by 12 runs.

"Sachin is the greatest batsman of this era. But there has been a problem with him in the big show and he knows it," former Test medium pacer Atul Wansan said.

"He perhaps puts too much pressure on himself because he feels he has to win big matches and prove his critics wrong. That doesn't help."

Tendulkar can be compared with Brian Lara, the other great batsman of his era. The West Indian is well known for his match-winning feats. In 1999 at Barbados he hit 153 not out, bringing up the last 69 runs with Curtly Ambrose and last-man

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# Bat first & bowl second?



REUTERS, London

Fast bowlers in cricket have the highest risk of being injured but bowling first and batting second increases the odds even further, scientists have discovered.

About 14 per cent of fast bowlers receive injuries, compared to four per cent of spin bowlers and batsmen, and two per cent of wicketkeepers.

But researchers in Australia have discovered that the chances of suffering hamstring strains, groin injuries and damage to the wrists, hands and back are greater according to the batting/bowling order, although they are not sure why.

"Bowlers are more likely to be

injured when undertaking big workloads and when bowling second (after batting)," said Dr John Orchard of South Sydney Medicine in New South Wales.

The scientists suspect bowlers may be more susceptible to injury when their team bowls second in a match because they warm up in the nets at the start of the first innings but in other innings they are more likely to start bowling immediately after batting.

Overall, cricket is a relatively safe sport. But after studying the type and number of injuries to Australian first class cricket teams during premier and one day international matches the researchers believe it could be made safer.

The scientists, whose research is published in The British Journal of Sports Medicine, said the average injury rate for the 20 matches

played in a season was 19.2 injuries for every squad of 25 players. One-day internationals resulted in the highest number of injuries.

If a bowler bowled more than 20 match overs in the week before a match, he had almost double the risk of injury and bowling second after batting first raised the injury risk to 60 per cent.

The fastest bowlers had the greatest risk of injury and players colliding with the boundary fence while fielding were a major cause of injury.

"The most important potentially reversible risk factor is bowler workload. The sporting activity most similar to bowling is pitching in baseball, for which workload is monitored much more closely than bowling," said Orchard.