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For the United Arab Emirates, winning the World Cup was not realistic. In 1990 they were knocked out after three straight defeats in the group stage. However, they managed to score two goals and no wonder the goal scorers celebrated as if they had won the World Cup. The players received a Rolls Royce for every goal they scored!



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Jennifer Capriati

(American tennis star)
"I try to be in the best physical shape I can be so it doesn't wear me down. But I'm definitely not the 16-year-old body anymore."

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Oliver Kahn
3. Who became the top scorer in the 2002 World Cup?
M-i-c-h-a-e-l Ronaldo Cafu
4. How many goals did Ronaldo score during the 2002 World Cup finals?
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5. Name the former coach of the South Korean national football team.

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Inter-service socce

BSS, Jessore

Bangladesh Army defeated Bangladesh Navy 2-1 in the inter-service football championship at the BAF Base Matiur Rahman on Saturday.

The first half of the match ended 1-1.

Lance corporal Nasir Uddin and Lance Corporal Ripon Biswas scored for the winners while MZ Ali reduced the margin for the losers.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

UNDERESTIMATE ME AT YOUR OWN PERIL: Samara Hamin (foreground), a five-and-a-half-year-old student of Scholastica, is trying to show that she is no less than the 252 contestants on the opening day of the Standard Chartered Schools Chess Championship at the NSC Sports Room yesterday. The week-long tournament is being played over three age groups. The Swiss League competition also features players from India and it offers lucrative cash prizes.

Bond relishing county chance

INTERNET, Christchurch

New Zealand bowler Shane Bond is looking forward to his brief spell with Warwickshire next month.

New Zealand Cricket have given permission for the contracted fast bowler to play four games for the Edgbaston club during August.

Bond will play three four-day matches in the Frizzell County Championship Division One as well as a one-day game in the C&G Trophy between August 5-25.

Following that he will then be part of the New Zealand side aiming to defend the ICC Trophy in Sri Lanka in September.

"I'm joining Warwickshire to advance my cricket career," he told Christchurch newspaper The Press. "Hopefully I can utilise those three weeks to improve my game and use them as good preparation for the ICC and World Cup."

"It's not going to be as tough as international cricket. But maybe it's a chance to hone a few skills and learn from experienced players."

However, the 27-year-old former policeman has his sights firmly set on the World Cup in South Africa next year.

"The World Cup is the big one for me, so everything else is a build-up to that," he said.

"Obviously we (New Zealand) want to do well (at the ICC Trophy) but I think everyone is geared up for the World Cup."

He added: "While it would be good to put some performances on the board in Sri Lanka, if we don't win there I don't think it will matter if we go on to win the World Cup."

Linu's lasting glory

SPORTS REPORTER

Jobera Rahman has joined a select band in the Guinness World Records.

The 35-year-old undisputed women's champion of country's table tennis earned the unique feat for her astounding success in a career spanning over 24 years.

Affectionately known as Linu, the glamour girl from Khulna won a record 16 national singles titles in her luminous career.

The talented paddler never looked back since winning her maiden crown way back in 1977 at the age of only 12. Linu has also clinched the women's crown in three successive Bangladesh Games (1989, 92 and 96).

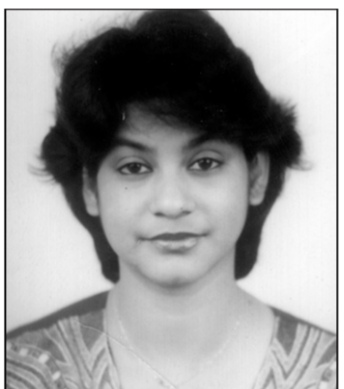
Linu was recognised by the world renowned database publication on May 24 this year.

"We are writing that you are Guinness World holder," read a ment letter from Southampton. "But it was not Saturday that the her life came with certificate from Record Limited."

"After return-our driver told me envelope had Once I saw the the envelope I nised it. And I just floor of our home and screamed, 'Father look what I've got,' said an extremely elated Linu to the Daily Star Sport while narrating her first reaction to the wonderful news.

"This is undoubtedly the biggest achievement of my career," said Linu, adding that the time was now right for her to bow out of the sport she loved so much.

Whether she makes it into the best selling book of statistics in its next edition will be at jurisdiction of the publication's editorial board, but one thing is for sure that Linu -- the table tennis queen -- has made the nation proud.



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Lifebuoy soccer

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Television beat Manavzamin 2-0 in the inaugural match of the Lifebuoy-Community Football Tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

In other matches, Janakantha rode on a hatrick by Feroze as they thrashed news agency ABAS 4-1. Jugantar were held to goalless draw by The Financial Express and ATN Bangla defeated Sangram 2-0.

Earlier, Dhaka City Mayor and Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadek Hossain inaugurated the six-a-side competition, which is being organised by the Bangladesh Sports Journalists and Writers Association. Lever Brothers Bangladesh Limited are the sponsors.

President of the Bangladesh Football Federation SA Sultan attended the opening ceremony as the special guest.

Sourav wary of England

INTERNET, Chester-le-Street

Sourav Ganguly is preparing his team to face a much improved England in Thursday's day-night NatWest Series match at Chester-le-Street.

The India captain admits England have risen in his estimation as a one-day cricket force over the course of the last few months.

India lost a 3-1 lead over England to draw the last one-day series between the two countries at the start of this year, and Ganguly's side now find themselves level on points with the hosts in the current triangular tournament also involving Sri Lanka.

Those facts were very much on Ganguly's mind as he assessed England's upward curve.

"I think there is a bit more quality in this side than what we saw in the World Cup," he said, reflecting on a tournament three years ago which saw England eliminated at the first stage after they lost to India at Edgbaston.

"Andrew Flintoff, for example, is turning out to be a good cricketer - something I am happy to see, having played for the same county (Lancashire) as him."

"Marcus Trescothick is also a great find for England," he added.

Ganguly's opposite number Nasser Hussain has also impressed the Indians with the way he has led England in recent times.

"They are becoming a good one-day unit, and Nasser is doing well as captain," he noted. Ganguly traces England's resurgence in one-day cricket to that series in India back in January and February.

"They played pretty well then. We were in a position where we could have won in Delhi and Bombay - but all credit to them for coming back."

India will be taking nothing for granted either when it comes to their own form even though they have begun this series most impressively with comfortable victories over England at Lord's and then Sri Lanka at The Oval last weekend.

"I was not surprised to see the way we played. But this is an early part of the tour; it is just the beginning, and there is a lot of cricket to be played," he cautioned.

"It is most important we keep up our standards. The way the tournament is going we have a good chance of reaching (the final at) Lord's, and if we do I hope we are in the right shape to do well."

Perera given go-ahead

CRICINFO, London

Fast bowler Ruchira Perera, who was reported for having a suspect bowling action after Sri Lanka's first Test at Lord's, has been given the green light to resume bowling after making modifications to his action.

Perera punched Sri Lanka into a fresh 'chucking' controversy during the first Test, as the world's media homed in on Perera's bowled action following damning slow motion replays on Channel 4.

Umpires Srinivas Venkataraghavan and Darryl Harper reported Perera straight after the game, initiating the first phase of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) three-stage process for dealing with illegal actions.

The first stage requires the local board to analyse his action, take any remedial action that is deemed necessary, and then report back to the ICC within six weeks.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) appointed a three-man panel, including the BCCSL's umpiring director K T Francis, fast bowling coach Champaka Ramanayake and former Sri Lanka spinner Lalith

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No way, says Ronaldo

Football

AFP, Madrid

Ronaldo, Brazil's two-goal hero from last Sunday's 2-0 defeat of Germany in the World Cup final, on Saturday scotched speculation linking him to a possible move to European Champions' Real Madrid from Inter Milan.

"Real Madrid are a great team, one of the most important in the world, but it has its players, and me I'm already part of a team at Inter," the 25-year-old told the Spanish sports daily Marca.

"For a long time now (the Inter Milan) president Moratti has had confidence in me, and I am totally loyal to him."

"When I was experiencing very difficult times, being injured on a number of occasions, the president was always by my side and I can't betray him."

Ronaldo is taking time out with his family back home before returning to prepare for the new season in Italy.

"I want to forget everything until my return on August 5," he insisted.

"In the meantime I'm going to enjoy my first holiday for some time."

Ronaldo's name was linked to



RONALDO

Real Madrid earlier this week.

His Brazilian teammate Roberto Carlos, also his roommate, was reported in the Italian press as having asked his president at the Spanish club Florentino Perez to sign the man who scored eight goals in seven matches at the finals.

Ronaldo's brace in the final at last wiped away the traumatic memories of the 1998 final against France when he suffered a fit hours before the match and was clearly below par during it as the French ran away 3-0 winners.

Vaughan spins out SL

Cricket

AFP, Manchester

Sri Lanka collapsed in their triangular series one-day international here at Old Trafford on Sunday with Michael Vaughan the unlikely hero of England's attack.

Sanath Jayasuriya's side were well-placed at 162 for two before they lost their last eight wickets for 67 runs.

Part-time off-spinner Vaughan finished with career-best one-day figures of four for 22, his six overs also including a maiden.

Pramodya Wickramasinghe was three not out after recalled wicket-keeper Kumar Sangakkara top-scored with 70.

Sri Lanka won the toss but then saw both openers depart within the space of two overs.

Jayasuriya and Marvan Atapattu had put on 59 for the first wicket when the Sri Lanka skipper (23) got a leading edge against fast bowler and one-day international debutant Alex Tudor to England captain

Nasser Hussain at cover.

Atapattu had made a composed 34 but there was nothing he could do when, in the 14th over, Sangakkara pushed to midwicket and Paul Collingwood's direct hit saw him comfortably run out.

His dismissal left Sri Lanka 73 for two.

Sri Lanka regrouped thanks to a stand of 89 between Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene before the latter was run out going for a second.

Tudor, showed excellent agility on the fine leg boundary and sent in a powerful throw to England keeper Alec Stewart.

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England were 115 for four in 25 overs against Sri Lanka in the seventh match of the NatWest Series at Manchester last night.

An underarm flick from Tudor's Surrey colleague then saw Jayawardene dismissed by a distance for a 67-ball 42.

But at 162 for three Sri Lanka still

had a platform for a big score.

However, recalled off-spinner Jeremy Snape and Vaughan put the brake on Sri Lanka's innings.

First Russell Arnold (six) gave Snape a simple caught and bowled wicket before Vaughan had Sangakkara plumb lbw as the left-hander swept.

Sangakkara faced 78 balls that included eight fours.

Vaughan struck again when, seeing Thilani Samarawera (three) charging down the pitch, he speared the ball down the leg-side and Stewart completed the stumping.

Umpire Peter Willey called wide but with Sri Lanka now 200 for six in the 44th over it was a run England were happy to concede.

And Vaughan was not finished, taking two wickets with the score on 205.

Chamara Silva (nine) top-edged the Yorkshire batsman to Collingwood at short fine leg before Chaminda Vaas, sweeping, was clean bowled for nought.

Sri Lanka, following Saturday's defeat by India, brought in

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Carry on Hussain

Cricket

AFP, London

England coach Duncan Fletcher said Saturday he wanted Nasser Hussain to stay on as captain beyond the 2003 World Cup.

Hussain has previously hinted that he might stand down following next year's tournament in South Africa.

But Fletcher, whose own

England contract expires after the World Cup in September 2003, said: "I would be keen to persuade Nasser to carry on."

"He's done a great job and I enjoy working with him and we pair off well because we have different ways of working."

Fletcher, speaking at Old Trafford ahead of Sunday's triangular series match there against Sri Lanka on Sunday, added: "He (Hussain) has a great cricket brain on him."

"I still think it's too early for the

guys we have waiting to do his job - players like Michael Vaughan and Marcus Trescothick still have to develop their game."

"They are very good players even now, but I just don't think people appreciate what captaincy is all about and how big a strain it can be."

Hussain and Fletcher came together as a duo in 1999.

Under their leadership England won four successive Test series against Zimbabwe, West Indies, Pakistan and Sri Lanka two years ago and have only lost three of their last 10 Test campaigns.

England's one-day form has also shown signs of improvement. A record of 12 wins in their last 20 matches is far from outstanding but compares favourably with 11 straight defeats last year.

"It's all very well leading the side if you're winning, but when you're struggling with a developing team it is a very difficult job," Fletcher admitted.

"I don't know if Nasser can be persuaded to carry on because he makes his own mind up and I don't think people appreciate just how much stress there is as captain or coach of England," former Zimbabwe skipper Fletcher admitted.

"It's an incredibly difficult job and you don't get a break. In most jobs you can tidy your desk at the end of the day and forget about it all, but that doesn't seem to happen in cricket."

But Fletcher admitted that a good Ashes series in Australia or success in the World Cup that follows soon afterwards could see Hussain staying on as England captain.

"You don't know how he's going to feel in six months' time after the World Cup," he explained.

"He could be totally drained or if England are successful, he may want to carry on."

And that is equally true of Fletcher himself, who said he was pleased at England's development thus far.

"I've enjoyed seeing the progress being made," he said. "There's nothing more fulfilling than when you've put in some hard work and you see people starting to reap the rewards of that."

"It's a pleasure working with this side, there's a good team spirit and it's working well and it would be an honour if they did approach me to extend my contract."

Dravid looks to WC

Cricket

AFP/ REUTERS, Birmingham

Rahul Dravid said Saturday that India had a "realistic chance" at the 2003 World Cup in South Africa.

Dravid was speaking after his 64 guided India to a four-wicket win over Sri Lanka here at Edgbaston - a victory that booked India's place in the final of the triangular one-day series against England with two matches to spare.

Chasing Sri Lanka's 187, India slumped to 59 for four before Dravid's innings booked Sourav Ganguly's men into next Saturday's Lord's showpiece.

An upbeat Dravid said things were looking up for India's one-day team as they maintained their unbeaten record in the tournament.

"We are getting a good blend of youth and experience together and we are working really hard to get the combinations right," the makeshift wicket-keeper explained.

"Everyone has got the World Cup in mind and we are moving in the right direction and if we play like this

for the next six months we will be in with a realistic chance in the World Cup."



RAHUL DRAVID

However, Dravid warned that much could change between now and the World Cup, which starts in

February.

"Six months is a long time. We have got to keep our form going. We have got to keep improving from here because we are going to be up against very good sides who will also be improving," he said.

"We also have to be aware that six months is a long time in international cricket and at this time it is more important on us looking at this series rather than concentrating on the World Cup."

Ever since Dravid was given an extended run as a keeper-batsman, albeit just for one-day games, during the West Indies earlier this year debate has raged among Indian cricket lovers about his role in the side.

But Dravid insisted he was getting used to life behind the stumps.

"I was initially worried about how it might go," he conceded. "But I've taken up the challenge and worked hard at it. It's probably helped that I've taken a few catches and so far it is going well."

"Today (Saturday) I got runs as well and it was very satisfying to play

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PHOTO: INTERNET

CHANGING GEARS: German F1 champion Michael Schumacher takes some batting tips from Indian maestro Sachin Tendulkar at the British Grand Prix in England on July 6.