



Did U Know?

Harald Schumacher, West Germany's great goalkeeper and twice World Cup silver medalist, is perhaps best known for his assault on French defender Patrick Battiston in the 1982 semifinal. After losing his second World Cup final in 1986, he said he wanted to come back in 1990 and win the Cup at his third attempt. But in 1987, he wrote a book and claimed 90% of the players in the German Bundesliga took drugs! He was never picked for the German squad again after that. He escaped to Turkey and played league soccer there instead.



Talk Turkey



Jagmohan Dalmiya
(BCCI President)
"Just look at our bench now. It's overflowing with talent. This was not the scene a couple of years back."



What to Watch

- ESPN**
- Western Union World Football Repeat at 10:30 am
 - India vs Sri Lanka Ninth ODI, NatWest Series Repeat at 12:30 pm
 - England vs India Final, NatWest Series Live at 3:45 pm
 - STAR Sports**
 - Football Asia Repeat 8:30 am
 - Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show Repeat at 9:30 am
 - Asia Sport Show Int'l Sports News Taped Version at 10:30 am
 - Gillette World Sports Special Int'l Sports News Taped Version at 5:30 pm
 - Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show Repeat at 10:30 pm
 - Futbol Mundial Repeat at 11:30 pm

Star Whizz Kid COMPETITION 175

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- What was the result of the 2002 World Cup final between Brazil and Germany?
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- Who won the Golden Ball award?
Rivaldo Miroslav Klose
Oliver Kahn
- Who became the top scorer in the 2002 World Cup?
Michael Ballack Ronaldo Cafu
- How many goals did Ronaldo score during the 2002 World Cup-finals?
8 9 7
- Name the former coach of the South Korean national football team.

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)

Dilshan hammers BD



SPORTS REPORTER

Tillekeratne Dilshan was in marauding mood on the first day of the three-day match between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka A at the Tyrone Fernando Stadium in Moratuwa yesterday.

Tillekeratne, who has been out of Test scene since the recent series against England, smashed 136 off 218 balls as the home side amassed a healthy 382 for nine on a placid wicket after Bangladesh skipper Khaled Mashud surprisingly elected to field.

The right-hander plundered 20 boundaries in his stroke-filled 218-ball knock.

Lower-order Kushal Lokurachchi and one-down Jehan Mubarak were the other notable scorers for the islanders with 45 and 42 runs respectively.

Right-arm seamer Alamgir Kabir and off-spinner Fahim Mutasir were

the most effective Bangladesh bowlers claiming three wickets each.

New ball bowlers Monjurul Islam and Talha Jabair took one wicket apiece.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the three-day tour match



DILSHAN...136
between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka A in Moratuwa on Friday.
SRI LANKA: First Innings
Vandort c Alamgir b Talha 14

Daniel lbw b Monjurul Mubarak c Enamul b Alamgir	29	42	136
Dilshan c Enamul b Alamgir	8	34	8
Jayawardene run out	8	34	8
Polonowita c Al-Shahriar b Alamgir	16	45	16
Pushpakumara lbw b Fahim	16	45	16
Lokuarachchi lbw b Fahim	16	45	16
Pushpakumara b Fahim	32	32	32
Gunaratne not out	1	25	1
Extras: (b-3, lb-8, nb-7, w-7)	25	25	25
Total: (For 9 wickets in 90 overs)	382	382	382
To bat: W de Silva			
Fall of wickets: 1-36, 2-54, 3-103, 4-125, 5-235, 6-285, 7-304, 8-359, 9-382			

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	14.1	5	36	1
Talha	13	1	66	1
Alamgir	18	4	84	3
Enamul	22	4	79	0
Fahim	14	2	69	3
Ashraf	8.5	1	37	0

BANGLADESH: Khaled Mashud, Al-Shahriar, Habibul Bashar, Ehsanul Haque, Fahim Muntasir, Mohammad Ashraf, Enamul Haque, Monjurul Islam, Hannan Sarkar, Talha Jabair, Alamgir Kabir
Umpires: D Pathirana and R Martinez

Sachin will play NatWest series final today

REUTERS, London

Sachin Tendulkar will play against England in their NatWest one-day triangular series final at Lord's on Saturday despite an injury scare.

Amrit Mathur, the Indian board's director of communications, told Reuters on Friday: "He's absolutely fit."

"He has a minor hamstring strain but will be alright to play."

Tendulkar did not field against Sri Lanka on Thursday as a precaution after scoring 113 at Bristol - his 33rd one-day international century - in the 63-run win over Sri Lanka.

India won four of their five completed group matches to top the table ahead of England. Sri Lanka were eliminated after winning one of their six matches.

Tendulkar has scored two centuries in the series after being moved down from opener to number four. He is averaging 64.6, the highest by any player in the competition.

India have lost their last nine one-day tournament finals, a run stretching back to 1998 when they lost to Zimbabwe in Sharjah. Their last defeat in a final was against South Africa in November.

England ended a run of 11 one-day defeats against Zimbabwe last year before drawing a one-day series 3-3 in India.

Zia doing well in Paris

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman was sharing the lead with four other players at the end of the sixth round of the Paris International Chess Championship on Thursday.

Zia defeated compatriot and International Master (IM) Reefatbin-Sattar in the round to earn five-and-a-half points.

The crowded top spot also includes two other GMs. They are Russian Andrei Shchekachev and France's Laurent Fressinet.

IM Afek Yochanan of Israel and another Frenchman Jean-Luc Chabanon make up the rest.

Despite losing to Zia, Reefat is one of 14 players occupying third place with four-and-a-half points. He is joined by counterpart Enamul Haque Rajib, who won against Frederic Lempereur of France.

ACB leaves it on PCB

AFP, Sydney

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said on Friday it would like to go ahead with its tour of violence-wracked Pakistan in October but insisted Pakistani authorities had to first prove the players would be safe.

"The ACB's position on this is that we would like the tour to go ahead," an ACB spokesman said.

"We are waiting on the PCB (Pakistan Cricket Board) to submit notification on their latest preferred option."

"We haven't had any correspondence (with the PCB)."

The spokesman insisted the ball was in Pakistan's court regarding the three-Test tour of Pakistan with no assurances received over the players' safety.

"The ACB isn't in the driver's seat on this issue because it's a Pakistan series. There's no decision been made at this stage," an ACB spokesman.

"We continue to receive advice from our (foreign affairs) experts in our day-to-day monitoring of the tour going ahead in Pakistan."

The ACB is uneasy about touring in Pakistan because of widespread security fears after two bomb blasts in May and June left 26 people dead in the southern city of Karachi.

The May blast occurred close to the hotel the New Zealand team was staying at, forcing them to cut short their tour by one Test.

ACB Chief Executive James Sutherland met with his Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) counterpart in London last week to discuss the matter but no resolution was reached.

If Australia decides not to play in Pakistan, Bangladesh has been floated as a possible alternative venue.

In Islamabad Pakistan's military ruler, General Pervez Musharraf said on Thursday he would personally intervene to pressure the Australian cricket team into touring his violence-wracked nation.

Musharraf said he would contact the Australian government to ensure that the tour would go ahead as originally planned.

MSC meet Victoria



SPORTS REPORTER

National League champions Mohammedan Sporting Club launch their National Bank Premier Division Football League campaign on July 16 when they take on newcomers Victoria Sporting Club at 5 pm at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, according to the first week's fixture released by the Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee yesterday.

FIXTURE OF THE FIRST WEEK

DATE	MATCH	TIME
July 15	Abahani KC v Badda Jagarani	5 pm
July 16	Mohammedan SC v Victoria SC	5 pm
July 17	Rahmatganj MFS v Farashganj SC	5 pm
July 18	Muktijoddha Sangsad v Dhanmondi Club	5 pm
July 19	Arambagh KS v Brothers Union	3:30 pm
July 20	Abahani KC v Victoria SC	5:30 pm
July 21	Mohammedan SC v Farashganj SC	5 pm
July 22	Rahmatganj MFS v Dhanmondi Club	5 pm
July 23	Muktijoddha Sangsad v Brothers Union	3:30 pm
July 24	Arambagh KS v Badda Jagarani	5:30 pm

Schools chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Shamima Akhter Lisa and Obaidul Islam won their respective categories in the Standard Chartered Bank Schools Chess Tournament yesterday.

Runaway leader Shamima of Narayanjanji Bibi Mariam School, captured the girls' section while Junior Cadet School's Obaidul claimed the KG to Class Five Group.

Both players earned maximum six points with a round to spare at the NSC chess room.

In the Class 6-10 Group Rahul Sangma of Kolkata took a solo lead with six points. Soupurno Gosh also of Kolkata, is second half a point behind.

Elsewhere, national sub-junior champion Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar, Amrites Roy (Kolkata), Hasib Redwan Khan, Nagir Arifin, Sumon Gosh, Uzzal Das Poddar, Md. Sabbar and Mahfuzur Rahman all won their respective sixth round matches.

The seventh round starts today at 3:00 p.m.

Cricketcide

AFP, Islamabad

A friendly local cricket match in Pakistan ended in a deadly gunfight after a dispute broke out over allegations of match-rigging, police said Thursday.

Two people were killed and five injured late Wednesday when "fighting erupted over allegations of match-rigging", near the Punjab city of Sardogha, 175 kilometres (109 miles) south of here.

The players fought each other with automatic weapons and sticks after the cricket match, local police officer Ijaz Hussain told AFP.

Windies A gain upper hand

AFP, Liverpool

West Indies A were 128 runs ahead of Lancashire at stumps on the second day of their four-day tour match here Thursday.

The tourists finished on 38 without loss in their second innings after making 369 first time around and then bowling out Lancashire for 279.

West Indies A's Devon Smith, who started the day on 167, was eventually out for 181.

Former England batsman Neil

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'We'll learn in Lanka'



AFP, Colombo

Bangladesh coach Mohsin Kamal is hoping his team gains valuable experience during its one-month tour of Sri Lanka, where it plays two Tests and three one-day internationals.

"The boys will definitely learn a lot in Sri Lanka," said Kamal soon after the team's arrival here on Thursday. "I don't care about the result - even if we don't win, it will be a learning experience."

Kamal, a former Pakistani fast bowler, said Bangladesh had enough talent and were also more positive than in the past.

"The team has now got the kind of mental toughness and strong body language associated with Pakistani cricketers," said Kamal, confident Bangladesh would not be easy meat for their opponents like in the past.

Bangladesh lost by an innings and 137 runs in an Asian Test Championship tie in Sri Lanka last year and have gone down in 10 of 11 matches since gaining Test status two years ago.

The minnows are yet to put up a spirited performance in Tests, losing many of their matches inside three days and salvaging a solitary draw against Zimbabwe in a truncated tie at home.

The Sri Lankan team, currently playing a tri-series in England who also feature India, is expected to come back on July 15.

Bangladesh will meanwhile play two warm up matches before the first Test from July 21. The second and final Test is scheduled for July 28 and the one-dayers for August 4, 5 and 7.

All matches will be played in Colombo.

MOHSIN KAMAL

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MUTTIAH MURALITHARAN

accelerate downhill from there as they lost the three-match series 2-0.

Muralitharan returned for the next two Tests, even bowling 64

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Murali the factor?



REUTERS, London

Sri Lanka came to England intent on proving one thing and, with everything weighted heavily in their favour, failed spectacularly.

With off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan edging his way back from a serious shoulder injury, the trip was billed as a "great opportunity", according to coach Dav Whatmore, "to show people we are not just a one-bowler team".

But Sri Lanka, normally great entertainers and looking to extend their run of nine Test wins in a row, did not come even close as they wound up their visit on Thursday with their 2-0 Test defeat followed by one-day failure.

Sanath Jayasuriya's side had arrived for their first full Test series in England in early May and opened with 555 in the first innings at Lord's,

Marvan Atapattu and Mahela Jayawardene scoring centuries.

They then forced England to follow on, only to see their fortunes

overs first time out at Edgbaston in taking five for 143, but was clearly not at his best.

His finish as the side's most successful bowler, with eight wickets when only half-fit, underlined Sri Lanka's fundamental problems.

Left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas did not help. A world-class performer, he was a shadow of his usual self as he claimed four Test wickets for 108.5.

Strike bowler Nuwan Zoysa blew hot and cold, while Ruchira Perera took five wickets in the first Test before being reported for a suspect bowling action.

England's batting statistics clearly reflected the Sri Lankans' bowling weaknesses.

Seven of their batsmen averaged over 40 and six over 50. Two - Marcus Trescothick and Mark Butcher - were in the 80s. And all this carnage inflicted by a team that had not won a series for 12 months.

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MAY I MAKE THIS MOVE? Fazole Rabbi, a KG-2 student of Wiles Little Flower School, is about to make a move during his sixth round match of the Standard Chartered Schools Chess Tournament at the NSC yesterday.

Tendulkar ton too much



AFP, Bristol

Sachin Tendulkar's 33rd one-day international century was at the heart of India's 63-run win over Sri Lanka in their day-night triangular match here Thursday.

Tendulkar made 113 in India's imposing 304 all out as they warmed up in fine style ahead of Saturday's final against England at Lord's.

Tendulkar was in majestic form, his hundred coming from just 93 balls and including one six and 10 fours.

Sri Lanka were in with a chance as long as wicket-keeper Kumar Sangakkara was at the crease.

He was one of a quartet of Harbhajan Singh victims, the off-spinner finishing with four for 46.

And after left-hander Sangakkara went for a rapid 66 off 47 balls the run-rate slowed, Sri Lanka all out for 241 with 35 balls remaining.

Chaminda Vaas was four not out.

Sri Lanka's chase got off to a bad start when captain Sanath Jayasuriya (five) was lbw to left-arm

quick Zaheer Khan's second ball. That left Sri Lanka 11 for one after seven deliveries but Sangakkara quickly rescued the

Sangakkara was so dominant against the seamers that India captain Sourav Ganguly brought on Harbhajan in the 13th over when the fielding restrictions were still in place.

And the gamble worked when Sangakkara was stumped by Rahul Dravid off Harbhajan's fifth ball for 66, Sri Lanka 96 for two.

Mahela Jayawardene (31) helped Marvan Atapattu consolidate before he gave his wicket away, caught reverse sweeping off Yuvraj Singh's left-arm spin.

Sri Lanka were now 160 for three in the 36th over and Jayawardene's departure saw big-hitting tailender Nuwan Zoysa surprisingly promoted up the order.

But five runs later Atapattu (53) failed to beat Yuvraj's direct hit from point and was run-out.

Zoysa struck Ganguly for one huge six but trying to repeat the stroke hit the ball straight down Dinesh Mongia's throat at long-on.

And they were soon 188 for six when Russel Arnold (eight) was run out by Kai's diving underarm throw from cover.

India also lost their first two wickets to run-outs.

After Ganguly (nine) misjudged a second run, Virender Sehwag also failed to make his ground.

Sehwag's 39 came off just 40 balls, including six fours.

Dinesh Mongia and Tendulkar continued to attack, sharing a stand of 99 for the third wicket before Mohammad Kaif chipped in with a quickfire 41 off 43 balls.

But Sri Lanka could not stem the flow of runs from Tendulkar's bat until he was eventually caught by Upul Chandana off Vaas.

This result saw the Lankans finish their international season in England. They lost the Test series 2-0 and won just one of their six triangular matches.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the NatWest triangular series one-day international between India and Sri Lanka in Bristol on Thursday:

INDIA	
Ganguly run out	9
Sehwag run out	39

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Sexy Ballack!



AFP, Ismaning, Germany

Midfielder Michael Ballack has been voted the sexiest player in the German national team in a survey released on Thursday.

The 25-year-old dark-haired former Bayern Leverkusen playmaker, who will line up for Bayern Munich next season, received 40 percent of the votes in the survey by television channel DSF and Internet portal Sport1.

Defender Christoph Metzelder had 32.7 percent, while towering shaven-headed striker Carsten Jancker scored 11.4 percent and goalkeeper Oliver Kahn got 10.9 percent.

Ballack's goal against South Korea sent Germany into last month's World Cup final but the yellow card he picked up for a foul on Lee Chun-Soo ruled him out of the most important match of his career.

Without him, Brazil won 2-0.

Lifebuoy soccer

BSS, Dhaka

The Daily Janakantha, Bhorer Kagoj, Bangla Bazar Patrika and Aiker Kagoj confirmed their places in the quarterfinals of the Lifebuoy-Community Football Tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Bhorer Kagoj defeated Ekushey Television (ETV) 2-1. Janakantha blanked Kralaloke 3-0 in the second match. Bangla Bazar Patrika beat Manavazamin 1-0.

The last match of the day between Aiker Kagoj and Sangbad ended in a 1-1 draw.

Indian women humiliated

AFP, London

India were bowled out for 26 - the second lowest score in women's international limited-overs cricket history - by New Zealand in the tri-nation tournament in Jersey on Thursday.

India's collapse gave New Zealand, in their first game of the series, victory by 142 runs after they posted 168 for nine from 50 overs.

It was India's second collapse in as many days.

At St Saviour on Wednesday India were dismissed for 59, England winning by six wickets.

