



## Did U Know?

Gymnast Olga Korbut performed the first backward somersault on the uneven bars, a loop that was named after her. She was a sensation at the 1972 Olympics. She also performed the first Korbut somersault, a backward somersault on the balance beam.



**David Beckham**  
(England football captain)  
"There is so much talent and desire in this squad that the 2006 World Cup in Germany has to be a genuine target for us."



## ESPN

England vs India  
Final, NatWest Series  
Repeat at 2:30 pm  
**Sportscentre Hindi**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
Australia vs South Africa  
Second ODI, Highlights  
Repeat at 9:00 pm  
England vs Sri Lanka  
Second Test, Day One  
Highlights  
Repeat at 10:30 pm

## STAR Sports

England vs India  
Second ODI, NatWest Series  
Taped Version at 8:30 am  
Football Asia  
Repeat at 2:30 pm  
**Sportline Tonight**  
Sport News  
Live at 6:30 pm  
South Africa vs Sri Lanka  
Fourth ODI, Highlights  
Repeat at 11:00 pm

### Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 175

Tick the correct answers, post to **The Daily Star** Win attractive prizes

**Competition closes at 8 pm July 19, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards**

1. What was the result of the 2002 World Cup final between Brazil and Germany?	2-1      1-0      2-0
2. Who won the Golden Ball award?	Rivaldo      Miroslav Klose 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?	8      9      7
5. Name the former coach of the South Korean national football team.	
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### DAY'S EVENT

National Bank Premier Football League  
Abahani v Badda Jagarani (5 pm)  
Venue: BNS

# Ehsan enforces draw

## Cricket

### SPORTS REPORTER

Ehsanul Haq carried on the good work of his fellow national captain Hannan Sarker as Bangladesh enforced a respectable draw against Sri Lanka A in a three-day match at Tyrone Fernando Stadium in Moratuwa yesterday.

Set to score 323 for an improbable win on the final day, the young pretender hit a composed unbeaten century as the visitors made 201 for five before the bats were taken off after 61 overs of play.

The right-hander, who was in an amazing form in the domestic cricket last season, scored exactly 100 off 173 balls.

Earlier, the second string Sri Lanka side, resuming the day on 73 for three, declared their second innings on 168 for seven. The home sides scored a massive 382-9 dec. in the first innings.

Ehsanul's inspiring hundred, hot on the heels of Hannan's first innings score of 92, enabled Bangladesh to avoid an embarrassing defeat in their first warm-up match before their maiden Test series against Sanath Jayasuriya's

mighty side starts on July 21.

Bangladesh will play their second practice match, another three-day affair, against Sri Lankan Development squad that starts tomorrow.

Ehsanul, who made only five in Bangladesh's first innings total of 228, was simply outstanding in his second essay that contained fifteen



**EHSANUL ... 100 n.o**

sweetly timed hits across the rope. Batting at number three, Ehsanul held the innings together after opener Hannan departed for 11. He shared 40 runs for the second wicket with Al-Shahriar, who scored a run-a-ball 42 with the help of 10

cracking boundaries.

Stand-in captain Habibul Bashar made 20 in a 30-run third wicket stand with Ehsanul. But the biggest partnership came when Ashrafal joined Ehsanul to produce 72 runs for the fourth wicket.

Although Ashrafal scored a docile 11 off 87 balls, his gritty approach helped Ehsanul to play freely at the other end. The tourists showed a mark of improvement in every department on the final day despite the absence of skipper Khaled Mashud, who left for England at close of second day's play to attend the Test captains' meeting at Lord's.

Ehsanul, keeping in place of Mashud, also did well behind the wickets besides his exploits with the bat. Tushar Imran, playing as a full substitute for Mashud, scored a duck.

The bowlers backed by some superb fielding also performed well on the final morning that saw three Sri Lankan batsmen being run out.

Left-arm paceman Monjurul Huq picked up two wickets for 56 runs in his 15 overs.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the three-day match between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka A at the Tyrone Fernando

Stadium in Moratuwa on Sunday:  
**SRI LANKA A:** First innings 382/9 (Dilshan 136, Lokuarachchi 45; Alamgir 3-84, Fahim 3-69)

**BANGLADESH:** First innings 228 all out in 69.1 overs (Hannan 92, K Mashud 43 not out, Bashar 31; M Pushpakumara 3-43)

**SRI LANKA A:** Second innings (overnight 73 for 3 in 18 overs)  
MG Vandort lbw b Monjurul 10  
GI Daniel run out 34

Mubarak lbw b Alamgir Kabir 14  
Dilshan c K Mashud b Monjurul 11  
H Jayawardene lbw b Enamul 49  
Polonowita run out 6

M Pushpakumara run out 38  
Lokuarachchi not out 1  
Extras: (lb-3, w-2) 5  
Total: (For 7 wickets dec. in 40.4 overs) 168

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-54, 3-69, 4-75, 5-83, 6-167, 7-168

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	15	2	56	2
Alamgir	17	4	61	1
Talha	6	0	24	0
Enamul	1.4	0	8	1
Fahim	1	0	16	0

**BANGLADESH:** Second innings  
Hannan c Gunaratne b de Silva 12  
Al-Shahriar st J Wardene b M P Kumara 42  
Ehsanul not out 100

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LET'S HAVE SOME VITAMIN-C: (L-R) Hasibul Hossain, Sanwar Hossain, Khaled Mahmud and Javed Omar enjoying the taste of popular local fruit amra outside the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The players came to the stadium area to report for the Bangladesh A team.

# Refs to rule

## League kicks off today

### Football

### SPORTS REPORTER

The National Bank Premier Division Football League begins this afternoon with a call for 'fair play'.

And to achieve that, the Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC), organiser of the 10-team elite league, is determined to give referees more authority to ensure discipline during a match.

Holders Abahani Kirira Chakra will take on promoters Badda Jagarani Sangsad in the opening match today at 5 pm.

The DMFLC officials affirmed their intention to uphold the true spirit of the game during a press briefing at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Chaired by DMFLC boss Abdur Rahim, Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) assistant general secretary Badal Roy, BFF member Fazlur Rahman Khan Babul, DMFLC general secretary Skawkat

Ali Khan Jahangir and RI Khan, the managing director of sponsor National Bank Limited, were present in the briefing.

Referees will have full authority on the field and every player has to abide by his decisions like the footballers did in recent World Cup, said Abdur Rahim.

"Any breach of conduct and discipline would be dealt severely," he said.

"We have already arranged a view-exchange programme with players, club officials and referees to tell them about. Hopefully that would be enough to make them understand that no mercy would be shown in this regard," said Rahim, adding that the 'super league' format has been reintroduced to stop match-rigging.

BFF assistant general secretary Badal Roy criticised the DMFLA decision that allows clubs to field as many as four foreign players this time. He said this would limit serve a big blow to the morale of youngsters as they would be pushed to the substitute bench for sure. "And if

young players do not get any chance to play, our future is destined to be doomed."

He also revealed that the federation plans to finish the league by the end of August so that the national team can have some time at the camp for the Asian Games in late September.

Last year's runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club open their campaign tomorrow against Victoria Sporting Club. Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society, who finished third last season, will face Farashganj Sporting Club in their opening match on Wednesday.

Star-studded Muktijoddha, tipped as favourites this time, will appear in their league opener on July 18 against Dhanmondi Club.

Top five finishers would qualify for the 'Super League' while the bottom five would fight in the relegation league in the second round.

Spectators will have to spend Taka 20 for a Western Gallery ticket and Taka 10 for an Eastern gallery ticket in the first round.

# Reefat climbs, Zia crashes

### SPORTS REPORTER

International Master (IM) Reefat-bin-Sattar climbed into second place after eighth round of the Paris International Chess Championship on Saturday.

He recorded an easy win over Frenchman David Housteaux (Rating-2230) in the French capital.

However, Grand Master Ziaur Rahman's slump continued with a shock defeat against Israeli IM Afek Yochanan.

Zia remains on five-and-a-half-points.

IM Enamul Hossain Rajib is sharing the crowded third spot with 16 other players having earned six points each.

Three players -- IM Yochanan, GM Andrei Shchekachev of Russia and GM Jean-Luc Chabano of France -- were leading the table with even points apiece.

# BD-SL Test umpires

### SPORTS REPORTER

Elite umpires Steve Bucknor of Jamaica and England's David Shepherd will officiate in the two-Test series between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

The first Test starts in Colombo on July 21 and second match begins on July 28 at SSC Ground.

The officials for the three one-day internationals will be named later.

# Eight skippers in ICC meeting

### BBC, London

Eight of the 10 current Test captains will gather at Lord's next Monday to discuss the current state of international cricket.

They will have a series of meetings with senior International Cricket Council officials, including chief executive Malcolm Speed, Sunil Gavaskar, chairman of the Cricket Committee-Playing and Lord Condon, head of the Anti-Corruption Unit.

The captains who are expected to attend the meeting are Stuart Carlisle, Stephen Fleming, Sourav Ganguly, Nasser Hussain, Sanath Jayasuriya, Khaled Mashud, Shaun Pollock and Waqar Younis.

"Over the past 12 months the ICC has regularly sought the views of the captains on matters such as standards of on-field behaviour, the new umpires and referees panels and Lord Condon's proposals to combat corruption.

"That feedback has been important in shaping decisions made by the ICC in recent times," said Speed.

"We recognise that captains should have direct input into how the game is played and managed, and this meeting provides the opportunity for that dialogue to take place with the majority of the team leaders present."

Carl Hooper of the West Indies and Australia's Steve Waugh are the only captains not attending, but the latter will be represented by Darren Lehmann, who is currently skippering English county side Yorkshire.

Among the issues to be discussed are amount of international cricket being played, illegal bowling actions and the implementation of anti-corruption measures.

# India elated

### Cricket

### AFP/REUTERS, New Delhi

India woke up Sunday celebrating a brilliant win by the national cricket team over England, with the media predicting further success at next year's World Cup.

Indian Prime Minister led the accolades.

"The game last night epitomised the grit, determination and teamwork, particularly of the younger players of our national team," Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee said

ping match on television, burst crackers to celebrate a rare triumph for Ganguly's men.



India's captain Sourav Ganguly exults with the NatWest Trophy at Lord's on July 13.

in a message on Sunday.

"The resilient spirit of India was evident in the way (skipper) Sourav

Ganguly, Yuvraj Singh and Mohammad Kaif essayed a spectacular comeback," he said.

Sourav Ganguly's men fashioned a sensational win in the NatWest one-day final at Lord's on Saturday night, overtaking the hosts' mammoth 325-5 with two wickets and three balls to spare.

The second-highest total ever made to win a one-dayer -- just behind Australia's 330 against South Africa earlier this year -- gave India its first title after nine successive defeats in limited-overs finals.

Millions of fans, who stayed up past dinner time to watch the grip-

India's cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya immediately announced a bonus of 10 million rupees (208,000 dollars) for the victorious team and, like the media, predicted happier times ahead.

"It is just the beginning and henceforth our victory caravan will continue beyond the World Cup in February," Dalmiya told reporters from his home in Calcutta.

"We are on the right track and this combination of experienced players like Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and Anil Kumble and the youngsters is going to give the Indian team great results in coming days."

Former India opener Sanjay Manjrekar described the effort as "one of the most impressive performances overseas culminating in a dream finish."

India lost only one game from their seven in the tournament. Manjrekar said New Zealander John Wright, who took over as India's first foreign coach late in 2000, deserved credit for backing talented youngsters who were athletic in the field and were willing to work hard.

He said the performance should also settle the debate over whether Tendulkar should return to the top of the batting order.

"I am shocked people are debating his batting position when they should be talking about the way the team is winning," he said, referring to some former players criticising the move to push Tendulkar to number four to bolster the middle-order.

The Indians will stay on in England for a series of four Test matches, starting at Lord's on July 25.

# A chess of hope

### LENIN GANI

Not everybody can play chess but the boys and girls who are taking part in this year's schools tournament have definitely demonstrated their ability to ensure that the future of Bangladesh chess is bright indeed.

And in a few years these young minds might emerge as the next Grand Master Ziaur Rahman or an International Women's Master like the evergreen Rani Hamid.

Such a tournament being held for the fourth consecutive year and sponsored generously by Standard Chartered, provides an excellent opportunity for kids of all ages to compete in a game traditionally meant for grown-ups.

The energy produced inside the Bangladesh Chess Federation's auditorium, where the weeklong competition concludes on Tuesday,

has been quite phenomenal.

Although matches are officially scheduled to start at three in the afternoon everyday, but most games get underway beforehand because the children arrive much earlier.

Prior to their games, however, the youngsters behave as if it was another day at school. In other words they chat with potential rivals, laugh at jokes and even seek advice and the blessings from their parents.

However, the mood transforms once they sit at the table and the mind games begin.

It is hard to believe that a player as young as five-and-a-half-year-old can understand intricate moves and tactics of the oldest board game.

A tiny-tot Samara Hamid is none other than the granddaughter of Rani Hamid and is a KG-I student at

Scolastica's Uttara branch. But instead of taking advantage of learning from her illustrious grandmother, her mother confesses that her offspring is too independent for her own good.

Yet beneath the rest of the innocent faces lies a strong will to succeed. Often tense scenes suddenly replace the tranquility prevailing in the room whenever a dispute occurs. Trivial matters such as "breaking the touch rule" have to be sorted out eventually by the arbitrators.

The majority of players in the junior category (KG-1 to Class V) said they only started to play chess after receiving primarily a month's lesson from either their parents or an older brother or sister. Even so they are enthusiastic and like to take pride in even a defeat. For them losing is a perfect way to understand the beauty of the game.

Some on the other hand are regular visitors like Shamama Akhtar Lisa who finished unbeaten champion in the girls' category.

A Class IX student of Narayan-ganj's Bibi Mariam School, Lisa improved on her third place finish last year. Two years ago she took home the fourth prize. Her ambition is to become the country's first female Grand Master.

Lisa said her fourth round engagement was most difficult in her seven-game streak since it lasted more than three hours.

During the duration of matches parents must anxiously wait in the next room. Occasionally they try to sneak in but are asked to vacate the playing area in the interest of the children who might get easily excited.

Another important feature of the tournament was the organisers' commendable effort to encourage

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# Sagar defeats Rahul

### SPORTS REPORTER

Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar came back into contention after the penultimate round of the Standard Chartered Schools Tournament at the NSC chess room on Sunday.

The national sub-junior champion topped Rahul Sangma of India in the eighth round to move into the joint lead.

Another Indian Amritesh Roy is also in the top three. He defeated Mahfuzur Rahman.

Shahin of Bangladesh and Soupmu Gosh of Kolkata were occupying second position with six-and-a-half points each.

The final round starts today at the usual time of 3:00 p.m.

# Fed Cup TT

### BSS, Dhaka

The three-day Federation Cup Open Table Tennis Championship began at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.

A total of 109 players from across the country are taking part in the competition.

# No Shoaib

### Cricket

### AFP, Karachi

Express Pakistan pacer Shoaib Akhtar will not play in next month's tri-series in Morocco because of fitness problems, the national



**SHOAIB AKHTAR**

team's manager said Saturday. "Akhtar told us that he is feeling weakness in legs and fatigue. He needs rest and will not be joining the camp, ruling himself out of the tri-

series in Morocco," Yawar Saeed said.

Pakistan, South Africa and Sri Lanka feature in the tri-series from August 12 to 21 at Tangiers, Morocco, cricket's newest venue.

The 26-year-old Akhtar, dubbed the Rawalpindi Express, became the first bowler to unofficially cross the 100-mile an hour barrier in a one-day international against New Zealand in Lahore in May this year. He took seven wickets, including 5-25 at Brisbane, to play a pivotal role in Pakistan's 2-1 win over Australia in the Super Challenge Series in Australia last month.

Saeed denied reports that Akhtar's absence was a protest action by him over some players' skipping the tours and earning more money by playing county cricket in England.

"He (Akhtar) never said that and never asked any permission for county or league cricket," Saeed said.

The colourful pacer missed a large part of cricket in 2000 and last year due to injury and because his action was reported as illegal on

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