



Did U Know?

Xuerob of France (first name Daniel) came on as a substitute for Bruno Bellone in the semifinal against West Germany in 1986 that meant that every letter in the alphabet had been used for players' surnames since the start of the championships in 1930.



What to WATCH

Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka
Third ODI
Live at 10:00 am

ESPN

England vs India
First Test, Day Five
Taped Version at 8:30 am
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
Pakistan vs West Indies
Second Test, Day One
Highlights
Taped Version at 10:30 pm

STAR Sports

England vs India
First Test, Day Four
Highlights
Gillette World Sports Special
Int'l Sports News
Repeat at 8:30 am
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
Same Day Delay at 11:00 pm



Moin Khan

(Former Pakistan cricket captain)
"It is a motivation for me to keep going. I am thankful to the PCB chairman, who kept faith in my abilities."

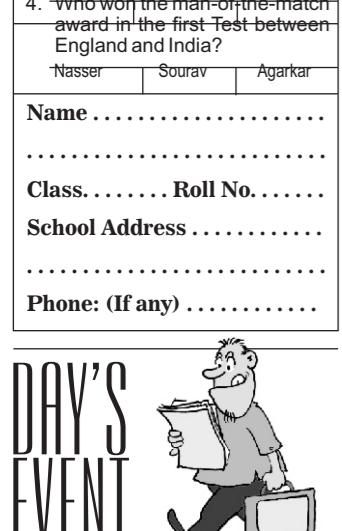
After being named in the 2003 World Cup preliminary squad.



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1. Who won Bangladesh's first gold medal in the Commonwealth Games shooting competition?
Asif Hossain
2. Who won the men's Commonwealth Games 100m sprint title?
K Collins
3. Who clinched StanChart FIDE Rating chess title?
Rajib Reefat
4. Who won the man-of-the-match award in the first Test between England and India?
Nasser Sourav Agarkar

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Action from yesterday's National Bank Premier Division Football League fixture between Badda Jagarani and Victoria Sporting Club.

Badda blank Victoria



SPORTS REPORTER

Badda Jagarani Sangsad recorded their first win the National Bank Premier League when they blanked Victoria Sporting Club 3-0 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Maksudul Amin Rana set up the opening goal for Mintu and then scored the third after his former BKSP mate Bakhtiar netted Badda's second goal in a clash of two newcomers.

Badda, who are making their return to the top flight after a year's absence, are certainly enjoying their new found status with a spirited display.

The comprehensive victory now

placed them in the third position, six points behind defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra and Muktijoddha Sangsad, who have seven points each from three games.

Mohammedan Sporting Club are leading the 10-team table with maximum nine points.

One of the four unbeaten teams, Badda had earlier defeated Abahani 4-2 in the tiebreaker and lost to Arambagh by the same margin after leading by a lone goal for 87 minutes.

It was a refreshing return to form for Amin Rana after a knee injury left him crippled for nearly two years.

Considered as a finest striker of his generation, Rana showed his prowess with an imaginative back pass to Mintu, who made no mistake to send home a left-foot volley

in the 43rd minute.

Bakhtiar doubled the margin with a neat placing shot twelve minutes after the break.

But the best goal on the day was reserved for the 20-year-old Rana, who pounced on a loose ball from the edge of the box giving it to Victoria custodian Tariq.

It Victoria's third successive defeat to remain at the bottom of the table with no points.

TEAMS

BADDHA JAGARANI: Munna, Shamim (Askar Babu/Jashim, Jamal), Kingshuk, Anupom, Prince, Shamsher, Bakhtiar, Mintu, Wasim, Uzzal and Amin Rana.

VICTORIA SC: Tariq, Gobinda, Jet, Shiron, Arman, Al-Amin, Kaisar, Abul (Polo), Rahel, Sharif (Utpal) and Sohagh (Khokon).

Referee: Tayeb Hasan.

Model Martyn

AFP, Perth

Damien Martyn, the star Australian all-rounder with the Hollywood looks, is the new face of Australian cricket for this summer.

Martyn, 30, has been chosen to feature in a promotional campaign for the one-day series against England and Sri Lanka, the Australian Cricket Board said here Tuesday.

In material advertising the series, the explosive right-handed batsman is pictured executing one of his customary pull shots.

The decision to select the Western Australian under-20s is increasing standing in international cricket after he spent six years out of the national team in the 1990s.

But Martyn said he believed he

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Div I soccer

UNB, Dhaka

Prantik KC and Dhaka Wanderers Club won their respective matches in the National Bank First Division Football League at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

Prantik blanked East End Club 5-0. Nigerian Sunday made a hat-trick in the second half.

Wanderers beat Sheikh Russel KC 2-1 in another match.

READERS' ZONE

Strength is in bowling

Do you have any observation regarding sports and its management in Bangladesh? Do you feel certain issues need to be addressed before time runs out? Then, hurry up and send us your burning questions, critical views and thoughtful suggestions not in excess of 400 words. Let your thought buzz at your corner, the Readers' zone.

—Sports Editor

At the end of Bangladesh innings in the second limited-overs match against Sri Lanka, the Bangladeshi commentator reluctantly informed the viewers that this was only the third occasion in the history of one-day cricket that the extras column read the highest score of an innings. Did our batsmen take notice of it?

Almost all of Bangladesh's previous captains, including Khaled Mashud have gone on record saying that the team's strength lies in batting and that the bowlers are their main worry. Time and again this theory was proved wrong.

Bangladesh have won three one-day matches so far and on all the occasions bowlers either gave the team a good start or defended a modest total. Fielding had never been a high point but this time around, barring from a few misses, it was decent.

My point is that the captain must acknowledge the bowlers for their effort. Your batsmen can only muster 150-plus and the bowlers are left to be blamed and are eventually dropped even after taking wickets.

In this second one-day, the batters only got 76 on the board, proving their inconsistency to the core. The shots young Ashraful played in both the one-dayers easily proved that he does not have the temperament yet to play in that level. He is probably the only player in the team who looks like a batting talent and he must get scores to lead the next generation. The captain must come in at number four for the last match because Alok Kapali is not that good in that position. Nonetheless, the two rookies simply dismissed the issue of bringing in more 'senior' players into the team. Taposh Baishya looks like a good all-rounder in the making as both Naimur Rahman and Khaled Mahmud looks to have gone over the hill.

Can we expect something better from the team this time around? Wishful thinking you might say!

—Isam, e-mail

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Shoaib to be back for Pak in Kenya

AFP, Nairobi

Pakistan's fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar will be available to play in the triangular one-day tournament starting in Kenya later this month, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) general manager in charge of cricket operations, Zaki Khan, confirmed here Tuesday.

The injury-prone star had been left out of the squad for another tri-nation series starting on August 12 in Tangier, Morocco, due to injury concerns.

The Nairobi tournament, which involves Pakistan, Australia and hosts Kenya, will be played at the Nairobi Gymkhana between August 29 to September 7.

"Shoaib will definitely be in Kenya and it's my hope that Kenyan youngsters will be motivated and see the way he bowls," Khan told a press conference here.

The former Test fast bowler arrived in Nairobi on Monday to hold discussions with the Kenyan cricket officials on the arrangements and to inspect the facilities for the tournament.

Khan thanked Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi for his support to hold the troubled series, originally scheduled to be played in Pakistan, to be staged in Kenya.

Moi revoked an earlier order by his Sports Minister Francis Nyenze to block the tournament being held in Kenya, claiming that the Kenya Cricket Association had been dissolved, and advised the PCB to deal with the Kenya National Sports Council.

"This tournament will enhance your chances of being promoted to Test cricket," Khan told the KCA officials attending the press conference.

He said the Pakistan team would arrive in Nairobi on August 24, five days before playing Kenya in the opening match of the series.

AB Bank TT

UNB, Dhaka

Binam earned a comfortable 3-0 victory over Engineers Club in the AB Bank Senior Division Table Tennis League at the NSC Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.

Binam's Hamlet defeated Babu 21-16, 21-13, Mahabub beat Tuhin 21-9, 21-13 and Roobi beat Zia 21-9, 22-20.

Armanitola Juniors overpowered Swamibagh Boys 3-0 with Asit beating Aminur 15-21, 21-11, 21-17, Mahabub beating Jewel 21-17, 21-12 and Abid defeating Babu 21-17, 21-11.

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FIRST DIVISION

Ajax SC, Mohammadpur Boys, Combined SC, Khelaghar SKS and Mariner Youngs won their respective matches in the First Division League at the same venue.

Ajax SC beat Reazul Smriti Sangsad, Mohammadpur Boys defeated Jagarani Club, Combined SC overpowered Management Net, Khelaghar smashed Young Friends and Mariner defeated Reazul Smriti Sangsad by straight sets.

In the other matches, Purbachal Parisad beat Gopch 3-1, Dhaka TT Club beat Barma Club 3-1, Khaja Printing defeated Pegasus 3-1, Cynthia Club beat Madhumita KC 3-2, Mariner beat Angles 3-2 and Swamibagh TTS beat Uttara Club 3-2.

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Shortly afterwards Matthew Engel, Wrisden's editor, retired hurt, opting for a sabbatical. "It's become very wearing," he complained, blaming in part the burden of "having to explain the continuing failures of English cricket."

By 2000, however, the upturn had begun.

Hussain had been a hot-blooded firebrand as a young player — simply "cocky", according to Waugh — but as a leader he gradually tempered the wild side while retaining the straight talk. Very quickly, he earned his team's respect.

Zimbabwe were beaten before England recorded their first series win over the West Indies since 1969. An improbable victory followed in Pakistan — the first there for 38 years

— before England triumphed in Sri Lanka, memorably coming back

Aussies still negative

Waugh plans to play in county c'ship

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Australian cricketers continue to have reservations about playing in Pakistan, Test skipper Steve Waugh said here on Tuesday after the latest upsurge in violence there.

Australia are due to tour Pakistan in October but there are now jitters after gunmen stormed a Christian school and killed six Pakistanis on Monday in the sixth strike on foreign targets this year.

Australia are down to play three Tests in Pakistan between October 1-24 but are reluctant to visit due to security fears in the wake of the ongoing war in Afghanistan, attacks on foreigners and tension on the India-Pakistan border.

Waugh said his team had to assume the scheduled series would proceed, but that didn't prevent the players from being apprehensive about going there.

Leading Australian players Shane Warne, Mark Waugh and Glenn McGrath have said they do not want to tour Pakistan, but Steve Waugh said he would be happy to go if it was deemed safe.

He stressed though that the players would rely on information from other sources.

"I think everyone (of the players) would have some slight reservations about going or not."

"At this stage we've got to assume we're going to be playing in Pakistan."

Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board Lieutenant General Tariq Zia last week threatened to lead an Asian boycott of Australia if the Aussies refuse to tour Pakistan, but has since played down his com-