



Did U Know?

In the National Hockey League (NHL) in the 1960s, the league decided that home teams would wear white, while visiting teams would wear their dark jerseys. The reasoning behind this was that it would be more difficult to keep white uniforms clean while on the road.



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 - Asia Sport Show Int'l Sports News Repeat at 10:30 am
 - English Premier Football League Chelsea vs Man United Repeat at 12:00 pm
 - England vs India Third Test, Day Four Highlights Same Day Delay at 2:00 pm
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 - US Open** Men's and Women's First Rd Live at 8:30 pm



John McEnroe
(American tennis legend)
"It is something I have wanted for a year. It will be a very challenging match for me."
On the exhibition match against Boris Becker before the US Open women's final.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 178

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Competition closes at 8 pm Aug 30, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

- Name the Bangladesh A team captain for the Kenya tour:
Hannan Sanwar Ashraf
- Who became Asia's fastest woman?
Darsina Jones
- Asif Hossain clinched gold in which Commonwealth Games event?
Athletics/Shooting/Swimming
- Who won the Orient handball title?
Wari BDR Young Pegasus
- Who was man-of-the-match in the second Test between England and India?
Tendulkar Vaughan Stewart

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BFF's date dilemma on 23 called up for U-23 camp



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday called up 20 under-23 players for the forthcoming Asian Games, starting in Busan, Korea from September 29. But with barely a month left for the biggest sporting extravaganza of the continent, the BFF is yet to decide when it would hand over the boys to national coach George Kottan for preparation. Kottan, the Austro-Hungarian coach, has already asked the BFF to start training camp on August 28, but the country's governing body of the game failed to fix a date as yet because of the ongoing National Bank Premier League, first round of which is not expected to conclude before September 6. And if BFF starts the camp after September 6, the team would leave for Bangkok virtually with no practice to play about four practice matches in the second week of the month on their way to Busan. Bangladesh are scheduled to face India in their opening group league match on September 27, two days before the official opening of the Games. "Today I had a talk with our president in this regard and he asked me to arrange a meeting with the Premier Division clubs by this month," said acting BFF general secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu yesterday. "We would set a date for the camp if we can reach an agreement to suspend the league for the country's interest." Talking to The Daily Star Sport, Bachchu also revealed that if they failed to convince the clubs, they would make an alternative arrangement in consultation with Kottan. Kottan is now conducting an AFC C Level coaching course in Nepal and scheduled to return to Dhaka on August 29.

Meanwhile BFF took a commendable step by asking Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) to arrange a medical test for the players so that it does not end up in over-age controversy. Alfaz Ahmed, Rajani Kanta Barman and Arman Miah would be excluded from the test as three over-aged players are allowed to take part in the age group meet. "We don't want to take any risk this time because if anybody is found over-aged it would be disgrace for the country. We were fined for sending over-aged players in the Asian under-16 meet last year," said Bachchu. Six booters have got their first call in the national team that includes two brothers Arif Khan Joy and Amit Khan Shuvro. Joy, who is regarded as the fittest midfielder who can play throughout the 90 minutes of play with same speed, was among the headlines for the last few years. Shuvro, on the other hand, is a young defender who has a bright future ahead. Defender Mahmudul Hasan is another youngster who has already established himself in the playing eleven of star-studded Muktiyoddha Sangsad since the injury of national defender Prodeep Kumar Poddar. Azmal Hossain Bidyut is a talented midfielder playing for Arambagh while the other two are strikers Maksudul Alam Bulbul and Mujibur Rahman Ritu. **SQUAD** Monwar Hossain, Arif Khan Joy, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Tito, Maksudul Alam Bulbul, Parvez Babu, Biplab Bhattacharya, Mohammad Sujon, Matiur Rahman Munna, Saifur Rahman Moni, Mujibur Rahman Ritu, Rokonzaman Kanchan, Mahmudul Hasan, Rakib Mehbub Apel, Amit Khan Shuvro, Rezaul Karim Liton, Pavel Mahmud, Rajani Kanta Barman, Arman Miah, Alfaz Ahmed and Azmal Hossain Bidyut



Badda Jagarani's winger Amin Rana (R) being tackled from behind by Rahmatganj defender Deen Mohammad during their National Bank Premier Division Football League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

R'ganj, Victoria post wins



SPORTS REPORTER

Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society recorded a 3-1 tiebreak win against Badda Jagarani Sangsad in one of the two National Bank Premier League matches played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Victoria Sporting Club came from behind to record a 3-1 win against Brothers Union in the eventful second match of the day. Rahmatganj custodian Anwar made three saves in the shootout after the normal time ended 1-1 to present the old-town outfit two valuable points. The defeat on the other hand was a setback for Badda after they scored a first-half injury time goal through their striker Masud Khan Johnny. Rahmatganj equalised midway through the second half after Shahajuddin Tipu drove home a low shot from a goalmouth scramble. The win raised Rahmatganj's tally to six points from as many games. Badda however remained fourth in the standings with nine points. On a mixed day for the babes, Victoria, who were promoted in the Premier League this year with Badda, staged a spectacular second half rally to record their first League win. Trailing by a first-half goal by Brothers striker Mojibur Rahman Ritu, Badda struck thrice in the space of 22 minutes in the second half. Polo opened the charge heading home a Govinda free kick nineteen minutes after the break. Two minutes later Rahel drove a low shot from inside the box after being set up by Kaiser. Substitute Rinku sealed the fate of the match with a powerful volley from the edge of the box that rolled into the net after hitting the near post. The exciting match between the two bottom sides was also marked by a 20-minute disruption when the floodlights failed to switch on. Referee R. Alam stopped the game in the 42nd minute of the first half as the whole pitch went into darkness. Later it was discovered that the man entrusted to look after the substation inside the stadium went missing with the key. It was reported that some NSC staff had to break in and rescue the situation. With this win Victoria improved their tally to six points from the same number of matches. Brothers on the other hand remained at the bottom on the ten-team table with three points.

India edge closer



AFP, Leeds

India were on brink of squaring their series with England at one piece here at Headingley on Sunday, the hosts stuttering to 166 for four in their second innings at tea on the fourth day of the third Test. England, following-on, still needed a further 189 to avoid an innings defeat after India had piled up a mammoth 628 for eight declared - the tourists highest total overseas and largest against England.

Virender Sehwag in the covers, although the fielder needed two grabs at it before England were 148 for four. Openers Key and Michael Vaughan had started the second innings positively. But Vaughan, who had made two successive Test hundreds coming into this match on his home ground, soon fell lbw for 15 to medium-pace Ajit Agarkar. Earlier, wicket-keeper Stewart was left on 78 not out, as England added nine runs to their overnight score to be 273 all out in their first innings. He batted for 11 minutes short of three hours in an innings which saw him face 120 balls including 11 boundaries. Harbhajan, who did the bulk of the damage Saturday, finished with figures of three for 40 from 18 overs. Meanwhile Kumble, back in the side after the calf injury which kept him out of the drawn second Test at Trent Bridge, had three for 93 from 33. It was the first time this series both India's leading slow bowlers



India's Sanjay Bangar is over the moon after taking the wicket of England's Mark Butcher on the fourth day of the third Test at Headingley yesterday.

BD A put up a brave fight

SPORTS REPORTER

After two heavy defeats Bangladesh A went down fighting in a high-scoring thriller against the Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) in their third and final limited-overs match at the Ruwaka Sports Club ground in Nairobi yesterday. Chasing a massive KCA total of 303-6, the visitors fought gallantly before finishing 12 runs short of the target. Openers Rafiqul and one-down Javed Omar led the valiant chase laying the platform for the second wicket. Rafiqul, playing overseas for the first time, scored a dazzling 112 and experienced national opener Javed contributed 90. The tourists were in sight of a victory when they were comfortably placed at 256 for three in 44 overs. But disaster struck at that point and the second string national side let slip a wonderful opportunity to end the dismal one-day campaign on a high note. Earlier, electing to bat after winning the toss, KCA captain Steve Tikolo blazed his way to 168. The victory completed a clean sweep for the home team. They won the first one-day by 92 runs and scored a nine-wicket win in the second match on Saturday. Although Sanwar Hossain's men lost all three matches, their Sunday's performance was in sharp contrast to their dismal show only a day ago when they were shot out for only 90. Bangladesh A will play their last tour match, a three-day affair, against the same selection starting at the same venue tomorrow.

US Open from today



AGENCIES, New York

The men's tennis circus moves to Flushing Meadows for the final Grand Slam of the year starting on Monday, and a host of big names will slug it out for the most open favourite in New York. Hewitt's form since winning Wimbledon last month has been patchy with a first round defeat in Toronto, a finals appearance in Cincinnati and a third round loss in Indianapolis. The Australian is eager to open his defence, however. "I think it's obviously going to be a bit of a buzz for me, going back to a place that has changed my life in a lot of ways," he said. "I really look forward to getting back there." "The U.S. Open holds a very special place for me, being the first place I really performed well in a Grand Slam." The player who ousted Hewitt from Indianapolis and went on to win the title, Greg Rusedski, certainly will not be underestimating the dynamic baseliner. "I think it's so hard to do what he's accomplished," said the Briton, a U.S. Open runner-up in 1997. Former Wimbledon champion Australian Pat Cash is also confident Hewitt will successfully defend his crown. "He's just so tough to beat over five sets. The class isn't really there in the tournament." "(Andre) Agassi and (Pete) Sampras have definitely gone over the hill." "They are still certainly capable of playing great tennis, but to win another grand slam, I'm just not too sure." But American legend John McEnroe revealed that he does not think the Australian is big enough to dominate the game. McEnroe told the Sunday Telegraph newspaper that it would be a "tall order for him physically" to have a long reign at the top. And McEnroe thinks that it is the

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LLEYTON HEWITT



VENUS WILLIAMS

Tendulkar's hits



BBC, Leeds

Here is a ton-by-ton study of Sachin Tendulkar who passed Sir Donald Bradman's 29 Test centuries on Friday. **1990:** At the age of 17, Tendulkar reaches three figures for the first time in a Test as he makes 119 not out against England at Old Trafford. The innings includes 17 fours but the match is drawn. **1992:** Tendulkar shows the Australian fans what he is capable of by batting almost five hours for an unbeaten 148 in the third Test at Sydney, but once again the game is drawn. The following match in Perth sees him make 114 off 161 balls, with 16 fours, but India are beaten by 300 runs. Tendulkar is a class apart as he makes 111 out of an Indian first innings total of 227 against South Africa in Johannesburg and at 19 years and 217 days becomes the youngest player to reach 1,000 Test runs. **1993:** England are on the receiving end as Tendulkar scores his first century on home soil, hitting a six and 24 fours in his 165 as India win by an innings and 22 runs in Madras. **1996:** Tendulkar is in brilliant form on his second tour to England, marking the start of a three-match series with 122 at Edgbaston, but he is unable to prevent the home side from winning by eight wickets. The third match at Nottingham sees Tendulkar score 177, including 26 fours, and he shares a stand of 255 with Sourav Ganguly. The match, however, ends in a draw. **1997:** India are beaten 2-0 in South Africa at the start of the year, but Tendulkar marks the second Test in Cape Town with a score of 169, which features 26 boundaries. Tendulkar makes Sri Lanka suffer again by making 143 in an



SACHIN TENDULKAR

Next up are Sri Lanka and Tendulkar's second innings 104 not out helps India to a 235-run victory in Colombo. **1994:** Tendulkar returns home to

READERS' ZONE Silly selection

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

Our selectors as well as other Bangladesh Cricket Board officials seem to know more than the cricketers themselves. And it is due to their infinite wisdom that careers of so many leading players have been put to the sword. The list of victims includes Athar Ali Khan, Shahriar Hossain and Minhazul Abedin. Now they want to add the heads of Aminul Islam and Akram Khan. Aminul was kicked out of the one-day squad during the tour of Zimbabwe despite being an all-round player. Aminul is still the mainstay of the Bangladesh team. He is like Aravinda de Silva or Brian Lara, the engine that runs our national team. Recently the wicked selectors took a leaf out of their Pakistani counterparts where they decided to axe Saeed Anwar only to suffer dire consequences. If Sachin Tendulkar was in the shoes of Aminul then would India leave him out after making a one-match duck? We doubt very much whether they would do such a silly thing since he is too precious to give up. Aminul's praiseworthy performance in the team's practice match was the topic of discussion in the Sri Lankan print media. If Aminul is not considered for the tour of South Africa, then it will be the selectors who will have to pay dearly. --- Manzur Quader Azad, 66, R.K. Mission Road, 3rd Lane (Judge Gali), Gopibagh Dhaka-1203



DAY'S EVENT

National Bank Premier Football League Dhanmondi Club vs Farashganj SC (5:00 pm) Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.



Mohammedan Sporting Club president Mosaddeq Hossain addressing the media at a city hotel yesterday.