



Did U Know?

Frank Mahovich played for 3 different teams during his National Hockey League (NHL) career: Toronto, Detroit, and Montreal. For all three, he wore the number 27. He was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1981.



What to Watch

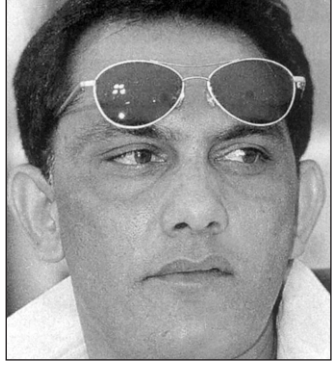
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England vs India
Third Test, Day Two
Highlights
Repeat at 9:00 am
Kenya vs Australia
Triangular Tournament
Fourth ODI
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Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm

English Premier Football League
Liverpool vs Newcastle United
Live at 12:55 am (Tuesday)

STAR Sports
Futbol Mundial
Taped Version at 10:30 am
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
US Open
Men's/Women's 4th Rd
Live at 8:30 pm



Talk Turkey



M o h a m m a d Azharuddin
(Former India cricket captain)
"I will know next year about my..."



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The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm Sept 13, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

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BDR | Mariner | Ajax
 - Who became man-of-the-match in the 3rd Test between England and India?
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Tendulkar | Kumble
 - Who won New Haven Open tennis title?
Venus | Hingis | Serena
 - Who are the current English Premier League champions?
Arsenal | Man Utd | Liverpool
 - Who is the new French national soccer coach?
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DAY'S EVENT
National Bank Premier Football League
Mohammedan vs Badda Jagarani
(5:00 pm)
Venue: BNS

Bulbul blazes for Abahani

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra missed their prolific Nigerian marksman Colly Burnes but still they had enough firepower in reserve to walk away with a 5-2 win over Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society in the lone National Bank Premier League match at the floodlit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Colly, who had to sit out the match due to suspension after picking up three yellow cards, will however lead the attack when Abahani meet perennial foes Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Dhaka Derby on September 7.

The absence of Colly, who is the leading scorer with six goals, gave Abahani's young striker Bulbul an opportunity to prove his mettle with a brilliant hat-trick against Rahmatganj.

The fleet-footed forward, who joined Abahani from neighbours Dhanmondi this year, struck twice in his team's 3-1 lead at the breather.

Bulbul, who possesses a lethal left foot, got his third goal in the 87th minute of the match to join the hat-trick club as the second man after Mohammedan striker Nakib.

Khokon, another fresh recruit from Arambagh, scored the other two goals for the popular Dhanmondi outfit in a lively encounter at the big bowl.

Ritu and Nepalese Basanta Thapa grabbed one goal each for the old towners.

The victory placed Abahani at the top of the 10-team League table with 20 points from eight games. Mohammedan, who played one match less, have 19 points.



Parvez of Abahani (R) being tackled by Apu of Rahmatganj during their National Bank Premier Division Football League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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Ronaldo gets the message!

Football

AFP/REUTERS, Milan

Brazilian World Cup hero Ronaldo left his Milan home under police escort here on Sunday amid fears that fans of his former club Inter Milan would stage another volatile protest.

Ronaldo, who joined Real Madrid minutes prior to the European transfer deadline on Saturday night for 45million euros, was thought to be on his way to the airport to fly to Madrid.

Fans of the Italian giants had gathered outside the club's headquarters to protest at 25-year-old Ronaldo's transfer, which was finally sealed at the eleventh hour after weeks of on-off negotiations between both clubs.

Ronaldo sent the Italian 'tifosi' a message, saying he regretted having to leave the club in such circumstances.

"I really regret having to leave Inter like this, with a police escort - mostly for the (club) president and the tifosi (fans)," Ronaldo said.

On Saturday night Ronaldo's presence at the club headquarters prompted the need for around 60 police officers to control the reported 1300 fans who had gathered.

When Ronaldo left at around midnight, a number of the crowd threw eggs, coins and bottles at him. The windshield of the police car in which he was being driven was also smashed.

Real confirmed on Saturday that they have signed Ronaldo from

Inter. The club's sports director Jorge Valdano said just after midnight local time that Ronaldo's signing on a four-year contract was "a very happy day for the club".

"It's been a very hectic day but in the end it had a very happy ending," Valdano said. "We are very satisfied. We have signed one of the world's best players."

Inter confirmed the deal on its Web site, but did not give any further details.

Spanish news reports said the Spanish powerhouse will pay 35 million euros (dollars 34.6 million) for the transfer of one of the world's leading strikers.

In addition, the deal reportedly includes the transfer of an undetermined Madrid player to Inter, although the player will not move to Italy until January.

The reports valued the total deal at 45 million euros (dollars 44.5 million).

Valdano said that Ronaldo will wear the number 11 shirt since Fernando Morientes has Ronaldo's customary number nine jersey.

Real's announcement ended weeks of intense speculation in the Italian and Spanish media regarding Ronaldo's status.

The speculation mounted Saturday with a report that Argentine striker Hernan Crespo had been transferred to Inter from Lazio to replace the Brazilian star.

In announcing the Ronaldo deal late Saturday, Inter also confirmed that it had acquired Crespo.

Ronaldo reportedly wanted to leave Italy due to difficult relations with Inter's Argentine coach Hector

Cuper, among other reasons.

Inter fans' displeasure with Ronaldo had grown rapidly since the reports first surfaced several weeks ago. They contended that he was something to the club, which paid and supported him while he spent most of the last three years recovering from knee injuries.

Ronaldo returned from long-term injury this year to emerge as the World Cup's leading scorer with eight goals and lead Brazil to its fifth world title.

Since then, he missed both of Inter's two official matches this season, when the team qualified for the Champions League against Sporting Lisbon.

The start of Italy's Serie A season was delayed two weeks to Sept. 14-15 due to television contract problems. Real's first match is on Monday.

Ronaldo is the third of the world's great players to arrive at Madrid in successive summers since Florentino Perez's election as club president in July 2000.

The powerhouse broke the world's transfer record shortly after Perez took charge to sign Portuguese midfielder Luis Figo from archrival FC Barcelona for dollars 56 million. A year later, Madrid made a dollars 65 million swoop for French star Zinedine Zidane.

This will be Ronaldo's second spell in Spain. He had a highly successful year at Barcelona in the 1996-97 season, when he was voted European and World soccer player of the year.

Ronaldo began his professional career in 1994 with Sporting Lisbon. He has since won the league with Sporting in 1996 and 1997. He also won the Portuguese Cup with Sporting in 1996 and 1997. He has since won the league with Sporting in 1996 and 1997. He also won the Portuguese Cup with Sporting in 1996 and 1997.

Warne older, wiser

Cricket

INTERNET REPORT, Nairobi

Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne has reinvented himself. Less than two years ago, Warne was a diminished bowler as a result of the surgery on his precious right shoulder, and a man who appeared to be tortured by the public glare at his own mistakes. His dream of assuming the Australian captaincy had

in 1991 - and a kindred spirit. They had been to the gallows together over their involvement with an Indian bookmaker, and shared some triumphs too. Now Mark was not there and Steve had gone as well.

Cricket mortality stared Warne in the face. "I just looked across and 'Junior' wasn't there and it was like, 'I'm the only one left,'" Warne said. "When you get older, you just don't know when it's going to finish."

What happened next tells you everything about the man Wisden rated in the top five cricketers of the 20th century. He began a fitness kick that resulted in the loss of 10kg in the space of a few months; he gave up beer for wine (though could not shake his smoking habit) and started working out in the gym a couple of times a day.

He is down to a svelte 85kg, compared with a hulking 98kg at the start of his career, notwithstanding his continuing love affair with cheese sandwiches. And, crucially, he finally appears to have reconciled himself with his own status. The headlines have dried up. The man who once called his life "a soap opera" has grown into the lead role.

The results are plain. Warne bowled brilliantly on the tour of South Africa, seeing off the legitimate challenge for his place in the team presented by Stuart MacGill.

With hindsight, he says he was too impatient in the wake of his 1998 shoulder surgery. He also argues that Australia's recent penchant for bowling first, and its ability to win games inside three days, reduced his effectiveness. Under Mark Taylor's

been shattered in the wake of a string of scandals that had cost him crucial public favour. The end of the road loomed.

Poignantly, Warne went to South Africa this year and found himself standing at first slip without his friend Mark Waugh alongside, the latter having been dropped from the one-day team. Waugh had been the only remaining player from Warne's first Test match - against India in Sydney

lights were switched on at about 3 p.m.

The only boorish behavior came from the stands. There was cheering after faults by Hewitt - Blake waved his hand, indicating he didn't want that type of support - and in the fourth set, someone in the crowd yelled: "James, don't let him win. He's a racist."

When Hewitt, who eschewed his usual fist-pumping and loud self-encouragement, closed the thriller with his 15th ace, the players met at the net to shake hands. Blake told the Wimbledon champion, "You played great, man," and apologized for "fans that were speaking out negatively."

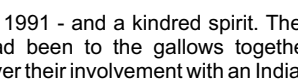
"That's something that I was somewhat embarrassed by, when a few fans did that," said the 25th-seeded Blake, whose rapidly improving game produced his first title two weeks ago in Washington.

Against Blake in the 2001 Open's second round, Hewitt complained after being called for two foot faults by a linesman. The Australian said to the chair umpire: "Look at him. Look at him and you tell me what the similarity is. Just get him off the court."

Some thought Hewitt was noting both the linesman and Blake are black. Hewitt later said he was pointing out the "similarity" in the fault calls.

Blake sought to play down what happened, saying he gave Hewitt the benefit of the doubt because the remarks came in the heat of battle.

Few equal Hewitt's intensity on court. Forget about counting Hewitt out of a match, you can't even count him out of a point. His legs are always churning.



SHANE WARNE

India U-19s sweep series

BBC, Taunton

India's Under-19 cricketers produced an exhilarating run chase for the second day running at Taunton on Friday to beat England by one wicket, ensuring a 3-0 series white-wash.

After winning with a six off the last ball on Thursday, the tourists scrambled home with six balls to spare after a day of brutal shotmaking from both sides.

And in Ambati Rayudu, who steered his side to victory with a magnificent unbeaten 177, India look to have unearthed a genuine star of the future.

The 16-year-old, who has made one first-class appearance for Hyderabad, surpassed the 80 he scored on Thursday to hand India a win that had looked unlikely after England posted 303 for seven.

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Siraj soccer

CU CORRESPONDENT

Agrabad Pioneers and Ullash won their respective matches of the Siraj Mohanagari Kishore Football League at the Dampara police lines ground Sunday.

In the second match of the day, strike Absar scored a hat-trick as his side Agrabad Pioneers thrashed Ghosaidangha 6-0. He struck in the 20th, 22nd and 28th minutes. Abul Hasan scored two goals while Swapnon netted the other one.

In the day's other match, Ullash defeated Rasad 2-0. Sanjoy Das and Mohammad Allaudin scored the goals for the winners.

Younis Pak hero

Cricket

REUTERS/BBC, Nairobi

Younis Khan made an unbeaten 87 to help Pakistan cruise to a seven-wicket victory over Kenya in a triangular tournament one-day international.

The 24-year-old right-hander struck 11 fours and one six after arriving at the crease in the fourth over with the total on 13 for two.

He shared an unbroken fourth-wicket partnership of 127 with Misbahul Haq to steer Pakistan to victory in the 39th over.

Misbahul ended on 50 not out, including three fours.

Earlier, Kenya were bowled out for 179 in the 43rd over, with Kennedy Otieno's 59 providing the only real resistance.

Pakistan beat Kenya in the tournament's opening match on Thursday before suffering a crushing defeat at the hands of Australia.

Pakistan had to weather a poor start to their run chase after their African hosts had reduced them to 54 for three.

Openers Saeed Anwar and Shoab Malik had fallen early on. Anwar was caught by wicketkeeper David Obuya off Martin Suji for two, and Malik was trapped lbw by Kenyan pace bowler Thomas Odoyo for three.

Younis and Shahid Afridi then shared a third-wicket partnership of 41 before the latter was caught at third man by Tony Suji off Joseph

Angara for 31. Afridi narrowly avoided being run out before venting his frustration by taking 20 runs off Odoyo's next over in which he smashed two sixes and two fours.

For Kenya, Kennedy Otieno hit 59 but his teammates generally suffered against Pakistan's five-man pace attack.

Otieno was one of two Shoab Akhtar victims, and the world's fastest bowler conceded just 17 runs from his eight overs.

There were two wickets apiece for three other seamers, while Afridi's unusual medium-paced leg-spin accounted for two further victims.

Odoyo (28) put on 61 runs with Otieno for the third wicket but there was little else to show.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the triangular one-day international tournament match between Kenya and Pakistan on Sunday:

KENYA	
K Otieno b Akhtar	59
R Shah b Akhtar	1
S Tikolo c Latif b Wasim	3
T Odoyo c Akhtar b Waqar	28
M Odumbe b Afridi	10
D Obuya c Mahmood b Razzaq	12
T Suji b Latif b Afridi	2
J Kamande c Malik b Waqar	23
C Obuya c Misbahul b Wasim	8
J Suji lbw Razzak	8
J Angara not out	0
Extras: (b-1, lb-6, w-12, nb-6)	25
Total: (All out in 42.3 overs)	179

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Pakistan's man-of-the-match Younis Khan gets ready to cut during his 87 not out against Kenya yesterday.

READERS' ZONE

Apply common sense

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

Bangladesh have played 13 Tests and predictably lost 12 of them. Out of the total eleven matches ended in innings defeats. The two-match series against Sri Lanka was no different. We went down in the first Test by the third day while second one lasted for four days.

An analysis of our performance now raises a lot of questions how and why the tour went wrong.

What was the logic for Enamul Hoque, who was the most successful bowler in the first Test, being omitted from the final match squad?

Having a left-arm spinner is an asset. The Australians have problems against such bowlers. New Zealand's Daniel Vettori almost won the series in Australia. And Nicky Boje helped South Africa beat India in India.

Enamul may not be a world class bowler, but most pitches in Sri Lanka are spin-friendly. In that case, why were three pace bowlers included for both Tests? May be we tried to copy the home team's selection?

Conventionally, a Test team's composition is based upon the type of pitch to be used. The tour was supposed to be a launch pad for few faces. But ultimately a single failure cost Ehsanul Haque his place. He was the most prolific run-getter for Bangladesh in the West Indies.

Pakistan coach Moshin Kamal said he wanted to build a future Bangladesh team. Yet, if he thinks by dropping a future Test batsman is the way to do it, then he must be living in a fool's paradise. Nobody would mind if Aminul Islam and Akram Khan were forever axed.

The next generation must be allowed to step up. We need to build a team like New Zealand that has enjoyed success because of its collective spirit over the years.

In every Test we have played, there has been a common characteristic lack of temperament. In any given session we constantly lose wickets. It must be addressed.

Batsmen must be taught how to play a five-day game on a session-by-session basis. Otherwise we always see three batsmen going either side of lunch.

How come our seamers could not bowl consistently when the coach is a former Test bowler himself? He also did not do his homework on Muttiah Muralitharan. If Kamal had shown videotapes of the ace of spinner's variety it would have surely helped.

I think Al-Shahriar is a very good shot-maker who needs to tighten his defence especially around his off-stump. Another debutant Hannan Sarker became a plumb lbw candi

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Hewitt fights Blake fire

US OPEN 2002 US OPEN

AP, New York

James Blake did what he could to the wash away the ill will directed at Lleyton Hewitt by some spectators during a riveting U.S. Open rematch.

Blake had a tougher time withstanding the defending champion's relentless play.

His sneakers squeaking with each step, his darting eyes finding the right angles, Hewitt got past Blake 7-6, 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 Saturday to reach the fourth round. It came a year to the day after another five-setter between the pair, one marked by a call-arguing tirade by Hewitt that was perceived as racist.

"We fought our hearts out. He came up with great shots, I came up with great shots. He came up with a few more," Blake said after playing in the third round of a major for the first time.

"The way we conducted ourselves -- I really like the fact that if any kid was watching, they could say, 'I want to be like either one of those two.'"

A tight match came down to Blake's three-point lapse in the sixth game of the last set. Blake made three straight errors (he had 86 total to Hewitt's 40), Hewitt snapped a forehand winner, and just like that, the top-seeded Australian had a 4-2 lead.

"To see us not give an inch the whole match for 3 1/2 hours -- it's something we can both be proud

hit the line. Both players applauded great shots by the other, of which there were plenty: 113 winners, 60 by Blake, despite strong wind, occasional rain, and a cloud cover that made it so dark the stadium



THERE'S ALWAYS NEXT TIME: American James Blake (L) congratulates world number one Lleyton Hewitt of Australia at the end of their epic third round match on August 31.

PHOTO: AFP