



## Did U Know?

The last Olympic gold medals that were made entirely out of gold were awarded in 1912.



**ESPN**  
England vs India  
Third Test, Day Five  
Highlights at 12:30 pm  
**England vs India**  
Fourth Test, Day One  
Live at 4:00 pm  
**Sportscentre Hindi**  
Sport News  
Live at 12:00 am (Friday)

**STAR Sports**  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
Repeat at 8:30 am  
**Kenya vs Australia**  
Triangular Tournament  
Sixth ODI  
Live at 12:25 pm  
**Sportline Tonight**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
**US Open**  
Men's Ctrs/Mixed Doubles Final  
Live at 9:00 pm



**Steve Waugh**  
(Australia Test captain)  
"I am looking forward to the opportunity to play some tough cricket and this stint will provide excellent preparation for the upcoming season."

## Councillors seek clarifications

**Football**

SPORTS REPORTER

The Emergency General Meeting of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) ended at the NSC conference room yesterday without any final decision about its constitution and fresh election.

Though the 103 councillors present in the EGM accepted in principle the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) prescribed new constitution, but they also sought some clarifications and proposed some amendments to it.

The continental body of football, with permission from the FIFA, was supposed to announce a date of election on BFF's acceptance of its prescribed constitution that suggested an elected president and small executive committee.

Most of the points, clarifications and amendments were proposed by BFF councillor and BNP lawmaker Monirul Haque Chowdhury and were seconded by majority of the councillors present at the EGM.

The issue of an elected president dominated the deliberation. The National Sports Act 1974 clearly states that the government of Bangladesh would nominate the president of BFF. So, to comply with the AFC constitution, the Act needs to be amended at Parliament first, they observed. The councillors sought the AFC clarification in this regard.

Chaired by BFF president SA Sultan, the EGM also proposed a direct election for the president instead of

the AFC prescribed 'double ballot' system.

As per the AFC sponsored constitution Article 13.5, the president of BFF shall be elected by two-third majority votes recorded on the first ballot. In subsequent ballots, a simple majority of the votes recorded is necessary.

The EGM also suggested AFC to delete the article or provision of direct election.

"We need to sort out all these before we go for an election. That is why the EGM has asked the clarification," said BFF president and BNP lawmaker SA Sultan afterwards.

"We are expecting suggestions here from the AFC," he said. "We have little choice in this affair. Whatever the AFC says we have to abide by."

"If AFC does not agree with our proposal, we might have to accept their constitution as well as the voting system."

He however feared that the process of amending the NSC Act in the Parliament might delay the election. The EGM meanwhile asked the AFC to make the general secretary's post honorary rather than paid.

The EGM also stood firm on its decision that councillors would not be changed before they complete their tenure of four years. The tenure of present councillors ends in 2005.

This decision served a big blow to Sultan's aspiration to become a BFF councillor. And if he fails to become a councillor, Sultan would not be able to contest for the post of president if there is any election.

Earlier, State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman inaugurated the EGM.

## Div II chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Rajshahi Daba Unnayan Sangha maintained their solo lead in the Second Division Chess League at the end of the fifth round yesterday.

Rajshahi recorded a 3.5-0.5 point win against Pubali Bank to raise their tally to 15.5 points. Uttara Daba Sangha and Fighter Krira Chakra are closely following Rajshahi with 14.5 point each.

Both Uttara and Fighter KC registered an identical 3-1 win against Hazaribagh Friendship SC and Sheikhdi Jubo Snagha respectively.

## Grand Prix chess meet

SPORTS REPORTER

The Grand Prix Chess Tournament involving twelve leading players of the country will commence at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Auditorium today.

The 7-round Swiss League meet has been arranged as a build-up to Bangladesh's participation in the 35th Chess Olympiad.

The participants are -- GM Ziaur Rahman, GM Niaz Murshed, IM Reefat-bin Sattar, IM Abdullah al Rakib, IM Enamul Hossain Razib, Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, Shabana Parveen, IWM Rani Hamid, Afroza Khanom, Zakia Sultana, FM Abu Sufian and Shamima Sharmin.



Ivana (L) of Family Chess Club ponders her next move during the game against Dhaka Chess Academy in the Second Division Chess League at the National Sports Council Chess Room yesterday.

## Siraj soccer

CU CORRESPONDENT

Blue Star Club and Nobojagaron Club won their respective matches of the Siraj Mohanagari Kishore Football League at the Dampara Police Lines ground in the port city of Chittagong yesterday.

Blue Star blanked Zornapara Ekadash 4-0.

Iqbal and Ehsan scored two goals each for the winners.

In the other match of the day, Nobojagaron beat Nobotarongha 3-0.

Naimul netted two goals and Rafiqul one for the victors.

## CJKS handball

CU CORRESPONDENT

Chittagong City Corporation Ekadash and Mohammedan Blues won their respective matches in the CJKS Ruhul Amin and Brothers Handball League at the MA Aziz Stadium in the port city of Chittagong on Tuesday.

In the first match, Mohammedan Blues beat Shaheed Shahajahan Sangha 26-23.

Ko Ko Wai Marma scored 14, Ko Ching and Nazrul Islam netted 4 each while Abu Sing netted three and Shimul Dey one for the winners.

Michael scored 14 goals while Khorshed Alam and Masud Karim netted three each for the losers.

In the other match of the day, Chittagong City Corporation Ekadash defeated Rising Star Club 29-19.

## Sheltech tennis from today

SPORTS REPORTER

The first leg of Sheltech National Tennis Circuit and National Junior Tennis Championship begins at the National Tennis Complex in Shahbagh today.

Jute Minister Hafizuddin Ahmed, Bir Bikram, will inaugurate the meet as chief guest at 4:30 pm.

A total of 62 men, 12 women, 48 boys and 28 girls from Dhaka, Narayanganj, Munshiganj, BKSP, Rajshahi, Natore, Naogaon, Bandarban, Chittagong, Rajbari and Barga are expected to take part in the first leg.

## Injuries in Nairobi

AFP, Nairobi

Australian cricket captain Ricky Ponting and his star batsman Matthew Hayden hope to be fit for Saturday's final of the triangular one-day tournament against Pakistan.

Ponting retired with thigh injury after making 21 runs in his team's emphatic nine-wicket win over the Pakistanis on Thursday while Hayden battled on with a hip injury to score his team's high 59.

"Matthew and I will be seeing the physiotherapist tonight and hopefully we will be fit for the final," Ponting told a post-match press conference.

He did not specify whether they would be start the tournament's penultimate match against hosts Kenya on Thursday.

The world champions sent Kenya crashing to its lowest ever one-day international score of 84 on Monday.

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## Vaughan concern for England

AFP, London

Michael Vaughan added to England's growing list of injury concerns for this month's International Cricket Council (ICC) Champions Trophy when he announced Wednesday he had a right knee problem.

In-form batsman Vaughan, who has scored three Test hundreds this season opening the innings, is still expected to be fit for Thursday's series decider with India here at The Oval.

But he may require an operation afterwards and that could see him ruled out of the one-day event in Sri Lanka where England's first match is on September 18 against Zimbabwe.

England are already without Andrew Flintoff due to a hernia operation and his fellow all-rounder Craig White, who has strained an abdominal muscle, could also be missing.

They also have doubts about one-day specialists Paul Collingwood and Nick Knight.

In one-day matches Vaughan bats in the middle order where his presence has become all the more important following the limited-overs international retirement of Graham Thorpe.

But Vaughan tried to downplay the extent of his injury: "It is a wear-and-tear injury that needs cleaning out," he said.

"I will be speaking to the England management to see what the right course of action is."



Action from yesterday's NBL Premier Division Football League match between Brothers Union and Dhanmondi Club.

## Dhanmondi's Brotherly love!

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The six-match syndrome seemingly returned to Dhaka football when Dhanmondi Club relinquished a two-goal lead to eventually lose in the tie-breaker against Brothers Union in their National Bank Premier Division Football League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Dhanmondi were leading 2-0 in their penultimate first phase game against a relegation-threatened Brothers midway through the second half before two goals from Liton in the space of eight minutes took the match into shoot out.

The sparse crowd at the BNS were literally stunned by the manner in which the goals were gifted to Liton. He received little or no challenge from rival defenders as he netted his brace giving more substance to the rumour before the game

that it was going to be a fixed affair. Earlier, Apu had given Dhanmondi a 25th minute lead and Parvez doubled the margin thirteen minutes into the second half.

In the tiebreaker Dhanmondi failed or rather, weren't inclined to score a single goal while Chanchal, Jahangir and Titu easily converted their spot kicks for Brothers to emerge 3-0 victors.

The two valuable points from the win increased Brothers' tally to eight from as many matches. Dhanmondi on the other hand, improved their collection to 12 points from eight matches. They need one more point to confirm their place in the 'Super Five'.

But the reluctance of the Dhanmondi booters to not go for a win in normal time or in the tie-breaker was baffling for the spectators and the journalists present. Now Dhanmondi must get the single point in their last first phase match against Arambagh which many believe is already guaranteed.

Fixed matches are not a new evil in Dhaka football. But this year the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has pledged to come down hard against this practice by deducting points from the account of those teams involved in fixed games.

Teams	M	W	T/W	T/L	L	GF	GA	Points
Mohammedan SC	8	7	0	1	0	15	2	22
Abahani KC	8	6	0	2	0	20	8	20
Muktijoddha Sangsad	8	4	2	2	0	14	5	18
Arambagh KS	8	4	1	0	3	11	9	14
Dhanmondi Club	8	2	3	1	2	10	11	12
Badda Jagarani	8	1	2	2	3	7	12	9
Victoria SC	8	1	2	1	4	7	16	8
Brothers Union	8	2	1	0	5	9	17	8
Rahmatganj MFS	8	1	2	0	5	12	14	6
Farashganj SC	8	0	1	1	6	7	16	3

**Hattricks:** Nakib (Mohammedan SC) against Victoria SC and Bulbul (AKC) against Rahmatganj.  
**Leading goalscorers:** 7 goals-- Colly (Abahani), 6 goals--Nakib (MSC), Emeca (Muktijoddha), 5 goals--Kanchan (MSC), Bulbul (AKC), Ritu (Rahmatganj), 4 goals--Tipu (Rahmatganj), Oinu (Arambagh), Walid (Farashganj).

## Aussies abase Pakistan

Cricket

INTERNET, Nairobi

Pakistan slumped to another hefty loss to the Australians and will need to improve massively to avoid being steam-rollered by the Aussies in Saturday's final.

Injury was added to insult for the Pakistanis when Shaoh Akhtar broke down after bowling just 10 balls.

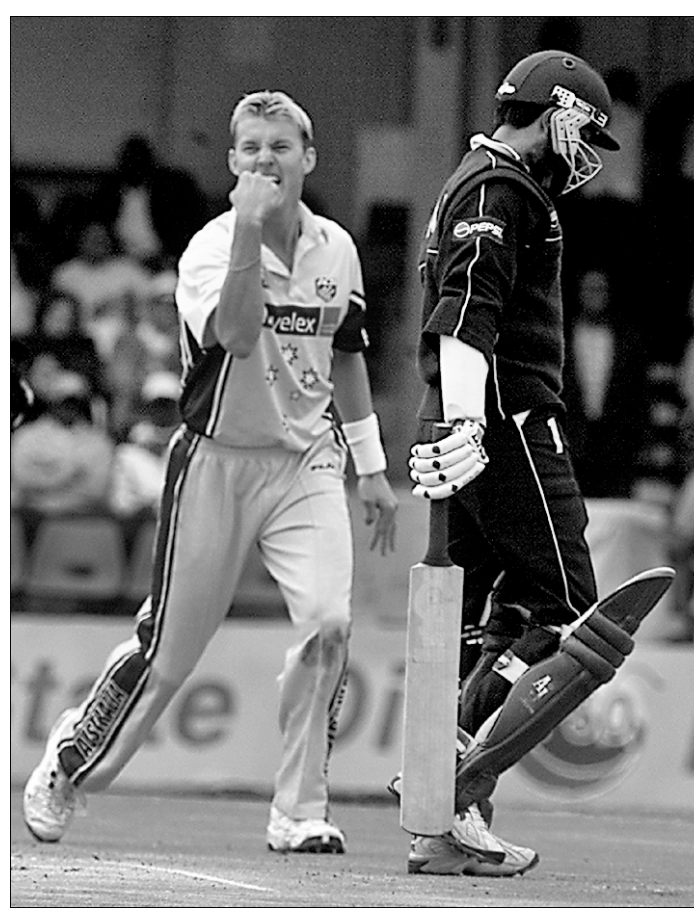
Pakistan won the toss but little else went their way all day and they were bowled out for a paltry 117 in

the 33rd over. Newcomer Misbah-ul-Haq hit a tidy 39 but had virtually no support. Brett Lee claiming four for 32 in eight overs.

Batsman Younis Khan, and all-rounders Abdur Razaq and Shahid Afridi all recorded ducks.

In reply, Matthew Hayden continued his purple patch of form to slam 59 not out off 48 balls, while the only worry was when Rocky Ponting retired hurt.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the one-day international between Pakistan and Australia in Nairobi on Wednesday:



Australia's man-of-the-match Brett Lee (L) celebrates after taking a Pakistan wicket in the tri-series one-day international match in Nairobi yesterday.

PAKISTAN	O	M	R	W
Anwar c Warner b Lee	22			
Nazir c Martyn b Gillespie	7			
Maik c Ponting b McGrath	1			
Y Khan c Gilchrist b McGrath	0			
Misbahul Haq c Gilchrist b Gillespie	39			
Mahmood c Ponting b Lee	4			
Razaq b Warner	0			
Afridi c Ponting b Lee	0			
Latif c Martyn b Lee	12			
Younis b McGrath	24			
Akhtar not out	1			
Extras: (lb2, w2, nb3)	7			
Total: (all out in 32.3 overs)	117			
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-24, 3-24, 4-33, 5-45, 6-47, 7-48, 8-68, 9-112, 10-117				

BOWLER	O	M	R	W
Akhtar	1.4	0	11	0
Younis	4	0	26	1
Razaq	7.2	2	46	0
Mahmood	5.1	0	32	0
Afridi	1	0	6	0
Result: Australia won by nine wickets				
Man-of-the-match: Brett Lee				

## DC Cup soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Comilla

Chandina and Laksam moved into the final of the inter-upazila Deputy Commissioner (DC) Gold Cup football tournament at the Comilla Stadium yesterday.

Chandina defeated Barura 1-0 in the second semifinal. Minhaj netted the all-important goal for the winners.

Laksam beat Comilla Sadar 7-6 in the first semifinal.

## All eyes on The Oval

Cricket

REUTERS, London

India's comprehensive demolition of England to level the series 1-1 at Leeds makes the fourth and final match starting Thursday at The Oval a tantalising prospect.

If India win, and the momentum in the series has shifted towards them after losing the first Test by 170 runs, it would be their first Test series victory outside sub-continent since they beat England in 1986.

A victory would also be even sweeter for Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar who is set to play his 100th Test match.

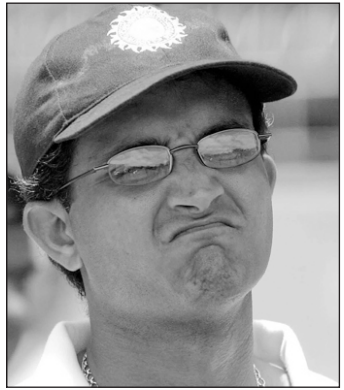
Only Kapil Dev (131), Sunil Gavaskar (125), whose record of 34 Test centuries is within Tendulkar's sights after he notched his 30th with a masterful 193 at Headingley, and Dilip Vengsarkar (116) have played more for India.

Tendulkar's achievement is even more amazing considering he is yet to reach his 30th birthday.

The "Little Master" made his debut as a precocious 16-year-old against Pakistan at Karachi in November 1989, making 15 in his only innings of a drawn match.

Matthew Hoggard produced a wonderful spell of second innings swing bowling.

Since then the pendulum has swung back in India's favour as an



SOURAV GANGULY

Since then he has proceeded to take apart most of the world's bowling attacks.

Tendulkar, however suffered a difficult start to the Test series, making just 16 and 12 in the first Test at Lord's, as England's



NASSER HUSSAIN

injury-ravaged England team watched their advantage fall away when Rahul Dravid with a stubborn 115, captain Sourav Ganguly (99) and Tendulkar (92) all produced runs to draw the second Test at Lord's, as England's

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## Venus survives, Hingis exits

Tennis

REUTERS, New York

The summer returned to the U.S. Open on Tuesday but while top seed Serena Williams sparkled on her way to the semifinals under floodlights, her sister and defending champion Venus struggled in bright sunlight to squeeze into the quarters.

Winner here in 2000 and 2001, second seed Venus did barely enough to beat Chanda Rubin 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 while Serena, champion in 1999, mangled Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-2 to keep the pair on track for another Grand Slam final showdown.

The sisters shared centre stage here last year and contested the French Open and Wimbledon

crowns in 2002, Serena winning both in Paris and London.



VENUS WILLIAMS

Venus can count herself lucky she may still have a chance to avenge those defeat.

"This was not my best day, that's for sure... I am glad I am still here and talking to you," she smiled after pulling through against Rubin.

"I had a lot of short balls that I missed and that was unusual for me."

Serena, on the other hand, could be content with having had a good day.

"How well did I play? Solid," she said.

"I played a really good player today. She played well, but sometimes you play a match and there is just nothing you can do."

Serena next clashes with Lindsay Davenport -- the last non-Williams to win the Open in 1998 -- for a place in Saturday's final.

Fourth seed Davenport over

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**Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 179**  
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- Who won the CUTE Premier Division handball title?  
BDR | Mariner | Ajax
- Who became man-of-the-match in the 3rd Test between England and India?  
D | R | A | V | I | D  
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?  
Santini | Metsu | Hiddink

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**National Bank Premier Football League**  
Rahmatganj MFS vs Victoria SC (3:30pm)  
Muktijoddha Sangsad vs Farashganj SC (5:30pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium