



Did U Know?

The oldest derby in football is the Scottish derby between Glasgow giants Rangers and Celtic. The two bitter city rivals met for the first time way back in 1888 with Celtic winning 5-2.



BTV & SET Max

ICC Champions Trophy
India vs Zimbabwe (D/N)
Live at 2:30 pm

ESPN

India vs Sri Lanka
NatWest Series
Ninth ODI
Repeat at 9:30 am

Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 2:30 pm

English Premier Football League
Leeds United vs Man United
Live at 4:55 pm

&

Chelsea vs Newcastle United
Live at 7:55 pm

Primera Liga
Betis vs Real Madrid
Live at 1:30 am (Sunday)

STAR Sports

Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 10:00 am

Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
Repeat at 10:30 am

Asia Sport Show
Int'l Sports News
Taped Version at 11:30 am

Football Asia
Repeat at 12:30 pm

Gillette World Sports Special
Int'l Sports News
Taped Version at 4:00 pm

English Premier Football League
Bolton Wanderers vs Liverpool
Live at 7:55 pm

Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm

Football Asia
Taped Version at 9:00 pm



TALK TURKEY



David Beckham
(England football captain)
"Although I have been involved in one or two book projects before, this will be my first autobiography." While signing a multi-million dollar deal to publish his autobiography.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 180

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

Competition closes at 8 pm Sept 27, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who will lead the Bangladesh U-17 team in the tri-nations series in Sri Lanka?
Nafis Ashraf Ashiqur

2. What was the result of the England and India Test series?
2-0 2-1 1-1

3. Who won the US Open singles title?
Agassi Hewitt Sampras

4. Who became Champions Trophy hockey champs?
Germany Pakistan Netherlands

5. Who clinched the Grand Prix chess title?
Reefat Zia Rajib

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Muktijodha custodian Biplob gathers the ball to deny Mohammedan striker Kanchan(R) during their National Bank Premier Division Football League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

MSC cross Mukti hurdle

A goalkeeper mystery

Mohammedan Sporting Club's took a giant step towards regaining the National Bank Premier Football League title when they overcame the challenge of Muktijodha Sangsad Krira Chakra, but only after a tie-breaker (4-3) at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last night.

The crucial Super Five encounter though failed to find a goal in the regulation 90 minutes.

But the main talking point of the game came moments before the dreaded shootout. Apparently referee Ibrahim Nessar in violation of FIFA rules, allowed Mohammedan to substitute their goalkeeper Nizam.

The bizarre drama unfolded with

Nizam all of a sudden collapsing to the ground as soon as the final whistle was blown.

Immediately substitute custodian Bijan rushed to the fourth official Abdul Hannan Miron pleading to come on. And without any hesitation the gentleman in question showed Bijan's name in place of Nizam.

However, Bijan's entry caused the referee to realise his silly mistake, so embarrassed official asked the replacement keeper to return to the bench.

At that point Nizam, who was walking off quite easily it must be

said, would ultimately have the last laugh as he again fell down in pain.

Having seen enough of the farce all the Muktijodha players surrounded the fourth official to show their disgust.

Finally, sanity was restored following off-field discussions and the substitute goalkeeper turned out to be the hero of the night.

Bijan blocked the shots of Rakib and Matur Munna with a couple of smart diving saves to his right. Mohammedan had their first two shots from Nigerian Salisu and defender Jewel Rana hit the side

post. But Muktijodha defender Rajani and Rakib spoiled their chances to see the scores tied on 3-3 after the first five shots.

Mohammedan's Uzbek forward Turabekov, Hasan and Farhad found the net while Asif, Hasan Al-Mamun and Sujon scored for the all-reds.

In sudden death Faisal converted for Mohammedan while Bijan cleverly blocked Matur's shot.

Earlier, after both titans failed to conjure a single scoring opportunity, Mohammedan closed within two points of leaders Abahani Krira Chakra. They have 27 points from 11 matches.

On the other hand, Muktijodha are now effectively out of the running with 25 points from the same number of outings.

Yellow cards: Jewel Rana, Salisu, Turabekov (Mohammedan) and Emeka (Muktijodha Sangsad).

Teams	M	W	T/W	T/L	L	GF	GA	Points
Abahani KC	11	9	0	2	0	29	10	29
Mohammedan SC	11	8	1	1	1	17	4	27
Muktijodha Sangsad	11	6	2	3	0	16	5	25
Dhanmondi Club	11	3	3	1	4	14	15	15
Arambagh KS	11	4	1	0	6	13	19	14

Ganguly dead serious

is all about and we've been playing international cricket for a long time. The family support is a great help," he said.

The Indian skipper said his team could not afford to take Heath Streak's Zimbabweans lightly in its opening match, especially after the last one-day series between the two teams.

India trailed 2-1 against Zimbabwe in a series of five one-day internationals at home early this year, before winning the last two games to salvage their pride.

"Zimbabwe are no pushovers. They're really a good one-day side," said Ganguly.

Other top Indian players also said they had not been thinking about the contract controversy, but

looking forward to doing well in the tournament.

"We're here to play good cricket," said ace leg-spinner Anil Kumble.

"The contract issue has been sorted out. It was not a question of money. We had already entered into contracts. We didn't want to breach that. It was a question of principle and integrity. It's good it has been resolved."

Batting genius Sachin Tendulkar said the team was keen to win the tournament.

"We're focussed on winning this event. We've come here to play good cricket and don't want to talk about it (contract issue). We're happy we've got a chance to be here," he said.

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Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble checks the net before practice at the Premadasa Stadium on September 13.

Warm-up match

Javed, Bashar carry BD



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh warmed up for the ICC Champions Trophy with a four-wicket win over Holland at the NCC ground in Colombo yesterday.

Needing 163 for victory, Bangladesh rode on half centuries by Javed Omar and Habibul Bashar to reach the modest target in 41.5 overs.

Opener Javed, back in the squad after a long injury absence, made 70 off 81 deliveries with eleven fours while one down Bashar played an uncharacteristically sedate 56 off 93 balls inclusive of seven boundaries.

A Raja was the most successful bowler for Holland side taking four Bangladesh wickets for 44 runs off 10 overs.

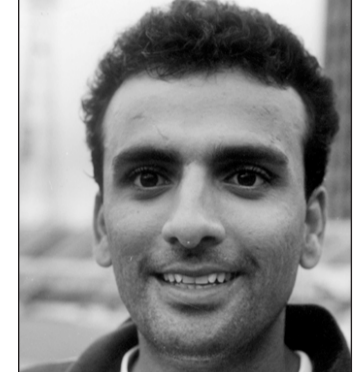
Earlier, Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud won the toss and decided to field first. Holland who are the ICC Trophy champions, never got going in their innings and lost wickets at regular intervals. Only a cavalier 47 off 41 balls from last man E Schiferli enabled Holland to reach some sort of respectability

before they were bundled out 1n the 48th over.

Left-arm paceman Monjurul Islam picked up three wickets for 20 runs from nine overs while left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique also bagged three wickets conceding 31

ons New Zealand on September 23 in the first round matches of the tournament.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the practice match between Bangladesh and Holland at the Nondescripts Cricket Club



JAVED OMAR ... 70
runs from his 10 overs. Right-arm seamer Taposch Baishaya took two for 28.



HABIBUL BASHAR ... 56
Ground in Colombo on Friday:
HOLLAND
Oosterom cAl-Sahariar b Tapash 6
Bunge cAl-Sahariar b Tapash 4
Mol cK Mashud b Monjurul 6
Zuiderent cKapali b Monjurul 10
Leede cMazharul b Monjurul 1

SA squeeze thru'



REUTERS/AFP, Colombo

South Africa pulled off a dramatic last ball two-wicket victory against the West Indies in their ICC Champions Trophy clash at the Sinhalese Sports Club on Friday.

Chasing 239 for victory in 49 overs after they were penalised for a slow over-rate, Shaun Pollock's side needed 13 from the final over and

then one from the last ball, and it was secured when Alan Dawson sliced paceman Mervyn Dillon to the third man boundary for four.

With Kenya the other side in Pool, the result means South Africa are virtually assured of a place in the semifinals, while the West Indies face an early exit from the 12-team tournament.

South Africa had initially faltered in their chase, slumping to 61 for three in the 17th over after losing Herschelle Gibbs (8), Jacques Kallis (10) and Graeme Smith (33).

But gradually they appeared to gain control thanks to a stand of 117 between Jonty Rhodes (61) and Boeta Dippenaar (53), a record fourth wicket partnership for South Africa against the West Indies.

However, when off-spinner Carl Hooper removed both men in the space of three balls in the 40th over, the picture changed and the West Indies were firmly in the driving seat with six balls remaining.

Pollock hammered the first delivery of the final over for six over long-on and took a brace off the next before being caught trying another big shot.



West Indies opener Shivnarine Chanderepaul goes over the top during the ICC Champions Trophy match against South Africa yesterday.

Flower fully aware



REUTERS, Colombo

Andy Flower has acknowledged Zimbabwe will go into their Champions Trophy pool games against India and England as underdogs.

But the former captain also believes that with conditions in their favour, Zimbabwe could upset the form-book.

"We are underdogs against both sides as per usual," he said on Thursday.

"England are playing well at the moment and still have the basis of a good side despite their injuries and India are a formidable side and a really difficult proposition."

"But I still feel we are quite evenly matched, we've not got a terrible record against either team as we've beaten both of them quite often in the past and our guys are confident about taking them on."

Flower said Zimbabwe's bowling

attack may surprise their opponents, especially if the pitches are slow and low, offering some assistance for the slower bowlers.

"These conditions should certainly suit us better than South Africa, Australia or England," he said.

from Grant Flower, Douglas Marillier and Ray Price.

"It's an attack suited to these conditions rather than quicker, bouncier pitches."

Flower believes left-arm spinner Price, a late call-up after fast bowler Henry Olunga broke down with a calf injury, may be Zimbabwe's trump card.



ANDY FLOWER
"We've got no-one of express pace, instead we've got a few medium-pacers then some spin

"I think Ray might do alright," he said.

"He bowled well in India on our last tour, he is a guy that has come on well and he can bowl quite tightly."

Flower's wicket will be the one both India and England will be after more than any other.

The left-handed wicketkeeper, Zimbabwe's leading run-scorer in Tests and one-dayers, needs just 13 runs to become only the 21st player to reach 6,000 one-day runs.

The mantle of being the side's best player might not sit comfortably with every top batsman, but Flower is happy to take whatever pressure it brings.

"I expect to do well, but the word pressure is an overused one," he said.

DAY'S EVENT

National Bank Premier Division Football League Relegation League
Badda Jagarani v Victoria SC (4 pm)
Rahmatganj MFS v Brothers Union (6 pm)
Venue: BNS.