



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

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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 Tonigh Sport News Live at 8:00 pm Football Asia





Muktijoddha 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 vesterday

MSC cross Mukti hurdle

A goalkeeper mystery Football

the ground as soon as the final whistle was blown

Immediately substitute custodian Bijan rushed to the fourth official Abdul Hannan Miron pleading to Mohammedan Sporting Club's took come on. And without any hesitation the gentleman in question showed League title when they overcame Bijan's name in place of Nizam. However, Bijan's entry caused

the challenge of Muktijoddha the referee to realise his silly mis-Sangsad Krira Chakra, but only after a tie-breaker (4-3) at the take, so embarrassed official asked Bangabandhu National Stadium last the replacement keeper to return to the bench.

The crucial Super Five encounter At that point Nizam, who was though failed to find a goal in the walking off quite easily it must be

| SUPER FIVE TABLE | | | | | | | | |
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| eams | М | w | T/W | T/L | L | GF | GA | Points |
| bahani KC | 11 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 29 | 10 | 29 |
| lohammedan SC | 11 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 4 | 27 |
| luktijoddha Sangsad | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 5 | 25 |
| hanmondi Club | 11 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| rambagh KS | 11 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 14 |

post. But Muktijoddha defender Rajani and Rakib spoiled their chances to see the scores tied on 3-

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

PHOTO: STAR

In sudden death Faisal converted

matches.

Salisu, Turabekov (Mohammedan) and Emeka (Muktijoddha Sangsad). TEAMS

Warm-up match Javed, Bashar carry BD

Cile ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY SRI LANKA 2002

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh warmed up for the ICC Champions Trophy with a fourwicket 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 Raia 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

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

Islam picked up three wickets for 20 SCOREBOARD runs from nine overs while left-arm Scoreboard of the practice match

spinner Mohammed Rafique also between Bangladesh and Holland at bagged three wickets conceding 31 the Nondescripts Cricket Club



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SA squeeze thru'

Cin ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY <u>SRI LANKA</u> 2002

South Africa pulled off a dramatic

last ball two-wicket victory against

the West Indies in their ICC

Champions Trophy clash at the

Chasing 239 for victory in 49

overs after they were penalised for a

slow over-rate, Shaun Pollock's side

Sinhalese Sports Club on Friday.

REUTERS/AFP, Colombo

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 semifinalists, 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).

needed 13 from the final over and

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

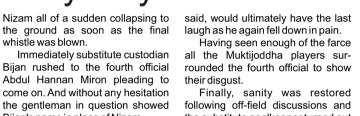
Africa against the West Indies. However, when off-spinner Carl Hooper removed both men in the space of three balls in the 40th over, the picture changed and the West Indies were firmly in the driving seat

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.

Lance Klusener (23) took two off the fourth ball, but was caught off the next to leave his team needing three off the last legitimate delivery.

Dillon, who had grabbed four wickets, faltered at this stage as he bowled a wide. South Africans then rubbed it in as striker Nicky Boje and Dawson completed a bye to tie the

But Dawson then slashed the ball for the winning boundary and South Africa, winners of the inaugucompetition in 1998 won the thrilling game. Earlier, Chris Gayle had topscored for the West Indies with a fluent 49 from 55 balls after Shaun Pollock had won the toss and decided to bowl. But when the hard-hitting lefthander fell, with the score at 63 in the 15th over. Hooper's men strugaled to maintain the momentum he had provided and had to be content with what appeared to be a modest score. Hooper (27) and Brian Lara (21) both threatened to play a major innings, but both were dismissed just as they seemed set to break free. It was left to Ramnaresh Sarwan (36) and Ridley Jacobs (25) to provide some late impetus as 70 runs came from the final ten overs of the innings. Allan Donald claimed his 250th one-day international wicket, the first South African to reach the mark, when he had Wavell Hinds caught by Kallis



the substitute goalkeeper turned out

to be the hero of the night. Bijjan blocked the shots of Rakib and Matiur 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

3 after the first five shots.

reds. for Mohammedan while Bijan clev-

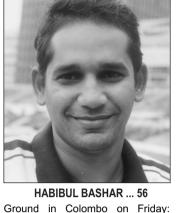
erly blocked Matiur's shot. Earlier, after both titans failed to conjure a single scoring opportunity, Mohammedan closed within two points of leaders Abahani Krira Chakra. They have 27 points from 11

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

Yellow cards: Jewel Rana,

JAVED OMAR ... 70 runs from his 10 overs. Rightarm seamer Taposh Baishaya took

two for 28. Bangladesh will play another practice match against England on September 16 before they meet world champions Australia on September 19 and reigning champi-





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.



Phone: (If any)

Ganguly dead serious

games to salvage their pride.

said Ganguly.

They're really a good one-day side.'

about the contract controversy, but

MAICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY The family support is a great help, SRI LANKA 2002 he said.

AFP, Colombo

SPORTS REPORTER

regulation 90 minutes

night.

Nizam.

a giant step towards regaining the

National Bank Premier Football

But the main talking point of the

game came moments before the

dreaded shootout. Apparently

referee Ibrahim Nessar in violation

of FIFA rules, allowed Mohamme-

dan to substitute their goalkeeper

The bizarre drama unfolded with

India skipper Sourav Ganguly said Friday his team would put behind the recent sponsorship row and concentrate on winning the Champions Trophy one-day cricket tournament here

"We're very happy to be in Sri Lanka," said Ganguly on the eve of his team's day-night match against Zimbabwe.

The participation of the best Indian squad in the 12-nation tournament looked doubtful at one stage as leading players refused to sign a sponsorship agreement with the International Cricket Council (ICC)

> The contract crisis was resolved following a meeting between the top ICC officials and the Indian players in England last week

> India named their best team barely three days before the start of the Champions Trophy.

"The Indian board has heard our voice," said Ganguly. "I don't think it's right to say the players have won and the board has lost. The board is our parent body.

"We're happy at the way officials have responded and resolved the crisis. The ICC and Indian board have done a great job.'

Ganguly said his team would focus on winning the tournament, considered a dress-rehearsal for next year's World Cup in South Africa

"We've been playing fantastic one-day cricket for the past one and a half years. We're a much improved side," said Ganguly.

India won a one-day series in the West Indies in June and then beat England in a tall-scoring final of the NatWest Trophy at Lord's the following month

"We're looking forward to the World Cup. All one-day games in the run up to the World Cup will help us prepare for the big event.' Ganguly said he did not believe the hectic international schedule would affect his team's performance

here. "This is what international cricket

is all about and we've been playing international cricket for a long time. looking forward to doing well in the tournament.

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

The Indian skipper said his team "The contract issue has been could not afford to take Heath sorted out. It was not a question of money. We had already entered into Streak's Zimbabweans lightly in its opening match, especially after the contracts. We didn't want to breach last one-day series between the two that. It was a question of principle and integrity. It's good it has been India trailed 2-1 against resolved

Zimbabwe in a series of five one-Batting genius Sachin Tendulkar said the team was keen to win the day internationals at home early this year, before winning the last two tournament.

'We're focussed on winning this "Zimbabwe are no pushovers. event. We've come here to play good cricket and don't want to talk about it (contract issue). We're Other top Indian players also happy we've got a chance to be said they had not been thinking here," he said.

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

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Nizam, Jewel Rana, Masud Rana, Riadh, Hasan, Tito, Monwar, Salisu, Sentu, Kanchan (Farhad) and Turabekov. Muktijoddha Sangsad: Biplab Hasan Al-Mamun, Rajani, Sujon,

Papel, Abdullah, Matiur Munna

Arman (Moni), Rakib, Alfaz (Asif)

and Emeka. Referee: Ibrahim Nessar.

Sheetal h'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Dilkusha SC and Jatrabari KC drew 13-13 in the lone Sheetal Women's Handball League match at the ground next to the Bangabandhu National Stadiumyesterday Dilkusha led the first half 8-7.

Irina netted four and Rozi three goals for Dilkusha while Saleha and Setara scored four each for Jatrabari. Today's match: Arambagh KS vs

Jatrabari KC at 3:30pm. Army v'ball

PRESS RELEASE

The Chittagong Area won the title of the Bangladesh Army Volleyball Championship which concluded at the Rangpur Cantonment on Thursday.

The winners defeated Savar Area 25-22, 25-23, 25-23 points.

WHIZZ KID-179

winner Md. Shah Alam

(UCEP School, Segunbagicha, Dhaka)

Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on September 21.



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

Venue: BNS.



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

REUTERS, Colombo

doas.

form-book.

Thursday.

Andy Flower has acknowledged

Zimbabwe will go into their

Champions Trophy pool games

against India and England as under-

believes that with conditions in their

favour. Zimbabwe could upset the

sides as per usual." he said on

moment and still have the basis of a

good side despite their injuries and

India are a formidable side and a

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

Flower said Zimbabwe's bowling

"But I still feel we are quite evenly

really difficult proposition.

about taking them on.

But the former captain also

"We are underdogs against both

"England are playing well at the

Flower fully aware from Grant Flower, Douglas Marillier

attack may surprise their opponents. *Call ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY* especially if the pitches are slow and low, offering some assistance for the SRI LANKA 2002 slower bowlers.

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



ANDY FLOWER

brings "We've got no-one of express "I expect to do well, but the word pace, instead we've got a few pressure is an overused one," he medium-pacers then some spin said

SCOREBOARD

and Ray Price.

bouncier pitches.

card

said

tightly."

more than any other

Scoreboard of the Champions Trophy one-day international SEE PAGE 15 COL 5

"It's an attack suited to these

Flower believes left-arm spinner

conditions rather than quicker,

Price, a late call-up after fast bowler

Henry Olonga broke down with a calf

injury, may be Zimbabwe's trump-

"I think Ray might do alright," he

"He bowled well in India on our

Flower's wicket will be the one

The left-handed wicketkeeper

last tour, he is a guy that has come

on well and he can bowl quite

both India and England will be after

Zimbabwe's leading run-scorer in

Tests and one-davers, needs just 13

runs to become only the 21st player

best player might not sit comfortably

with every top batsman, but Flower

is happy to take whatever pressure it

The mantle of being the side's

to reach 6,000 one-day runs.