



Did U Know?

Gymnast Olga Korbut performed the first backward somersault on the uneven bars, a loop that was named after her. She was a sensation at the 1972 Olympics. She also performed the first Korbut somersault, a backward somersault on the balance beam.



What to Watch

BTV & SET Max
ICC Champions Trophy
Kenya vs South Africa
Live at 2:30 pm

ESPN
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Taped Version at 11:55 am
Pakistan vs Kenya
Triangular Tournament
Third ODI
Live at 12:20 pm

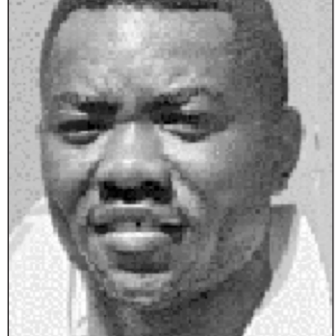
English Premier Football League
Chelsea vs Arsenal
Live at 9:00 pm

Primera Liga
Barcelona vs Athleticco Madrid
Live at 1:00 am (Monday)

STAR Sports
US Open
Men's 3rd Rd/Women's 4th Rd
Live at 8:30 pm



Talk Turkey



Steve Tikolo
(Kenya cricket captain)
"Personally I feel Test status is not far away from us from a player's point of view."

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 180

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- Who will lead the Bangladesh U-17 team in the tri-nations series in Sri Lanka?
Nafis Ashraf Ali Ashiqur
- What was the result of the England and India Test series?
2-0 2-1 1-1
- Who won the US Open singles title?
Agassi Hewitt Sampras
- Who became Champions Trophy hockey champs?
Germany Pakistan Netherlands
- Who clinched the Grand Prix chess title?
Reefat Zia Rajib

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CSA soccer

CU CORRESPONDENT
Putu Kamal School Football Tournament 2002 began at the outer stadium in Chittagong yesterday.
Chittagong Sports Academy (CSA) organised the tournament on the occasion of its 8th founding anniversary.
Five Schools of the city are taking part in the tournament that will be played on league format in the first round.
The Schools are Chittagong Government High School, Bidduyt Unnayan High School, Pabartak Biddhapidh High School, JM Sen High School, Navy High School and Zaber Institute.

Last laugh MSC's

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The National Bank Premier League completed a reverse image as Mohammedan Sporting Club wrested the coveted title from bitter rivals Abahani with a solitary goal win at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Turabekov struck the all-important goal for the popular Motijheel outfit twelve minutes into the second half of the blood and thunder final Super Five match in front of a capacity crowd. The Uzbek forward was not in the game until he became the hero of the big night with a glancing header off a Titu free-kick from the right hand side.

It was only his second League goal in three games, but definitely the most memorable one that gave Mohammedan the League title after three years.

As soon as referee Ibrahim Nesar blew the final whistle four minutes after the stoppage time the black and white section at the big bowl exploded into wild joy, leaving

the other half in stunned silence. The victory also completed a sweet revenge for Mohammedan, who lost the first round battle 2-1. It was just the result of last night, but the Super Five saw the three big powers -- Mohammedan, Abahani and Muktiyoddha swapped advantage in the crucial phase.

With this win Mohammedan finished with 33 points, two points clear from second-placed Abahani. Earlier, Muktiyoddha finished third with 30 points.

Although Abahani started Thursday's battle royale with an advantage of one point, they failed to live up to their potential on such an occasion.

But for Mohammedan the match provided a perfect stage for their title hunt. They lost to Abahani in their last five head-to-head clashes.

"We played better football and won the match. Besides, our victory once again proved the adage that the disadvantageous of the two teams always come out on top," said a delighted Mohammedan captain Masud Rana after the match.

Masud believed the player of the match was his teammate Iraqi centre back Riad, who not only fill

the shoes of Jewel Rana but also successfully marked out dangerman Colly Burnes.

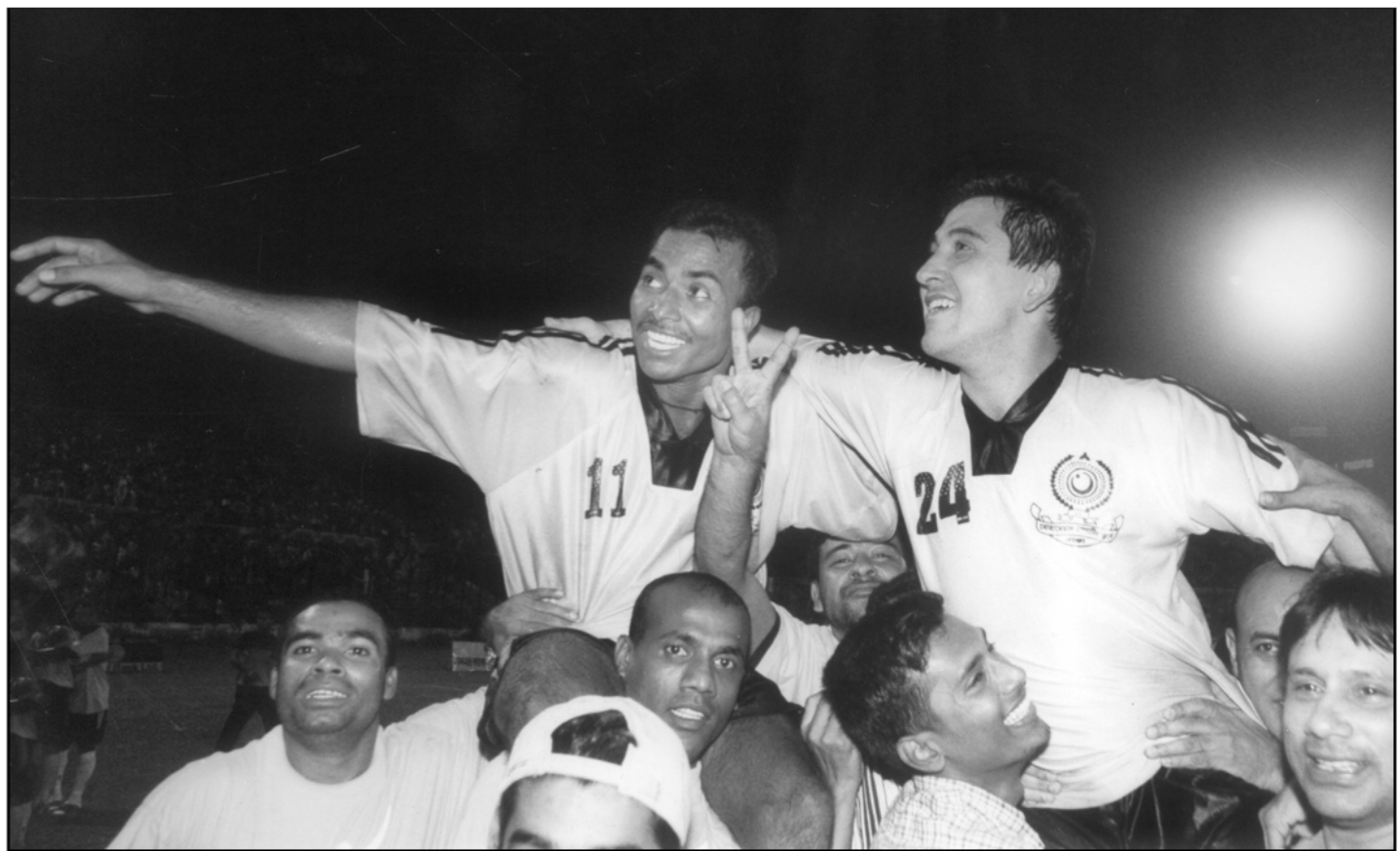
Colly, the top scorer with 12 goals, was hardly allowed any space to operate after Mohammedan reserved special marking for the tall Nigerian marksman who had tormented them with two goals in the previous meeting.

Colly was the villain in the high voltage encounter when he wasted their only chance 30 minutes after the break. The giant attacker slipped past his marker with his trademark sudden burst of speed but drove straight to a helpless Nizam, much to the disbelief of his teammates.

"We made two mistakes in the match. Firstly, Colly shot the ball straight to the Mohammedan keeper which was the most difficult thing to do. Secondly, Apel should have cleared the ball before Turabekov could reach it," said a dejected Abahani's Russian coach Anatoly Vladimirc.

The Russian admitted that his team was tired since they had to play two big matches in 48 hours. Abahani defeated Muktiyoddha 5-4 in a shootout on Tuesday.

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THE NIGHT IS BLACK & WHITE: Mohammedan's hero of the night Uzbek striker Turabekov (R) and Kanchan enjoy a ride on the shoulders of fans and club mates after the National Bank Premier Division League Championship was won yesterday.

Windies lose Lara

ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY SRI LANKA 2002

REUTERS, Colombo

Brian Lara will miss the forthcoming tour of India through illness, West Indies team manager Kirti Skerritt has said.

But in a statement to media he refused to reveal what is wrong with the top batsman who was taken to hospital two days ago when suspected hepatitis was the initial diagnosis.

"Brian has been advised by medical specialists in Colombo that he will miss the West Indies immediate cricketing commitments," said Skerritt.

"That will rule him out of the Indian tour and I have advised the West Indies selectors that a replacement will be needed for that tour."

The statement ended: "Out of respect for Brian's privacy, the West Indies team manager will make no further public comment on this matter."

The tour of India starts on October 4 and includes three tests and seven one-day internationals.

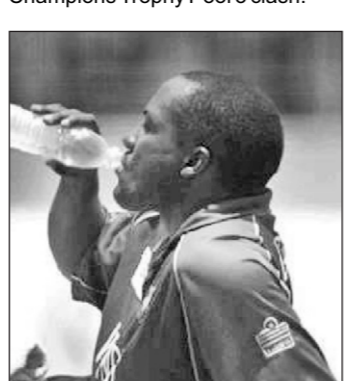
Speaking after the release of the

statement, Skerritt said he was unable to say what was wrong with Lara.

"If I could say that, I would have put it in the statement," he told Reuters.

Skerritt did confirm Lara was still in hospital in Colombo, but could not say when he would be released, or when he would return home.

Lara was admitted on Tuesday after he scored 111 in the West Indies 29-run win over Kenya in the Champions Trophy Pool 3 clash.



BRIAN LARA

Skerritt said then that Lara's symptoms included discoloured

eyes, weakness and dehydration. A statement released the same day said the left-hander was suffering from suspected hepatitis.

"The process of choosing a replacement has begun," said Skerritt on Thursday. "The selectors here in Sri Lanka and back home are in contact, but I would expect any announcement would be made by the West Indies Cricket Board back home."

It is likely that an opening batsman will replace Lara. Candidates include Darren Ganga, Devon Smith and Leon Garrick. Fast bowlers Cameron Cuffy, Jermaine Lawson and Darren Powell, and off-spinning all-rounders Marlon Samuels and Gareth Breeze will arrive in Sri Lanka on September 25 to bolster the squad ahead of the Indian Test series that begins on October 9.

Vasbert Drakes and Corey Collymore will leave the one-day squad, while Runako Morton has already returned home following a family bereavement.

The West Indies will be eliminated from the Champions Trophy if, as expected, South Africa beat Kenya in the final match in Pool 3 on Friday.

AUSSIE-B'DESH SCOREBOARD

AFP, Colombo

Complete scoreboard of the ICC Champion Trophy one-day cricket match between Australia and Bangladesh at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground in Colombo on Thursday:

BANGLADESH			
Omar c Lee b McGrath	4		
Al Shahrir lbw b Gillespie	0		
Bashar c Gilchrist b Gillespie	0		
Mazharul c Gilchrist b Gillespie	3		
Imran c Bevan b Lee	27		
Masud b Warner	22		
Kapali b Lee	45		
Mahmud lbw Watson	9		
Rafique run out	5		
Baisya not out	2		
Monjurul lbw Watson	0		
Extras: (b-5, lb-1, nb-5, w-1)	12		
Total: (All out in 45.2 overs)	129		
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-0, 3-10, 4-13, 5-49, 6-85, 7-118, 8-126, 9-128			
Bowler			
McGrath	8	3	17
Gillespie	10	1	20
Lee	7	0	23
Warne	10	2	33
Lehmann	8	0	23
Watson	2.2	0	7
AUSTRALIA			
Gilchrist lbw b Rafique	54		
Hayden not out	67		
Ponting not out	9		
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-1)	3		
Total: (For 1 wkt in 20.4 overs)	133		
Fall of wicket: 1-113			
Bowler			
Monjurul	6	0	35
Baisya	5	0	27
Rafique	5	0	32
Mahmud	4	0	34
Mazhar	0.4	0	4
Result: Australia win by nine wickets.			

Man-of-the-match: Jason Gillespie.
TROPHY TABLE
First round standings after Thursday's match (played, won, lost, tied/no result, points):

GROUP A	2	2	0	0	8
Australia	2	2	0	0	8
N Zealand	1	0	1	0	0
Bangladesh	1	0	1	0	0
GROUP B	1	1	0	0	4
England	1	1	0	0	4
India	1	1	0	0	4
Zimbabwe	2	0	2	0	0
GROUP C	1	1	0	0	4
S Africa	1	1	0	0	4
W Indies	2	1	1	0	4
Kenya	1	0	1	0	0
GROUP D	2	2	0	0	8
S Lanka	2	2	0	0	8
Pakistan	1	0	1	0	0
Holland	1	0	1	0	0
Australia and Sri Lanka have so far qualified for the semifinals.					

Booters leave for Bangkok today

UNB, Dhaka

The Asian Games-bound Bangladesh football team leaves for Bangkok today to play a warm-up match without having preparations at home.

"I'm not interested to take part in the competition under such a situation where preparation is nil," team manager Kazi Yusha Mishu told newsmen at a press briefing at the BFF conference room on Thursday.

The Bangladesh under-23 team, led by the country's premier striker Alfaz Ahmed, will play a practice match in Thailand on September 22, but their opponents are yet unknown.

The team then flies to Busan, South Korea on September 24 to take part in the Asian Games football

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Inside Africa

ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY SRI LANKA 2002

REUTERS, Colombo

South Africa captain Shaun Pollock wants his players to ensure a smooth passage into the Champions Trophy semifinals with a comfortable victory over Kenya.

"It is important to get out there and play well from a confidence point of view," Pollock said as his team prepared for the Pool 3 clash on Friday.

A victory would lift South Africa into a last-four meeting with India or England, who clash on Sunday to decide who tops Pool 2.

South Africa scored a nail-biting two-wicket win over West Indies on Friday, clinching victory on the last ball.

They were a tough fortunate as West Indies fast bowler Mervyn Dillon bowled a wide off the last ball with two runs needed and the batsmen tied the scores by running a bye as well.

Number 10 batsman Alan Dawson then hit a four off the final delivery.

Pollock said South Africa would prefer to maintain a firm grip on the game against the Kenyans.

"At one stage we were fighting

against odds (against West Indies). Our attitude as South African team is to try and be on top and dominate."

All-rounder Nicky Boje will miss the game to recover from a hairline fracture he suffered on his right ring finger attempting a return catch off West Indies skipper Carl Hooper.

Also doubtful are batsman Jonty Rhodes, yet to fully recover from a hand injury he suffered during a one-day series in Morocco last month, and fast bowler Allan Donald, who may be rested.

Fast bowler Makhaya Ntini, batsman Justin Ontong and Dale Benkenstein will come in if the trio do not play.

Kenya pushed West Indies before losing by 29 runs on Tuesday in another display of the talent in their ranks.

"They came pretty close to the West Indies score. They definitely can't be taken lightly," Pollock said.

The South African skipper said Kenya were the best among the inexperienced sides in the prestigious 12-nation event, ahead of new test entrants Bangladesh and ICC trophy winners the Netherlands.

"Kenya is the best of all the non-test playing nations, no doubt. Some might argue they are even better than Bangladesh."

Kenya coach Sandeep Patil said

his team would have to bat to their full potential and not drop catches as they did against West Indies if they are to have a chance against South Africa.

The Kenyan fielders dropped three catches off Brian Lara alone, enabling the left-hander to produce a match-winning 111.

Patil, the former India Test batsman, said batting would be the key. "We have a decent bowling attack, but unless we put runs on the board...at our level it is difficult to set any target, we have to bat safely to ensure a good total," he said.

TEAMS
SOUTH AFRICA (likely): Shaun Pollock (captain), Herschelle Gibbs, Graeme Smith, Jacques Kallis, Boeta Dippenaar, Mark Boucher, Dale Benkenstein, Lance Klusener, Justin Ontong, Alan Dawson, Makhaya Ntini.

KENYA (from): Steve Tikolo (captain), Kennedy Otieno, Ravindu Shah, Brijal Patel, Maurice Oduya, Thomas Odoyo, David Obuya, Collins Obuya, Tony Suji, Martin Suji, Joseph Angara, Jimmy Kamande, Hitesh Modi.

Impres: Daryl Harper and Srinivas Venkatraghavan

Third umpire: David Shepherd

Match referee: Gundappa Viswanath

Nasser targets India

ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY SRI LANKA 2002

REUTERS, Colombo

England captain Nasser Hussain praised his side's emphatic Champions Trophy victory over Zimbabwe and believes a similar performance against India could book a semifinal place.

"I am pleased, it was a very professional performance," he told reporters after the 108-run

victory.

Hussain said: "First up in these (hot) conditions to go and play so well...If we play like that again we've got a good chance against India."

Hussain said the heat, coming from a cool English summer, made it tough for both batsmen and the fielders.

"We were probably 20 runs short through fatigue in the batting. We may have to make that up against India."

"Usually at some stage the opposition will have the upper hand over you, but there were not that many times in the game."

Hussain also said the form of his batsmen was a good sign as he looks ahead to the Ashes tour in Australia.

"It's nice, hopefully the Australians and everyone back in the hotel will be talking about Trescothick's innings and (Michael) Vaughan's in the summer," Hussain said.

"It is nice the English batsmen are being talked about for a period, it's been a long time since they were."

Trescothick has been in superb form like fellow opener Vaughan, who hit four hundreds in seven home tests against Sri Lanka and India, missing out on the Colombo trip due to injury.

Man-of-the-match Trescothick was happy with his continued rich batting form despite a broken finger forcing him out of the first three tests against India.

"When I came back and started practicing, I felt like I hadn't actually been away," he said. "I didn't worry too much, the form I was in."

Zimbabwe skipper Heath Streak said his bowlers should have contained England to around 260.

"Trescothick had a superb innings," he said. "We always knew the key partnership to break would be the opening partnership."

"We got Knight early but unfortunately we couldn't get Trescothick."



Australia fast bowler Jason Gillespie is about to unleash yet another deadly delivery against Bangladesh in the ICC Champions Trophy yesterday.



Indian cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya (C) is accompanied by National Congress leader Sharad Pawar (L) and former Assam chief minister Prafulla Mahanta before the start of BCCI's AGM in Calcutta yesterday. Dalmiya was reelected as BCCI president.

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