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Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
Cricket Programming
Legends of Cricket
Taped Version at 9:00 pm

STAR Sports

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Third Test, Day Four
Highlights
Repeat at 11:00 am
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
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- Who won the Kremlin Cup tennis title?
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- In which event did Bangladesh win silver medal in the 14th Asian Games?
Kabaddi | Hockey | Shooting
- Who is Asia's fastest woman?
Jayasinghe | Netalya | Darsha
- How many Test matches will West Indies play against Bangladesh in November-December?
Two | Three | Four
- How many goals did Ronaldo score on his Real Madrid debut?
One | Two | Three

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18th Federation Cup Football Tournament
Mohammedan SC v Bangladesh Air Force (4pm)
Badda Jagarani v Rahmatganj (6pm)
(Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium)
Dhanmondi Club v Sheikh Russel KC (3pm)
Venue: Army Stadium.

Kottan's days numbered?

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

George Kottan's days with Bangladesh football appears to be numbered as his sponsor Asian Football Confederation is said to be all set to stop the project he has been working under.

The AFC is paying the salary of the Austro-Hungarian coach of Bangladesh under its "Development 26" programme for this continent, but has reportedly decided to stop three-year project ahead of the schedule.

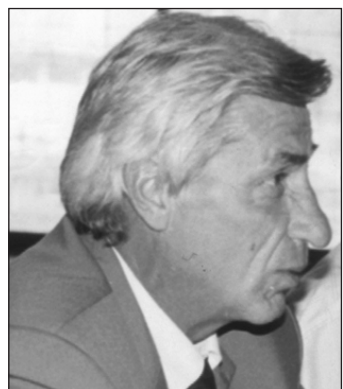
"What I know is that the AFC is going to discontinue this project and introduce a far bigger project from 2004," said Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president SA Sultan yesterday.

Under the "Development 26", AFC has been helping 26 Asian countries with national coaches and funds for other development programmes for the last two years.

Kottan joined BFF as national

coach in October 2000 and his three-year contract is scheduled to end on October 2003.

"I think, AFC will make a formal announcement in this regard by December," said Sultan.



GEORGE KOTTAN

If that happens there will be an interim period of one year or so for which Bangladesh might not have any AFC-funded coach. Considering the ongoing hate-Kottan

campaign by some unscrupulous federation officials, it is unlikely for the dedicated coach to stay in the job when no AFC money will be flowing in.

"We will have to take a decision then whether we should keep him in the job by paying his salary from our own pocket. And the federation only can decide about this," said Sultan.

"We will start our national team camp for the SAFF Championship from the first week of November and he will continue as the coach. If AFC says in December that they would not pay Kottan's salary anymore, we will only then think about it."

Kottan fell from the grace of some federation officials when he openly criticised the BFF for sending the national team to 14th Asian Games in Busan without a single day's practice.

Bangladesh team went to Busan without any preparation late last month and conceded nine goals in three matches. Of them, 0-3 drubbing against India would haunt football lovers for years.

BD in Lanka Rain saves U-17s

UNB, Dhaka

The Bangladesh under-17 cricket team drew their rain-affected three-day match against hosts Sri Lanka at the Rangini Dambulla ground in Colombo on Monday.

Resuming at their overnight 22-0, the tourists were dismissed for 122 in 69.2 overs on the third and final day conceding a 107-run deficit. But after that play could not progress any further because of rain.

Opener Pavel, resuming on 16, hammered 40 off 114 balls with the help of five boundaries while Naem Islam scored 22.

Pollock back for 2nd Test

AFP, Johannesburg

Regular South African captain Shaun Pollock returns to the team for the second and final Test against Bangladesh which starts in Potchefstroom Friday.

Pollock missed South Africa's win by an innings and 107 runs in the first Test which ended in East London Monday because of a strained ligament behind his left knee. He was named Tuesday in a 12-man squad together with the 11 men who played in East London.

Pollock's return could mean the axing of opening bowler David Terbrugge, who had career-best figures of five for 46 in Bangladesh's second innings in Potchefstroom.

Selection convenor Omar Henry dropped a broad hint that Terbrugge could be the man to make way for Pollock, even though strike bowler Mornantau Hayward had a disappointing match in East London.

"We have identified Hayward's shortcomings," said Henry, "and the coaches will be addressing these."

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Umps named for Challenge Trophy

BSS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Cricket Board on Monday announced the umpires' list for the Challenge Trophy.

The umpires are SB Chowdhury, Jahangir Alam, Mahbubur Rahman, Ziaul Islam, Mohammad Asghar, Showkotur Rahman and Akhter Uddin Shahin.

The triangular four-day tournament, also involving the national and the Board's development squad, begins on October 25 and continues until November 12.

Tolaram Dhaka Board cricket champs

BSS, Dhaka

Government Tolaram College of Narayanganj won the Dhaka Board Divisional Inter-College Cricket Championship defeating Rajbari Government College by 31 runs at the BAF Shaheen College ground on Monday.

Put into bat, Tolaram College were all out for 85 in 24.1 overs. Rajbari College made only 54 in 13.2 overs.

Tolaram College's Gopal Karmakar was declared the man-of-the-match after capturing five for 10.

Lipton Nat'l Bridge starts tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

The Lipton National Pair Bridge Championship begins at the Hotel Rajmoni Isha Khan in the city tomorrow.

The Bangladesh Bridge Federation has organised the two-day event.

BKSP re-union on November 1

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The first re-union of the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) Alumni Association (AAB) will be celebrated at the BKSP campus on Friday, November 1 from 8am to 6pm. All former students, teachers, coaches and officers of BKSP are being invited to attend the re-union, says a press release.

Interested persons are requested to contact convenor of the Re-union 2002 Celebration Committee Tushar Kanti Howlader at the following telephone numbers for details at least two days before the programme: Mobile 017845018, 017133184; BKSP 7701215-6.

MSC's mission treble

Fed Cup rolls into action today

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club launch their bid to complete a unique 'treble' when they meet Bangladesh Air Force in their opening Group A match of the Federation Cup. The 18th edition kicks off at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur this afternoon.

The crowd-pulling Motijheel

club, who only last month won their 12th Premier Division League title to add to their impressive array of silverware that includes the National League, start as the overwhelming tournament favourites to earn a place in the November 3 final.

After negotiating the preliminary group stage, which also features Rahmatganj MFS and Badda Jagarani, the black and whites could be faced with a relatively easy semifinal against either Arambagh or Bangladesh Army.

On the other hand, the other semifinal is likely to be keenly fought between Abahani and Muktiyoddha Sangsad who have placed in Group B and C respectively.

Both games are billed for November 1.

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Redwan Ahmed will inaugurate the Muktiyoddha Sangsad sponsored 16-team tournament as the chief guest.

Apart from the MSC-BAF match, there are two more fixtures on the inaugural day.

At the same venue Badda battle Rahmatganj at 6 pm while away at the Army Stadium it's Dhanmondi Club against Sheikh Russel KC in a Group D game at 3 pm.

On the eve of the tournament a press conference was held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium conference room yesterday. It was presided over by Bangladesh Football Federation president SA Sultan. Sultan told reporters that the BFF has estimated the cost of the tournament to be around Taka 16.5 lakh.

Muktiyoddha Sangsad, who at the last minute failed to lend their name to the traditional meet, agreed to pay five lakh taka. The rest of the amount will come from the domestic body's coffers and shared by the

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Bangladesh Football Federation president S A Sultan addressing a press conference yesterday.

Trouble Terbrugge

Cricket

AFP, East London

South African opening bowler David Terbrugge sent Bangladesh crashing to defeat by an innings and 107 runs on the fourth day of the first Test at Buffalo Park here on Monday.

Terbrugge dismissed both Bangladesh's overnight batsmen in the first two overs of the day. He went

14 matches since they were granted Test status in 2000.

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud said he was happy with the improvement

shown by the inexperienced tourists against the world's second-ranked Test side. The second innings total as Bangladesh's best in 13 Test innings.

"We are improving day by day," said Mashud. He defended the decision of his country's cricket board

play for 10 or 12 years. If they play for a long time they can improve a lot. We are thinking about the future."

South African captain Mark Boucher said his players had "stuck to their guns" in extremely difficult conditions Sunday, when the bowlers struggled to maintain their rhythm in a strong wind. "It was hard work but there was no lack of effort," he said.

Boucher said he was not concerned about catching lapses by the South Africans, who put down five chances during the match, four of which were in the slip and gully cordon.

"The guys have been catching well. We will obviously work hard to make sure it doesn't happen again but slip catching tends to be difficult at this ground because of the nature of the ball, the edges tend to come through low or fly high."

Terbrugge ensured an early finish Monday when he dismissed Alok Kapali and Mashud with his first 12 deliveries of the day.

Mashud and Kapali had defied the South African bowlers for the last 88 minutes of Sunday's play when Bangladesh reached 209 for five.

But Kapali was out to the fifth ball of the morning when he went back on his stumps and was lbw for 10.

The new ball was due after two overs and was taken immediately. With his sixth delivery with the new ball Terbrugge had Mashud lbw for a gritty 33, made in 105 minutes off 156 balls.

The tail-enders went for their shots, with Mohammad Rafique hitting a quick 19 before he swung across the line and was bowled by Terbrugge.

Terbrugge completed his first five-wicket haul in Tests when Tapash Baisya hit a slower ball to cover. Terbrugge's previous best was three for 27 against the West Indies

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Bangladesh's Mohammad Rafique defends on the back-foot during the fourth day's play of the first Test against South Africa at East London on Monday.

on to take career-best figures of five for 46. Bangladesh were bowled out for 252, losing their last five wickets for 42 runs in 50 minutes.

It was Bangladesh's 13th defeat in

to pick a young side and to leave out experienced players like Akram Khan, Aminul Islam and Enamul Hoque.

"If we pick young players they can

McGrath milestone

Cricket

AFP, Sharjah

Australia's premier fast bowler Glenn McGrath claimed his 400th wicket on the third day of the final cricket Test against Pakistan here on Monday.

McGrath, playing his 87th Test, is only the second Australian after Warne and the eighth in the history of the game to join the elite 400-wicket club.

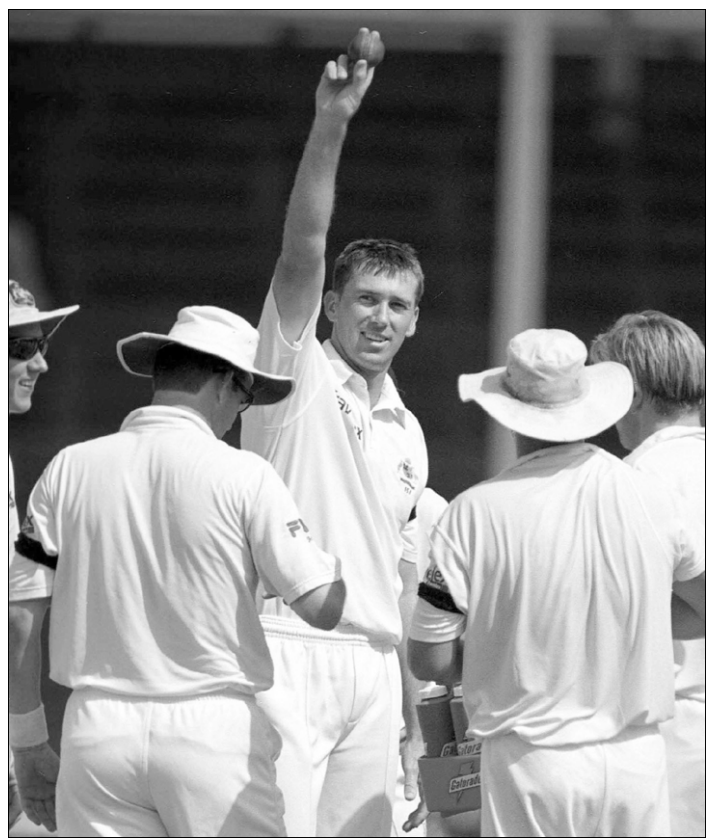
West Indian Courtney Walsh leads the coveted pack with 519 wickets, followed by Warne (474), Kapil Dev of India (434), Richard Hadlee of New Zealand (431), Muttiah Muralitharan of Sri Lanka (430), Wasim Akram of Pakistan (414), Curtly Ambrose of the West Indies (405) and McGrath (400).

McGrath came on first change after the overnight pair of Hasan Raza and Saqlain Mushtaq dug in to lift Sunday's score of 163-6 to 191.

The lanky paceman struck with his second delivery when he uprooted Saqlain's off-stump as the batsman attempted a wild heave.

McGrath then trapped Pakistani captain Waqar Younis leg-before to achieve the 400-wicket milestone.

Warne claimed Mohammad Sami leg-before and had last man Danish Kaneria stumped to terminate the innings with his 23rd five-wicket haul in Tests.



Welcome to the 400-club: Australia's Glenn McGrath salutes the crowd after taking his 400th Test wicket.

Scans at the hospital revealed no serious injury.

Lee	18	5	44	0
Bichel	11.2	3	43	3
Warne	21	3	56	3
MWaugh	10	3	33	0

Australia captain Steve Waugh holds the Test series trophy after defeating Pakistan in the third and final match in Sharjah yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Result: Australia won by an innings and 20 runs to sweep series 3-0.

Man-of-the-match: Shane Warne.
Man-of-the-series: Shane Warne.
Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Srinivas Venkataraghavan (India).

SCOREBOARD
Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the third cricket Test between Australia and Pakistan at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium on Tuesday:
AUSTRALIA: First innings 444 (M Hayden 89, R Ponting 150, S Waugh 103 not out; W Younis 4-55, S Mushtaq 2-159, D Kaneria 3-128)
PAKISTAN: First innings 221 (H