



Did U Know?

Mario Zagallo managed Brazil to their 1970 triumph and with that he became the first man to play in and then manage a World Cup winning team. He was a member of the Brazilian sides that won the trophy in 1958 and 1962. Later Franz Beckenbauer emulated that feat.



What to Watch

ESPN
UEFA Champions League
Olympiakos Piraeus vs Man United
Repeat at 11:30 am
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 5:30 pm
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
Cricket Programming
Legends of Cricket
Taped Version at 9:00 pm
STAR Sports
Sportline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
England vs Australia
NatWest Series
Ninth ODI, Highlights
Repeat at 9:30 pm



Talk Turkey



Glenn McGrath
(Ace Australia fast bowler)
"He's obviously their form player if you look at the last season. But he hasn't really got the form on the board against Australia, so we'll see how he goes."
While targeting England's Michael Vaughan for the coming Ashes series as his prize scalp.

Star Whizz Kid

COMPETITION 182
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1. Who won the Kremlin Cup tennis title?
Maleeva Davenport Kournikova

2. In which event did Bangladesh win silver medal in the 14th Asian Games?
Kabaddi Hockey Shooting

3. Who is Asia's fastest woman?
Jayasinghe Netalya Darsha

4. How many Test matches will West Indies play against Bangladesh in November-December?
Two Three Four

5. How many goals did Ronaldo score on his Real Madrid debut?
One Two Three

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Ulka upend Abahani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna
Ulka Club recorded an upset 4-3 goal tie-breaker win over Abahani Krira Chakra in the Meghna Cement Senior Division Football League at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

The game went into tie-breaker after regulation 90 minutes' play had ended 2-2.
In today's match, Young Boys Club face Town Club at the same venue.

Challenge Trophy from today

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The newly formed senior selection committee did not face much trouble yesterday to name a 15-man Bangladesh A team for the Challenge Trophy which begins in the city today.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is holding the three-team tournament, also involving the national team and the BCB Development squad, in a bid to finalise squad for the home series against West Indies next month.

Cricket academy to see light on November 1

UNB, Dhaka

A cricket academy, set up by two former cricketers with a vision to develop the game from the grassroots level by hunting talents, will go into operation from November 1 at the Abahani ground at Dhanmondi.

Minhazul Abedin, who is eyeing his Test debut when West Indies come here next month, and Shahidul Alam Ratan have set up the academy.

"We have a plan to involve as many current and former national players as possible with the academy so that they can help the game flourish in the country," said Minhaz at a press briefing yesterday at the office of Bangladesh Sports Writers' Association.

Minhaz, a former national skipper, said they were just going to formally launch the academy at the moment. But it would get its real shape in February next year.

He appealed to prospective sponsors to come forward so that institution could run properly.

The academy is offering a long-term cricket coaching for the 7-19 age group for boys and under-15 for girls.

"Our aim is to hunt talents from all over the country, but initially

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In the opening four-day match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (DCS), the A team will take on the development squad.

Three teams will face each other in the robin league from where top two side will qualify for the final at the BKSP, starting from November 12.

Eighteen cricketers were called up for the primary camp of A team at the BKSP that ran from October 17 to 23. Though Board initially asked 17 players to attend the camp, but middle order batsman Hasanuzzaman joined them later.

Of them, off-spinner Sabir Khan and leg-spinner Mosaddek Hossain

were not considered for their injuries, and right-arm seamer Shafiqul Islam failed to convince the selectors.

Former national captain Aminul Islam will lead the side that also includes three other former captains in Minhazul Abedin, Akram Khan and Naimur Rahman.

TEAMS

A TEAM: Aminul Islam (captain), Akram Khan, Naimur Rahman, Minhazul Abedin, Enamul Hoque, Mohammad Ashraf, Mazharul Haque, Ehsanul Haque, Hasanuzzaman, Mehrab Hossain.
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Nine sports venues get back their old names

SHAHIDUL ISLAM, Chittagong

The government has recently changed the name of nine sports venues across the country.

Eight stadiums and one women sports complex have been renamed and given back their old names, revealed a director of the National Sports Council yesterday. The nine sports venues are among the 20 stadiums whose previous names were changed during the tenure of the Awami League government.

The changes came following a government circular issued on October 8.

A decision in this regard was taken at the 18th council session of National Sports Council (NSC) on July 19 that was okayed at a meeting of the executive committee of the NSC on September 28, sources said.

The nine sports venues rechristened by the BNP-led government are-- Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Mohila Krira Complex (now Dhanmondi Mohila Krira Complex), Abdur Rab Serniath Stadium in Barishal (now Barishal Jila Stadium), Syed Nazrul Islam Stadium in Kishoregonj (now Kishoregonj Jila Stadium), Moslehuddin Bhuiyan Stadium in

Narsinghdi (now Narsinghdi Jila Stadium), Shah Abdul Hamid Stadium in Gaibandha (now Gaibandha Jila Stadium), Bir Muktijoddha Serajul Islam Stadium in Panchagar (now Panchagar Jila Stadium), Sheikh Kamal Stadium in Gopalganj (now Gopalganj Jila Stadium), Khan Saheb Osman Ali Stadium in Narayanganj (now Narayanganj MAG Osmani Stadium) and Shahid Abdus Salam Stadium in Feni (now Feni Jila Stadium).

The AL government changed 20 out of 65 stadiums in the country on November 19, 2000. No move was however made to change names of the remaining 11 stadiums, including two in Chittagong, sources said.

The unchanged 11 stadiums are Bangabandhu National Stadium, Sher-e-Bangla Stadium, Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium, Shahid Suhrawarde Indoor Stadium, MA Aziz Stadium (Chittagong), Jahur Ahmad Chowdhury Stadium (Chittagong), Sheikh Abu Naser Stadium (Khulna), Shahid Kamruzzaman Stadium (Rajshahi), Shahid Muktijoddha Smriti Stadium (Sherpur), Bir Shreshtha Hamidur Rahman Stadium (Jhenidah) and Bir Shreshtha Noor Mohammad Stadium (Narail).

AFC U-14 meet in Kathmandu in December

UNB, Dhaka

The AFC Under-14 football festival will be held in the Nepalese capital of Kathmandu over December 20-28.

Six South Asian nations -- Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka -- will compete in a league-basis tournament to mark the occasion.

Bangladesh's matches are against India on December 20, Bhutan on December 22, Nepal on 24, Sri Lanka on 26 and Maldives on 28.

First Div h'ball from tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The first ever Bata Metropolis First Division Handball League, organised by Bangladesh Handball Federation, begins in the city tomorrow at the court of the Outer Stadium.

In the opening match, Victoria Sporting Club will face Mansoor Sporting Club.

A total of seven teams -- Victoria SC, Satirha SC, Prime SC, Dhanmondi Club, Surjodoy KC, Mansoor SC and Bhatritta Sangha -- are taking part in the league. The champions and runners-up will earn promotion to play in the Premier Division League.

Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury is expected to inaugurate the meet.

White going down under

AFP, Perth

England's injury-ravaged cricket squad will be bolstered by Yorkshire all-rounder Craig White, who will provide cover for the out-of-action Andrew Flintoff, England coach Duncan Fletcher said here Thursday.

White, 32, who has been playing grade cricket in Australia, will fly from Adelaide to Perth Friday, Fletcher said.

He will be available for England's three-day match against Western Australia, starting at the WACA Ground here Monday.

White's call-up comes 24 hours after it was announced that Flintoff would fly to Adelaide Thursday for intensive treatment on a groin injury.

Flintoff has not yet regained full fitness after having a hernia operation seven weeks ago.

Fletcher said: "Craig performed well against India in England this summer and is now fully recovered from his injury problems."

"He will provide us with cover in the all-rounder position until Andrew is able to return."

White made an unbeaten 94 in the second Test against India at Trent Bridge before being ruled out of the rest of the series with a side injury.

India has new cricket venue

REUTERS, New Delhi

The southern city of Vijayawada has become India's latest venue for international cricket after being chosen to host the seventh and final one-day international against West Indies next month.

The Andhra Pradesh city will stage the November 24 match initially set for Visakhapatnam, the Indian board's executive secretary Sharad Diwadkar said on Thursday.

The ICC gave its approval for the switch to Vijayawada after an inspection by South Africa's Mike Procter, who will be the ICC's match referee for the one-day series.

REVISED SCHEDULE

Nov 6: Jamshedpur
Nov 9: Nagpur
Nov 12: Rajkot
Nov 15: Ahmedabad (D/N)
Nov 18: Baroda
Nov 21: Jodhpur
Nov 24: Vijayawada



18th Federation Cup Football Tournament

Arambagh KS v Bangladesh Army (3 pm)
Mohammedan SC v Rahmatganj MFS (5 pm)
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.
Victoria SC v Dhaka Wanderers Club (3 pm)
Venue: Army Stadium.



HOW ARE YOU DOING THESE DAYS? National football coach George Kottan (L) and national goalkeeper Aminul Haque have a chat during the Muktijoddha Sangsad Federation Cup fixture between Abahani and Bangladesh Rifles at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday. Aminul has been out of the national side for nearly a year due to a leg injury.

Abahani shoot Rifles

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Liton and Bulbul completed hat-trick each as aspirants Abahani Krira Chakra got off to flying start in the 18th Federation Cup football tournament with a 7-0 demolition of Bangladesh Rifles in their Group B opener at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday night.

The winners led the first half 4-0. After Ghanaian defender Charles Ghansha Benin gave Abahani an early lead with a header it was Liton wrapped up the first half with three goals in a row.

His first goal came from a penalty in the 11th minute and the second from a goal mouth melee two minutes later. Liton then completed his treble converting another spot-kick at the stroke of the breather.

Buoyed by Liton's performance, Bulbul seized the second session show and eventually clinched the fourth hat-trick of the two-day old meet.

Bulbul scored from a Mintu pass in the 57th minute and an Iqbal pass in the 62nd minute. He then made it 7-0 in the 83rd minute after being nicely fed by Khokkon.

MUKTIJODDHA-1, NAVY-0

Earlier, a first half goal from midfielder Rakib Hossain helped giants Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra edge past an impressive Bangladesh Navy team with a solitary goal win in a Group C clash.

Rakib, the former national booter, scored the match winner from a long shot from the right wing that deflected home after kissing the feet of a Navy defender Kamal.

Apart from the goal, Navy gave their more illustrious opponents a good run for their money and came close to scoring many times against the all-reds.

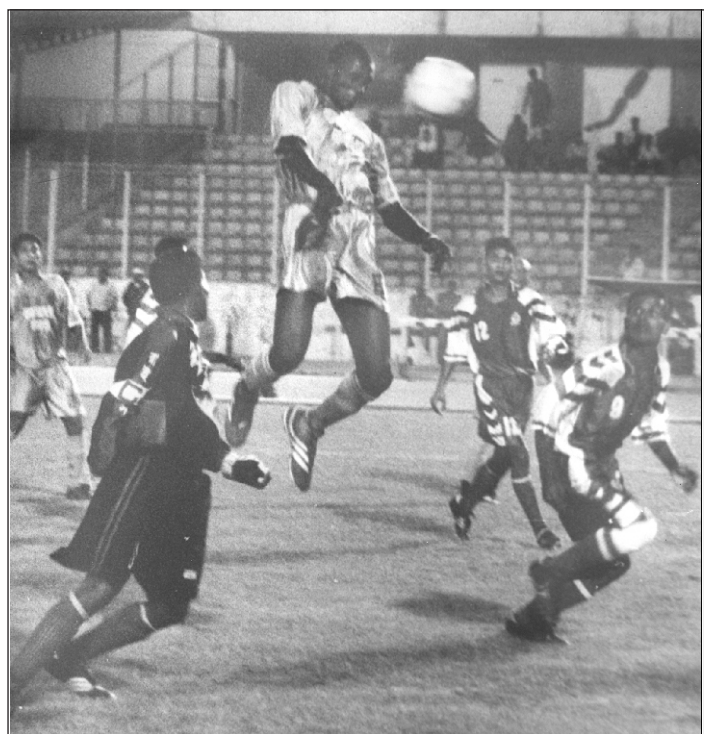
But it was mainly because of their inexperience they could not walk away with a deserving victory. On the other hand, Muktijoddhas were totally out of sorts and never got any chance to double the margin.

FARASHGANJ-3.

BROTHERS UNION-0

In the day's other match of Group C at the Army Stadium, Farashganj Sporting Club blanked Brothers Union by 3-0.

The winners led the first period 1-0. Walid scored twice in the 24th minute and the 70th minute. Sujon chipped in with the other goal in the 47th minute.



An airborne Ghansha of Abahani heads in his only goal against Bangladesh Rifles.

Spirited Aussies home

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Sydney

Australia's cricketers have returned home in upbeat mood following their 3-0 test series whitewash over Pakistan and brimful of confidence ahead of their home Ashes series against England.

Australia have won the last seven series against England and are red-hot favourites to make it eight in a row, especially as their opponents have begun their three-month tour in faltering fashion.

England crashed to a 58-run loss to an Australian invitational side in their opening match on Tuesday but Australia's cricketers have been careful not to underestimate them during the five Ashes tests.

"It's another challenge for us to keep up and maintain our standards, so I'm expecting a really tough series," Australia vice-captain

Adam Gilchrist told reporters after his arrival in Perth.

"I haven't seen these new (England) pace bowlers that they've got but obviously they're going to try and fight fire with fire, and that's going to make for exciting cricket."

Ricky Ponting has warned Australia not to expect England to be an Ashes pushover after their dismal performance in the opening game this week.

Australia's one-day captain, Ponting said England were a more settled team than the one that toured here four years ago.

"I think they are a very good squad," said Ponting, who is in prime form after scoring two centuries against Pakistan.

"They are a lot more settled than they once were. They are a lot more together and have a settled batting line-up. Their fast bowlers have done a good job for them in the last couple of years."

"I wouldn't read too much into

their performance (against the Chairman's XI). I think they'll be cherry-ripe for the first test and we will have to play well to beat them."

Ponting refused to write off the tourists who, under the leadership of Nasser Hussain and coach Duncan Fletcher, have enjoyed four consecutive series victories in 2000-01 and have lost just two of their last 10 Tests.

Opener Justin Langer was also cautious about writing off England's chances but he expects Australia to win if they play to their best.

"They can talk it up as much as they like but we'll be going out and playing very hard cricket," Langer said.

"If we play at the intensity we played against Pakistan, we will always be very hard to beat."

Australian captain Steve Waugh was a notable absentee when his team returned to their various state capitals with a noticeable spring in their steps.

Gayle goes on a rampage

Cricket

AFP, Pune

Chris Gayle gave the West Indies something to cheer about ahead of the third and final Test against India as he slammed an impressive 154 in a warm-up match here on Thursday.

The 23-year-old Jamaican opener smashed two sixes and 23 fours in his 12th first-class hundred to help the West Indies post 297-2 on the opening day of a three-day game against national champions Indian Railways.

Left-handed Gayle put on 71 for the opening wicket with fellow-Jamaican Wavell Hinds (50) and

225 for the second with Darren Ganga (66 not out) before being bowled by seamer Harvinder Singh in the penultimate over of the day.

Solid half-centuries from left-handed Hinds and Ganga also augured well for the West Indies, who were let down by batting in their first two Tests against India.

Carl Hooper's West Indians have already lost a three-Test series against the hosts as they were beaten by an innings and 112 runs in the opening match at Bombay and then by eight wickets in the second at Madras.

The third and final Test starts at Calcutta on October 30.

The West Indies, hoping to avoid a clean sweep, gained valuable

batting practice after winning the toss on an easy-paced Nehru Stadium pitch.

Wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs led the team in the absence of Hooper, who was rested along with prolific batsman Shivnarine Chandernaul.

The tourists were off to a flying start as Gayle and Hinds made the Railways attack look mediocre despite having two bowlers with Test experience in left-arm spinner Murali Kartik and Harvinder.

The 26-year-old Hinds, who has scored just one half-century in four Test innings against India, was more aggressive than Gayle as he raced to his fifty off just 56 balls with the help of 11 fours.

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India cricket superstar Sachin Tendulkar takes part in a photo session before unveiling the TVS Cup in Bombay yesterday. India meet West Indies in the 7-match TVS Cup one-day international series that starts on November 6. Tendulkar is a brand ambassador of Indian motorcycle giants TVS Motor Company.