

Magura soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT
A H Khan Smriti Sangsad trounced Udayan Sporting Club 9-1 in the Econo First Division Football League match at the local stadium yesterday.

Koreans stun Germans

AFP, Perth
South Korea's women hockey players shrugged off a virus that has swept through their camp to send Germany crashing to a 3-1 World Cup defeat here Tuesday.



Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud leads his players into the hotel in Chittagong yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

Third ODI today

PCB to preserve Shoaib for WC



REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan's Shoaib Akhtar has been rested for the final three matches of the one-day international series in Zimbabwe. The third match is to be held today.

problem. "The problem is not a serious one, the team manager has informed us. But Akhtar is being rested for a few matches so that he can make a complete recovery,"



SHOAIB AKHTAR
PCB media manager Samiul Hasan said. Pakistan will also play five one-day internationals and two Tests in South Africa from December 2 before the World Cup.

"Akhtar is a key component in the team these days. And we expect him to play a influential role in the World Cup," Zia said. "Which is why he will be given rest between matches till the World Cup and the team management also agrees with this policy."

Brave Hayden

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Mark Waugh, Australia's third highest ever run scorer, despite the mountain of runs Lehmann was scoring at first-class level.



REUTERS/AFP, Perth

Paul Collingwood joined the England cricket team on Tuesday still none the wiser whether he'll play in the third Ashes Test starting on Friday.



PAUL COLLINGWOOD
Australia in October but no one was more surprised at Collingwood's call up than himself. Collingwood was on the way

Paul relishes the prospect

home from a meal in Melbourne Sunday night when he received a phone call telling him to join the England squad because of a hip injury to batsman John Crawley.

ACB officials

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Arafat Rahman. They discussed various aspects of the game in Bangladesh.

Security ICC's

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that might affect their safety." The British Foreign Office recommends that visitors to the country: "Exercise caution and seek up-to-date local advice."

CDBL golfers shine in Kolkata

SPORTS REPORTER

The CDBL (Bangladesh) team comprising Towhid Samad, Mujibur Rahman and Shawkat-uz Zaman finished runner-up in the Kolkata Invitational Golf Tournament at the Tollygunge Golf Club on November 10.

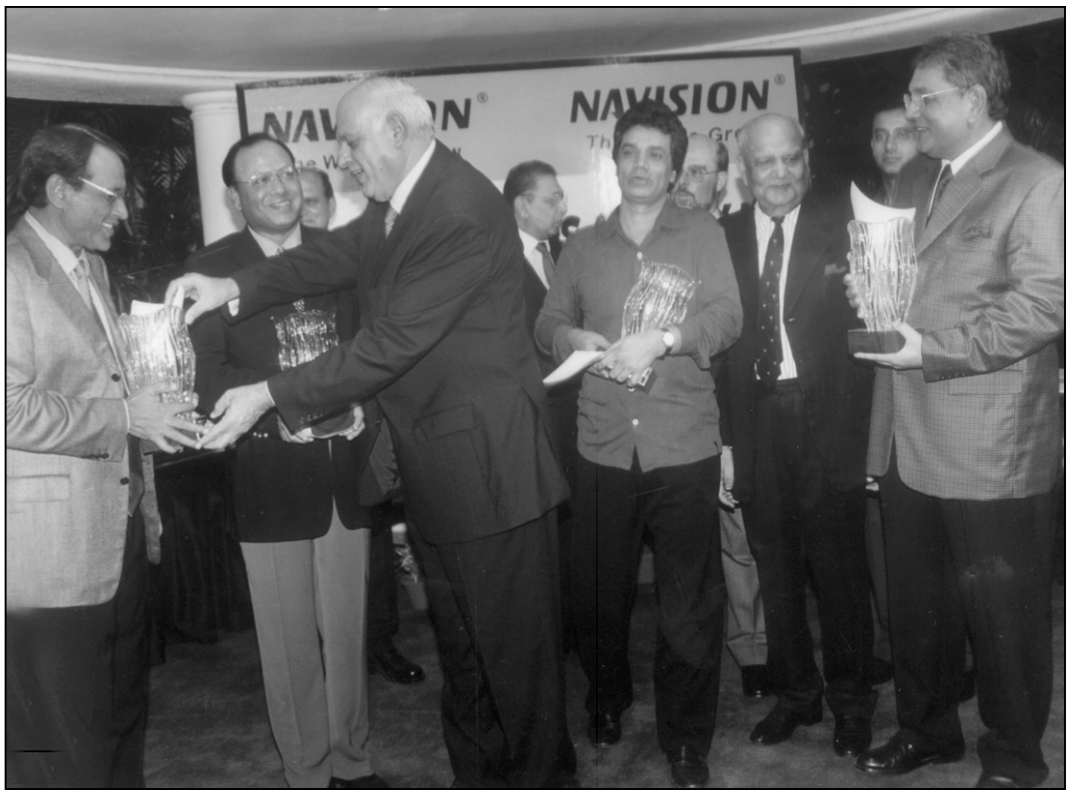


PHOTO: COURTESY
Legendary Kashmir figure Faruk Abdullah (3rd from L), hands over the runners-up trophy to MH Samad, the captain of the CDBL (Bangladesh).

Queensland quash WA

AFP, Brisbane

Champions Queensland cruised to a 10-wicket victory over Western Australia in their Sheffield Shield cricket match at the Gabba here on Tuesday.

Metro chess

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points each. On the other hand Amir Hossain, Nazrana Khan Iva, Hanif Mollah, Alamgir Hossain, Shamim Khan and Zahid Chowdhury shared third position with 5.5 points each.

WACA expects

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here two years ago. "With a rush of sales in recent weeks, prospects of record first, second and third day attendances are mounting," she said.

Russians don't bother



AFP, Paris

Russian Davis Cup duo Marat Safin and Yevgeny Kafelnikov said Tuesday it did not matter who France selected for their final here Friday to Sunday.

has little importance. No matter who they pick, they will get great support from the public and will no doubt play better than had it been in

just hope that it can continue this week," he said. Kafelnikov said that he felt the benefit of a week's training on the



MARAT SAFIN



YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV

Moscow," he said. Safin lost all three of his matches at the Masters finals in Shanghai earlier this month, but just prior to that he played his best tennis of the year in defeating world No 1 Lleyton Hewitt in straight sets in the final of the Paris Masters which was also held at Bercy, but this time on an artificial surface.

claycourts of Monte Carlo. Asked about reports that he would retire from competitive tennis should Russia win the Davis Cup for the first time, Kafelnikov was evasive. "As concerns any retirement decision, let's just win the cup and then we can talk about it again," he said.



PHOTO: AMIRAN HOSSAIN
SECRET OF CHANDERPAUL'S SUCCESS! West Indies batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul chats with his wife Amy at the VIP lounge of the Zia International Airport yesterday.

Li saves China



AFP, Debrecen

The heroics of Olympic champion Li Xiao-Peng saved the day for favourites China at the world artistic gymnastics championships which ended Sunday.

despite leading the qualifiers, but and Alexei Bondarenko fared no better. On the women's side Russian star Svetlana Khorkina seems to be having an identity crisis.

Ashley Postell, also 16, ended the Romanian reign on the balance beam, as did Elena Gomez on the floor routine on her way to Spain's first world gold medal in women's gymnastics.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 21 mins and a cryptogram section.

Cryptogram puzzle grid with numbers 1-30 and letters. Includes the word 'CRYPTOQUIP' and a clue: 'Today's Cryptogram Clue: J equals N'.

The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Booters' near

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He admitted that the players were unhappy about the decision but he added, "It was done for the best of their preparation."