



Did U Know?

The oldest Wimbledon tennis champion is Margaret DuPont of the USA. DuPont was 44 years 125 days old when she won the mixed doubles in 1962.



BTV

SAFF Championship
Afghanistan v Pakistan
Live at 3.45 pm
India v Sri Lanka
Live at 5.45 pm

ESPN

New Zealand vs India
Seventh ODI
Live at 7:00 am
Western Union World Football
Repeat at 4:30 pm
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm

STAR Sports
Australian Open
Men's/Women's First Rd
Live at 6:00 am
Asia Sport Show
Int'l Sports News
Repeat at 6:00 pm
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm



Nasser Hussain

(England cricket captain)
"The immediate future against
Australia is not great unless we
start turning things around."



Tick the correct answers,
The Post to
The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8
pm
Jan 24, 2003 and draw

1. How many teams will play in
next month's Cricket World
Cup?

16 12 14

2. Who won the Hopman Cup title?

Australia Russia America

3. How many Test centuries has
Steve Waugh scored?

34 31 29

4. Who became Tribal football
champions?

K'Chari My m e n s i n g h
Rangamati

5. Who won the man-of-the-match
award in the fifth and final Ashes

Name

Class

School Address

Phone: (If any)

Ctg football

CU CORRESPONDENT

Kwality Sports Club and Kollo Sangha won their CJKS Elite Paint Senior Division football league matches yesterday at the MA Aziz Stadium.

In the first match of the day, Kwality Sports defeated Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) 2-1.

Proshanta and Monir scored for the winners while Imrul reduced the margin for CPA.

Kollo Sangha needed a 4-3 tiebreak win to overcome Brothers Union after both sides finished goalless.



Nepal edge past Bhutan



SPORTS REPORTER

Nepal faced an unlikely opposition from a lowly rated Bhutan before registering a 2-0 victory in their second Group B clash of the third South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Forwards Niranjan Manjhi and Kumar Thapa scored one goal each to keep the semifinal hopes of the Himalayan country afloat.

Having lost their first match 0-1 to hosts Bangladesh on Saturday, Nepal went all out right from the start against the lowest ranked side in the eight-nation meet. But Bhutan, who conceded six goals against Maldives in the first match, caught the Nepalese by surprise with a quick counter attacks.

They came close to score when midfielder Khorlo Dorji got the ball at the top of the box from a right side

Tenzin cross. But Nepal custodian Upendra Man Singh managed to foil that attempt.

Nepal will play their last match Wednesday against Maldives, who also have a win against a defeat.

Yellow card: Namgye Dorji (Bhutan).

Their first goal came in the 17th minute when Niranjan headed home a long cross from veteran Hari Khadka from the right.

PHOTO: STAR

Bhutan: Jigme Singye, Passang, Krishna, Bim Kumar, Kinley, Pema, Dinesh, Wangye (Sonam), Namgye (Sangay), Tenzin and Chengho.

Referee: Balu Sundar Raj (India).

JU cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Archaeology moved into the final with a 6-wicket victory over Urban and Regional Planning (URP) in the inter-department cricket tournament of the Jahangirnagar University (JU) at the Central playground yesterday.

URP batted first and scored 112 runs all out in the stipulated 30 overs.

Dipu scored highest 27 while Moni made 25 runs.

Sanjoy claimed 3 wickets for 5 runs while Tutul snatched 5 wickets for 14 runs.

In reply, Archaeology made 114 runs for four wickets in 18.2 overs.

Sanjoy contributed 50 runs while Masum made 20.

Shounok grabbed 2 wickets for 37 runs.

Archaeology will meet Geography and Environment in the final on January 15 at the same venue.

HERE WE GO! (L) Bangladesh cricketers waiting for their baggage to be taken in at the Zia International Airport yesterday. (R) Former national skipper Naimur Rahman wishing the best to present captain Khaled Mashud at the airport. The national cricket-ers left Dhaka to participate in the World Cup in South Africa.

Rajshahi rocked



SPORTS REPORTER

two Ispahani Mirzapore Tea National Cricket League matches played at different venues yesterday:

Dhaka v Rajshahi

Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium.

RAJSHAHI: Firstinnings

Jamail c & b Fahim 43

Shamimul c Anwar b Neeyamur 16

Nuruzzaman b Mosaddek 28

Anisur c Anwar b Mosaddek 19

Mushfiq Ibw b Fahim 0

Hasan c Jahangir b Fahim 0

Mustadir c Mazharul b Mosaddek 5

Mahbub not out 25

Aminul Ibw b Monir 32

Imran Ibw b Monir 0

Shafiq c Kadir b Monir 0

Extras: (b-2, lb-1) 3

Total: (All out in 53.5 overs) 171

Fall of wickets: 1-30, 2-83, 3-97,

4-106, 5-106, 6-106, 7-112, 8-167, 9-167.

Bowler O M R W

Monir 9.5 1 24 3

Neeyamur 8 2 32 1

Arafat 11 2 31 0

Fahim 16 4 58 3

Mosaddek 9 5 23 3

Khulna v Sylhet

Venue: Dhamondi Cricket Stadium.

SYLHET: Firstinnings

Parvez run out 23

Intiaz Ibw b Rana 31

Nasirul c & b Al-Amin 22

Rajin Saleh batting 109

Mowla c Salauddin b Razzak 41

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India-SL fight for semis spot today



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Defending champions India will take on Sri Lanka in a crucial Group A match of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) championship at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today evening.

Having won one match against a defeat, India need a draw today to secure a semifinal spot behind Pakistan who have already made it to the last four winning both their matches against India and Sri Lanka.

The Indians looked a much relieved side after their 4-0 thrash-

POINTS TABLE

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
GROUP A							
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
India	2	1	0	1	4	1	3
Sri Lanka	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Afghanistan	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
GROUP B							
Bangladesh	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Maldives	2	1	0	1	6	1	3
Nepal	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Bhutan	2	0	0	2	0	8	0

Murali only the fourth

REUTERS, Sydney

India skipper Saurav Ganguly said Monday he was confident of regaining form despite having failed in 10 successive innings on the current New Zealand tour.

"Obviously, the results have not been good here but it does happen when you play day in and day out."

India lost a two-Test series 2-0 and then suffered four successive defeats in the one-dayers before winning the last two games.

Ganguly said he was keen to make it three victories in a row, for it would put the team in a better frame of mind before the World Cup starting in South Africa next month.

The 30-year-old is playing his 202nd one-day match. He also has 437 scalps in 78 Tests.

The only other bowlers to achieve the double are Pakistan frontline seamers Wasim Akram (490) and Waqar Younis (409) and Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble (302).

Murali has reached the milestone when he beat the left-hander's defences for one in the 47th over as England slumped to 234 for nine chasing Sri Lanka's total of 284 for seven.

The normally quiet Murali has raised both arms in triumph at the wicket and finished the over to take

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School cricket Islamia High champs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Islamia High School clinched the Standard Chartered 21st National School Cricket Championship (Gaibandha region) beating Gaibandha Government Boys High School by four wickets in the final at Gaibandha Govt Boys High School ground yesterday.

Captain looked to have the match under control when she raced through the first set then opened up a 4-2 lead in the second.

But her lack of match practice suddenly caught up with her and her game fell apart at the seams.

She failed to hit her serves with any consistency and started spraying her groundstrokes all over the court as Weingartner, sensing her opportunity, pounced.

The German captured the second set tiebreaker 8-6 and snatched

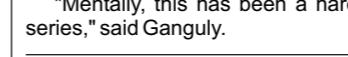


PHOTO: AFP

Mahela Jayawardene is all set to have a go at a Ronnie Irani delivery during their triangular series clash at Sydney yesterday.

Jayawardene, who lost opening

Capriati down and out



REUTERS, Melbourne

Jennifer Capriati was sensationaly knocked out of the Australian Open by Germany's Marlene Weingartner on the opening day of the year's first grand slam event.

"I felt like I didn't