

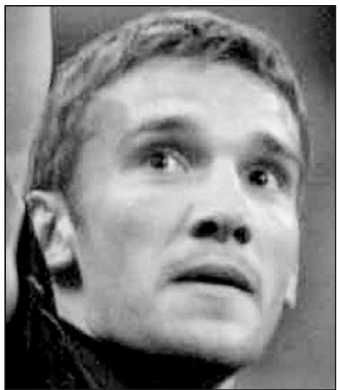
Did U Know?

The late Sir Donald Bradman only hit 46 sixes in his entire illustrious career. It illustrated how rarely did he loft the ball.



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Football Focus Extra
9am
Sportscenter (Hindi)
Sports news
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Live at 10:30pm
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Sportsline
Sports news
Live at 8pm
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Pakistan v England (1st ODI)
Highlights at 8:30pm
Soccer soap
Dream Team



Andriy Shevchenko

(AC Milan superstar)
"It was the most important goal in my career, and may most important trophy ever. For me it's a dream after a season plagued by injuries. It was a happy end. Now I feel exhausted."

After scoring the winning penalty against Juventus to win the UEFA Champions League final.

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OMPETITION 19

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**Competition closes at 8 pm
June 27, 2003 and draw
shortly afterwards**

1. Who will lead the Australia bound Bangladesh cricket team?	Mashud Aminul	Mahmud
2. How many ODI centuries has Brian Lara scored?	21	31
17		
3. Who clinched the French Open men's title?	Hewitt	Agassi
Ferrero		
4. Who became Dev Cup hockey champions?	Ranganjati	Comilla
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Gaibandha TT

OUR CORRESPONDENT

The Gaibandha Naheed Cotton Table Tennis League began at the Gaibandha Government Boys' High School yesterday.

On opening day, UNO Club defeated Sunrise Club 3-0, GTSP defeated Ghagot Krira Chakra 3-1, Kisholay Krira Chakra defeated Jubo Sangsad 3-0, GKSP defeated Abahani Krira Chakra 3-0, Table Tennis Sangstha defeated Sat Bhai Champa 3-0 set and Young Pegasus defeated Eleven Star 3-2. A total of 16 teams are taking part in the four-day competition.



PHOTO: STAR

Action from yesterday's Club Cup hockey tournament match between Abahani and Dhaka Wanderers.

Abahani, MSC feast on goals



SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club continued their goal feast in the Club Cup hockey tournament at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Abahani followed up their 14-0 thrashing of Victoria Sporting Club in the opening match on Monday with an equally impressive 11-0 victory against Dhaka Wanderers Club.

While their bitter rivals and defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club blanked Barnak Samaj 9-0 in the other match of the day, Mohammedan won their first game against Bachelors Sporting Club 11-0.

After leading the first half 2-0 Abahani stepped up a gear in the second session, where the popular Dhanmondi outfit pumped in nine goals to complete another white-wash.

Indian forward Armstrong Rana Das put the sky blues ahead converting a short corner in the third minute while his compatriot defender Christopher sealed the first half through another short corner in the 15th minute.

The Premier League champions however cut loose after the short buzzer and put Wanderers against the wall with a flurry of offensive.

Striker Ashraf Islam, who struck four goals including a hattrick in the first match, managed to find the net twice. Also Shahidullah Tito, Shamsuddin Tuhin scored two goals while Armstrong, Christopher and Jahidul Islam added one each.

Abahani will take on Ajax Sporting Club in their last Group C

clash on June 22.

In the other match of the day, Mohammedan led the first session 4-0 against Barnak Samaj.

Skipper Musa Miah led the popular Motijheel outfit from the front with three goals while Ariful Haque Prince struck twice. Kamal, Mohammad Asim, Ashique and Mazharul scored the other four goals for the winners.

With yesterday's three goals, Musa has scored seven goals so far in two matches.

Mohammedan will take on Wari Club in their last match tomorrow.

There are three matches today. Dhaka Railway will take on Farashganj Sporting club in the first match at 12 pm followed by Ajax SC-Victoria SC match at 2:15 pm. The day's last game is between Mariner Young's Club and Sadharan Bima will start at 4:15 pm.

Big win for Wanderers

An action-packed NFL kicks off



SPORTS REPORTER

Wanderers Club of Moulvibazar got off to a flying start in the Nitel-Tata third National Football League qualifying round with a 6-0 victory over Rajnagar Eleven of Habiganj at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

On the opening day five matches were played at five zonal venues.

Striker Milan scored a hattrick for Wanderers Club while his teammates Jalaluddin, Shaon and Johnny netted one goal each.

The winners will now face

Chaturanga Jubo Sangha of Sylhet in their next match on June 22.

Away at the Sirajganj Stadium, Kheladhula Sangha of Kurigram defeated Shibganj Sangskritik Parishad of Chapainawabganj 4-0. Dipak struck twice while Selim and Prodeep added the other goals.

The winners are scheduled to meet Sirajganj Mohammedan at the same venue on Sunday.

In Jamalpur, Sabujbagh KC of Madaripur beat Shantinagar Club of Shariyapur in a tie-breaker (3-0) after both teams drew goalless in normal time.

Sabujbagh will face Jagarani Club of Jamalpur in their next match on June 22.

At the Noakhali Stadium, Comilla Mohammedan also registered a tie-breaking 5-4 win over Sadar Upazila KS of Laxmipur.

The match ended in a goalless draw in regulation time. The winners will play against Rising Star Club of Noakhali on June 22.

Our Jhenidah Correspondent adds, Satkhira PK Club posted a 3-0 win over Uddipan KC of Chuadanga.

After a barren first half, Mustafa, Shahadat and Sarwar scored one goal each for the winners who will meet local side Mohammedan SC in their next clash also on Sunday.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

EVERYTHING'S ON TAPE: Team's computer analyst Nasir Ahmed (Top) records yesterday's practice session of the Australia bound national cricket squad on a video camera while Habibul Bashar (L) and Mashrafe bin-Mortuza watches with keen interest at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Real bag Becks



Football

AFP, London

Manchester United confirmed to the London Stock Exchange Wednesday they had agreed the sale of England captain David Beckham to Real Madrid for 24.5 million pounds (35 million euros).

Beckham joins the Spanish champions on a four-year contract initially worth 25 million euros to Manchester United with a further 10 million euros to the club depending on appearances.

"The deal is expected to be completed in July, conditional upon approval by the boards of Manchester United and Real Madrid, and on the provision of satisfactory payment guarantees," the Premiership champions said in a statement.

"David Beckham has agreed personal terms with Real Madrid and expects to sign his new contract with the club on completion."

Peter Kenyon, chief executive of Manchester United, said: "While we are sad to see David go after so many great years at Old Trafford, we believe this is a good deal for the club, and we now look forward to building on the success of last season's championship title."

"We wish David all the best in his new career in Spain and thank him for his fantastic contribution to the team's achievements in the last decade."

The transfer fee will be paid in instalments -- 5.25 million pounds (7.5 million euros) on completion of Beckham's transfer, 12 million pounds (17 million euros) in instalments over next four years and 7 million pounds (10 million euros) based on Real's performances in Champions League -- 875,000

pounds (1.25 million euros) every year they qualify, 875,000 pounds every year they reach the quarter-finals.

Real Madrid, whose president Florentino Perez said two months ago he would "never, ever" sign Beckham, apparently decided his celebrity status would transform Real into a global marketing power.

Perez denied he would ever sign Brazil World Cup star Ronaldo from Italian side Inter Milan.

Beckham will play alongside superstars Zinedine Zidane, Luis Figo, Ronaldo and Raul. However, Figo has now been linked with a move to Italian sides AC Milan or Inter Milan before splashing out 55 million euros in 2002.

Beckham, currently on a promotional tour of Asia has just returned from the United States, is expected to be unveiled at Real's headquarters on July 2 after undergoing a medical.

Manchester United are expected to step up their bid to bring Ronaldinho to Old Trafford and will use the rest of the money they receive for Beckham to strengthen their squad.

Beckham described his move to Real Madrid as a "unique and amazing opportunity".

Beckham said in a statement the lure of Champions League football was the key to his move to nine-times European champions Madrid.

"I recognise that this is an amazing opportunity for me at this stage in my career and a unique and exciting experience for my family," he explained.

"I know that I will always regret it later in life if I had turned down the chance to play at another great club like Real Madrid, which also has

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PHOTO: AFP

SIMPLY THE HOTTEST: Superstar David Beckham (L) and his popstar wife Victoria pose for photographers upon their arrival at Narita's New Tokyo International Airport yesterday.

U-23 team Lanka bound

UNB, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Under-23 cricket team left for a tour of Sri Lanka yesterday, Right-arm batsman Nafis Iqbal is leading the side.

Team: Nafis Iqbal, Aftab Ahmed, Nazimuddin, Mazharul Haq, Rajin Saleh, Anwar Hossain, Ali Arman, Shafaq Al Jaber, Enamul Haq (Jr), Alamgir Kabir, Talha Zubair, Gazi Alamgir, Humayun Kabir, Nadif Chowdhury and Rubayat Haque.

Officials: Faruque Ahmed (manager), Malcolm Perera (coach) and Azmal Ahmed (physio).

ITINERARY

June 20: 1st one-day against Under-19 national squad.

June 22: 2nd one-day against NCC/SSC Under-23 team.

June 24: 3rd one-day against Max BCCSL Academy Squad.

June 26-27: 2-day match against Bloomfield Under-23 team.

June 30-July 1: 2-day match against Chitlaw Marians Under-23.

July 3-4: 2-day match against Max BCCSL Academy Squad.

July 7-8: 2-day match against Moors SC Under-23 squad.

July 10-11: 2-day match against Under-23 national squad.

Hafeez Pakistan's hero



Cricket

AFP, Manchester

Mohammad Hafeez's one-day international best 69 was the cornerstone of Pakistan's two wicket victory, with four balls to spare, against England at Old Trafford here Tuesday.

The result put Pakistan 1-0 up in the three-match series and ensured Michael Vaughan's first international as England's one-day skipper got off to a losing start.

Pakistan roared on by their own fans, who made up the bulk of the capacity 18,000 crowd and invaded the pitch at the finish, were coasting to victory at 139 for two before they lost six wickets for 55 runs to set up an exciting finish.

Abdul Razzaq was 12 not out and Mohammad Sami whose inside out four off debutant Rikki Clarke, took Pakistan to within two runs of victory, was seven not out.

Hafeez dropped on 22 by Marcus Trescothick at mid-on, after he'd chipped paceman Andrew Flintoff, faced 112 balls including eight fours.

It was the 22-year-old's third fifty in 10 one-day internationals.

Earlier Pakistan restricted England, who won the toss in this day-night match, to a below par 204 for nine, with off-spinner Shoaib Malik taking a one-day international best three for 26.

Lancashire quick James Anderson, 20, who claimed four for 29 in England's 112-run win when the teams last met, at the World Cup, in Cape Town in February, finished with three for 59 as Pakistan faltered in sight of victory.

England fast bowler Darren Gough, 32, in his first England international since the triangular series final against India last year after being sidelined with a knee injury, then had Azhar Mahmood (16) well caught by debutant Jim Troughton at mid-wicket to leave the tourists 194 for eight.

Gough took two for 38 but not even he could pull this match round.

Pakistan's openers put on 60 before Clarke struck with his first ball, Imran Nazir (33), skying the medium-pacer to Vikram Solanki at point.

Hameed, dropped at slip by Trescothick off Ashley Giles made 23 before the left-arm spinner had his revenge when one-day debutant Anthony McGrath, running back

from mid-on, took a fine catch.

Pakistan wobbled on 139, losing two wickets with Yousuf Youhana (8) run out by Vaughan's direct hit from cover and Younis Khan bowled by Anderson for nought.

Anderson then had Hafeez caught by Clarke at mid-on.

Earlier England were well set at 96 for two before slumping in the face of tight Pakistan bowling.

All-rounder Flintoff top scored with 39 with only recalled opener Vikram Solanki and McGrath also passing thirty.

The series continues at The Oval on Friday and finishes at Lord's on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the day-night one-day international between England and Pakistan at Old Trafford on Tuesday:

ENGLAND	
Trescothick c Latif b Sami	18
Solanki b Hafeez	36
Vaughan c Latif b Gul	27
Troughton c Latif b Gul	6
Flintoff c Hameed b Razzaq	39
McGrath c Sami b Malik	33

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BRAZIL V CAMEROON

Samba time in Paris



REUTERS, Paris

Brazil kick off their fifth Confederations Cup campaign against Cameroon at the Stade de France on Thursday determined to improve their poor record in the tournament.

The world champions were below-par in the eight-nation event two years ago when they managed only one victory in five games.

Widely regarded as hot favourites, the Brazilians are refusing to take anything for granted.

"It would be great to start with a win in this demanding tournament," said coach Carlos Alberto Parreira. "Winning the opening game would put us in a more comfortable situation."

"The guys have had just one week to prepare themselves but they have gift and a strong will."

Parreira picked only six players from the squad who claimed Brazil's

fifth world title in Yokohama last year.

He is without a number of key players, including defender Roberto Carlos and striker Ronaldo, who are with their club Real Madrid until the end of the Spanish season on Saturday.

Playmaker Rivaldo of AC Milan is also absent but Parreira can rely on Ronaldinho.

"Ronaldinho is an artist. He is smart, skilful and efficient. He embodies the quality of our football. He is an example for every one of us," Parreira said.

One of Brazil's World Cup winning team, Ronaldinho, last turned out at the Stade de France in the French Cup final in which his club Paris Saint Germain came off second best to Auxerre.

"I'm happy to be going back there, it's a beautiful stadium," said the striker who was however keeping silent on the possibility of playing for a new club next season.

"The French Cup's forgotten now, Cameroon is another match," said the forward whose dazzling runs and goalscoring ability lit up an otherwise mediocre campaign for PSG in the French league.

The Brazilian coach is hoping 21-year-old striker Adriano can replace Ronaldo in the number nine shirt and provide goals in a strong Group B also including Turkey and the

United States, two surprise teams at last year's World Cup.

"We must beware of every teams here and we can expect tough challenges. It's a little bit too soon to think about a final against France," said experienced midfielder Emerson.

"Cameroon are a solid side. They are the reigning African champions and their guys are used to play together for quite some time now," Parreira said.

Parreira, taking a leaf out of Eric Cantona's collection of off-beat expressions, compared this opening match to giving birth.

"The first match of a competition is always widely anticipated. It's like giving birth."

"You never know whether the baby will be beautiful or not. The first game is the same, you don't know if you're going to give birth to a decent team or not."

Winfried Schaefer's men have very little to lose in the tournament. "We are going to fight with our skills and with our hearts like we always do," Schaefer said. "It's going to be different from the World Cup last year when we arrived five days late."

"This Confederations Cup is a contest of prestige."

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PHOTO: AFP

TERGET NUMBER ONE! Brazilian superstar Ronaldinho Gaucho signs autographs for Brazilian dancers of the Joiville Bolshoi Ballet School at Saint-Germain-en-Laye near Paris on June 17.