



## Did U Know?

India is the only Test team to be dismissed twice in a day. At Old Trafford, Manchester on July 19, 1952 they were bowled out by England for 58 and 82.



## What to Watch

### BTV

Nitol-Tata National Football League  
Jhenidah Mohammedan vs Moulvibazar Wanderers  
Live at 4:00 pm

### ESPN

West Indies vs Sri Lanka  
Second Test, Day Three  
Highlights  
Repeat at 7:00 pm  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
Football Focus  
Taped Version at 9:00 pm  
English Premier Football League  
Necastle United vs Arsenal  
Repeat at 9:30 pm

### STAR Sports

Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
Soccer Soap  
Dream Team  
Taped Version at 10:00 pm



## Talk Turkey



### Dav Whatmore

(Bangladesh cricket coach)  
"I'm just being a little patient to make assessments given the class of opposition that we faced here. It will take a bit more time to really separate and go on and I think we have to be patient before making any firm assessments."  
After losing Darwin Test.

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- Who won the Wimbledon women's singles crown?  
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- Which country will host the Asia Youth Cup cricket tournament?

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## School kabadi

BSS, Dhaka  
Maniknagar Model High School will meet Dholaijpar High School in the first semifinal while Alhaj Zafar Bepari High School will face Ansars & VDP High School in the second semifinal at the outer stadium today.



Abahani Krira Chakra's Liberian forward Arcedia Toe (C) makes a headed attempt against Chittagong Mohammedan during their Nitol-Tata National Football League match at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday. The longhaired Toe scored the winner for the sky blues in the first half.

# Abahani thank Toe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet



Dhaka Abahani battled to a 1-0 win over a spirited Chittagong Mohammedan in a second leg game of the Nitol-Tata 3rd National Football League held at the Sylhet Stadium yesterday.

The star-studded Dhaka giants, who made a stumbling start in Group B with an unexpected draw against Bangladesh Army in the first leg, boosted their chances of a Super Six berth with the victory but the team from Chittagong gave them a good run for their money.

The deciding goal came in the second half through Abahani's Liberian striker Arcadia Toe but all eyes were focused on Brazilian playmaker Sandro Pedrosa, who did his best to impress on a soggy pitch bruised and battered by rain and back to back matches on the two previous days.

To his credit, Pedrosa showed

some distinct samba touches in his debut match. His curling corners and inch-perfect crosses promised more goals but poor marksmanship let Abahani down on a number of occasions.

Despite the unfit ground, both teams played an attacking game and Mohammedan really put some pressure in the opening minutes. Mohammedan forwards Parvez and Topu repeatedly threatened the Abahani defence and goalkeeper Titu was tested by Topu's close range shot in the 10th minute.

After soaking in the early pressure, Abahani gradually took control. Pedrosa had a wonderful opportunity in the 24th minute with Mohammedan custodian Raju at his mercy but muffed the chance. A minute later, Toe's shot from the edge of the D rebounded off Raju to Bulbul who missed with an open goal.

After the breather, Mohammedan again started brightly with Topu's header from a Parvez cross just eluding the bar in the 50th minute. Then Parvez's solo effort was confidently dealt with by Titu.

The much-awaited Abahani goal

arrived in the 59th minute when Pedrosa's long centre was headed in by the unmarked Toe into the goal.

Toe was late declared Man-of-the-Match. Abahani manager Monem Munna admitted after the match that his side was pushed all the way by the youthful Chittagonians.

"We were under a lot of pressure. The muddy field also stood in the way of a good football match and our foreign recruits could not even play their average game," said Munna.

### TEAMS

**ABAHANI:** Titu, Nazrul (captain), Shubhra, Parvez (Aminul), Sila, Iqbal, Pedrosa, Mintu, Khokan (Pranatosh), Toe, and Bulbul (Asad).

**CHITTAGONG MOHAMMEDAN:** Raju, Shafiqul, Faisal, Shaokat, Israfil, Arman (Babu), Tipu, Abdullah, Parvez, Topu and Masud Parvez.

**Referee:** Taiyab Hasan

**Linesmen:** Shahidul Islam Bachchu and Shahidul Islam Lulu.

## Popular Tigers practice

SPORTS REPORTER

With the first Test finishing in three days, the Bangladesh cricketers opted for some much-needed practice yesterday.

The Tigers had a two and a half hours fitness and nets session at the Marrara Oval in the morning. The already popular tourists, then had lunch at a local Indian restaurant.

With their fighting attitude, the Dav Whatmore's charges have won over the hearts of the people of the Northern Territory and continue to earn the respect of their Australian counterparts.

Fast bowler Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza is the undoubted star of the side following his impressive showing in the first Test.

Already he is being called the "Narail-express" by the locals in reference to his birth place. The quiet northern district town is no longer a place unknown although many still don't have any clear idea about Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Australia's world champion cricketers have decided to visit an indigenous community on the Tiwi Islands north of Darwin on their day off.

The players will spend the day - which was to have been the fifth day of their historic Test series against Bangladesh - interacting with members of the Melville Island community.

A spokesman from Cricket

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## 'Home' team on a high

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Jhenidah Mohammedan will face the Moulvibazar Wanderers Club today in the 4th match of the second leg of Nitol Tata 3rd National Football League at the Sylhet Stadium today.

The only representatives from Sylhet, Moulvibazar Wanderers had a field day against Jagoroni Club of Jamalpur 6-0 in their previous Group A match and are confident of a comfortable win according to coach Milon Dasgupta.

"We are not underestimating Jhenidah Mohammedan, but we have the home advantage," said Milon. The Wanderers' spirit was boosted by the last minute inclusion of Nigerian recruits Bode Baba Lola and Ladi Baba Lola. Both men are expected to play today.

# Big wins for Abahani, MSC



SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club won their opening Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League matches in emphatic fashion at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Abahani dumped Sadharan Bima 5-1 while Mohammedan swamped Wari Club 6-0. Playing without Mahabub Ehsan Rana, Abahani's midfield was not the same despite the inclusion of Indian MK Prakash.

But still that did not stop Ashrafal Islam Shishu scoring twice while Tawhidul Islam Rajan, Shamsuddin Tuhin and Prakash completed the rout for the Dhammondi-based team.

Abahani led the first half 4-0. Rashed Hasan Rony grabbed a consolation goal for the insurance side.

Shishu opened floodgates from a pass by Indian Christopher Thomas in the 16th minute while Rajan doubled the margin after two minutes placing from point-blank.

Shishu netted his second goal in the 20th minute again placing the ball from a Prakash throw.

Tuhin netted goal number four from a penalty corner.

Abahani relaxed in the second half before scoring one more goal through Prakash's conversion from a penalty corner.

Earlier, Mohammedan's ace forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal wasted a host of chances as the popular Motijheel club finished the first half with only a solitary goal lead.

But after the break the black and whites got into their stride with Issa Miah and Ariful Haq Prince scoring two goals each while Pakistanis Kamran Ashraf and Mohammad Anis added the others.

Issa got Mohammedan on their way in the 32nd minute converting from a penalty-corner that came his way from the combination of captain

Musa Miah and Zahirul Islam Mitu.

The experienced defender also sealed the winners' tally three minutes ahead of the final whistle capitalising on another penalty-corner.

But before that Mohammedan got six penalty corners in the first session but couldn't find the target through the combination of Ashiq-Meraj-Anis.

Striker Prince, who replaced Kamal, made the score 2-0 in the second half after he dodged past the Wari custodian from Khokon's pass in the 50th minute. Prince doubled his individual tally from a penalty-corner in the 65th minute.

Kamran and Anis got on the scoresheet with well-judged placing hits in the 55th and 59th minute respectively.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Usha KC vs Ajax SC (2:15pm)  
Mariner Young's vs Sonali Bank (4:15pm)

# Nasser won't mind



AGENCIES, London

With the clamour for Michael Vaughan to take over the reins of the Test side getting louder and louder, Nasser Hussain admitted that he would consider handing over the leadership duties to Vaughan. In an interview published in the News of the World, Hussain stated that he wanted to step down while England were still winning.

"The captaincy is not something I'm going to hang on to. If the selectors ring me tomorrow and say 'We think Vaughan's ready', that's fine with me," Hussain said.

"No-one is more pleased than me that Vaughan has done well. I don't want to hand over after four-and-a-half years and see everything go downhill. I would like to hand over a winning team. Michael is being eased in nicely. Soon, he'll get the whole lot and he will be rating to go."

"Believe me, the time is not far away. Whether it's two months or a bit longer, someone else will wear the captain's armband and I have no problem with that. But, at the moment, England are scoring runs, taking wickets, winning Tests and one-dayers with young players that are coming through.

"It is better for me to choose the moment than the selectors. It's all about timing. I'll know that moment. As Mike Brearley said, when you wake up and you're no longer England captain, it will hurt."



NASSER HUSSAIN

Hussain, however, said that he wanted to continue till the tour of West Indies next year. "Whatever happens, I'd like to tour the Caribbean this winter. I'm batting well at the moment and my form for England has been good over the past couple of years."

Turning his sights to the more

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# Liquor ad Wasim asked to appear in court

AFP, Lahore

A civil court Monday summoned former Pakistani cricket great Wasim Akram on charges he damaged Muslim sentiment for posing in a liquor advertisement.

Judge Asma Tehsin said Wasim should appear in person before the court next month to respond to the allegations.

The 37-year-old Wasim, the world's top wicket-taker in the one-day version of the game, retired from international cricket in May.

In an illustrious career Wasim, who captained Pakistan to its only victory in the limited over World Cup, also took more than 400 wickets in Test matches.

The petition, filed by civilian Mohammad Fayyaz last year, demands a public apology from Wasim and damages of 25,000 rupees (around 400 dollars).

Wasim, who denies having pitched for an alcoholic beverage, is one of eight international players shown in television and magazine advertisements for Royal Stag liquor in India.

"Liquor is banned in Islam and

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## Sehwag in injury fear

BBC ONLINE, London

Leicestershire may have to sign another overseas player for the remainder of the season as star Indian batsman Virender Sehwag is struggling with a back injury.

Sehwag played through pain in Leicestershire's Twenty20 Cup semi-final defeat to Warwickshire on Saturday having already seen a specialist.

The results of a scan will be available on Tuesday and if long-term rest is advised, the county are likely to look for a replacement.

It has been reported that Western Australia fast bowler Matthew Nicholson is already being lined up.

Nicholson played one Test for Australia in 1999, the Boxing Day match which England won against the odds.

He stands 6ft 6ins tall and was an under-19 star but has suffered from a catalogue of illnesses and injuries.

Leicestershire's general manager Kevin Hill refused to confirm that Nicholson was a target. He said: "The situation with Virender has prompted us to consider some contingency plans but I would not like to go into any details."

He insisted that it was still possible for Sehwag to play a reasonably full part for the remainder of the season.

"It may be that a course of injections and other treatment will work for him."

# One and only Thorpe



AFP, Barcelona

Olympic champion Ian Thorpe created another slice of swimming history on Sunday when he became the first person ever to win three consecutive world titles at the same distance when he led an Australian 1-2 in the men's 400 metres freestyle race.

The world record holder pushed compatriot Grant Hackett into the silver medal spot for the third time with the bronze going to Dragos Coman of Romania.

But the 20-year-old Thorpe's dream of going one better than his six golds in Japan two years ago was over before it began when the defending champions lost their 4x100m relay title to Russia. As a result Thorpe shared the opening day limelight with veterans Alexander Popov and Jenny Thompson who anchored Russia and the United States to respective victory in the relays.

Sprint legend Popov had to wait 12 years but finally won the 4x100m freestyle gold with the Russian

team as Thompson equalled the most medals won at world championships with a total of ten - six gold, three silver and a bronze.



IAN THORPE

The 30-year-old Thompson covered her 100m leg in a world record time of 53.44 seconds, way inside Inge de Bruijn's world mark of 53.77, but it does not count as a record unless it is the first leg of the relay.

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## Sachin returns in September

CRICINFO

Sachin Tendulkar is expected to play for the national champions Mumbai against a Rest of India side on September 18 his first outing since undergoing hand surgery after the World Cup.

Tendulkar, 30, damaged the ring finger of his left hand while attempting a catch last November. It did not hinder him in the slight-est during a magnificent World Cup campaign, in which he was named Man of the Tournament for his 673 runs in 11 games, but he opted out of a subsequent trip to Bangladesh and flew to Baltimore, USA for an operation.

The fixture is India's traditional domestic-season opener, and many Indian players are keen to use it as a warm-up for their international programme. India have had a lengthy lay-off since April, but return to action with two Tests against New Zealand in October, before taking on Australia in a triangular one-day tournament.

Tendulkar is the highest scorer in the history of one-day cricket with 12,219 runs in 314 games. He has also made 8,811 runs in 105 Tests, including 31 centuries - a total exceeded only by Sunil Gavaskar.

# Cricket & only cricket

AGENCIES, undated

In what must sound like bad news to bowlers all over the world, Brian Lara has announced that he is ready to devote his entire attention to cricket. In an interview to The Mail on Sunday, Lara spelt out how his attitude towards the game had changed over the years.

"In the past I often reacted to what I perceived to be the stresses of cricket by getting away from it and hanging out with friends. Instead of confronting problems, I would turn my back on them. Now I've realised I want to give cricket 100 per cent," he said.

"I want to talk cricket like I did as a teenager, like the time I tried to sit Viv Richards down in the dressing room on my first tour to England and got told off for my trouble."

Lara stated that while the personal milestones remained, he was more keen to see the West Indian team develop into world-beaters.

"I still have goals. I still want to look up and see my name but my main aim now is that I want to see West Indies moving on. It's great on the one hand to be doing what's necessary to represent my

talent, but the bigger picture of wanting to do well is that, on my exit, we'll have a team capable of challenging the best."

Expressing his delight at the progress of the youngsters in the team, Lara hoped that West Indies would put in a strong performance in the 2007 World Cup.



BRIAN LARA

which will be held at home.

"I'm looking forward to the two series with England next year and beyond. I'm having fun and a good group of younger players is really developing now. As long as things

continue to go well for me when the World Cup comes to the Caribbean in 2007, a fit Brian Lara just looking on is not something I would want to happen."

Looking back over the years, Lara admitted that the road hadn't always been as smooth.

"Sure, the relationship has been stormy at times. There have been some rocky moments. I've made some small mistakes and I've made some big mistakes. There have been times, like when I quit the captaincy or when we were being taken apart in Australia on the last tour there when I asked myself 'Do I need all this?' when I felt I wanted to just run away from it all.

"But right now, as far as my cricket is concerned, I am back in love with it. I've gone through a great learning experience and come out of it all a more mature and tolerant person. It has been a long road back but what I have come to realise is that I am in a much better mood when I give the game my all. When the pressure was at its greatest I used to tell myself something which has haunted me ever since. I used to say: 'Cricket has ruined my life.'"

# Father comes first



REUTERS, London

South Africa batsman Jacques Kallis was ruled out of this week's first Test against England on Monday.

Kallis has returned home to be with his father, who is suffering from lung cancer.

"We appreciate that this is an extremely difficult and emotional time for Jacques," said coach Eric Simons in a statement.

"I have told him that he must take as much time as he needs to be with his father.

"He is a vital member of our squad, but ultimately the wellbeing of a player's family comes before



JACQUES KALLIS

any game of cricket. "The thoughts of the entire touring party are with Jacques."

South Africa media manager Gerald de Kock said: "He is not in our plans for the first test at least."

"There was a possibility that he would be on a flight today but that's now not going to happen."

The first of five Tests starts on Thursday at Edgbaston.

"It's might be a week, it might be a month. He's being given as much time as he needs," de Kock added.

The 27-year-old Kallis is South Africa's in-form batsman, as well as a genuine all-rounder.

He hit back-to-back centuries during a just-concluded one-day triangular series against England and Zimbabwe, averaging 109.66 during the tournament.

Kallis averages more than 50 in Tests and has also taken 174 wickets at 30.43 each.



(L) Mohammedan's Pakistani recruit Anis (Jersey No-15) slips the ball past Wari custodian Johnny for his side's fourth goal. (R) Abahani's Indian centre-half Prakash tries to go round Sadharan Bima defender Abdul Ohab on the opening day of the Green Delta Premier League at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.