

Sport

Raul rejects

nothing after his agent said the

player did not want to join the

The Spanish striker was asked

whether he would consider a

transfer to the Stamford Bridge

Raul's agent, Gines Carvajal,

said: "FIFA agent Marc Roger, on

behalf of Chelsea, asked me if Raul

would be interested in entering

"I spoke to Raul, my client, and

leaving Real Madrid. Raul's buy-

out clause is 180 million euros (207

negotiations for a transfer to

English Premiership club.

move to

Chelsea

AFP, London

the Blues.

Chelsea.

million dollars).

The Baily Star

Azad return top flight hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Azad Sporting Club confirmed their promotion to the Premier Division in style with an emphatic 5-0 victory over Shishu Kishore Sangha in a Green Delta First Division Hockey Super League match at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Nannu Miah fashioned the easy win blasting four goals, twice in each half. Iqbal Nadir scored the other for the winners

They led 3-0 at the breather.

It was Azad's ninth straight win that raised their tally 27 points. They will take on their nearest rival Wanderers in their last Super League match on July 31. **TODAY'S MATCHES**

Dhaka Wanderers vs Victoria SC (2:15pm)

Bangladesh SC vs Sonali Bank (4:15pm)

School football

SPORTS REPORTER

Khilgaon High School blanked Rahmatullah Model High School 2-0 in a final round match of the Dhaka Metropolis inter-school football competition at the Dhaka University ground yesterday.

The match was postponed on Friday due to heavy rain.

Sharif and Roman scored for Khilgaon High School.

In the day's other matches, Kamarpara High School earned a solitary goal victory over Nabakumar Institute and Matuail Bahumukhi High School also registered 1-0 win against Dolaipar High School at the Outer Stadium.

Sohel netted for Kamarpara School and Rajib Khan struck the all-important goal for Matuail School

Bandarban unsure

OUR CORESPONDENT, Bandarban

The participation of last year zonal champions Bandarban in the Pepsi Cup 16th national men's handball competition seems uncertain due to the non-cooperation of the local sports authority.

Team manager Ching Sa Pru Kesi blamed district sports association (DSA) for the situation while talking to The Daily Star yesterday.

The DSA didn't take any initiative about the Bandarban's participation although they requested both the team manager and coach last month to prepare for the 28-30 July tournament.

Nine teams have qualified to



PHOTO: STA BIG TIME SOCCER RETURNS TO BARISAL: Jhenidah Mohammedan players practise at the Barisal Stadium yesterday.

the 275 scored by Daryll Cullinan and

Gary Kirsten, spanned nine hours, 373 balls and contained 35 fours.

five-time world champions meet

stars Ronaldo and Roberto Carlos,

the young Brazilians eliminated

holders the United States 2-1 in a

tense semifinal that required a

dramatic golden goal by Diego on

The impressive Mexicans joined Brazil after beating Costa Rica 2-0 on Saturday. The Central

Americans have yet to concede a

BCB to interview

goal in their four matches.

Even without the likes of super-

Brazil meet

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Mexico today.

Wednesday.

Smith humbles

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FROM PAGE 13 RudolphcGoughbHarmison 10 15 Boucher not out 24 Pollocknotout Extras: (b-8, lb-11, nb-4) 23 Total: (For 5 wkts decl in 145 overs) 594 Fall of wickets: 1-338, 2-438, 3-514, 4-

552, 5-556 Did not bat: Peterson, Pretorious, Ntini, Willoughby

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ENGLAND: Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan, Mark Butcher Nasser Hussain, Anthony McGrath, Alec Stewart, Andrew Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Stephen Harmison, Darren Gough, James Anderson

SMITHBOX

Factbox on Graeme Smith, who scored a South Africa record 277 in the first Test against England at Edgbaston on Saturday:

Born: February 1, 1981, Johannesburg. Left-hand opening batsman and South Africa's youngest ever captain.

Test debut: v Australia, Cape Town, March 2002. 11 matches, 914 runs, av 65.28, two double centuries and one century, two 50s. ODI debut: Australia, Bloemfontein, March 2002. 34 matches, 1,202 runs, av 37.56.

Tall and powerfully built. Can also bowl off-spin. Loves watching films has seen Rocky more than 20 times. Single, regarded as South Africa's most eligible bachelor.

Replaced Shaun Pollock as cap-tain, aged 22, after hosts South Africa were knocked out of the 2003 World Cup at the first hurdle.

Scored half-century v Australia in his first Test and gave as good as he got after being constantly sledged. Oct 2002, made 200 in his third Test against Bangladesh in East London. Jan 2003, made 151 v Pakistan in

a South Africa record and

Huq, who is also a former secretary Cape Town in eighth Test, sharing 368 opening stand with Herschelle 'Since both the boards of

Football at Barisal

FROM PAGE 13 The ground itself is deplorable. The

inclement weather has turned it into a swamp. highest opening stand against England and the sixth highest of all Barisal City Mayor Majibur time. It was the pair's 10 innings opening together. His 277, beating Rahman Sarwar will inaugurate the penultimate leg.

The story at the start of the Barisal leg has Mohammedan and Moulvibazar Wanderers jointly leading Group A with full six points each.

Muktijoddha on the other hand lead Group B also with six points while Abahani Krira Chakra are second with four points.

Khulna will host the fourth leg from August 4.

On the eve of the meet, a press briefing was held with Khasru, secretary of Barisal Divisional Sports Association, speaking on the occasion.

Panchagarh handball

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Panchagarh

Tetulia Kazi Shahbuddin Girls

High School clinched the women's

title while Everest Sporting Club

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"We will receive the names of two or three persons very soon then we call them to appear for interviews next month," he said.

The Sports Employment Australia (SEA) for the past two Stadium on Friday. months has been trying to produce candidates for the Board to choose from and also try and provide a qualified Under-19 team coach.

Indo-Pak cricket FROM PAGE 13

of Bangladesh. That will be followed by a four-

nation Under-19 tournament in Pakistan from November 1-9 and then a tri-nation event for "A" teams in India in December this year.

"Through these tournaments the ACC wants to prove to both the governments that atmosphere is congenial for the revival of cricket between Pakistan and India." said

of Bangladesh Cricket Board.

won the men's crown in the handball tournament at the Panchagarh **Kluivert** Tetulia Kazi Shahbuddin Girls High defeated Tetulia Upazila Sports Association 13-12 and Everest Sporting Club beat NabarupySportingClub 16-12. entry **REUTERS,** Madrid

A total of 16 teams took part in the tournament organised by Panchagarh District Sports Association.

Lehmann hits FROM PAGE 13

Omar, who gathered the ball just above the grass.

At the start of the day, Australia needed only 13 balls to wrap up the Bangladesh innings after the tourists resumed on 289 for eight wickets. SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second Test between Australia and Bangladesh in Cairns on

Real disappointment

Football

A Chelsea bid to sign the darling of AFP, Kunming Real Madrid Raul has come to

Real Madrid and their newest star signing David Beckham disap-pointed hundreds of expectant fans when the Spanish league champions failed to show for their first official practice session here Saturday morning.

club, who inherited instant wealth The club, due to start their first when Russian billionaire Roman full day of training during their week-long stay in the southwest-ern city of Kunming, waited until Abramovich bought up Ken Bates' majority shareholding recently. But Raul turned Chelsea down an afternoon press conference to flat, insisting he would never leave the Primera Liga champions to join explain the no-show.

"It was a communication problem or misunderstanding from the local organization or whoever, but from the Real Madrid side it was never in our plans to hold a training session this morning," Real's newly appointed head coach Carlos Queiroz told reporters.

Chinese organisers said the side was recuperating from jet-lag but would gather for practice begin-ning at 5:00 pm (1000 GMT). he said 'no'. He's not interested in

"They're tired and recovering from jet-lag," said government official Duan Jian.

Real, which also includes Brazilian star Ronaldo, Portugal's Luis Figo and France's Zinedine Zidane, kicked off their Asian tour Friday at the Hongta Sports Centre, the Chinese national team's winter training grounds in Yunnan prov-

Saturday's no-show upset hundreds of Chinese fans, who came from far-flung Chinese provinces to watch the side strut their stuff before it heads to Beijing to face a Chinese all-star side on August 2.

"I'm kind of disappointed," said 17-year old student Li Bingjie, clad in a T-shirt imprinted with the British flag.

Li and two friends had travelled more than 24 hours by bus from the southern province of Guangxi to see their favourite footballer Beckham, paying a 350-yuan (42-dollar) entrance fee, equivalent to half a month's salary in this part of

China.

Another disappointed young student donned full Real Madrid regalia, including a bandana and pictures of Beckham pinned to his increase revenues in Asia through the sales of replica shirts and other commercial rights. With the English captain now shirt. "I'm kind of angry. Why didn't lacing up for Madrid, the club

they tell us? They should have told hopes to unseat merchandising us," said the 13-year-old from the southeastern city of Xiamen.

A group of eager fans braved heavy rain to stand outside the team's gated villa complex in

king Manchester United, Beckham's former team. Real is also slated to earn millions from upcoming friendlies in

new signing Beckham, as part of a major push to boost its brand and

A young man, with a photo of David Beckham on his face, waits for Real Madrid to arrive for training at the Hongta Sports Centre in the southwestern city of Kunming yesterday.

hopes of catching a glimpse of their favourite footballer, many of them chanting Beckham or Figo. Real Madrid is eager to showcase its prolific talent, especially

Tokyo, Hong Kong and Bangkok. While in Kunming the squad is scheduled to practice twice daily until July 31.

played when Queiroz coached the

Portuguese youth side and

Sporting Lisbon



together. And the Figo-Beckham relationship is one of its most curious sub-plots.

The Portuguese international On the field, they have similar frequently switches wings for Real qualities. Off it, they share a comand is considered much more mon language to build on. Figo is versatile than Beckham. one of the few Real players who speaks solid English, while

As director of one of the most impressive collections of individ-Beckham's Spanish is currently ual talent ever assembled, Queiroz faces intense pressure to get One of China's leading sport results. His predecessor Vicente del Bosque was dismissed despite tabloids, Titan Sports, explored the subject on Saturday in a cover story leading Real to their 29th Spanish league title last season.

It featured two sharply contrast-The eloquent English speaker ng photos from Frid one of the *v*as in characteristical

tour with Madrid in the Far East. **US refuses**

Raul, whose current contract

expires in June 2005, is currently on

Barcelona's Dutch forward Patrick Kluivert was denied entry to the United States on the club's pre-

Real Madrid's new coach Carlos Queiroz, trying to fit right-sided midfielders David Beckham and Luis Figo into the same team, says he hopes the team's current tour of Asia will help solve the puzzle.

Queiroz, who spent a year with Beckham as assistant coach at Manchester United before following him to Real, sought to defuse media speculation that a battle for

Football **REUTERS,** Kunming

dream cast will work and live

limited to a few phrases.

entitled, "Friends and Rivals."

play in the meet. Ali doing fine

SPORTS REPORTER

National junior champion Mohammad Ali earned six points after the tenth round games and was sharing the 7th position along with six others in the 26th Asian Junior (Under-20) Chess Championship in Colombo on Friday.

He won his 10th round game against Dehigana Chan Tez Wei of Malaysia after winning against Sunther Kumar in the round before on Thursday.

Mariner misery

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only to beat a helpless Mariner custodian Ashiqul Haq Rinku. But his powerful hit slightly missed the target.

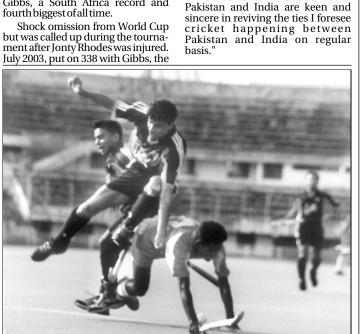
and Ajax to collect their first point after two games. Ajax suffered a 0-2 loss to Usha KC in their first match.

winner when Rajib Ahmed had

The draw enabled both Mariner

PHOTO STAR encounter between Mariner Young's Club and Ajax Sporting Club at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

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Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League

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A H O W Y Y J A W E W N . Yesterday's Cryptoquip: JEWELRY ITEMS WHICH ARE ALWAYS WORN IN SENATE MEETINGS ARE CONGRESSIONAL EARRINGS. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals T

The Cryptoquip 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.

Saturday

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Sanwar b MacGil	Sanwar b MacGill						
Kapali c Love b M	Kapali c Love b MacGill						
Mashud c Love b	Gilles	pie		44			
Mahmud lbw b M	Mahmud lbw b MacGill						
Baisya c Gilchrist	Baisya c Gilchrist b McGrath						
Mashrafee c Lee b	Mashrafee c Lee b Gillespie						
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McGrath	17.1	2	57	1			
Gillespie	25	-	57	3			
Lee	18	-	88	1			
MacGill	24		77	5			
Waugh	5	3	4	0			
Lehmann	3	1	4	0			
AUSTRALIA: First innings							
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Hayden b Sanwa	r			50			
Ponting c Ashrafi	ul b Sa	nwar		59			
Lehmann not out	İ.]	156			
Waugh not out				74			
Extras: (lb-10, nb-		11					
Total: (For 3 wkts	35	51					
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-105, 3-132							
To bat: Love, Gilchrist, MacGill, Lee							
Gillespie, McGrath							
Bowler	0	M	R	W			
Mashrafee	17	6	37	1			
Baisya	17	4	71	0			
American	10	1	50	0			

1 59 2 53 13 Anwar 0 10 Mahmud 0 2 87 20 Sanwar 8 0 34 0 Kapali Umpires: Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and David Shepherd (Eng-land).

Toss: Australia.

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Blues' line-up

Darren delighted FROM PAGE 13 We haven't discussed it as yet.

"(Bangladesh) have shown signs of playing good competitive cricket. We've had to work hard to

get our runs and work hard to get our wickets which makes for a good Test match." Birmingham

Christophe Dugarry from the

ment issued on Arsenal's official dous missed shot at an open goal in website

the dying stages of Birmingham's 2-1 loss to Newcastle United on Thursday when he opened his team's account in the eighth minute with a powerful right-foot ing in the English Premier League. strike from outside the penalty box.



season tour and forced to fly straight back to Spain because of a visa problem.

According to reports by journal-ists travelling with the team, Kluivert was turned away at Boston's Logan airport as he was not in possession of a special visa required because of a prior conviction.

In 1996, Kluivert was found guilty by a Dutch court of causing death by dangerous driving, ordered to perform 240 hours of community service and given a three-month jail sentence, suspended for two years.

Barcelona are playing three matches on their tour of the United States, starting with a game against Juventus in Foxboro on Sunday and continuing against AC Milan in Washington on July 30 and against Manchester United in Philadelphia on August 3.

Kluivert will definitely miss the first of those but could play in the remaining two games if he acquires the visa and returns to the United States.

Gunners plug keeper gap

REUTERS, London

Arsenal have completed the signing of German goalkeeper Jens Lehmann from Borussia Dortmund to fill the breach left by David Seaman.

> tional passed a medical in London hurtled through the second semion Friday to complete his move, an final in 51.47. Arsenal spokeswoman said.

contract or transfer fee details. Lehmann had one year remaining on his Dortmund contract.

for a replacement for long-serving goalkeeper Seaman, who joined Manchester City in June.

second in 1:56.04.

"They are one of Europe's great clubs and they have many fantastic players. Hopefully I will impress the club and its supporters and I'm also very much looking forward to playthe position could evolve between the two midfielders.

"They belong to the midfielder area, but now the most important (is) they belong to the same team," Queiroz told reporters on Saturday in the southwestern China outpost ofKunming

"We hope after four games during this tour we'll find the right solution to make both players play at the same time.

The addition of Beckham to a star-studded squad has spawned speculation about how Real's

😂 Swimming

REUTERS, Barcelona

on Friday.

medley mark.

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had stood for just a couple of min-

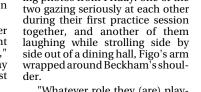
Barely 50 minutes had elapsed

terfly title on Wednesday and looks

the best of bets to make it four

individual golds with the 100 but-

Phelps sets pool afire



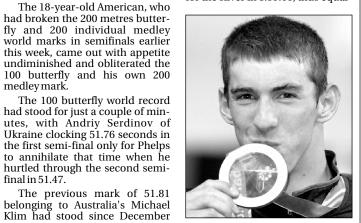
"Whatever role they (are) playing, what is important to under-stand (is) they'll be there to serve Real Madrid and not to serve themselves," added Queiroz.

One answer to the line-up conflict would be to switch Figo to the left flank, the position he

terfly on Saturday and 400 individual medley on Sunday.

"I wanted to break it (the 200 medley record) again, so I just went out there and laid it on the line in the first 100 and tried to hold on. Michael Phelps smashed two world The first world record fired me up records in less than an hour to make it four this week and swung big time. I was pretty fired up, pretty pumped for that race." away with his second title at the World Swimming Championships

Ian Thorpe, for once not the centre of attention, came through for the silver in 1:59.66, thus equal-



MICHAEL PHELPS

ling the biggest aggregate medal haul in world championship his-tory, having joined Germany's Michael Gross on 13.

inside that record schedule all the The Australian has 11 golds, one way and beat it by more than a silver and one bronze, comprising two golds in 1998, a record six golds "After the 100 fly world record I in 2001 and three golds, a silver and was very, very fired up," said a bronze in the Palau Sant Jordi Phelps, who retained his 200 butpool this week.

Olympic and defending world champion Massimiliano Rosolino of Italy took the bronze. fourth.

sophical form when asked about his mission.

"Our responsibility is all about inspiration, excitement," said Queiroz. "It's all about imagination and trying to find, with work, the right solution."

He declined to comment on del Bosque's departure. "But, what I know in life is you're born and you die. And it is not because when you're born you know you're gonna die that you stop living.

Srichaphan in semis

AFP, Indianapolis

Andy Roddick, Paradorn Srichaphan and Sjeng Schalken the top three seeds at the ATP hardcourt tournament - were joined by unseeded Nicolas Thomann of France in the lineup for Saturday's semifinals.

The sixth-ranked Roddick improved his perfect record against Xavier Malisse to 6-0 with a 6-4, 6-1 quarterfinal win over the Belgian on Friday.

The 11th ranked Srichaphan of Thailand followed Roddick and quickly ousted unseeded Scott Draper 6-4, 6-2 to take a 2-0 career edge over the Australian.

The 12th-ranked Schalken got a scare in the first set before recovering to defeat seventh seed Robby Ginepri 1-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Zia the leader

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third position along with 12 other players.

IM Reefat-bin-Sattar earned 3 points while IM Enamul Hossain Rajib and FM Sheikh Nasir Ahmed earned 2.5 points each.

In the round, Rakib beat Nasir, Reefat checkmated Mark Lyell and Rajib drew with Matthew Broomfield.

Earlier on Thursday in the fourth round, Zia beat Jack Rudd of England. In other games, Rakib beat Thomas Rendle, Reefat defeated Eesha Karavade, Nasir drew with IM Tejas Bakre of India and Rajib lost to Gurpreet Singh.

Meanwhile, Shawkat Hossain Pallab earned 3.5 points in the Major Open event. He drew with Christopher in fifth round after beating Daniel Diamond in the

The 33-year-old German interna-

The club did not disclose any

His signing ends Arsenal's search

before Phelps was back for the 200 individual medley final and destroying the 1:57.52 mark he had "I am delighted to be joining Arsenal," Lehmann said in a stateset the day before. He was way John made up for his horren-