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England vs South Africa
First Test, Day Five
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Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm

STAR Sports

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Sport News
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Schools football Emarat enter semis

SPORTS REPORTER

Emarat Hossain Adarsha High School moved into the semifinals of the Dhaka Metropolis inter-school football competition with an all-win record.

They defeated Nabakumar Institute 2-0 at the outer stadium yesterday. Ali Hossain scored both goals for winners.

The other match between Khilgaon High School and Matuail Bahumukhi High School ended in a 1-1 draw at the same venue.

Mohammad Rana netted for Khilgaon and Ali Asghar for Matuail.

'Bangladesh better than Pakistan, WI'

Cricket

AFP, Cairns

Australian skipper Steve Waugh praised hapless Bangladesh despite another heavy Test defeat here Monday, saying the minnows' batting had been better than Pakistan and the West Indies.

Australia beat Bangladesh by an innings and 98 runs Monday, just over a week after crushing them by an innings and 132 runs in Darwin.

But Waugh had words of encouragement for Bangladesh despite the back to back trouncings.

"I can think of some batting line-ups worse than the Bangladeshis," said Waugh. "Their batting was a lot better than some West Indies' efforts in recent years and they were better than Pakistan in Sharjah last year."

Bangladesh's Test record is now a dismal 20 losses and a draw from 21 contests. Waugh urged the critics to be fair however.

"It's easy to write off a side because they lost by an innings, but they will improve," he said. "They have a lot of talent."

Waugh said his side was stunned when Bangladesh reached 150 for one wicket on the first day.

"Day One was a good performance," he said. "We expected three or four early wickets at least, so when they were 150 for just one on a wicket that was doing a bit, that was quality batting."

"They left the balls a lot better, their body language was good. They took balls on the body and didn't flinch, so I think they are well on the way."

He said his bowlers sent the ball down short of a length in the first

innings and had to "change their mindset" in order to get on top of the tourists.

Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore said his side held up Australia for a day longer than they had in Darwin. He said he was pleased with his inexperienced side's progress against the game's top-ranked team.

"Well we stretched the game out to a day longer than we did in Darwin (in the first Test)," Whatmore told a news conference.

"That's a way of looking at it -- I thought there was definite improvement," he said. "At 150 for one on the first day... most people might have been surprised ... and to get 295 was excellent."

The future, including a Test series against Pakistan after the one-dayers against Australia, looked bright, he said.

"Maybe against other opposition in the future it might be just that little bit easier and we can progress," he said.

Whatmore said leg-spinner Stuart MacGill's dominant performance of 17 wickets for the series was a result of his batsmen focusing so hard on keeping out pace bowlers they relaxed against MacGill.

"We did not apply the same amount effort against the slower bowler as we did against the pace men," he said.

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud denied suggestions his team were more interested in posing for photographs with Waugh than getting him out during his innings of 156 not out.

"When we are on the ground we are rivals, but off the ground we have guys who have liked Steve Waugh for a long time and that's personal."

"But when we are playing, we fight hard."

Mahmud said his players had approached the second Test in a positive frame of mind.

"We tried our best to prove ourselves, to fight hard on the ground. I think that has been one of the good things that has come out of this series against the best team in the world," he said.

"Definitely when we go to Pakistan (next month) we will have a good performance behind us."

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the second and final Test between Australia and Bangladesh in Cairns on Monday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 295 (H Sarker 76, H Bashar 46, S Hossain 46, K Mashud 44; S MacGill 5-77, J Gillespie 3-57, G McGrath 1-57, B Lee 1-88)

AUSTRALIA: First innings 556 for four declared (D Lehmann 177, S Waugh 156 not out, M Love 100 not out, R Ponting 59, M Hayden 50; S Hossain 2-128, M Mortuza 1-60, T Baisya 1-96)

BANGLADESH: Second innings (overnight 106-4)

Hannan c Hayden b MacGill 55
Omar lbw b Gillespie 8

Bashar c Langer b Lee	25
Ashraf lbw b MacGill	0
Sanwar c Ponting b MacGill	16
Kapali c Langer b MacGill	17
Mashud lbw b Gillespie	14
Mahmud c Lee b MacGill	17
Baisya lbw b Gillespie	0
Mashrafe not out	3
Anwar b Gillespie	4
Extras: (nb-2, lb-2)	4
Total: (All out in 58.4 overs)	163

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(Top) THEIR HUNGER FOR SUCCESS NEVER CEASES: The jubilant Australian team poses after their series win against Bangladesh at Cairns yesterday. (Below) WE MADE YOU SWEAT, DIDN'T WE? Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud (C) and all-rounder Sanwar Hossain talk to Australian skipper Steve Waugh after the end of the second Test.

One-dayers on BTV

SPORTS REPORTER

There is good news for cricket lovers that state-run Bangladesh Television (BTV) is going to provide live coverage of the three-match one-day series between world champions Australia and Bangladesh.

Earlier, BTV disappointed millions in the country when it failed to show both Tests in Darwin and Cairns. It could not even arrange highlights of a day's play.

But it seems good sense has prevailed over authorities at the electronic media.

A reliable source at the BTV told The Daily Star Sport yesterday that final details were being worked out.

"We have already signed an agreement with Australian network Channel 9 to telecast the ODI series."

The first two one-day matches will be day-night affairs on August 2 and 3 at Cairns.

The last one-dayer will take place in Darwin on August 6.

Railway hold Usha

SPORTS REPORTER

Giants Usha Krira Chakra dropped valuable points against Dhaka Railway in their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League match at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Usha let slip a 2-goal lead in the final minutes of the match to allow their opponents to finish all-square at 3-3 after 70 minutes.

Indian Sarven Balla was Railway's hero as he stunned Usha with two superb field goals to snatch an unlikely draw.

Usha led the first half 2-1.

Veteran Mamunur Rashid put Usha ahead in the 14th minute from a penalty-corner while Russel Uddin Bachchu doubled the margin in the

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Pepsi nat' l h'ball on

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Pepsi 16th National Zonal Handball competition began at the Police Lines ground in yesterday.

On the opening day Narsingdi District Sports Association, Chittagong Mahanagari Sports Association, Bandarban District Sports Association and Sunamganj District Sports Association each won their matches.

Police Commissioner Mohammed Shahidullah Khan formally inaugurated the competition.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammed Nasir Uddin is expected to distribute trophies among the winners on Wednesday.

Global Insurance TT starts today

SPORTS Reporter

The Global Insurance Open Table Tennis Tournament begins today at the National Sports Council wooden-floor gymnasium.

A total of 26 players including national stars Mahub, Pappu, Kachi, Hamlet, Rachi, Mustafa, Edison and Goutam will take part in the men's event.

Thirteen players have entered the women's event while eleven in the boy's event.

Besides, there are 69 players taking part in the unseeded category.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will inaugurate the three-day meet.

Moni double rattles Abahani

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

A delightful double by Saifur Rahman Moni gave Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra a 2-1 victory against Abahani Krira Chakra in a crucial match of the Nitol-Tata National Football League at the Barisal Stadium yesterday.

The young national striker kept up the high standard he set in Sylhet last week scoring both goals with spectacular headers in the first big match of the competition

in front of a packed audience.

His two goals took him to the top of the scoring chart with six in three games. Moni also scored twice in the first two games.

It was Muktiyoddha's third straight win that also confirmed their place in the Super Six with a match in hand.

The defeat on the other hand comes as a psychological blow for last year's runners-up. Abahani with four points from three games are now left with a difficult proposition of winning their final match against Sirajganj Mohammedan in Khulna next week to confirm a Super Six berth.

Moni delighted the predomi-

nantly red half of the stadium with a powerful header that crashed into the net after hitting the cross-piece in the 16th minute.

If Moni's header was a quality finish, the delivery from mercurial midfielder Arman off a set piece from right was equally effective to confuse Abahani defender Nazrul and custodian Titumir.

His second goal came in the 34th minute and it was a better effort than the first one. Alfaz whipped in a curling cross from the right with an unmarked Moni timing his run to

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Action from yesterday's National Football League clash between Muktiyoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra and Dhaka Abahani at the Barisal Stadium.

A win, a loss for BKSP boys in Norway Cup

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) Under-16 football team so far experienced mixed fortunes in the Norway Cup soccer carnival now being held in Oslo.

After going down fighting to Mof 3-2 in their opening group league match on Saturday, the BKSP boys staged a turnaround in their second game yesterday.

They registered an impressive 4-0 win against Kgalaf with Ranabir scoring twice. Zahid and Emili shared the other two goals in the 50-minute contest.

A win in their next game over Givkat today will enable BKSP to advance to the next round.

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Hadlee to be a selector only

REUTERS, Auckland

Richard Hadlee has lost his job as chairman of the New Zealand national selection panel in a new structure announced by New Zealand Cricket (NZC) on Monday.

The new role of top selector will go to the new coach of the Black Caps, the Gloucestershire coach and former New Zealand off-spinner John Bracewell.

Hadlee, who was chairman of selectors for three years and will

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First Test nicely poised

Cricket

AFP, Birmingham

England opener Michael Vaughan was out to the last ball before tea as South Africa gave themselves a chance of victory on the fifth and final day of the first Test at Edgbaston here Monday.

At tea England were 72 for one needing another 249 runs from a minimum of 43.4 overs to reach their victory target of 321 after South Africa captain Graeme Smith declared his second innings on 134 for four.

Vaughan, on 22, edged left-arm spinner Robin Peterson straight to Shaun Pollock's slip.

Marcus Trescothick, batting

with a fractured finger was 45 not out including eight fours. But with the skies clouding over a draw looked the most likely result.

Trescothick and Vaughan were severe on fast bowler Makhaya Ntini whose first four overs went for 38 runs. In marked contrast his new-ball partner Pollock saw just six runs taken off his first seven overs.

Left-hander Trescothick hit Ntini for five fours in one over before Vaughan pulled him for six and cover-drove him for four off successive balls.

Earlier Smith continued his personal run-fest in what was his first Test against England.

Smith, who made a South Africa Test record 277 in the first innings, made 85 in South Africa's 134 for four declared.

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Waugh's Warne-ing

Cricket

AFP, Cairns

Steve Waugh declared that spin king Shane Warne will face a fight to regain his place after Stuart MacGill inspired Australia to a crushing second Test victory over Bangladesh here Monday.

MacGill, 32, claimed 5-56 in Bangladesh's second innings, completing a bag of 10 wickets for the match and 17 for the series.

MacGill is enjoying a dream run back in the Australian line-up while Warne -- who has 491 Test wickets from 107 Tests -- serves a 12-month ban for a drug offence.

"MacGill is not just Shane Warne's replacement -- he is a world-class bowler in his own

right," said Waugh.

"He has taken more than five wickets per Test match. There have been only a few bowlers in the history of the game who have done that."

"We're talking about a pretty good bowler here -- not a replacement bowler."

"So it's about time everybody realised he's not in Shane's shadow, but that he's a quality bowler in his own right."

MacGill, who now has 131 Test scalps from 25 Tests, is one of just 10 bowlers with more than 100 wickets to have averaged five wickets per Test.

By that measure, he stands with such superstars as Australia's Dennis Lillee, New Zealander

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AFP, Cairns

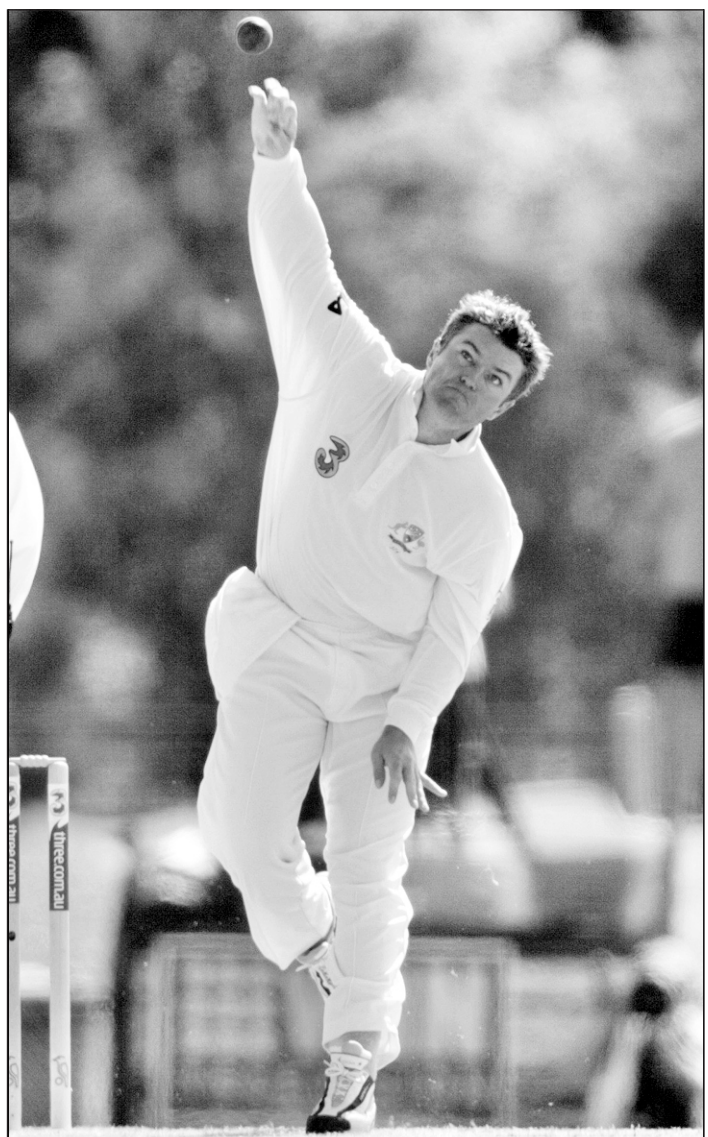
Australian cricket's celebrity of the moment, match-winning leg-spinner Stuart MacGill, said here Monday he was itching for the opportunity to display his wiles on Indian wickets.

Named man-of-the-match and player-of-the-series for his 17 wickets after Australia wrapped up a 2-0 Test series victory over Bangladesh, MacGill said he was firmly focused on touring India late next year.

"India is a place where we really want to win and I think the desire is as great as anything I've ever experienced," he said.

"I definitely want to be part of

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MENACING MacGILL: Australia's star leg-spinner Stuart MacGill tormenting the Bangladeshi batting at Cairns yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP