



Did U Know?

The first player to cross the 1000-runs mark in Test cricket was England's Arthur Shrewsbury. He achieved this feat in his 21st Test match against Australia in 1893.



What to WATCH

BTV

Nitol-Tata Nat'l Football League
Ctg Mohammedan vs Bangladesh Army
Live at 4:00 pm

TEN SPORTS

Real Madrid vs Hong Kong
Live at 5:30

ESPN

England vs South Africa
Second Test, Day Three
Repeat at 11:00 am

Sportscentre Hindi

Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm

STAR Sports

Soccer Soap
Dream Team
Repeat at 8:30 am

Sportline Tonight

Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm

Soccer Soap

Dream Team
Taped Version at 10:00 pm

Tennis Masters Series, Montreal

Quarterfinals
Live at 11:00 pm



Tick the correct answers, post to

The Daily Star

Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm August 15, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. How many runs did Bangladesh score in the first innings of the 2nd Test against Australia?
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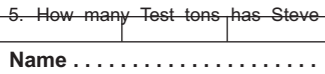
2. Who became Asian Youth Cup cricket champions?
Mataysia Bangladesh Nepal

3. Who won the Pepsi handball title?
Chittagong Narsingdi Bandarban

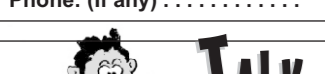
4. Who clinched the CONCACAF Gold Cup?
Brazil USA Mexico

5. How many Test tons has Steve...
Name
Class Roll No.
School Address

Phone: (if any)



TALK TURKEY



Saurav Ganguly

(India cricket captain)

"Sledging has become part of modern-day cricket, but it is a minor issue which should not be blown out of proportion."

Amol lifts men's title

SPORTS REPORTER

Amol Roy lifted the men's singles title of the Modern Builders Open Tennis Competition beating Hira Lal 6-2, 7-6 in the final at the National Tennis Complex yesterday.

Haroon and Illyas duo won the veteran doubles title.

Abahani cross Usha barrier

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani Krira Chakra crossed a big hurdle in their bid to retain their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League title when they came from behind to edge past powerful Usha Krira Chakra 4-2 in a crucial first round match yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-1. Indian forward MK Prakash scored three goals while winger Sheikh Ramij Ahmed added the other for the sky-blues. On the other hand, Forward Mobinur Rahman and defender Irteza Kader Guddu reduced the margin for the old-timers.

Usha forward Mobin stunned the

Abahani defenders with a fourth minute from a short-corner after the ball hit one of the defenders and came back into play.

Abahani had to wait for a poor clearance before Prakash scored ten minutes later with a power-packed hit. The goal inspired the popular Dhamondi outfit to launch further raids. And soon after their sustained pressure paid off through veteran campaigner Ramij's goal.

Prakash then increased Abahani's tally immediately after the lemon break from a short-corner. But they failed to hold on to their two-goal advantage after Guddu scored for Usha from another short corner in the 42nd minute.

However Usha's hopes of snatching a draw ended with Prakash's third goal from a set piece

at the stroke of the long whistle.

It was Abahani's sixth win on the trot that raised their tally to 18 points and earned them a temporary lead in the 10-team league table. Title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting Club, who will take on Bangladesh Sporting Club today, are just three points behind them from five outings.

It was the first defeat for Usha against two wins and two draws that kept them glued to eight points from five matches.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Ajax SC v Sadharan Bima (2:15 pm)

Mohammedan SC v Bangladesh SC (4:15)



PHOTO: STAR

Abahani's Indian forward Amar Ayamma (C) and Usha's Mamun-ur-Rashid fight for possession during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

'Boys will be better against Pakistan'

Cricket

REUTERS, Melbourne

Bangladesh will be more competitive during their three-Test tour of Pakistan coach Dav Whatmore said after his team's whitewash by top-ranked Australia.

Whatmore took control of the Bangladesh cricket team in June, leading them to successive Test series wins in last month's Test series in Australia before the home side scored easy victories in the three-match limited-overs series.

But Bangladesh, who have not won a Test in 21 attempts since gaining Test status three years ago, are approaching the Pakistan series later this month with enthusiasm, Whatmore said.

"I think we've got a better chance of gaining confidence with any opposition (other than Australia)," Whatmore told reporters.

"I think we will be a bit more competitive against them than Australia. It still won't be easy, (but) the difference between Pakistan and Australia is fairly sizeable."

Cricket Australia (CA) eased their congested summer season by

hosting the Bangladesh series during the southern winter at two new Test venues, Cairns on Queensland's tropical far north coast and Northern Territory capital

expected in Australia, he said.

"Basically it's just an appreciation of relentless pressure from a good opposition," Whatmore said after Bangladesh lost Wednesday's third one-day match by 112 runs.

"Different surfaces, from Cairns to Darwin, it didn't really matter with the Australian team, they played extremely well."

Australia's Test vice-captain and one-day skipper Ricky Ponting said the players supported an out-of-season return to the tropics next year for a home series against Sri Lanka.

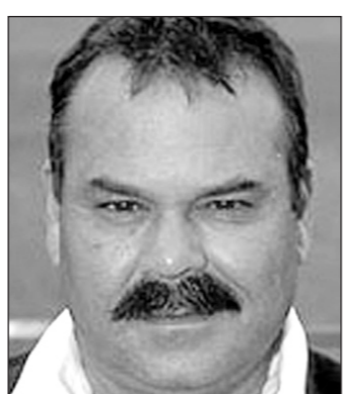
"When it is relaxed away from the game, it certainly helps all the players perform better," Ponting told reporters.

"I've really enjoyed it and I think if you ask all the guys they've enjoyed themselves immensely."

"We'll go home now and rest up for a little while and make sure we are ready for our next challenge which is Zimbabwe (in October)."

CA operations manager Michael Brown told Melbourne's Herald Sun newspaper on Thursday: "We have taken international cricket to two new parts of Australia and we are thrilled with the result."

The heavy defeats were to be



DAV WHATMORE

Darwin, where sunshine was guaranteed.

Whatmore, a former Australia Test batsman, has kept a sunny disposition despite criticism of Bangladesh's place in Test cricket and some schoolboy shot-making from his middle-order.

The heavy defeats were to be

Kamalapur arena open NSC Tower's foundation stone laid

AGENCIES, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has asked for maintaining discipline in the country's sports arena through curbing irregularities and wastage.

She particularly underscored the need for downsizing the numbers of officials accompanying players during foreign tours to minimise expenses. In this context, she reminded that funds for sports have to be allocated from the country's limited resources.

"We don't want to hear stories of double or triple number of sports officials accompanying the players during foreign tours," she said while laying the foundation stone of the National Sports Council (NSC) Tower yesterday.

Later the Prime Minister inaugurated the newly-built Birshrestha Shaheed Sipahi Mostafa Stadium at Kamalapur.



PHOTO: STAR

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A view of the newly-built Birshrestha Shaheed Sipahi Mostafa Stadium at Kamalapur.

Dolaipar clinch school football title

SPORTS REPORTER

Dolaipar High School clinched the first-ever Dhaka Metropolitan inter-school football title with a hard fought 2-1 win over Residential Model School in a tense final at the newly inaugurated Birshrestha Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

The match was locked 1-1 in the first session in front of a packed crowd.

Masum put Dolaipar ahead in the 25th minute while Nazrul of Residential Model Scholl equalised in the 38th minute.

However, it was Al-Amin of Dolaipar who scored the decisive goal just before the final whistle.

Minister for Water Resources Major (retired) M Hafizuddin, BB, witnessed the final as the chief guest while State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman was also present.

Dolaipar High School received Taka 50,000 while the runners-up team received Taka 30,000.

Emarat High School got Taka 20,000 as the third team of the 60-team competition.

Tigers return home tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh cricket team returns home tomorrow after one-and-a-half month tour of Australia.

But Khaled Mahmud's men will get little time to recharge their batteries. Because one-week later the Tigers will fly to Pakistan to play three Tests and five one-day international matches.

It was learnt that the cricketers will practice for two or three days before their departure.

Meanwhile, sources said that coach Dav Whatmore will select the team for Pakistan. At the moment the BCB does not have a national selection panel.

The Test minnows left for Australia on June 22, two weeks before the official tour schedule, to play two Tests and three one-day series against the world champions.

Bangladesh were whitewashed in both versions by the all-conquering Australians.

Titans karate champs

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Titans topped the medals table on the final day of the 17th National Karate Championship, securing three gold, one silver, one bronze medal at the Shaheed Suhrawardy Indoor Stadium yesterday.

Bangladesh Ansars secured second position after collecting two gold and three silver medals.

State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharrif Hossain distributed medals to the winners as chief guest.

Div II chess starts Aug 20

SPORTS REPORTER

The Second Division Chess League will begin from August 20 at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium.

Interested teams have been asked to enroll by paying Tk 460 on or before August 15.

Arambagh breeze into Super Six

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Arambagh Krira Sangha stormed into the Super Six phase of the Nitol-Tata 3rd National Football League after trouncing Jagarani Club of Jamalpur 6-1 in the last Group A

fixture at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

Arambagh, the experienced Dhaka Premier League outfit, went into the match needing to win by four goals at least to book a Super Six ticket ahead of Jhenidah Mohammedan and did their job in style with Kenyan recruit Okimo Oinu and substitute forward Ashrafal Awal Apu both scoring two goals. Shafayet and Bidyut netted one apiece.

The winners led the first half 2-0. Jewel of Jagarani Club scored the consolation goal for his team at the fag end of the match.

Arambagh secured the third spot in Group A behind Moulvibazar Wanderers Club and Dhaka Mohammedan Sporting Club with four points from as many matches.

Bidyut of Arambagh was later declared man of the match. Bangladesh Army will take on Chittagong Mohammedan in a crucial Group B match at the same venue today.

TEAMS

Arambagh KS: Himu, Arman, Biplob, Kamruzzaman, Kamal, Shaheen, Bidyut, Saif (Apu), Emu, Oinu and Awal.

Jagarani Club: Didar, Salim, Taher, Pilu, Payel, Babu, Jewell, Akram, Nayan, Shariful and Azad.

Referee: Abdul Miron.

GROUP B TABLE

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
Moulvibazar Wanderers	4	3	1	0	14	3	10
Dhaka Mohammedan	4	3	1	0	12	3	10
Arambagh KS	4	1	1	2	8	8	4
Jhenidah Mohammedan	4	1	1	2	8	9	4
Jagarani Club	4	0	0	4	2	22	0



PHOTO: KAMRUL AHSAN

Arambagh's Kenyan recruit Oinu (L), who struck twice, threatens the Jamalpur Jagarani goal during their Nitol-Tata National Football League fixture at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

WADA calls Warne a cheat

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) wants the Australian government to fully apply its anti-drugs rules to ensure that banned cricketer Shane Warne's 12-month suspension is properly enforced.

WADA's move follows reported comments from Australian selector Allan Border on Tuesday that the high-profile leg-spin bowler would have the opportunity to train with the national squad as a guest during his ban.

Australia's leading Test wicket-taker tested positive to a banned diuretic last February and was suspended from cricket for a year.

Warne's suspension ends on February 10, just ahead of Australia's scheduled Test series with Sri Lanka.

WADA's chief executive David Howman and president Dick Pound

were surprised to learn that the disgraced leg-spinner was preparing to train with the Australian team in the lead-up to this summer's season, even though he was a

Thursdays. "It is not a ban if he is training or playing a ban means not participating in any form. I find this ruling particularly bizarre because it is out of character with Australia's strong anti-doping stance."

Warne was given permission to play in charity matches and train with the team after the players' union, the Australian Cricketers' Association, sought clarification from the Cricket Australia ruling body over the exact nature of the ban.

An arbitrator ruled that the legal association between the players and Cricket Australia meant Warne was only banned from official matches.

"I don't understand what the ACA is doing," Pound told the Herald. "It is doing everything in its power to allow a cheater to play. It is absolutely anti-ethical and against the spirit of the game."

"It used to be that the game of

PHOTO: SHANE WARNE

banned athlete.

"It is bizarre," Howman told the Sydney Morning Herald on

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