

### Did U Know?

Michael Jordan makes more money from NIKE annually than all of the Nike factory workers in Malaysia combined.

### What to WATCH

#### ESPN

Australia vs India  
Tri-Series, Fifth ODI  
Live at 9:15 am

English Premier Football League  
Aston Villa vs Arsenal  
Live at 7:55 pm

Chelsea vs Birmingham City  
Live at 10:00 pm

#### STAR Sports

South Africa vs West Indies  
Fourth Test, Day Three  
Live at 2:27 pm

Primera Liga  
Betis vs Real Madrid  
Live at 2:00 am (Monday)

### TALK TURKEY



**Sachin Tendulkar**  
(India's star batsman)  
"Records will come when one plays for such a long time. But it is nice to be counted among the best."

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1. Who won the 25th National Women's Chess Championship title?		
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Australia America Russia		
3. Steve Waugh has played how many Test matches?	132	168 200
4. David Seaman quit football at		
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### DAY'S EVENT

#### Western Union Premier Division Football League

Muktijoddha vs Dhaka Wanderers (4:30 pm)  
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur

#### Nat'l Cricket League (Day-2)

Sylhet vs Barisal  
Venue: Barisal Stadium  
Khulna vs Chittagong  
Venue: Shamsul Huda Stadium, Jessore  
Dhaka vs Rajshahi  
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

#### Patron's Cup

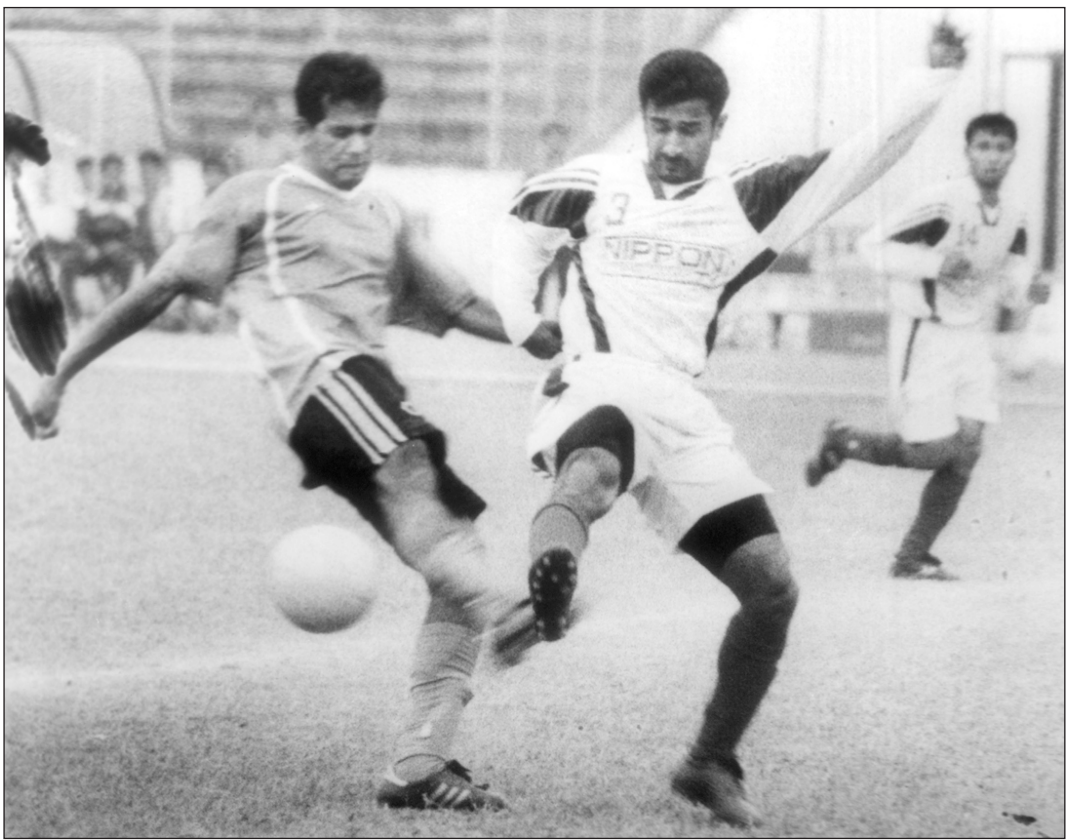


PHOTO: STAR

Brothers Union's Iqbal (L) and Hafiz of Badda Jagorani are in pursuit of the ball during their Western Union Premier Division Football League encounter at Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

## Peace returns to Mirpur

### Brothers win by a whisker

#### SPORTS REPORTER



Sanity returned to the Western Union Premier Division Football yesterday when Brothers Union scored a lone goal victory over Badda Jagorani at Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Central defender Nazrul scored the all-important goal for the men in orange in a match played in a peaceful manner after four days of mayhem that started with the troubled Abahani-Muktijoddha game on Wednesday.

Nazrul salvaged his team from embarrassment when he fired home a loose ball from close after

an Arman flag kick slipped out of the hands of Badda custodian Al-Amin in the 30th minute. It was the first League goal for the expensive defender, but that was enough for the reborn Brothers to stay at the top of the table with 18 points from eight matches, four points clear from their nearest challengers Abahani.

But Muktijoddha, who are waiting for a league committee ruling, has a bright chance to go within one point of Brothers provided that the Reds are declared winners against Mohammedan.

Brothers however had only themselves to blame for making a heavy weather of what could have been an easy sail over the struggling Badda side.

With their star-studded forward line-up having one of those bad days, Brothers looked increasingly pensive until Nazrul punched in the decider.

Brothers' Russian striker Victor himself spoiled four easy chances, two in each half. With five goals under his belt, the Russian frustrated the supporters of the Gopibagh side by amazingly firing the ball on the top of the cross-bar from about four yards in the 22nd minutes after the break.

The nimble attacker also missed two chances in the space of five minutes before the break. His first attempt on an Okulu minus in the 12th minute went wide of the post.

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PHOTO: STAR

General secretary of Mohammedan Sporting Club Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan (R) makes a point during a press briefing at the club premises yesterday.

## A team play KRL today

#### SPORTS REPORTER

The touring Bangladesh A team will take on Khan Research Laboratory (KRL) in their last match in the Inter-Department Cricket Championship in Pakistan today.

The limited-overs match will be played at the UBL ground in Karachi. The team will be aiming to end its tour on a high after a sequence of poor results, which included being shot out for only 30 against Pakistan Customs in their previous four-day match.

Bangladesh suffered three defeats in a row in the shorter-version after winning the first two games while they endured four straight Patron's Trophy defeats in five matches.

## C'wealth chess

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Niaz Murshed won his seventh round game against Asian junior champion Prathamesh Sunil Mokil of India in the Common-wealth Chess Championship at Mumbai yesterday.

The Bangladeshi GM secured five points after the end of the seventh round games.

GM Nigel Short of England, GM Pavel of Russia and GM Thipsay of India were sharing the lead with 6 point each.

## Gibbs' narrow miss



#### AFP, Centurion

Herschelle Gibbs was dismissed eight runs short of a double century as South Africa continued to dominate on the second day of the fourth and final Test against the West Indies at Centurion Park Saturday.

South Africa were 517 for four at tea, with Jacques Kallis unbeaten on 77.

Herschelle Gibbs cut part-time leg-spinner Ramnaresh Sarwan to backward point when he was on 192. Sarwan also dismissed Gary Kirsten (10) and was the most successful West Indian bowler with two for 55.

It was an unusually patient innings by Gibbs, who looked set for a third career Test double century before he was out after batting for 474 minutes. He faced 335 balls and hit 24 fours and three sixes. It was the second time in his career he was dismissed in the 190s. He made 196 against India in Port Elizabeth in 2001-02.

Gibbs posted the highest individual score in a Test at Centurion and also made the highest score for South Africa against the West Indies, beating the mark of 177 set

by Kallis in the second Test of the current series in Durban.

Kallis, who made centuries in each of the first three Tests, was quickly into his stride, hooking Fidel Edwards for six and four off successive balls early in his innings. He looked in outstanding form as he went to his half-century off 82 balls. By tea, he had faced 139 balls and hit eight fours and a six.

South Africa, holding a winning 2-0 lead in the series, capitalised on the 301-run opening stand between Gibbs and captain Graeme Smith on the first day, although the scoring was slower in heavily overcast conditions. The floodlights were switched on after half an hour.

Gibbs started the day slowly, adding only seven runs off 31 balls in 50 minutes before he hooked Dwayne Smith for four to raise his 150 in the last over before the second new ball was taken.

Jacques Rudolph helped Gibbs add 72 for the second wicket. He made 37 off 84 balls with six fours before being bowled by an Edwards yorker that swung away from the left-hander.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the fourth and final Test between

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## Mohammedan, Jewel face punishment

#### SPORTS REPORTER

The disciplinary committee of the Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee, it was learnt, has recommended penalising Mohammed-dan Sporting Club one point and declare Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra outright winners of Thurs-day's Western Union Premier Division Football League match.

It was also reported that the committee called for Mohammedan captain Jewel Rana to be handed a punitive one-game ban.

The big match was abandoned with six minutes remaining when Mohammedan refused to play after Muktijoddha's 84th minute equalizer.

The disciplinary committee met at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur last night. But nobody was interested to make any comments after the meeting.

The recommendations have been submitted to the league committee which is likely to study them when they sit later today.

## Unimpressive nat'l batting

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Manzarul Islam Rana ripped through the Under-19 batting as the Zimbabwe-bound Bangladesh national team romped to a six-wicket win in their second practice match at BKSP in Savar yesterday.

Rana, the left-arm spinner, grabbed five wickets for 13 runs in his 9.2 miserly overs as Richard McInnes' boys were shot out for only 90 runs in 33.2 overs.

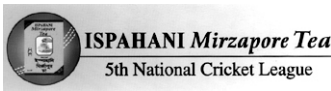
Another left-arm slow bowler Mohammed Rafique provided perfect support to Rana, claiming three wickets for 10 runs in 7 overs.

However, it was captain Khaled Mahmud himself who made the first breakthroughs after his decision to bowl first.

But the batting of Dav Whatmore's boys was also not too encouraging as they lost four wickets

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# Bashir, Anis steal spotlight



#### SPORTS REPORTER

Young all-rounder Tamim Bashir and seasoned right-hand batsman Anisur Rahman stole the show for holders Khulna and Rajshahi in the Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League yesterday.

Bashir remained 78 not out to guide hosts Khulna out of troubled waters against Chittagong at the Jessore Stadium. The home side went to stumps at 255-8 after Chittagong spinner Ahsanullah Hasan grabbed five wickets.

Anis hit an unbeaten 76 as Rajshahi scored 249 all out against league leaders Dhaka at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Sylhet finished the opening day in a strong position against lowly Barisal when they reached 214-4 at the Barisal Stadium.

#### KHULNA V CHITTAGONG

When Bashir came to the crease Khulna were struggling on 66-4 put into bat. He then applied himself with 78 off 214 balls that contained six fours.

He also featured in a crucial 98-run sixth wicket stand with lower-order batsman Neaz Murshed who contributed 31 off 90 balls.

Khulna skipper Hasanuzzaman carried his superb one-day form where he cracked a century against the same opponents by hitting the second highest 48.

#### DHAKA V RAJSHAHI

Dhaka's spin twins Naimur Rahman and Elias Sunny shared seven wickets but Rajshahi still managed to total a respectable 249 after being put in.

Besides Anis who belted nine boundaries in his 148-ball innings other notable scores came from the bats of opener Rafiqul Islam (47 off 129 balls) and number nine Aminul Islam with a remarkable 31-ball 42.

Dhaka captain Naimur Rahman claimed four for 76 while his young partner Sunny captured three wickets for 53 runs.

In reply, Dhaka ended the day without any loss for 6 runs in 3 overs.

#### SYLHET V BARISAL

A 97-run unbeaten fifth-wicket partnership between Golam Mowla and Nasirul Alam helped Sylhet to commanding position after deciding to bat.

But the visitors may have wondered whether the decision was correct after they lost their first wicket with only ten runs on the board.

However, one-day centurion Golam Mabud and captain Parvez Ahmed combined to add 67 runs to lay the foundations for a big total on a placid Barisal Stadium pitch.

Parvez scored 55 off 110 balls with seven hits to the fence while Mabud added 32 off 95 balls that featured six boundaries.

Mowla was batting on 49 and Nasirul 45 at the close.

#### SCORECARDS

Scoreboard on the first day of the three four-day Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League matches played at different venues across the country yesterday:

#### KHULNA V CHITTAGONG

Venue: Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore  
**KHULNA:** First innings  
Shafikul b Hasan 21  
Jalaluddin c Mukhtar b Debobrata 1

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PHOTO: STAR

Rafiqul of Rajshahi straight drives during his knock of 47 against Dhaka during their Ispahani Mirzapore Tea National Cricket Championship match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

# MSC apply for full points

#### SPORTS REPORTER



Mohammedan Sporting Club yesterday demanded full three points from their abandoned Western Union Premier Division Football League match against Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra.

"We submitted a formal letter to the league committee demanding full points as well as bringing foreign referees to smoothly run the league. We are hopeful that the authorities will consider our demand sympathetically," said the club's general secretary Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan at a press briefing in the afternoon.

Mohammedan is facing the prospect of losing four points for refusing to play the remaining six minutes of their crucial match against Muktijoddha at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur on Thursday. The game was locked

at 1-1 when it suffered a sorry death amidst violent reactions from the players and officials of the popular Motijheel-based side after a long throw from Muktijoddha's Belal entered the net hitting the chest of defender Shuvro.

"Shuvro was standing inside the goalline when it struck him and we want to show you the video footage of that incident," said Lukman in defence of his side's decision of what he claimed a controversial ruling by referee Ram Krishna Ghosh.

But Lokman was unable to show the video footage to reporters until the briefing was over.

Lokman however said that his club was against any boycott threat but they also wanted a respectable decision from the league committee, which is likely to give a ruling on the trouble-torn match today following a prescription of the disciplinary committee.

"We will react only after the outcome of the league committee meeting. But we always love to be

on the field," said the black and whites' sports secretary Salam Murshedi.

Murshedi, a prolific marksman of the 80's, was smart enough to concede that his decision to enter the field during the match was illegal but he had done it only to avert a massive violence.

"We are very much aware that referee is the supreme authority on the field and his decision is final. But if you look at recent incidents you will find that poor refereeing was mainly responsible for the sad end of a match," said Murshedi while referring to the ill-fated Muktijoddha-Abahani match.

But when asked how wise was it for Mohammedan to refuse to play on, which not only caused a major setback to their aspirations to defend the title but also brought the game into disrepute in front of the visiting AFC and FIFA delegation, Murshedi blamed the media over

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## Int'l junior tennis Mixed day for local boys

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh boys had mixed fortunes on the opening day of the 32-player qualifying round in the Sheltech 18th Bangladesh International Junior Tennis Championships that began yesterday.

Ranjan Ram defeated Lidzar Ivan of Kazakhstan 6-3, 7-5 in the first round. He then stunned South Africa's Kelvin De Wet 6-2, 6-2.

Ranjan was joined by fellow-Bangladeshi Akhter Hossain, who got past Sri Lanka's Sabnathan Sashi 6-3, 6-4 in the first round and recorded a 6-3, 6-3 win over Oyama Tetta of Japan in the next round.

However, there was no luck for Basir Gazi went down 4-6, 2-6 to Wickramasinghe of Sri Lanka while Shahnewaz Ahmed lost to India's Kaushik Das in tight three setter after winning the first 6-2.

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# Razzaq rampage not enough

## New Zealand take series 4-1



#### AFP, Wellington

New Zealand survived a batting blitzkrieg by Abdul Razzaq to

snatch a dramatic four-run win with three balls to spare over Pakistan here Saturday in a champagne spectacle of cricket which produced more than 600 runs.

After New Zealand posted their highest one-day score yet against



PHOTO: STAR

**RUNNING RIOT:** Abdul Razzaq of Pakistan in full flow during his whirlwind 89 off 40 deliveries against New Zealand in the fifth and final ODI at Wellington yesterday.

Pakistan of 307 for eight, Pakistan were all out in return for 303 in the final over of the match and the series, won by New Zealand 4-1.

Razzaq's batting spectacular, in which he scored 89 from 40 balls, was not enough to win the match, but it deservedly won him the man-of-the-match award.

He was closing on one of the fastest ever one-day centuries when he finally misjudged a shot and skied New Zealand's most expensive bowler, Andre Adams, to the safest fielder on the park, Hamish Marshall, to end an innings that included nine fours and five sixes.

His first 50 came off 23 balls, including 24 runs off one Adams over, and goes in the record books as the 12th fastest of all time.

Pakistan's run chase was a rollercoaster ride, starting ahead of the required run rate of just over six an over, then falling well back to needing nearly 12 an over after losing three top order batsmen in the space of 20 runs.

Inzamamul Haq and Moin Khan steadied the chase with a 98 run partnership but when the latter

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