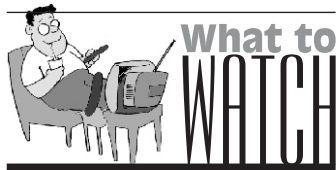




Did U Know?

Sugar Ray Leonard won a record of five world titles from 1979 to 1988 including the WBC welterweight, the WBA light-middle, the WBC middleweight, the WBC super middleweight and the WBC light heavy-weight titles.



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Aleem Dar

(Pakistan cricket umpire)

"I'm very pleased to be given this opportunity. Making this panel was my aim and having made it to this level I will now be aiming to do my best." After being named on the ICC elite panel.



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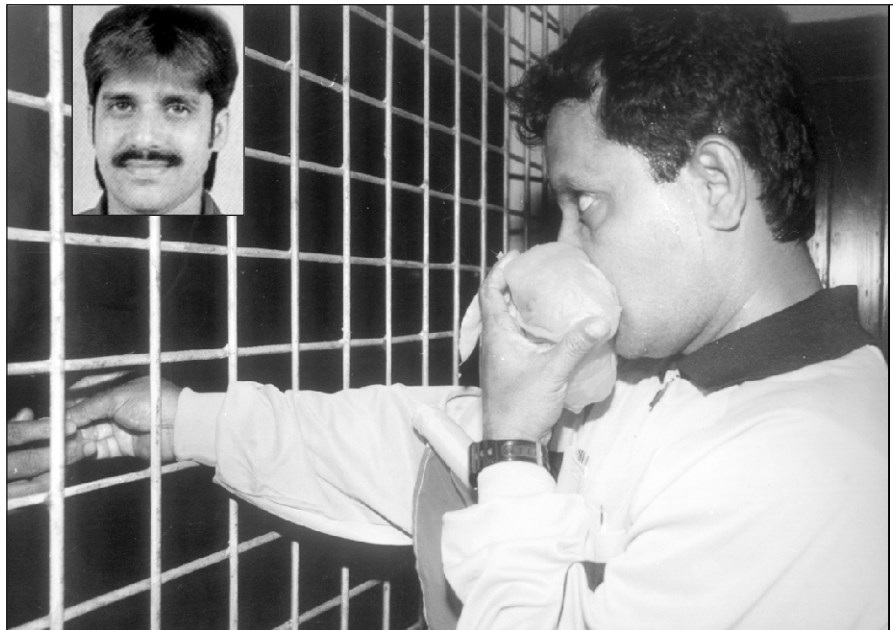
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1. Who won the 25th National Women's Chess Championship title?		
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2. Who lifted the Hopman Cup tennis title?		
Australia	America	Russia
3. Steve Waugh has played how many Test matches?		
132	168	
4. David Seaman quit football at the age of		
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Western Union Premier Football League
Brothers Union vs Dhaka Wanderers (5:00 pm)
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium
Mirzapore Ispahani Tea Nat'l Cricket League (Day-3)
Chittagong vs Sylhet
Venue: Sylhet Stadium
Khulna vs Barisal
Venue: Barisal Stadium



MOHAMMEDAN AT IT AGAIN: (L) Assistant referee Mahbubur Rahman wipes his bleeding nose after he was punched by Mohammedan manager Aminul Islam Babu (insert). (M) Mohammedan players protest the decision in question with referee Abdur Rahim. (R) Ibrahim Nessar takes off his trousers to fill in for linesman Mahbub, leaving the fourth official's place vacant. However, another assistant referee, Aminul Islam (sitting), was there at hand to do the job.

Babu makes it a boxing match!

SPORTS REPORTER

WESTERN UNION Ugly scenes re-surfaced once again in the Western Union Premier Division football league as a linesman was punched out of the game during yesterday's fixture between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Sheikh Russell Kriha Chakra at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium that ended in a goalless stalemate.

The incident happened in the 64th minute when an estranged Mohammedan manager Amirul Islam Babu, who is a known trouble-maker, landed punches on assistant referee Mahbubur Rahman after a goal against Sheikh Russell had been disallowed for foul.

The shocking event brought back memories of the January 15 fiasco between Mohammedan and Muktiyoddha Sangsad where the Black and Whites players and officials launched another shameful attack on match officials demanding cancellation of a goal.

Last night Mohammedan thought

they had scored when veteran forward Farhad scrambled the ball into the net after Russell's custodian Biblob failed to gather it properly. However linesman Rahman already had his flag up indicating that Farhad had fouled Biblob before scoring and referee Abdur Rakib ruled in Sheikh Russell's favour.

As Mohammedan players protested near the touchline, their manager Babu suddenly ran towards the linesman and blatantly struck two blows on his face and walked away as if nothing had happened.

Play was stopped for eleven minutes as Rahman was forced to leave the ground with blood oozing from his nose. He didn't return leaving fourth referee Ibrahim Nessar to stand in for him for the remainder of the game.

The draw was another sorry result for Mohammedan who are all but out of contention for making a challenge for the title. The defending champions now languish in sixth position in the 10-team table with 14 points from 11 matches. Season's surprise package Sheikh Russell are in fourth

spot on 19 points from 11 games.

Mohammedan had more clear-cut chances in the match. Farhad spoiled the first opportunity in the 22nd minute when he failed to make contact with Cameroon recruit Olinga's cross from the right with an open net beckoning.

Olinga's compatriot Etigo then saw his header from close range brilliantly fisted away for a corner by Biblob in the 41st minute.

Sheikh Russell's Moroccan forward Hadi muffed the best chance for his team when he lost control of the ball in front of the goal in the 33rd minute.

Yellow cards: Narayan, Milan (Sheikh Russell) and Basala (Mohammedan)

TEAMS

SHEIKH RUSSELL: Biblob, Kamal, Narayan, Rezaul, Burdeep, Jahangir, Asif, Abdel, Hadi, Yunus and Milan.

MOHAMMEDAN SC: Bijon, Jewel Rana, Faisal, Basala, Kaiser, Amin Rana (Nakib), Olinga, Afala, Bakhtiar, Farhad (Monju) and Etigo.

Referee: Abdur Rakib.

No Premier soccer for 6 days

SPORTS REPORTER

The Western Union Premier Division Football League will remain suspended for six days after today's Brothers Union and Dhaka Wanderers match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

As per fixture, Muktiyoddha Sangsad Kriha Chakra was scheduled to play against Victoria Sporting Club on February 10, but the Reds are now in Turkmenistan to play their AFC Cup match.

"According to the league bylaws, the fixtures will have to be bodily shifted if any match is deferred. That's why the league will resume with the same match on February 16," said Mozammel Haq Mukta, secretary of the league committee yesterday, adding that sports ministry also requested them to spare the ground on February 12 and 13 for government officials' annual sports competition.

The popular league has already experienced two stoppages. First, it was postponed for six days following an unsettling match between Mohammedan and Muktiyoddha and then for five days for Eid-ul-Azha.

Youthful opening tomorrow



SPORTS REPORTER

The stage is set for a grand opening ceremony of the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup. The curtain of the biggest youth jamboree will be raised at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow evening.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the 16-team meet at 6pm. The gala event involving the future stars has already created enormous enthusiasm among the cricket lovers of the tenth Test-playing nation.

The hosts Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) will hope to use the three-hour spectacle to highlight the warmth and hospitality of its sport-loving people and the diverse culture. Bangladesh Television will beam the opening ceremony live from the big bowl. The ceremony will also try to symbolize the youthful exuberance through a variety of physical displays by nearly a thou-

sand performers representing various organizations. The opening ceremony will be rounded off by a fireworks display.

International Cricket Council (ICC) president Ehsan Mani and chief executive Malcolm Speed will arrive today to grace the occasion.

The youth World Cup, one of the three major events in the ICC calendar, will be the second biggest cricket showcase in the country after the Mini World Cup in 1998.

Although it is a development event rather than a money-spinner, however it provides Bangladesh the opportunity to give exposure to its cricket infrastructure and inject greater involvement of youths into

the glorious game.

The real battle on the field will however commence on February 15 at eight different venues spread across the country. The first two days of the competition will also mark the baptism of two new venues including the spectacular Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra.

Among the participating teams, Nepal, England and Canada were the first to arrive here. The other 12 teams including defending champions Australia will fly into the city today.

The sixteen teams will be split into four groups to feature in the first round of the 25-day meet. The final takes place on March 5.

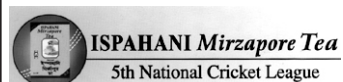
Bangladesh, whose only success in the last three editions of the juvenile meet was winning the Plate final against West Indies in South Africa, will be aiming to go one better on home soil. But they have been placed in a difficult group with India, New Zealand that also includes Scotland.

Cricket fans can enjoy every minute of the opening ceremony by purchasing a five taka ticket from three different branches of Janata Bank.

GROUPS

GROUP A: Australia, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Canada.
GROUP B: South Africa, England, Nepal and Uganda.
GROUP C: Bangladesh, India, New Zealand and Scotland.
GROUP D: West Indies, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea and Ireland.

Rajshahi floor Dhaka



SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka collapsed to a defeat in just two days with left-arm spinner Saifullah Khan finishing with a match haul of 12 wickets as Rajshahi romped to an eight-wicket win over the leaders of the Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fifth National Cricket League at the Rangpur Cricket Gardens yesterday.

First-innings destroyer Saifullah snapped up seven for 22 as Dhaka's batsmen failed for the second time in the match.

Following Saturday's 90 all out, when he grabbed 5-30, Khaled Mahmud's men were bundled out for 108 leaving Rajshahi a 51-run target which they achieved in 20.2 overs.

Earlier Rajshahi resuming day two on 113 for six were shut out for 148.

Despite their first defeat Dhaka remained atop with 30 points while

Rajshahi registered their second straight victory to increase their tally to 22 points.

SYLHET V CHITTAGONG Sylhet were in the driving seat after they dismissed Chittagong for 93 to take a commanding 142-run first innings lead at the Sylhet Stadium.

And by stumps they stretched the lead to 308 runs after they ended the day at 166 for two in their second innings. Opener Golam Rahman was not out with 74 off 151 balls with ten fours and a six.

Earlier left-arm pacer Rezaul Haq Nayeem captured four for 15 and spinner Nabil Samad took three for 27 as Chittagong were bundled out for 93.

KHULNA V BARISAL

Khulna thrived on three half-centuries to take a huge first innings lead against lowly Barisal at the Barisal Stadium.

Shafiu Islam and Sanjoy Chakrabarti added 131 runs for the first wicket as Khulna scored 260 for four in reply to Barisal's 193. Khulna

resumed the day on 41 for no loss.

Shafiu hit 61 off 186 balls with ten hits to the fence while Sanjoy contributed 63 off 176 balls that also featured ten boundaries.

Salahuddin Ahmed was batting on 48 and Jamaluddin Babu remained unbeaten with 56 when balls were drawn for the second day.

SCOREBOARD

Scorecards on the second day of the three National Cricket League four-day matches held at different venues yesterday:

Dhaka v Rajshahi

Venue: Rangpur Cricket Garden

DHAKA: First innings 90 all out in 44.4 overs (Saifullah 5/30)

RAJSHAH: First innings (overnight 113 for 6)

Kabir b Mahmud	28
Parvez c Fahim b Neeyamur	5
Murad lbw b Ashraf	2
Nuruzzaman c & b Ashraf	27
Anisur c Mazharul b Ashraf	0
Ashraf not out	26

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Tigers draw three-dayer

SPORTS REPORTER

Namibia put up a spirited display in their second innings as Bangladesh were forced to draw their three-day match on the final day in Windhoek yesterday.

Conceding a 161-run first innings deficit, Namibia scored 356 for six after resuming the day on 65 without loss, according to Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) which failed to provide any other details on the third day's play.

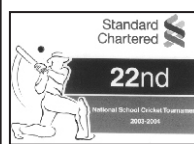
The Tigers took the huge first innings lead after scoring 316 in reply to Namibia's 155.

Bashar's boys had earlier won all their three limited-overs warm-up matches against the ICC associate member nation.

Bangladesh head for Zimbabwe from the western African country on February 10 to play two Tests and five one-day internationals.

Sohag slams ton No alcohol ads

SPORT REPORTER



against Islami Adarsha High School in one of the four Dhaka Zone matches of the Standard Chartered 22nd National Schools Cricket Championship at different city venues yesterday.

Sohag scored 109 as Progati successfully chased a demanding victory target of 201 with three wickets in hand and more than seven overs to spare in the 35-over-a-side match at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

Earlier, after winning the toss the Islami Adarsha boys scored exactly 200 before being all out in 32.2 overs. Manik claimed four wickets for Progati giving away 43 runs.

Away at the Mirpur outer Stadium, Green Leaf International School won a closely fought match against SR International School by

right runs. Defending a fighting 192, Green Leaf restricted SR International to 184-9 with Dilu starring the show for the winners scoring 41 and then claming two vital wickets.

Dhanmondi Tutorial registered an emphatic nine-wicket victory over Saint Judes International at the Uttara Police Lines ground.

Set to score 146 for win, the Dhanmondi boys raced to 150-1 in only 19.3 overs with Asif and Shabib contributing 49 and 35 respectively.

But Mirpur Residential High School recorded the biggest win on the day when they thrashed Mirpur Laboratory High School by 206 runs.

Batting first, the Residential boys piled up 278-6 in the allotted 35 overs with Imu notching highest 80 followed by 64 from Alamgir.

They shot their opponents out for 68 in 10.5 overs with Babu claiming five-wickets for 23 runs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Green Leaf International School v SR International School
Venue: MOS

GREEN LEAF: 192 all out in 34.3

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AFP, Karachi

Pakistan cricket authorities have banned alcohol advertisements on cricket grounds during the upcoming Pakistan-India cricket series set to revive ties between the rivals, officials said Sunday.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) opened the sponsorship bids for various categories on Saturday. Results of the bids are to be revealed in the next few days after considering objections raised by some Pakistani and Indian companies.

"No seller of beverages, meaning any drink containing alcohol will be allowed to be the title sponsor or the co-sponsor," said the PCB bid documents.

Alcohol is banned in Pakistan and no alcohol advertisements are allowed in the media and outdoors.

India is due to play three Tests and five one-day games in March-April on their first tour to Pakistan since 1989-90 after New Delhi lifted

a bilateral series ban in October last year.

The final itinerary would only be announced once a three-member Indian delegation completes a security assessment tour starting from Monday.

Pakistan expects a windfall of over 20 million dollars from the series as 14 companies from Pakistan, India, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Singapore took part in the open bidding.

The title sponsors will have the right to name the series which current proposals for the series title being the Friendship series or the Imran-Kapil (after legendary Pakistan and Indian all-rounders Imran Khan and Kapil Dev).

Several teams refused to tour Pakistan after security fears sparked in the events following the September 11 attacks on the United States in 2001.

Pakistan had to play its home series against West Indies and Australia on neutral venues in 2002 while the same year New Zealand's tour was cut short by a Test after a suicide bomb blast which killed 14 people in Karachi in May.

VB Series

Australia win with a bang



AFP, Sydney

Australia clinched the triangular VB Series one-day cricket competition in punishing style with a morale-shattering 208-run win over a disheartened India here.

Faced with chasing an Australian record 359 for five on Sunday, India buckled under the pressure of a long and gruelling tour to finish with a paltry 151 off just 33.2 overs, giving Australia an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the best of three finals series.

The result was a bitterly disappointing end to an otherwise successful Indian tour which saw them

unlucky to only draw the Test series 1-1 against Australia and play highly-competitively in the early one-day series matches.

Australia, the world champions, proved they are still without peer in the one-day game when opener Matthew Hayden set them up with a masterful 126 off 122 balls.

A solid 67 by Damien Martyn and an astonishing middle-order stand by Andrew Symonds and Michael Clarke which yielded 99 runs off 47 balls followed and by the end of the innings there was little doubt that the tri-nation championship would be theirs.

It was the highest score ever made in a one-day match in Australia and equalled Australia's

best score of 359 for two in the World Cup final against India in South Africa last year.

The Indians, who had seemed tired and restless in the lead-up to the finals series after a long and arduous 10-week tour, had already suffered a humiliating seven-wicket loss in the opening match of the finals series in Melbourne on Friday.

The third match scheduled for Brisbane on Tuesday will not now be played.

In the end, Australia's victory was one of the most lopsided in the annals of the game, being the eighth biggest in one-day history.

Australia's huge tally means that three of their best five scores in one-day history have now come against India in the past year.

In total, the home team won five of the six matches against India in the triangular-series this summer and under skipper Ricky Ponting, Australia has beaten India in 11 of 13 matches over the past year.

Hayden set the scene on Sunday with his powerful 126 which included 11 fours and three sixes before he was bowled by Sachin Tendulkar, attempting to reverse a straightforward delivery.

While that knock was impressive, Symonds and Clarke took the game to another level when they brazenly carved out 99 runs in the dying stages as India's bowlers were exposed.

Captain Saurav Ganguly was at his wits' end trying to find someone to stem the flood of runs as Symonds improvised his way to 66 off 39 balls and Clarke hit 33 not out off 20 balls.

India, despite a six from Virender Sehwag from the first ball of the game off the bowling of Jason Gillespie, never got to grips with the run-chase.

Both Sehwag and Tendulkar fell to a legside trap, with Lee taking two excellent catches off Gillespie before removing the dangerous VVS Laxman caught and bowled for just five.

Rahul Dravid's run-out, executed by a rejuvenated Damien Martyn, and Ganguly's tame dismissal, caught by Symonds off Ian Harvey, sunk India to 56 for five and effectively ended the contest.

For Australia, it was a timely

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PHOTO: AFP

Man-of-the-match Matthew Hayden of Australia is ready to sweep on way to scoring 126 off 122 balls in the second final of the VB Series against India at Sydney yesterday.