



Did U Know?

The motto of Pierre de Coubertin reads, "The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well."



ESPN

Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe
First Test, Day One
Live at 1:50 pm
Sportscentre
Sport News
Live at 9:00 pm
STAR Sports
Sportsline
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
Futbol Mundial
Taped Version at 8:30 pm



TALK TURKEY



Muttiah Muralitharan
(Sri Lanka spin wizard)
"I definitely want Shane to come to Sri Lanka and I am looking forward to the challenge."



Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 20

Tick the correct answers.

The Post to The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm
Feb 27, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

1. How many teams are taking part in the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup?
16 12 20
2. How many months was Shane Warne banned from cricket?
12 13
3. Who won the Pan Pacific Open title?
Davenport Clijsters
4. Who won the Tokyo Marathon?
Njenga Osaki Sebastian

Name

Class Roll No.

School Address

Phone: (If any)



ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup
Zimbabwe vs Canada (9:00 am)
Venue: Shaheed Chandu Stadium, Bogra

Nepal vs Uganda (9:00 am)
Venue: M A Aziz Stadium, Chittagong

New Zealand vs Scotland (9:00 am)
Venue: BKSP

Ireland vs Papua New Guinea (9:00 am)
Venue: Khulna Divisional Stadium

Western Union Premier Division Football League
Badda Jagarani vs Dhanmondi (5:00 pm)

Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur



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Mohammedan custodian Bijon Barua fists the ball away before Abahani striker Khokon could pose any threat during the clash of the titans at the Sher-e-Bangla national Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

Jewel sparks rare happiness

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WESTERN UNION
বাংলাদেশ স্পোর্টস
বেস্ট স্কোর প্রতিযোগিতা

Mohammedan Sporting Club gave their bruised and battered fans something to remember the season by when they handed bitter foes Abahani a 1-0 defeat in their Western Union Premier Division football league return leg match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

With no hopes left of mounting a challenge on the title, the Black and Whites only played for pride and fittingly enough, it was veteran skipper Jewel Rana who got the winner early in the first half.

The defeat was a fatal blow for

Abahani who are now nine points behind runaway leaders Brothers Union who have 30 from 12 games. It will take a string of results to go Abahani's way from the remaining games if they are to get even near Brothers. Muktijoddha perhaps have the only realistic chance of chasing Brothers all the way down to the wire. They are five points adrift from the top on 25.

Mohammedan improved their tally to 17 points from 12 matches and still lie in mid-table. But they celebrated avenging the 2-1 defeat in the first round against the Sky Blues.

The match of the two most popular teams in the country drew a poor 5000-odd crowd but was a keenly

contested one.

Jewel, the former national defender tapped the ball home in the 10th minute when it came his way through a deflection off Cameroonian Kositro from a Farhad corner.

For Jewel, it a personal triumph after a horrendous season. Apart from seeing his side stoop to an all-time low both on and off the field, he also had to serve a one-game ban for attacking match officials during Mohammedan's match against Muktijoddha last month.

Abahani were the more adventurous of the two sides. Brazilian midfielder Alessandro opened up a number of opportunities but strikers Khokon and Ujjal failed to

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bat.

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Minnows marvel



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Lightweights Zimbabwe and Nepal stole the show at the ICC Cricket World Cup on Wednesday.

Zimbabwe fast bowler Tinashe Panyangara destroyed champions Australia with a six-wicket burst in a must-win Group A clash at Shaheed Chandu Stadium. While tiny Nepal, coached by former Sri Lankan Test star Roy Dias, pulled off an exciting one-wicket win against title-contenders South Africa at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium.

But thankfully it was not all doom and gloom for major teams as India and West Indies recorded victories over New Zealand and Papua New Guinea respectively in other venues.

NEPAL V SOUTH AFRICA

An all-round show by Shakti Prasad Gauchan led the boys from the Himalayan Kingdom to enjoy their greatest moment as an ICC associate member.

After taking two South African wickets, Gauchan then steered the team home scoring 51 not out.

The target for Nepal was a very modest 157 in 50 overs but in the end they needed six runs off the final over.

And when last man Kesari somehow managed to edge the ball off Vaughn van Jaarsveld's fourth ball past outstretched right hand of the Proteas wicketkeeper for four it created a roar in the packed stadium.

Kesari besides hitting the winning runs was instrumental in a last wicket stand worth 19 runs.

In a cameo knock Kesari hit 13 runs off nine balls with beautiful fours in a game where fortunes swung like a pendulum.

Roy Dias always believed the strength of his side lay in the batting and that was evident again against the mighty South Africans.

Only inexperience cost them losing four wickets for just six runs after at one stage being 118-4.

Earlier, South Africa were bowled out for 156 with only Keegan Africa standing tall with a superb 52 not out off 62 balls.

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the next seven overs and ended up making just 73 with openers Paine (19) and Doropoulos (26) crossing double figures.

Panyangara's partner in crime was fellow right-arm fast bowler Elton Chigumbura with four for 17 in

held in Sri Lanka in 2000 besides our preparation was not all that good because we assembled the team only on February 1. However I don't want to give those as excuses I think Phil Simmons who was a former West Indies international himself

cricket," he added.

Zimbabwe manager Dilipin Chouhan was understandably delighted.

"To be honest I'll be extremely disappointed if we play to our potential and not win matches. To win against the best team in the tournament has certainly lifted the boys and we have the ability to go a long way in the competition."

"I think the match turned on its head when Panyangara was hit for three consecutive fours and Australia were somewhere like 51-1. He suddenly realised that he was doing something wrong and from then on he was simply unstoppable," said the manager talking to The Daily Star Sport over phone.

He added that the young bunch of Zimbabwe were the best to come out in a long time.

INDIA-NEW ZEALAND

It was Sunny Singh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium as India earned a 69-run win against the young Black Caps.

India, whose top-order went on the rampage against Scotland at the BNS, were given a rude shock by the seam of Findley, Smith and Davis who shared nine wickets. But Singh's arrival with the score at 101-6 heralded a dramatic turnaround for the boys of coach Robin Singh.

Sunny crafted 68 not out off 81 balls and featured in major partnerships as the Indians rallied to end on 215 in 47.2 overs.

The total was always going to be difficult on a slow wicket and once New Zealand lost opener Watling was run out for 55, the task became near impossible and as the Kiwis eventually crawled to 146 all out in 44.5 overs.

The win pleased the Indian coach.

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CAPTAIN LEADS FROM THE TOP! Shakti Gauchan, the hero of Nepal U-19's famous victory over South Africa, has a ride on a teammate's shoulders after the match against the young Proteas at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium yesterday.

five overs.

The Southern Africans, who lost to Sri Lanka in their opening match, got home despite losing three wickets in 17.1 overs.

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Talking to The Daily Star Sport over phone, team manager Brian Freedman said that his middle-order totally failed to the conditions.

"If you look at the history of the youth World Cup we also struggled on the subcontinent when it was

big boys and this is brilliant for world

has done a tremendous job as technical advisor of the Zimbabwe academy. But we'll live to fight another day."

Freedman also paid tribute to Nepal's success against the South Africans.

"This result and Nepal's victory is the success of the ICC's development programme. It shows how smaller teams are catching up with big boys and this is brilliant for world

cricket," he added.

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Australian opener Theo Doropoulos looks behind to see his off stump lie flat on the ground after it was hit by Zimbabwean fast bowler Tinashe Panyangara (insert) during their ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup match at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra yesterday.

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Dhaka Zone's last eight confirmed

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22nd
National School Cricket Championship was finalised with four teams confirming their berths yesterday.

AK High, National Bangla High, Progiti High and Rahmatullah Model High emerged group champions with comfortable victories against their rivals at different city venues to join Loretto, Sher-e-Bangla Ideal, Willes Little Flower and Bidyapith.

National Bangla,