

Nat'l jr athletics starts tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka
The two-day Milk Vita 21st National junior athletics meet begins tomorrow at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT
Moyenuddin Smriti Sangsad defeated Rawtara Cricket Club by 32 runs at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Rebels withdraw

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The players' proposals for arbitration conducted by two independent international figures was rejected by the ZCU in a letter to their lawyer Chris Venturas.

End of road

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In a sport with an increasing emphasis on youth, the inclusion of Gough in the England side was seen as the possible exception to the trend.



PHOTO: AFP
Pakistan fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar speaks to PCB chairman Shaharyar Khan in Lahore yesterday over the prospects of the medical commission report.

Another Lord's innovation!

Cricket's headquarters has unveiled a high-tech solution to one of the sport's perennial problems -- how to ensure batsmen can be seen and not disturbed.

ECB chief in trouble

AFP, London
The future of England and Wales Cricket Board chairman David Morgan is in doubt over the way he has tackled Zimbabwe tour problems.

Roddick bows out

AFP, Rome
Number two seed Andy Roddick, lucky to escape with his life at the weekend after his hotel was swept by a fire that killed three people, bit the dust in the first round of the Rome Masters here on Tuesday.

that built my confidence as the match went on," said the 26-year-old, who missed eight months of action last year after surgery on his right hand.

where I had a few match points." Spaniard Tommy Robredo, who triumphed in Barcelona last week, knocked out Australian ninth seed Mark Philippoussis and will play unseeded Croatian Ivo Karlovic.

MSC, Rising Star post wins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
An allround show by Rashedul Haq Sumon helped Mohammedan Sporting Club to earn a 62-run victory over Shatadal Junior in a Super Six match of the CJKS-Ispahani Premier Cricket League at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium yesterday.

'We're stronger in Test'

Cricket
AFP, Bridgetown
The England Test team is stronger than the one-day side, admitted England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff on Tuesday.



ANDREW FLINTOFF
Flintoff, however, believes it is important for Michael Vaughan's side to win the last ODI.

British Premier points finger at the ICC

REUTERS, London
Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair has pointed the finger of blame at the International Cricket Council (ICC) in the stand-off over whether England should tour Zimbabwe later this year.

Murali's Test

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"Look at his record, it's outstanding - he's just a very good bowler," said Marsh, who played down Muralitharan's run-ins with the International Cricket Council's throwing police.

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"I have a couple of options. We are trying to find a proper opening combination but everything will be decided once the series gets started. Actually I am still in the process of finding out the right people for a solid 13-member team and it is not an easy task.

Draw pleases

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an incident of handling the ball inside the box during the first half and there was another close call. Still we played well but unfortunately could not win the game," Manik said.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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Cryptoquip puzzle grid with a key and a message to be deciphered.

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