

2012 Olympics bid Cities to be shortlisted today

REUTERS, Lausanne
The nine cities hoping to stage the 2012 Olympic Games face a cull this week as Olympic chiefs meet to draw up a shortlist of candidates.

Murali won't go down under



REUTERS, Harare

Test cricket's leading wicket-taker Muttiah Muralitharan has said he will boycott Sri Lanka's tour of Australia next month because of comments made by Australian Prime Minister John Howard about his bowling action.

ing, Howard said: "My understanding is that there were some tests carried out in Perth, weren't there? And there were some conclusions that came out of that, and those conclusions were adopted by the ICC. I don't know that I've got anything to add to that."

Jr nat'l boxing from June 17

SPORTS REPORTER

The 17th National Junior Boxing Championship will begin at the Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium in Mirpur from June 8.

Afridi aching

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Afridi will have compatriot Fahadullah, an opener in form, alongside him when ARAF attempt to enter the May 21 final.

Dav has no answers

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Learned from watching Venkatesh Prasad of India. I had clocked up to 142 kmph today but it was necessary to mix things up because pace wasn't everything in one-day cricket," said the bowler from Sylhet.

Table with columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes players like Mushfiq, Mahmud, Rafique, Manjarul, and a section for Bangladesh players.

BU, Rising Star have to play off

CU CORRESPONDENT

It was tough luck for Brothers Union in the end as they lost their final match of the CJKS-Ispahani Premier Division Cricket League which jeopardised their hopes of lifting the title.

BBF picks 35 for youth team

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Basketball Federation (BBF) called 35 cagers for the national youth team which will participate in the fourth FIBA Asia Basketball Championships qualifying round.

Ciao 'Divine Ponytail'



AFP, Rome

Italian football icon Roberto Baggio bowed out of professional football after his club Brescia's 4-2 defeat to champions AC Milan at a packed San Siro stadium.

to the touchline surrounded by a group of admiring children dressed in Brescia's club colours. "It was an emotional and wonderful moment," said Baggio, who last week was accorded the chance to play for Italy one last time in their 1-1 friendly draw against Spain.



END OF AN ERA: Brescia's captain Roberto Baggio holds a trophy received for his career prior their Italian Serie A match against AC Milan at San Siro stadium in Milan.

required major knee surgery. Perhaps as a sign of his determination, Baggio bounced back to become one of Italy's most loved, and at one point most hated, football icons.

Inter back among elite

Football

Brazilian Adriano shook off a niggling injury to score two goals for Inter Milan in a 3-2 away win over Empoli which assured the San Siro giants' Champions League presence next season.

Schools h'ball

Football

Dhanmondi Quamrunnessa School upset Viquearunnissa Noon School 4-2 to emerge Group-B champions. They meet Dhanmondi Tutorial in the second semi.

Lanka sweep

Football

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starting line-up, rather than on ability. SCOREBOARD Final scoreboard of the second and last Test between Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka on the fourth day at Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo on Monday.

Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Jagarani Krira Chakra moved into the semifinal of the Abdul Latif Smriti Cricket tournament defeating Mukul Smriti Sangha by 20 runs at the Mithun-Musa-Kazal playground yesterday.

Leonine GM

Football

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Club Imam Anwar Hossain and the country's first GM Niaz Murshed also spoke on the occasion.

Primer Liga

Football

Real Madrid's spectacular end-of-season collapse continued when they recorded their fourth straight loss, going down ignominiously 2-1 at already-relegated bottom club Murcia.

Beckham sees red

Football

football, failed to hang onto a header by Richi Perez. One goal would have been enough for Luis Garcia to prove a point.

Larsson leaves his mark

Football

An emotional Henrik Larsson bowed out of Parkhead with two goals inside the last 10 minutes as Scottish champions Celtic ended the Premier League season with a 2-1 win at home to Dundee United.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer. Includes clues for Across and Down, and a solution time of 25 mins.

CRYPTOQUIP. A word search puzzle with a grid and clues.

FINAL TABLE. Table showing final Italian football league table after Sunday's matches.

TOP SIX. Spanish league table after Sunday's matches.



Real Madrid's David Beckham walks back to the dressing room after being sent off during the Primera Liga match against Murcia on May 16.

Espanyol threw away a two-goal lead at Real Mallorca to lose 4-2 and leave the relegation battle wide open.