

CJKS hockey

CU CORRESPONDENT
Abahani recorded their second consecutive victory in the CJKS First Division Hockey League at the MA Aziz Stadium here yesterday.

Schools kabadi

SPORTS REPORTER
Maniknagar Government Primary School defeated Dolairpar High School 97-68 in yesterday's 12th schools kabadi tournament match at the outer stadium kabadi court.

Condolence meeting on Zafar today

SPORTS REPORTER
The National Sports Council (NSC) will organise a condolence meeting in memory of late Zafar Imam, eminent sports organiser and secretary general of Bangladesh Olympic Association, who passed away on Thursday.

Five athletes

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The two male athletes are hurdlers Afzal Hossain Suriya and Mahfuzur Rahman Mithu.

Keepers coming

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Jones is now also a man of Kent, following Knott, Godfrey Evans and Les Ames into the England side.

'He should've

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I have always played for Pakistan and can never think of letting down my country. PCB chairman Shaharyar Khan has said the medical commission report was inconclusive, but the board decided not to invoke a penalty.

Federer, Mauresmo feel heat French Open from today



REUTERS, Paris
The world's best tennis player Roger Federer faces a credibility test this week when he launches his bid to win the French Open for the first time.

match against Russian Nikolay Davydenko. Second seed Andy Roddick, like Federer, has yet to indicate he has the patience and application to win the most gruelling Grand Slam of the year.

The US Open champion opens against a familiar foe in experienced compatriot Todd Martin with a possible quarterfinal against another compatriot, Andre Agassi. Defending champion Juan Carlos Ferrero, seeded four, has endured a miserable season so far due to illness and injury.

Eng may bid for 2018 FIFA WC

BBC ONLINE, London
England is considering a bid to host the 2018 World Cup finals, according to Sports Minister Richard Caborn.

Talks have taken place between the Football Association, the Government and UK Sport about staging the event. Caborn said a final decision will be made once the outcome of London's bid for the 2012 Olympics is known.

Larsson's way

AFP, Glasgow
Swedish star Henrik Larsson signed off his Celtic career in stunning style by scoring twice to lead the champions to a 3-1 comeback victory over Dunfermline in the Scottish Cup final and secure the domestic double.

Playing in his last competitive game for the Glasgow giants, the super Swede bowed out in typical fashion with a brace to wipe out Andre Skerla's first-half opener. A Stan Petrov strike on 83 minutes wrapped up the game for Celtic but it was undoubtedly Larsson's show and he confirmed yet again how much he would be missed by the Parkhead club.

Leeds rebuff Smith talk

AFP, London
Manchester United have completed the bargain signing of Leeds striker Alan Smith, according to press reports here.

According to the Daily Mail United snatched the England striker from relegated Leeds for just six million pounds (11 million dollars). However Leeds have responded by saying that no deal has been finalised.

Mark makes

Table with 4 columns: Player, O, M, R, W. Includes Richardson, Fleming, McCullum, Styris, McMillan, Oram, Astle, Extras, Total, and Tuffey, Cairns, Vettori.

'Stay away from Zim' DU win

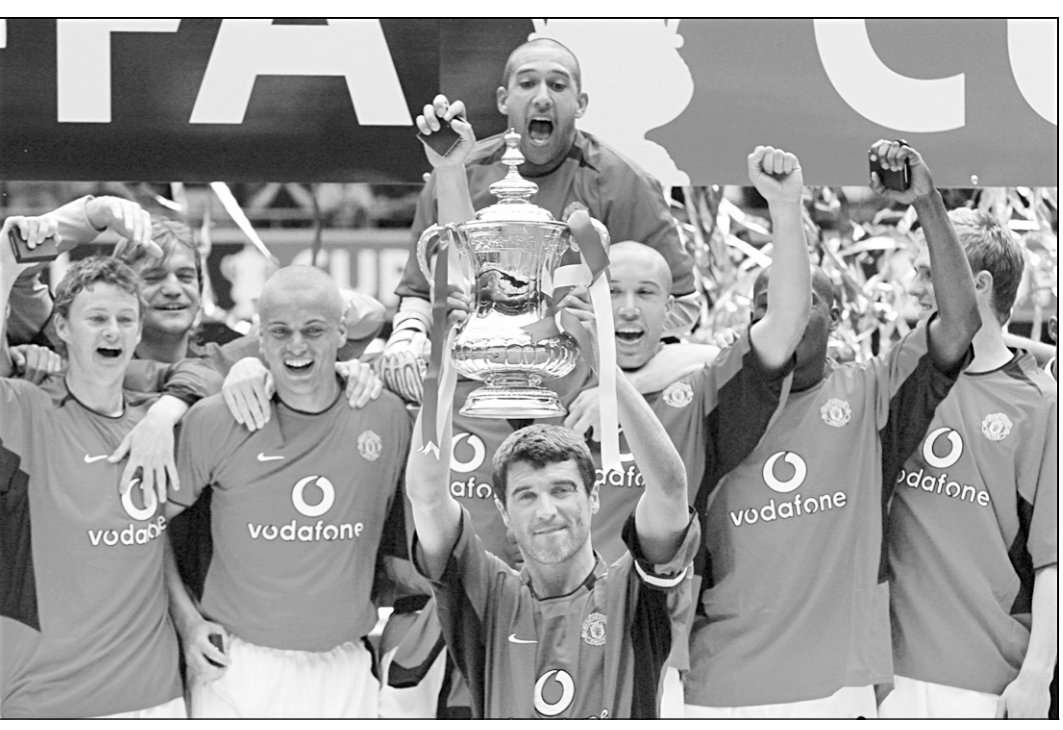
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Four minutes before half time. Naogaon fought back against their star-studded opponents early in the second half and levelled the scores by the hour-mark with Mohammed Romi slotting twice inside five minutes.

Substitute Harisuzzaman finally relieved the title contenders with the match winner five minutes from time. Romi was adjudged man-of-the-match. Meanwhile, Chuadanga bowed out of the finals despite snatching a point from Dhaka in the second match at the same venue. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

Made in dream

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DSS: The West Indies have been in a slump for quite some time now. Do you notice any changes that could suggest they are on the way up?

with that. I don't go for out and out pace. I value the control more. DSS: But you are still an express quick? FE: It (the pace) just comes around naturally. So I must thank God for that. DSS: Do you take your batting seriously? FE: Most of the times, I try to think like a batsman but the results don't always show that (laughs). DSS: How do you assess the Bangladesh side? FE: I have a lot of respect for them. They are a very hard-working team and they showed that in the one-day series. They are getting better all the time. DSS: Ten years from now, where do you see Fidel Edwards in terms of status and wickets? FE: As one of the best fast bowlers in the world. I can't put a number on the wickets but I'd like to get as many as I can. And I want to play both forms of the game simultaneously because I enjoy both Tests and ODIs.



Manchester United captain Roy Keane raises the FA Cup trophy while teammates celebrate on the podium after defeating London club Millwall 3-0 on May 22.

MU salvage pride

Football
way and now they have to prove themselves again.

For all their problems, United were head and shoulders above a Millwall side that set out to frustrate them without ever looking capable of actually achieving their goal. Once the outstanding Ronaldo had headed them in front, just before half-time, Ferguson's men were always going to win at a canter. "I think Millwall did their best," Ferguson said. "It was obvious that their best way to us was to frustrate us and hope we would run out of ideas."

Houllier's final hours?

Football
THE OBSERVER, London
Gerard Houllier's increasingly fraught six years in charge of Liverpool will end Sunday when he meets chairman David Moores for talks.

The manager's departure will be confirmed in an official announcement Monday, which will describe the split as amicable. On the list of likely replacements being compiled by chief executive Rick Parry are Charlton boss Alan Curbishley, former Southampton manager Gordon Strachan, Middlesbrough's Steve McClaren and Rafael Benitez, whose Valencia side have just won a double of La Liga and the UEFA Cup. Moores has finally accepted that the growing clamour for Houllier to go has to mean the departure of the once-favoured son. He won the respect of everyone involved in the game, undergoing heart surgery in 2001, after leading Liverpool to a treble of the UEFA Cup, FA Cup and League Cup.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 27 Model, 28 Benny power, 29 Actor, 30 Underwear with, 31 Totally wolf, 32 Investigates a camera, 33 Play double-or-nothing, 34 B&B, 35 Popular side order, 36 Pinch, 37 British pound, 38 Consort of Zeus, 39 Sao Paulo, 40 Recreation, 41 Cinderella's horses, really, 42 Be patient.

Cryptogram puzzle grid with letters and numbers. Includes the word 'CRYPTOQUIP' and a list of letters: L X B L J Y L A J V H B H Q C P A I C L J P I O X C L A I O H R X H C D L J Q X A C H R V F Q L D.

Today's Cryptogram Clue: D equals M. Yesterday's Cryptogram: WHEN A PRINCESS GETS A POUNDING HEADACHE, WOULD YOU SAY THAT'S A ROYAL PAIN? The Cryptogram is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.



Players and officials of Scholastica's girls handball team, which won the Bata 14th School Handball Tournament on May 20, poses for photographers after the triumph at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex. In The Daily Star Sport's issue on May 21, it was mistakenly written that Viquarunnissa Noon School won the championship.

Bundesliga

Ottmar's hearty send off

Football
Bayer's general manager Reiner Calmund.

It is a remarkable turnaround for Leverkusen who escaped relegation on the final day of last season. Stuttgart will be bitterly disappointed to slip down to fourth and the UEFA Cup in what has been a testing week for the club. Manager Felix Magath revealed he would be replacing Hitzfeld at Bayern in the close season and could not provide the club with a parting gift as Dimitar Berbatov and Bernd Schneider helped sink Stuttgart at the BayArena. "Fortunately we took the game seriously and fulfilled our obligation to take three points," said Hitzfeld. "I have had a great time at this club."

Dropped catches

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overs and he created immediate problems.

Meanwhile wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud dropped Wayne Bravo and Kabir was the unlucky bowler. It was a difficult chance but Mashud failed to gather the ball diving to his right. Joseph remained not out on 42 while Bravo was unbeaten on 23 when stumps were drawn. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at close of play on the first day of the three-day tour match between Bangladesh and the West Indies Cricket Board XI at the National Cricket Stadium in Grenada on Saturday. WICB XI: First innings W Hinds b Baisya 0 Devon b Tareq 11 Joseph not out 42 Bravo not out 23 Extras: (lb-1, w-1, nb-4) 6 Total: (For 2 wickets in 40 overs) 82 Fal of wickets: 1-0, 2-25 To bat: Dwayne, Baugh, Banks, Mohammed, Rampaul, Lawson, Collymore. Bowler O M R W Baisya 10 3 14 1 Kabir 6 1 19 0 Tareq 11 2 21 1 Enamul 11 3 21 0 Faisal 2 0 6 0 BANGLADESH: Bashir, Saleh, Hannean, Mashud, Omar, Ashrafui, Faisal, Kapali, Enamul, Baisya, Kabir, Tareq.