



## Did U Know?

Though Russia had sent a few athletes to compete in the 1908 and 1912 Olympic Games, they did not compete again until the 1952 Games.



**Ricky Ponting**  
(Australia cricket captain)  
"I'm sure the Australian public would love to see him here. Let's hope he tours. It would be a great challenge for us if he does because he's a very, very good bowler."



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## Ctg hockey title MSC's

CU CORRESPONDENT

Mohammedan Sporting Club emerged unbeaten champions in the CJKS-JDC First Division Hockey League when they drubbed arch-rivals Abahani Krira Chakra 5-1 at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Mohammedan, who led 2-0 at the break, won all their five matches in the league.

Chandan netted two goals while Shubha, Zia and Prince scored one each for the winners. On the other hand, Shishu reduced the arrears for the vanquished one minute from time.

By virtue of the day's result, Brothers Union finished runners-up with 12 points from five games. Abahani were third with three wins in the six-team fray.

Bengal Club, Crescent Club and South Club all won one match each to collect three points each.

The prize distribution ceremony will be held today at the same venue. Chittagong Metropolitan Police Commissioner SM Sabbir Ali will be the chief guest.

## Australia to play 4 Tests in India

REUTERS, New Delhi

Australia will play four Tests during their tour of India in October and November this year, the Indian cricket board said on Tuesday.

"The venues and dates will be announced later this month," secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India Karunakaran Nair told this news agency.

Australia will start with a warm-up game, likely to be a three-day affair, before playing two back-to-back Tests. The last two Tests will also be played in quick succession with a week in between. There will be no one-day internationals.

Australia have not won a Test series in India since 1969-1970. On their last visit in 2000-2001 India rallied to take the series 2-1.

## Asian jr h'ball in Sept

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh will take part in the Ninth Asian Men's Junior Handball Championship in Hyderabad, India from September 7-18.

A total of 12 teams split into two groups will play in the juvenile meet where youths have been drawn in Group B along with Kuwait, India, Japan, Chinese Taipei and Oman.

Qatar, Korea, UAE, China, Uzbekistan and Iran make up the other group.

## Sher-e-Bangla Cup N'ganj nat'l kings



Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Narayanganj lifted their maiden national football title when they came from behind to beat Bangladesh Army 2-1 in the final of the Sher-e-Bangla Cup 22nd National Football Championship at Natore's Adhunik Stadium yesterday.

Man-of-the-tournament Nasiruddin, who has scored in every final round game, put three-time champions Army ahead against the run of play.

Topu equalised for Narayanganj on the stroke of half time and former national striker Ritu slammed the match-winner from a penalty late in the second

half.

The final started 22 minutes behind schedule as organisers struggled to accommodate a 20,000 strong crowd in the 3,000-capacity stadium.

It was refreshing to see so many fans turn up for a match played outside the capital. And the game passed off without any crowd invasion despite the fact that spectators spilled on to the touchline.

Narayanganj, who boasted as many as six present and former national footballers, came alive early on but young striker Topu squandered two chances inside seven minutes. His senior partner Ritu also got two chances but both of his close range efforts bounced off the wall including a goalline save by Army centre-back Nayeem in the 19th minute.

Nayeem however almost turned

villain a minute later when his mistimed clearance went straight to Topu but the placing shot of the nimble attacker drifted wide of the far post.

After surviving those close calls, Army regrouped and got their first scoring opportunity in the 25th minute when Razzak was left unmarked in the rival penalty box. But his low drive from 15 yards was brilliantly parried by Narayanganj custodian Mohammed Ali.

The Army man finally broke the 39-minute deadlock when fullback Kabirul whipped in a nice free-kick from the left over the wall, which was nodded home by none other than their prolific scorer Nasiruddin.

The lead was very short-lived as Topu made amends for his earlier mistakes. Captain Liton's curling

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## BFF planning college football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is planning to organise an inter-college tournament after the successful staging of the school tournament last year.

BFF assistant secretary Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnu said yesterday that the tournament is likely to be held in September after completion of the school tournament.

"We have decided to arrange it because without that there is no value of the school tournament. But everything will be decided in the June 7 executive committee meeting," said the former national footballer.

The federation revived the school competition after a long gap last year but only with 56 metropolitan schools but this time it has decided to extend it to all the divisional headquarters.

"The Dhaka City Corporation has already assured us to sponsor the

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## Calypso Cocktail



Cricket

RABEED IMAM from St Lucia

The fourth day's play was in full swing at the Beausejour Stadium but the crowd didn't seem to bother. They were more interested in another cricket match taking place at the same time in a corner of the FICS Stand.

The excitement and cheers even distracted the players in the middle who turned to look what was going on there. When the TV camera zoomed in too, the reason for the euphoria was clear. There was Gravy, a living legend of sorts to every follower of West Indian cricket over the decades.

Gravy, his beard and hair now grey, was officiating in a one-on-one game. The players were two local men one of whom was wearing a T-shirt proclaiming himself to be Darren Sammy, a favourite from this island who had made it to the

West Indies squad for their tour of England. But the guy was at least twice the size of the real Sammy.

Gravy was calm and strict and was umpiring with the patience of Steve Bucknor. This was a special occasion. Gravy was making a rare appearance among the crowd after 'officially' retiring in 2001. His batting antics and dress sense has made him so popular that there is a stand named after him at the St John's ground in Antigua.

As long as Gravy was amusing the crowd, few actually watched the match and even the journalists at the media box were asking the TV crew to focus on Gravy by pausing the cricket.

## SEE YOU IN JAMAICA!

When the West Indies fast bowlers were being taken apart by the Tigers' batsmen on the first two days, they were still in the mood to give a few tips to the tourists.

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## Nightmare replayed



Cricket

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The second innings trauma revisited the Bangladesh team as they gave away the advantage to the West Indies in the last session of the fourth day of the first Test at the Beausejour Stadium on Monday.

Having dominated the match until that last hour or so, the Tigers suddenly pushed the self-destruct button and lost four wickets in the space of nine runs and were precariously placed on 94 for six in their second innings with a 158-run lead.

The damage was done by part-time legspinner Ramnaresh Sarwan, who followed up his 3-59 in the first innings with a spell of three for 22 off eight overs including two wickets in successive balls.

Opener Hannan Sarker (9) made the fatal error of leaving the ball for the second time in the match and was bowled by Fidel Edwards. There was more trouble when Javed Omar was caught down the leg side by wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs for seven.

Captain Habibul Bashar began where he had left off and his opposite number Brian Lara had to put a backward square leg, a fine leg and a squarish mid-wicket to neutralise the compulsive puller. But Bashar was undeterred and continued to play his natural strokes and even pierced the leg-side field. He also drove Jermaine Lawson straight down the ground for four to make

his intentions clear.

Bashar had nicely moved on to 25 with Rajin Saleh giving him solid support when disaster struck. Bashar tried to pull a short delivery in Tino Best's first over but the ball never got up to the height expected and shattered his stump.

Then Sarwan turned the tables upside down when he had Mohammad Ashraful (1) caught in two minds with a knee-high full toss, which the batsman tamely played back into the hands of the leg-spinner.

Now suddenly Sarwan was getting prodigious turn and the ball was keeping alarmingly low. In his next over debutant Faisal Hossain drove without a care in the world and Chris Gayle took a simple catch at slip as Bangladesh were reduced to 79-5.

Very next ball Mushfiq Rahman padded forward but was adjudged leg before. TV replays confirmed that Mushfiq was a little unlucky as the ball pitched marginally outside the leg-stump.

Khaled Mashud (8 not out) saw out the hattrick ball and was giving Saleh (34 not out) company when lights were offered and the batsmen happily accepted.

Manager and acting coach Faruque Ahmed and Bashar were livid at the collapse.

"I have no explanation for this. It is happening far too often to be called a coincidence. Some of us have to be more responsible," said Bashar.

Faruque was more forthright.

"I believe the days of making them understand are over. We have talked about this on numerous occasions. I think there comes a period when those who can get it into their heads and work accordingly get away from those who don't and move forward. We are approaching that period."

Faruque however said that the team was looking forward to battling as long as possible on the fifth day and had set a target of eking out another 80-100 runs for the remaining wickets.

Earlier in the day the Bangladeshi bowlers wiped off the West Indies tail after lunch following a barren morning session where only one hour of play was possible.

The West Indies, resuming on 262 for five, were all out for 352.

Tapash Baisya finally removed Gayle who was caught by Bashar at first slip in his second attempt. Gayle made 141 off 293 balls and put on 59 for the sixth wicket with Jacobs.

When Bashar brought Mohammad Rafique into the attack, he was immediately struck. Tino Best danced down the wicket to the left-arm spinner's third ball which was held back a bit by Rafique, missed it and was bowled. It was Rafique's third wicket of the innings.

Mushfiq then took the last three wickets, forcing Collins and Lawson to edge to slips and having Edwards lbw leaving Jacobs unbeaten on 46.

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## 'Throw Zimbabwe out'



Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

Cricket's senior statesman Steve Waugh joined the growing chorus for Zimbabwe's expulsion from Test matches, saying there was no place for teams picked on colour rather than merit.

"When a team is picked on the basis of colour they shouldn't be allowed to play. And that's exactly what's happening in Zimbabwe," the former Australian captain told reporters during his current trip to India.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) is expected to debate Zimbabwe's future as a Test nation later this month following a revolt and subsequent sacking of the country's top 15 white players by the Zimbabwe Cricket Union.

South Africa have already said they don't want to host a weakened Zimbabwe side and Cricket Australia have refused to rule out the possibility that it could press for the expulsion of Zimbabwe from Test cricket.

Waugh, who turns 40 on Wednesday, supported the decision to cancel Australia's recent Test series in Zimbabwe but said he would have been happier if the three one-dayers that followed had also been scrapped.

"I'm definitely happy that the Test series was deferred," he said.

"I think the players were

uncomfortable with the situation. But I'm disappointed that the one-day series went on.

"The same logic that applied to the cancellation of the Tests applied here also. I'm a bit unclear as to why they played the one-day series."

Waugh's remarks were at odds with those of his successor Ricky Ponting, who said the decision to

go ahead with the one-dayers was right.

"I've got no doubt it was the right decision," Ponting was quoted as saying after he returned to Australia on Monday.

"We went there to do our job, which is to play cricket. We didn't

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PHOTO: AFP

Former Australia cricket captain Steve Waugh sports a 'Sindur Tickka' on his forehead as he arrives at the Udayan Children's Home at Barrackpore near Kolkata yesterday.

## Shaheb Ali no more

SPORTS REPORTER

Former national footballer Sheikh Shaheb Ali passed away yesterday at his residence in Golapbagh. He was 91.

The distinguished player is survived by his wife, three sons, six daughters and a host of admirers.

Shaheb Ali represented the then Pakistan national team and was the first coach of the Bangladesh national team.

After his retirement he served on the executive committee of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

During his colourful career, Shaheb Ali was one of the architects behind Sonali Otis Club, the organisation of yester-year players. He also received the National Sports Award for football.

The BFF and other sports federations conveyed their deep shock over his death and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

Meanwhile, Water Resources Minister Maj (ret'd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed, also founder of the Sonali Otis, had visited the elderly footballer's house on Monday and handed over Tk 50,000 for his treatment.

## Without Williams



AFP, Paris

Rain halted play for a second time in the French Open quarterfinal match between home hope Amelie Mauresmo, the third seed, and Russian ninth seed Elena Dementieva with both players level at 4-4 in the first set of the game on the Philippe-Chatrier Centre court.

Over on the Suzanne Lenglen court, Argentine third seed Guillermo Coria was leading former champion Carlos Moya, the fifth seed from Spain, 3-1 15-0 in the first set.

Earlier, Serena and Venus Williams were knocked out of the quarters in the space of half an hour but both girls warned their rivals they would back firing on all cylinders at Wimbledon.

Second seed Serena, the 2002 champion here, went down 6-3, 2-6, 6-3 to compatriot, and 2001 winner, Jennifer Capriati.

Fourth seed Venus was also heading for the airport after falling in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 to Russian sixth seed Anastasia Myskina.

"We are both very competitive more than anything and we will not accept performing below a level of

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