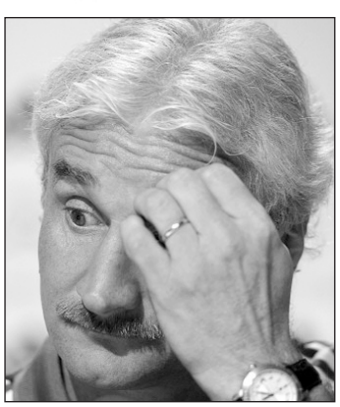




Did U Know?

In 1904 the Olympic Games was still well short of being a true international competition. Eighty-five per cent of the competitors were Americans, and eight per cent were Canadians. There was only one competitor from Australia, and no British at all.



Rudi Voeller

(Former German manager)
"I would have loved to have guided Germany to the World Cup but I am not the right man. I would never cling to my job if results were poor."



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Euro Preview
Live at 12:00 am (Sunday)
Netherlands vs Sweden
Quarterfinal
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Sobia Ameen
(Int'l School Dhaka)

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- Who is Pakistan's new cricket coach?
Miandad Woolmer Marsh
- Who won the Rating chess title?
Rajib Rakib Reefat
- Who is the youngest scorer at UEFA Euro 2004?
Rooney Vanlanthen Ronaldo

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BKSP still best

SPORTS REPORTER

A 73rd minute 'golden goal' by Iqbal Nadir helped BKSP retain the national youth hockey title when they overcame a two-goal deficit to edge Dhaka 3-2 in the exciting final of the 21st edition at the Maulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

It was BKSP's ninth youth title and sixth in a row. Five-time champions and 13-time runners-up Dhaka, who lost the last four consecutive finals to BKSP, looked set to take a long overdue revenge when they went two-up even before the BKSP boys could settle down.

Babar put Dhaka ahead four minutes after the start while Ranjan doubled it in the ninth minute but Masum reduced the arrears for BKSP two minutes later.

Dhaka managed to cling on to their 2-1 lead until the dying moments when BKSP found an equaliser through Mostafizur, who converted a penalty corner two minutes before the final hooter.

Prolific scorer Nadir, who slammed six goals including a hat-trick in their 10-1 demolition of

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Happy hunting for hosts

SPORTS REPORTER



It was the hosts who enjoyed success on the opening day of the fourth NITOL-TATA National Football League qualifying rounds yesterday.

Four home sides out of five advanced to the second round with Jhenaidah Mohammedan Sporting Club recording the biggest victory.

Bashir, Ripon and Anwar each scored a brace of goals while Pikul added the other as Jhenaidah Mohammedans trounced Raipur Jagarani Club of Meherpur 7-0 at the Jhenaidah Stadium.

Sohag slotted the first hat-trick of the tournament for Padma Krira Chakra but his superb effort went in vain as the Natore outfit crashed out of the meet losing 6-5 to Brothers Union of Panchagarh in the tiebreakers. The match ended

in a 3-3 draw in regulation time at the Natore Stadium.

Sohag found the mark in 8th, 11th and 51st minute for the local boys but Panchagarh Brothers hit back with two goals from Mantri and a late equaliser by Karim.

Unmochon Club of Bagerhat eliminated Barguna Abahani Krira Chakra 4-1 with Yusuf netting twice and Imrul and Kallol once each at the Bagerhat Stadium. Rizu scored the lone goal for the visitors.

At Chandpur Stadium, Ismail and Mehdi scored either side of halftime to help local Najirpara Krira Chakra blank visiting Bhabaniganj Players Welfare Association of Laxmipur 2-0.

There was bad news for Mymensingh, who are one of four host towns of the final phase, as local league champions Abahani Krira Chakra bowed out of the meet. The touring side lost 4-3 to Kararchar Krira Chakra of Narshingdi in penalty shootout after 90 minutes of regulation play ended 1-1.

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Bashir's death: a realisation

SPORTS REPORTER

The tragic end of Tamim Bashir's life has made his fellow cricketers realise they must stand united than ever before.

The Cricketers' Welfare Association of Bangladesh (CWAB), the organisation of registered cricketers which has never been allowed to make an impact and has yet to take a formal shape, voiced its concern following a milad mahfil organised for Bashir at the Dhanmondi Club yesterday.

"We have a lot to do for cricketers in the country. That's why we need to stand under a united banner. It was pathetic that we couldn't do anything for Tamim," said former Bangladesh captain Naimur Rahman, general secretary of the association.

Bashir's mentor Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury, who felt like he had lost a son, expressed a similar need for an accredited players' association.

The CWAB has already applied to the Social Welfare Ministry for registration a month ago.

Bangladesh captain Habibul Bashar recalled with fondness his days with the 19-year-old left-spinner while representing Khulna Division in last season's National League.

Bashar also believed that a strong players' association was essential.

Tamim Bashir died on June 18 after contracting cerebral malaria.

Former and current national players who took a break from their camp for Asia Cup attended the condolence meeting before the milad at Bashir's favourite club ground, where he spent eight years as a player.

Myskina, Coria tumble

REUTERS/AFP, London

French Open champion Anastasia Myskina's Wimbledon challenge was ended in the third round by American Amy Frazier 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 on Friday.

The second seeded Russian, who complained of fatigue after her three-set victory on Thursday, won the first set but then faded on the slick conditions of a scorching court two.

Myskina became the first Russian woman to win a Grand Slam title at Roland Garros earlier this month but her Wimbledon bid was halted in one hour 45 minutes.

Third seeded Argentine and grasscourt novice Guillermo Coria crashed out as second seed Andy Roddick and defending women's champion Serena Williams stormed into the next round.

Coria, the French Open runner-up and who hadn't won a match on

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Lippi new Italy coach

REUTERS, Rome

Former Juventus coach Marcello Lippi was confirmed on Friday as Italy's new coach, starting on July 16.

He will take over the day after Giovanni Trapattoni's contract expires. Italian football federation president Franco Carraro said.

Lippi's contract will run until the end of the 2006 World Cup, Carraro added.

Pioneer soccer

SPORTS REPORTER

Rajib and Selim scored hat-tricks as Maghbazar Sabuj Sangha scored a massive 10-0 victory over Jirabo Sporting Club in a north zone match of the Shinepukur Ceramics Pioneer Football League at the Kamapur Stadium yesterday.

Following are the other results at different venues in the city:

North zone (Kamlapur Stadium):
Maghbazar KC-2, Siraj SS-2
West zone (Dhanmondi Club ground):
Suriya SSC-3, Noor SC-0

Greatwall-2, Care Boy's-1
Central zone (Basabo ground):
Arunodoy JS-0, Friends SW-0
Mejbah Boys-4, Nandipara KKCS-1

East zone (Dhupkhola ground):
Sidhirganj FCC-1, Pally Unnayan-0

Bangladesh SC-1, Islampur US-1
South zone (Mirpur Outer Stadium):
Mahanagar KC-0, Mohakhali FA-0

WHIZZ KID-213 winner

Sharif Tahsin Farah

(Scholastica, Gulshan)

Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on July 4.



IT'LL NEED A TEAM EFFORT! Dutch players Edgar Davids (R-centre), Andy van der Meide (R-back) Roy Makkay (L) and an unidentified teammate warm up on June 24 during their training session at Albufeira stadium, some 40 km outside Faro.

QTR PREVIEW NETHERLANDS v SWEDEN

Bright Oranje



REUTERS, Faro

It is going to take something special at Euro 2004 to beat Sweden, the great all-rounders of the tournament to date.

The Netherlands, though, may be just the team to provide it in Saturday's quarter-final at the Algarve Stadium after finally stumbling upon their best team and the right tactics.

"Everyone in the Dutch team is relaxed now and we all know exactly what we're doing," midfielder Philip Cocu said after their great escape from Group D with a 3-0 win over Latvia.

"Sweden will be tough opponents...but in the quarter-finals there are no easy opponents and they will be apprehensive about playing us as well."

Sweden have excelled in every facet of the game in their three

matches so far and are on course to emulate their run to the World Cup semi-finals in France in 1998.

They showed brilliant attacking form to beat Bulgaria 5-0, incredible resilience to claim a 1-1 draw with Italy in their second game and then great heart to come from behind twice against Denmark and clinch top spot in Group C.

"Sweden have a strong team with a lot of physical power," said winger Arjen Robben. "Their best quality can be found in their attack but for sure we will have a chance against them."

The attacking guile comes from Henrik Larsson and Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who have notched five goals between them so far.

"We understand each other on and off the pitch," Larsson said of Ibrahimovic, who at 22 is 10 years his junior. "He does things I didn't think were possible."

The Dutch could hardly have started less impressively than Sweden, as they salvaged a point in a 1-1 draw against Germany.

Coach Dick Advocaat ditched

their defensive formation and instead played two wingers with

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PROBABLE TEAMS

Netherlands (4-3-3): 1-Edwin van der Sar, 2-Michael Reiziger, 15-Frank de Boer, 3-Jaap Stam, 5-Giovanni van Bronckhorst, 20-Clarence Seedorf, 8-Edgar Davids, 6-Philip Cocu, 7-Andy van der Meide, 10-Ruud van Nistelrooy, 19-Arjen Robben

Sweden (4-4-2): 1-Andreas Isaksson, 2-Teddy Lucic (or 7-Mikael Nilsson), 15-Andreas Jakobsson, 13-Petter Hansson, 3-Olof Mellberg, 17-Anders Andersson, 16-Kim Kallstrom, 6-Tobias Linderoth, 9-Fredrik Ljungberg, 10-Zlatan Ibrahimovic, 11-Henrik Larsson

Referee: Lubos Michel (Slovakia)
Linesmen: Martin Balko (Slovakia)



IT'S NOT THE END OF THE WORLD! A Portuguese supporter comforts an English fan after the hosts' victory on June 24.

Feels like a funeral



REUTERS, London

England fans stumbled into the streets in disbelief, misery and rage on Thursday after their team were knocked out of the European Championship in a heartbreaking quarter-final.

The loss to Portugal after a shoot-out - the fourth time England has lost on penalties in a major tournament in 14 years - brought on a grim sense of deja vu.

"The gods are always, always against England in the big tournaments," said mechanic Dave Johnson, 31, shaking his head in disbelief as he trooped home from The Gooners pub in London.

The pub had been so packed that people were crowded on the street watching the game through windows. It cleared out minutes

after Portugal goalkeeper Ricardo placed his spot kick past England's David James to win the game.

"It's absolutely unbelievable. History is repeating itself. When will the luck ever go with us?" said Johnson. "This is beginning to scar me emotionally."

Judy Davies, standing on her front patio, with her face still painted red and white with England's cross of St George, said luck had nothing to do with it.

Referee Urs Meier disallowed a Sol Campbell headed "goal" in the last seconds of ordinary time and Davies was incapable of discussing the incident without sounding unhinged.

"That referee is supposed to be the best in the world. Well, he'd better never set foot in England. I'll lynch him with my own bare hands," she said.

Others said the team itself was partly to blame, looking lacklustre after teenage phenomenon Wayne Rooney was forced off the pitch

with a foot injury midway through the first half.

"In the cold light of day, we'll have to accept that Portugal looked the better side on the night," said Andrew Parkin, 32.

"They had more possession and they were more dangerous. After Rooney went off we seemed to lose our organisation and dominance."

If any England player was going to be blamed it was probably captain David Beckham who blazed the first penalty over the bar.

"Beckham was a pale shadow of his best. The press are going to crucify him, especially for that missed penalty," said Parkin.

England's 4-2 victory over Croatia earlier this week was the most watched sporting event in British history. All the signs were that Thursday night's match would beat that record.



Participants of the Olympic Day Run jog through the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

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