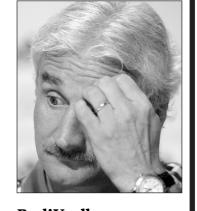




short of being a true international competition. Eighty-five per cent of the competitors were Americans, and eight per cent were Canadians. There was only one competitor from Australia, and no British at





RudiVoeller

(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.



ESPN

West Indies vs New Zealand NatWest Tri-Series, 2nd ODI Live at 3:45 pm

STAR Sports Wimbledon Championships Live at 5:00 pm Euro Preview Live at 12:00 am (Sunday) Netherlands vs Sweden Quarterfinal Live at 12:40 am (Sunday)

BKSP still best Happy hunting

nd sixth in a row.

could settle down.

equaliser through Mostafizur, who

converted a penalty corner two

Prolific scorer Nadir, who

slammed six goals including a

hattrick in their 10-1 demolition of

Sri Lankan opener Kumara

Sangakkara smashed an uncon-

quered 163 as the tourists reached

304 for five against the Northern

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ninutes before the final hooter.

Cricket

AFP/REUTERS, Darwin

out 15 at the close.

Run held

UNB, Dhaka

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



BKSP, looked set to take a long FOOTBALL LEA rounds yesteroverdue revenge when they went day. two-up even before the BKSP boys Four home sides out of five advanced to the second round with Babar put Dhaka ahead four Ihenaidah Mohammedan Sporting

ninutes after the start while Club recording the biggest victory. Ranjan doubled it in the ninth Bashir, Ripon and Anwar each minute but Masum reduced the scored a brace of goals while Pikul rrears for BKSP two minutes later. added the other as Jhenaidah Dhaka managed to cling on to Mohammedans trounced Raipur their 2-1 lead until the dying Jagarani Club of Meherpur 7-0 at moments when BKSP found an the Jhenaidah Stadium.

Sohag slotted the first hattrick 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

S'kkara shines over McGrath

for hosts 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 Mymenisngh, 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 Associa-tion of Bangladesh (CWAB), the organisation of regis tered 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 cricket-

ers in the country. That's why we need to stand under a united banner. It was pathetic that we could-n'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' associa-

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 leftspinner 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

their great escape from Group D with a 3-0 win over Latvia. Myskina became the first Russian woman to win a Grand nents...but in the quarter-finals there are no easy opponents and they will be apprehensive about Slam title at Roland Garros earlier this month but her Wimbledon bid was halted in one hour 45 minutes.

Third seeded Argentine and Sweden have excelled in every facet of the game in their three grasscourt novice Guillermo Coria crashed out as second seed Andy



IT'LL NEED A TEAM EFFORT! Dutch players Edgar Davids (R-centre), Andy van der Meyde (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

Bright Oranje

EUTO 2004

It is going to take something special

at Euro 2004 to beat Sweden, the

great all-rounders of the tourna-

The Netherlands, though, may

be just the team to provide it in Saturday's quarter-final at the

Algarve Stadium after finally stum-

bling upon their best team and the

relaxed now and we all know

exactly what we're doing,

midfielder Philip Cocu said after

"Sweden will be tough oppo-

"Everyone in the Dutch team is

REUTERS, Faro

ment to date.

right tactics.

playing us as wel

NETHERLANDS v SWEDEN

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, incredi ble 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.

instead played two wingers with SEE PAGE 14 COL 1

their defensive formation and

PROBABLE TEAMS

Live on STAR Sports at 12:40 am (Sunday)

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 Meyde, 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)

Coach Dick Advocaat ditched



Tillakaratne Dilshan (3) and Tilan Samaraweera (5) both failed while Test batsman Simon Katich trapped Russel Arnold (29) with his

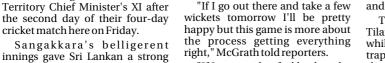
"If I can get that feel back to the slowleft-armers. Earlier McGrath cracked 31 runs off 28 balls at the tailend of the NT

McGrath did make a rare contriies and a six and faced 220 balls. bution with the bat, however, scoring 31 not out after Northern Territory, a team made up of local amateur players but strengthened by Test players Justin Langer, Australian Test bowler Glenn

XI innings, including three fours and a six The four-day match is Sri Lanka's only warm-up before next month's two Tests with Australia in Darwin and Cairns

McGrath, regaining full fitness Simon Katich and McGrath after a long spell out with ankle resumed on 364 for seven. trouble, failed to claim a wicket as Local Anthony Dent was the best he prepared for next week's first of the NT XI bowlers, capturing two Test against Sri Lanka here. He wickets, including the prized finished with 0-49 off 15 overs. wicket of opener Sanath Jayasuriya for 64

The bowler, however who has not played a Test since July 2003, Dent also picked up captain was satisfied. Mahela Jayawardena, out caught "If I go out there and take a few and bowled for four.



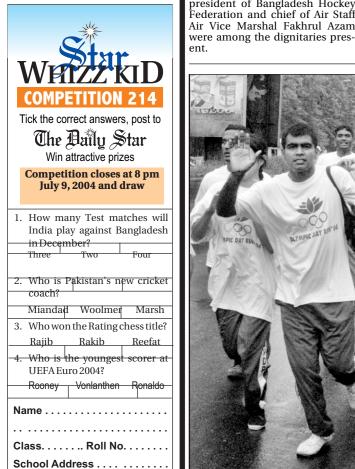
way it has been in the past then that's all I'm after out of this game."

He put on 134 with Sanath ayasuriya (64) for the first wicket. Romesh Kaluwitharana was no

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Sobia Ameen (Int'l School Dhaka}



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Association (BOA) vesterday arranged its annual Olympic Day Run in the capital and elsewhere in the country.

The Bangladesh Olympic

Olympic Day

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman inaugurated the Run that began from the Army tadium in Banani and ended at the Bangabandhu National Stadium after passing through Mohakhali, Jahangir Gate at Dhaka Canton-ment, Farmgate, Sonargaon Hotel and the Jatiya Press Člub.

Before the participants set off, a ninute's silence was observed for OA secretary general Zafar Imam ho died last month.

Afterwards all the runners were given certificates signed by IOC resident Jacques Rogge.

BOA president and chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chow-dhury, president of Bangladesh Swimming Bangladesh Swimming Federation and chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba, president of Bangladesh Hockey Federation and chief of Air Staff Air Vice Marshal Fakhrul Azam

Cricket AFP, Sydney

> Shane Warne believes his Sri Lankan spin rival Muttiah Muralitharan might surprise everyone and show up for next month's Test series in Australia despite his earlier decision to skip the tour.

Muralitharan, under strong criticism in Australia after one of his favourite deliveries was ruled illegal, said he was pulling out of the tour for "personal reasons".

But Warne said Friday he was skeptical of his rival's plan for the Fests in Darwin and Cairns.

"It might be a tactical thing they're trying, that maybe in a couple of days before the first Test Muralitharan might just rock up and play," Warne said

"It's just something I feel might happen, I am not saying it's definitely going to happen, I just wouldn't be surprised. Muralitharan recently took over

e world record for Test wickets Roddick and defending women's with 527 and Australia's Warne champion Serena Williams trails only 10 behind on 517. stormed into the next round.

The Sri Lankan bowler is due in Australia next month for some joint promotional activities with Warne and so could quickly be added to his national side.

Warne only confirmed earlier this week that he had recovered sufficiently from a broken hand to start in the series when it opens in Darwin on July 1.

On Friday, Warne welcomed the decision to add leg-spinner Stuart MacGill to the Australian squad for the series in the place of fast bowler Brad Williams, who was ruled out with a lower back complaint.

Warne praised MacGill's skills and said it would be good to have another spin bowler to the team.

"He's a quality bowler, he's performed well over the years, he did well up in Darwin and Cairns last year, so if they decided to play two spinners, good," Warne said.

"I am a bit biased, I always like to see the spin bowlers, the more spin bowlers, the better.'

Coria, the French Open runnerup and who hadn't won a match on SEE PAGE 14 COL 5

Lippi new **Italy coach**

REUTERS, Rome

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

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 hattricks 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 Kamlapur Stadium yesterday.

Following are the other results a different venues in the city: North zone (Kamlapur Stadium):

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

Mejbah Boys- 4, Nandipara KKCS-

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

Bangladesh SC- 1, Islampur US- 1 South zone (Mirpur Outer Sta-dium):

Mahanagar KC-0, Mohakhali FA-0

WHiZZ KID-213 winner

SharifTahsin Farah

(Scholastica, Gulshan)

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



PHOTO: AFF

"In the cold light of day, we'll

"They had more possession and

Rooney went off we seemed to lose

If any England player was going to be blamed it was probably cap-

tain David Beckham who blazed

his best. The press are going to crucify him, especially for that

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

"Beckham was a pale shadow of

the first penalty over the bar.

missed penalty," said Parkin.

our organisation and dominance.'

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

EUTO 2004

shoot-out - the fourth time Eng-

land has lost on penalties in a

major tournament in 14 years -

brought on a grim sense of deja vu.

against England in the big tourna-

ments," said mechanic Dave John-

son, 31, shaking his head in disbe-

that people were crowded on the

street watching the game through

windows. It cleared out minutes

Gooners pub in London.

quarter-final.

after Portugal goalkeeper Ricardo with a foot injury midway through placed his spot kick past England's the first half. David James to win the game.

"It's absolutely unbelievable. have to accept that Portugal looked History is repeating itself. When the better side on the night," said will the luck ever go with us?" said Andrew Parkin, 32. Johnson. "This is beginning to scar me emotionally." they were more dangerous. After

England fans stumbled into the streets in disbelief, misery and rage Judy Davies, standing on her front patio, her face still painted on Thursday after their team were knocked out of the European red and white with England's cross Championship in a heartbreaking of St George, said luck had nothing to do with it. The loss to Portugal after a

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.

"The gods are always, always "That referee is supposed to be the best in the world. Well, he'd better never set foot in England. I'll lief as he trooped home from The lynch him with my own bare hands," she said. The pub had been so packed

beat that record. Others said the team itself was The country came to a complete partly to blame, looking lacklustre standstill during the match. Motorafter teenage phenomenon Wayne ways and city streets were empty of Rooney was forced off the pitch SEE PAGE 14 COL 4

BAR BAR PARTY AND PHOTO: STAR



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

