

## CJKS soccer

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Underdogs Kollol Sangha stun title aspirants Chittagong City Corporation Ekadas 1-0 in the CJKS-Elite Paint Premier Division Football League at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Kollol's Nigerian recruit Bode Baba scored the all-important goal in the 79th minute to ensure they escaped relegation. They have earned five points from six matches.

In another game BCIC Krira Sangsad humbled Satadal Club 3-0.

They bagged eight points from their six matches while Satadal have two points from the same number of outings.

## Sharapova

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Davenport of the United States who ended the dream run of Croatia's Karolina Sprem with a convincing 6-2, 6-2 win.

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Sugiyama was hoping to become only the second Asian woman in the Open era to reach the semifinals at the Championships. In 1996, Sugiyama's compatriot Kimiko Date reached the semis.

### OTHER RESULTS

#### Women

##### Fourth round

Serena Williams (USA x1) bt Tatiana Golovin (FRA) 6-2, 6-1

Paola Suarez (ARG x9) bt Rita Grande (ITA) 4-6, 6-0, 6-2

Jennifer Capriati (USA x7) bt Nadia Petrova (RUS 10) 6-4, 6-4

Amelie Mauresmo (FRA x4) bt Silvia Farina Elia (ITA x14) 7-5, 6-3

## Let's talk art

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they do make it after being booked in the quarter-final win over England.

Dutch coach Dick Advocaat will be forced to make at least one change, with centre-back and captain Frank de Boer out after suffering an ankle injury in the penalty shoot-out win over Sweden in the quarter-finals.

Wilfred Bouma is the logical choice to partner Jaap Stam while Andy van der Meijde's poor performance could see him replaced by Marc Overmars.

Johnny Heitinga, another option in defence, believes Luis Figo remains the main threat to Dutch hopes, even if his recent form has not been spectacular.

"Figo is an excellent player and he still has the ability to decide a match in one moment," Heitinga said.

Van der Meijde and substitute striker Roy Makaay have yellow cards and are in danger of missing the final through suspension.

The final is on July 4 and will feature the winners of Thursday's semi-final between Greece and the Czech Republic.

### PROBABLE TEAMS

**Portugal (4-3-3):** 1-Ricardo; 13-Miguel, 16-Ricardo Carvalho, 4-Jorge Andrade, 14-Nuno Valente; 6-Costinha, 18-Maniche, 20-Deco; 7-Luis Figo, 17-Cristiano Ronaldo, 21-Nuno Gomes

**Netherlands (4-3-3):** 1-Edwin van der Sar; 2-Michael Reiziger, 4-Wilfred Bouma, 3-Jaap Stam, 5-Giovanni van Bronckhorst; 20-Clarence Seedorf, 8-Edgar Davids, 6-Philip Cocu; 7-Andy van der Meijde, 10-Ruud van Nistelrooy, 19-Arjen Robben

**Referee:** Anders Frisk (Sweden)  
**Linesmen:** Kenneth Petersson (Sweden), Peter Ekstrom (Sweden)



PHOTO: AFP

**TENNIS SHIP:** Scene from a unique tennis match involving former American tennis stars Monica Seles and John McEnroe on a specially designed floating tennis court on the Thames on June 28. The aim behind this is to promote both the All England Tennis Championships at Wimbledon and the celebrity tennis matches by the South Bank at Tower Bridge.

# Federer, Hewitt friendly foes

## Henman flies the flag



AFP, London

Roger Federer against Lleyton Hewitt has been developing into something of a modern-day classic and they will go at it again in the pick of the Wimbledon quarterfinals on Wednesday.

The 23-year-old Hewitt is the 2002 Wimbledon winner and Federer, six months his junior, the man who succeeded him last year.

The Australian gained the upper hand over the Swiss player when he clawed his way back from two sets and a break down to win a crucial rubber in a Davis Cup semifinal match in Melbourne last December.

But since then it's Federer who has come out on top, winning twice, notably in the Australian Open, again in Melbourne in January.

If it's a rivalry, it's a friendly rivalry.

Federer, Hewitt says, is the best player in the world at the moment.

Federer said that Hewitt's big match experience and tenacity made him a big threat.

The Swiss top seed, who has held his serve throughout the tournament, felled the tallest man in tennis 6ft 10 ins (2.083 metre) Ivo Karlovic of Croatia 6-3, 7-6, 7-6.

Hewitt out-hit fellow former world number one Spain's Carlos Moya.

The Federer v Hewitt match is the pick of the last eight, for pure emotion, all eyes will be on Tim Henman's continuing quest to lift the Holy Grail of Wimbledon.

Henman has stepped it up game by game so far and the latest chapter in the saga saw him defeat Australian bomber Mark Philippoussis in a four-setter Centre Court thriller late Monday. Henman squeezed home 6-2, 7-5, 6-7, 7-6.

This time, the task at hand looks distinctly easier for the number five seed as he goes up against unseeded Croatian Mario Ancic.

But Henman had best beware as Ancic takes his inspiration from compatriot Goran Ivanisevic, the man who stymied the Briton's best hope so far when he won a dramatic, three-day semi-final tie in 2001.

Henman insisted that he would not take Ancic lightly.

Ancic said he knew what to expect from the crowd.

Second-seed Andy Roddick will have mixed emotions when he takes on Sjeng Schalken in the top match of the bottom half of the draw.

For Roddick it was who helped rescue the lanky Dutchman from his hotel room balcony when a fire swept their hotel during the Rome Masters in May.

Last year's beaten semifinalist acknowledged the tie that now binds them, but says it will count for little when they take to the court on Wednesday. The 2003 US Open champion silenced the booming serve of German Alexander Popp 7-5, 6-4, 6-4 to reach the last eight.

The dangerous Dutchman defeated Vince Spadea 6-2, 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

The final last eight tie provides a golden opportunity for Frenchman Sebastien Grosjean to emulate his run into the semifinals last year.

The No.10 seed has been all softly-softly so far working his way through the draw unnoticed on the outside courts.

And going up against young German Florian Mayer, who had only played one match on grass prior to this tournament, he will fancy his chances of making further progress.

## Giuly in the bag, Larsson on the way

AFP, Barcelona

Barcelona, having paid 7 million euros (8.5 million dollars) for Moanco captain Ludovic Giuly, are set to sign former Celtic striker Henrik Larsson after the Swede completes a medical on Tuesday.

Larsson spent seven years at Celtic but quit at the end of last season and has been available on a free transfer.

Larsson was persuaded to come out of international retirement for Euro 2004 and scored two goals for Sweden against Bulgaria.

Barcelona said on their website Larsson would be unveiled as a Barcelona player on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old striker had been looking for a move to a warm climate to end a career which has taken him from Sweden to Feyenoord in Holland before his move to Scotland in 1997.

The Catalan giants are also negotiating with Portugal midfielder Deco.

Barcelona director of football Txiki Begiristain would not be rushed into announcing the arrival of Deco.

"We're taking the necessary steps but there's still a lot in the air," he said.

He said Deco "had demonstrated his desire to play for Barca" but added: "The negotiations are still in the initial phase."

Giuly is Barca's second recruit for next season after Brazilian defender Juliano Belletti who arrives from Villarreal for four millions euros (4.8m dollars).

Giuly was a key player in Monaco's run to the Champions League final where they lost 3-0 to Porto, but was forced out of France's Euro 2004 squad with a torn groin muscle during the Porto game.

## Rowdy Russians!

REUTERS, Lisbon

Russia were fined 14,000 Swiss francs (\$11,200) after 13 players were cautioned during their three matches at Euro 2004, including six in their last group match against semi-finalists Greece.

Bulgaria were fined 5,000 francs after their fans threw missiles on the pitch during the 2-1 defeat by Italy.

Sweden were fined 2,000 francs after their fans invaded the pitch following the 2-2 draw against Denmark which ensured both teams reached the quarter-finals, UEFA said on Tuesday.

Russia, who had two players sent off, and Bulgaria were eliminated in the first round.

## Gerrard bowed to threats

AFP, Lisbon

Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard decided to stay at Anfield because of family threats, it was reported Tuesday.

The Daily Mail claims the abuse directed at Gerard reached vitriolic levels in local newspapers and on websites and his family received threatening phone calls and letters.

Former manager Gerard Houllier was the subject of death threats while Gerrard's team-mate Michael Owen has admitted in the past that threats from the more fanatical supporters are something players have to live with.

But Gerard's decision to turn down a move to Chelsea will probably convince Owen to sign a new contract, in a huge boost for new manager Rafael Benitez.

Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry said: Hopefully this is going to help with those talks."

Gerrard said he had been unhappy with the club's inability to challenge for the major honours.

"For the first time in my career I thought about the possibility of moving on but after coming home from Euro 2004 and sitting down with my family and spending time with my agent I have decided I am staying on at Liverpool Football Club," the 24-year-old England midfielder said.

## Henry conspired

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lying down as he displayed when Vieira said he should succeed Marcel Desailly as captain.

"After Marcel, I will be the captain. Pat can wait his turn," said the 32-year-old, who used his leadership qualities to pull the team together after they went 2-1 down to Croatia in their group match even though Desailly was on the pitch wearing the captain's armband.

Zidane like several of the golden generation that won the World Cup and Euro 2000 are thinking over whether they should call it a day or not but as he told French television on Sunday he will not wait months before announcing his decision.

"At a certain point one must know it is time to change the personnel," said Zidane.

"It is of course imperative something changes and to change it one cannot wait till six months before the 2006 World Cup finals.

"I have not decided yet, I do not know what I am going to do. I will think about it and afterwards we will see."

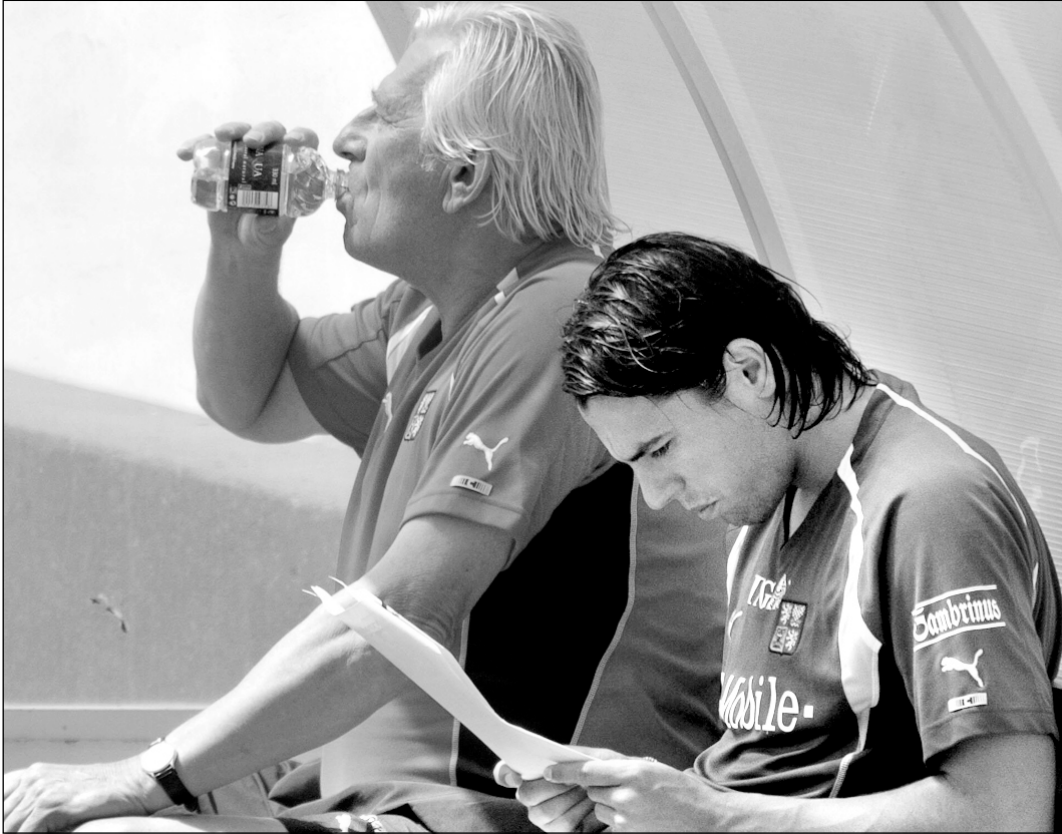


PHOTO: AFP

**COACH, THERE'S AN ARTICLE ON ME IN THE DAILY STAR!** Czech Republic's star striker Milan Baros (R) reading something in the newspaper attentively while sitting beside coach Karel Bruckner at the end of the team's practice in Sintra, near Lisbon yesterday.

# A header from the past!



REUTERS, Lisbon

When Jan Koller headed home the first Czech goal in the quarter-final against Denmark, it was like a scene from bygone days.

The ball came over from the right and the central striker rose to crash it into the net, 1-0.

Maybe it's the ball or a change in the skill set of modern forwards but heading is the lost art of Euro 2004.

Of the 28 games in Portugal only two others have featured memorably powerfully headed goals - Henrik Larsson's diving effort in Sweden's 5-0 defeat of Bulgaria and Angelos Haristeas's Greek classic which knocked out France in the quarters.

Statistically the average for the tournament is the same as for the last eight European championships - about one in five goals have been scored with a player's head.

But compared with the 1970s and 1980s, strikers just don't know how to head the ball.

If Thierry Henry, Christian Vieri and Miroslav Klose had taken straightforward chances, France, Italy and Germany would probably have stayed in this tournament a lot longer.

# Figo straight to the point



AFP, Alcochete

Portuguese star Luis Figo, controversially substituted in the quarter-final win over England, said Tuesday he had "nothing to prove" ahead of Wednesday's semi-final here against Holland.

The 31-year-old was clearly upset after coach Luiz Felipe Scolari hauled him off after 75 minutes of the England game last Thursday and he sat alone in the dressing room as his side rallied to win on penalties.

"It was hard because I was not on the pitch, but it was good to reach our objective to get to the semi-final.

"I have nothing to prove, the people know me well," Figo told reporters at Portugal's base in Alcochete south of Lisbon.

"I just have to give my best in the next game. It's all I can do," added the Real Madrid star.

Pressed on reports that Dutch coach Dick Advocaat had opined he wouldn't mind facing the hosts with Figo left out altogether and asked to reflect on the possibility Scolari could freeze him out, Figo

gave a wry smile, before adding: "I think you would have to talk to my coach!"

Asked why he walked ostentatiously around the pitch after being withdrawn from the fray before heading to the dressing room without stopping to acknowledge



LUIS FIGO

his coach, Figo was equally brusque.

"I left the pitch because my coach took me off," he said laconically.

With fellow Real galacticos David Beckham and Zinedine Zidane having flopped in the quarters - and Raul bowing out in the first round without scoring a goal - Figo was at pains to say he felt fighting fit, despite a mammoth and disappointing season in La Liga.

this type of forward. The "Monster", as he was known, averaged well over one goal every two Bundesliga games and a large proportion came from his head.

He also packed a mean shot, but the nearest Hrubesch came to one of Henry's stepovers was when Kevin Keegan got in his way at Hamburg SV.

At Euro 2004 only the unlucky Vieri, the giant Koller and Croatia's Dado Prso came close to Hrubesch's style of play.

However, the ball seems to have spent just as much time in the air as in any other recent tournament with defenders pumping endless high balls down the middle to little effect and crosses still raining in from the flanks.

The 'roteiro' ball may have something to do with the lack of headed goals. Heavier balls are easier to direct and the new smooth ball used at this tournament has exaggerated movement through the air and tends to fly off course if hit wrong.

But when you hit it right, it goes like a bullet. One defensive header by England's Sol Campbell flew from his penalty area to the halfway line.

Campbell, of course, thought he had scored with a header against Portugal which was disallowed for a foul on the goalkeeper. But that's another story.

Beckham said on returning home that he believed Real players were short on conditioning, something the club president Florentino Perez hotly denied.

Figo sided with his president over the issue.

"I don't agree with David on that point. There are so many games during the week it's difficult to do more (fitness training)," said the veteran, the figurehead of Portugal's golden generation which carried all before it at youth level and now wants to land their nation's first senior triumph.

Figo did, however, readily admit to some tiredness in the limbs, telling reporters that "I think physically at this moment I'm not the same as at the beginning of the season."

Pressed on whether this could be his last international tournament, Figo held out the hope of carrying on beyond 2004.

"It's one more chance. It's not the last one," he insisted, the comment suggesting he sees the 2006 World Cup as his likely swansong rather than this week.

"My way of thinking has always been to serve my country and as long as I can do that I'll be here," Figo insisted.

"We know the importance of Wednesday's game to the country. We must show passion."

## Pioneer soccer

SPORTS REPORTER

First half goals by Mohiuddin and Jabbar helped Arunodoy Juba Sangha beat Murapara 2-0 in the lone central zone match in the Shinepukur Ceramics Pioneer Football League at the Basabo ground yesterday.

Following are the other results of yesterday's matches at different city venues:

**West zone (Dhanmondi Club ground):**  
Great Wall SC- 3, Arambagh KS Irs- 2

**South zone (Mirpur Outer Stadium):**  
Agrani KSKP- 1, Noakhali FA- 0

Dhanmondi FA- 1, Prasanna Poddar Lane SKP- 0

**East zone (Dhupkhola ground):**  
Bangladesh Boys Club- 1, Siddhirganj FCC- 0  
Titu SS- 2, Pally Unnayan- 0.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

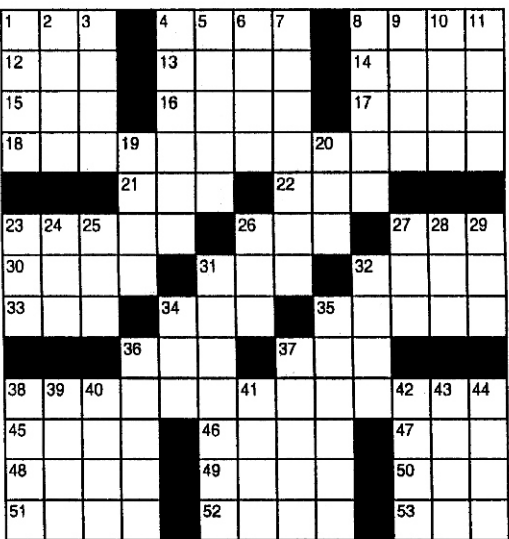
1 Hot tub  
4 Shake-speare, e.g.  
8 Noise of thunder  
12 Rotating piece  
13 Pennsylvania port  
14 Start from scratch  
15 Gorilla  
16 Saucer-shaped bell  
17 It takes the cake  
18 Raffle occurrence  
21 — moment  
22 Conclusion  
23 "I dunno yet!"  
26 Prepared  
27 Cattle call  
30 Mid-month date  
31 Wife of Saturn  
32 Gilpin of "Frasier"  
33 Fly a paddle  
34 Web victim

**DOWN**

1 Cicatrix  
2 One of the Three Bears  
3 Congregational cry  
4 "Scat!"  
5 Bakery temptation  
6 Orange coat  
7 Grads got them  
8 Throng  
9 Jeans-maker  
10 Mideast port  
11 Vintage video game  
19 Claim  
20 Fornicary dweller  
21 Claim  
22 Across  
23 "Touched by an Angel" role  
24 Uncontrollable  
25 Archery-bow wood  
26 Austin Powers, e.g.  
27 "Little Women" woman  
28 Tramcar contents  
29 Unctuous  
30 Stuffy  
31 Loft  
32 Compassion  
33 Adversary  
34 Most pleasant  
35 Unalterable disk  
36 French  
37 French  
38 "Touched by an Angel" role  
39 Uncontrollable  
40 Unless (Lat.)  
41 Rum cake  
42 Untalkative one  
43 Kink's song  
44 "Sports Center" venue

**Solution time: 27 mins.**

**ABACUS** MAID JESSIE  
NED OPE AINAIN  
TAL ALLUMIONS  
ICE NOTES  
CHUG MAB GRAM  
ROB ALLOUT  
ROBES TONGS  
ALL BUT IDA  
METE INN KNOX  
ALL THE WAY APE  
MOORE ATE ORO  
AUGUR YES BAN



CRYPTOQUIP

O U V F D N S W N U  
W P O K N Q N W P M D Q D O C M  
N H V A Z D V T C N M Q Z P V Z  
A V T M O Z V Z D V O H N U  
Z P N S F P Z ?

Yesterday's Cryptiquip: WHEN A GUY'S SHADOW IS BEING CAST, YOU MIGHT CLAIM THAT HE'S BESIDE HIMSELF.  
Today's Cryptiquip Clue: Z equals T

The Cryptiquip 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. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.