



## Did U Know?

In all previous European Championship finals the winner had always scored at least two goals and Greece's 1-0 victory over Portugal broke the sequence.



**TEN Sports**  
Copa America  
Venezuela vs Bolivia  
Repeat at 4:00 pm  
Peru vs Colombia  
Repeat at 9:30 pm  
Copa America  
Mexico vs Ecuador  
Live at 4:15 am (Wednesday)  
Argentina vs Uruguay  
Live at 6:30 am (Wednesday)

**ESPN**  
Australia vs Sri Lanka  
Second Test, Day Five  
Live at 5:55 am  
Sportscentre  
Live at 10:30 pm



**Stephen Fleming**  
(New Zealand cricket captain)  
"We are not that close (to Australia). There are huge areas for us to improve. But we are gaining on them."  
After winning the NatWest Series.

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 214

Tick the correct answers, post to **The Daily Star**. Win attractive prizes. Competition closes at 8 pm July 23, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards.

- How many Test matches will India play against Bangladesh in December?  
Three    Two    Four
- 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    Vornanthen    Ronaldo
- Who scored the first goal at Euro 2004?  
Zidane    Karagounis    Figo

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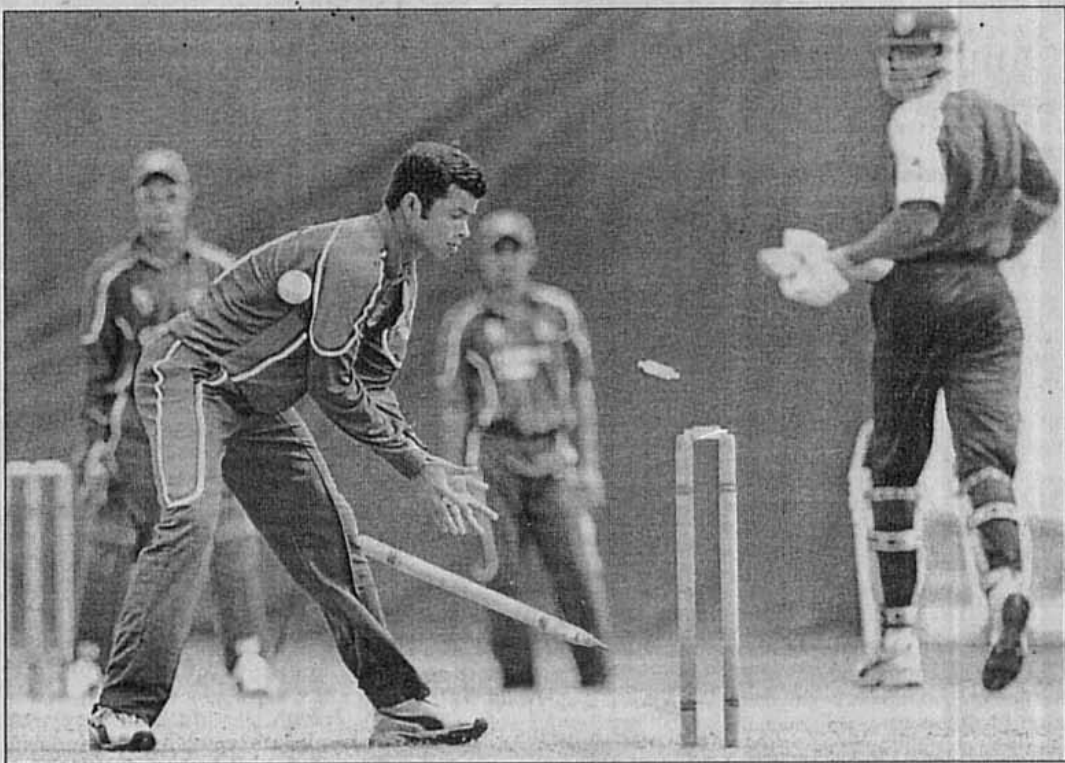
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## Pioneer soccer

UNB, Dhaka  
Dripta Tarunya Football Academy moved into the 10-team Super League of the Shinepukur 21st Pioneer Football League as the sixth team, beating Islambagh Lucky Seven 5-4 in a south zone playoff at the Dhanmondi Club ground yesterday. Earlier, five teams from different zones -- Friends Social Welfare Organisation and Nawabpur KC of the central zone, Great Wall SC and RND KC of the west zone -- confirmed their places in the Super League, which is likely to begin on July 20 at the Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur. The day's east zone match between Bangladesh SC and Mansoor SC ended in a 3-3 draw at the outer stadium in Mirpur.



Uncapped spinner Abdur Razzaq makes an abortive attempt to run out Michael Vandort of a Sri Lankan selection during a one-day practice match in Colombo yesterday.

## Late order Tigers

### Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Alok Kapali showed signs of returning to form but in the end it was another late order show that rescued Bangladesh in their final warm-up match before the Asia Cup against a Sri Lanka A team B.

The Tigers squeezed home with two wickets remaining in pursuit of 249 at the Colts ground in Colombo yesterday.

The talented Kapali pleased coach Dav Whatmore with a responsible 47. He was aided by a useful 32 from vice-captain Rajin Saleh.

However, the run-chase got off to

a horrible start for visitors when they lost young Mohammad Ashraf, who hit a century in the opening practice match, which they won by 29 runs, cheaply. Soon after his partner Javed Omar (11) joined him in the pavilion.

Test centuries Khaled Mashud and left-hander Mohammad Rafique carried on from where they left off in West Indies scoring 40 not out and 35.

But with the six-nation regional meet beginning on July 16, the team's top-order is still not contributing runs when it matters.

Captain Habibul Bashar made only 22 while southpaw Faisal Hossain top-scorer with 49 just a few days ago managed just 17 as they reached the required target (251)

with six balls to spare. Earlier Michael Vandort hammered 86 and Fernando scored 47 as the combined Lankans posted 248-7 in 50 overs.

Khaled Mahmud (2-54), left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique (2-32) and his young fellow Abdur Razzak (2-34) were the chief wicket-takers. Right-arm pacer Mushfiqur Rahman was the most expensive Bangladesh bowler with one for 55.

Bangladesh, who have been pitted in Group A, play their first match against lowly Hong Kong on July 16 before facing reigning champions Pakistan the following day.

India and United Arab Emirates (UAE) and hosts Sri Lanka make up the other group.

## Classic final day in store

### Cricket

AFP, Cairns

Shane Warne has the final day task of taking five wickets and bowling Australia to victory over Sri Lanka if he is to claim Muttiah Muralitharan's world wicket-taking record in the second cricket Test at Cazaly Stadium here on Tuesday.

The champion leg-spinner took three wickets in Sri Lanka's first innings of 455 leaving the tourists 62 runs in arrears which Australia had built up to 256 by the close of the fourth day's play on Monday.

With the Cairns wicket holding no terrors for batting the odds are that 34-year-old Warne won't be able to temporarily unseat Murali given that fast bowlers have taken the majority of the wickets to fall in the match.

At the close on Monday, Australia were 194 for two with Matthew Hayden cracking an unbeaten 68 and Damien Martyn crashing a six and eight fours for 52 off 54 balls in an unbroken 89-run stand.

The Australian batsmen took the light when it was offered by the umpires after sunset at 5:45pm (0745 GMT).

Warne goes into the final day of

the Cairns Test on 523 wickets, four behind Murali's 527, in what could be the only chance in his spectacular career to savour becoming the greatest Test wicket-taker.

The younger Murali has plenty of Tests coming up to continue his stunning strike rate of almost six wickets per Test match.

Australia set about amassing enough runs to push for a final day win with skipper Ricky Ponting and Hayden putting on a 95-run second-wicket partnership before Ponting was dismissed 26 overs before stumps.

Ponting was caught in the gully by Sanath Jayasuriya for 45 attempting to back-cut left-arm pacer Nuwan Zoysa.

Hayden had a life on 53 when young paceman Lasith Malinga put down a sharp return catch slipping over his follow-through.

Justin Langer maintained his habit of following up a big first innings score with a cheap second-innings dismissal when he was out in the second over.

Langer, who top-scored with 162 in Australia's first innings of 517, sparred at Zoysa and was caught behind by Ramesh Kaluwitharana for eight to leave the home side at 10 for one.

Earlier, Sri Lanka lost their last

four wickets for 10 to be all out. After play was delayed for two hours by rain, Sri Lanka, resuming at 411 for five, fell apart against the bowling of Jason Gillespie and Warne.

Warne took 3-129 off 38 overs and paceman Gillespie claimed 3-116 off 37.4 overs.

Glenn McGrath struck first on Monday when he had Kaluwitharana caught at the second attempt by Warne at second slip for 34 in the third over of the day.

Tilan Samaraweera survived a raucous caught behind appeal off Gillespie on 69 before he was dismissed one run later, snapped up by Ponting at second slip off Gillespie.

Samaraweera batted for just over four hours and hit six fours off 206 balls.

Chaminda Vaas was next to go, giving Ponting his second catch of the innings off Gillespie for two and Upul Chandana clouted a six off Warne before he fell to the leg-spinner, advancing down the pitch and stumped by Adam Gilchrist for 19.

The Sri Lankan innings ended in the 145th over when Malinga was run out for a duck by a direct throw from Darren Lehmann at mid-wicket.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second and last Test

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Scene from an exhibition women's football match between Bangladesh Football Federation President's XI and Bangladesh Ansar and VDP at the Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

## NFL fixtures released

SPORTS REPORTER

The tournament committee yesterday released the Nitol-Tata National Football League's complete fixture list for the first phase final round.

Last year's runners-up Mohammed Sporting Club will open their campaign against their Jhenidah cousins in a group B encounter a day after holders Muktiyoddha Krira Chakra meet Chittagong Mohammedan in the inaugural match on July 18 at Mymensingh's Momenshahi stadium.

On the other hand, Abahani, who have been pencilled in Group A, will hope to erase memories of a miserable last season with a big opening win over Kararchar Krira Chakra on July 22. Premier League champions Brothers Union kick off against service winners Bangladesh Air Force on July 21.

Mymensingh round will end with a match between surprise package Sheikh Russel KC and Jhenidah Mohammedan on July 24.

Rangpur leg matches commence on July 28 with Abahani taking on Panchagarh Brothers Union while

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## Brazil find the beat



AP, Arequipa

Striker Adriano scored a hat trick as Brazil routed Costa Rica 4-1 on Sunday to earn a quarterfinal berth in the Copa America.

Brazil leads Group C with six points from two matches. Paraguay, which drew Chile 1-1 later Sunday, was second with four points. Chile had one point and winless Costa Rica zero points.

"This win gives us security for the quarterfinals," Brazil coach Carlos Alberto Parreira said. "It showed we are capable of playing good soccer."

Adriano put Brazil ahead with a left-footer from inside the box a minute before halftime after a perfect long pass from playmaker Alex.

The 22-year-old Inter Milan striker fired in a powerful high shot after dribbling past Costa Rica goalkeeper Ricardo Gonzalez near

the penalty spot. Adriano added his second with a header off a corner kick taken by Alex in the 54th, and then completed Gustavo Nery's cross from about five meters in the 68th.

"I'm very, very happy to have contributed with the goals, the team needed that," Adriano said. "I just hope I can continue scoring like this until the end."

Defender Juan had scored Brazil's second goal during a breakaway in the 49th after another setup by Alex. Juan intercepted the ball at midfield, and after a give-and-go play with Alex sent a low shot from inside the box past Gonzalez.

Veteran defender Luis Marin scored Costa Rica's lone goal after a corner in the 81st.

Adriano became the Copa America's leading scorer alongside Argentina's Javier Saviola, who claimed a hat trick against Ecuador midweek.

Brazil displayed no offensive power in the first half, threatening in a few opportunities. But the Brazilians opened up in the second.

"The only good thing that came out of the first half was the goal,"

Parreira said. "The midfield never connected with the attack, thankfully we corrected that, allowing us to easily win in the second period."

Brazil's young team had struggled in the opening 1-0 victory against Chile, needing a last-minute goal to come out on top.

Costa Rica, which had lost to Paraguay 1-0 on a controversial late penalty, started with a defensive scheme, loading five men in the midfield and leaving striker Alvaro Saborio alone up front, hoping to take advantage of long balls.

Still, the Costa Ricans threatened midway through the first half, nearly opening the scoring. Midfielder Steven Bryce just missed reaching a dangerous cross from the left flank in the 22nd, and his shot from just inside the box in the 14th was saved by Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar.

Bryce also had a couple of opportunities in the second half, but he twice was denied by Cesar. First with a one-timer in the 53rd, then with a left-footer from inside the box in the 29th.

"It wasn't a bad match by Costa Rica," coach Jorge Luis Pinto said.

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Brazil striker Adriano Ribeiro (No. 7) watches his shot heading towards the goal against Costa Rica at the UNSA stadium in Arequipa on July 11.

## No press!

CRICINFO, undated

The Pakistan team management has placed a complete ban on players from speaking to the press.

This drastic step comes in the wake of the recent spat between Inzamamul Haq, the captain, and Shoaib Akhtar over press reports.

Haroon Rashid, the manager, was quoted in The News on Monday as saying, "The players have been told that from now on they will not speak to the media without the permission of the captain, coach and manager. Anyone violating this code of conduct will have to be docked a percentage of his earnings."

Haroon also played down the misunderstanding between Inzamam and Shoaib, adding, "It was nothing serious and later on an interview to Sunday Times. Thoughts of retirement do not unduly perturb him either. I don't worry about when it will all end, because nothing stays the same in this world. My cricket will have to stop some day. It will be a tough decision, because it's hard to

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## Eves exhibit dull soccer

UNB, Dhaka

The women's exhibition football match between Bangladesh Ansar and VDP and Bangladesh Football Federation President's XI ended in a goalless draw at the Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

As per instructions of both the Asian Football Confederation and FIFA, BFF has taken the initiative to introduce women's football in the country and the match was arranged as part of that.

However, players of both sides put up an unplanned and aimless game on a water-soaked ground.

Ansar and VDP played relatively better in the first half to create an easy scoring chance, with Bhulu spoiling it although she had only the opponent custodian to beat.

The BFF side, trained by renowned coach Abu Yusuf, dominated the second half and came close to scoring twice, but Nishat was guilty on both occasions.

## Sachin won't stop

### Cricket

PTI, London

Assuring his fans of many more seasons of exhilarating cricket and rivals of more heartache, Sachin Tendulkar says he is still has a "long way to go" before he hangs his boots.

Having made his debut at 16, the Indian batting genius finds himself the senior-most player in the game at 31 but brushes aside suggestions to call it a day.

"I'm only 31, and there have been players in the past who have started their careers at that age, or even later. Hopefully there's still a long way to go," Tendulkar said in an interview to Sunday Times.

"Thoughts of retirement do not unduly perturb him either."

"I don't worry about when it will all end, because nothing stays the same in this world. My cricket will have to stop some day. It will be a tough decision, because it's hard to

imagine life without cricket. Half my life has been spent playing for India."

And he has a lot of things still to accomplish for his country like ensuring that India start winning more consistently in order to be the

Africa and do well," he said. "When we start to win series abroad on a regular basis, then I can say that we are definitely No 2. But right now, there are three or four teams pretty close together -- England, New Zealand, South Africa and India. If anyone wants to be the undisputed No 2, they'll have to start winning wherever they go."

Tendulkar described India's historic series win on Pakistan soil in March-April as "massive".

"It happened after almost 15 years, and because of that, it was about far more than just cricket. We were treated wonderfully by the Pakistani people. There had been security concerns earlier, but once we got there, the hospitality we received was remarkable. I don't think we'll ever forget that. The people made it a memorable tour for us."

However, on the field, "the rivalry goes back many years, and that makes it exciting. You know that the supporters will celebrate a little

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SACHIN TENDULKAR

"undisputed number two" in the world behind Australia.

"We still have to go to South

## Inzy exudes confidence

### Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan cricket captain Inzamamul Haq was upbeat Monday about his revitalised team's chances of winning the upcoming Asia Cup starting this week in Sri Lanka.

"My team is now revitalised and after some organised coaching I am confident that we will successfully defend our title," Inzamam told AFP.

Pakistan's legendary batsman Javed Miandad was fired as coach last month and replaced by former England batsman Bob Woolmer after Pakistan lost one-day and Test series to India in March-April this year.

"It's not that we were not receiving good coaching previously but Woolmer has organised this team

and has told us that we need to raise commitment and performance level," said the Pakistan captain.

"He (Woolmer) has told us that Australia should be the benchmark

for us as in the coming season we are touring Australia," said Inzamam. A 14-man Pakistan squad is due to leave for Sri Lanka Tuesday to defend its Asia Cup title won in Bangladesh four years ago.

Hosts Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, Hong Kong and United Arab Emirates are competing in the event which runs from July 16 to August 1.

Pakistan captain said rivals India and Sri Lanka are the teams to beat in the Asia Cup.

"India's recent performances are very good and they are on the rise, so are the Sri Lankans and we need to raise our level to beat them to defend our title," said Inzamam, whose side is in group A with Bangladesh and Hong Kong.

"The first phase is relatively easy and the real test is in the second phase but we are ready for it."

INZAMAMUL HAQ

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