



## Did U Know?

Figo's 110 caps have put him level with teammate Fernando Couto as Portugal's most capped player.

## What to WATCH

### BTV

Asia Cup Cricket 2004  
Bangladesh vs Pakistan  
Live at 9:55 am

### ESPN

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### STAR Sports

Asia Cup Cricket 2004  
Sri Lanka vs UAE

### Preview Show

Live at 2:00 pm

Asia Cup Cricket 2004  
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### Review Show

Live at 2:45 pm

### TEN Sports

Copa America Quarterfinals

Peru vs Argentina

Live at 4:15 am (Sunday)

Colombia vs Costa Rica

Live at 6:30 am (Sunday)

## TALK TURKEY



### Sachin Tendulkar

(Indian star batsman)  
"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."

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 214

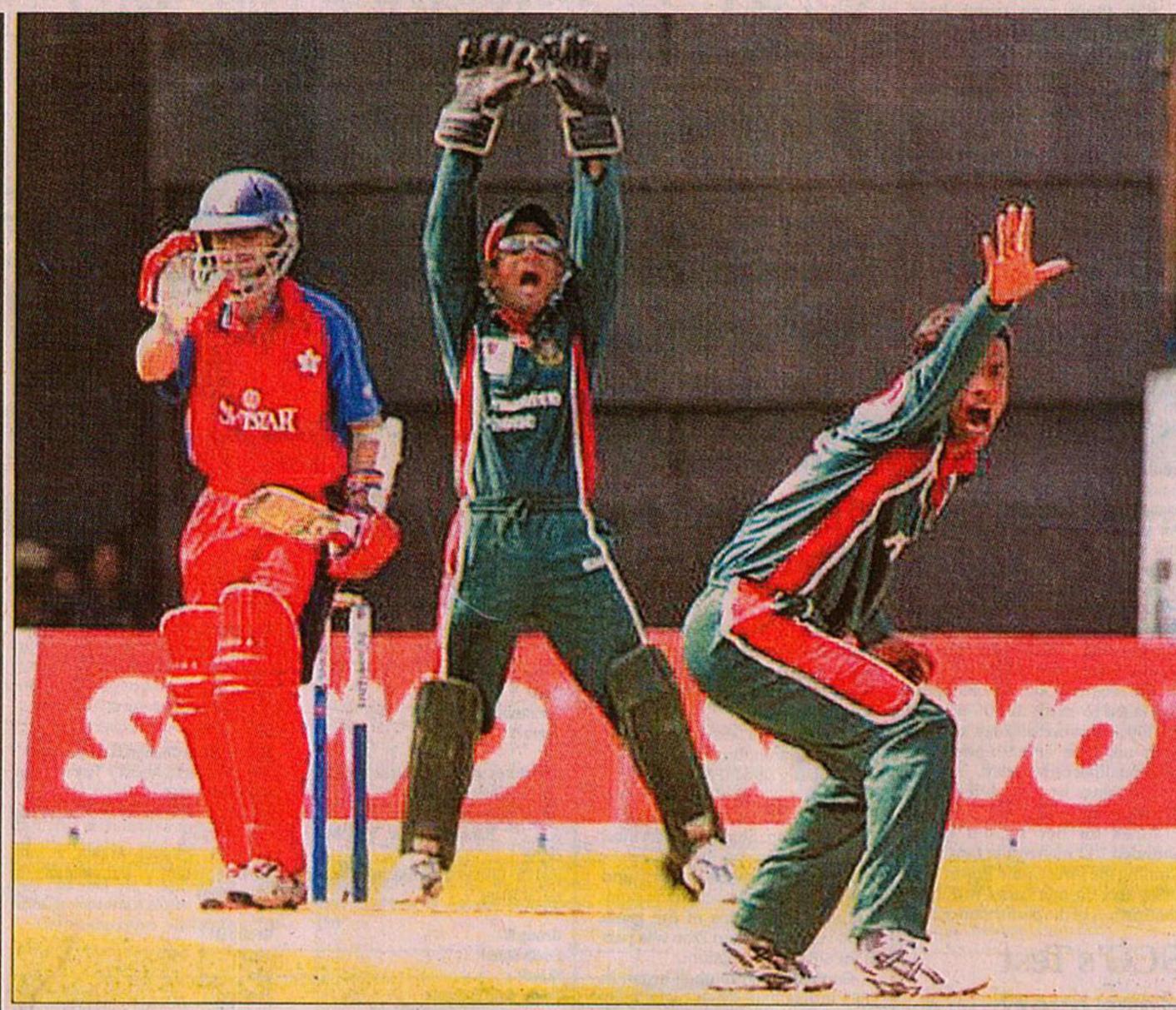
Tick the correct answers, post to  
The Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm  
July 23, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

1. How many Test matches will India play against Bangladesh in December?  
Three Two Four
2. Who is Pakistan's new cricket coach?  
Miandad Woolmer Marsh
3. Who won the Rating chess title?  
Rajib Rakib Reefat
4. Who is the youngest scorer at UEFA Euro 2004?  
 Rooney Vonlanthen Ronaldo
5. Who scored the first goal at Euro 2004?  
 Zidane Karagounis Figo

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## Dravid inspires India

AFP, Dambulla

Rahul Dravid slammed a solid 104 to help India reach a respectable 260-6 from 50 overs against the United Arab Emirates in the Group B league match of the Asia Cup here on Friday.

India were struggling at 65-3 after electing to bat in the day-night match on a slow pitch before Dravid pulled his team out of trouble with his ninth hundred.

Dravid, who scored a run-a-ball half-century, took just 40 deliveries more to reach the three-figure mark. He hit eight fours in his 93-ball knock.

He was involved in two useful stands, adding 88 for the fourth wicket with skipper Sourav Ganguly

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## LATEST

AFP, Dambulla

India defeated the United Arab Emirates (UAE) by 116 runs in a Group-B league match of the Asia Cup cricket tournament at the Rangiri International Stadium here on Friday.

## BRIEF SCORES

India 260-6 in 50 overs; UAE 144 in 35 overs



Al MUSABBIR SADI from Colombo

If you are touring Sri Lanka, you'll find the local cuisine difficult to swallow after just one meal. Not that everything is cooked with coconut oil nowadays, but most foreigners' taste buds will refuse it.

However, there is one place to turn to when the going gets hungry - the famous underground Food Court on Galle Road. Whether you fancy Indian, Italian, Mexican, Korean, Thai, English or even Mongolian it's a gourmet's delight.

Just before midnight, the breeze turned into gale force winds and plastic chairs began to fly. Those who were sitting at the seaside lawn of the 120-year-old Galle Face Hotel, had to seek protection as the storm intensified shattering most of the glass lanterns of the open restaurant.

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## Life in Lanka

district Comilla in the National Cricket Championships.

It just goes to show one can never forget his first love!

### WRONG TIME, WRONG PLACE

Man has almost controlled everything but Mother Nature. The weather forecast for the next two weeks in Colombo was, no heavy rains or depression. So every tourist headed to the beach last night to cool off after a long, hot, humid day. But they were in for a shock.

The huge court not only attracts tourists but also cricket celebrities. Almost every Bangladeshi cricketer dines here. Pakistanis and the Hong Kong teams are regular customers.

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## BEFORE THE KICK-OFF

## MSC: Hope springs eternal

### SPORTS REPORTER



The name sends racing for millions of die-hard fans but Mohammedi Sporting Club totally disappointed their loyal band of supporters last season by surrendering each of the three trophies they had been defending.

Had the officials of the famous Black and Whites shared the same passion and commitment of the fans, Mohammedi might not have ended the season watching all major domestic titles landing on the shelves of Mukti Joddha Sangsads and a reborn Brothers Union.

Having finished second best to the Reds in the National Football Championship (NFL) and the Federation Cup, any hopes of Premier Division honour was promptly buried through some mindless and immature behaviour on a fateful February afternoon, when Mohammedi refused to play the remaining six minutes of their first leg match against the Mukti Joddha Sangsads and a reborn Brothers Union.

The Bangladesh Football Federation penalised Mohammedi four points on disciplinary ground, a blow from which they never recovered. Furthermore, their manager Amirul Islam Babu, who has a reputation as a troublemaker, was banned from entering the ground for the rest of the league after he blatantly attacked the linesman of that match. With their reputation tarnished, the final humiliation was a fifth place finish in the most prestigious local event.

Brothers Union followed the leader, securing 14 points after beating Agrabad Nowjoan Club 3-1 in the same round.

In the other matches, Double Mooring Club defeated Satadhi Goshthi 3-1, Durbar Sangskritik Goshthi beat Panchli Jubo Sangha 2.5-1.5, Customs Excise and Vat Club beat Jalalabad Krira Sangha 2.5-1.5, Shatadal Junior outplayed Shatadal Club 4-0, Madarbari Udayan Sangha beat MHI Sporting Club 2.5-1.5 and Comrade Club beat Lucky Star Club 3-1.

The final round and prize giving ceremony will be held today.



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want to point fingers at anyone but we should guard against something like that happening in future for the sake of the club," Abul said while talking to The Daily Star Sport.

"Had we played the match we could have got at least one point and that would have kept us in the title race," he bemoaned.

But experience has taught Abul to look forward and he was confident of a reversal of fortune starting with the 4th edition of the NFL.

But it will be a hard road ahead as Brothers Union and the surprise runners up of the Premier League Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra are in

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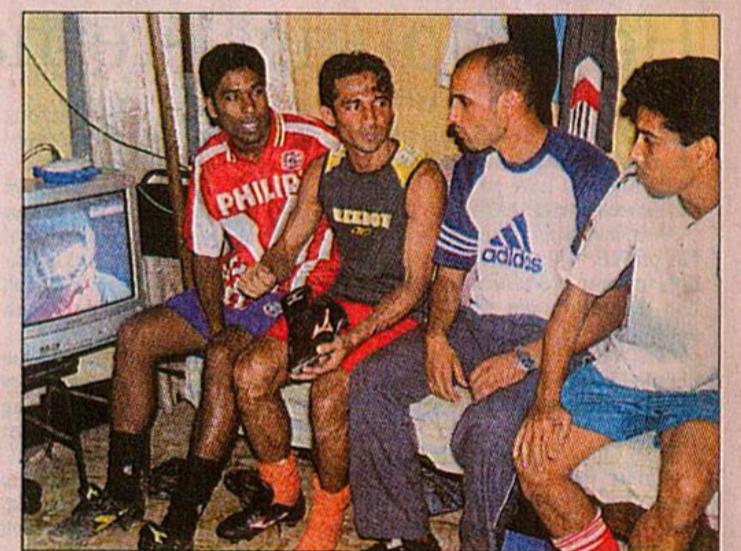


PHOTO: STAR  
THIS IS OUR NEW NATIONAL GAME! Mohammedan booters (L) Senthil and Amin Rana explaining cricket (Bangladesh v Hong Kong) being shown on TV yesterday to arrive from Belgium Othman Boukhsimi (3rd from L).

## Asia gets rolling



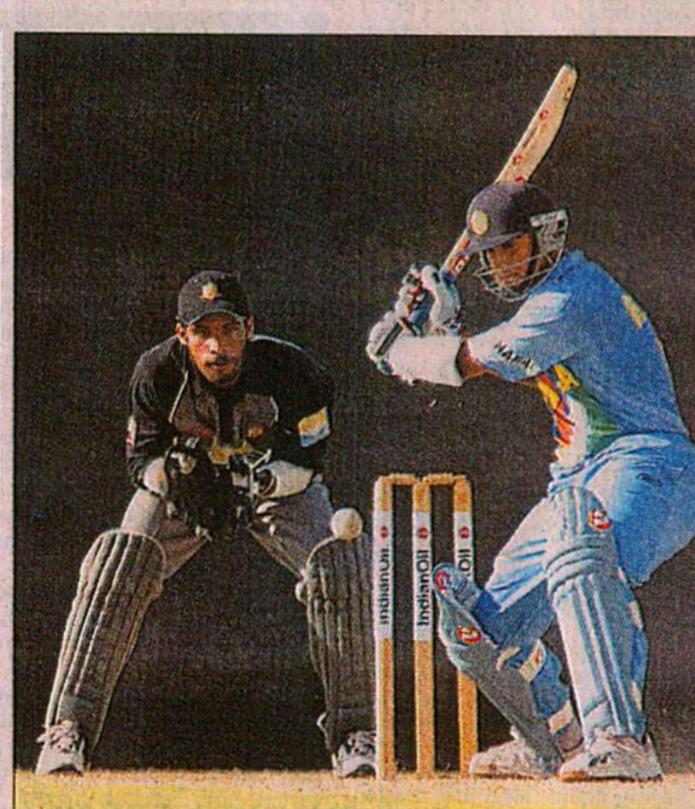
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PHOTO: AFP

THE WALL ON FIRE! Rahul Dravid gears up for a square cut while UAE wicketkeeper Abdul Rehman looks on in anticipation during the Asia Cup Group B match in Dambulla yesterday.

Many shareholders lodged

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## Cricket Quiz 02

Which of the following country achieved the Test Status most recently?

A Zimbabwe

B Bangladesh

C Sri Lanka

D India

Answer by sending SMS\* to the number 2003

e.g. If your answer is A then write Quiz02 A and send it to 2003

For each quiz, five correct answer providers (selected by lottery) will receive attractive prizes!!



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