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Did U Know?

Joan Benoit won the first women's Olympic marathon in Los Angeles in 1984



What to Watch
BTV
Nitol-Tata Nat'l Football League
Sheikh Russell KC vs MSC Jhenidah
Live at 4:00 pm

ESPN
England vs West Indies
First Test, Day Three
Live at 3:30 pm

STAR Sports
Asia Cup Cricket
Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka
Repeat at 1:30 pm

TEN Sports
Copa America 3rd Place Decider
Colombia vs Uruguay
Live at 6:30 am (Sunday)



Marvan Atapattu
(Sri Lanka cricket captain)
"In the past he had enough critics but he is facing them now and has come good for Sri Lanka. As captain, I have to say he is marvellous now."
On Nuwan Zoysa.

U-17 booters beaten again

SPORTS REPORTER
The Bangladesh under-17 football team continued its dismal perform when they went down 4-0 against their Thai counterparts in the second practice match in Bangkok yesterday.

Shahidur Rahman Shantoo's boys, who are preparing for the upcoming AFC Under-17 Championship to be held in Japan in next September, suffered a 5-2 defeat against the same opponents in the first practice match on Wednesday.

WHIZZ KID-214 winner

Farhan Rashid AAnsari
(Mastermind, Uttara)
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 August 1.



Nitol-Tata Nat'l Football League
Sheikh Russell KC vs MSC Jhenidah
Venue: Momenshahi Stadium

BAF fly over Unmochan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, M'singh

Abul Hasnat and Shah Jamal struck a brace each as Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) earned a hard-fought 4-3 win over Unmochan Club of Bagerhat in yesterday's fixture of the fourth Nitol-Tata National Football League at the Momenshahi Stadium.

Unmochan Club, who had lost their first encounter 1-0 against Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra, had more chances in the game but paid for their misses.

On the other hand BAF bounced back after suffering a 3-0 thrashing at the hands of hot favourites Brothers Union Club in a volatile match on Wednesday, took the opportunities that came their way.

The winners enjoyed a 1-0 lead in the first half when Abul Hasnat scored in the 18th minute.

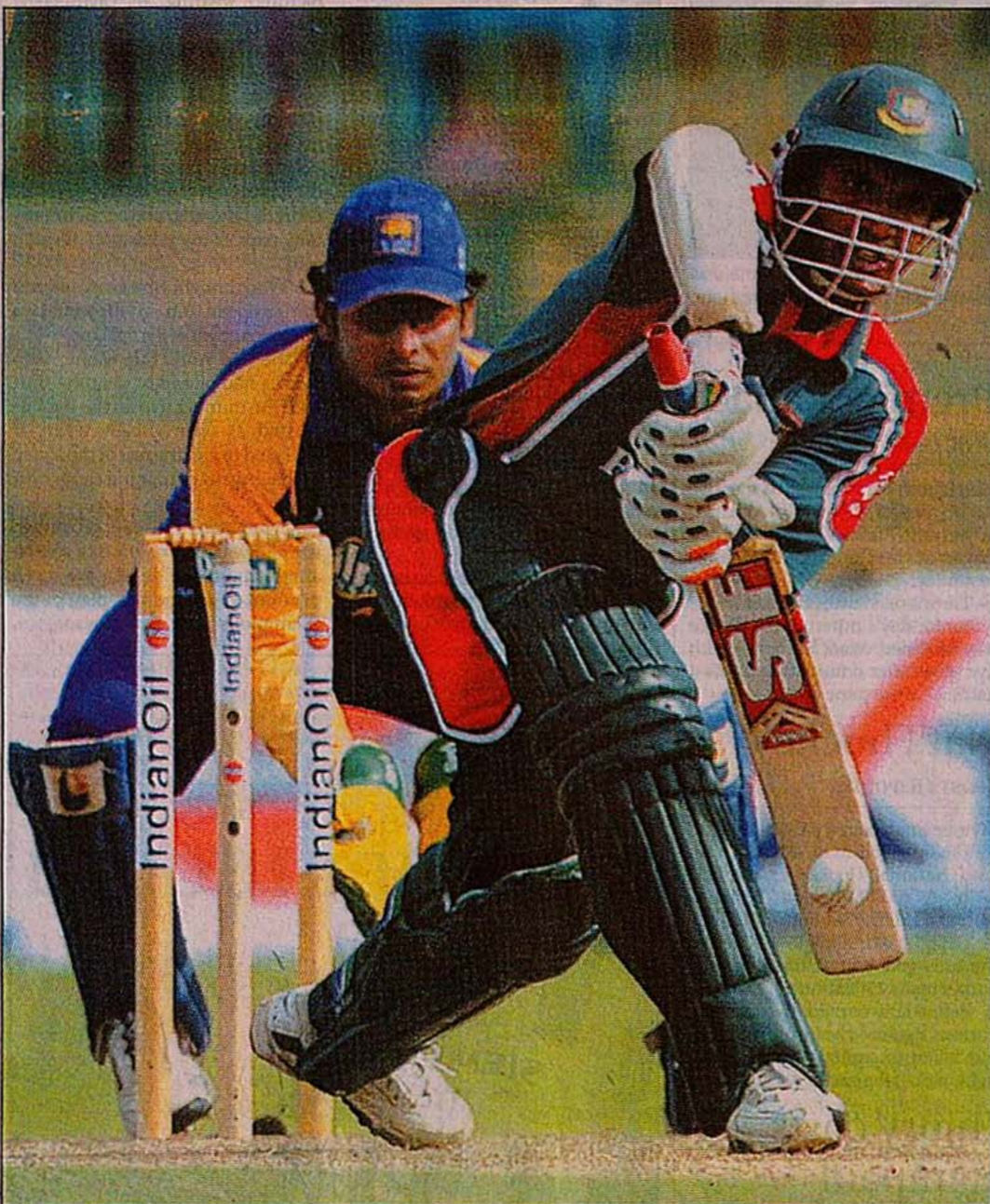
Man of the match Hasnat doubled the margin two minutes into the breather.

Imrul brought Unmochan Club back in contention in the 57th minute and the match got really exciting after Nigerian marksman Moses leveled the scores in the 70th minute.

Shah Jamal however, struck in the 79th and 90th minutes to end Unmochan's hopes. Moses scored his second in injury time but that was already too late.

Yellow card: Shah Jamal (Air Force)

TEAMS
BANGLADESH AIR FORCE: Rana, Mizanur, Zahidul, Kabir, Faisal, Shah Jamal, Moni (Abul), Ruhul (Ranjian), Tara Tripura (Mehdi), Mahbub and Hasnat.
UNMOCHAN CLUB OF BAGERHAT: Piru, Biplol, Ashrafal, Kachi, Hafizur (Binoy), Khalid (Ruman), Imrul, Yousof, Kallol, Nazmul (Rashid) and Moses.
Referee: Azad Rahman.



Bangladesh all-rounder Manjarul Islam Rana is all caution as he defends a ball on the front foot while Sri Lankan wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara looks on at Colombo yesterday.

BANGLADESH-SL SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Asia Cup super league match between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka at the Premadasa Stadium on Friday:

BANGLADESH
Ashrafal run out 66
Saleh c Sangakkara b Malinga 5
Bashar c Sangakkara b Vaas 7
Kapali run out 1
Faisal b Maharoo 1
Manjarul c Sangakkara 1
b Muralitharan 43
Mashud c and b Vaas 19
Razzak b Vaas 10
Rafique run out 5
Mahmud not out 7
Baisya not out 6
Extras: (b-5, lb-11, nb-2, w-2) 20
Total: (For nine wickets in 50 overs) 190
Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-21, 3-23, 4-31, 5-131, 6-151, 7-172, 8-175, 9-182.

Bowler O M R W
Vaas 10 3 30 3
Malinga 9 1 24 1
Muralitharan 10 2 26 1
Maharoo 8 0 33 1
Chandana 7 0 39 0
Jayasuriya 6 0 22 0

SRI LANKA
Gunawardene not out 64
Jayasuriya not out 107
Extras: (lb-2, w-18) 20
Total: (For no loss 33.3 overs) 191
Did not bat: Atapattu, Sangakkara, Jayawardene, Dilshan, Maharoo, Chandana, Vaas, Malinga, Muralitharan

Bowler O M R W
Baisya 7 0 32 0
Mahmud 5 0 40 0
Razzak 6 0 41 0
Rafique 8 0 42 0
Manjarul 7 0 30 0
Ashrafal 0.3 0 4 0
Result: Sri Lanka won by 10 wickets.
Man-of-the-match: Sanath Jayasuriya (SRI)
Toss: Bangladesh
Umpires: David Shepherd (ENG) and Peter Parker (AUS)
Match-referee: Mike Procter (RSA)

LIFE IN LANKA

AL MUSABBIR SADI from Colombo - Javed had only returned for the West Indies tour after recovering from shoulder surgery.
Watching the Bangladesh-Sri Lanka match at the Premadasa Stadium on Friday, Javed said: "It's frustrating. I was scoring runs for the team but could not continue. I've been going to the gym and swimming according to the instruction of the physio but I am not sure whether I will be fit for the Pakistan game (on July 29)."
Javed, who is eager to make it into the ICC Champions Trophy squad, thinks he's more than just a Test player.

"I don't believe in such a tag. How one performs is the key. But thanks to Dav (Whatmore) he has fine tuned my batting in recent times," he said.

"Also, batting coach Owen Mottau has helped me correct my backlift and open shoulder stance. With the new stance, I can play shots easier than before. It has given me more confidence. I would like to end my one-day career with average of 35."

HONG KONG'S BANGLI!
Sher Lama can speak Bangla. It certainly helped the Nepalese-born Hong Kong cricketer understand everything the Bangladeshi cricketers were saying on the field during their Asia Cup opener on July 16.
The Tigers did not know this and when Khaled Mashud told pacesman Tapash Baisya to hurl in a bouncer, Lama just informed the Bangladesh wicketkeeper that he understood what they were planning against him.
Mashud, no doubt, was caught off-guard but he was inspired to continue pestering the batsman, trying to unsettle him by saying, "Are you a 'vegetable'? Why don't you hit the ball hard?"
But Lama kept his cool and scored an unbeaten 16 on debut.

WI off to a flier

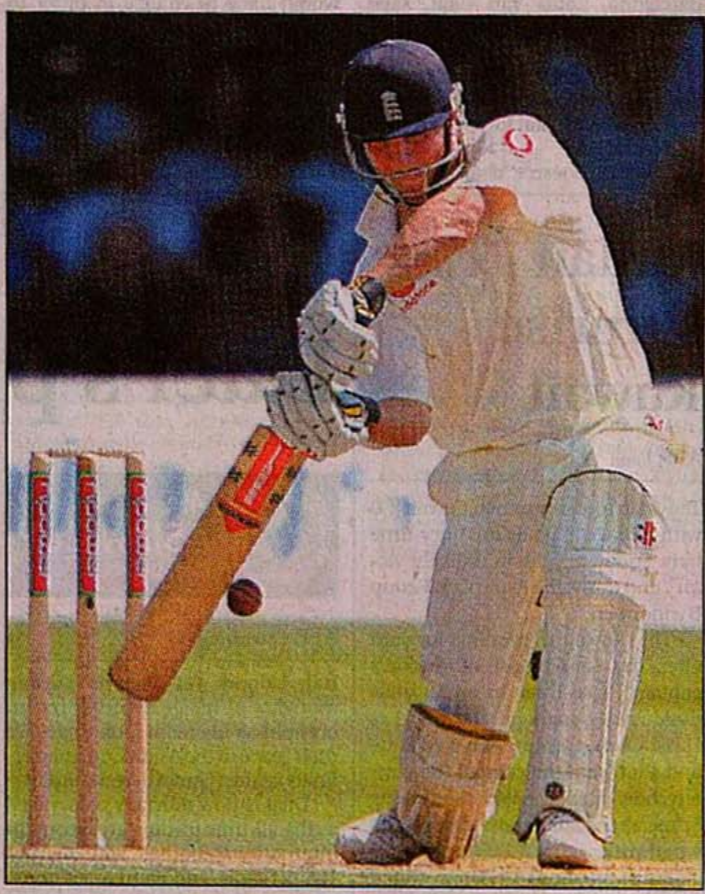
Key unlocks double century

Cricket
AFP, London
West Indies sprinted to 101 without loss in 18 overs shortly after tea on the second day of the first Test at Lord's here Friday as they made a spirited start to chasing down England's first innings 568.
Chris Gayle was 55 not out off just 61 balls with seven fours and Devon Smith unbeaten on 39 off 52 balls with six fours.
But that still left West Indies 467

PCB sticks with Woolmer

REUTERS, Colombo
Pakistan have pledged to keep faith with coach Bob Woolmer for the long term as he attempts to turn the team around.
"He is there to change the culture and thinking in the team and to make it a more professional outfit. We are prepared to give him time to get results," said PCB chief executive Rameez Raja on Friday.
Woolmer, who took over as coach last month from former Test captain Javed Miandad, was angry with the performance against Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup tournament on Wednesday.
Pakistan were dismissed for 122, their lowest one-day score against Sri Lanka, as they lost by seven wickets.
"When we appointed him...we knew it would take time for him to put in a proper system," Raja said.
"The problem unfortunately has always been that the talent we have has never corresponded with our performances."
Woolmer's appointment on a three-year contract until the 2007 World Cup has been criticised in sections of the Pakistan media, with some former players questioning

behind and needing a further 268 runs to avoid the follow-on.
England's total was built on Robert Key's 221, his maiden Test double hundred, opener Andrew Strauss's 137 on Thursday, and captain Michael Vaughan's 103 on Friday.
It was the first time three England batsmen had made hundreds in the same Test innings since Graham Gooch, Michael Atherton and Robin Smith all achieved the feat against India at Old Trafford in 1990.
But England, who seemed well on course for 600, lost their last seven wickets for 41 runs in 68 balls.
Left-arm quick Pedro Collins led the tourists' fightback with a spell of four wickets for 16 runs in 21 balls.
But the 'collapse' began when debutant medium-pacer Dwayne Bravo had Graham Thorpe (19) caught behind before lunch.
New batsman Andrew Flintoff lofted off-spinner Omari Banks for six but next ball carelessly dragged a wide delivery onto his stumps to leave England 534 for five at lunch with Vaughan 90 not out.
England then lost two more



KEY INNINGS! England's double centurion Robert Key crashing one through covers on day one of the first Test against the West Indies at Lords on July 22.



TIME TO TURN ON THE MAGIC! (L) Brazilians footballers (from L to R) Adriano, Juan, Alex and Luis Fabiano relax in front of a board reading "Magic" during a training session at in Lima on July 22. (R) Argentine coach Marcelo Bielsa on his way to a press conference at the team's hotel.

CJKS soccer

CU CORRESPONDENT
Abahani Junior managed a solitary goal victory against Bakalia Ekadas in the inaugural match of the CJKS-Elite Paint First Division Football League at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.
Substitute Asad scored the all-important goal in the 89th minute.
Brothers Union take on Muktiyodha Krira Chakra today.
A total of ten teams are taking part in the league.

Div I h'ball

UNB, Dhaka
Prime Sporting Club outplayed Jatrabari Sports Academy 18-1 in the Tibet 13th First Division Handball League at the Outer Stadium yesterday.
The winners dominated the first half 9-0.
Pappu scored 10 goals, Marma seven and Rakib six for the winners while Sohag netted a consolation goal for the losers.

FINAL BRAZIL v ARGENTINA

Mercury goes up in Lima

REUTERS, Lima
World champions Brazil meet arch-rivals Argentina on Sunday in a perfect finale to a Copa America that has already surpassed expectations.
The clash in Lima's national stadium comes less than two months after Brazil's 3-1 win in their World Cup qualifier in Belo Horizonte, when Ronaldo won and converted a hat-trick of penalties.
The Real Madrid striker will not be present this time. Along with Kaka, Ronaldinho and Roberto Carlos, he is one of several top players to be rested for the tournament by coach Carlos Alberto Parreira.
Yet the five-times World Cup winners have still managed to reach the final in an awesome demonstration of their strength-in-depth.
"We've shown the magnitude of Brazilian football," Parreira said.
Meanwhile, Argentina have almost certainly kept coach Marcelo Bielsa in a job by getting this far.
The introverted coach, who last week admitted he had trouble understanding himself, had not been expected to survive a poor tournament after a spell of lacklustre performances and unremarkable results.
Instead, Argentina have scored 14 goals and conceded four on their way to the final. Twenty-year-olds Javier Macherano and Carlos Tevez have both looked outstanding and Bielsa appears to have secured his position.
Brazil have also been unyielding alternatives to the old guard, in particular striker Adriano who is the Copa's top-scorer with six goals in five games including a hat-trick against Costa Rica.
The two giants of South American football have not met in the final since the Copa America was re-invented in the late 1980s and it appears organisers did not intend them to clash this time either.
Along with hosts Peru, the pair were top seeds for the three first round groups and would have met in the semi-finals if everything had gone to plan and they had won their groups.
Peru, meanwhile, would not have run into either of them before the final.
However, all three teams finished

Cricket Quiz 09
Players of which International Cricket Team are known as 'Lions'?

A Bangladesh B New Zealand C Australia D Sri Lanka

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