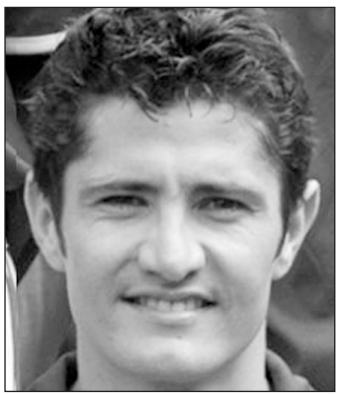


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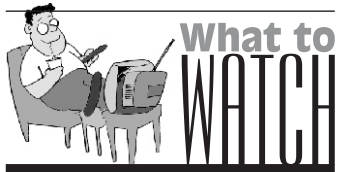
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### Bixente Lizarazu

(French soccer star)  
"I share with Lilian the idea that we must give our places to other players for 2006 (World Cup). It's now up to them to take their responsibilities."

After announcing retirement from international football.



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**Notice**

Dear Whizz Kids due to some unavoidable reasons the draw of Competition-215 could not take place last night. It will now be held on August 20.

# BU down Russel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna



National Football League at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

Midfielder Monwar brilliantly headed the men in orange in front of the first half and promising striker Abul doubled it after the breather before substitute Maruf brought Russel into contention in the big match of the third leg despite it being played on a slippery pitch.

The conditions however did not disappoint the large holiday crowd who flocked to the stadium to watch the two Dhaka titans go head-to-

head for the first time since their high-profile league clashes.

Big-spending Brothers had something to prove after winning the first meeting 2-0 before losing the return leg fixture 1-0 to the surprise package.

But it was league runners-up Russel who managed to settle down quicker. In the eighth minute striker Jalal stormed into the box and dodged past an advancing Brothers keeper Mohammad Ali but just as he was about to put the ball into the net he slipped.

In a scrappy first half national playmaker Monwar final delighted the thousands of Orange supporters when he headed home in the 21st minute from a difficult angle off a free-kick by man-of-the-match Arman Mia. And that's how the score remained until the breather.

Ten minutes after the break Brothers increased the lead through Abul. Having earlier wasted a couple of easy chances, the unmarked striker finally found the target from a hand-

shaking distance after Firoze Mahmud Titu took advantage of some flat-footed defending by the Russel players to send in a pass.

Russel, who held Mohammedan Sporting Club to a one-all draw in the final match of the second leg in Rangpur last week, tried desperately to find a way back into game but on each occasion their strikers' long shots were dealt with by the ever-confident Brothers custodian.

Russel had to wait until the 78th minute before spoiling Mohammad Ali's clean sheet when second-half substitute Maruf reduced the margin with a crafty header from a superb cross by Moroccan goal-machine Younnes, who had until then played virtually no part in the match because of tight marking by defenders Sujana and Nazrul.

Brothers' victory ensured the top slot of the Group B and almost a place in the six-team finals. The Gopibag outfit has collected

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## Nat'l hockey Navy hold Dhaka

SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Dhaka forced to drop points in their opening super league match of the ANAS Group National Hockey Champion-ship at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Came from behind Bangladesh Navy held the holders with a 1-1 draw.

Discarded national striker Rafiqul Islam Kamal put Dhaka ahead in the 14th minute with a field goal while Bachchu Gazi restored the parity for the sailors also by a field goal in the 45th minute.

In other match of the day, last year runners-up Dhaka University scored a solitary goal victory over BKSP at the same venue.

Moksedul Islam netted the all-important field goal in the 46th minute.

## Batty, Ali, Solanki recalled

AFP, London

England have recalled Worcester-shire spinner Gareth Batty and all-rounder Kabir Ali for their 14-man squad for the International Cricket Council's Champions Trophy limited-overs tournament in England in September.

Michael Vaughan captains a team for the one-day tournament which is in effect a mini World Cup that also includes Worcestershire batsman Vikram Solanki.

"We identified a need for more depth in our batting and an increase in mobility in our fielding," David Graveney, chairman of selectors, said Friday.

"So we have recalled Vikram Solanki because he gives us options at the top of the order and is an outstanding fielder. He has been in fine form for his county in both forms of the game.

"Gareth Batty and Kabir Ali have also been in good form for Worcestershire and they give us options down the order.

"We are playing at the back end of the season and we may find ourselves on used wickets, so Batty gives us an extra spinning option. Kabir has been included as the bowler-batsman all-rounder," Graveney told www.ecb.co.uk.

The same 14-man squad will play three one-day internationals against India in the first week of September ahead of the ICC Champions Trophy, which starts in England on September 10.

England: Michael Vaughan (captain), Kabir Ali, James Anderson, Gareth Batty, Paul Collingwood, Andrew Flintoff, Ashley Giles, Darren Gough, Stephen Harmison, Geraint Jones (wicket-keeper), Anthony McGrath, Vikram Solanki, Andrew Strauss, Marcus Trescothick

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MSC Jhenidah vs Unmochan Bagerhat (4:00 pm)

Venue: Khulna Stadium



PHOTO: AFP

Indian superstar Sachin Tendulkar (C) flanked by security personnel after the unveiling of a 60x40ft "Impossible Is Nothing" outdoor image of Tendulkar (on a building in the background) to kick off adidas' promotional campaign in Bombay yesterday.

# Sachin no god!



REUTERS, New Delhi

He has been described as India's immortal warrior and a gladiator who fights on when everyone else has failed.

But passionate Indian cricket fans are now having to accept the hitherto inconceivable -- Sachin Tendulkar is only human.

Regarded as the world's best batsman and the greatest one-day player ever, Tendulkar is accorded a god-like status in his cricket-crazy country.

When he made his debut as a curly-haired 16-year-old in 1989, pundits predicted he would break every batting record. He has spent the best part of the last 15 years proving them right.

But experts now feel that his magic, which was not only about how many runs he scored but how he scored them, is waning.

Tendulkar, now 31, agrees his batting has changed.

He has abandoned his fierce cuts and vicious pull shots for a more watchful approach, now relying on flicks and perfectly placed on-drives. He is content with milking the bowling rather than pulverising it.

The Bombay batsman says it is a sign of maturity. His fans say the new approach is simply not Tendulkar.

But what really disappointed his ardent followers back home was his failure to lead India to victory in two key matches in the Asia Cup one-day tournament last week.

Tendulkar scored 78 against Pakistan but his dismissal 26 runs short of the bonus-point target of 240 put India in dire straits before they scampered through with one ball to spare.

In the final against Sri Lanka, chasing a modest 229 for victory, Tendulkar held up one end but failed to dominate the bowling and India stumbled to a 25-run defeat after his dismissal for a 100-ball 74.

The blame for the defeat should perhaps have fallen on the rest of the batting line-up for failing to support him. But Tendulkar bore the brunt of the media's ire because winning despite the odds had become second nature to him.

"It was sad to see Sachin struggle to score quickly. He's still the greatest

but we suddenly had to accept he may be past his prime," said Saket Girotra, a 26-year-old doctor and an ardent Tendulkar fan.

"He's coming along in age, the

decline is natural I guess. Somehow we always expect Tendulkar to play Superman. Will we ever see him at his best again?"

Questions about his inability to

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PHOTO: STAR

The Dhaka University goalkeeper thwarting a BKSP attempt during their super league encounter of the ANAS Group National Hockey Championship at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

# Youths becoming seniors? Selectors submit team today



SPORTS REPORTER

Changes are in store when the national selectors submit their choice of 14 to the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) for next month's ICC Champions Trophy in England.

"We have already discussed the probable team but it will be finalized after another meeting today. We will then submit it to the Board," said chief of the four-member selection committee Faruque Ahmed yesterday. The former national captain however, could not confirm whether the Board would officially announce the squad today.

Faruque and his fellow selectors coach Dav Whatmore, Athar Ali Khan and Golam Nawsher had talked about the possible composition of the side following Whatmore's return to Dhaka on Thursday from a break. Although Faruque did not elaborate, he hinted that there could be two or three new inclusions in the team that had performed well below expectation in the recently concluded Asia Cup in Sri Lanka.

And it was learnt that a couple of players in Bangladesh Under 19 side that is now touring England, could get the nod in the hope that they will bolster a fragile batting line, the main cause of Bangladesh's woes in international cricket.

The most likely candidates are U-19 opener Nafees Iqbal and his free-stroking Chittagong mate Aftab

Ahmed. Both men have been scoring runs in England and Aftab has just hit a tour hundred. Nafees has already played two ODIs without success against England last year but his talent has never been in question. Aftab was on the verge of a Test call-up against the same opposition.

The selectors are expected give desperately out-of-form Alok Kapali a break as his run-drought has continued for too long for comfort. Left-handed batsman Faisal Hossain could also find himself out of favour after an uninspiring introduction to this level.

Left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak, who was a standout in an otherwise forgettable Asia Cup, has left the selectors in a dilemma. Sources said

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# Rudolph defies SL Muralitharan takes over



AFP, Galle

Jacques Rudolph played a defiant knock as South Africa fought hard on the third day of the first Test against Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium on Friday.

The compact left-hander struck an unbeaten 85 in South Africa's reply of 347-7 to the home side's big first innings score of 486.

Nicky Boje was the other not out batsman on 31 at stumps.

Sri Lanka's hopes of enforcing a follow-on on a pitch conducive to spin bowling were dashed by a patient Rudolph as he battled for close to six hours hitting 12 boundaries off 252 balls.

Rudolph, who had slammed a double-century (222) on Test debut against Bangladesh in Chittagong last year, once again showed his penchant

for getting runs on pitches of the sub-continent.

The 23-year-old frustrated the spinners as he always seemed to have enough time for his shots and also played the seamers with ease to complete 1,000 runs in Tests, having started the match at 981.

Sri Lankan skipper Marvan Atapattu was left rotating his abundant spin resources which proved inadequate as strike bowler Muttiah Muralitharan conceded 112 runs for his two scalps.

"They batted really well, probably coming out knowing what to expect," said Atapattu.

"The ball is turning on this wicket but not so viciously as to make batting very difficult."

Muralitharan, barred from bowling his away-going 'doosra' delivery, looked unimpressive but had the satisfaction of leaving Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne behind in Test wickets tally.

The two spinners shared the world record of 527 before the Test but Muralitharan took the lead when he



MURALITHARAN...529 wickets

removed opener Martin Van Jaarsveld (37) caught bat-pad by Thilan Samaraweera at slip.

A well-set Jacques Kallis was his other victim in the second session after the batsman played positively for 59 off 78 deliveries with nine

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## Iran finish third

AFP, Beijing

Three-time champions Iran secured third place at the Asian Cup Friday helped by veteran Ali Daei, outlasting tournament upstarts Bahrain for a 4-2 win to gain sweet revenge over their Gulf neighbours.

Skipper Daei scored two goals in the last 10 minutes to put the game beyond the reach of Bahrain and avenge a 3-1 loss to the minnows during the 2002 World Cup qualifiers that ultimately cost Iran a spot in the final.

While Iran deserved to win an open game before 10,000 fans at Beijing's Workers' Stadium, the game was marred by a brawl in final seconds that saw Iran's Mehdi Mahdavi sent off.

He joined Arash Borhani back in the dressing room after the Iranian forward was dismissed with 18 minutes to go for a reckless lunge.

Daei, in his last ever Asian Cup final appearance, sealed the victory with an 80th minute penalty conversion and a last minute drive to notch his 97th goal in a remarkable 129-match international career.

# Eriksson lives another day



AFP, London

Sven-Goran Eriksson held on to his job as England coach after his employers the Football Association said he had "no case to answer" over his affair with an FA secretary.

The Swede was cleared on Thursday of accusations he had misled the FA over his affair with Faria Alam but she is set to tell her version of events to a Sunday tabloid, adding another twist to the saga.

The FA's response to the original newspaper revelations of Eriksson's affair with Alam sparked a chain of events that led to the resignation of its chief executive Mark Pollock after he too was revealed to have slept with her.

Communications director Colin Gibson was forced to quit after he was exposed trying to do a deal with the tabloids to get Palios off the hook.

Alam's publicist Max Clifford confirmed she had also resigned her post and she was reported to have agreed a deal in excess of 100,000 pounds (180,000 dollars) with the News of the World.

The FA said the affair had damaged

the reputation of English football and promised a shake-up in the way the game is run here.

Eriksson's agent, Athole Still, said his client was delighted at the findings of a meeting which will see the man appointed coach in 2001 stay on - unless Alam makes startling revelations at the weekend.

"Sven is very pleased and relieved at the verdict of the FA Board which allows him to continue planning for the 2006 World Cup.

"I called Sven immediately after hearing the news and he was going out for dinner with England assistant coach Tord Grip," said Still.

"He just said 'good', with a nice chuckle."

In a statement, the FA said its Board had reached a "unanimous" decision after a six-hour meeting.

"In the case of Sven-Goran Eriksson, The Board decided on the basis of the report and on legal advice that there is no case for him to answer.

"In the case of Faria Alam, an employee without executive status within the FA, The Board has decided it is not appropriate to make any public statement with regard to her role in this inquiry.

"The FA announces that it has

accepted Colin Gibson's resignation... Neither The FA nor Colin Gibson will be making any further statement."

However, the statement said a review of management procedures would take place.

"This entire episode has been regrettable for the reputation of football in this country but the board remain determined to restore the highest standards.

"Deficiencies surrounding management procedures have been exposed and the board is collectively resolved to see these corrected.

"An immediate review will be instituted with appropriate consultation."

Palios, who is separated from his wife, quit at the weekend after it emerged he had also had an affair with Alam.

Gibson resigned after a tabloid newspaper revealed he had offered to cut a deal to spill the beans on Eriksson in return for keeping Palios's part in the affair secret.

But the FA's statement also placed a question mark over the future of FA chairman Geoff

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PHOTO: AFP

ROAD TO RICHES! Former secretary at the Football Association, Faria Alam (L) appears with public relations guru Max Clifford for the media outside his offices in New Bond St, London on August 5. Clifford is negotiating a tell-all interview for his client, Alam with tabloid newspapers. Alam is selling her story about her affair with England Football Manager Sven Goran Eriksson.