

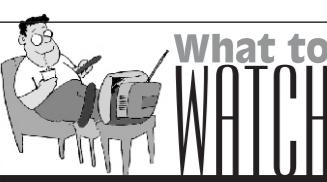


## Did U Know?

Women were first allowed to participate in 1900 at the second modern Olympic Games.



**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.



**BTW**  
Nitro-Tata Nat'l Football League  
MSC Jhenidah vs Umnoch Bagerhat

Live at 4:00 pm

**TEN Sports**

Sri Lanka vs South Africa

First Test, Day Four

Live at 10:30 am

**ESPN**

Twenty20 Cup Cricket

Lancashire vs Surrey (SemiFinal)

Live at 4:00 pm

Glamorgan vs Leicestershire (SemiFinal)

Live at 8:00 pm

Twenty20 Cup Cricket

Final

Live at 12:00 am (Sunday)

**STAR Sports**

Cincinnati Tennis Masters

Quarters

Live at 7:30 am

Asian Cup Football

China vs Japan (Final)

Live at 6:00 pm

Cincinnati Tennis Masters

Semifinals

Live at 11:00 pm



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August 20, 2004 and draw  
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1. Who clinched the national  
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Pasha Anam Murad

2. How many Test wickets has  
Shane Warne taken?  
519 527 434

3. Who won the Wimbledon  
men's title?  
Agassi Federer Henman

4. Who lifted the Wimbledon  
women's crown?  
Serena Sharapova Venus

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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



Premier League champions Brothers Union survived some tense moments before earning a 2-1 win over Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra in the opening match of the Nitro-Tata National Football League at the Khulna Stadium yesterday.

Midfielder Monwar brilliantly headed the men in orange in front in 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 was stopped by the ever-candid Brothers custodian.

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.

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

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## Sachin no god!

Cricket

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, iswaning.

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

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 Mohammadian 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-candid 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 Sujan and Nazrul.

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

"He's coming along in age, the

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 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

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.

## 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 Championship at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Come 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.

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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.

And it was learnt that a couple of two or three new inclusions in the team had performed well below expectation in the recently concluded Asia Cup in Sri Lanka.

The selectors are expected to 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.

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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.

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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 581.

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

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 nines.

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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.