

Jui to learn heptathlon

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SAF Games silver medalist in long jump Fouzia Huda Jui is set to become the first women athlete from Bangladesh to learn the finer points of heptathlon.

Jui, who is also a former fastest sprinter of the country, leaves for Indonesian capital Jakarta today to participate in a heptathlon training course for Asian women. The International Amateur Athletics

Federation (IAAF) has taken the initiative to train up female athletes for the event when a participant has to complete seven items.

At present, heptathlon is not practised in Bangladesh.

Besides Bangladesh, athletes from Philippines, Myanmar, Thailand, Pakistan and Malaysia will also take part in the camp.

BKSP's athletics coach Sufia Khatun will accompany Jui during the eleven-day camp.

Lanka 234 for 6 after 45 overs

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The first one-day international between Sri Lanka and South Africa yesterday was heading for a tight finish as the hosts reached 234 for 6 after 45 overs.

Tillakaratne Dilshan was batting on 25 and Chaminda Vaas was at the other end with 14.

Earlier, opener Avishka Gunawardene hit 51 and captain Marvan Atapattu 64.



PHOTO: COURTESY

National cricketers Mohammad Rafique (L) and Khaled Mahmud distribute relief among children in Keraniganj yesterday. Cricketers' Welfare Association of Bangladesh organised the programme to help the flood victims in the locality.

Harmison show

Cricket

AFP/REUTERS, London

Steve Harmison starred with bat and ball as England took control on the second day of the fourth and final Test against the West Indies here at the Oval on Friday.

The Durham paceman hit a Test-best 36 not out, from 27 balls with three sixes, as England made 470 before dismissing both West Indies openers in his first spell.

At the tea interval West Indies were 54-3 with Brian Lara 17 not out and Shivnarine Chanderpaul unbeaten on 14.

Harmison had Chris Gayle, attempting to fend off a short ball on leg stump, caught behind by Geraint Jones for 12 when he got on to bounce at Sylvester Joseph and had him caught at gully by Ashley Giles. His opening spell lasted seven overs and he took 2-24.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the fourth and final Test between England and the West Indies at the Oval on Friday:

ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 313-5)

Trescothick c Sarwan b Edwards 30
Strauss c Edwards b Lawson 14
Key c Baugh b Bravo 10
Vaughan c Lara b Bravo 66

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Flintoff	19	4	64	2
Jones c Sarwan b Collymore	23	8	58	1
Giles c Lara b Bravo	24	4	115	3
Hoggard c Joseph b Lawson	29	4	117	3
Anderson b Gayle	14	50	0	0
Extras: (b-5, lb-21, nb-17, w-5)	48			
Total: (All out in 123.2 overs)	470			
Fall of wickets: 1-51, 2-64, 3-64, 4-210, 5-236, 6-313, 7-321, 8-408, 9-410				

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Edwards	19	4	64	2
Collymore	23	8	58	1
Laura	24	4	115	3
Bravo	29	4	117	3
Smith	14	50	0	0
Gayle	7.2	2	18	1
Carwan	7	0	22	0

WEST INDIES: First innings

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gayle c Jones b Harmison	12	9	0	0
Joseph c Giles b Harmison	1	2	0	0
Sarwan c Strauss b Flintoff	17	2	0	0
Laura not out	14	0	0	0
Chanderpaul not out	0	0	0	0
Extras: (b-7, w-4, nb-1)	54			
Total: (For 3 wkts in 18 overs)	54			
Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-22, 3-26				

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hoggard	6	1	16	0
Harmison	7	0	24	2
Flintoff	5	1	14	1

To bat: Bravo, Smith, Baugh, Collymore, Edwards, Lawson

Toss: England

Umpires: Darrell Hair (Australia) and Rudi Koertzen (South Africa)

Giants go Dutch

AFP, London

Three of world cricket's biggest nations are heading to the Netherlands as part of their preparations for next month's ICC Champions Trophy one-day tournament in England.

Australia, India and Pakistan are all competing in the Dutch event, Videocon Cup, which begins on Saturday with a clash between the Asian arch-rivals.

All the teams will play each other once before a final on August 28 with all matches taking place at the 10,000 capacity VRA Cricket Club in Amstelveen, a suburb of Amsterdam.

SCHEDULE

Aug 21	India v Pakistan
Aug 23	Australia v India
Aug 25	Pakistan v Australia
Aug 28	Final

BFF AGM now on Oct 2

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The Annual General Meeting of the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) will be held on October 2 instead of the earlier scheduled date of September 25.

The BFF's executive committee took the decision in a meeting on Thursday. The AGM will mainly focus on selecting or electing a vice-president after the post fell vacant following the murder of Khairel Alam Piaru.

General secretary of BFF Anwarul Haq Helal informed that in the meeting they have decided to start the six-team final round of the 4th Nitol-Tata National Football League from August 27 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Indian Express derailed

AFP, Athens

India's hopes of an Olympic tennis gold medal evaporated Thursday when Leander Paes and Mahesh Bhupathi lost 6-2, 6-3 to Germany's Nicolas Kiefer and Rainer Schuettler in the doubles semifinals.

They have a chance of a medal in the bronze medal match.

The fifth-seeded Indians had already seen off world No 1 Roger Federer of Switzerland teamed up with Yves Allegro, and world No 2 Andy Roddick, paired with American colleague Mardy Fish, in previous rounds.

SRI LANKA: Atapattu, Jayasuriya, Gunawardene, Sangakkara, Jayawardene, Dilshan, Lokurachchi, Chandana, Vaas, Maharoof, Zoysa.

TENNIS: Smith b Lokurachchi 38
Gibbs/lbw b Vaas 0
Kallis c b Chandana 74
Rudolph st'kara b Chandana 22

NAME.....

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SCHOOL ADDRESS.....

PHONE: (If any)

lead as his powerful right-footer from just outside the box kissed the net.

Panchagarh Brothers reorganised after the breather but they had to wait 13 minutes before reducing the margin thanks substitute Montri who headed home a Zakir cross.

Although both teams went into the match with equal four points, a draw was good enough for Panchagarh Brothers since they had a better goal difference.

Walid put the port city side ahead in the 32nd minute with a powerful right-footer. Then three minutes later man-of-the-match Arman Aziz doubled the

MUKTIJODDHA V NAJIRPARA
In what was expected to be a routine outing for Mukti Joddha, it was Najirpara who held their nerve against the Dhaka

heavyweights.

Najirpara needed to win by at least a clear two-goal margin in order to stop Chittagong Mohammedan entering the super six. But apart from a few second half chances a goalless result was always on the cards.

The minnows from Chandpur had two great one-on-one chances but Mamun (65th minute) and Surat (90th minute) wasted them.



PHOTO: STAR
Players of Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club and Panchagarh Brothers Union fight for possession during Nitol-Tata Football League encounter at the MAAziz Stadium yesterday.

Woodgate for Real

AFP, Madrid

England international defender Jonathan Woodgate passed his medical and will sign a four-year contract with Real Madrid on Saturday, the Spanish giants said.

The player will sign at the Santiago-Bernabeu stadium before being presented to the club's supporters at 12:30pm (1030 GMT). The club did not disclose the fee, but, according to sports newspapers As and Marca, it is between 20 and 22 million euros.

"Real Madrid and Newcastle United have agreed on the transfer of Jonathan Woodgate who passed his medical and will be a Real player for the next four seasons with an option for another year," the club said.

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