

Jui to learn heptahlon

SPORTS REPORTER

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 in which 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.

DAY'S EVENT

Nitol-Tata National Football League
MSC Dhaka vs BU Dhaka (4:00 pm)
Venue: M A Aziz Stadium, Chittagong

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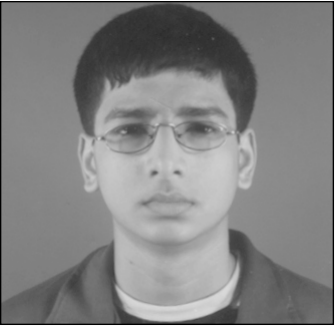
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--Sports Editor



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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 dismissing both 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 then got one 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

Kallis, Boucher boost SA

Cricket

AFP, Colombo

Jacques Kallis and Mark Boucher slammed half-centuries as South Africa posted a competitive 263-9 in the first one-dayer against Sri Lanka at the Premadasa Stadium here on Friday.

Kallis slammed a solid 74 and Boucher a brisk 58 to ensure South Africa made a fine start in the five-match series after losing a two-Test series 1-0 last week.

Kallis battered positively during his 48th half-century as he hit five fours and two sixes in an 85-ball knock, even as other top-order batsmen failed to come up with big contributions in the day-night game.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after South Africa's innings against Sri Lanka in the first one-day international at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Friday:

SOUTH AFRICA	
Smith b Lokuarachchi	38
Gibbs lbw b Vaas	0
Kallis c and b Chandana	74
Rudolph st S'kara b Chandana	22

Pollock b Jayasuriya	30			
Boucher c G'wardene b Vaas	58			
Klusener b Vaas	15			
Duminy lbw b Vaas	4			
Boje run out	2			
Dawson not out	3			
Ntini not out	5			
Extras: (lb-7, w-4, nb-1)	12			
Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs)	263			
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-90, 3-138, 4-157, 5-209, 6-241, 7-249, 8-253, 9-257				
Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	7	1	33	4
Zoysa	4	0	20	0
Dilshan	9	0	57	0
Maharoor	2	0	12	0
L'rachchi	10	1	46	1
Jayasuriya	10	0	47	1
Chandana	8	0	41	2

SRI LANKA: Atapattu, Jayasuriya, Gunawardene, Sangakkara, Jayawardene, Dilshan, Lokuarachchi, Chandana, Vaas, Maharoor, Zoysa.

Toss: South Africa

Umpires: Billy Bowden (New Zealand) and Gamage Silva (Sri Lanka)

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

MUKTIJODDHA V NAJIRPARA

In what was expected to be a routine outing for Muktiyoddha, it was Najirpara who held their nerve against the Dhaka



PHOTO: STAR

Players of Chittagong Mohammedan Sporting Club and Panchagarh Brothers Union fight for possession during Nitol-Tata Football League encounter at the MA Aziz 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.

The 24-year-old Woodgate did not play in Euro 2004 in Portugal during the summer because of a serious tear to a thigh muscle at the end of April but clearly Real's medical staff considered him fit enough to join.

Harder deeper

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how the magazine paraphrased the Olympic motto "faster, higher, stronger," in an Olympics special featuring photos of naked models throwing the discus, distance running or holding up Games' symbols such as the five rings and the Olympic torch.

"(Playboy) humiliates and ridicules Olympic symbols, signs, mottos, terms and mascots... causing enormous economic damage to our sponsors, license holders and Olympic product manufacturers," ATHOC said in the text of their written request.

The request from the organisers was submitted, and immediately turned down on Thursday, 20 days after the issue was on sale at the newspaper stands.

Not even the Games' mascots, Phevos and Athena were spared Playboy's blue irony, ATHOC complained in their request.

Organisers also took offense by a picture of five condoms arranged in the colours and order of the Olympic rings.

Greek Playboy's August edition was distributed throughout Greece with around 40,000 copies. Friday morning, one day after the court decision, the issue was sold out in central Athens.

"They (ATHOC) did very good negative advertising for us... now we're sure that even the last remaining copies of the August issue will be sold," Michalopoulos said.

Playboy said ATHOC's legal challenge was an attack on the freedom of the press and denied that they insulted Olympic ideals.

Grappling

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from 1997 to 1999 until a two-year slump before coming back to reclaim the title in the past two years.

Chiharu Icho, 22, and her sister Kaori, two years her junior, are booked in the 51kg and 63kg contests.

The sisters started dabbling in the sport when their big brother Toshiyuki joined a local children's wrestling club in Hachinohe in the rural north of Honshu Island. Chiharu was only five and Kaori was a toddler.

Saori Yoshida, whose father Hidekatsu was the 1973 national champion in the freestyle 57kg, is raring to add the 55kg Olympic title to her two consecutive world gold medals.

The star attraction in men's wrestling will be Rulon Gardner.

Dubbed 'miracle man' after cheating the odds in the 2000 Sydney Olympics and death on a frozen mountainside two years ago, he is back for more gold with a new wife on his arm and backed by a vocal cheer squad.

Gardner pulled off the "Miracle on the Mat" in Sydney by stripping the cloak of invincibility from the shoulders of Russia's Alexander Karelin in Greco-Roman wrestling's super-heavyweight division.

Bangladesh

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The highlight of the day was a 119-ball 65 from number six Nazimuddin. There were useful contributions too from Nadif Chowdhury (37) and wicketkeeper Mushfiqur Rahim (36).

Opening bowler Simon Cusden was the most successful bowler for England with figures of four for 81.

The home side were 13 for 1 in their second innings with a little over an hour's play remaining in the match.

All-round

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"It was close," Marchenko said.

Patterson made her move on her signature event, the balance beam. Sticking the difficult dismount move with her back to the beam known as "the Patterson", she scored a 9.725 to take the lead.

What to watch

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Live at 3:30 pm
TEN Sports
India A vs Pakistan A (Final)
Live at 12:20 pm



PHOTO: AFP

LET ME BE YOUR INTERPRETER! David Beckham (C) talks with an unidentified player while new signing Michael Owen (L) listens during Owen's first training with the team in Las Rozas, near Madrid on August 19. Captain Raul Gonzalez is also seen.

Owen's first day

Football

AP, Madrid

With David Beckham always close at hand, Michael Owen appeared at his first training session with Real Madrid on Thursday.

Close to a thousand fans gathered at Madrid's Las Rozas training ground to catch a first glimpse of the newly acquired striker, who joined the club from Liverpool for 12 million (\$14.8 million) last week.

Beckham introduced Owen to his new teammates -- only Brazilian stars Ronaldo and Roberto Carlos and Madrid's other new signing, Argentina's Walter Samuel, were absent -- and helped the 24-year-old striker by explaining instructions during a work out.

The two English national team regulars, who both scored in England's 3-0 win over Ukraine in a on Wednesday, chatted as they jogged

around the field together with a group of players including club captain Raul Gonzalez.

A third England international, Jonathan Woodgate, could soon join the pair at Madrid, according to local media reports. The Spanish powerhouse is said to have offered 15 million (\$18.6 million) for the Newcastle United central defender.

Owen is the fourth winner of the annual Golden Ball Award for European soccer's top player on Madrid's roster, joining Zinedine Zidane, Luis Figo and Ronaldo.

The striker stands to make his debut for the club when it kicks off its Spanish league campaign on Aug. 29 with a visit to Mallorca.

Meanwhile, Roberto Carlos, who played in the 6-0 win over Haiti in an exhibition game on Wednesday, doubts the England striker will be able to hold down a regular starting spot with Ronaldo, Raul and Fernando Morientes in his way.

He also became the first Real player

to hit out at his club for signing Owen, 24, from Liverpool when their priority should have been to land Patrick Vieira.

The 31-year-old was quoted by The Sun as saying: "The question is whether Owen will be able to play in this team because we now have Morientes back from his loan spell with Monaco.

"I thought the club was trying hard to buy a midfielder player which we needed because our attack is already very good."

Superstar Ronaldo on the other hand has welcomed Owen.

"The management at Real Madrid know what they're doing," Ronaldo said on Wednesday. "He is very welcome at Real Madrid.

"The good players are always welcome at Real Madrid. Like all other new signings."

Raul is captain, while Morientes returned to Real after a stunning season on loan to Monaco. Ronaldo was Real's top hitman last season with 31 strikes.

Manager Jose Camacho has labelled the signing of Owen as a marketing boost for Real.

Sky is the limit

AFP, Athens



Iraq's footballers had to be airlifted from Baghdad to Athens by the Australian air force to make the Olympics but on

The Iraqi national team prepared for the Games by touring Western Australia last year before the Australian Royal Air Force offered to fly the squad to Greece.

Now being guided by experienced coach Adnan Hamd, Iraq have already defied expectations by making the last

the clash of the match on Crete which will be played under more tight security.

Fatigue is beginning to tell, however, on the Iraqis who will be playing their eighth match in the last four weeks following their progress to the Asian Cup quarter-finals.

Two-time world champions Argentina remain the overwhelming favourites to clinch their first Olympics gold after storming through their preliminary group with a maximum nine points from three matches with nine goals scored and none conceded.

They face Costa Rica in Patras with a line-up boasting the talents of Javier Saviola, Kily Gonzalez as well as Gabriel Heinze whose presence at the tournament has angered his new Manchester United boss Alex Ferguson so much.

South Korea take on Paraguay in Salonika while Italy face Mali in Athens.

Italy, coached by World Cup winner Claudio Gentile, were beaten by Paraguay in their last group game.

Premiership

MU under pressure already

Football

AFP, London

The second week of a nine-month season would seem a little premature for talk of teams falling out of the Premiership title race.

But it is indicative of the pressure Manchester United find themselves under in the opening skirmishes of this campaign that it was exactly in those terms that their defender Mikael Silvestre chose to refer to Saturday's visit of Premiership newcomers Norwich to Old Trafford.

It is not hard to understand why United are keen to ensure they get their first points on the board on Saturday.

Chelsea's 1-0 win over United at Stamford Bridge on Sunday and Arsenal's confident 4-1 mauling of Everton means Sir Alex Ferguson's side, plagued by injuries, suspensions and Olympics-enforced absences, can ill afford to lose any more ground on their principal rivals.

Ferguson however was cheered by the spirit his side displayed against Chelsea and this week has finally brought some positive news in the form of Portugal's early exit from the Olympic football tournament.

That means Cristiano Ronaldo will be back in Manchester by the weekend and, having missed out on his country's final group match through suspension, the 19-year-old winger could be in return for an

immediate return to his club's first team squad.

Liverpool are hoping to have wrapped up the signing of Real Sociedad midfielder before they entertain Manchester City at Anfield.

But Rafael Benitez's hopes of handing new signing Antonio Nunez his debut have been wrecked by the freak injury the Spanish midfielder suffered just hours after being unveiled as a Liverpool player on Wednesday. A torn medial ligament will keep Nunez out of action for a month.

It has been an equally stressful week for City boss Kevin Keegan, who has had to fend off Monaco's attempts to secure the services of Nicolas Anelka on loan for theseason.

The notoriously temperamental French striker will be in the City team that lines up against his old club at Anfield.

But it remains highly uncertain whether Anelka will still be a City player when the transfer window closes at the end of the month.

Damien Duff is in line for his first appearance for Chelsea since Jose Mourinho took over in the close season.

Duff missed Chelsea's win over Manchester United last weekend but came through a full 90 minutes for Ireland in midweek, easing concerns over the shoulder he dislocated twice last season.

Champions Arsenal are not in action until Sunday, when former Highbury favourite Ray Parlour returns to his old club with new employers Middlesbrough.

FIXTURES

(1400 GMT unless stated)
Saturday: Birmingham v Chelsea, Charlton v Portsmouth, Crystal Palace v Everton, Fulham v Bolton, Liverpool v Man City, Man Utd v Norwich (1615 GMT), Newcastle v Tottenham, Southampton v Blackburn (1145 GMT)
Sunday: Arsenal v Middlesbrough (1505 GMT), West Brom v Aston Villa (1200 GMT)

Liverpool get Alonso

AFP, Madrid

Real Sociedad midfielder Xabi Alonso said Thursday he had sealed his move to English Premiership club Liverpool.

"I'm going to a club with a lot of history and a great present," Alonso told a press conference here in the presence of Real Sociedad president Jose Luis Astiazaran.

The cost of the transfer was not revealed. Spanish media reported that the 22-year-old had signed a five-year contract.

Alonso, whom Liverpool's new Spanish manager Rafael Benitez has been chasing since he took over from Gerard Houllier, will join up with compatriot Antonio Nunez who sealed his move to Anfield on Tuesday.