



Did U Know?

Paraguayan goalkeeper José Luis Chilavert scored his first international goal against Colombia in a South American qualifier for Italia 90. Chilavert struck a 90th minute penalty past René Higuita -- another famous free-scoring keeper -- to give his side a crucial 2-1 win. The colorful Paraguayan scored 69 times during his long career: 13 from free kicks, 43 from penalties and the rest from open play. The inspirational José Luis had his off days too, however, missing no less than 13 times from the spot.

What to WATCH

- BTV**
Nitol-Tata 4th National Football League Brothers Union v Abahani
Live at 4 pm
- ESPN**
Taking Guard
Preview show
Live at 3 pm
NatWest Challenge
3rd ODI
England v India
Live at 3.45 pm
- STAR Sports**
US Open Tennis
Live at 12.30 am (Monday)
- TEN Sports**
2006 WC football qualifier
Brazil v Bolivia
Live at 2 am (Monday)



Javagal Srinath
(Former Indian paceman)
"The Indian batsmen definitely owe an apology to their fans."
After losing the first match of the NatWest Challenge.

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Competition closes at 8 pm Sept 10, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won the first gold medal in the Athens Olympics?
Du Galkina Devers
- Who became Asia Cup cricket champs?
India Pakistan Sri Lanka
- Who clinched the Cincinnati Masters tennis title?
Federer Henman Agassi
- Who lifted the 25th national hockey crown?
Usha MSC Bangladesh Army

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DAY'S EVENT

Nitol-Tata 4th National Football League Brothers Union v Abahani



PHOTO: STAR

SANDWICHED IN BETWEEN! Dhaka Mohammedan's Amin Rana (C) tries to make his way through two Chittagong Mohammedan defenders during their Nitol-Tata National Football League encounter in Mirpur yesterday.

Big brothers thru'

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club confirmed their semifinal berth in the fourth Nitol-Tata National Football League but not before a goal rush against their Chittagong namesake at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

The Dhaka giants went into their last game needing a draw to complete the semifinal line up after holders Muktiyoddha, Premier League champions Brothers Union and Abahani, but they eventually came out 4-3 victors thus ending Sheikh Russel's remote hopes.

Veteran marksman Nakib completed the Mohammedan goal-feast with two second-half strikes after Faisal Mahmud put the last year runners-up ahead in the 17th minute

reacting first to a rebound and Monju doubled it after eight minutes finishing a superb solo run.

The Motijheel outfit started celebrating after taking a 4-1 lead going into the last ten minutes of the game. But they were given a real scare on a damp pitch when Chittagong Mohammedan's two second-half substitute Ridon and Zahid fired a goal each in the 86th and 87th minute.

Guinea striker Rafael scored the first goal for the Chittagong club at the stroke of the first half.

The victory raised Mohammedan's tally to six points. Muktiyoddha lead the six-team table with 10 points. Brothers Union and Abahani, who play the final super six match at the same venue today, share the second spot with eight points each. The outcome of the match will decide the semifinal pairings.

Both the semifinals will take place on September 7 with the final billed for September 9.

Mohammedan coach Abul Hossain was a relieved man after the victory without the help of a foreign player unlike the other semifinalists. And he was quick to say that he would love to face Muktiyoddha if given the choice.

"The boys did not play as well as they did in the previous two matches against Muktiyoddha and Abahani. But in the end it's the result that counts and I'm happy," said Abul adding that he wanted nothing better than a draw between Brothers and Abahani in the last match.

The long-serving Mohammedan coach, who is set to leave for the United States next month, also wished to bow out with a trophy against his name. But he was again lamenting the club's foreign recruitment policy.

"I think my team has already achieved their best result and I don't

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AFC Championship Bangladesh open campaign today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh launch their AFC Under-17 Football Championship campaign today when they take on Uzbekistan in their Group D opener at Fukushima in Japan.

The Bangladesh under-17 side left Dhaka on Thursday after having a one-year intensive preparation under the supervision of Shahidur Rahman Shantoo, the former national goalkeeper.

They will play their second match against Qatar on September 7 and then the last group match against Iraq on September 9.

Bangladesh entered the 16-team final round beating Kyrgyzstan in both home and away matches at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur in October last year.

Bashar to have op on Monday

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh cricket captain Habibul Bashar will undergo surgery on his injured right thumb on Monday at the Avenue Hospital of Melbourne in Australia.

Specialist surgeon Dr. Greg Hoy will perform the 40-minute operation on the Bangladesh skipper, who left Dhaka on Thursday night.

Bashar, the country's premier Test batsman, sustained the injury during the Tigers' training camp for the Champions Trophy at the Bangabandhu National Stadium last month. He is expected to return home within four days of the operation.

Pakistan 131/4

SPORTS REPORTER

Set to score a massive 270 for victory, Pakistan were 131 for four after 31 overs against world champions Australia in the one-off NatWest International one-day international at Lord's in London yesterday.

Captain Inzamamul Haq was batting on 33 while his deputy Yousuf Youhana was at the other end with 32.

Five now lead Rating Chess

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib lost his solo lead to four others in the Destiny Open FIDE Rating Chess Tournament when he was defeated by FIDE Master Sheikh Nasir Ahmed in the seventh round at the federation hall room yesterday.

The defeat put him level with IM Abdullah Al Rakib, Nasir, FM Abu Sufian Shakil and Mehdi Hasan Parag, all having six points each.

In the other matches, Rakib beat Monir, Shakil beat Lavlu, Parag beat Uten, Amin beat Amir, Palash beat Iva, Javed beat Asad, Delwar beat Nipa and Mustafa beat Shahin.

Roddick roars

REUTERS, New York



Defending champion Andy Roddick kept the home flag flying at the US Open on Friday, but it was a bad day for his compatriots as only two American men reached the third round, their worst showing in tournament history.

Juan Carlos Ferrero and David Nalbandian were both beaten, while Lleyton Hewitt continued to impress but the best was saved for last as Roddick served up another awesome display under the lights at Flushing Meadow.

Second seed Roddick was at his most ruthless on Arthur Ashe Court as he beat Spanish teenager Rafael Nadal 6-0, 6-3, 6-4 in a second round match.

Roddick equalled his own US Open record for the fastest serve with a 152mph bullet and such was the venom of his delivery that Nadal twice found himself on the floor after taking evasive action.

A loss of concentration at the start of the third set allowed the Spaniard back into the match with an early break, but Roddick broke back for 4-4 and then repeated the feat two games later to clinch victory.

"I felt like I played really well for the first two sets," Roddick said. "I kind of had a concentration lapse at the start of the third set but I was able to come through in the end."

Roddick's victory was the only highlight for home fans in the men's event as Vince Spadea (23) and Jan-Michael Gambill were beaten.

Sixth seed and two-time champion Andre Agassi is the only other

American left standing. Elsewhere, former champion Lleyton Hewitt bristled, battled and eventually blossomed on his way to a 7-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory over Moroccan Hicham Arazi.

Hewitt, who came into the tournament with back-to-back wins in Washington and Long Island, shrugged off a warning for ball abuse in the first set to overcome his tricky opponent.

"I wasn't as aggressive at the start as I was the other day," said Hewitt, who will meet Spaniard Feliciano Lopez in the third round.

"I played a poor service game (at 3-3) but I hung in there and I thought I stepped it up pretty well after that."

Ferrero said he wanted to forget 2004 after he was beaten 7-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3 by Austria's Stefan Koubek.

The seventh-seeded Spaniard suffered with an adductor injury at the end of the third set and Koubek took advantage to secure the win.

Since reaching the semifinals of the Australian Open in January, Ferrero has struggled with illness and injury and was beaten in the French Open second round and the third at Wimbledon. He has yet to win a title in 2004.

"It is (more) frustrating than you can imagine," Ferrero said.

"I don't think I have played a tournament this year at 100 per cent fit."

While Ferrero's defeat was not totally unexpected, comeback kid Tommy Haas upset the formbook when he beat 12th seed Sebastian Grosjean.

The German former world number two, who missed the whole of last season after shoulder surgery,

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A sour end

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh suffered a last-ball defeat in their final practice match against Scotland at Raeburn Place in Edinburgh on Friday.

Chasing Bangladesh's total of 259 for six, Scotland celebrated for their first victory against a Test-playing nation thanks to Cedric English, who spanked a four off the game's final delivery.

The Scots needed 14 runs in the last over and they did it in style, hitting three fours against a usually reliable right-arm paceman Taghayer Baisya, who went for a staggering 74 runs in his ten overs.

So far Bangladesh's bowling has looked impressive without being menacing. But the absence of experienced Khaled Mahmud, who was rested, exposed their weaknesses in their final match.

Although the spinners Mohammad Rafique and Manjarul Islam did a good containing job in the middle overs, but it all came to nothing when the pacers returned. Tareq Aziz, the other pacer, also had a miserable time conceding 61 runs.

The Tigers' bowling options were again limited with the mysterious no show of Mushfiqur Rahman, who broke down in the first practice match against Ireland. It is nothing new for the all-rounder who gets

injured right at the start of a tour.

The batting however looked in good shape before Bangladesh's ICC Champions Trophy campaign, especially the two young guns Aftab Ahmed and Nafees Iqbal showing consistency since their call up to the senior team.

Right-handed Aftab scored a solid 80 before being stumped by Colin Smith off Gordon Goudie. Nafees made 42 and Faisal Hossain, a replacement for injured captain Habibul Bashar, scored 54.

Scotland's fantastic chase was led by Ryan Watson's composed 83 and Fraser Watts' 50. They set up the victory with a 109-run partnership for the third wicket. But English hogged the spotlight with an unbeaten 49.

Bangladesh will play one more practice match against the United States in England tomorrow before their opening ICC Champions Trophy fixture against South Africa on September 12. Tigers' final group league match is against West Indies on September 15.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the one-day practice match between Bangladesh and Scotland at the Grange Cricket Club ground in Edinburgh on Friday:

BANGLADESH				
Iqbal c Smith b Stanger	42			
Ashraf c Watts b Wright	20			
Aftab st Smith b Goudie	80			
Saleh b Watson	1			
Faisal c Lockhart b Goudie	54			

Mashud c sub b Maiden	3			
Rafique not out	17			
Tapash not out	20			
Extras: (b-1, lb-8, w-8, nb-5)	22			
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs)	259			
Fall of wickets: 1-38, 2-113, 3-114, 4-197, 5-211, 6-233				
Did not bat: Manjarul, Tareq, Nazmul				

SCOTLAND				
Lockhart b Nazmul	0			
Maiden b Rafique	29			
Watson b Manjarul	83			
Watts b Rafique	50			
English not out	49			
Smith b Tapash	20			
Butt c Tapash b Nazmul	0			
Wright not out	10			
Extras: (lb-12, w-3, nb-7)	22			
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs)	263			
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-63, 3-172, 4-187, 5-236, 6-237				
Did not bat: Stanger, Coetzer, Goudie				

Bowler				
Nazmul	10	1	35	2
Tareq	10	0	61	0
Tapash	10	0	74	1
Rafique	10	0	32	2
Manjarul	10	0	49	1
Result: Scotland won by 4 wickets.				

Symonds rallies Aussies

Cricket

AFP, London

Andrew Symonds unbeaten 104 took Australia to 269 for six in their one-day international against Pakistan at Lord's here Saturday.

Symonds, dropped twice on 24 and 82, faced just 103 balls with one six and nine fours.

It was the all-rounder's second one-day international century, his first a blistering 143 not out against Pakistan at the World Cup last year.

Australia were 148 for five off 34 overs when Symonds and Michael Clarke, who made a run-a-ball 31, came together and put on 88 to revive the innings.

Symonds led an onslaught that saw 50 runs come off the last five overs.

He was particularly severe on Shoaib Akhtar, the "Rawalpindi Express" seeing his eight overs cost 70 runs.

Fellow quick Mohammad Sami took two for 56 in an innings where opener Matthew Hayden's 52 was the only other major score.

Pakistan, looking to avenge their 17-run defeat by world champions Australia in last week's Dutch triangular final in Amstelveen, made early inroads after captain Inzamamul Haq won the toss.

Sami, with the ground bathed in sunshine, struck twice in a spell of two wickets for three runs in 10 balls to leave Australia 30 for two.

First he had wicketkeeper Brad Haddin (13) failing to get over the top of a steepling delivery on the backfoot and lobbing a catch to Shoaib Malik at short cover.

Sami then pinned Ricky Ponting lbw for just four after the Australia captain shuffled across his stumps.

Hayden looked out of touch early on but pressed on to a 78-ball fifty with six fours.

But on the left-hander, playing

forward to leg-spinner Shahid Afridi's fourth ball, got a faint inside edge and was bowled to leave Australia 99 for three in the 21st over.

And 10 runs later Damien Martyn

(26) dragged a drive against off-spinner Malik to Imran Farhat at short mid-on.

Martyn's exit brought in Symonds for what turned out to be a

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PHOTO: AFP

I'VE DONE IT AGAIN: Australia's Andrew Symonds jumps for joy on reaching his century against Pakistan at Lord's yesterday.

Rohan to replace Sachin ruled out of Champions Trophy

AFP, New Delhi

All-rounder Rohan Gavaskar will replace an injured Sachin Tendulkar in India's squad for next week's Champions Trophy in England, an Indian cricket board official announced on Saturday.

"The national selectors have decided to retain Gavaskar in the squad as Tendulkar's replacement," Indian board joint-secretary Ratnakar Shetty told the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency in Bombay.

Tendulkar was ruled out of the 12-nation tournament after failing to recover from an elbow injury, which had already forced him to miss a tri-series in the Netherlands and the ongoing three-match series against England.

The news agency report on Saturday quoted Indian manager Gautam Dasgupta as saying in London that Tendulkar had not recovered fully from the injury and would need at least two weeks to regain fitness.

The Champions Trophy begins in

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PHOTO: AFP

OUT OF THE ORDINARY: Defending champion Andy Roddick of the United States attempts an awkward return to Spain's Rafael Nadal at the US Open on September 3.