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Premier League resumes July 22

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Football League second leg will be delayed by a day due to preparation of the ground at the Bangabandhu National Stadium

The second lea will now begin on July 22 with leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club taking on Dipali Juba

Defending champions Brothers Union will meet Dhaka Wanderers on the following day followed by Muktiioddha-Youngmen's. Aba-hani-Arambagh and Farashgani-Russel KC matches in the remaining of the first

Bangladesh weightlifters Hamidul cash rewards yesterday for their

Hamidul in 62kg weight category and Biddyut in the 94kg class during the Islamabad Games in April 2004 The Bangladeshi pair was awarded silvers after the two Pakistani gold winners were stripped of their medals following a dope test.

general Kutubuddin Ahmed and Bangladesh Weightlifting Federation president ASM Shahjahan handed over the medals at a simple ceremony at the BOA office. Kutubuddin told reporters that

Association (BOA) acting secretary

the sports federations would have to be careful about using drugs for

help the federations regarding this issue," Kutubuddin added

elated after receiving silver medals and the cash reward which was promised by the federation. The federation had announced that they would give Tk two lakh, one lakh and 25,000 respectively for winning gold, silver or bronze.

already received Tk 25,000 on grabbing bronze.

Robinho has to show face

SAO PAULO

refusing to speak with anyone from Real Madrid over Robinho's transfer.

"Teixeira has refused to receive (agent Juan) Figer and Ribeiro in the last days after both left the offices of Santos following the last Madrid offer of £17 million," said a Santos spokesman.

Teixeira is not a man of his word. But not only he, but his father and his representative also - and that is unforgivable." Internet Source



Football was the first team sport added to





Pele

(Brazilian soccer legend)

"I think the technology can help but not on this point because in soccer you cannot stop the game and say 'Okay, let's see if it was a goal or not like in American football.

The start of the Premier Bank Premier

Lifters receive medals

SPORTS REPORTER

Islam and Biddyut Kumar Roy success in the ninth SAF Games. Both lifters won bronze medals

The Bangladesh Olympic

Football

Real Madrid denied media reports

on Monday they had been trying to

arrange an exchange deal

between Ronaldo and Inter Milan

a possible deal involving Ronaldo

and Adriano Real Madrid would

like to reiterate that they will not

listen to any offer nor will they

negotiate the sale of Ronaldo.

read a statement on the club's

consider an offer for the Real

India need to improve their bench

"I think the strength of the

Cricket

Ronaldo, 28, joined Real for

"In the light of the reports about

REUTERS, Madrid

striker Adriano.

athletes "We have already sent lists of banned drugs to the federations. We have also trained physicians about doping who would be able to

Hamidul and Biddyut were both

Hamidul and Biddyut had "The club would like to make it absolutely clear that neither the president (Florentino Perez) nor any representative of the club will

Santos president Marcelo Teixeira is

Teixeira won't agree to return to the negotiating table until Robinho ends his self-imposed exile and returns to Santos training.

strength if they are to emulate If Robinho returns to training Australia as the world's leading cricket side, according to new coach negotiations will move very quickly, with sources close to Teixeira telling Greg Chappell. AS that the player's presence at Australian team is not so much Santos HQ will immediately see the about the stars of that team, but president accept a £18 million bid what I would call the second-tier players." Chappell said in an inter-

view published in Tuesday's Indian The Australian great has an early opportunity to test his reserves in a triangular one-day series starting July 30 in Sri Lanka with India nam-"The player has said publicly that ing newcomers Suresh Raina and Venugopal Rao in a 16-member

> The tri-series, also featuring the West Indies, will be Chappell's first assignment as India coach after taking over from New Zealander John Wright in May

Chappell said the key to Australia's dominance was "the guys who are not the superstars of the team, but keep putting in day

"Somebody puts the hand up when one or two or three of their top players maybe goes through a lean patch or has a bad game," said the former Test captain

'Reserves the strength'

No Ronaldo, Adriano swap

\$46.3 million from Inter Milan in

2002 and has been the club's

leading scorer in each of the last

three seasons. At present he is

touring the U.S. States and Asia

Although they have denied any

interest in Adriano, Real have

made no secret of their desire to

sign another Brazilian interna-

tional, Robinho, despite the unwill-

ingness of his club Santos to sell

have been reporting that if Real

succeeded in signing the 21-year-

old forward they would be willing to

sell England striker Michael Owen,

but as yet the club has not made

any official comment about the

were "not optimistic" about their

chances of signing Liverpool

Meanwhile, Inter said that they

former Liverpool player's future.

Spanish and English media

with Real Madrid

Real Madrid striker Michael Owen about to score past goalkeeper Kevin Hartman of the Los Angeles Galaxy during their game at the Home Depot Center in

"Now people like Justin Langer -he is an unsung hero in the Australian team. Damien Martyn and (Michael) Kasprowicz are the

Rahul Dravid. Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag, but their overall performance left a lot to be desired, Chappell said.

have been in batting," he said.

bowl teams out, especially in Tests,

Kasprowicz.

"Champion teams are not always necessarily full of champions," he said. "They are the teams that do the basics very well. They do ordinary things extraordinarily well and that's

Chappell said he felt India would do better in one-day cricket if they

captain Michael Atherton a record 19

Marcus Trescothick and targeted

England's other left-handed opener

wicket for 500 in Tests, insisted he

wasn't fazed by England's latest Test

before the Test match. The way he

plays, I think he is very much suited to the one-day game," McGrath told

reporters at Australia's hotel here

goes on at the longer format of the

game. The fact that he averages 50 in

first-class cricket shows that he can

handle it pretty well," added McGrath,

a key factor in Australia's run of eight

There are many who believe

Pietersen's habit of playing across the

line and favouring the leg-side is sure

to be found out in Test cricket and

McGrath added: "We have picked

successive Ashes series wins.

"It will be interesting to see how he

"It has been good to see Pietersen

Andrew Strauss ahead of this series.

He has also caused problems for

times in Tests.

Monday

realised the importance of running between wickets and building partnerships.

The Italian club's president

Massimo Moratti revealed he is

not close to finalising a move for

either Figo or the Portuguese

star's Real team-mate Walter

the next few days," said Moratti.

"We will see in what direction this

takes us, but nothing is free. Thus,

we are not optimistic when it

comes to the financial side of the

deal but from the sporting side, we

from Roma last summer, has

failed to make much of an impact

at the Bernabeu, while midfielder

Figo, under contract for another

season with the Spanish giants, is

looking to secure more first-team

Figo but are unwilling to pay a

transfer fee for the 32-year-old.

Liverpool have held talks with

Samuel, who joined Madrid

are. We are willing to try to do it."

"We will try to do something in

"I guess it is not fours and sixes that win one-day games. It's just ones and twos. And if you look at the teams that do well, they get the highest percentages of ones and

twos," he said. "So I think a change of accentuation is something that we need to look at with Indian cricket. I think again coming back to do the basic things which I call 'outcricket', like running between wickets and fielding are very important aspects of the

The coach said if India want to become a champion side they would have to show a commitment

"The biggest challenge is selling the vision and the commitment to excellence that I have talked about.'

Chappell said India had the potential to become the world's

leading team. "Mine is probably one of the -- if not the -- most exciting jobs in cricket." he said.

"I think India is the epicentre of cricket. Financially, in numbers, it's the epicentre of cricket. Hopefully in time, on the field too, it'd be the epicentre of cricket and lead cricket into the later part of this century."

up a few things in the one-dayers, certain shots he plays, and I think we've got a pretty good gameplan ready to go from what we have

And the 35-vear-old New South Wales guick, who needs just one more

14 balls to spare.
On the other hand, fellow pace-

SCORES IN BRIEF

BANGLADESH A: 249/6 in 50 overs Shahriar Nafees 0, Nafees Igbal 109, Tushar 32, Nazimuddin 1,

48.2 overs (Smith 45, Clinton 55 Parker 51 not out, extras 35; Talha 4-50, Razzak 2-37, Mehrab 1-34). Result: British Universities won

Galacticos blank Galaxy

England captain David Beckham picked up a hamstring injury as Real Madrid concluded the U.S. leg of their six-match tour with a comfortable 2-0 win over the Los Angeles Galaxy at a sold-out Home Depot Center on Monday. "I had two sore hamstrings after the game in Chicago (on Saturday) and thought it was just stiffness but maybe it is a little bit more," Beckham told Reuters after the game.

"We travel to Thailand tonight and we will see how it is. If it is torn then I will probably go home," he

taking a free-kick in the 58th minute and was replaced by Portuguese midfielder Luis Fiao.

in the sixth minute when a pass from Zinedine Zidane found an unmarked Michael Owen on the edge of the six vard box and the England striker calmly slotted the ball past Galaxy goalkeeper Kevin

A series of substitutions in the second half, which began with the departure of Beckham and Zidane around the hour mark, disrupted the flow of the game and turned the match into a more even contest

However, Madrid striker Roberto Soldado sealed victory for the ninetimes European champions with 15 minutes remaining, firing a low shot past Hartman from the edge of the penalty area.

On Saturday, Madrid defeated Mexico's Chivas Guadalaiara 3-1 in Chicago and now head off to Asia for the remaining four matches of the tour in Beijing, Bangkok and Tokyo.

after 'The Beast'

race to sign Sevilla forward Julio Baptista and have offered over 20 million euros (\$24.14 million) for the Brazil international, the Primera Liga side's president said on Monday.

Jose Maria del Nido told reporters at a news conference in Seville the club still had no intention of selling the player who is due to return from Brazil to start preseason training on Tuesday. "Unless we receive some bigger

offers Baptista will play for Sevilla

this season," he said during the

presentation of new signing Italian midfielder Enzo Maresca. Last week Del Nido said he had rejected an offer of 20 million euros from Arsenal for the 23-year-old, but reports in the Spanish and English

were on the verge of closing a deal. Spanish media reported on Friday that Arsenal were prepared to use the money they had raised from the sale of Patrick Vieira to Juventus to finance the deal.

vear contract from Sao Paulo in July 2003 for \$2.8 million, with coach Joaquin Caparros converting him from a midfielder into an extra forward

He made an immediate impact at the Andalucian club, earning the sobriquet "La Bestia" (the Beast) for his rampaging runs into the area, ending his first season as leading scorer with 20 league goals from 30 appearances.

No African homeless wanted!

Football

REUTERS, London

Five African teams have pulled out of the Homeless World Cup in Edinburgh after Britain refused visas for their players.

Organisers of the street soccer tournament said some players from Burundi, Cameroon, Zambia, Nigeria and Kenya had been turned down because British officials did not believe they had enough money for their stay in the Scottish capital.

The decision came about 10 days after G8 leaders met in Scotland to discuss alleviating poverty in Africa. "To deny homeless people

they are too poor is ridiculous," the tournament's co-founder Mel Young "It raises some serious questions around the British government's commitment to taking action towards

access to the UK on the basis that

alleviating poverty in Āfrica.' The Homeless World Cup was founded in 2003 to highlight homelessness and poverty, and underline

Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez

has indicated he is ready to sell

Milan Baros after leaving the Czech

striker out of Tuesday's Champions

League qualifying match against

Czech striker's services, with West

Ham and Aston Villa leading the

Liverpool squad named to face TNS

in the second leg of their first qualify-

ing round tie, along with keeper

Jerzy Dudek, who has also been

out to finance a move of his own for

Southampton striker Peter Crouch.

Benitez is swiftly moving players

Liverpool have placed a 6 million

pound price tag on Baros. He was

the leading scorer at Euro 2004 and

played the first 85 minutes of the

Champions League final against AC

Milan in Istanbul. But he has failed to

preparing a bid of around 5 million

West Ham were believed to be

fit into Benitez's style of play.

That will spark a scramble for the

Baros was dumped from the

Football

AFP, Liverpool

TNS in Wrexham.

told to find a new club.

Baros on way out?

the positive effects of football. The four-a-side street tournament opens in the Scottish capital on Wednesday and involves 32 national teams.

"How can they say that we are too poor to play football?" said Kenyan eam chief Siegfried Milchberger.

leaves me wondering what London Olympics 2012 has in store for Africa," ment's organisers.

satisfied visa requirements. Russian and American players had also been

in all cases. Each applicant has been considered on their own individual circumstances," she said.

or be seeking asylum.

sion to talk to the 24-year-old.

bid after trailing the striker since last

summer - but Baros is looking for a

summer and the striker would jump

at the chance to move to the Nou

Camp Stadium, but that interest has

Deportivo are all interested, but not

TNS visited Anfield for the first leg

at the price Liverpool want.

Atletico Madrid, Valencia and

Baros was on the bench when

Barcelona made an enquiry last

move abroad, possibly to Spain.

"My team and I cannot even begin to account the loss we have suffered. It

he was quoted as saying by the tourna-The Foreign Office said it regretted that some participants had not

turned down, a spokeswoman said. "The immigration rules have been applied fairly and consistently

Many of the teams have been set up by streetpapers, such as the Big Issue. To qualify for the World Cup, players must either have been homeless over the past year, make their living from selling streetpapers

ODDS

Robson 14-1 Alex Ferguson, David O'Leary Villa, too, will make a renewed

16-1 Rafa Benitez 20-1 Steve McClaren, Steve Bruce

33-1 Sam Allardyce 66-1 Arsene Wenge 100-1 Jose Mourinho

extra burden, says Dravid

Captaincy not

PTI, Bangalore

Newly appointed skipper Rahul Dravid on Tuesday said he did not see captaincy as an additional burden and expressed confidence he would continue to bat the way he always did.

"I don't see it as an additional burden. I have to obviously give time for my

lead the side," Dravid said. "There is when one plays for India.

he will have added pressure because of captaincy)." 'The Wall' said, a day after he was selected captain for the triseries in Sri Lanka commencing on July

Dravid pointed out that he had been named captain only for the Sri Lanka

he said one had to look at the scenario

Otits friendly today

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Dhaka Sonali Otit Club will play a friendly football match against hosts Narayanganj Sonali Otit Club at the Alauddin Khan Stadium today.

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DGC

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DGQAN LB

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IN MY LIBRARY I HAVE COLLECTED NOVELS, SOME COOK-BOOKS, AND THE REST IS HISTORY. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals T

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for

another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

on Pietersen Cricket



three-wicket win over the world champions at Bristol last month. Those displays were good enough to earn the Hampshire middle-order batsman a place in the England Test line-up at the expense of 100-cap veteran and Surrey left-hander Graham Thorpe.

winning 91 not out that gave England a

But experienced fast bowler McGrath, the spearhead of Australia's attack for a decade, has wrecked the Ashes hopes of many an England batsman, notably dismissing former

prime examples." India may have star batsmen in

"I think most of the megastars

"To win matches, you have to you have to get 20 wickets to win

"So I think this Australian team is being built very much around (Glenn) McGrath and (Shane) Warne, with some very good support from (Jason) Gillespie and

Chappell said a winning side required more than "just putting 11 good players on the field" and hoping that they were going to play

what makes the champion team."

McGrath fixes his target

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man Shahadat Hossain Rajib, who had a forgettable Lord's Test debut two months ago, was most expensive of the seven Bangladeshi bowlers giving away 45 runs in 6.2

Kapali 17, Rahim 50, Mushfig 13 not out, Razzak 8 not out, extras 19; Wright 2-49, Wainwright 2-54). **BRITISH UNIVERSITIES:** 252/8 in

REUTERS, Carson

Beckham pulled up shortly after

Real Madrid had taken the lead

Now Spurs

REUTERS, Madrid

Tottenham Hotspur have joined the

press suggested that the two clubs

Baptista joined Sevilla on a five-

Last season he notched 18 goals

to help Sevilla to a sixth-place finish in the Primera Liga for the second season in succession.

last week, but Benitez refused to bring him on even late in the game, as he avoided the prospect of the player being cup-tied, and hence more difficult to sell.

Dudek was left out of the 18 for that game, and once again he has been dropped from the squad, with youngster Scott Carson acting as back-up to new keeper Jose Reina. It has been made clear to the Poland international that even after

his heroics in the Champions

League final, there is no place for

him at Liverpool. Benitez is looking for around 2 million pounds for the experienced keeper and there is still some interest from PSV Eindhoven.

pounds and were hoping for permis-Lee ready to be hit

nearly 20 years.

on a few occasions. It was a great personal record but I'd give all that back to take five wickets in a Lord's Test. It would be pretty nice to say

"But the reason I'm in the Australian team is to bowl fast and take wickets. There's no reason why I'll slow down to 80mph and shape the ball." Australia have won the last eight

Ashes series, a run stretching back

you've done that at the home of cricket.

But with England having won their last five Test series, Lee said: "It's the first time in a number of decades that both teams have been so close to being "We're up against a team that's got

some fantastic bowlers, Stephen

Harmison, Flintoff and Matthew

Hoggard, that can bowl a heavy ball at over 90 mph. "It's tough playing against a guy like Harmison whose 6ft 4, he's got the Curtly Ambrose type of trajectory off the pitch which can be very hard to face and

be a bit of a handful "And England have got someone to back him up. You think you've done the hard work if vou're Matthew

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Arizona

on a

on these seeming English wickets can

"It's a bit like groundhog day. It just doesn't end. We've got our work cut out. There'll definitely be fireworks on Thursday morning. Lee admitted it had been tough competing for a place alongside Kasprowicz, who he stressed deserved "full credit" for his Test

Hayden, or Ricky Ponting or Justin

Langer (Australia's top three) to get

through Harmison. You get down the

other end and you've got Flintoff.

displays in recent months. "I think's that what makes it hard. that we all are so close. The FBC, the fast bowling cartel as the boys call it, we are a very tight-knit unit and sometimes tough in the paper when you read we (Lee and Kasprowicz) are competing for that one spot. But it makes us work harder.

"But saying that it's sport and that's why we play sport. Nothing would be worse than if it was plain sailing all the time. However, he added: "Hopefully

as possible."

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when I do finish this will only a small blip on the radar. My aim is to get back in the Australian team as soon the Dhaka outfit.

CRYPTOQUIP

to get the sack AFP, London

Newcastle's Graeme Souness has wor the first 'award' of the coming English Premiership season by being named by bookmakers William Hill as the favourite to become the first manager to be sacked.

Souness favourite

Souness tops the sack race at 5-1. ahead of Fulham's Chris Coleman, West Ham's Alan Pardew, Charlton's Alan Curbishley and Portsmouth's Alain Perrin all at 8-1

Alex Ferguson is 14-1 to go if he fails to oring the success demanded by new owner Malcolm Glazer while Chelsea's Jose Mourinho is rated 100-1 and Arsenal's Arsene Wenger 66-1.

Newcastle have a history of sacking managers early and in the past eight seasons have dispensed with Kenny Dalglish, Ruud Gullit and Bobby Robson pefore the end of September.

Some odds are puzzling Blackburn's Mark Hughes, Birmingham's Steve Bruce and Tottenham's Martin Jol are all regarded as safer than Liverpool's European Cupwinning manager Rafael Benitez, quoted at 16-1.

5-1 Graeme Souness 8-1 Chris Coleman, Alan Pardew, Alan Curbishley, Alain Perrin 12-1 Paul Jewell, Mick McCarthy, Bryan

Martin Jol, Mark Hughes 25-1 Stuart Pearce, David Moyes

captaincy. There will be a time when I will have to concentrate on batting and forget captaincy," he said in response to "I am really excited; it's an honour to

certain amount of pressure every time "No, I don't particularly think so (that

"I think, it (captaincy) is going to be a huge challenge," he said. "I have done it before (as stand-in captain whenever Sourav Ganguly was unavailable). So, I am looking forward to it." Asked if he was looking for "longer arrangement"

Noting that players and captain were picked on series-to-series basis,

Former national players including Chunnu, Gaus and Swapon will play for the Narayanganj team while Badal Roy, Johnny, Kaiser Hamid, Sabbir and Alok will participate for