The Daily Star

CJKS FOOTBALL Shatadal win opener

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Shatadal Club blanked Rising Star 3-0 in the opening match of the CJKS-Elite Paint First Division Football League at the MA Aziz Stadium vesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0. Mamun opened the account in the fifth minute with a brilliant rightfooter from a Jahed cross, Raian Mian doubled the margin in the 31st minute while Shariful scored the third goal in the 63rd minute.

Earlier, Chattagram Jela Krira Sangstha (CJKS) vice-president and Police Commissioner Mazedul Haq inaugurated the league as chief guest.

Todays' matches: Madarbari Udoyan vs Muktijoddha Sangsad (1:30pm) and Abahani Junior vs Brother Union (3:00pm).

Pepsi-DRU cricket starts today

SPORTS REPORTER

The Pepsi-DRU inter-house six-aside cricket tournament begins today at the Maulana Bhasan National Hockey Stadium.

Eight matches will be take place in the opening day of the seven-day meet

A total of 23 media houses, print and electronic, split into eight groups, will take part in group-phase matches and top finisher of each group will qualify for the quarterfinals.

A press conference in connection with the cricket festival involving the mediamen was held at the DRU's conference room vesterday. DRU president M Shafiqul Karim, its general secretary Sakawat Hossain Badsha and executive director of the sponsors Transcom Beverage Limited Golam Kuddus Chowdhury were spoke on the occasion.

The participating teams are: Daily Star, BSS and Daily Sangram (Group A), Daily Samakal, Bhorer Kagaj and Daily Desh Bangla (Group B), Naya Diganta, New Age and Daily Jai Jai Din (Group C), Amar Desh, ABAS and Bangla Bazar Patrika (Group D), Channel-I, Inquilab and Khabarpatra (Group-E), Ajker Kagaj, Amader Somoy and BDNEWS (Group F), Janakanta, Manabjamin and Independent (Group G) and NTV and Bhorer Dak (Group H). Will England remain

WICB chief new World Cup boss BBC ONLINE, undated

The president of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) is to take personal charge of preparations for e 2007 World Cup Ken Gordon has taken over from Rawle Brancker as chairman of the tournament organising committee.

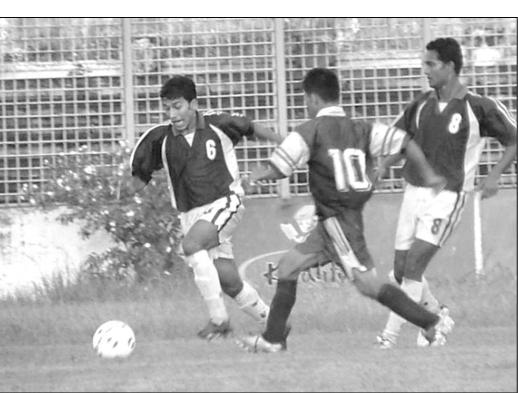


PHOTO: STAR Action from yesterday's CJKS-Elite Paint First Division Football League encounter between Shatadal Club and Rising Star at the MA Aziz

Asian refs see red

Football

REUTERS, Tokyo A refereeing blunder that forced FIFA to void last weekend's 2006 World Cup soccer qualifier between

Uzbekistan and Bahrain has further dented Asia's image after a year soured by controversy. FIFA wiped out Uzbekistan's 1-0 home victory on Saturday after Japanese referee Toshimitsu

Yoshida's decision to disallow an Uzbekistan penalty and award a free kick to Bahrain The first leg of the Asian playof

will be replayed on October 8 with the return leg in Bahrain four days later and FIFA's verdict has left Uzbekistan deeply unhappy. "It's not fair we must replay the

whole game after winning it 1-0 and also being robbed of a successful penalty," Uzbekistan Football Federation (UFF) spokesman Sanjar Rizayev said

The controversy prompted Japan's soccer chief to apologise to Uzbekistan and Bahrain for "inconveniencing" them.

"I would like to apologise to the two countries for causing them trouble," Japan Football Association public relations disaster.

(JFA) president Saburo Kawabuchi said, although he refused to criticise Yoshida "Everyone makes mistakes,"

Kawabuchi added. In Asia, however, those mistakes are still embarrassingly frequent and are seriously damaging the game's credibility in the region,

critics say. Last year's Asian Cup tournament was marred by poor officiating and China's domestic league nearly collapsed after several clubs accused local referees of corrup-

Yoshida's decision to rule out Uzbekistan's 39th-minute penalty and not order the kick to be retaken after spotting an encroachment caused widespread confusion.

Uzbekistan's players reacted furiously but neither the assistant referees nor any of the other officials present drew the referee's attention to the error.

As a result of Yoshida's slip, FIFA ordered the two sides to replay the tie from 0-0 The Asian Football

England if win Ashes?

was the last time they won anything?"

Oval to see the match.

for hundreds of pounds.

countries excel.

hensively

giving away their tickets for free."

sports and then losing at them --

In 2003, to general amazement,

England beat Australia in the rugby

World Cup final. Since then its team

Dementieva in the next two sets.

treatment for each injury.

ing for 5-2 in the second set.

Pierce was granted two back-to-

Confederation (AFC) can ill-afford more controversy after the 2004 Asian Cup in China, which was a

The tournament was framed by blazing political rows that reached the highest levels of power and further tarnished by 17 red cards,

several of them from dubious refereeing decisions Thousands of Chinese fans fought pitched battles with riot police

after Japan's 3-1 win over the hosts in the final in Beijing. China coach Arie Haan angrily

refused to collect his runners-up medal after three controversial Japanese goals, including a blatant handball for Japan's second.

A World Cup qualifier between North Korea and Iran in Pyongyang in March ended in a riot as fans reacted to a late sending-off by hurling missiles.

In July, a North Korean referee sent off the wrong Chinese player, plus two of his team mates, in a game at the East Asian Championship.

The AFC have increased vigilance to try to eradicate the problems but Uzbekistan fear that the latest controversy could cost them a place in their first World Cup finals.

Mallorca this weekend, sports daily Marca said.

Eto'o was taken to hospital on Friday after clashing heads with team mate Damia Abella in training ahead of Sunday's Primera Liga match at the Nou Camp.

The Cameroon forward was treated for a cut to the head and spent the night in hospital under observation before being released

Faria's claim dismissed

Football

Friday

Alam -- who also had an affair

with ex-FA chief executive Mark

Palios -- had her claims of sexual

harassment, unfair dismissal and

breach of contract rejected on

to executive director David Davies

had denied quitting to sell her story

had been groped by him and also

the FA's lawyers were able to obtain

statements attesting to his character from former employees Kim

Fisher and Sarah Ford who Alam

The tribunal also heard that

In one, FA lawyers said she

She also said: "I'm 36, unmarried

The panel also heard she had

female FA colleague who paid her

Alam's solicitor, Nigel Forsyth,

Her unfair dismissal claim was

said the decision to reject her claim

of sexual discrimination had been

"too close attention".

unanimous

He vehemently denied this and

to tabloid newspapers.

frequently pestered for sex.

The Bangladeshi-born former PA

She said Davies had made suggestive comments and that she

BBC, London The Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) has rejected a one Former Football Association secremillion pound offer from Chelsea to tary Faria Alam, who had an affair play them in a friendly. with England manager Sven Goran-The Premiership champions are Eriksson, lost her case at a tribunal.

November to celebrate their centenary year. And, even through Brazil

have been turned down. times more than the fee the CBF

Pele concerned for Robinho

SPORT

Brazil legend Pele has warned that fellow countryman and Real Madrid's Robinho will need time to adapt to playing and living in Spain.

concerns for the 21-year-old, who has been the centre of a media circus in the Spanish capital, after finally joining Real following a long drawn out transfer from Santos.

overwhelmed by the switch when he entered the opening game of the new season against Cadiz with 24 minutes remaining and help turn the game in Real's favour to secure maximum points. However Pele believes that

too high and that patience will be needed while the forward settles in at the Bernabeu.

and loving it. My social life is amazing and I date famous people." introduced slowly "The attention of the European press could mean that he will bear made a previous complaint about a

the whole weight of expectations at Real Madrid on his shoulders, despite the team having a host of

-- Internet

Publicist Max Clifford told BBC News the verdict was "predictable" but that Alam -- who is now working in the fashion industry in the US -would now "get on with her life".

rejected by a majority judgment.

"I've expected this -- I told Faria FARIA ALAM she had no chance but she wanted

Athletics REUTERS, Monaco

World 200 metres champion Justin Gatlin was relegated to fourth place on the opening day of the two-day second in Helsinki. world athletics final on Friday after Dibaba won the world long and his teammate Tyson Gay clocked 19.96 seconds into a strong head wind.

to go ahead." "She did what she wanted to do dation. We were therefore deterand the public will make up their

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own minds "She was happy that she had been able to come out and that what she had said was widely reported.

The Football Association said it welcomed the tribunal's decision. A statement read: "The FA has

consistently viewed the claims as unsubstantiated and without founmined to robustly defend our position "We are delighted for David

(Davies) and his family. The allegations made against him were both hurtful and unfounded.

"We are extremely disappointed that these allegations were ever brought into the public domain, particularly when they had been expressly contradicted by previous statements from Ms Alam.





France's Christine Arron, Campbell who took the 100 silver in Helsinki in Tirunesh Dibaba, who is expected to win the women's athlete of the year front of Arron, clocked 10.92, Arron's award, was beaten into second after time of 10.93 was her season's best. a frenzied sprint finish with teammate Meseret Defar, who was

Olympic 1,500 silver medallist Bernard Lagat produced a searing final lap to win the men's 3,000 in seven minutes 38.00 seconds in front of Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge.

BBC ONLINE, undated

Chelsea friendly

planning to stage a match on 15/16

Brazil turn

down

recently played Sevilla to mark the Spanish side's centenary, the Stamford Bridge club's advances Chelsea's offer is two-and-a-half

received to be part of Sevilla's celebrations

RIO DE JANEIRO

said had complained about him. The lawyers also highlighted an interview printed in a national newspaper in which she said Davies had been a good boss.

Pele has spoken out to voice his The former model, 39, who resigned from her job in August 2004, told the tribunal in June that she had kept a record in a notebook of occasions when she had been the victim of "sexual harassment".

He showed no signs of being Alam fired off frequent messages from her work e-mail address detailing her relationships with Eriksson -- whom she called

"Sugar" and Palios dubbed "PP" or "Pretty Polly". expectations placed on Robinho are wrote: "I want to be ... very very rich".

He said: "Robinho needs a period of adaptation. He needs to be

. star players.'

source Eto'o fit to

face Mallorca REUTERS, Madrid

Barcelona striker Samuel Eto'o was given the all clear to leave hospital on Saturday in time to face Real

following further tests.

women's 5,000 where Ethiopian



In a statement issued by the WICB, Gordon said he was happy with the arrangements already in place.

And he predicted they would "deliver the best World Cup ever", the first to be staged in the Caribbean.

Brancker resigned last weekend, citing differences with tournament managing director Chris Dehring and former WICB president Teddy Griffith, a member of the World Cup board



most World Cup penalties in total. He saved three against Yugoslavia in the quarterfinal in 1990 and two more in the semifinal against Italy, making his total to five.





Thierry Henry (French football star)

"For me, Ian Wright was a legend and still is a legend, so to beat his record would be something really amazing.

REUTERS, London

Cricket

Nature has its laws. Birds fly. Fish swim. And the Australians beat England at cricket. But this year something unnatural

may be about to happen. England and Australia are playing their biennial series of Ashes matches. which Australia have dominated since the late 19th Century.

And the English are winning. It can be hard for an Englishman to contain himself. much less do any work.

"It's fantastic. It's just amazing, said David Duho, who has taken off three days from his job at an insurance company ("My boss is okay with it: he's a cricket fan") to catch history in the was prime minister and Whitney making on TV at the Hanover Arms pub in South London Somebody" was a hit. "I always knew England would give

the Aussies a hard time, but this is better than I thought." At the other end of the pub, around

the corner from the historic Oval cricket ground. Australian Pat Lucev shrugged over his cold pint of Fosters. "Australia's going to win. England?

They don't know how to win. When

He and his brother Simon, from the at Wimbledon, the home of lawn Australian town of Toowoomba, are tennis. since 1936. travelling round Europe and were

But cricket may be the most frustrating sport of all. Every two supposed to be in Spain this week. but decided to stay in London, figuring vears the English players face their they'd have no trouble getting in to The former colony Australia, and every two years the sunburnt Aussies seem "We thought the Aussies would be to win.

The Ashes are in fact named for a up 4-0 by now and people would be piece of wooden cricket gear burned Instead, England are winning the after a humiliating English defeat at series 2-1, the final aripping five-day the Aussies' hands in 1882. It's mostly been hard luck ever since. contest is underway and tickets are changing hands on the black market

has reverted to mediocrity. No

Englishman has won the singles title

Cricket is a slow game, international matches lasting five days with The outcome is unpredictable, not breaks for lunch and a cup of tea -least because of the weather, but and sometimes for rain or bad light That leaves plenty of time to worry England need only hold on for a draw that it may all fall apart for England. to win the Ashes for the first time since 1987, when Margaret Thatcher On Friday afternoon, the Australian batsmen were hitting the ball out of the ground. Houston's "I Wanna Dance With

Lucey, in his green and yellow Britain is famous for inventing Australian jersey, jumped up to cheer, and a friendly Englishman sitting next cricket, soccer, tennis, golf, rugby are to him joked: "That's it. Immigration. all British exports at which other Check your work permits. Right now." The Australian smiled.

"We'll win."

Dravid slips in FROM PAGE 12 **ODI rankings** sour taste

PTI, Dubai

India vice-captain Rahul Dravid slipped six places in the latest ICC ODI rankings following his low average in the recently concluded triangular cricket series in Zimbabwe. Dravid, who was ranked sixth in

May, was pushed to 20th place as he averaged only 12.80 with the bat in the tri-series involving New Zealand and Zimbabwe. Incidentally, Sachin Tendulkar, who is vet to start his season, was

Grand Slam semifinals she has the only other Indian to accompany him in the top 20 batsmen, even as contested, a statistic that belies her the batting maestro has gone down reputation for having a brittle temtwo places to be 17th. perament. Dashing Indian opener Virender

Sehwag, who belted some impressive scores in Zimbabwe, gained three places to be 26th while Yuvraj Singh was sitting pretty on 30th. The list of top 10 batsmen

remained unchanged with Adam Gilchrist, Ricky Ponting both of Australia and West Indian Chris Gayle maintaining the first three places

Clijsters, Pierce **BCCI** reveals SL schedule Pierce's win over Dementieva left a

REUTERS, New Delhi The twice former Grand Slam

winner was accused of unfair tactics The Board of Control for Cricket in by her opponent after having a 12-India (BCCI) on Saturday announced the schedule for the home oneminute medical timeout for a back and thigh massage at the end of the day series against Sri Lanka in October and November. first set which she had lost compre-

Sri Lanka, who play seven onedavers from October 25 to When she resumed, this year's November 12, will return to play French Open runner-up showed three Tests in December. The Test little sign of any physical problems venues would be decided shortly, and dominated a clearly irritated the BCCI said in a media release.

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Pierce has won all six of the Oct 25: 1st one-day international at Nagpur Oct 28: 2nd one-day international at

Mohali (D/N) Oct 31: 3rd one-day international at Jaipur

Nov 3: 4th one-day international at back injury timeouts of six minutes Pune each. Under the rules a player is Nov 6: 5th one-day international at

allowed a three-minute assessment Ahmedabad (D/N) period followed by three minutes of Nov 9: 6th one-day international at Rajkot

Nov 12: 7th one-day international at Dementieva was not happy and Baroda angrilv tossed her blonde pony-tail Dec 2-6: First Test when the Frenchwoman bent dou-Dec 10-14: Second Test ble with a clenched fist after break-Dec 18-22: Third Test

BFF's thirty FROM PAGE 12

The selected players are: Goalkeepers; Himel (Badda), Arif, Uttam (Youngmens), Sultan (Narayanganj), Himel (BKSP) Defenders; Monu (Arambagh) Mishu (Russel), Ronny (Mohammedan), Kashem, Mamunul (Victoria), Liton, Rajib (Farashganj),

Reazul (Chandpur) and Al (Dhanmondi). Midfielders; Ronny Farashganj), Mamun (Brothers) Milon, Nasir (Badda), Zahid (Mohammedan), Rajan (Youngmens) Shankar (Dhanmondi), Kibria (Noagaon), Roman (Bangladesh Boys), Shamim (BKSP). Strikers; Robin, Baten (Youngmens), Mithun, Gafur (Victoria), Hirak (Russel) and Rubel (BKSP).

Rains stop FROM PAGE 12

Extras: (lb-3, w-2, nb-5) 10 Total: (For 1 wkt in 52.4 overs) 185 Fall of wicket: 1-185 To bat: Ponting, Martyn, Clarke, Katich, Gilchrist, Warne, Lee, McGrath, Tait

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Troubled Tigers

FROM PAGE 12 When asked about the opening pair, Bashar admitted that he was still weighing the chances "Our batsmen had a poor one

day series. Nafees Iqbal is our Test opener and Shahriar Nafees is in form. He has also played the Lankan bowlers in the tour. We gave him chance in the middle order (in the practice match) thinking that as a left-hander, he would be able to handle Muralitharan in the middle. Now we are keeping everyone ready for the first Test."

fit.

The skipper's only relief was that both the spinners, Mohammad Rafique and Enamul Haque, who will have to bowl long spells on the slow pitches produced here, were Both Rasel and Shahadat were

excused from Saturday afternoon's nets after a long swimming session at the team hotel in the morning. But Talha, who arrived here shortly after midnight on Saturday, bowled well in the nets.

maybe

34 Foolproof

Gatlin, the Olympic 100 gold medallist, became only the second man after fellow-American Maurice Greene to win the 100-200 double at last month's Helsinki World Championships.

Gay, who was fourth at the worlds behind team mates Wallace Spearmon and 2003 world champion John Capel, led Jamaican Christopher Williams and Spearmon across the line on Friday.

"After finishing fourth in Helsinki I was motivated to do much better."

Gatlin, the strong favourite to win the International Association of Athletics Federation's (IAAF) male athlete of the year award on Saturday, said he was not disap-

"It was a great season for me. I want to focus on quality races next vear

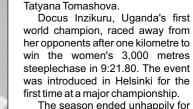
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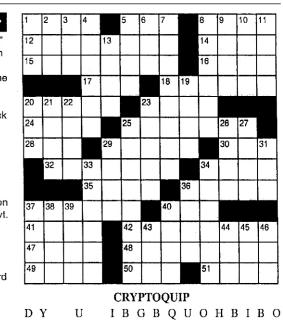
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short course cross country titles in Ethiopian-born Marvam Yusuf France this year before becoming Jamal, who now competes for Bahrain, started her finishing sprint with 600 metres to go in the women's 1,500, and held on to win in front of Russia's world champion



American Olympic and world 400 metres champion Jeremy Wariner, who appeared to have his race under control when he slowed in the straight and hobbled across the line in last place clutching his right thigh.

Another American Tyree Washington finished first with Briton Tim Benjamin clocking a personal best of 44.56 to take second place.



QUHBN U JMAEW SY KMJDSMN TOSQDNBN, ESMGK IWBZ

TWSAB-Z EGUDQN? Saturday's Cryptoquip: HE WAS DESTINED TO BECOME A CATTLE RANCHER. HIS OWN MOTHER HAD NAMED HIM BRANDON IRONS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals I

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.

the first woman to win a 5,000-10,000 global double at the World Championships Olympic 200 champion Veronica Campbell won the women's 100 by one-hundredth of a second from

"It was a great race," Gay said. JUSTIN GATLIN

pointed.