

**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 yesterday.

The winners led the first half 2-0. Mamun opened the account in the fifth minute with a brilliant right-footer from a Jahed cross. Rajan Mian doubled the margin in the 31st minute while Sharful 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.

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



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

**Pepsi-DRU cricket starts today**

SPORTS REPORTER

The Pepsi-DRU inter-house six-a-side cricket tournament begins today at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium.

Eight matches will be taken 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 mediemen was held at the DRU's conference room yesterday. DRU president M Shaiful 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-1, 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).

**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 the 2007 World Cup.

Ken Gordon has taken over from Rawle Brancker as chairman of the tournament organising committee.

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

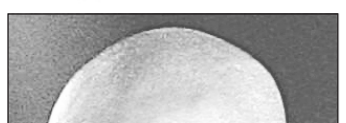
And he predicted they would "deliver the best World Cup ever", the first to be staged in the Caribbean.

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



**Did U Know?**

Sergio Goycochea of Argentina has saved the 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."

**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 playoff 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 (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 corruption.

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

public relations disaster.

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.

**Brazil turn down Chelsea friendly**

BBC ONLINE, undated

The Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) has rejected a one million pound offer from Chelsea to play them in a friendly.

The Premiership champions are planning to stage a match on 15/16 November to celebrate their centenary year.

And, even through Brazil recently played Sevilla to mark the Spanish side's centenary, the Stamford Bridge club's advances had been turned down.

Chelsea's offer is two-and-a-half times more than the fee the CBF received to be part of Sevilla's celebrations.

**Pele concerned for Robinho**

RIO DE JANEIRO

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

Pele has spoken out to voice his 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.

He showed no signs of being 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 expectations placed on Robinho are too high and that patience will be needed while the forward settles in at the Bernabeu.

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

"The attention of the European press could mean that he will bear the whole weight of expectations at Real Madrid on his shoulders, despite the team having a host of star players."

- Internet

**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 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 following further tests.

**BFF's thirty**

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The selected players are: Goalkeepers; Himel (Badda), Arif, Uttam (Youngmens), Sultan (Narayanganj), Himel (BKSP), Defenders; Monu (Arambagh), Mishu (Russel), Ronny (Mohammedan), Kasher, Mamunul (Victoria), Liton, Rajib (Farashganj), Reazul (Chandpur) and Ali (Dhanmondi). Midfielders; Ronny (Farashganj), Mamun (Brothers), Milton, Nasir (Badda), Zahid (Mohammedan), Rajan (Youngmens), Shankar (Dhanmondi), Kibria (Noagaon), Roman (Bangladesh Boys), Shamim (BKSP). Strikers; Robin, Baten (Youngmens), Mithun, Gafur (Victoria), Hiral (Russel) and Rubel (BKSP).

Cricket is a slow game, international matches lasting five days with breaks for lunch and a cup of tea – and sometimes for rain or bad light. That leaves plenty of time to worry that it may fall apart for England.

On Friday afternoon, the Australian batsmen were hitting the ball out of the ground. Lucy, in his green and yellow Australian jersey, jumped up to cheer, and a friendly Englishman sitting next to him joked: "That's it. Immigration. Check your work permits. Right now." The Australian smiled. "We'll win."

To bat: Ponting, Martyn, Clarke, Katich, Gilchrist, Warne, Lee, McGrath, Tait

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Harrison	12.4	1	43	1
Hoggard	14	1	53	0
Flintoff	12	5	25	0
Giles	10	0	44	0
Collingwood	4	0	17	0

**Troubled Tigers**

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When asked about the opening pair, Bashir 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."

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 fit.

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.

**Faria's claim dismissed**

Football

BBC, London

Former Football Association secretary Faria Alam, who had an affair with England manager Sven Goran-Eriksson, lost her case at a tribunal.

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 Friday.

The Bangladeshi-born former FA to executive director David Davies had denied quitting to sell her story to tabloid newspapers.

She said Davies had made suggestive comments and that she had been groped by him and also frequently pestered for sex.

He vehemently denied this and the FA's lawyers were able to obtain statements attesting to his character from former employees Kim Fisher and Sarah Ford who Alam 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.

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".

The tribunal also heard that 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".

In one, FA lawyers said she wrote: "I want to be... very very rich". She also said: "I'm 36, unmarried and loving it. My social life is amazing and I date famous people."

The panel also heard she had made a previous complaint about a female FA colleague who paid her "too close attention".

Alam's solicitor, Nigel Forsyth, said the decision to reject her claim of sexual discrimination had been unanimous.

Her unfair dismissal claim was rejected by a majority judgment.

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".

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

to go ahead."  
"She did what she wanted to do and the public will make up their 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 founda-

tion. We were therefore determined 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."



FARIA ALAM

**Gatlin gets 200m shock**

Athletics

REUTERS, Monaco

World 200 metres champion Justin Gatlin was relegated to fourth place on the opening day of the two-day world athletics final on Friday after his teammate Tyson Gay clocked 19.96 seconds into a strong head-

Gatlin, the Olympic 100 gold medalist, 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.

"It was a great race," Gay said. "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 disappointed.

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

There was also an upset in the

women's 5,000 where Ethiopian Tirunesh Dibaba, who is expected to win the women's athlete of the year award, was beaten into second after a frenzied sprint finish with team-mate Meseret Defar, who was second in Helsinki.

Dibaba won the world long and short course cross country titles in France this year before becoming

France's Christine Arron. Campbell, who took the 100 silver in Helsinki in front of Arron, clocked 10.92. Arron's time of 10.93 was her season's best.

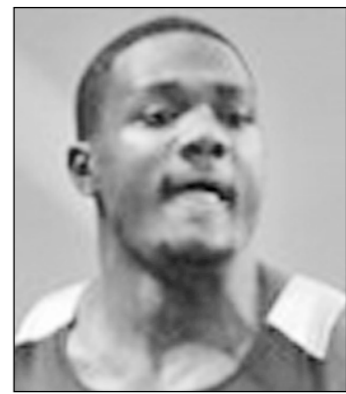
Olympic 1,500 silver medalist Bernard Lagat produced a searing final lap to win the men's 3,000 in seven minutes 38.00 seconds in front of Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge.

Ethiopian-born Maryam Yusuf 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 Tatyana Tomashova.

Docus Inzikuru, Uganda's first world champion, raced away from her opponents after one kilometre to win the women's 3,000 metres steeplechase in 9:21.80. The event was introduced in Helsinki for the first time at a major championship.

The season ended unhappily for 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.



JUSTIN GATLIN

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

**CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer**

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23 Don  
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33 Standard  
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**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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**CRYPTOQUIP**  
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**Saturday's Cryptquip: HE WAS DESTINED TO BECOME A CATTLE RANCHER. HIS OWN MOTHER HAD NAMED HIM BRANDON IRONS.**  
Today's Cryptquip Clue: D equals I

The Cryptquip 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 with an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.