

Maradona takes on Karpov

Football

PRAVDA, Buenos Aires

The Russian Grand Master Anatoly Karpov Monday played human chess with Diego Maradona as part of the TV show...

Karpov gave Maradona a beautiful wooden Russian chess game and Maradona gave Karpov an autographed soccer ball in return.



Argentine legend Diego Maradona (R) signs a chess board to be auctioned, along with former Russian chess world champion Anatoly Karpov, during his weekly television show...

Asian University thump Daffodil

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Asian University thrashed Daffodil International 11-0 in the Stamford Inter-Private University Football Tournament...

Ponting upbeat

AFP, Sydney

Captain Ricky Ponting said Thursday he is confident Australia can bounce back against the World XI next month...

Celebrity motors set to roar

REUTERS, Rio de Janeiro

Brazilian football star Ronaldo can look forward to a World Cup debut of a different sort this weekend.

The soccer link continues with involvement in grand prix racing. It's a different branch of the sport.

Ronaldo backs coach

MADRID

Real Madrid star Ronaldo has hit out at critics of coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo.

BCB reveals age-group competitions

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced the schedule for age-group national divisional competitions...

Nat'l hockey

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Patuakhali, Mymensingh and Khulna won their respective matches in the National Hockey Championship...

Batsmen

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generally the ground fielding, has improved although we have dropped an early chance.

PRIMERA LIGA

Barca barely draw

Football

REUTERS, Madrid

Champions Barcelona narrowly avoided a second defeat in a row when they came from a goal down to claim a 2-2 draw at home to Valencia...

Schuster's Getafe side ahead in the eighth minute, but Mallorca grabbed a point when Fernando Navarro scored the goal of the night...

at the Bernabeu on Thursday. Barca took the lead at the Nou Camp on the stroke of halftime...

SERIE A

Vieira saves the day

Football

AFP, Turin

Juventus coach Fabio Capello admitted his team were lucky to escape from Udinese with all three points as the title-holders maintained their 100 per cent Serie A record on Wednesday.

scored on his league debut for Inter Milan in their 1-0 victory at Chievo and Emiliano Bonazzoli grabbed a brace as Sampdoria beat Treviso 2-0...

Manuele Blas's cross from the right was headed down by Del Piero into Vieira's path and the France international's outstretched toe flicked the ball past Morgan De Sanctis.



World number one Maria Sharapova of Russia hits a forehand volley to Israel's Shahar Peer during their second round match at the China Open yesterday.

Sharapova reaches qtrs

Tennis

AFP, Beijing

Maria Sharapova piled on the first seven games before Shahar Peer could find her feet but then had to struggle to finally scrape a 6-0, 4-6, 6-2 win Thursday in her opening match at the China Open.

modest crowd at the Beijing tennis centre as she won her first game for 1-1 in the second, and broke the top seed three times to square at a set each.

Venus Williams will aim to save family pride when she opens in her Beijing debut against Nuria Llagostera Vives of Spain.

All but one

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three minutes into the second half. But two quick goals by Mozibur and Anwar Hossain broke Mohammedan hearts.

BD-SL SCOREBOARD

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Table with columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists bowling figures for various players like Vaas, Malinga, Fernando, etc.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with letters and numbers.

CRYPTOQUIP
RS YAO GXDYRGA
ARUACZSPG DSO VDBCPC
RIZURSO YAO IDGY NDNBCZQ
GDBN RG XCZS XADVPOQ.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A MATHEMATICIAN PRESENTS A RECAP OF SOMETHING, I GUESS HE IS SUMMING UP.

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