

Brothers off to Mumbai

SPORTS REPORTER  
 Brothers Union left Dhaka yesterday for India to play their last AFC Cup match against Mahindra United to be held at Mumbai on Tuesday.  
 The Dhaka giants are already out of contention from Group A after securing only two points from five matches.  
 The Gopibagh outfit drew 2-2 against the same opponents at home while they snatched another point also at home from Al Muharraq of Bahrain, who are leading the group with 11 points, after a goalless draw.  
 Mahindra has six points from five matches.

Nat'l sports awards today

BDNEWS, Dhaka  
 The National Sports Award for the year 2005 will be distributed at the international conference centre of the Prime Minister's secretariat on Sunday.  
 Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will hand over the awards to the recipients.  
 An award recipient will be given a gold medal, cash Taka 20,000 and a certificate.  
 Eleven sportsmen and organisers have been nominated for the sports award 2005.  
 The recipients of the awards 2005 are: Golam Ambia and Nuzrul Islam Rumi (athletics), Monem Munna (football - posthumously), Major (ret'd) Shahabuddin Chaklader (hockey), Setara Begum (swimming), Biddut Kumar Roy (weightlifting), Mahbul Alam (judo), Ziaur Rahman (kabaddi), Siddiqur Rahman (golf), and SA Sultan, MP and Shah Nurul Kabir Shaheen, MP (organisers).

Lankans follow

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 Pietersen (158) and opener Trescothick (106) while Cook, on his home Test debut, made 89 and all-rounder Paul Collingwood 57.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the first Test between England and Sri Lanka at Lord's on Saturday:

ENGLAND: First innings 551-6 dec (Pietersen 158, Trescothick 106, Cook 89, Collingwood 57; Muralidaran 3-158)

SRI LANKA: First innings (over-

Mubarak lbw b Hoggard	0
Tharanga lbw b Hoggard	10
Sangakkara c Trescothick b Mahmood	21
Jayawardene c Jones b Flintoff	61
Samaraweera lbw b Mahmood	0
Dilshan run out	0
Kapugedera lbw b Mahmood	0
Maharroof c and b Hoggard	22
Vaas c Trescothick b Hoggard	31
Kulasekara c Strauss b Flintoff	29
Muralidaran not out	0
Extras: (lb-8, nb-10)	18
Total: (All out in 55.3 overs)	192
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-21, 3-81, 4-81, 5-85, 6-85, 7-129, 8-131, 9-192, 10-192	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hoggard	14	4	27	4
Flintoff	17.3	2	55	2
Plunkett	11	0	52	0
Mahmood	13	2	50	3

SRI LANKA: Second innings  
 Mubarak b Hoggard 6  
 Tharanga not out 41  
 Sangakkara not out 30  
 Extras: (b-9, lb-4, w-2, nb-1) 16  
 Total: (For 1 wkt in 29 overs) 93  
 Fall of wicket: 1-10

To bat: Jayawardene, Samaraweera, Dilshan, Kapugedera, Maharroof, Vaas, Kulasekara, Muralidaran  
 To bowl: Jayawardene, Samaraweera, Dilshan, Kapugedera, Maharroof, Vaas, Kulasekara, Muralidaran  
 Toss: England  
 Umpires: Aleem Dar (PAK) and Rudi Koertzen (RSA)

Australia pin

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 doctors," Arnold retorted this week. "He hasn't been too friendly to us in the past, but if he was to deny one of his players the chance to go to the World Cup, I'd say he'd have a very unhappy player."  
 The belief in Australia, in any case, is that the personnel who will face up to Japan on 12 June are of lesser importance than the man charged with knitting them together into a cohesive and potent unit. Encouragingly, the players themselves appear to share this complete faith in their Dutch coach.  
 "He (Hiddink) is definitely the best manager that I've worked with," said Mark Viduka, who is vying with Newcastle United's Craig Moore for the captaincy. "When it comes to man-management, I've never dealt with a person who has the type of ability to be able to get every single player, even those on the bench, to be 100 per cent willing to go out and die for the team."  
 Australia will now play three warm-up matches against Greece in Melbourne, the Netherlands in Rotterdam and, finally, Liechtenstein in Germany before facing Zico's Japan in their first FIFA World Cup match in 32 years.



England fast bowler Matthew Hoggard successfully attempts a caught and bowled against Sri Lanka batsman Farveez Maharoof on the third day of the first Test at Lord's on Saturday.

Trueman diagnosed with cancer

CRICINFO, undated  
 Fred Trueman, the former England and Yorkshire fast bowler, has been diagnosed with small cell carcinoma (lung cancer) and is to undergo a 15-week course of treatment.  
 Trueman was admitted to Airedale Hospital yesterday after initially displaying symptoms of anaemia and suffering from tiredness. However, the Yorkshire Post confirmed the diagnosis of cancer today as Trueman returned home.  
 Trueman, 75, was the first to take 300 Test wickets and was one of Yorkshire and England's very finest bowlers. Superb on the pitch, he spent many years summarising the play for the BBC's Test Match Special after his retirement where he became renowned for his astute, if curmudgeonly, view on the modern game.  
 "If anyone can fight this, Fred can," Bob Platt, a former teammate of Trueman's, told the Yorkshire Post. "He is in exceedingly good spirits, and the good news is that the doctors have caught this early."

Vaughan may miss entire Lanka series

AFP, London  
 England captain Michael Vaughan has suffered a setback in his recovery from a longstanding knee problem and now looks set to miss the whole of the Test series against Sri Lanka.  
 As his international team-mates made 318 for three on the first day of the first Test at Lord's here Thursday, Vaughan was discovering that his right knee was not yet ready to withstand the rigours of first-class cricket.  
 The 31-year-old batsman, who has not played since quitting the tour of India earlier this year on the eve of the first Test in Nagpur had hoped to feature for Yorkshire this week.  
 "Two weeks ago it was getting to the stage that I was close to playing," Vaughan said.  
 "This Sunday against Northants in

The men the World

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 South Americans, Spaniards and Italians certainly would. They would thrust forward Real Madrid legend Alfredo Di Stefano as their choice, not as the greatest never to appear at the World Cup finals, but simply as the greatest. In Latin America those who saw the Blond Arrow play say he was better than Pele. Di Stefano won five consecutive European Cups with Real Madrid and was twice voted European footballer of the year, in 1957 and 1959. In terms of longevity he outshines them all and won international honours with three different nations, Argentina, where he was born, Colombia and Spain.  
 Di Stefano allied sublime skill with great stamina and that enabled him to play 'Total Football' all over the pitch years before the idea was adopted by the Dutch. In 1950, while still playing in Argentina, his country refused to enter the World Cup and by 1954 Di Stefano had arrived in Spain, via Colombia, where he was first considered ineligible. He qualified to play for Spain at the age of 31 in 1957, but the Spaniards failed to qualify for the World Cup finals in 1958 and when he finally got his chance in 1962 he was injured.  
 A back injury finally forced Di Stefano to quit in 1966, aged 40, but not before he had won eight Spanish league titles with Real Madrid, finished leading goalscorer in the Spanish League on five occasions and scored in five consecutive European Cup finals. From the same era, Dudley's own Duncan Edwards was destined to become the greatest British player of them all before tragically losing his life in the 1958 Munich air disaster. Edwards was aged 21 when he died, but had

already played for England 18 times and won two English league titles with Manchester United in 1956 and 1957. Anyone who saw him play rate him as their number one.  
 Former Scotland international and Manchester United manager Tommy Docherty once said: "You can keep all your Best's, Pele's and Maradona's, Duncan Edwards was the greatest of them all." Sir Bobby Charlton, World Cup winner with England in 1966 and a former teammate at Old Trafford, said of the wing-half: "Duncan Edwards was the only player that ever made me feel inferior." Edwards made his first-team debut for Manchester United aged 16. He had immense physical strength and played in a mould similar to Roy Keane, but with the technical skills of David Beckham and a shot comparable to Charlton.  
 Another player blessed with a rare natural talent that will forever be remembered is the late Jim Baxter. All of Scotland will have 'Slim Jim' at the top of their list. Baxter was a ludicrously gifted midfielder who won the hearts of a nation while playing for Rangers and Scotland during the 1960s. In 1967 Scotland's clash with the 'Auld Enemy' at Wembley carried greater significance because England were the reigning world champions, having lifted the Jules Rimet Trophy at the same venue just under a year before.  
 Baxter orchestrated Scotland's finest victory that day, a 3-2 win against the side that had defeated West Germany in 1966. The Scot was simply head and shoulders above the rest. Charlton, Moore, Hurst, Peters and Greaves; Law, Bremner, Lennox and Gemmill

were all put in the shade. It was England's first defeat since lifting the World Cup and Baxter milked the moment. Such was his dominance he had his own game of "keepy-uppy" during the game and at one stage sat down on the ball.  
 African great George Weah is perhaps worthy of a place alongside Best, Di Stefano and Baxter in this list. The explosive Liberian caused a sensation when bursting onto the scene in France with Monaco and Paris St Germain before truly setting the world alight in Italy with AC Milan. Weah was the first African footballer to be voted World player of the year in 1995, was three times African player of the year - in 1989, 1994 and 1995 - and filled the chasm left by Marco van Basten at Milan with aplomb. Weah was all strength, power and agility, scoring spectacular goals out of nothing to help Milan win two Scudetto titles in 1995 and 1999. Manchester United and Welsh wizard Ryan Giggs' talents deserved to be showcased at the World Cup finals and German great Bernd Schuster was another whose brilliance merited greater acclaim.  
 Frenchmen Eric Cantona and David Ginola, Irish midfielders Johnny Giles and Liam Brady and Welsh strikers Ian Rush and Mark Hughes are also worthy of mention.  
 But there can be no doubt. Best and Di Stefano stand out as the greatest players never to appear in the World Cup finals.

Lara to miss Sachin

PTI, Kingston  
 Skipper Brian Lara says Sachin Tendulkar's absence would deprive the younger players in the West Indies team a chance to learn from the Indian batting genius.  
 The 37-year-old Lara said presence of a player of Tendulkar's class would have helped in the development of young West Indies players.  
 "As team members, we can only learn from a player like that," Lara said yesterday after nets at Port-Of-Spain ahead of the final two one-dayers against Zimbabwe.  
 Lara, at the helm of the beleaguered team for the third time, said the cricket loving public of the Caribbean would also miss Tendulkar.  
 "I think it is unfortunate because we are all entertainers. The public would have loved to see Sachin," he was quoted as saying in the 'Trinidad Guardian'.  
 "He is going to be here for the World Cup hopefully, but any opportunity to see him would have been great for the public.  
 "It doesn't mean that India, with a player like Sachin Tendulkar in the team, is actually going to beat the West Indies," Lara explained.  
 "Yes, they would have a player of high class (and) we would have loved to have him here playing against us." The West Indies takes on India in a five-match one-day series beginning here on Thursday before locking horns in a four-Test series.

Sweden 1958

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 wet conditions, but when Nils Liedholm gave Sweden a shock lead after just four minutes to put Brazil behind for the first time in the tournament, no one was complaining.  
 However, Swedish coach Raynor later recalled that it was at this moment that he had "the sneaking suspicion the game was already over. Instead of looking dejected the Brazilians were calling for the ball to restart the game. If that was their attitude then we were heading for trouble."  
 And they reached it within minutes. Garrincha's brilliant dribble set up Vava to poke home with a surge from close range. And twenty minutes later the trick was repeated as the imperious Garrincha crossed again for Vava to score.  
 And then Pele scored a magnificent goal to atone for hitting the bar in the first half. Chesting Santos's cross past Parling, he flipped the ball over Gustavsson with his thigh and then volleyed low past the keeper.  
 Zagallo added another soon after and that was that.  
 Brazil ran away with the title and gave their fans the one trophy they really wanted.  
 It was the beginning of a wonderful era for the "Auriverde".

Scars of history

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 reached.  
 Beckenbauer lifted the World Cup in 1974 in the Olympic Stadium in Munich, but 32 years on the final will take place at Berlin's renovated Olympic Stadium, first built for the 1936 Olympics which took place under Hitler's gaze.  
 Eight cities that hosted games at the 1974 finals -- Berlin, Frankfurt, Gelsenkirchen, Dortmund, Hannover, Hamburg, Stuttgart and Munich -- are used again for the 2006 competition.  
 Cologne, Kaiserslautern, Nuremberg and Leipzig make up the 12 World Cup stadia. Duesseldorf, which hosted five matches in 1974, will not be used in 2006.

Federer seeks revenge

AFP, Rome  
 World number one Roger Federer set up a Rome Masters semi-final clash against David Nalbandian to give him a chance of revenge over the man who snatched his Masters Cup crown in 2005.  
 The Swiss star struggled past promising Spaniard Nicolas Almagro 6-3, 6-7 (2/7), 7-5 while Nalbandian, the world number three Argentine, eased past Mario Ancic of Croatia 6-3, 6-3.  
 World number two Rafael Nadal took his remarkable winning run on clay to 51 matches as he breezed past Chile's Fernando Gonzalez 6-4, 6-3 to set up a semi-final against France's Gael Monfils who beat fifth seed Andy Roddick with surprising ease 6-2, 6-3.  
 Nalbandian was never in trouble against Ancic, who was struggling with a back injury, and was 4-0 ahead in the second set before losing a service game.  
 Meanwhile, Nalbandian has been forced to pull out of next week's ATP Masters tournament in Hamburg for family reasons, organisers announced on Saturday.  
 The 24-year-old Nalbandian, ranked third in the world, will fly back to his homeland directly after the ATP Rome Masters and will now miss the 2.45 million dollar (1.9 million euro) Hamburg Masters, which begin on Monday.

Time to win, says Dravid

AFP, Kingston  
 Indian captain Rahul Dravid has acknowledged his side still have plenty of respect for the West Indies, but believes it's time for India to dominate in the Caribbean.  
 The Indian captain was speaking following his team's arrival in Jamaica at the start of their two-month tour of the Caribbean.  
 "We respect them a lot, and I think they have a very strong batting line-up," he told reporters on arrival.  
 "Any team that has players of the quality of Brian Lara, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Chris Gayle, and Shivnarine Chandepaul, it's going to be a serious batting line-up."  
 "They've got some very good young fast bowlers as well. They are a very good team, and we have been watching their cricket, and we expect and are looking forward to play some good cricket against them."  
 Dravid said his side is looking forward to facing West Indies in the five One-day Internationals and four Tests.  
 "We know it's a challenge playing in the West Indies, they are a good team, and it's always tough to come here and beat them," he said.  
 "We are looking forward to it, and we are not going to worry about history. We are just going to look at

Thumbs up

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 Tuesday.  
 "I'm hopeful we will be able to declare the participating teams of the pro-league on Tuesday with the approval of the executive committee."  
 But, another source in BFF said the meeting would not announce the names of the teams and may take more time. The federation is likely to issue a guideline for the league," Anwarul Haq Helal, the BFF general secretary told BDNEWS.  
 BFF officials also had meetings with Victoria SC, Wanderers Club, Agrani Bank SC, Mohakhali Ekadosh, Dipali Jubo Sangha and five Divisional Sports Associations of Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi, Sylhet and Barisal.

Beckham

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 However, I don't know if I will be in the first team (for Paraguay).  
 "I want to face him - this time with the national team, not with our league outfits. And I repeat: I would raise my leg again. He does have a very good shot, though."

Nedved gets a shot at glory

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 time thanks to the persistent knee problems that ultimately prompted his decision to retire. His withdrawal was arguably the decisive factor in the Czechs' elimination, and his absence during World Cup qualifying was keenly felt.  
 However, as surprising as his return was to those outside the international set-up, Nedved's retirement was never necessarily a permanent one according to team-mate and Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech.  
 "He had injuries with his knees

Schools soccer

SPORTS REPORTER  
 Hajiganj Pilot High School qualified to the final round of the banglalink tiger trophy National School Football Championship with a 2-0 victory over Baburhat High School yesterday.  
 Jewel broke the deadlock in the 55th minute, while Hannan sealed the deal by scoring his school's second goal in the 62nd minute.

Two new faces

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 spinner who has performed exceedingly at the Under-19 level as well as in the domestic competitions.  
 On the other hand, Farhad Reza came to the spotlight after being the highest scorer in the National League last year, when many thought that he would be the heir apparent to Khaled Mahmud.  
 Meanwhile, coach Whatmore left Dhaka yesterday for a vacation and he is expected to return on May 28 while Bashar is also expected to go aboard in the next week.

Manaudou breaks freestyle record

AFP, Tours, France  
 French swimmer Laure Manaudou broke the 400m freestyle world record Friday at the French Championships in Tours.  
 Manaudou, who was already the European record-holder, set a new mark of 4min 03.03sec to beat the previous world mark of 4:03.85 set by American Janet Evans in September 1988.  
 "Frankly, I never thought I could set this time here," said the Olympic champion.  
 Evans's record was the second oldest standing on the books.  
 The oldest women's world record remaining is the 1500m freestyle, also held by Evans, although the distance is not an Olympic event.



Laure Manaudou of France reacts after breaking the 400 meters free style record at the French Swimming Championship in Tours, France.

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 finals after injuring a knee in training.  
 Team officials said that the 23-year-old Jabari had already left the Iranian squad's training camp here and would undergo an operation on the damaged knee back home.  
 After a successful season with league champions Esteghlal Tehran, hopes had been high that Jabari would play a leading role in Germany where Iran are grouped with Angola, Mexico and Portugal.  
 De Santis banned from refereeing  
 AFP, Rome  
 Italian referee Massimo De Santis will not be going to the World Cup in Germany, the Italian football federation (FIGC) said Saturday.  
 The FIGC have sent a letter to world football's governing body FIFA telling them that they have revoked De Santis' accreditation for the tournament.  
 De Santis is one of 24 Italian referees under investigation by a Naples prosecutor for suspected doping fraud.  
 Doctors warn of  
 measles outbreak  
 AFP, Berlin  
 German health experts warned football fans coming to the World Cup to have themselves vaccinated against measles, following an outbreak in a state that will host 11 matches.  
 More than 1,100 people in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia have caught the disease in the past ten weeks, according to authorities in the state.  
 Heinz-Josef Schmitt, from Germany's leading centre for disease control, the Robert Koch Institute, said all World Cup visitors who have not been given measles jabs should get them before coming to the tournament.  
 Schmitt said the measles epidemic has caught the attention of the World Health Organisation, which was "concerned" about the situation.  
 Six World Cup matches are being played in Dortmund, including a semi-final, and five in Gelsenkirchen, both of which are in North Rhine-Westphalia, during the June 9 to July 9 tournament.



World No. 1 Roger Federer plays a backhand against Nicolas Almagro (not in picture) during their quarterfinal match of the Rome Masters on Friday.