

BD A start with a win

SPORTS REPORTER

Nazmus Sadat anchored Bangladesh A to an easy victory over hosts Zimbabwe A in the first four-day match on the fourth and final day at the Mutare Sports Club ground yesterday.

The tyro opener scored 52 as the visitors chased down a small target of 112 in only 28.2 overs.

His partner Nafees Iqbal scored 23 while skipper Tushar Imran batted till the end to ensure Bangladesh cross the line with an undefeated 21.

Bangladesh A scored 393 runs in their first innings, helped by a superb 128 by Tushar. Then left-arm spinner Enamul Haque Jr took charge and ended with nine wickets in the match.

Zimbabwe A batsman Stuart Matsikenyeri also hit 127, but that was not enough to even guarantee a draw for the hosts.

The second string side now rest and practice for the next two days before starting their second four-day match against the same opponents on Friday.

Sourav wants to come back

BBC ONLINE, undated

Sourav Ganguly is determined to use his short stint at Northamptonshire to regain his place in the India side.

The 33-year-old batsman lost the India captaincy last year and was left out of the squad currently in the Caribbean.

He told BBC Radio Northampton: "I want to put runs on the board and get back into the national team.

"I'm not here from a financial point of view -- it's important to perform. I still feel I've got a lot of cricket in me and every run will be watched."

Ganguly, who has previous experience of county cricket with Lancashire in 2000 and Glamorgan last year, will cover for Chris Rogers while he is on duty with Australia A.

The left-hander believes playing in Twenty20, one-day and four-day cricket, will help hone his game as he looks to force his way back into the Indian selectors' thoughts.

Hosts hammer

FROM PAGE 17 Podolski stretched Germany's lead in the second half and it could have been much more.

The German fans at the Olympic Stadium chanted their coach's name and cried 'final, final' but there is a long way to go before the final here on July 9.

TEAMS  
ECUADOR: Mora; De la Cruz, Espinoza, Ambrossi; Guagua, Valencia (Lara 63), Edwin Tenorio, Ayovi (Urrutia 68), Mendez; Borja (Benitez 45), Kaviedes.  
YELLOW CARD: Valencia.  
GERMANY: Lehmann; Friedrich, Mertesacker, Huth, Lahm; Schweinsteiger, Frings (Borowski 66), Ballack, Schneider (Asamoah 72); Klose (Neuville 66), Podolski.  
YELLOW CARD: Borowski.  
Referee: Valentin Ivanov (Russia). Attendance: 72,000.



Did U Know?

Turkey's Hakan Sukur scored the fastest goal in World Cup history when he hit the net after just 11 seconds during the third-place match against South Korea in the 2002 World Cup (Turkey won 3-2). The previous record was held by Czechoslovakia's Václav Maskej who scored after 15 seconds during his side's 3-1 loss to Mexico in 1962.



Dick Advocaat

(South Korea football coach)  
"I'm very proud of my team. It was a miraculous performance to come back from a goal down to get a draw against France."

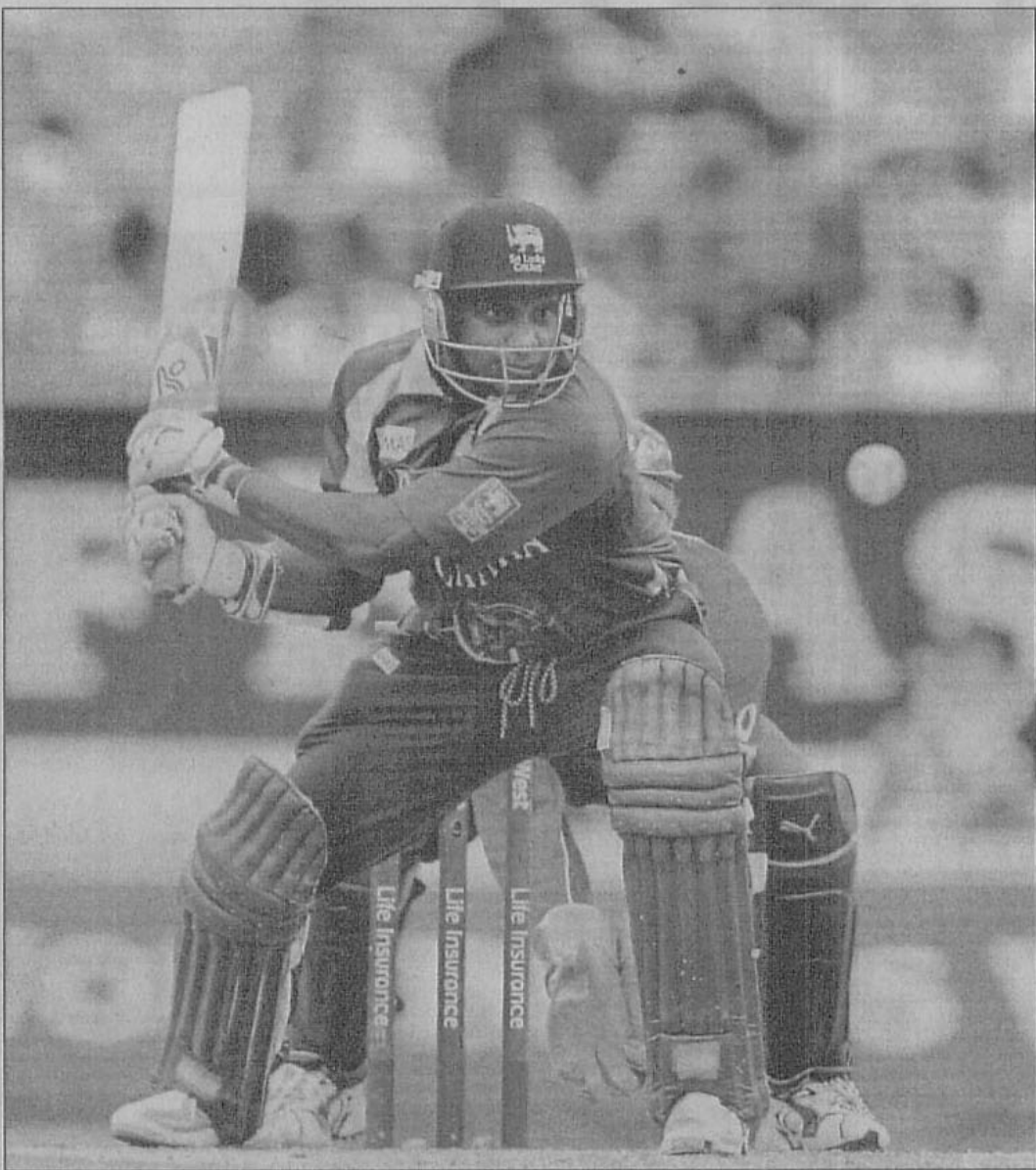
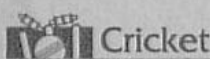


PHOTO: AFP

Sri Lanka centurion Sanath Jayasuriya is on the prowl for a reverse hit during the second one-day international against England at The Oval in London on Tuesday.

Sanath special lifts SL



AFP, London

Sanath Jayasuriya's 122 saw Sri Lanka to a total of 319 for eight, their best against England, in the second one-day international at The Oval here Tuesday.

The tourists' total was built around a second-wicket stand of 160 between Jayasuriya and skipper Mahela Jayawardene (66).

Left-handed opener Jayasuriya's hundred was his 20th at this level -- more than the combined total of the England team -- while Sri Lanka's score was their best against England in a one-day international, surpassing the 303 for nine they made at Adelaide in 1999.

But things might have been worse for England, already 1-0 down in the five-match series, as Sri Lanka had looked on course for a target of 350 while their two most experienced batsmen were together.

The hosts did have the consolation of fast bowler Stephen Harmison's impressive haul of three for 31 from 10 overs.

But fellow quick Sajid Mahmood's seven overs cost 80 runs although he did take two wickets.

England, who'd conceded a record 42 extras in a series-opening, 20-run defeat by Sri Lanka at Lord's on Saturday, gave away 33 at The Oval.

They struck early when Upul Tharanga, who'd, scored a man-of-the-match winning 120 at Lord's, edged Harmison to first slip

Marcus Trescothick for 17.

But Jayawardene, who'd won the toss, showed his intentions by getting off the mark with a whipped leg-side six off Mahmood and four balls later carved him extravagantly over cover for four.

Jayasuriya then advanced down the pitch to drive Mahmood for four and two balls later uppercut him for six.

Jayasuriya, 37 later this month, then completed a 68-ball fifty with one six and five fours.

He continued to take toll of Mahmood, lofting him for six over deep square leg with the bowler's first five overs costing 60 runs.

Jayawardene meanwhile turned Liam Plunkett down to fine leg for four to bring up a run-a-ball fifty with one six and three fours. England though then had a lucky break when Sri Lanka gifted them a wicket.

Jayasuriya played the ball behind him and although it was his captain's call, the opener sent Jayawardene back only for him to be run out by a distance after Ian Bell through to bowler James Dalrymple, Sri Lanka 194 for two after a second-wicket stand of 160 in 140 balls.

Jayasuriya though pressed on to a 122-ball century with two sixes and 11 fours. But going for a trade-mark uppercut over the offside infield he was well caught by Tim Bresnan, running in from cover, to leave Sri Lanka 259 for three in the 43rd over.

Sangakkara, dropped at third man on 28 by substitute Kabir Ali, a hard chance, kept the scoreboard ticking over before England captain Andrew Strauss missed a

chance to run-out Dilshan.

Mahmood's first ball back saw him lofted for four by Sangakkara but later in the 48th over the wicketkeeper holed out to Kevin Pietersen for a 41-ball fifty.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Sri Lankan innings in the second one-day international against England at The Oval on Tuesday:

SRI LANKA					
Tharanga c Trescothick b Harmison	17				
Jayasuriya c Bresnan b Harmison	122				
Jayawardene run out	66				
Sangakkara c Pietersen b Mahmood	51				
Dilshan b Bresnan	9				
Arnold c Strauss b Harmison	5				
Maharoor run out	0				
Vaas c Jones b Mahmood	13				
Malinga not out	2				
Muralidaran not out	1				
Extras: (b-4, lb-7, w-21, nb-1)	33				
Total: (For 8 wickets in 50 overs)	319				
Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-194, 3-259, 4-283, 5-298, 6-298, 7-304, 8-317					
Did not bat: R Perera					
Bowler	O	M	R	W	
Harmison	10	2	31	3	
Plunkett	8	0	58	0	
Bresnan	6	0	38	1	
Mahmood	7	0	80	2	
Collingwood	5	0	30	0	
Dalrymple	10	0	45	0	
Pietersen	4	0	26	0	

ENGLAND: Marcus Trescothick, Andrew Strauss, Ian Bell, Kevin Pietersen, Paul Collingwood, James Dalrymple, Geraint Jones, Tim Bresnan, Liam Plunkett, Stephen Harmison, Sajid Mahmood.

Toss: Sri Lanka  
Umpires: Darrell Hair (AUS), Ian Gould (ENG)

THIRD EYE

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that have earned the nod from the football world as South America's second best -- not in this tournament by any means though -- and the classicist of Europe, the 1978 World Cup finalists are expected to produce a high-standard game if not another classic after seeing off Serbia and Montenegro and Ivory Coast with ease.

France, drawn in what looked like one of the easiest groups, are also sweating like Italy although they have to beat a mere Togo to qualify after draws against Switzerland and South Korea. Surprisingly, the Swiss are now topping the group after their 2-0 win over Togo in the first game encounter.

The Swiss seemed satisfied with Alexander Frei's first half strike -- the country's first World Cup goal in 12 years -- but a late goal by Tranquillo Barnetta gave them more relief. With a superior goal difference, Switzerland will make sure reaching the last 16 if they can hold last year's semifinalists South Korea to a draw in the last group encounter.

Group H came alive on Monday night with debutant Ukraine shrugging off their 4-0 loss to Spain with an identical scoreline against Saudi Arabia. After a pedestrian opening match, Andriy Shevchenko finally stamped his mark on the greatest show on earth by scoring and setting up a goal for Kalinichenko after Rusol and Rebrov caught goal-

keeper Mabrouk Zaid napping in the first half.

Under Oleg Blokhin, one of the greatest wingers of the game and the first footballer from the Soviet Union to play professional football in Europe, Ukraine perhaps erased any chances of premature exit. And the rousing reception the fans gave Sheva -- the AC Milan striker and European Player of the Year -- in Hamburg after leading the side from front was spontaneous. All they need now to stay in the tournament is a draw against Tunisia.

Spain, however, qualified for the knockout stage and how wonderfully they turned on the style against Tunisia in Stuttgart. The 'chokers', as the Spanish are always called in world football, seemed to resurface when Tunisia took an early lead.

But a masterstroke from coach Luis Aragones changed the complexion of the game with Raul's equaliser and a brace from Fernando Torres in the last 20 minutes in a come-from-behind 3-1 victory.

At the start, Spain looked like Real Madrid of recent times, especially in the defence, and a clumsy mid-pitch challenge by Carles Puyol let Jaziri free. The Tunisian midfielder sprinted into the rival area, and with him four Spanish defenders who were clueless and saw Jaziri send a square pass to the path of Mnari who tapped in after his first-time shot was blocked by Iker Casillas, arguably the best shot-stopper in the world.

Spain enjoyed two-third of the ball possession but the Africans kept the lead as Torres and David Villa fired blank and Xabi Alonso's header was cleared off the line by Ayara. Aragones, one of the oldest coaches in the tournament, read the signs and put aside emotion to replace two-goal Villa -- hero of the Ukraine game -- and the ineffective Luis Garcia with experience of Raul and the 19-year-old genius Cesc Fabregas.

The two combined for the first goal as the matured Raul, Spain's top scorer, slotted home after 40-year-old goalkeeper Ali Boumnijel partially stalled Fabregas's low drive.

Goal No. 2 was simply marvelous. Fabregas sliced the defence with a through for their own half, intended for Torres who at midpitch. The Atletico Madrid blond raced 40 yards diagonally, took the ball away from the onrushing Boumnijel with a deft first touch of the left-foot and found the empty net with a kick of the right foot. Only the youth can do it. The 22-year-old, however, did not need similar pace to convert a penalty and become the top scorer of the tournament with three goals.

Aragones's side, who now have extended their unbeaten run to 23 games in two years, proved they are real contenders. The world now waits to see how far the class of 2006 advance this time to get rid of the 'perennial underachievers' tag.

LEADING SCORERS

AFP, Berlin

World Cup leading scorers after two Group A games on Tuesday:

4 - Klose (Germany)  
3 - Fernando Torres (Spain)  
2 - Bosacki (Poland), Bravo (Mexico), T Cahill (Australia), Crespo (Argentina), Delgado (Ecuador), Maxi Rodriguez (Argentina), Rosicky (Czech Republic), C Tenorio (Ecuador), Villa (Spain), Wanchope (Costa Rica)

1 - Adriano (Brazil), Ahn Jung-hwan (South Korea), Al Jaber (Saudi Arabia), Al Kahtani (Saudi Arabia), Aloisi (Australia), Barnetta (Switzerland), Cambiasso (Argentina), Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal), Crouch (England), Deco (Portugal), Drogba (Ivory Coast), Fred (Brazil), Frei (Switzerland), Frings (Germany), Gerrard (England), Gilardino (Italy), Golmohammadi (Iran), R Gomez (Costa Rica), Gyan (Ghana), Henry (France), Iaquinata (Italy), Jaidi (Tunisia), Jaziri (Tunisia), Kaka (Brazil), Kalinichenko (Ukraine), Kaviedes (Ecuador), Koller (Czech Republic), B Kone (Ivory Coast), Lahm (Germany), Lee Chun-soo (South Korea), Ljungberg (Sweden), Messi (Argentina), Mnari (Tunisia), Mohamed Kader (Togo), Muntari (Ghana), Nakamura (Japan), Neuville (Germany), Park Ji-sung (South Korea), Pauleta (Portugal), Pirlo (Italy), Podolski (Germany), Raul (Spain), Rebrov (Ukraine), Robben (Netherlands), Rusol (Argentina), Saviola (Argentina), Shevchenko (Ukraine), Tevez (Argentina), Van Nistelrooy (Netherlands), Van Persie (Netherlands), Xabi Alonso (Spain), Zinha (Mexico)

The King

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Boumnijel from six yards out.

The goal took his record for Spain to 44 in 97 international appearances, but Raul was characteristically modest.

"It was very important for the team to get back on terms. It calmed us down and it says a lot for the team that we hung on in there and came back," he said.

It could however give Aragones a potential selection headache once the going gets tough in the second round after the final group match against Saudi Arabia on Friday.

So far Aragones has favoured Liverpool's Luis Garcia playing behind Torres and on-form Valencia striker David Villa, who finished the Primera Liga's second top goalscorer behind Samuel Eto'o of Barcelona last season, in a promising 4-3-3.

However despite creating plenty of chances in the first half against the sturdy north Africans, Tunisia's tough defensive tactics called for a change of plan.

Aragones admitted that Raul had provided the perfect answer to Tunisia's physical presence at the back.

Great expectations

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mean-spirited Argentine defence.

Robben led the Serbs a merry dance in the Netherlands' 1-0 win, scoring the only goal, and van Persie also scored after tormenting the Ivory Coast defence during the first-half.

Out-of-favour Manchester United striker van Nistelrooy agreed that the game had not been completely discredited with both sides having qualified for the last 16.

"There's still something to play for with being number one in the group and that can be an advantage," he said.

"Maybe players will be rested or left out if they have yellow cards, but we'll have to wait and see that the team will do in that game."

"We have to show we deserve to go all the way at this tournament."

Naved stands an outside chance

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan coach Bob Woolmer said pace bowler Navedul Hasan has an outside chance of playing on the England tour despite struggling with a groin injury.

Rana had been sent to England for fresh scans after he was advised to take six weeks' rest and possibly undergo surgery that would rule him out of the four-Test series in England starting next month.

"I spoke to Rana and he said he is much better. The specialist in London has given him one week's time to show some improvement," Woolmer told Reuters.

"If there is improvement then he has an outside chance of making the tour. If not then apparently he has to go in for a surgery which would rule him out for the tour."

Pakistan have already lost fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar to a stress fracture of the ankle and he has not been picked in the squad for the four Test matches, the first of which starts at Lord's on July 13.

Poland ride on

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in the World Cup opener, lined up for his swansong international appearance.

The leggy, long-striding Wanchope had banged in 45 goals in 71 matches for Los Ticos but there was to be no victorious farewell for the former Manchester City star.

Both teams opened the match cagily with Costa Rica having the first chance in the eighth minute, a left-footed free kick from Ronald Gomez cannoning off a defender for a corner.

There was little for the huge Polish support to get excited about with their laboured build-ups coming to nothing.

Costa Rica opened the scoring in the 25th minute after the best move of the game. Wanchope was impeded by Poland captain Jacek Bak on the edge of the box and dead-ball specialist Gomez hit the target from the resulting freekick.

His low shot sped through the gap left by several Costa Rica players vacating the wall and went under the legs of goalkeeper Artur Boruc who swung wildly at the ball.

Poland drew level in controversial circumstances in the 33rd minute. An unmarked Bosacki hit home a corner from Maciej Zurawski but Costa Rica 'keeper Jose Porras seemed to be tripped as he came out to intercept the cross.

It was the central defender's first goal for his country and Poland's opening strike of the 2006 World Cup.

Gomez was booked for protesting the goal with referee Shamsul Maidin of Singapore after the half-time whistle.

Poland started the second half brightly and took the lead from another corner in the 66th minute after Porras had saved a stinging shot from Jacek Krzynowek. Bosacki rose

above Wanchope to meet the inswinging corner at the back post and powered a header into the net. Wanchope had the ball in the net in the 81st minute for what would have been a dream equaliser in his last game but he was correctly ruled offside.

TEAMS

POLAND: Artur Boruc; Marcin Baszczynski, Jacek Bak, Bartosz Bosacki, Michal Zewlakow; Euzebiusz Smolarek (Grzegorz Rasiak 85), Arkadiusz Radomski (Mariusz Lewandowski 64), Miroslav Szymkowiak, Jacek Krzynowek; Ireneusz Jelen, Maciej Zurawski (Pawel Brozek 46).

Yellow card: Radomski (18), Bak (23), Zewlakow (29), Baszczynski (60)

COSTA RICA: Jose Porras; Jervis Drummond (Harold Wallace 70), Michael Umana, Luis Marin, Gabriel Badilla, Leonardo Gonzalez; Cristian Bolanos (Alvaro Saborio 78), Mauricio Solis, Walter Centeno, Ronald Gomez (Carlos Hernandez 82); Paulo Wanchope.

Yellow card: Umana (17), Marin (45+2), Gomez (45+3), Badilla (56), Gonzalez (76).

Referee: S Maidin (Singapore)  
Attendance: 43,000

Cambiasso full

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He ran virtually single-handedly through the England midfield and defence to score.

The 25-year-old Cambiasso, normally a ball winner, was playing out of position and should not even have been on the pitch, having come on as a substitute in the 17th minute for the injured Luis Gonzalez when the score was 1-0.

TV remains in Dhaka

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saying 'the people of Sylhet loves to do something for others'.

Gazi Md. Asaduzzaman Kabir, a 33-year-old civil service holder who lives in Demra, ran away with the second prize, a good-looking Toshiba refrigerator but Jynal Abedin, a 24-year-old Rajshahi University student, dashed Dhaka's hopes of a clean sweep of all the top prizes as he grabbed the third prize -- a Toshiba washing machine.

Much to the delight of the cheering crowd, there was a raffle draw for the audience who instantly won two canon cameras and five Toshin irons.

The lively ceremony, chaired by the Editor and Publisher of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam, was graced by Lt. col. (ret'd) Moklesur Rahman, general manager of sponsors Rangis Industries Limited, and a host of local elites -- Faruque Ahmed Mesbah, president of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Azizul Malik Chowdhury, vice-president of District Sports Association, Dewan Golam Rabbani Chowdhury, president of Sylhet District Bar Association, Abdul Hai Khan, former president of the bar association, Dr. Jamil Ahmed Chowdhury, registrar of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and Ranjit Das, a former national football and hockey player.

THE LUCKY WINNERS

FIRST PRIZE  
Afsana Islam  
451/1, West Rampura, Dhaka

SECOND PRIZE  
Gazi Md. Asaduzzaman Kabir



Sheva praises attack

INTERNET, undated

Ukraine striker Andriy Shevchenko praised his side's attack after the 4-0 thrashing of Saudi Arabia.

The Chelsea star was on target as his side banished memories of the 4-0 reverse against Spain.

"I'm very happy, but I'm more satisfied with the great performance of our attack," he said.

"We went into this game with a different mindset from the first match."

"The fact that it was our debut affected us, as did the extremely hot conditions for the Spanish game."

'Pressure is telling'

INTERNET, undated

President Luis Inacio "Lula" Da Silva believes the pressure of expectation has prevented Brazil from playing to their potential in the World Cup so far.

Silva spoke about the team's campaign during his weekly radio show. "Breakfast with the President", and admitted he was one of the many Brazilians who has been a little disappointed.

"We expect the players to improve their play game by game," he said.

"I think they are too focused on the wish to win the World Cup. The 2-0 victory (over Australia) was good, but we all expected a bit

234, Kutubkhali, Demra, Dhaka

THIRD PRIZE  
Jynal Abedin  
135, Zoha Hall, Rajshahi University, Rajshahi

FOURTH PRIZES  
Masudur Rahman  
295, West Manikdi, Dhaka  
Cantonment, Dhaka

Nipa  
Jajira, Shariatpur  
Monowara Begum  
22-k, Azimpur Colony, Dhaka

Ashraf Haider Chowdhury  
48/4, East Hajipara, Dhaka  
Nahid  
Upazilla Parishad Road, Jaldhaka,

Nilphamari  
Mujibor Rahman  
BG Press, Dhaka  
Rezaul Karim Mamun  
38/3, Banglabazar, Dhaka

Abdul Khaleque  
198/8, Nayatola, Magbazar, Dhaka  
Mohammad Ashiqur Rahman  
39/2, Central Basaboo, Dhaka

Roman  
Maya Manjeel, Pagla Nayamati, Narayanganj  
FIFTH PRIZES  
Salim

205/4, Fakirerpool, Dhaka  
Nanu Bhuiyan  
SEC, Jibanbima Tower, Dilkusha, Dhaka

Nadira Begum  
Easel Heaven, A-2, 63 Laxmibazar, Dhaka  
Mamunur Rashid  
Aliganj, Narayanganj

Rubel Hasan  
210, Nayatola, Magbazar, Dhaka  
Toslemuddin  
24-C-1, Golapbagh, Dhaka

Shohrab Hossain  
Feni Polytechnic, Feni

BITS AND BOBS

more.

"We expect more because Brazilian people always expect more."

"It is natural that we demand Brazil play better, score more goals and reach the final to become world champions."

However, Silva remains confident about Brazil's ability to go all the way.

"It's been a long time since I felt nervous about the way Brazil play."

"But whoever watched the match saw that there was an extra effort from the players."

Lets blame ourselves: Vieira

INTERNET, undated

France midfielder Patrick Vieira feels he and his players have no one to blame but themselves for the current slump.

France face a battle to qualify for the second round of the World Cup after being held to a 1-1 draw by South Korea on Sunday.

Vieira saw a header clearly cross the line in that match, but the 'goal' was not spotted by referee or linesman.

"I am not sure if the referee's position was good enough but there is nothing we can do about it now," he said.

"We have had things go for us on a number of occasions and now we have experienced the other side."

"The bottom line is we should

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