



## Did U Know?

The most appearances at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships is 35 by Britain's Arthur William Charles "Wentworth" Gore from 1888 to 1927.



### Diego Maradona

(Argentina soccer coach)  
"He has all the qualities I look for in a captain. He's the one that thinks the most, who has the spirit of sacrifice, is the most professional and has the ear of his teammates."

On Javier Mascherano.



### Neo Cricket

India v Australia  
Fourth Test, Day Three  
Live from 10:00am

### ESPN

English Premier League  
Arsenal v Man United  
Live from 6:40pm

West Ham v Sunderland  
Live from 8:55pm

### STAR Sports

English Premier League  
Wigan v Stoke City  
Live from 8:55pm

Liverpool v West Bromwich  
Live from 11:25pm

Primera Liga  
Barcelona v Valencia  
Live from 2:00am (Sunday)

### TEN Sports & ZEE Sports

ICL Twenty20  
Kolkata v Hyderabad  
Live from 8:00pm



### Full marks for Friends

SPORTS REPORTER

Mokhles and Sohel struck either side of the break to help Friends Social Welfare record a 2-1 win over Sadharan Bima in the Second Division Football League at the Bishreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday. Fazlul reduced the margin for Bima.

In the day's other match, Kamal and Shabinur snatched late equalisers as Little Friends bagged a point with a 2-2 draw against Gazirchot, who were leading 2-0 after 48 minutes with goals from Iban and Didarul.

### Barnak beat Wanderers

SPORTS REPORTER

Second half goals by Alamgir and Mithun ensured three points for Barnak Samaj in the Green Delta Metropolis First Division Hockey League with a 2-0 win against Dhaka wanderers yesterday.

Alamgir opened the scoring from a penalty corner in the 53rd minute while Mithun added the other two minutes later at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium.

## Pretty Potchefstroom hosts Tigers

### Cricket

SHIWJIT ROY in Potchefstroom

weather however didn't change the mind of the stand-in skipper Johan Botha as he did not hesitate to bat first on a placid wicket.

Here a cricket match means a picnic no matter who is playing against whom. Passing time by watching a cricket match is a great pastime for the people of the city, the home of Northwest cricket.

The Potchefstroom, the academic city hosting the Potchefstroom Campus of the North-West University, offers a very unique experience for the visitors as there is the Mooi River, a nature park, beautiful monuments and churches, a wild animal park, a bird sanctuary, a caravan park and of course the famous Senwes Park.

It's not your typical brick-built stadium rather the authority stuck to the natural beauty and the local community feels proud about the stadium and hardly miss the chance to watch international match here whenever the opportunity comes to their way. It was however not possible for the

authority to keep away from commercialization as they had to change the name of the stadium to the sponsor name from the previous name of Sedgars Park.

So far only eleven one-day internationals matches have been played in this venue and the last match was held way back in 2006.

This means that the cricket-loving people hardly have the chance to see their heroes in action and when the opportunity does come along at the picturesque Senwes Park, they grasp it with both hands.

The Bangladesh team however is quite well-known amongst the local fans as the Tigers have already previously played one Test and one one-day international at this venue in 2002. Both occasions however ended in humiliating defeats for the tourists.

Inspite of that, players like Mohammad Ashraful and Tamim Iqbal are very much popular in the city.

"I like Ashraful and especially

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## Old boys feel confident

### Booters leave tonight for Myanmar

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The national football team would not be short of confidence when they play in the 3rd Grand Royal Challenge Cup, which kicks off in Myanmar on November 11.

It seems that not winning a single international match in two and a half years' time has had long-standing effect on the players who eventually lost belief that they can really produce a fight against better teams. To add more woes to the wound, Bangladesh's intermittent presence in the international scene has hardly given them chance of recovery.

Although identical 1-0 losses to Mozambique and Myanmar and a 2-2 draw against eventual champions Vietnam won't count in the record book, this very performance in last month's Merdeka Cup in Malaysia has brought back some confidence into the booters.

Confidence could do many things and with the federation offering more support and facilities to the national team, the trip to

previously proved a happy hunting ground for the team, which won a four-national tournament in 1995 beating the home side in the final and finished runners-up in 2005.

However, the higher standard opponents do not make the 'old boys' of the side that fearful.

Playing well in the Merdeka Cup has given us a new life. Personally, I have regained the confidence that we can do well. I have seen this in the others, especially the young ones also," told veteran defender Rajani Kanta Barman during yesterday's training session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

"We were afraid of names like Mozambique when we were playing in Merdeka Cup. But the latter matches, especially the draw against Vietnam has really given us new hope. It is now established that if we play to our potential, we can do well, even we can beat Myanmar on their home front," added the former Bangladesh captain. "Moreover, this team look more disciplined than the past."

Skipper Matiur Munna, one of the old boys, also believes that

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### SQUAD

Goalkeepers: Aminul Haq, Biplob Bhattacharya.

Defenders: Aniful Islam, Mohammed Sujan (vice-captain), Rajani Kanta Barman, Nazul Islam, Mofazzel Hossain Sakat, Waly Faisal, Abuqu Rahman Mishu.

Midfielders: Arman Aziz, Enamul Haque Sharif, Matiur Munna (captain), Mamunul Islam, Zahid Hossain, Zahid Parvez.

Forwards: Alfaz Ahmed, Zahid Hasan Emily and Hedayatullah Robin.

Officials: Badal Roy (manager), Shafiqul Islam Manik (coach), Golam Rabbani Choton (assistant coach), Mahfuzullah Chisti (physician), Mohammed Mohsin (coaching staff).



PHOTO: STAR

The national footballers jog before yesterday's training session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on the eve of their departure for Myanmar to play in the 3rd Grand Royal Challenge Cup.

## Learn from Obama'

### Cricket

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan cricket coach Intikhab Alam urged his team to learn from Barack Obama's historic US presidential election victory, as they prepared for a three-match one-day series against the West Indies.

"I asked the team what the miracle of the century was, and someone rightly said it is Obama getting into the White House," the newly-appointed coach told reporters.

"He did it with focus and discipline and I hope the team also learn from this."

Alam was talking on the sidelines of the Pakistan team's short two-day training camp before taking on the West Indies in Abu Dhabi starting from Wednesday.

The former Pakistan skipper, who took over last month after Australian Geoff Lawson was

sacked, said the landslide victory of the Illinois senator had taught the world a big lesson.

"The world must get a lesson from Obama's win which got an African-American into the White House. That proves anything is possible and Pakistan can take inspiration from that," he added.

Pakistan cricket has suffered in recent years because of controversies ranging from doping and match-fixing to lack of discipline hitting on-field performances, despite the world-class players at the team's disposal.

"I don't think any cricketer is bigger than the game. I feel very sad about the decision but good luck to him," said Alam.

"Yousuf went without telling anyone. Whoever takes his place it is an opportunity for him. Our bench strength we are looking to build so it shouldn't be a problem."

"We will not miss him as much in one-dayers as we will do in Tests," he said.

The Pakistan team flies out to Abu Dhabi on Sunday.



PHOTO: AFP  
LOTS OF RUNS, LOTS OF WICKETS: Australia off-spinner Jason Krejza celebrates after taking the wicket of India's Amit Mishra (not in picture) on the second day of the fourth and final Test at the VCA Stadium in Nagpur on Friday. Krejza became the first bowler in 12 years to take eight wickets in a Test innings on debut.

## Lahore restrict Dhaka

STAR SPORTS MONITOR

Three wickets apiece from Naved-ul-Hasan and Saqlain Mushtaq restricted the Dhaka Warriors to 145-7 during their crunch ICL Twenty20 match against the Lahore Badshahs at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad yesterday.

The Warriors got off to a good start with opening pair Nazimuddin (20) and Shahriar Nafees (35) racking up 51 in just over 7 overs before the former became Saqlain's first victim.

Nafees and Aftab Ahmed (20) continued the good work but after both fell in quick succession, the middle-order failed to capitalise on the good start.

Star-man Alok Kapali became Saqlain's third victim, and after it was all downhill for the Warriors.

Only captain Habibul Bashar managed to put up some semblance of a fight, remaining unbeaten on 17 with one six.

All the other batsmen, were out trying to force the pace in the face of some disciplined Badshahs bowling.

Naved-ul-Hasan bowled a tight line and length to finish with the best figures of 3-18 off his 4 overs.

## Rajib drops points

SPORTS REPORTER

Enamul Hossain Rajib dropped valuable points in the sixth round of the 12th Bavarian Open International Chess Championship at Bad Wiessee in Germany when the Bangladeshi Grandmaster drew with Poland's GM Barbara Piotr on Thursday.

Rajib, who played with black pieces in Closed Ruy Lopez Vreyer Variation and maintained an unbeaten run, was on five points to share the second position along with 14 other players.

The Bangladeshi GM was pitted against Henrichs Thomas of Germany in the seventh round yesterday.

Local GM Alexander Naumann joined French GM Edouard Romain in the lead with 5.5 points after six rounds.

SA-BANGLADESH SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the South Africa innings in the first one-day international against Bangladesh at Senwes Park on Friday:

SOUTH AFRICA

Amla run out 35

Ontong c Razzak b Shakib 27

Kallis c Tamim b Nayem 50

De Villiers c Imrul b Nayem 35

Duminy lbw b Shakib 36

Boucher c Nayem b Mashrafe 8

Morkel not out 32

Botha c Razzak b Nayem 23

Louw b Rasel 23

Morkel not out 6

Extras: (lb-3, nb-2, w-3) 8

Total: (For 8 wkt/s in 50 overs) 283

Fall of wickets: 1-56, 2-66, 3-135, 4-165, 5-176, 6-208, 7-236, 8-270.

Bowler O M R W

Mashrafe 9 1 52 1

Rasel 10 0 56 1

Shakib 10 0 48 2

Razzak 10 0 60 3

Nayem 10 0 60 3

Zunaid 1 0 9 0

Did not bat: Steyn.

Umpires: Nigel Llong (Eng), Marais Erasmus (both RSA).

Match referee: Roshan Mahanama (Sri).

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