



## Did U Know?

The high jump method of jumping head first and landing on the back is called the Fosbury Flop.



**Matthew Hayden**  
(Former Australia opener)  
"Playing the World Twenty20 every other year is too much. And why have the Champions Trophy when you've already got a 50-over World Cup?"



**STAR Cricket**  
England v Australia  
Fifth Ashes Test, Day 5  
Live from 5:00pm  
**ESPN**  
English Premier League  
Liverpool v Aston Villa  
Live from 1:55am (Tuesday)

## Barrichello wins European GP

AFP, Valencia

Brazilian veteran Rubens Barrichello claimed an emotional 10th Formula One victory on Sunday when he drove his Brawn GP car through a perfectly-judged race in searing heat to win the European Grand Prix.

It was his first win this season and his first triumph in five years since the 2004 Chinese Grand Prix at Shanghai for Ferrari as well as a popular victory greeted with delight and tears in the paddock.

Barrichello's win lifted him from fourth to second in the drivers' championship standings.

Briton Jenson Button, his Brawn teammate, who was seventh, now leads with 72 points ahead of the Brazilian on 54 with Australian Mark Webber third on 51.5.

The 37-year-old driver from Sao Paulo came in ahead of defending drivers champion Lewis Hamilton in a McLaren and Finn Kimi Raikkonen for Ferrari at the Mediterranean street circuit

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## Chinese woman wins marathon

INTERNET, undated

China's Bai Xue, 20, became the youngest winner of the women's world marathon title at the World Athletics Championships in Berlin.

Bai pulled away from Japan's Yoshimi Ozaki to win in a modest time of two hours, 25 minutes and 15 seconds and become China's first female marathon world champion.

Aselefech Mergia of Ethiopia held on for bronze.

"It's only my second international marathon, so I'm so happy," said Bai, who ran her first marathon aged just 14.

"I didn't feel any pressure and I was very relaxed because I knew I had trained and prepared very well. When I came here I never thought that I had a chance of winning the gold medal."

But she admitted the absence of Radcliffe and Mikitenko took the shine off her performance.

"I was very lucky because a lot of the top runners were not here," she added.

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## Maruful vows trophies

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Coach Maruful Haq yesterday vowed to help Mohammedan SC bring home the season's all three trophies, but admitted to feeling the pressure to deliver the elusive B. League crown that the Black and Whites are yet to capture.

The Motijheel-based outfit have already assembled 12 national players including star striker Zahid Hasan Emily, star defender Wali Faisal, midfielder Mamunul Islam, Arman Aziz and number one goalkeeper Aminul Haq to deck up a star-studded squad in a bid to win the elusive professional football league title.

An unknown Maruful in his first assignment for the popular Motijheel-based outfit impressed all to lead

Mohammedan to two trophies the Federation Cup and the Taka-one-crore Super Cup -- but had to be satisfied finishing behind two-time champions Abahani in the B. League.

"It was no pressure for an unknown Maruful Haq after being assigned to coach Mohammedan in the last session, and it is me, who is taking the challenge this time too and promises to bring all the trophies home this season," Maruful told reporters on the day of players' reporting at the club tent.

"Winning the B. League title will be the main challenge for me and I feel a bit of pressure to make them champions in the professional football league. I think I will be successful this time," said the coach.

Maruful thinks the players Mohammedan had signed up were really good performers in

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Jamaican super sprinter Usain Bolt (2nd from L) celebrates the 4x100m gold, his third in the meet, along with teammates Asafa Powell (L), Michael Frater and Steve Mullings at the IAAF Athletics World Championships in Berlin on Saturday. Bolt had earlier won both the 100m and 200m with world record timing.

PHOTO: AFP

## Australia struggling

Cricket

AFP, London

Andrew Flintoff marked his final Test before retirement with the dismissal of Australia captain Ricky Ponting as England pressed for an Ashes-clinching victory with two run-outs here at the Oval.

Australia, at tea on the fourth day of the fifth and final Test, were 265 for five -- still needing a further 281 runs to reach their record victory target of 546.

Michael Hussey was 77 not out and Brad Haddin 10 not out in a match where a win for either side would give them the series 2-1.

Ponting, one of cricket's greatest batsmen, and Hussey, out for nought in the first innings, had frustrated England with a third-wicket stand of 127 that raised hopes of an improbable victory.

But Flintoff then struck in unlikely fashion.

Hussey called Ponting for a single off Stephen Harmison but Flintoff, running round from mid-on, threw down the stumps at the striker's end and Ponting was short of his

ground by a foot.

Ponting, in what could be his final Ashes Test in England, had to go for 66, having stroked 10 stylish fours in his 103-ball stay after he and left-hander Hussey had revived Australia from the depths of 90 for two.

Five balls later, England were celebrating another, more unlikely, run-out.

Michael Clarke, Australia's leading batsman this series, clipped a ball from off-spinner Graeme Swann that deflected off the boot of Alastair Cook at short leg to England captain Andrew Strauss at leg-slip, who hit the stumps with a sharp under-arm throw. This was a much tighter call for third umpire Peter Hartley but he eventually ruled the ball was in the air with Clarke's bat still to be grounded over the crease.

Clarke was out for nought and Australia, who'd lost two wickets for three runs in six balls, were now 220 for four.

And they could have been five down had not normally reliable slip fielder Paul Collingwood dropped Hussey, on 55, off Swann.

But Australia were 236 for five when Marcus North, trying to sweep Swann, was smartly stumped by wicket-keeper Matt Prior.

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PHOTO: AFP

**CRUCIAL BLOW:** Australia captain Ricky Ponting (L) is short of his ground as a throw by England's Andrew Flintoff (not in picture) dislodges bails on the fourth day of the fifth and final Ashes Test at The Oval yesterday.

## Trott's dream comes true

Cricket

AFP, London

Jonathan Trott said he'd exceeded his own expectations after making a century on Test debut as England strengthened their grip on the Ashes finale at The Oval.

Trott's 119 was the cornerstone of England's second innings 373 for nine declared on Saturday's third day of a fifth Test where a win would see the hosts regain the Ashes from Australia with a 2-1 series triumph.

Australia, left needing to make a record 546 for victory, were 80 without loss at stumps.

South Africa born Trott, who made 41 in the first innings, had been thrown in at the deep end by the England selectors after coming in for the dropped Ravi Bopara.

But the 28-year-old responded to the pressure in superb style and shared a valuable partnership of 118 with England captain Andrew Strauss after England had been 39 for three when the Warwickshire batsman came to the crease.

"At the start of the game the win was the most important thing and it still is," Trott, the 18th England batsman to make a century on debut, told reporters after stumps.

"A personal achievement was an added

bonus. I like to think I have contributed and we will have a good day tomorrow (Sunday)."

Trott reinforced his case for a Test call ahead of last week's squad announcement with 121 for Warwickshire, whose cricket director Ashley Giles is also an England selector, against Nottinghamshire.

That was his fourth first-class hundred of the season and took his overall tally to 1,046 runs at an average of 80.46.

But he said a big plus in his innings on Saturday had been the form of the England batsmen around him, with the likes of the free-scoring Graeme Swann (63) doing their best to ease the pressure.

"The guys coming in made it a lot easier for me, they played their natural games. I just ground it out. It wasn't easy but I stuck in there," Trott said.

Trott had previously played international cricket at Twenty20 level for England two years ago without much success.

However, he returned to county cricket determined to up his game.

"I worked with Ashley Giles to get my game in shape. I tried to be consistent in county cricket and knock on the door so I was in the best form and in the best mental state to succeed (at Test level)."

Trott added: "I'm truly honoured to be

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## GM chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Indian GM Dibyendu Barua joined the top with hosts' GM Reefat Bin Sattar at the end of the fourth round in the 9th United Insurance & United Leasing Grandmasters Chess tournament at the National Sports Council conference room yesterday.

After three consecutive wins, Reefat drew with the highest rated player, Georgian GM Mikheil Mchedlishvili, in the day's round to earn 3.5 points.

Indian Barua, who also drew with Mikheil in the previous round, defeated GM Abdullah Al Rakib to join the top with Reefat with also three and half point from four outings.

Five players -- GM Mikheil, Georgian GM Merab Gagunashvili, Igors Rausis of Czech Republic, GM Rustam Khushnudinov of Kazakhstan and Indian GM Neelotpal Das -- were jointly in the second position with three points each.

In day's round, Neelotpal drew with Gagunashvili, Rausis drew with Khushnudinov, FM Minhazuddin Ahmed beat Jamal Uddin, Vinoth Kumar beat Sharmin Sultana Shirin and Badriral Nepali drew with Tandukar Naveen.

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## Div-I football

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A hat-trick from Salahuddin Rubel steered Nabajagaran Sangsad to an emphatic 3-0 win over Dautia Bulbul Club in the Hafijul Islam Khan Uttu Smriti First Division League at Shahid Miraz-Tapan Stadium in Manikganj yesterday.

Rubel put Nabajagaran ahead in the 38th minute before doubling the margin in the 67th minute. Rubel completed his hat-trick 12 minutes from time.

## Magura welcomes golden boy

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Tigers captain Shakib Al Hasan was given a warm reception on his arrival at his hometown Magura yesterday after historic triumph in West Indies and Zimbabwe.

All-rounder Shakib Al Hasan led the Tigers from the front to set an unprecedented record on foreign soil. The Tigers completed a Test and ODI series whitewash against West Indies before swatting aside the Zimbabwe side 4-1 in the ODIs.

The district sports association in collaboration with the district civil administration arranged the reception to welcome Shakib, whom deputy commissioner of Magura received near Garai Bridge, some 15 km off the town, followed by a parade in a large motorcade.

Magura DSA officials, local

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## KENYA TRUMP ETHIOPIA

## Another Bolt gold

AFP, Berlin



Usain Bolt bagged his third gold medal of the World Athletics Championships on Saturday when Jamaica stormed to the men's 4x100m relay title.

"Winning three gold medals in Berlin is wonderful. I'm proud of myself," said Bolt, who has this week also shattered his own world records in winning the 100m (9.58sec) and 200m (19.19sec) to replicate his Beijing Olympics medal haul.

The Jamaican, who turned 23 on Friday, played down any suggestion that he was the "saviour" of athletics.

"I don't know. For me it's not hard to do what I did because I am just trying to be myself," he said.

"And it's fun. But I don't think I'm a legend yet by any stretch of the imagination. Year after year, I have to become champion and cham-

pion again."

Bolt ran the third leg of the Jamaican relay effort.

Steve Mullings, a 200m specialist, was the anchor man, handing on to Michael Frater, with former world record holder and current 100m bronze medallist Asafa Powell the sprinter entrusted with the final leg.

Bolt, however, failed to completely demonstrate his explosive power around the bend despite the roars of a packed Olympic Stadium, and his handover to Powell almost went awry when he just avoided running into his teammate.

"With regards to not getting the world record, that is down to me as I am tired. I was in better shape in Beijing as I am dying now," acknowledged Bolt.

The Jamaican foursome nevertheless set a championship record time of 37.31sec ahead of Trinidad and Tobago (37.62) with Britain claiming bronze (38.02).

In more glory for the Caribbean sprinters,

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## Dan gets selection role

Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

In a move that could radically change how cricket teams are selected, New Zealand Cricket has formally appointed captain Daniel Vettori and coach Andy Moles as national selectors. With voting rights given to them, Vettori and Moles will now have a powerful say in selection matters, along with the two other voting members on the panel, Glenn Turner and Mark Greatbatch.

Justin Vaughan, the New Zealand Cricket chief executive, said the new make-up of the panel was "innovative but consistent" with the way the board had been operating.

This is indeed a unique state of affairs: captains and coaches are consulted in other countries when it comes to selections -- and most attend selection meetings -- but this is the first time they have been given voting rights. When

Moles first took over from John Bracewell he had wished to not be involved in the selection process. However, just after India's tour of New Zealand, he said he wanted to be on the panel to make sure "my views and the captain's views are taken into consideration so we get the balanced side to win games of cricket".

Greatbatch, who was a non-voting advisor, takes on selection duties while John Wright, on the shortlist for Kolkata Knight Riders' coaching job, will be the non-voting advisor and concentrate on his work as the high-performance coach. In other development, Dion Nash has stepped down from the panel because of personal commitments.

Vaughan said after the new appointment: "Andy and Dan see and work with our leading players constantly, and are directly accountable for team performance. Therefore we believe it is important they have a formal input into the selection process. Both captain and coach currently form our 'on-tour' selection

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PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh captain Shakib Al Hasan is greeted by hundreds of fans as he parades through the streets of his hometown in Magura yesterday. Shakib led Bangladesh to series victories in the West Indies and Zimbabwe.