



## Did U Know?

The winner of record Olympic gold medals was Raymond Ewry. The American set the absolute Games record by winning 10 golds in 1900, 1904, 1906 and 1908. And the most gold medals won by a woman is four, by Fanny Blankers-Koen of the Netherlands.



**Alec Stewart**  
(England cricketer)  
"People have written me off, but I've enjoyed my career and hope there's a few more games left in me yet."



## ESPN

Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
Repeat at 10:00 am  
New Zealand vs India  
Fourth ODI,  
Repeat at 10:30 am  
**ATP Tour World Series**  
Tata Open, Semifinals  
**Live at 5:30 pm**  
English Premier Football League  
Man United vs Sunderland  
Repeat at 8:30 pm  
**STAR Sports**  
**Australia vs England**  
Fifth Test, Day Four  
**Live at 5:57 am**  
**South Africa vs Pakistan**  
Second Test, Day Four  
**Live at 2:25 pm**  
**Primera Liga**  
Real Madrid vs Valencia  
**Live at 1:30 am (Monday)**

**Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 18**  
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Competition closes at 8 pm  
Jan 10, 2003 and draw  
shortly afterwards

- Who lifted Div I chess title?  
Titus Club | Biman | Ansars
- Who won Reuters' sportsman of 2002 award?  
Hinglis | Serena | Jones
- Who won the man-of-the-match award in the second and final Test between Bangladesh and West Indies?  
Jacobs | Kapali | Mashud
- Who won 2002 FIFA World Player of the Year award?  
Owen | Ronaldo | Carlos
- Who clinched World Squash Open title?  
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## New Zealanders not complacent

AFP, Queenstown  
New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming said Saturday his team was in no mood to relax despite wrapping up the one-day series against India.  
"We are in no mood to let up," Fleming said after leading his team to a seven-wicket victory over India in the fourth one-day international for an unbeatable 4-0 lead in the seven-match series.  
"We want to go to South Africa (for next month's World Cup) in good form."

# Kanon must go

## Fresh crisis in football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh football faced a fresh crisis yesterday with the national players demanding the removal of manager Sayeed Hasan Kanon.

The players' revolt only a week before the SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Championship served a blow to Bangladesh's bid to win the regional event, which will begin in Dhaka on January 10.

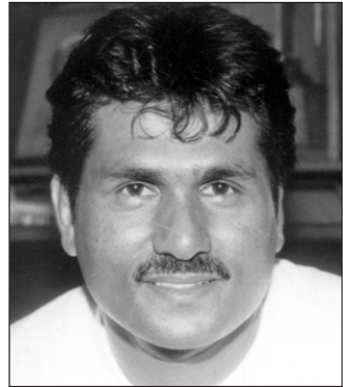
The booters led by captain Rajani Kanta Baram submitted a memorandum to BFF president SA Sultan in the afternoon that described Kanon as a highly arrogant and a person of questionable character.

All the 21 booters who returned home on Friday after winning an invitational tournament in Bhutan signed the memorandum. They also alleged that the manager did not pay their allowances and even failed to supply them their boots even two months after the requisition.

"He swore at us in every match for no good reasons. Of course, it has damaged our relationship with him. We can even say that we have lost our respect for him," said a dejected Rajani.

"It was very sad that a person like Kanon Bhai who represented the country at the highest level did not even allow us to have a simple celebration party (in Bhutan) on the 31st night for a mere 7000 rupees," said the Bangladesh captain.

Kanon however defended his



SAYEED HASAN KANON

action by saying that he did deem it necessary to waste money and attend a party where the mood was not appropriate.

Regarding the allowance, the former national custodian said that he did not get the money for such

expenditure.

"I have not got any money for players' DA (daily allowance). But I have distributed the winner's prize money of 45000 rupees and my share of 600 USD to all the players," said Kanon.

A manager for every tour since his first assignment with the Bangladesh Under-15 team in February last year, Kanon however admitted that it took more time than expected to buy the boots.

BFF president SA Sultan meanwhile appeared confident to settle the issue amicably so that the prevailing relationship between players and manager does not affect Bangladesh's campaign for the eight-team SAFF Championship.

"This situation is not unexpected in a team. I have already talked with the players and the manager. I believe that it would be solved in a couple of days," hoped Sultan.

While Sultan has his plate full of problems ahead of the biggest football show of this region, Bangladesh coach George Kottan wasted no time to blast BFF for

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# Record teams in schools cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The 21st National Schools Cricket Championship has got underway with a record number of teams taking part.

The traditional event for the beginners, which had already begun on December 17, has attracted 930 educational institutions and as well as involving 58 districts this year.

The figure is up by 18 in terms of participation. The popular event was introduced by KZ Islam way back in 1982.

This year Rajshahi Division boasts the highest 220 participants while the number in Dhaka Metropolis has also increased from 110 to 120 schools.

Riazuddin Al Mamun, an advisor of the Bangladesh Cricket Board, made the disclosure at press briefing yesterday.

David Fletcher, the chief executive officer of sponsors Standard

Chartered Bank Bangladesh, was also present at the briefing.

The reputed bank has been patronising the meet for the last five years. And for this year's tournament they have pledged twenty lakh taka.

Dhaka zone matches will however start on January 6 and the matches will be held at five different venues. They are -- Mirpur Outer Stadium, East End Club ground, Uttara Friends Club ground, City Club ground and Kalindi ground.

Like previous years it will be a 35-over-contest in the first round. Two schools from Dhaka, Rajshahi, Chittagong and Khulna will be joined by the winners from Sylhet and Barisal in the final round. While Dhaka Mahanagar will provide four teams as usual for the final phase.

Defending champions BKSP and runners-up Comilla High School are the automatic qualifiers in the 16-team final.



PHOTO: STAR  
David Fletcher, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Bank, briefs newsmen about the National School Cricket Championship at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

# Prime Bank chess Aminul, Parag joint champs

SPORT REPORTER

Khondakar Aminul Islam of Bangladesh Ansars and national junior champion Mehdi Hasan Parag of Titas Club became joint unbeaten champions in the Prime Bank Fifth International Rating Chess tournament at the NSC Auditorium yesterday.

Both of them earned seven points.

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman finished third with seven points. Arman Monir of Titas and International Women's Master Rani Hamid of Bangladesh Biman secured the fourth place with each capturing 6.5 points.

In the last round, Aminul beat Taibur Rahman, Parag beat Saifuddin Lavlu, Zia beat Zaker, Arman beat Mainu, Rani beat Monir, Reza beat Mithu, Alam beat Ariful, Debaraj beat Hanif, Rouf beat Alamgir, Sohail beat Bahar and Imon beat Kazal.

The prize distribution ceremony

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# BKSP Int'l Tennis Chinese Taipei clean sweep

UNB, Dhaka

Chinese Taipei won all the titles in the BKSP International Junior Tennis Championship at BKSP yesterday.

In the girls' singles, Ting Wen Wang emerged champion defeating Sifat Nusrat Baishakhi of Bangladesh 6-0, 6-0 while Tai Wei Liw beat Indian Sanam K Singh 6-4, 6-1 to clinch the boys' singles title.

Wang Ting Wen and Chen Yi Fang

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# Pakistan follow on

Cricket

AFP, Cape Town

Pakistan were forced to follow on for the second match in succession after losing their last six first innings wickets for 12 runs on the third day of the second Test on Saturday.

Pakistan were nine for one at tea, still 359 short of avoiding an innings defeat, after they were bowled out for 252 in reply to South Africa's 620 for seven declared at Newlands.

Makhaya Ntini took four wickets for 10 runs with the second new ball as Pakistan's resistance crumbled. South African captain Shaun Pollock had a spell of two for two. Ntini finished with four for 62 and Pollock with four for 45.

Ntini struck again in the second over of the follow-on innings when Salim Elahi top-edged an attempted pull to midwicket before a run had been scored.

Pakistan, beaten by ten wickets in the first Test in Durban, could have been in worse trouble if first innings century-maker Taufeeq Umar had been caught off the first ball of the second innings.

Umar, who made 135 in the first innings, edged Pollock low to third slip but a diving Boeta Dippenaar could not hold a sharp chance and Umar survived to bat into the afternoon.

The left-handed 21-year-old Umar had made his third century and his highest score in 13 Tests in that first innings burst but it was his dismissal that sparked the sensational collapse among his colleagues.

Having survived from the start of the innings, he fell to the ninth delivery with the second new ball when he edged Ntini low to second slip, where Jacques Kallis held a diving catch. Umar batted for 344



UMAR ... 1st innings ton

minutes and faced 253 balls, hitting 20 fours and a six.

The rest of the batting offered almost no resistance. Kamran Akmal was leg before to Pollock for nought before Faisal Iqbal swung

across the line and was bowled by Ntini for 24.

The last five Pakistani batsmen made just one run between them.

That Pakistan would be batting again by tea seemed unlikely when Umar and Inzamam-ul-Haq batted confidently following the dismissal of Younis Khan, who was trapped leg before by Pollock for 46 in the eighth over of the day.

Umar and Inzamam put on 56 for the third wicket before Mornantau Hayward took two wickets in two balls shortly before lunch. Inzamam, who survived a diving chance to Neil McKenzie at gully off Makhaya Ntini when he had nine, went to 32 before he hooked Hayward to Dippenaar on the square leg boundary.

Hayward achieved a double breakthrough when Yousof Youhana pushed outside off stump and was caught behind off the first ball he faced.

Umar continued from his over-night 85 without any major alarms, although he was beaten on 99 when a ball from Pollock seamed past the outside edge of his bat.

He century came after batting for 252 minutes during which he had faced 176 balls and hit 16 fours and a six. His score eclipsed his previous highest Test score of 111 made against Zimbabwe last year earlier this season.

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PHOTO: STAR  
World Cup-bound cricket team members (L-R) Mohammad Rafique, Sanwar Hossain, Khaled Mashud, Monjurul Islam and Habibul Bashar stretch during a practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

# Adams abases India

Cricket

AFP, Queenstown

Andre Adams made a dream five-wicket comeback as New Zealand crushed India by seven wickets in the fourth one-day international here on Saturday to gain a winning 4-0 lead in the series.

The 27-year-old seamer, out of international cricket for eight months due to a back injury, finished with 5-22 to help his team bundle India out for 122 in the maiden one-day international at the John Davies Oval.

The total was too small to put pressure on New Zealand, who romped home with 24.2 overs to spare to extend India's miserable run on the tour.

India had already lost both of their Tests before being thrashed in the fourth successive one-dayer of the ongoing seven-match series.

Skipper Stephen Fleming drove home the advantage given by Adams with a solid 47, his best in four matches against the tourists.

He hit five fours and a hooked six off paceman Ajit Agarkar in his 59-ball knock before being caught in the slips to become paceman Javagal Srinath's one of the three victims.

Fleming's 73-run stand for the second wicket with Mathew Sinclair (32 not out) ensured an easy New Zealand win in a low-scoring game.

Scott Styris finished the one-sided contest in overcast conditions when he cut Srinath for the winning two runs.

New Zealand were indebted to Adams for wrapping up the series as the seamer returned the second-best figures by a New Zealander in one-dayers after Styris' 6-25 against the West Indies at Port-of-Spain last year.

Adams' figures were also the best by a New Zealander against India in 65 one-dayers.

He plotted a dramatic Indian collapse on a good batting pitch as he wrecked the top order in his incisive opening six-over spell, grabbing the first four wickets for 18 runs.

India never recovered from these

blows and were all out in the 44th over, failing to bat their full quota of 50 overs in the fourth successive match.

Yuvraj Singh top-scored with a 61-ball 25 as India managed to avoid their lowest-ever total of 108 against New Zealand, scored twice in the previous three games.

India reshuffled their batting order in the must-win game, but only to see their batsmen repeat the same old mistakes against a disciplined seam attack.

They went into the game with a specialist wicket-keeper, debutant Parthiv Patel, and without a spinner as they packed their team with four seamers for the first time in the series.

But nothing worked for India whose stroke-happy batsmen yet again failed to put enough runs on the board.

Virender Sehwag (23), Dinesh Mongia (12), Mohammad Kaif (0) and skipper Sourav Ganguly (2) all fell playing one stroke too many.

The procession began after Sehwag's dismissal as India slipped

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# Prep cricket match today

SPORTS REPORTER

The national team, now preparing for the 2003 Cricket World Cup, will play an exhibition limited-overs match against a combined National League selection at the BKSP ground today.

But young paceman Mashrafebin Murtaza will not be playing in the match because of a stomach upset. The sensational 18-year-old quickie also did not turn up in the nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Mashrafee has been absent from the national team for nearly a year due to multiple injury.

# Pollock stands by Zimbabwe

REUTERS, Cape Town

South African captain Shaun Pollock has said he would like to see the matches scheduled to be played in Zimbabwe during the World Cup to go ahead next month.

Speaking after the second day of the second test against Pakistan at Newlands, Pollock said: "I think the World Cup is a special occasion and it would be disappointing if it was spoilt by issues off the field."

"Obviously it would be nice for all the three countries (South Africa, Kenya and Zimbabwe) involved to be able to host the games."

"You can understand some of the teams not wanting to play because they respect their governments' view points, which is obviously their decision to make."

"But from my point of view it would just be disappointing if that sort of thing disrupted the World Cup."

Several English politicians have called for their team to boycott their match against Zimbabwe in Harare on February 13 in opposition to the Robert Mugabe regime.

The Australian government has also expressed strong reservations about playing in Zimbabwe.

India and Pakistan, the other two leading sides scheduled to play in Zimbabwe, have said that they will go ahead with the fixtures.

Zimbabwe are scheduled to host six games during the tournament from February 9 to March 23. They will also play against Namibia and the Netherlands.



PHOTO: AFP  
MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: New Zealand's Andre Adams (2nd from R) is the toast of his teammates after he took one of his five India wickets during the fourth one-day international at Queenstown yesterday.

# Waugh watched by two million

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

Michael Vaughan took over as the Ashes series leading run-scorer to put England well on the road to beating Australia for the first time this summer in the final Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday.

The Australian captain scored a record-equaling 29th century off the last ball of the second day's play at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday.

Channel Nine said that as Waugh moved towards his emotional century, 2,180,090 viewers watched the network's coverage of the match across the five mainland capital cities.

Waugh's 29th Test hundred equalled Donald Bradman's Australian record, while the Australian skipper also became the third player to pass 10,000 Test runs.

# Vaughan leads Eng way

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

nudged past England's first innings 362 total by one run.

At the close of the third day, Vaughan and skipper Nasser Hussain (34 not out) were having few problems at 218 for two -- a lead of 217 runs with eight wickets intact and two days to play.

Australian vice-captain Adam Gilchrist said his teammates sensed a challenge looming over the remaining two days.

"The team senses that it has a real fight on its hands, we haven't been in this position for maybe two or three years," Gilchrist said. "In this type of scenario where it's mounting up to a really big challenge on the last day the guys realise it's going to take a lot of fight and determination to win."

The highest winning score at the SCG is 276 for four set over a century ago which Australia scored to

beat England by six wickets. Hussain's team were on course to get well past that historical high-water mark sometime early Sunday.

Vaughan, out for a seven-ball duck in the first innings, took part-time bowler Damien Martyn off his pads for four for his eighth Test ton in his last 12 Tests. It came off 147 balls with 14 fours and a six.

He had his only life on 102 when he was put down by Justin Langer at mid-wicket off Martyn.

At the close, 28-year-old Vaughan had batted for four hours for his unfinished century off 182 balls with 16 boundaries and a six.

Vaughan's opening partner Marcus Trescothick gave Brett Lee his 100th wicket in his 27th Test when he played on to his stumps when he was on 22 in the sixth over.

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