



## Did U Know?

The longest ski jump ever officially recorded in the finals of a World Cup event is 704 feet. Martin Scmitt of Germany had that huge hop in Slovenia in 1999. His first jump had been measured at 718 feet, but he fell in the end and missed that feat.



## What to Watch

**ESPN**  
Primera Liga  
Deportivo La Coruna vs Celta De Vigo  
Same Day Delay at 9:00 am  
English Premier Football League  
Newcastle United vs Liverpool  
Repeat at 11:00 am

Man United vs Sunderland  
Repeat at 3:30 pm  
**Sportscentre Hindi**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm

Western Union World Football  
Repeat at 9:00 pm  
**STAR Sports**  
Australia vs England  
Fifth Test, Day Five  
Live at 5:57 am  
Asia Sport Show  
Int'l Sports News  
Repeat at 1:00 pm  
**Sportsline Tonight**  
Sport News



**Joan Gaspart**  
(Barcelona president)  
"Everything at Football Club Barcelona works fine except the football team."

### Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 18

Tick the correct answers, Post to The Daily Star

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' sportswoman 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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## Schools cricket

**OUR CORRESPONDENT,**  
Patuakhali  
Town Hall High School recorded an 83-run win over Laukathi Shahid Smriti Bidyanikaton in the opening match of the Standard Chartered 21st National Schools Cricket Championship at the local Stadium on Sunday.  
Battling first, Town Hall boys scored 194 for five in the stipulated 35 overs with Belal notching an unbeaten 72.  
Laukathi Bidyanikaton, in their chase, were bundled out for 111.

## BFF hopeful to fix players' revolt

### Maldives, SL due today



#### SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) hopes to fix the national players' revolt before the camp starts at the BKSP in the afternoon today.  
Bangladesh booters revolted on Saturday by demanding removal of manager Sayeed Hasan Kanon immediately. But team leader and BFF member Shawkat Ali Khan Jahangir said he would sit with both parties after lunch at BKSP and try to solve the matter as quickly as possible for the interest of the country.  
"I think it's a simple case of misunderstanding between the players and the manager over how to celebrate the 31st night in Bhutan. I will sit with the players tomorrow (Monday) once they join the BKSP camp and hopefully the

matter will be solved then," hoped Jahangir at press briefing yesterday.  
On their return from an invitational tournament in Bhutan, twenty-one footballers, led by captain Rajani Kanta Barman, submitted a memorandum to BFF president SA Sultan on Saturday that described Kanon as a highly arrogant and a person of questionable character.  
The press conference, chaired by BFF assistant general secretary and organising committee secretary Badal Roy, was held to inform the press about the day to day progress of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship that begins at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on January 10.  
Badal Roy meanwhile said the federation was ready to do whatever required to make sure the players kick off their SAFF campaign with high morale.  
But neither Jahangir nor Badal could say what they would do if the

players do not accept anything other than the removal of Kanon, the former national custodian.  
Interestingly, BFF is learnt to have been actively thinking of appointing Mohammedan football manager Amirul Islam Babu as assistant to Kanon. Babu was called in by the BFF president at his Bangabandhu National Stadium's office yesterday.  
Meanwhile, Bhutan will be the first team to arrive in the morning today. They have already reached Burimari border check post and are scheduled to start off for Dhaka by bus.  
Sri Lanka will also arrive in the city in the afternoon.  
Both teams will stay at the Grand Azad Hotel for two days before they check in the SAFF village at Hotel Sheraton on January 8. Maldives will arrive tomorrow and stay at the Grand Azad Hotel for a night.

## SAFF CHIPS

### India in injury abyss

#### SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh bound Indian national football team, already without star man Baichung Bhutia, suffered more injury blows as three potential first team members pulled out from their camp in Kolkata for the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship on Thursday.  
The three are central defenders Dipak Mandal and Mahesh Gauly and midfielder Tomba Singh.  
According to Internet reports, the Indian football coach Stephen Constantine, already in dire straits after losing the four key players who were instrumental in recording two wins in the Busan Asian Games last September, called up defenders Arun Malhotra of East Bengal and Covan Lawrence of Goa Salgaoker and midfielder Basudev Mandal of East Bengal replacements. Basudev has joined the camp last Friday but the others were yet to report because of club commitments.  
The Indian camp for the SAFF Championship started last week without their prolific striker Bhutia who is yet to recover from a muscle injury he suffered while playing in the Indian National League last month.  
Veteran striker IM Vijayan has replaced Bhutia for the eight-nation SAFF tournament that begins at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in Dhaka from January 10 to 20.  
Placed in Group A for the first round, India, the defending champions, will face their bitter rivals Pakistan in the opening match at 4:45 pm on Friday.  
Meanwhile, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Friday has named Mahindra United stopper



**A DIFFERENT ENAMUL:** National cricketer Enamul Hoque runs to square leg after fixing the balls during the limited-overs practice match yesterday. The veteran left-arm spinner was recently dropped from the World Cup squad.

## Cute Nat'l H'ball

**OUR CORRESPONDENT,**  
Patuakhali  
Sheikh Russel Smriti Sangsard recorded a 4-1 win against North Bengal Jubo Sangsard in the Cute National Handball League at the Old Basketball ground here on Sunday.  
While Sheikh Russel struggled in the first match, Antaranga Sangsard ambled past Farhad Smriti Sangsard

## Nat'l cricket resumes today

#### SPORTS REPORTER

The Ispahani Mirzapore 4th National League resumes today after a two-day break with defending champions Dhaka taking on Chittagong in a crucial match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.  
While Chittagong, who are leading the table with 14 points, need only a draw to cement their place in the final, Dhaka must secure an outright victory to stay alive in the title race. Dhaka have so far collected eight points from three games.  
Although Dhaka played one match less than Chittagong, they are facing a real challenge from Khulna, who are now strongly placed with 10 points from four games.  
Sylhet and Barisal will play the other match at the Fatullah Stadium. But the battle of the bottom two is of only academic interest. Sylhet and Barisal are yet to open their accounts in the four-day competition.  
Sylhet have however kept their hope alive in the one-day version of the competition with four points from three matches.

POINTS TABLE						
Four-day	M	W	D	L	2pts	Total pts
Chittagong	4	3	1	0	1	14
Khulna	4	2	2	0	1	10
Dhaka	3	2	1	0	0	8
Rajshahi	4	2	0	2	0	8
Sylhet	3	0	0	3	0	0
Barisal	4	0	0	4	0	0
One-day	M	W	L	Points		
Dhaka	3	3	0	6		
Khulna	4	3	1	6		
Sylhet	3	2	1	4		
Rajshahi	4	2	2	4		
Chittagong	4	1	3	2		
Barisal	4	0	4	0		

## Amazing Angel

**AFP, Perth**  
Veteran Western Australian fast bowler Jo Angel became only the second player to take 400 wickets in Sheffield Shield history as he captured a career-best six for 35 against Queensland here Sunday.  
Angel's hostile performance at the WACA Ground enabled his side to dismiss Queensland for 151 in the first innings - 44 ahead of the home team's paltry 107.  
In their second innings, Western Australia were again on the back foot, going to stumps at 170 for seven wickets, an overall lead of 126 after two days of play.  
Only Marcus North (50), Murray Goodwin and Kade Harvey (32 each) made any headway against a spirited Queensland attack, for

## Proteas Test kings

**AFP, Cape Town**  
South Africa secured the International Cricket Council's World Test Championship when they completed an innings and 142 runs win over Pakistan on the fourth day of the second and final Test at Newlands Sunday.  
South Africa won the series 2-0, taking them ahead of Australia on points average on the ICC log.  
Fast bowler Makhaya Ntini ensured an early finish after Pakistan started the day on 184 for five, still 184 short of South Africa's first innings total of 620 for seven.  
Ntini, who was named man-of-the-match, took two wickets in the first five overs of the day, trapping Kamran Akmal leg before for four before having Faisal Iqbal, Pakistan's last recognised batsman, caught at first slip by South African captain Shaun Pollock.  
Mornantau Hayward had Pakistan captain Waqar Younis leg

before when Waqar went back on his stumps to the fast bowler.  
Pakistan's woes in what was a dismal tour were epitomised when Saqlain Mushtaq was run out after a mid-pitch mix-up with Mohammad Sami. Gary Kirsten fielded at midwicket and threw in to wicketkeeper Mark Boucher, who had plenty of time to lob the ball to bowler Ntini as both batsmen converged on his end.  
**SCOREBOARD**  
Final scoreboard on the fourth day of the second and final Test between South Africa and Pakistan at Newlands Sunday:  
**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 620 for 7 dec  
**PAKISTAN:** First innings 252  
**PAKISTAN:** Second innings (over-night 184-5)  
Umar c Boucher b Pollock 67  
Elahi c Dippenaar b Ntini 0  
Younis Khan c McKenzie b Kallis 2  
Inzamam st Boucher b Boje 60  
Youhana c Kallis b Boje 50  
Iqbal c Pollock b Ntini 11  
Akmal lbw b Ntini 4

Saqlain run out (Kirsten) 9  
Waqar lbw b Hayward 9  
Sami not out 9  
Zahid c Pollock b Ntini 0  
Extras: (lb-1, nb-3, w-1) 5  
Total: (All out in 59.1 overs) 226  
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-9, 3-130, 4-130, 5-184, 6-190, 7-203, 8-216, 9-221.  
**Bowler** O M R W  
Pollock 12 5 32 1  
Ntini 15.1 2 33 4  
Kallis 6 1 34 1  
Hayward 11 3 44 1  
Boje 15 0 82 2  
**Result: South Africa won by an innings and 142 runs.**  
**Series result: South Africa won 2-0.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Herschelle Gibbs.**  
**Man-of-the-series: Makhaya Ntini.**



**South African captain Shaun Pollock shows off the series trophy after winning the second and final Test against Pakistan at Cape Town yesterday.**

## Nat'l Jr Chess from Jan 12

**UNB, Dhaka**  
The 24th National Junior (under-20) Chess Championship will start on January 12.  
Interested boys and girls have been asked to enroll their names without entry fees before January 10 at the Bangladesh Chess Federation office.  
The district-level players can also send their names with a letter from their respective district sports association (DSA) to take part in the nine-round Swiss League tournament.  
Meanwhile, 11 players bagged full three points in the 23rd National Sub-Junior Chess Championship at the end of the third round at the federation auditorium yesterday.  
The winners - Shamima Akhter Lisa, Minhazuddin Sagar, Hasib Redwan Khan, Nagir Arifeen, Shakim, Imran Ali Elin, Saima Almas, Mimi Arzumand, Awlad Hossain, Obaidul Islam and Shahriar Faruque.

## Hannan dazzles

**Cricket**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**  
Opener Hannan Sarker cracked a thumping half-century to guide the World Cup bound national cricket team to a comprehensive seven-wicket victory against the combined

National League XI at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Pratisthan (BKSP) in Saver yesterday.  
The 45-over-contest turned into a mismatch when Hannan and his more experienced partner Al-Shahriar produced 106 runs in only 16.3 over in response to a fighting combined National League XI total

of 171.  
The national team raced to 174 for three in only 27.5 overs.  
Hannan took the new-ball pair of Anwar Hossain Munir and Hasibul Hossain to the sword to score a 55-ball 65 that included thirteen boundaries.  
Al-Shahriar scored 48 off 65 balls with the help of nine fours.  
Tushar Imran scored an unbeaten 34 after Munir dismissed Hannan and Mohammed Ashrafu in the space of three deliveries.  
Alok Kapali finished off the chase in style hitting a magnificent six off young leg-spinner Arif over extra cover. Kapali scored a cameo 19 off 11 balls.  
Earlier, the combined XI total was built around a defiant 45 by opener Nafis Iqbal and an enterprising 42-ball 31 from left-arm spinner Manjarul Islam.  
Young right-arm paceman Talha Jubair, who bowled with a lot of fire, captured three wickets for 34 runs in his eight overs. Experienced all-rounder Khaled Mahmud, left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique and Ashrafu took two wickets each.  
It was the first practice match for the World Cup bound team, who will fly off to Namibia on January 10 for a two-week camp.



**I WISH I COULD PLAY TOO:** Country's fastest bowler Mashrafe-Bin-Mortuza ( L ) watches the state of play during the practice match between the World Cup-bound Bangladesh players and a combined National League team at the BKSP in Saver yesterday. The 19-year-old tearaway had to miss the over-limit exhibition due to stomach upset.

## Aussies face defeat

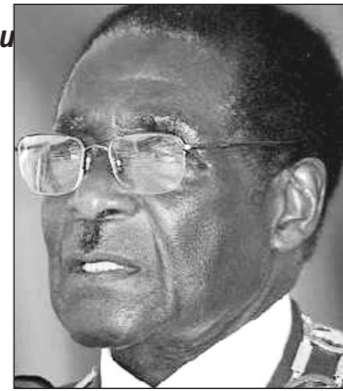
**AFP, Sydney**  
Australia have to bat out the entire last day on Monday to prevent losing their first home Test defeat in four years to a resurgent England in the fifth Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground.  
Nasser Hussain's men, out-classed by the Australians in the previous four Tests of the series, are on the verge of a tremendous victory having set the Australians an historically out-of-reach 452 runs for victory.  
Australia, who have dominated world cricket in recent seasons, last lost a Test match at home in December 1998, also against England, in the fourth Boxing Day Test in Melbourne by 12 runs.  
England, who declared their second innings at 452 for nine off 125.3 overs here Sunday, made giant inroads into the vaunted Australian batting lineup in the 20 overs to stumps, removing Justin Langer (3), Matthew Hayden (2) and Ricky Ponting (11).  
At Sunday's close, Australia were trying to keep their heads above water at 91 for three with pinch hitter Andy Bichel, on his highest Test score of 49 not out and Damien Martyn on 19.  
England paceman Andy Caddick, who overtook Darren Gough on Sunday to become England's seventh leading Test wicket-taker with 229, was relishing the thought of victory after the day's play.  
"I expect to win this game, it will be very difficult to bat on that wicket tomorrow if we put the ball in the

right areas, but we have to be patient," Caddick said.  
"Getting those three wickets late tonight was a big bonus for us."  
Caddick also put the pressure on Steve Waugh, raising the prospect that the Australian captain would not be able to emulate his first-innings heroics.  
"Their miracle worker (Waugh) batted in the first innings, he got a 100-odd, so hopefully he won't get any in the next," he said.  
Australia, needing 361 runs to win, face a desperate day Monday to bat out a minimum 90 overs to save the match, with fine conditions forecast offering no hope of rain washing out play.  
History is clearly against them with the highest winning chase in Test cricket India's 406 for four to beat the West Indies in Trinidad in April 1976.  
No team has scored more than 276 in the last innings to win an SCG Test.  
Australia's top order batsmen failed to handle the pressure conditions exerted by England in the final overs on Sunday, a repeat of the memorable last morning of the fourth Test when, chasing 107 for victory, they lost five wickets before recovering to win.  
The top order also failed in the first innings of this Test saved Waugh and Adam Gilchrist before

## Mugabe backs boycott !

### Eng, Aus on spy list

**ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003**  
**AFP, Johannesburg**  
Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe would support Australia and England boycotting World Cup cricket in his country because he fears the matches might create an opportunity to assassinate him, a South African newspaper reported Sunday.  
The Sunday Independent reported that Mugabe told his government he did not want the English or Australian team in Zimbabwe for next month's matches because their parties might include officials plotting to kill him.



**ROBERT MUGABE**  
Mugabe's cabinet had persuaded him that the matches should

be allowed to go ahead, but only after giving the president assurances that he would be given increased security, the report added.  
Quoting Zimbabwean government sources, the newspaper said Mugabe strongly believed that Britain and other "western detractors" were working with the Zimbabwean opposition on a plot to kill him.  
"The fact is that Mugabe would rather not have these people here... he thinks after humiliating (British Prime Minister Tony) Blair at the Earth summit and after the failure of the West to remove him from power, the focus is now on killing him," an official, who declined to be named, told the newspaper.  
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