



Did U Know?

England's Maurice Allom was the first bowler to perform a hat-trick on Test debut. He achieved this feat against New Zealand at Christchurch in 1929-30.



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SAFF Championship
Maldives vs Bhutan
Live at 3:45 pm
Bangladesh vs Nepal
Live at 5:45 pm
- ESPN**
New Zealand vs India
Sixth ODI
Live at 7:00 am
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 3:30 pm
English Premier Football
League
West Bromwich vs Man United
Live at 8:45 pm
Primera Liga
Valencia vs Real Sociedad
Live at 2:30 am (Sunday)
- STAR Sports**
Australia vs England
World Series, Seventh ODI
Live at 4:58 am
Gillette World Sports Special
Int'l Sports News
Taped Version at 5:00 pm
English Premier Football
League
Liverpool vs Aston Villa
Live at 8:45 pm

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 18

Tick the correct answers, The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm
Jan 24, 2003 and draw

1. How many teams will play in next month's Cricket World Cup?	16	12	14
2. Who won the Hopman Cup title?	Australia	Russia	America
3. How many Test centuries has Steve Waugh scored?	34	31	29
4. Who became Tribal football champions?	K'Chari	M'y m e n s i n g h	Rangamati
5. Who won the man-of-the-match award in the fifth and final Ashes?	Name	Class	Roll No.
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Ricky Ponting (Australia one-day captain) "He is the match-winning bowler and he can do lots of things to change a match. When he comes to the team it's a big difference." On Muttiah Muralitharan.

WHIZZ KID-187 winner
Rashedur Rahman (Dhanmondi Govt Boys School, Dhaka)
Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on January 19.

Pakistan dent India

SAFF CHAMPIONSHIP Bangladesh 2003

SPORTS REPORTER

Underdogs Pakistan pulled off a stunning 1-0 victory against perennial foes India to kick start the Third South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship at the packed Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Sharfaraz Rasool scored the all-important goal five minutes into the second half.

The defeat was a serious blow for Stefan Constantine's team who desperately missed the services of ace striker Baichung Bhutia and a couple of other top booters who failed to make the Dhaka trip due to injury. India aiming to complete a hat-trick of titles in the regional competition having won the previous two editions.

It was a rare victory for Pakistan in football over their bitter rivals as they last won way back in 1991 with a 1-0 triumph in the Colombo SAF

Games. Pakistan broke the deadlock from a quick counter attack with Wadeer Ahmed sending a nice cross from the left-hand corner of the field. And once the ball beat a confused Indian custodian Naseem Akhter, a lurking Sharfaraz made no mistake to chest it into the net.

The 26-year-old midfielder's strike was more than enough for Pakistan to defend their fort for the remaining 40 minutes against their lackluster opponents to celebrate a memorable night.

REMAINING FIXTURES

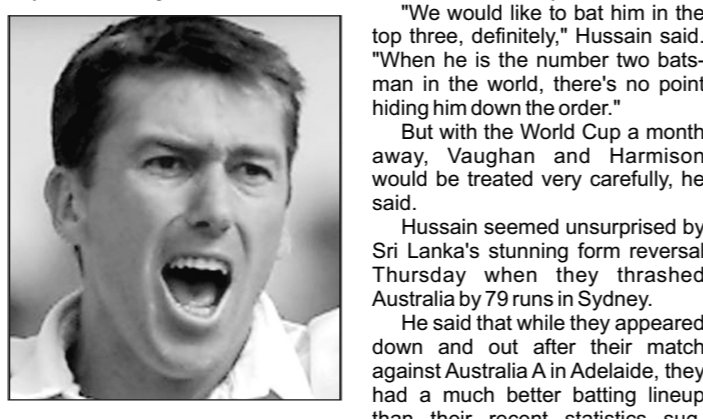
Group A: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan
Group B: Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives, Bhutan
January 11: Maldives v Bhutan (3.45 pm)
Bangladesh v Nepal (5.45 pm)
Pakistan v Sri Lanka (3.45 pm)
Afghanistan v India (5.45 pm)
January 12: Nepal v Bhutan (3.45 pm)
Bangladesh v Maldives (5.45 pm)
Afghanistan v Pakistan (3.45 pm)
January 13: India v Sri Lanka (5.45 pm)
Nepal v Maldives (3.45 pm)
Bangladesh v Bhutan (5.45 pm)
SEMIFINALS
January 18: A1 v B2 ; B1 v A2 (3 pm & 6 pm)
January 20: THIRD-PLACE PLAY-OFF (2 pm)
FINAL (5 pm)



Pakistan goalkeeper Jaffer Khan pulls off a save during the SAFF Championship match against India yesterday.

Glenn wants to play today

limited-overs World Cup in South Africa and Zimbabwe. Australia are the reigning champions. Captain Ricky Ponting said Lehmann was still feeling tired and rundown. "He has had a couple of days of not doing too much and we'll



GLENN McGRATH see how he pulls up in the morning," Ponting said. England, with concerns over star batsman Michael Vaughan's knee and shoulder and fast bowler Steve Harmison's shin splints, will also wait until Saturday to name their

Waugh not ready as yet

my career, it is tempting to say it was my best Test innings," he said. "In terms of my ability to place the ball



into the gaps, strike it cleanly and barely play and miss then I would have to rate it highly." Now Waugh, who turns 38 this year, will take time out to decide if he

Games in Dhaka.

Pakistan coach Lutfi termed the victory even sweeter since his side began the tournament as underdogs.

"This is a very special win for us. Definitely the absence of Bhutia played a big part in our success. He is a very difficult striker to mark. But hats off to my defence for their splendid work after the goal," he said.

But the Pakistani coach was not ready to say whether winning their opening Group A match would have an impact at home, where football is considered as minor sport compared to cricket and hockey.

While Pakistan played according to their strength, the new-look Indian side failed to live up to their potential.

It was evident from the start that Pakistan wanted to sit back in their own half allowing India to come forward and hit on the break. But India failed to maintain a sustained pressure.

Though they got a few chances in both halves, yet they could not show the kind of football they demonstrated at the Busan Asiad and the LG Cup. They looked rather listless in the mid-pitch with the only exception being some energetic runs by Jo Paul Anchery from either flank.

Veteran striker IM Vijayan often came down to act as provider, but his aging limbs failed to give the necessary spark that his team badly needed without Bhutia around.

"We have created a few chances. But that was not enough against Pakistan who battled extremely hard. It was a bad day, but any other day the score could have been 5-1 in our favour," said Indian coach Stephen Constantine.

The Briton once again said that a team, which misses four frontline players and only trains five days together, can expect this sort of start.

"At the same time I do not want to take away anything from the Pakistani effort. But still we deserved a point," he said.

But Constantine feared a seventh player might join the growing injury list.

"Alvito got a spike in the first half. I'm not sure whether he would be fit before our next game against Afghanistan (Sunday)," said the

AFC chief meets PM

BSS, Dhaka
Asian Football Confederation (AFC) president Mohamed Bin Hammam yesterday expressed his optimism about the prospects of Bangladesh football.

Hammam paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia during the inauguration of the third SAFF Championship.

The AFC president extended his heartfelt congratulations to the prime minister for enhancing the championship by inaugurating it.

The prime minister gave a brief resume of sports in Bangladesh and evinced keen interest in games and sports in other Asian countries.

Nat'l Sub-jr chess Sagar streak continues

SPORTS REPORTER
Minhazuddin Sagar continued his impressive run in the 23 rd National Sub-Junior Chess Championship yesterday.

Sagar won his eighth straight round against Qbaidul Islam to earn maximum points.

Second-placed Shuvro Ghosh is a point behind while Hasib Redwan Khan is occupying third place on 6.5 points.

Seven players were sharing fourth position on six points each.

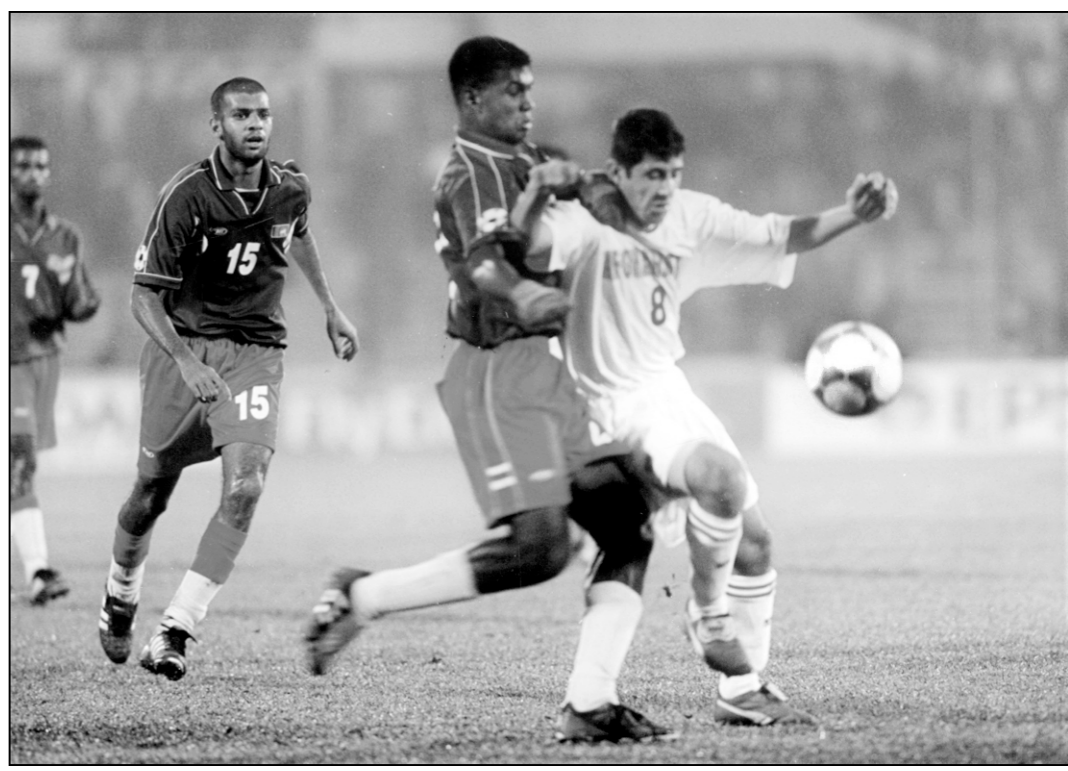
'The Don's' views on Zim matches

REUTERS, Sydney
The son of the late Don Bradman said his father would have wanted Australia's cricketers to consider other issues other than their own safety before deciding whether to play in Zimbabwe or not.

John Bradman told Sydney's Daily Telegraph on Friday that his father told him before he died that players should consider the "wellbeing of cricket" before making decisions like this.

"It's particularly clear that the basis of his thinking about this had two grounds, the wellbeing of the cricketers and the wellbeing of cricket," John Bradman said.

"The wellbeing of cricket is a much more wide-ranging issue. I



A Sri Lankan player tries to hold back Afghanistan's Ahmed Wahid (R) by pulling his shirt during their SAFF Championship encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Dhaka, Sylhet prevail

Cricket

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka maintained their all-win record in the one-day matches of the Ispahani Mirzapore Tea Fourth National Cricket League as they beat Chittagong by one wicket at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

With the win, Dhaka collected eight points from as many matches while Chittagong finished their one-day campaign with only one victory to their name.

Sent in to bat, the port city side managed 167 for nine wickets in a reduced 45-overs-a-side game with former national skipper Akram Khan making highest 45 runs off 78 balls.

Opener Aftab Ahmed was the other notable scorer for them with 35 off 33 deliveries. His innings was illustrated with five boundaries while Minhazul Abedin added 32 off 57 balls to their account.

Off-spinner Naimur Rahman was the most successful bowler for

Dhaka. He picked up three wickets for 32 runs. He was ably supported by Fahim Muntasir, who took two for 21.

In their turn, Dhaka overhauled the target in 40.4 overs reaching 168 runs for nine thanks to an invaluable contribution from number nine batsman Masudur Rahman. He scored an unbeaten 45 runs off 69 balls, featuring five boundaries, to see the local side home.

Besides, Aminul Islam contributed 39 runs off 50 deliveries hitting five fours while Fahim Muntasir added 28 runs off 62 balls.

Pacer Tareq Aziz captured three wickets conceding 32 runs while Alamgir took three for 48.

Masudur was adjudged the man-of-the-match. At the Fatullah Stadium, Sylhet recorded their third victory in the one-day competition beating point-less Barisal by 40 runs.

Sent in to bat, a brilliant century by opener Imtiaz Hussain helped Sylhet score a formidable 247 for four in reduced 44 overs. Imtiaz scored 124 runs off 138

balls that featured eleven boundaries and four big sixes. He and fellow opener Golam Mabud shared a 136-run partnership. Mabud made 53 off 70 balls hitting four boundaries.

In reply, Barisal were bundled out for 207 in 36.2 overs with Ranim making highest 53 off 54 balls.

Enamul Haq captured four wickets conceding 41 runs while Nayeem took three for 48.

Imtiaz was adjudged man-of-the-match.

SCOREBOARDS

Scorecards of the two Ispahani Mirzapore National League one-day matches yesterday:

Chittagong vs Dhaka CHITTAGONG

Aftab c Mazharul b Saiful	35
Nazimuddin lbw b Anwar	0
Nafis b Naimur	5
Sabbir lbw b Fahim	2
Azam st Sajjad b Fahim	10
Akram c Saiful b Masudur	45
Minhazul b Naimur	32

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Ganguly remains upbeat

Cricket

AFP, Auckland

India skipper Saurav Ganguly said Friday his team had not lost confidence going into the World Cup despite having a nightmare tour of New Zealand.

"One poor tour is not the end of the world," Ganguly said ahead of Saturday's day-night sixth one-day international, likely to be hit by rain.

India tasted just one victory in more than a month on their current tour, but only after having lost both the Test and one-day series.

Ganguly's team was thrashed 2-0 in a two-Test series and then suffered four successive defeats in the ongoing series of seven one-day internationals. Their lone win came in the fifth game at Wellington on Wednesday.

"We still go to South Africa (for next month's World Cup) in a pretty confident frame of mind," said

Ganguly, whose team practised indoors at the Eden Park here due to rain.

"Every team passes through such a phase. There are ups and



SAURAV GANGULY

downs in every sport, but the important thing is we have to come back strongly and win the remaining two matches.

"It was good to post the first win, but we could have done better on the tour."

The Indian captain had not lost faith in his batsmen, saying they had struggled only on one tour and were capable of doing better in the World Cup.

"It was difficult batting in these conditions (seaming wickets)," said Ganguly. "In fact, batsmen of the both the sides have struggled for runs in one-dayers and Tests. I still think we can do better in South Africa."

He praised the New Zealand fast bowlers, especially Shane Bond, for consistently bowling well and playing crucial roles in scripting their team's victories in both Test and one-day series.

"I think Bond was the key to their success, though other seamers also bowled well. I admire him because he has the ability to succeed on any surface. His bowling was the main strength of their team."

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Indians don't sign those

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003

AFP, New Delhi

The World Cup contracts row intensified Friday after India's cricketers signed the contentious terms without accepting the controversial ambush marketing clauses, officials said.

Saurav Ganguly's men, currently touring New Zealand, signed the players terms and couriered them back to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) ahead of the January 14 deadline.

BCCI spokesman Rajiv Shukla said the players had not accepted the clauses which prohibit them from endorsing non-official sponsors 30 days before and five days after the World Cup.

"I am told the players have deleted the clauses pertaining to sponsorships," Shukla said.

"The BCCI has already told the International Cricket Council (ICC) that it cannot force its players to forego existing deals with companies which are not the tournament's official sponsors."

Press Trust of India news agency as saying from Auckland that the "players" stand had already been explained in detail to the ICC.

"We are in contact with the BCCI," Ganguly said. "We have told the ICC what our problems are."

"We have given our terms and conditions. There are certain areas that need to be looked into," the Indian captain was quoted as saying.

The players are apparently willing to persuade their sponsors not to air conflicting advertisements only during the World Cup to be played in Africa from February 8 to March 23.

They are also not willing to let their images be used by the official sponsors for three months after the event.

"We all feel at the end of the day, it's got to be an adjustment from both the sides," Ganguly was quoted as saying.

"It can never be one-sided, whether it is the players or the ICC."

"We've made our statement clear that this is what we can do and this is what we can't. The rest is up to them."

World Cup with South Africa and Kenya, reportedly wants the matter to be resolved by the Court of Arbitration for Sports in Lausanne, Switzerland.

By setting a January 14 deadline, the ICC has negated its own ruling that non-official endorsements have to cease 30 days before the tournament starts on February 8.

But any further concessions by the ICC or the official tournament sponsors, as demanded by India, are unlikely.

The ICC insists India meet its contractual obligations after signing the Participating Nations Agreement (PNA) last year.

India argues its players cannot be expected to breach sponsorship deals which pre-date the PNA contract.

Most Indian stars, including Sachin Tendulkar and Ganguly, enjoy lucrative personal sponsorships which they may have to forego if the current World Cup contracts are adhered to.

A similar row erupted before the ICC Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka in September, but the ICC waived the sponsorship rule to allow India's best players to take part.