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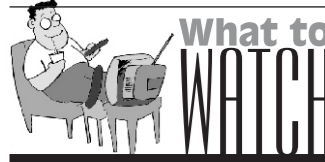
### Shane Warne

(Master leg-spinner)  
"I don't think I have to prove anything to anybody about what I can do on the field on the big occasion."



## Did U Know?

The oldest Wimbledon tennis champion is Margaret Du Pont of the USA. Du Pont was 44 years 125 days old when she won the mixed doubles in 1962.



## What to WATCH

- ESPN**
- Cricket Programming Super Selector Repeat at 10:30 am
  - Sportscentre Hindi Sport News Live at 8:30 pm
  - Cricket Programming Legends Of Cricket Repeat at 10:00 pm
- STAR Sports**
- Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show Repeat at 2:00 pm
  - Gillette World Sports Special Repeat t 3:00 pm
  - Sportsline Tonight Sport News

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 18

Tick the correct answers, post The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm Feb 7, 2003 and draw

- Who clinched the national junior chess title?  
Parag Ali Zia
- Bangladesh lost to Namibia by 20 runs 2-wkt 7-wkt
- Who became MVP in the SAFF Championship?  
Arman Rajani Alfaz
- Who will lead Kenya in the cricket World Cup?  
O d u m b e  
Tikelo Sujji

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## CU sports

**CU CORRESPONDENT**

The annual sports competition of Chittagong University began at the central playground yesterday.

Professor AJM Nooruddin Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of CU, inaugurated the two day programme at 9 am as the chief guest.

## Sirajganj cricket

**OUR CORRESPONDENT**

Renaissance Club defeated Nabajagarani Club by 12 runs in the Sirajganj cricket tournament at the local stadium yesterday.

Batting first Renaissance scored 86 all out in 25 overs.

In reply, Nabajagarani were all out for 74 in 25 overs.

# Jamal ton not enough

**Cricket**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Jamaluddin cracked a fluent century yet his team Khulna were on the back foot yesterday, the second day of the four-day Ispahani Mirzapore National Cricket League final.

Coming in to bat at number four, Jamal hammered 121 as Khulna responded with 271 for seven in reply to Dhaka's commanding 362 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

But Khulna still need 92 runs in their remaining 17 first-innings overs to overtake Dhaka on a wicket that offers little assistance to the bowlers. While an outright victory looks like a distant possibility unless something extraordinary happens in the next two days, the first-innings lead would be crucial for deciding the title.

Khulna, who developed a reputation of being the surprise-pullers, set the stage for an exciting turnaround when Jamal and opener Sajjadul produced 123 runs for the third

wicket after Dhaka could add only 25 runs to their overnight 337.

Sajjadul smashed a solid 68 after Dhaka's young paceman Anwar Hossain Monir struck with the new ball, leaving Khulna at 2-29. The attacking right-hander struck 11 boundaries in his 148-ball knock.

Jamal was a standout performer on the day. The young right-hander got everything right in the middle of his bat as he struck 14 boundaries and a magnificent six off off-spinner Fahim Muntasir over mid-wicket.

But Khulna lost their way after Jamal had a soft dismissal, playing an attempted lofted drive against Naimur to Anwar at mid on.

The rot started when skipper Hasanuzzaman fell for 13. He tried to cut left-arm spinner Arafat Sunny but ended up dragging the ball on to his stumps.

Their in-form all-rounder Manjural Islam then ran himself out (7) while responding to a sharp single.

Khulna's hopes now revolve round the eighth wicket pair of Monirul and Razzak. Monirul was looking good with 20.

Monir was the most successful Dhaka bowler with three for 68.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the Ispahani Mirzapore Fourth National League final between Dhaka and Khulna at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

**DHAKA:** First innings (overnight 339 for 7 in 90 overs)

Javed b Razzak	26
Rashedul c Selim b Hasanuzzaman	50
Jahangir c Monir b Hasanuzzaman	27
Mazharul c Jamal b Hasanuzzaman	119
Sajjad c Selim b Hasanuzzaman	9
Naimur c Sajjadul b Jamal	45
Kadir lbw b Manjural	27
Fahim lbw b Manjural	18
Neeyamur b Manjural	4
Arafat not out	5
Monir lbw b Razzak	4
Extras: (b-20, lb-7, w-1)	28
Total: (all out in 96.4 overs)	362
Fall of wickets: 1-60, 2-103, 3-116, 4-140, 5-236, 6-321, 7-335, 8-348, 9-355	

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Al-Amin	15	0	65	0

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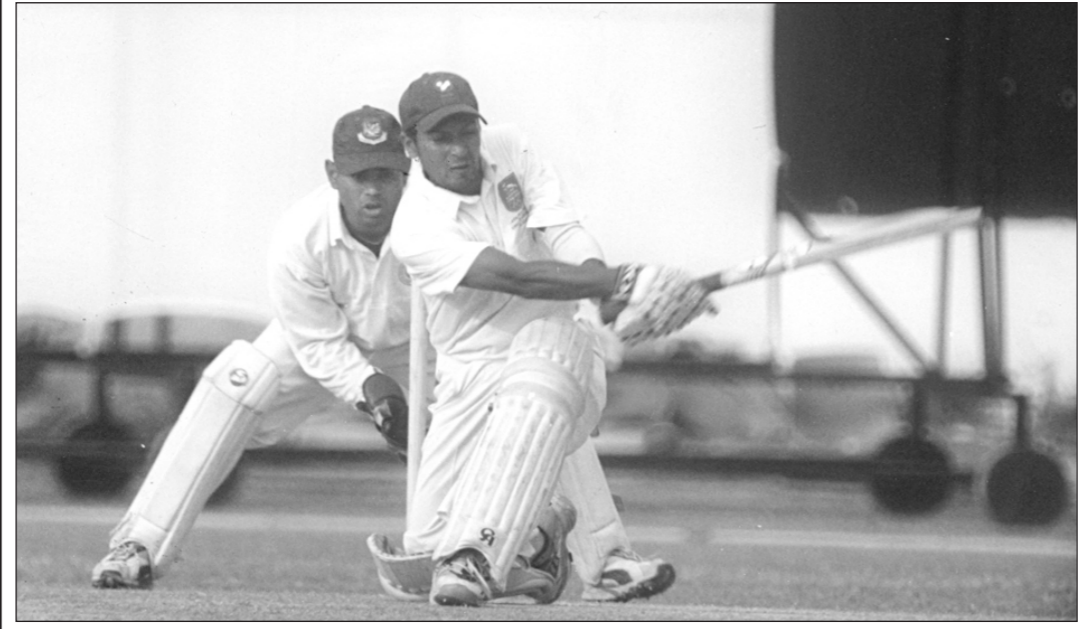


PHOTO: STAR

Khulna's Jamaluddin sweeps during his 121 against Dhaka Division on day two of the Ispahani Mirzapore 4th National Cricket Championship final at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

# WI lose Samuels

**ICC Cricket World Cup**  
SOUTH AFRICA 2003

AFP, St. John's

The West Indies suffered a major blow to their World Cup hopes on Sunday when exciting middle-order batsman Marlon Samuels was forced to pull out of the squad because of a knee injury.

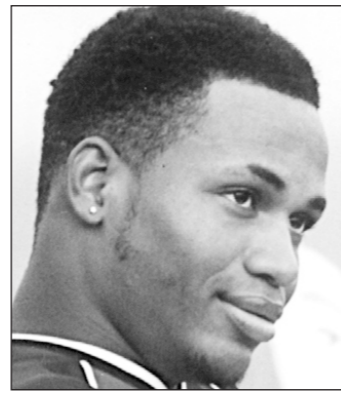
All-rounder Ryan Hinds has been called in as a replacement for the tournament which takes place in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya from February 8-March 23.

"We are disappointed but realise how much more disappointed Marlon himself must be," said Viv Richards, chairman of the West Indies selection committee.

"But we believe that our decision to replace him for the World Cup is best both for the team at this time and, more importantly, in the interest of Marlon's future career."

"We see him as an extremely integral part of the future of West Indies cricket and we hope that the

West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) will ensure that he quickly gets the best medical treatment available, so that he can begin his return to competitive cricket."



MARLON SAMUELS

Samuels' World Cup disappointment comes as a result of a medical report submitted to the WICB by Dr. Akshai Mansingh, a member of the WICB's medical panel, following a scan performed in Kingston on

Thursday.

While indicating that there was a possibility that Samuels could participate in the World Cup by "protecting his knee in training, and doing only gentle exercises", the report also stated that "it must be clear that he may break down at any time."

The report further recommended that Samuels undergo additional corrective surgery on his knee that was operated on in Sharjah in February of last year and which may involve a bone grafting procedure.

Hinds, already in Antigua as one of five reserves called by the selectors for the two-week training camp, will now depart with the rest of the team when they leave the Caribbean on Tuesday for South Africa.

Samuels was the one of the stars of the West Indies tour to India last year with his unbeaten 108 off 75 balls in Vijayawada helping his team to a 135-run win over the hosts in the final match of the one-day series.

# Good news for Bevan

**ICC Cricket World Cup**  
SOUTH AFRICA 2003

AFP, Sydney

Michael Bevan said Monday that he may play in Australia's World Cup cricket opener against Pakistan in Johannesburg early next month after receiving positive news on his groin injury.

Bevan, who injured his groin while batting last weekend, is set to join bowlers Glenn McGrath (back), Jason Gillespie (elbow), and Shane Warne (shoulder) in Australia's February 11 match against Pakistan.

One-day specialist Bevan said his chance of playing any cricket in Africa was dashed immediately after straining his right groin while batting in the second triangular one-day series final in Melbourne on Saturday.

But the prognosis improved radically on Sunday after scans and a consultation with Australian Cricket Board medical officer Trevor James.

"It's not a case of being rested (for the first game) it's a case of will I be fit," Bevan said on Monday.

"I'd like to think I'd play that, and the best case scenario seems to suggest that I will be fit around that time."

Gillespie made a return on Sunday for South Australia in a one-day game against Tasmania.

In his first major effort since damaging elbow ligaments three weeks ago, he claimed 1-28 from 10 overs.

Warne, who said he was back near his best, dismissed England's Michael Vaughan and Alec Stewart



MICHAEL BEVAN

in the second one-day final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and finished with 2-58 from his 10 overs.

McGrath said even though he would need cortisone injections to play he would be ready for the Pakistanians.

Bevan said Australia's injury

woes were similar to those experienced by England this summer.

"(But) the great point about the Australian cricket team is we've got a really great squad and a lot of guys have stepped up to the plate and performed when guys like McGrath and Gillespie have been injured," Bevan said.

"It's a similar situation but different squads completely."

National selection panel chairman Trevor Hohns said Bevan was considered a vital part of the side's World Cup campaign.

"Like Michael, we were all relieved to learn that the extent of his injury was not as serious as first thought," Hohns said.

"Although he will take a few weeks to regain full fitness, the selection panel along with Ricky Ponting unanimously agreed that he should retain his spot in the World Cup squad."

"It goes without saying that Michael is a key component of our World Cup plans, and with the relevant treatment, we are hoping that he will be back sooner rather than later."

Bevan is having physiotherapy and strengthening exercises twice daily.

The Australian squad leave for the World Cup on Thursday.

# Nine players share lead

SPORTS REPORTER

Nine players led the table after the third round preliminary phase matches in the Professor Abdur Razzak 29th National Chess Championship yesterday.

They are: Sk Nasir Ahmed, Kh Aminul Islam, Saif Uddin Lavlu, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon, Aminul Islam Polash, Shafiq Ahmed, Arifuzzaman Shikder, Debaraj Chatterjee and Monjur Alam.

Following are the third round results: Nasir beat Rani Hamid, Amin beat Moniruzzaman, Lavlu beat FM Rezaul Haque, Debaraj beat FM Abu Sufian Sakil, Monjur beat Sawkat Hossain Pollab, Shafiq beat Md Javed, Emon beat Farhad Imam, Polash beat Rashed Dinayet and Arif beat Shamsul Haque.

# Office hockey BKSP edge Sonali Bank

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) recorded a tense 3-2 win over Sonali Bank in the Office Hockey League super league at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday.

The first half ended 1-1. BKSP went ahead through Shubho in the 12th minute. Maksud Alam equalised after three minutes.

Then a two-goal burst by Jemmy made it 3-1 for BKSP. Shawkat Ali pulled it back 3-2 in the 57th minute.

# Asian jnr TT

BSS, Dhaka

India clinched the boys' team title defeating Sri Lanka 3-0 in the Asian Junior (South Asia Zone) Table Tennis Championship yesterday.

India beat Nepal 3-0 in the first semifinal, while Sri Lanka blanked Bangladesh 3-0 in the other semi.

India also won the girls' title with a similar victory over Sri Lanka. The champions thrashed Bangladesh 3-0, while Sri Lanka outplayed Nepal in the semifinals.

# Abahani win

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Champions Abahani earned a hard-fought 1-0 win over Shatadal Club in the opening match of the CJKS Elite Paint Premier Division Football League at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Asif Yousof netted the all important goal in the 77th minute from a well placed corner.

# Booters call on President

BSS, Dhaka

President Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed accorded a reception to the football heroes at Bangabhaban yesterday.

"I extend my heartfelt greetings to the members of Bangladesh football team for clinching the SAFF Championship" the President said.

"It is really a matter of happiness and pride for the countrymen that Bangladesh have been able to prove their supremacy over other South Asian countries in football."



PHOTO: PID

President Iajuddin Ahmed (C) with the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) champions Bangladesh national football team during a reception at the Bangabhaban yesterday.



11 days  
ICC Cricket World Cup  
SOUTH AFRICA 2003

PHOTO: STAR FILE

An all-conquering West Indies line-up captured their second World Cup, thanks to the brilliance of Viv Richards in the final.

# BD struggle again

**ICC Cricket World Cup**  
SOUTH AFRICA 2003

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh won the fourth limited-overs exhibition match against Namibia by the skin of their teeth at the Wanderers on Sunday to clinch the five-match Alexander Forbes series 3-1.

But the victory by one wicket and that too in a low-scoring match once again exposed that batting remains a prime concern ahead of their second World Cup campaign.

Set to score only 132 for victory, Bangladesh made a heavy weather before reaching the target in 37.5 overs. Mashrafe hit the winning runs, but not before the Namibians forced Monjurul, the tourists' last man, to walk into the middle.

Bangladesh suffered yet another top-order collapse when they faltered at 57 for six before Khaled Mashud saved the blushes with a captain's knock 44 runs off 71 balls.

Touted as the 'Steve Waugh of Bangladesh' the gutsy right-hander steadied the rocking boat with his 71-ball innings that included four boundaries. He was the ninth batsman out, playing a Sarel Burger delivery onto his stumps with Bangladesh still needing two runs

for victory. Khaled Mahmud with 19 was the team's second highest scorer. Returning to action after missing



KAPALI ... 3/10

the previous game, Habibul Bashar made 13 when a lot more was expected from the country's best batsman.

Al-Shahriar continued to struggle with the bat. The experienced opener scored only one. His opening partner Ehsanul lived up to the billing of how consistently inconsistent our batsman are when he followed his fifty in the previous game with a mere four.

Alok Kapali also failed to fire with

the bat. But bowled well earlier during the day. The young leg-spinner captured three wickets for only 10 runs in an eight-over spell.

Left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique was the best performer for Bangladesh, finishing with fantastic figures of 8.3-0-14-4.

Earlier, batting first Namibia scored 131 before being all out in 45.3 overs. Jan-Berry Burger top-scored with 31 runs while Riaan Walters made 26 and Morné Karg 21.

The fifth and final match will be played on Wednesday before both teams leave for South Africa on Saturday to play in the ICC World Cup, starting on February 8.

For Namibia, Björn Kotze took three wickets for 28 runs while Rudie van Vuuren and Sarel Burger bagged two wickets each.

## SCORES IN BRIEF

**NAMIBIA:** 131 all out in 45.3 overs (Walters 26, Murgatroyd 14, J Burger 31, Extras 17; Rafique 4/16, Kapali 3/10)

**BANGLADESH:** 132 for 9 in 37.5 overs (Al-Shahriar 1, Ehsanul 4, Bashar 13, Sanwar 12, Tushar 11, Kapali 5, K Mashud 44, Rafique 9, Mahmud 19, Mashrafe 2 n.o.; B Kotze 3/24, S Burger 2/30, Vuuren 2/43)

**Result:** Bangladesh won by one wicket.

# NB volleyball final tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The title-deciding match of the National Bank Premier Division Volleyball between Bangladesh Rifles and Water Development Board will be held tomorrow.

Bangladesh Rifles remained unbeaten with 21 points while Water Development Board secured 19 points from seven league encounters and Bangladesh Police obtained 21 points winning seven matches out of eight outings.

In the final league match, Police defeated Titus Club 25-21, 24-26, 25-19, 25-21 yesterday.

# AL reception

UNB, Dhaka

The Awami League will host a reception to the national football team which won the third SAFF Championship at a city hotel today. Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina will be the chief guest in the reception at 4pm.