# MSC stunned again

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club extended their lead to eight points at the top of the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League table with a comprehensive eight-wicket win over Young Pegasus at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yester-

Chasing a testing Pegasus total of 201 in 50 overs, the defending champions raced home making 203 in 36.3 overs with eight wickets in

Openers Parvez Ahmed and Mohammad Salim got the Victorians off to a flying start as they put on 125 runs just in 19.4 overs.

Parvez remained unbeaten on 97 off 104 balls with a six and eleven boundaries while Salim hammered a solid 88-ball 72 that featured 14 hits across the rope

Earlier, the Young Pegasus total was built around a fine century from Pakistani opener Fahadullah who hammered 104 off 141 balls with the  $help\,of\,four\,sixes\,and\,eight\,fours.$ 

It was Victoria's seventh win in eight matches that raised their tally to 38 points, eight points above second placed Mohammedan Sporting Club who lost the day's other match to Kalabagan Krira Chakra by seven wickets.

Opting to bat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium, failure of the toporder saw Mohammedan get bowled out for a meagre 150 in 44.3 overs.

One-down Javed Omar Belim top-scored with a patient 45 off 105 balls. Useful contributions also came from Fahim Muntasir and Naimur Rahman who added 32 and 25 respectively. No other Mohammedan batter could reach double figures.

afford to dream

Kenyan cricket captain Steve Tikolo

said on Monday his team's chances

of reaching the Super Six phase in

the World Cup was no longer a

dream after the east Africans pulled

tournament's favourite teams, Sri

Lanka, is reason enough to prove

our mantle," said Tikolo, after Kenya

scored a shock 53-runs win against

the former title holders at the Nairob

of beating the Sri Lankans, espe-

cially since we were playing our first

match of the World cup before our

tournament, taking their points tally

to 12 in Pool B which puts them on

equal footing with the former cham-

It was Kenva's second win in the

"We were confident and positive

"Our victory over one of the

off an upset win over Sri Lanka.

Tikolo can

AFP, Nairobi

Gymkhana club.

home fans.'

In reply, Kalabagan took only 35.3 overs to score 155 with seven wickets in hand.

Pakistan opener Majed Sayeed coasted his side with an undefeated 87 off 100 balls that featured one six and 13 boundaries.

It was Kalabagan's third win in a row that raised their tally to 18 points from seven matches

### **SCOREBOARDS**

Scoreboards of the two GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League matches yesterday: Victoria SC v Young Pegasus

Venue: DCS

YOUNG PEGASUS Fahadullah c Parvez v Saiful Imroz b Nuruzzaman Murad run out Nirala b Razzak Rezwan c Saiful b Gowhar Russell b Manzarul Jamil Ibw b Manzarul Khokon c Salim b Manzarul Shahzada run out Mukta b Manzarul Kamal not out Extras: (lb-4, w-8) Total: (All out in 49.1 overs) 201 Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-17, 3-83, 4-

100, 5-107, 6-10	07, 7-1	111, 8	3-115	5,
174.				
Bowler	0	M	R	١
Saiful	7.1	1	29	
Nuruzzaman	5	0	25	
Gowhar	8	0	33	
Razzak	10	2	32	
Sabbir	6	0	31	
Manzarul	10	2	27	
Masudur	3	0	20	
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Parvez not out				97
Salim run out				72
Nuruzaman st N	irala b	Kam	al	8
Azam not out				9
Extras: (lb-5, nb-	2, w-1	0)		17
Total: (For 2 wkts	in 36.	3 ove	ers) 2	20
Fall of wickets: 1	-125, 2	2-147	7.	
Bowler	0	M	R	٧
Shahzada	4.3	0	38	
Mukta	2	0	13	

AFP, Johannesburg

**GROUP A** 

Australia

England

Pakistan

Namibia

Kenya

Sri Lanka

W Indies

Canada

round.

Bangladesh

N Zealand

Zimbabwe

Netherlands

**GROUP B** 

or no result, points, net run-rate).

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amil	2	0	17	0				
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ahadullah	1	0	8	0				
Kamal	9	0	38	1				
Result: Victoria SC won by eight								
vickets.								
Anhammedan SC v Kalahagan								

Venue: BNS

**MOHAMMEDANSC** S Mahmud c Majed b Mahbub 4 Nafees c Sharfuddowla b Mahbub 8 Javed run out Aftab c Imran b Zakir Naimur Ibw b Majed Fahim c Imran b Sharfuddowla 32 Enamul c Zakir b Imran

Anwar run out

Yasir run out Hasibul c Lovlu b Imran Monir not out Extras: (b-1, lb-3, nb-1, w-13) Total: (All out in 44.3 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-13, 3-29, 4-77 5-116, 6-120, 7-132, 8-140, 9-150. **Bowler** 0 M R W Zakir 10 27

22 Mahbub 2 0 33 Jamed Sharfuddowla 19 Imran 29 16 KALABAGAN KC Imtiaz Ibw b S Mahmud Majed not out 87

Sadik b Enamul Nahidul c Yasir b Enamul 18 Nasirul not out Extras: (b-5, nb-3, w-2) Total: (For 3 wkts in 35.3 overs) 155 Fall of wickets: 1-62, 2-63, 3-94 0 М R 0 28 3 0 11 3 33 Enamul

S Mahmud 43 18 Result: Kalabagan KC won by

**WORLD CUP STANDINGS** 

World Cup standings after Tuesday's matches (played, won, lost, tied

Former world number four and top Japanese tennis player Kimiko Date takes a baby in her lap during a visit to the Maternal and Child Health Training Institute at Azimpur in the city yesterday. Date came here on Monday on an invitation by Japan International Cooperation Agency. She will also conduct a training session for young girls at BKSP in Savar today.

## African treats

There was another noticeable development with coach Mohsin Kamal making a rare appearance at the media briefing

"I did attend the first press briefing. But since then no one asked me to come until today". revealed Mohsin

### **REALISTIC FLEMING**

New Zealand captain Stephan Fleming was taking nothing for granted after Kenya's amazing win against Sri Lanka on Monday.

Amazing.... the result was amazing yesterday. The Kenyan have thrown the calculators in a spin," said Fleming at a news confer-

The Black Caps skipper is now more cautious about his expectations even against a pathetic Bangladesh.

"We played against Bangladesh at the ICC Knockout tournament in Sri Lanka recently where they bowled really well to restrict us to around 240. They also kept us anxious for a long time in that game", said Fleming.

With rain more than Bangladesh. threatening to cut short New Zealand's World Cup journey,

provisions in this tournament. " A reserve day could have had a huge bearing on this World Cup."

If New Zealand fail to win even one of their remaining two Pool B games against Bangladesh and Canada, They face an early elimination from the World Cup despite two impressive victories against the West Indies and hosts South Africa and Fleming admitted that their refusal to play Kenya at Nairobi on security grounds could have heart-breaking nsequences

"It is a disappointment. It will always be a disappointment with the players because we weren't in a position to go to the location where that game was scheduled. That shadow will hang with us throughout the tournament.

Fleming was however totally focused on winning the next two games convincingly.

We can now only control the runrate by winning the next two games. But after that we will just be passengers like you guys and see what

# the lead

UNB, Dhaka

Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa took a solo lead with three points after the third round games of the 24th National Women's Chess Championship at the Bangladesh

Chess Federation yesterday. Women's Master Rani Hamid and Zakia Sultana followed the

Neepa beat Masuda, Rani Hamid beat Mahmuda Chowdhury while Zakia Sultana drew with Afroza Khanam

Ivana beat Nupur, Shamiha Sharmeen defeated Farzana Hossain, Shamima upset former champion Nazrana Khan Eva.

The India great batted the entire 60 over innings for an unbeaten 36 in a bizarre display which he later

**Anglo-Indian classics** 

attributed to a 'mental block' Gavaskar's impromptu 'net' stymied India's chase before it had started and ensured an easy England win.

### **SECOND**

June 22, 1983, World Cup semifinal, Old Trafford: India won by six wickets.

England, on home soil, were favourites to repeat their performance of four years earlier and again reach the final. But India's seamers, with inspirational captain Kapil Dev's three for 35 leading the way, restricted Bob Willis' side to just 213 all out in 60 overs.

All the England top order made a remains one of the strangest in the start but Graeme Fowler's top score England were certainly in the of 33 spoke volumes about the driving seat after piling up a huge accuracy of India's attack. England's bowlers had too few

334 for four, Dennis Amiss making runs to play with and Yashpal Sharma (61) and Sandeep Patil (51 But someone had clearly forgotnot out) saw India home after ten to tell opener Sunil Gavaskar he was playing in a limited-overs Mohinder Amarnath had earlier

weighed in with a valuable 46.

**THIRD** July 13 2002, Nat West Series final,

ord's: India won by two wickets Marcus Trescothick smashed 109 and Nasser Hussain 115 as England

made a mammoth 325-5 off their 50 overs and immediately sensed victory. However, they reckoned without the quality of the Indian batting lineup as Virender Sehwag and Saurav

Ganguly got their team's reply off to a flying start by putting on 106 for the first wicket in just 14 overs. Young guns Yuvraj Singh and

Mohamed Kaif then piled on the pressure with a 121-run stand for the sixth wicket as India won with thre balls to spare. Kaif top-scored with an unbeaten 87 while Singh hit 69 and Ganguly 60. The Indian skipper celebrated

the win by stripping off his shirt on the Lord's balcony and whirling it above his head just as Andrew Flintoff had done a few months earlier in Bombay when England levelled a six-match series 3-3

# It's not new for Warne

I was tested positive for in January.

had taken a tablet in early

"I admitted to the hearing that I

ICC Cricket World Cup South Africa 2003

ICC Cricket World Cup

England and India have served up

some memorable one-day encoun-

ters in the past and Wednesday's

World Cup clash under the

Kingsmead floodlights here prom-

Below AFP Sport looks back at

just three of the teams' one-day

June 7, 1975, World Cup, Lord's:

The first ever World Cup match

ises to be no exception.

England won by 202 runs

tournament's history.

an impressive 137.

AFP, Durban

**FIRST** 

AFP, Sydney

Shane Warne on Tuesday admitted he had first taken the banned diuretic which earned him a 12month ban from cricket in December last year to get rid of an alcohol-induced double chin.

Warne said he had taken another fluid tablet given to him by his mother, Brigitte, in early December, before his shoulder injury and more than a month before taking the banned diuretic which threatens to end his career.

The high-profile Australian legspinner said a previous drug test had shown up small traces of similar substances to those which had emerged in the January 22 sample, for which he was called before an anti-doping panel last

Warne said the earlier fluid tablet was taken for the sake of appearance and before his shoulder injury, proving he was not a drug cheat who had taken diuretics to mask other drugs to speed his "I was (drug) tested on

December 12 which was negative. This was before the injury I was injured on the 15th (December),

Warne told Channel Nine. "It has since come up at the hearing that there were small traces of the same ingredients that

"I was doing a lot of wine promotions. I'd had a couple too many Sports Disputes Centre. bottles of wine and had a few late

"I took a fluid tablet then that was the first time she (Mum) gave it to me. It was to get rid of a double

"The December 12 test showed small traces of the same thing. That was before my (shoulder)

operation that proves I didn't take the fluid tablet to mask anything." Warne also admitted in the interview to being silly for not checking what tablets he was taking, and said he should have

Drug Agency (ASDA) briefings on banned substances. He also said the 12-month ban from all cricket could cost him around three million dollars (1.8 million USD), but that he was still considering whether to appeal the

listened more to Australian Sports

He was unsure what he would do with his life, but meanwhile had been offered jobs and, even, a cameo role in a movie.

Warne said his only crimes were vanity and "being silly", and again angrily denied taking performance enhancing drugs.

"I've never needed to, I never nave and I never will take them.' Warne said he had a letter of

appeal ready and written, but was

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there, appeal and get less penalty because it's not fair'

"Another side of me says 'I'm a human being, I want to get on with my life, cop the penalty and just get on with it'

"I don't want to rush into a decision ... whether I just spend the 12 months or go away for 12 months, I just don't know at this stage. "I don't want to be rushed into

anything until it's clear what I want Warne's brother and manager

Jason said Warne may take until Saturday the last day to decide whether to appeal Warne's camp hopes the

Australian Cricket Board's decision to release the full findings of his drugs hearing to the public on its website on Wednesday will help him shed the "drug cheat" slur.

The ACB said it would publish the 10-page judgement by its antidoping committee, which gave Warne half the standard two-year ban for the offence.

"We think that it's important to do that so the public can understand the reasons behind the judgement," said ACB spokesman

Peter Young

## play in Nairobi. of the cancellation of reserve-day

+1.77

+2.08

+1.19

+0.39

-0.09

-2.02

-2.49

-0.39

+1.73

+1.03

-0.08

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### Thorpe may be back to ODIs

REUTERS, London

England batsman Graham Thorpe has said he may reconsider his decision to retire from one-day international cricket.

Thorpe announced last year he would not play for England's oneday side again and withdrew from the Ashes tour of Australia following the collapse of his marriage.

"I'm really up for my cricket," Thorpe said in his column in the Daily Mail newspaper. "I'm confident that I can play my best and then it's up to others to decide whether I should play for England.

"I have missed it this winter and am keen to play all the cricket I can this summer including one-day internationals and Tests.

# Quips & Quotes

FROM PAGE 13 looking good.'

India captain Saurav Ganguly in confident mood ahead of his side's match against England in Durban on Wednesday.

"It's just a question of closing my eyes and what will be, will be."

Zimbabwe's Andy Blignaut whose quickfire 54 off 25 balls against Australia was the third fastest half-century ever in the World Cup.



Cricket World Cup 2003 **Preliminary Round** Bangladesh vs New Zealand Venue: Kimberley England vs India Venue: Durban GrameenPhone Premier Cricket League

City Club vs BCB Dev Squad Venue: FCS

Uttara Sporting vs Indira Road

**Brothers Union vs Orient SC** 

Venue: BKSP

Venue: BNS

# Cop and a cricketer

Note 1: Three teams from the group will advance to the super-six

Note 2: England forfeited four points to Zimbabwe for refusing to

Note 3: New Zealand forfeited four points to Kenya for refusing to

looking for guys to come through because you need fast bowlers since top sides like Australia, Pakistan and South Africa have got quick bowlers of their own.

DSS: What was the turning point n your career? SB: I probably played the best

one-day games against Australia. The series in Australia and a few games against Bangladesh provided me a huge confidence in my career. It was just amazing the way things went in Australia. I have not had the same success in the World Cup so far, but things will change if I get a few wickets.

**DSS**: What was the story behind joining the police. SB: I joined the police force in 1999 and have worked there a year

and a half. I'm on leave at the

moment just to play cricket. DSS: Why not take cricket as a SB: I'm trying to be a professional cricketer. But it is hard to get

a job once you are out of cricket. I

do think I started late. I just want to play cricket as long as I can and make a career out of it.

To start a career that late means a lot of attitude. Earlier, a New Zealander had no real career playing cricket. It was not very well paid. You get injury and then you have no one coming. But things have changed now and money in

DSS: Shoaib Akhtar and Brett Lee are the fastest bowlers around. You are just behind them. Do you think that you can bowl that

SB: I can get up to the 150-mark but they are a yard quicker than me. Shoaib and Lee bowl at a speed of 160. I do not think I can bowl that fast and that does not bother me. I want to make it right and quick enough to hurry batsmen to create chances.

DSS: You are the only fast

bowler of the three whose action is

not controversial. How do you look

coming to cricket.

SB: That's right. I do not want to get into controversy as far as my bowling is concerned DSS: Who is your idol as a

SB: Richard Hadlee. He was so DSS: Who do you think is the

most difficult batsman to bow

against? SB: There are a number of batsmen who are difficult to bowl at. Matthew Hayden, Brian Lara and Sachin Tendulkar are the ones. I think they have all the time to play their shots even when you are bowling quickly. They just can't be hurried. Still, one day you will get frustrated with yourself, and

frustrated. DSS: You are now a well-known cricketer in New Zealand. So wouldn't it be tough to work as a police officer and catch a robber?

another day you may make them

**SB**: (laughs out loudly) It would be hard to do my police job. I should work undercover from now.



giving ceremony at the conference room of the National Sports Council yesterday.

Winners of the Shahjalal Bank 1st international rating chess competition are seen with the guests during the prize-

# Nipa takes

leader with 2.5 points each.

Bablee. In the day's other matches,

### Fire Service beat Shantibagh Welfare Association 25-13, 25-15,

NBL v'ball

Division Volleyball League at the In the other match of the day, Nabajagarai Sangha got walkover

against Bangladesh Bank Club. Brothers Union Club will play East End Club at 3.30pm while Fire Service will encounter Dhaka Sabuj at 5pm today.

### All's not lost

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character." he said. "We have come out of such situations before and can do it again. The important thing is to get

the basics right. "I'm still worried about the middle-order. This was our best opportunity to win before our next big match. We didn't play well, and this puts us under pressure to beat the West Indies in Cape Town," added

# 500 and going

holds the record of most Test wickets with 519 in 132 matches, followed by Australia's Shane Warne (491), Sri Lanka's Muralitharan (437) India's Kapil Dev (434), New Zealand's Richard Hadlee (431) and Wasim (414).

Plagued by injuries, Wasim abandoned his chase for Walsh's record tally in the longer version of the game but has set a benchmark in one-day cricket which will be hard

Regarded as one of the most nnovative new-ball bowlers, Wasim failed to get a wicket on his one-day debut against New Zealand at Faisalabad in 1984-85 but was instantly compared with Australian legendary left-armer Alan Davidson

when he took 5-21 against the Australians in the World Championship of cricket in Melbourne in only his fourth match.

He also holds the record of two hattricks both in Tests and onedayers his first hattrick coming against the West Indies in the Sharjah Champions' Trophy oneday tournament in 1989-90 during which he also completed his 100

That was followed by a second hattrick against Australia, also in Shariah six months later.

Wasim's finest hour came in the 1992 World Cup when he took 18 wickets three in the final to finish as player of the tournament and help his team win the title.

### **ROAD TO 500** Country

Australia

W Indies

SAfrica

SLanka

SAfrica

Australia

SLanka

India

Victim 1st: Robbie Kerr 50th: Sunil Gavaskar 100th Curtly Ambrose 150th Andy Flower Brian McMillan 200th: 250th Sanath Jayasuriya 300th: David Houghton Jacques Kallis 400th Damien Martyn 2000 450th: Kumar Sangakkara

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Hyderabad Sharjah Zimbabwe Hobart East London Colombo Zimbabwe Quetta East London Sydney

Venue

Melbourne

2001-02

1996-97 1997-98 1 9 9 9

Season

1984-85

1986-87

1989-90

1991-92

1992-93

1994-95

Benoni Pietermaritzburg Durban Dhaka Dhaka Chittagong Kimberley

### **HEAD-TO-HEAD**

AFP, Kimberley

Recent head-to-head record for New Zealand v Bangladesh ahead of their World Cup Group B match at De Beers Oval on Wednesday: New Zealand won by 167 runs New Zealand won by 6 wickets

conditions in Australia and England." Patil, whose contract with Kenya will be reviewed after the World Cup, believed the country had the talent to go far in cricket. "There is natural talent in Kenya. They are born athletes and strong "We have improved a lot over the

"We make regular tours of India,

but the boys need to get a feel of

years. Maybe we are not in a position to beat teams like Australia consistently, but which team does

think we are capable of that.

## **NZ-BD FORM GUIDE**

eb 18 2003	v West Indies NR
eb 14 2003	lost to Sri Lanka by 10 wickets
eb 11 2003	lost to Canada by 60 runs
ec 3 2002	lost to West Indies by 86 runs
ec 2 2002	lost to West Indies by 84 runs
ov 29 2002	v West Indies NR
ct 9 2002	lost to South Africa by 7 wickets
ct 3 2002	lost to South Africa by 168 runs
ct 2 2002	lost to South Africa by 10 wicket

Potchefstroom

New Zealand won by 161 runs

Ivana (L) and Nupur during their third round engagement of the 24th national

## chess championship at the National Sports Council yesterday. Point to ponder

FROM PAGE 13 patiently.

"Let them take time, we'll use it to sharpen our game," Patil said. "We certainly do not want to have

a start like Bangladesh. When we

get there, we should be able to

compete well." Patil, who starred in India's World Cup triumph in 1983, took a swipe at England and Australia for not doing

in unfamilier conditions." he said.

play the second string sides.

**FROM PAGE 13** 

enough to help Kenya's cause. chance to play on different wickets "I am not saying England and

"We will improve only if we get a

BANGLADESH (won 0 lost 8 NR 2)

physically," he said.

that these days. "The important thing is to hold Australia should invite us to play their best team, but we could go there and your own against the big guns. I

Feb 22 2003 lost to South Africa by 10 wickets Bloemfontein

still deciding whether to fight the He has until Saturday to decide whether to lodge an appeal, which would be heard by the National "One side of me says 'get out