

### Magura cricket

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Outstanding performances by Jewel and Johnny enabled Independent Cricket Club to record a three wickets victory over Patriot Sporting Club in the Econo Cricket League at the Magura Stadium yesterday.

Batting first Patriot made 160 all out in 30.4 overs.

In reply, Independent reached the target with 19 balls to spare.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
**PATRIOT SPORTING CLUB:** 160 all out in 30.4 overs (Miraz 39, Dukhu 36, Sohag 32; Jewel 4/28, Haradhan 2/19, Sajal 2/30).

**INDEPENDENT CRICKET CLUB:** 161 for 7 wickets in 31.5 overs (Johnny 71, Sajal 23, Jewel 14; Palash 4/15, Firoz 3/23).

**Result:** Independent Cricket Club won by three wickets.

**Man of the match:** Johnny.  
**Today's match:** Young Star vs Chitra Sporting Club.

### WC cricket quiz held

BSS, Dhaka

The lottery and prize distribution ceremony of OPSO Saline World Cup Cricket Quiz competition was held at the Kanchi Kancha Bhaban auditorium yesterday.

As many as 20,000 cricket fans from across the country took part in the competition.

Physician Prof Dr Mirza Mazharul Islam attended the function as the chief guest while ophthalmologist Dr S M Munirul Haq and ex-captain of the Bangladesh cricket team Roqibul Hasan were the special guests.



<b>BTV</b>
India vs South Africa
TVS Cup Tri-Series Final
Live at 2:00 pm
<b>ESPN</b>
Primera Liga
Real Madrid vs Barcelona
Same Day Delay at 2:00 pm
<b>Australia vs West Indies</b>
Second Test, Day Two
Live at 8:30 pm
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India vs South Africa
TVS Cup Tri-Series Final
Live at 2:00 pm

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COMPETITION 192

Tick the correct answers, post to

The Daily Star

Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm

April 25, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who was the man-of-the tournament in the Cricket World Cup?			
Tendulkar	Ganguly	Lee	
2. Who was the man-of-the-match in the World Cup final?			
Ponting	Bichel	McGrath	
3. What was the lowest score in the World Cup?			
36	40	43	
4. What was the highest score in the World Cup?			
359	345	394	
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### CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>37</b> With 33- Acrona, Brazilian city	<b>54</b> Born 1955, Ollie's pal	<b>10</b> Furniture store chain
<b>1</b> Hammer-head part		<b>56</b> Assistant city	<b>11</b> "Cheers" offering
<b>5</b> Faction			<b>20</b> Classic 1942 movie
<b>9</b> Chest protector?	<b>38</b> Sushi ingredient,	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>22</b> Busyboddy
<b>12</b> Impetuous maybe	<b>1</b> Grouch path	<b>2</b> Kegler's libor	<b>24</b> Money of India
<b>13</b> Valhalla VIP	<b>39</b> Burlap fiber	<b>3</b> "The Thin Man"	<b>25</b> Slander
<b>14</b> Luau musio-maker	<b>42</b> Needlefish	<b>4</b> Historic D.C. building	<b>26</b> Indivisible
<b>15</b> Oppositionist	<b>48</b> Bob of CBS news	<b>5</b> Grim container	<b>27</b> Lagniappe
<b>16</b> Repair Boots?	<b>49</b> "— in Boots"	<b>6</b> Notion	<b>29</b> Popcorn
<b>17</b> Alphabet ender	<b>50</b> Almost black	<b>7</b> Thanks-giving highlight	<b>30</b> Right angle
<b>18</b> Pummel	<b>51</b> Candle tally	<b>8</b> Conclusion	<b>31</b> Female rabbit
<b>19</b> Just say no?	<b>52</b> Sandwich treat	<b>9</b> Edwin Aldrin, for short	<b>35</b> Dairy item
<b>20</b> Autocrat			<b>36</b> Human being
<b>21</b> Be watchful	<b>53</b> Film fragment		<b>39</b> Author
<b>23</b> Historic period			<b>40</b> Stimulate
<b>25</b> Mid-May honoree			<b>41</b> Genealogy chart
<b>28</b> Needing oil, maybe			<b>43</b> Cruising island
<b>32</b> 1865 victors			<b>45</b> Island near Java
<b>33</b> See 37- Across			<b>46</b> Very eager
<b>34</b> Barney Fife, e.g.			<b>47</b> Use a keyboard
<b>36</b> Little rock			<b>49</b> Neg. opp.

**Solution time: 28 mins.**

**PTA SHUT HOPE**  
**LOU TIME AMOK**  
**CORDELIA VISE**  
**EARL OATHS**  
**ALVIN NUNES**  
**GLOBE MERGUITLO**  
**ORBI BARGE EMU**  
**GERTRUDE BRAT**  
**RELY REINS**  
**CLOUD OILY**  
**RIPPA FALS TAFF**  
**OVEN OTE XLO**  
**WENT BONA TRA**

## Lancs start in style



REUTERS/AFP, London

Stuart Law and Mal Loye hit unbeaten centuries for Lancashire on Friday to condemn champions Surrey to a day toiling in unseasonal sunshine as the English County Cricket Championship got underway.

In Division Two, international pacemen Darren Gough, back from injury, and Wasim Akram, making his debut for Hampshire, were among the wickets.

Loye, in his first championship game for Lancashire since leaving Northants, followed up a classy 81 in a one-day friendly with Durham two days ago with an unbeaten 104.

Lancashire won the toss at The Oval and romped to 391 for two with Loye and Law, 129 not out, putting on an unbeaten 222.

Surrey won last season's championship by a convincing 44 points with Lancashire a distant fourth.

Two newly promoted sides clashed at Chelmsford where Essex were in control against Middlesex, who decided to bat but slumped to 86-6 before a recovery of sorts to 214 all out.

Ben Hutton lent respectability to their score with an unbeaten 45, while paceman Jonathan Dakin took four for 203.



PHOTO: INTERNET

Surrey's Pakistan off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq signs autographs for the fans before the start of their County Championship game against Lancashire on Friday.

## The unknown

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as a recluse and receiving treatment for his drug addiction.

Tragedy struck again in 1981, when son Paul, the kidnap victim, took a drugs overdose and had a stroke which left him paralysed and virtually blind.

His father became more reclusive but, like his father before him, he became a committed Anglophile and took British citizenship.

He also started using his vast fortune for the benefit of his adopted country.

In 10 years from 1984 he gave away £140m, much of it in support of the arts.

The largest gift was of 50 million pounds to the National Gallery for the purchase of art treasures.

Ironically, Sir Paul's money helped prevent such precious artifacts as Antonio Canova's statue, The Three Graces, being bought by his father's pride and joy, the Getty Museum in California.

Other beneficiaries included the British film industry, the Imperial War Museum, Ely Cathedral, and even the families of striking miners in 1984.

Through his friend, Mick Jagger, Sir Paul also developed a love of cricket, a passion which led to a 2 million pounds

gift to Lords cricket ground to build the new Mound Stand.

He bought Wisden, publishers of the cricketers' almanac, famously travelled to watch overseas Test matches on his yacht, the Talitha G, and had his own cricket ground built at his 3,000-acre estate in Buckinghamshire.

Sir Paul's philanthropy earned him an honorary knighthood from the Queen in 1986.

In 1994 he married for the third time, to Victoria Holdsworth, a former model. He had five children from his earlier marriages.

### Young Taibu

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"Craig has basically not made enough runs," said Marsh.

"At the World Cup he started with 172 not out against Namibia, but from that day Craig has not scored enough runs to warrant selection to go to England."

Marsh said that the team selected for the tour would lay a good foundation for the 2007 World Cup in the West Indies.

"The squad is a mixture of young players and experienced players," said Marsh.

### Hodge spares Aus A blushes

AFP, Perth

Talented Brad Hodge saved Australia A from major embarrassment with a stylish 160 on the opening day of a three-day cricket clash against South Africa A at the WACA Ground here Saturday.

The right-hander hit 28 fours and a six off 181 balls in a one-man show, taking the home team to a first innings total of 251.

No other Australia A batsman made more than 18.

In reply, the visitors were struggling with 2-20 when stumps were drawn because of bad light.

The pair at the wicket, Martin van Jaarsfeld and Ashwell Prince, were yet to score.

Hodge strode to the crease with his side nine for one wicket and was dropped in slips by Morne Van Wyk before reaching double figures.

He departed with his team at 236 for nine.

Making the most of his early escape, he registered his 18th first-class century to be the backbone of the innings.

South African swing bowler Carl Langeveldt was the pick of the attack with 4-78 off 16 overs.

His captain, Nicky Boje, won the toss and wisely elected to bowl first on a pitch providing some assistance for the pacemen in overcast conditions.

Australia A started badly with opener Chris Rogers retiring hurt after a Langeveldt delivery struck him on the arm in the third over.

### BD crash out

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missed a sustained effort.

The result meant Myanmar advanced into the next round 3-0 on aggregate to face Japan.

It was Bangladesh's first appearance in an Olympic football competition after a gap of twelve years.

### Lara full of hope

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He has not scored a century in nine previous Tests at the Queen's Park Oval, his home ground since he was a teenager. But he stressed he was more keen to see a total team effort.

"That is of least importance, my personal achievements," he said. "Most importantly, I want to see the guys get together and go out there and play good cricket."

The last time the two sides played at the Queen's Park Oval, Australia bowled out the West Indies for 51 in the second innings still the lowest-ever Test total by the West Indies to win by 312 runs.

### Ready for Test

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played in it.

"I am looking forward to this season. Lancashire's aim is to win the County Championship and we are definitely looking to finish in the top three."

With Darren Gough making a successful comeback at Headingley on Friday, it is possible Anderson could soon share the new ball with the Yorkshire verteran in Test cricket.

Anderson has a high opinion of Gough.

"He has said he is England's best bowler when fully fit and I agree with him.

"Good luck to him. He's had a great career and is someone I look up to."

### Giles Hussain's

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"But what me, Caddick and him have done is open the door for a lot of young lads out there to come into a very fine triangular series [against Zimbabwe and South Africa] and a one-day series against Pakistan.

"There's five, six seven of them who could easily make themselves into international names and there's a great opportunity for younger players.

"I know the selectors will look for younger players and I hope they take it.

"It's a great opportunity for England because they are going to have a look at four, five, six players.

"Who knows, you might find another Michael Vaughan or another Marcus Trescothick or something."



PHOTO: COURTESY

Winners of the Hosaf Grouf Cup golf tournament are seen with the Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury (5th from left, back row) at the Savar Golf Club on April 18.



PHOTO: AFP

Spaniard Juan-Carlos Ferrero celebrates after beating American Vince Spadea at the Monte Carlo Masters Series yesterday.

### Tennis

AFP, London

Anna Kournikova's radical 'back-to-basics' plan has been put on hold by a niggling thigh injury, tennis chiefs say.

The Russian's strategy to arrest her free-fall from grace involves stepping down to compete in the lower echelons of the sport for the first time in seven years.

Dothan, Alabama was the chosen venue for the most photographed woman in sport to rebuild her confidence at a \$75,000 (47,000 pounds) ITF Women's Circuit Tournament.

However, the thigh injury which forced her to quit last week's Family Circle Cup in Charleston, South Carolina, has not healed in time and the Russian has had to withdraw her name from the low-key field next

week.

Instead it is planned that the long road back to form will start at Sea Island in Georgia at the beginning of May.

The lure of Berlin -- where she has been offered a wildcard to compete in the \$1.26 million German Open -- may yet prove too strong, however.

To date, though, she is still entered in the \$25,000 claycourt event in the Peach State.

Suggestions that Kournikova should step down to the lower levels of professional tennis had, in the past, provoked fury from the Russian. But after four first-round defeats in the five top-flight tournaments she has played this year, it now seems she sees it as the way ahead.

The move mirrors steps taken by Andre Agassi, who returned to the men's challenger circuit in 1998 with his game in tatters and ranked 141st in

## Ferrero thru'



AFP, Monaco

Top seed and reigning champion Juan Carlos Ferrero droppped serve four times in reaching the final of the Monte Carlo Masters Series on Saturday with a 6-3, 6-4 win over unseeded American Vince Spadea.

In the end failing to find his own serving range didn't matter as he broke his opponent on seven occasions to advance to the trophy match after an error-strewn encounter which the 23-year-old from Onteniente nonetheless never looked in danger of losing.

"I am very happy to be in the final once again - and into the top five in the rankings," said Ferrero, who is now back in the top five on the ATP Champions Race.

On the ATP entry list determining entry into tournaments he is ranked third.

Ferrero, determined to regain his title and then lift the French Open having lost last year's final to Albert Costa, will now play either Carlos Moya - the fellow Spaniard whom he beat in last year's final - or Argentine Guillermo Coria.

Spadea, 28, was playing in his second Masters Series semi-final of the season having also reached the last four at Indian Wells, finally bowing to

Lleyton Hewitt.

But on slow, red clay he was scarcely a match for a rival acknowledged as a giant on the surface as he succumbed in 1hr 18min as Ferrero, who is chasing his first title of 2003, made it 11 straight wins at the event.

The Spaniard, who beat Spadea in a dead Davis Cup rubber in Santander three years ago, broke in the opening game and, despite his rival's greater eagerness to storm the net, moved swiftly out to 3-1.

There followed a raft of breaks - five in a row - as Ferrero failed to serve out for the set at 5-2 before scooping over a low winner to wrap it up in 34min.

Ferrero hit long as Spadea broke for 2-1 in the second set but then conceded his own serve as the first set pattern essentially repeated itself before more three more games on a roll conceded left the American serving to stay in the match.

He duly held, then broke with a scooped low backhand volley to close to 5-4 as Ferrero closed his eyes in frustration.

But a stroke of luck saw Ferrero, playing his first clay event of the season, move to match point with a net cord which just dropped over the tape and then Spadea drove wide to conclude the proceedings.

Spadea had the consolation of having become the first American to reach the semis since Aaron Krickstein in 1992.



ANNA KOURNIKOVA