



## Did U Know?

India, Sri Lanka, West Indies and Zimbabwe are the countries who did not play 8-ball overs at all in the Tests on their land, even for a short while.



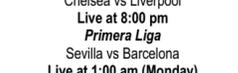
## TEN Sports

New Zealand vs Pakistan  
Tri Series  
Live at 10:00 am

ESPN  
West Indies vs Australia  
Fourth Test, Day Three  
Live at 8:00 pm

STAR Sports  
English Premier Football League  
Chelsea vs Liverpool  
Live at 8:00 pm

Primera Liga  
Sevilla vs Barcelona  
Live at 1:00 am (Monday)



## TALK TURKEY



**Akram Khan**  
(Former Bangladesh cricket captain)  
"It was a dream that never came true in my life."  
On his failure to score a hundred or a fifty in Test matches.

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 193

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- Who clinched the Professor Abdur Razzak 29th National chess title?  
Niaz Zia Reefat
- Who became man-of-the-match in the Sharjah Cup final?  
Youhana Sami Taufiq
- Who will lead Sri Lanka's one-day side?  
Tillekeratne Vass
- Who won the man-of-the-series award in the TVS Cup triangular tournament?  
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## Ponting illness not identified

REUTERS, St. John's  
Doubts still surrounded the flu-like infection that struck down Australia vice-captain Ricky Ponting and forced him to miss the fourth and final Test against West Indies at the close of the first day's play on Friday.  
Team physio Errol Alcott said Ponting, who made a century in each of the first three Tests against West Indies, had visited local doctors and been put on antibiotics, but that the illness had not been identified.  
"We're not quite sure what Ricky has got," Alcott told reporters. "He's had headaches, fever, joint aches, sweating and he's lost his appetite. I think we'll have to call it a flu-like medical condition."

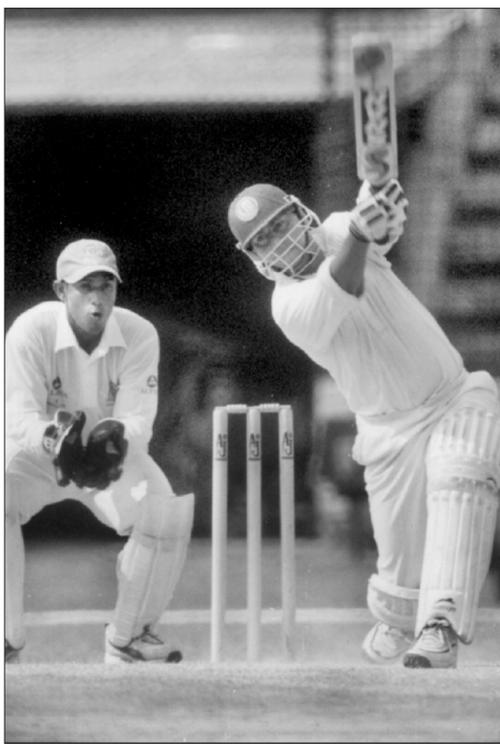
# Tense finish in store



SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammedan Sporting Club will get a last chance to pose any threat to Victoria Sporting Club's march for a second successive title when the GrameenPhone Premier Super League match between the two next-door neighbours enters into the final day at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.  
Although Mohammedan claimed a vital first innings lead after they shot Victoria out for 258 defending an impressive total of 289, the popular Motijheel outfit still need to bowl their sturdy opponents again to spoil the party.  
The situation before the match had Mohammedan needing an outright victory to keep their slim chances alive. Victoria on the other hand are left with the relatively easy task of batting out the remainder of the final day after an early Mohammedan declaration.  
Second-placed Mohammedan were 201-5 at the close, extending their lead to 232 with skipper Minhazul Abedin batting on 40.  
Definitely they will be going for some quick runs before giving their bowlers ample time to really put the Victorians under pressure on a wicket that is showing signs of wear. But above all Mohammedan

will be hoping that rain stays away for the whole day.  
Honours on the third day were evenly shared. Resuming on 223-7, Victoria might have failed to topple their opponent's first-innings total but almost successfully batted their share of 100 overs.  
Opener Nafis Iqbal scored exactly 50 when Mohammedan came out to bat. The young right-hander struck three fours in his 132-ball knock before being caught behind off right-arm seamer Mushfiqur Rahman.  
First innings century-maker Rajat Bhatia also contributed 44 off 92 balls before being smartly stumped off a wide delivery from left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak.  
Razzak not only grabbed the important wicket of the Indian all-rounder but also earned a unique feat by bowling a marathon spell of 35 overs without break after being introduced in the second over of the day.  
Victoria only used three bowlers and all of them kept things tight. Mushfiq was most successful with three for 74.  
SCOREBOARD  
Scorecard on the third day of the GrameenPhone Premier Cricket Super League clash between Mohammedan SC and Victoria SC at



Mohammedan captain Minhazul Abedin off-drives powerfully during his unbeaten 40 on the third day of their GrameenPhone Premier Division Super League encounter against Victoria at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

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# Lawson gives WI upper hand



AFP, St. John's

West Indian Jermaine Lawson produced the best bowling performance in Antigua with seven wickets to reduce Australia to their lowest score of the series in an electrifying opening day of the fourth Test here on Friday.  
The 21-year-old Jamaican tearaway had the Australians ducking and diving as he claimed 7-78 off 19.1 hostile overs to bundle Steve Waugh's champion team out for 240, by far their lowest total of the four-match series.  
At the close, the West Indies were 47 for two off 15 overs with

first innings of the three other Tests, were uncharacteristically on the back-foot against the Lawson-fuelled attack and were bowled out in 72.1 overs.  
No Australian batsman scored more than Langer's 42, even though five of them made 30 or better.  
Lawson, playing in only his seventh Test, saved up his ferocity for the tail-enders and bounced out Lee, MacGill and Gillespie, with fearsome short-pitched deliveries that they attempted to fend away only to be caught behind the wicket.  
Recalled wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs finished with four catches, the last one a blinding diving one-gloved effort to snap up Gillespie to end the innings.  
The Recreation Ground pitch

had more bounce than the other lifeless wickets in the series and Lawson took full advantage.  
His seven wickets bettered his 6 wickets for 3 against Bangladesh in Dhaka late last year.  
Lawson laid the groundwork for his Test-best performance by removing both openers in the morning session after Steve Waugh had won the toss and chose to bat.  
Lawson surprised Hayden with extra lift and the left-hander mis-cued a pull shot and popped an easy catch for Drakes at mid-on for 14.  
Langer, who was dropped three times on his way to 78 in the first innings of the Bridgetown Test, was fumbled again by Chris Gayle at

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## LATEST STAR SPORT MONITOR

West Indies were 137 for five shortly before lunch on the second day of the fourth and final Test against Australia yesterday. Ramnareh Sarwan was the last man out after scoring 24. Captain Brian Lara was batting on 40 while Shivnarine Chanderpaul was yet to open his account.



7-UP: West Indies fast bowler Jermaine Lawson sends down yet another thunderbolt on the first day of the fourth and final Test against Australia at St. John's, Antigua on May 9. Lawson took seven wickets.

## StanChart cricket BKSP, Kalindi High reach final

UNB, Dhaka  
Holders Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) and Parjoar Kalindi High School emerged group champions to reach the final of the Standard Chartered 21st National School Cricket tournament yesterday.

They will play the two-day long 80-over-a-side final on May 12-13 at Bangabandhu National Stadium.  
At Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, BKSP became Group A champions eliminating Comilla Razzak High School by a massive 148-run while Parjoar Kalindi High School topped the Group B chart beating Gaibandha Islamia High School by 60 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground.  
SCORES IN BRIEF  
BKSP: 250 all out in 48.5 overs (Mushfiq 83, Sumon 63, Ruhul 34, Saidul 5/43, Sagar 2/19 and Ani 2/30).

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# Mashud among invitees



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has invited 21 cricketers to attend an introductory meeting with Dav Whatmore. The get-to-know session will take place at the BCB's Gulshan office at 10 am on May 14.  
Out of favour former national captain Khaled Mashud is the first name at the top of the invitees' list. The Board also called three openers Al-Shahriar, Ehsanul Hoque and Hannan Sarkar who all took no part in the recent TVS Cup tri-series and two-match Test series against South Africa.  
All-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman, who has not played for Bangladesh since the tour of Zimbabwe in 2001, is the surprise name in the long list.  
Last month the Board

appointed Whatmore as the new national coach after firing former Pakistani paceman Mohsin Kamal.  
Whatmore, architect of Sri Lanka's 1996 World Cup triumph, will be arriving in the capital tomorrow. The high-profile Australian-born Sri Lanka will spend a few days getting to know his new challenge, which takes shape on June 1.  
And his first assignment will be Bangladesh's maiden tour of Australia in July.  
The invited players (in order of the list) are: Khaled Mashud, Habibul Bashar, Al-Shahriar, Ehsanul Hoque, Sanwar Hossain, Khaled Mahmud, Monjurul Islam, Mohammed Rafique, Hannan Sarkar, Mohammad Ashraful, Tushar Imran, Tapas Baishya, Alok Kapali, Mashrafe-bin Mortuza, Talha Jubair, Tarek Aziz Khan, Mehrob Hossain, Javed Omar, Belim, Mohammad Salim, Enamul Hoque and Mushfiqur Rahman.

## Nat'l youth hockey Dinajpur maul Munshiganj

UNB, Dhaka

An amazing nine goals by Rana Das powered Dinajpur to record a massive 20-1 victory over Munshiganj to book a seat in the nine-team final round of the National Youth Hockey Championship yesterday.  
The winners, who became Group C champions, led the first half by 8-1 at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.  
Nurunnabi and Rumman Ali scored four each, Sadhan Das two and Nahid one for Dinajpur while Asaduzzaman scored the lone goal for Munshiganj.  
In the day's other two matches, Dhaka Education Board and Comilla emerged also group champions to reach the final round eliminating their rivals at the same venue.  
Dhaka Education Board, who became Group A champions, blanked Rajshahi Divisional Sports Association 3-0. Sumon, Imu and Rajib scored for the winners, all in

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# Pakistan thrash Lanka



AFP, Dambulla

pressure on the Sri Lankan batsmen to drive home the advantage given by Akhtar.  
Razzaq trapped Atapattu leg-before for 26 and Sami then accounted for Mahela Jayawardene (22) in a similar fashion to virtually shatter Sri Lanka's hopes of winning the low-scoring match.  
Atapattu was the only Sri Lankan batsman to defend their modest total of 199-8 as they bundled Sri Lanka out for 120, thanks to Akhtar who was under pressure to deliver.  
Akhtar (2-19), warned by his country's cricket chief Tauqir Zia that this tournament would be the last chance to revive his career, responded with a fiery performance to set up his team's victory.  
Sri Lanka could never recover from Akhtar's early blows and lost their last seven wickets for a paltry 22 runs in a dramatic collapse.  
"Batting has let the side down. The bowlers did well but the batsmen failed to deliver," new Sri Lanka captain Marvan Atapattu said.  
Pakistani skipper Rashid Latif used his main weapon in three short spells and the paceman struck when it mattered most, removing hard-hitting Sanath Jayasuriya in his first over and then a well-set Kumar Sangakkara (29).  
Jayasuriya erred in driving and edged a rising ball to second slip where Younis Khan perfectly timed his jump to hold a head-high catch.  
Akhtar did more than just taking two wickets as he rattled Sri Lanka in his eight probing overs. He beat Atapattu (26) and Sangakkara in his opening spell, but was unlucky to find an edge.  
Sangakkara, let off on two and 17, failed to cash in on his chances and was caught at point by Shoaib Malik while trying to cut Akhtar.  
Seamers Mohammad Sami (2-19) and Abdul Razzak (1-22), and off-spinner Malik (2-23) also kept



Pakistani opener Mohammad Hafeez follows through on a sweep on way to his half-century against Sri Lanka in the tri-series opener in Dambulla yesterday. Hafeez was adjudged man-of-the-match.

PHOTO: AFP

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## Hondo humbles Worcs



AFP, Worcester

Zimbabwe seamer Douglas Hondo grabbed three wickets in the space of five balls as the tourists bowled Worcester out for 262 before tea on the first day of their tour match here on Friday.  
In reply, the tourists also suffered early blows as they lost both of their openers cheaply. Dion Ebrahim was run out when Zimbabwe were yet to open their account while Mark Vermeulen went for 11, the scoreboard reading 12.  
Worcester struck again at the end of the as the Zimbabweans lost Grant Flower (18).  
At close, they were 69 for three.  
But, there were more bad news for them as their captain Heath Streak suffered a back injury during the match with less than two weeks before the first Test against England.  
England hopeful Vikram Solanki top-scored for the county side with 74 from 79 balls before

being stumped by Tatenda Taibu after charging down the pitch to a ball from left arm spinner Ray Price.  
Solanki, bidding for a return to the England one-day side after a three-year absence, had looked well set to complete a quickfire century after hitting a six and fourteen boundaries in an impressive knock.  
Worcester had won the toss and opted to bat on a flat-looking strip. But Solanki's departure led to a collapse triggered by Hondo claiming his three wickets in quick succession.  
First Ben Smith, who had shared a 129-run partnership with Solanki, was caught behind by Taibu on 53.  
Kadeer Ali followed in identical fashion three balls later only to be followed next delivery by Gareth Batty, who had his middle stump knocked back by Hondo's full-length ball.  
Hondo finished with figures of 3-53 off 15 overs.  
He was ably assisted by Any Blythe, who provided the initial

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## SAF Games staying in Pakistan

PTI, Islamabad  
Amid peace overtures, Pakistan said Friday it would host the cancelled ninth South Asian Federation Games in Islamabad in the hope that India will send its team to the regional competition.  
The thrice postponed and then cancelled SAF Games would be held in Pakistan, Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali told reporters.  
Pakistan had last month cancelled the Games following India's reluctance to take part. But after his telephonic conversation with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Jamali said it was decided to conduct the Games here as planned earlier with the hope that India would take part in it.

## Indo-Pak cricket on the cards?

INTERNET, New Delhi  
Vikram Verma, the Indian sports minister, has clarified that a decision is yet to be taken on the immediate resumption of cricket with Pakistan.  
He told an Indian news agency: "Things will not happen overnight. Relations will have to improve overall."  
A news report had on Thursday quoted sources in the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) saying that Atal Behari Vajpayee, India's Prime Minister, had approved the resumption of cricketing ties.  
It further said that an official announcement was expected within the next week, following a slight political thaw in the acrimonious relations between India and Pakistan.  
But Verma said that Vajpayee was yet to decide on the matter.  
He said that besides his ministry, the external affairs and home ministries too would be involved in the decision. The BCCI had formally applied to the Indian government for resuming bilateral cricket ties with Pakistan.  
Pakistan are due to tour India, as per the ICC calendar, in February 2004. However, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is insisting that India show their good faith by first playing in Pakistan.

# Law, Chilton steer Lancs



INTERNET, London

Stuart Law and Mark Chilton shared a mammoth unbeaten 246 partnership to put Lancashire in a commanding position over Middlesex at Lord's in the County Championship on Friday.  
Law smashed 143 not out with 17 fours, while Chilton passed his hundred just before the close.  
Lancashire ended on 366 for three, but things could have been different if Middlesex had capitalised on the three Lancashire wickets, which all fell before lunch. One of which Imran Tahir, the debutant leg-spinner, picked up in his first over when he had Mal Loye caught at silly point by Ben Hutton, and all after he lobbed two full-tosses in the same over, both smashed to the boundary.

In the clash between the Division One leaders and the champions at Trent Bridge, Jason Gallian carried his bat to an enterprising 112 not out although Nottinghamshire were bowled for only 211.  
Gallian didn't get much help from his friends. Azhar Mahmood got the ball rolling for Surrey with three early wickets and then James Ormond polished the Notts tall off as the last five wickets fell for only 56 runs.  
And Surrey had a few big-name casualties of their own in their quick pursuit of Notts's total. Mark Butcher was caught behind first ball of the innings, and Ian Ward soon followed for a meagre 3.  
However, Mark Ramprakash dug in for 38, but the highlight of the day was Alec Stewart's blistering 98 off 70 balls, as Surrey finished five down, and trailing by 52.  
At Edgbaston, Warwickshire's

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