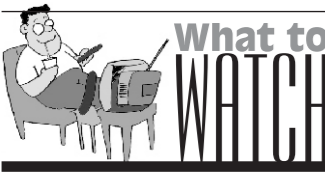




## Did U Know?

The first ever ICC Knockout tournament was held in Dhaka in October and November in 1998. All the matches were played at the Bangabandhu Stadium under floodlights. Interestingly Bangladesh, despite being the hosts, did not play. South Africa and West Indies qualified for the final, where South Africa defeated West Indies by four wickets.



## TEN SPORTS

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Highlights at 9:30 am
- Primera Liga  
Highlights at 5:00 pm
- Sportline Tonight**  
Sports News  
Live at 8:00 pm



**Grant Flower**  
(Zimbabwe batsman)  
"It's different but I wouldn't say I feel isolated. Zimbabwe is still a great place to live in even though we're having tough times."  
On missing his brother Andy

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Tillekeratne      Vass
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# BD to play three Tests in Pakistan

## Cricket

### SPORTS REPORTER

The first Test of the three-match series between Bangladesh and hosts Pakistan will start on August 20. Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) advisor and cricket committee chairman Mahbubul Anam said yesterday.

Although the original schedule included two Tests and three one-day internationals during Bangladesh's tour of Pakistan in August and September 2003, the number of matches have been increased to three Tests and five ODIs, following a request from the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

The three five-day games are on August 20, 27 and September 3 while the one-day series is spread over September 10, 13, 16, 19 and 22. However, the PCB has yet to name the venues for the whole series.

This will be the first time that Bangladesh will be playing a three-match Test series since being awarded Test status in June 2000.

After returning from Australia on August 7, the Test babes will only get ten days to recharge their batteries before flying to Pakistan. The team will return home on September 23, just two weeks before the arrival of England on October 8.

Meanwhile, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has agreed with a BCB proposal allowing a two-week camp in Brisbane before team begins their maiden tour down under in earnest at two of cricket's newest Test venues.

Bangladesh, under the guidance of new national coach Dav Whatmore, will fly to Brisbane on June 22 and stay there until July 6 before heading to Darwin on the same day.

As part of the itinerary Bangladesh will play a one-day match against an Aboriginal selec-

tion and a four-day match against the ACB President's Eleven in Darwin before the first Test begins there on July 18.

The second Test starts in Cairns on July 25. Also it will play host to two one-day internationals on August 2 and 3. The third and final limited-overs international is in Darwin on August 6.

UNB adds, the national cricket team's training camp for the tour of Australia will begin on June 1. A list of 25 players will be released shortly.

The three-member selection committee, headed by Aliul Islam, met the cricket committee to discuss matters related to the selection and preparations for the camp.

The preliminary squad of 25 players will be announced on May 31. The initial team will be picked after the arrival of Whatmore, who is also part of the selection committee. He is due here on May 30.



PHOTO: STAR  
Action from the National Youth Hockey Championship semifinal between Dhaka and Dinajpur at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

## National hockey BKSP-Dhaka showdown

### UNB, Dhaka

BKSP and Dhaka moved into the final of the National Youth Hockey Championship winning their semifinals at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

BKSP booked their place beating Dhaka Education Board 4-1 after trailing the first half 1-2.

In the day's second semifinal, Dhaka blanked Dinajpur 6-0 after dominating the first half by 3-0 goals.

The final will be held today at 4pm at the same venue. State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will be present as chief guest and distribute trophies.

## Nat'l cricket Faridpur enter final round

### SPORTS REPORTER

Faridpur became the last team to qualify for the final round of the 26th National Cricket Championship with the help of a coin toss after play against Dhaka was postponed for the second successive day in Mymensingh yesterday.

Faridpur will join Comilla and Barisal in Group C of the final round.

The 12-team final round, which begins from May 25, will be held in four groups. Group A and B will play in Comilla while Group C and D will play in Chittagong.

Following 12 teams will play in the final round:

- Group A:** Biman, Dhaka University and Nilphamari.
- Group B:** Chittagong, Narayanganj and Jhenidah.
- Group C:** Faridpur, Comilla and Barisal.
- Group D:** Sylhet, Rajshahi and Sathkira.

## ICC officials arrive today

### SPORTS REPORTER

Two International Cricket Council officials Campbell Jamieson and Warren Deutrom will arrive in the city today in connection with next year's ICC Under-19 World Cup in Bangladesh.

The officials will visit a few of the venues proposed for the tournament.

Jamieson, who is the commercial manager of the event, will leave the capital on May 25 while Deutrom, the event manager, is scheduled to stay until May 27.

They will also address a press conference at the Sonargaon Hotel at 4:30 pm on May 24.

## Delta Life TT from June 25

### BSS, Dhaka

The Delta Life Insurance Open Table Tennis Championship will be held from June 25-29 at the Dhaka Wooden Floor Gymnasium.

The events are: Men's team, Women's team, Boys' team, Men's singles, Women's singles and Boys' singles.

BTFF has invited ten districts for to take part in certain events. The districts are: Narail (Boys' and Women's team), Khulna (Boys' team), Gaibandha (Boys' and Women's team), Habiganj (Men's team), Bogra (Boys' team), Rajshahi (Men's and Women's team), Jessore (Women's team), Patuakhali (Women's and Boys' team), Narsingdi (Boys' team) and Dinajpur (Boys' team).

Interested teams or players have been requested to send their entries by June 18.

## England coming to Lanka in Nov

### REUTERS, London

The England and Wales Cricket Board on Wednesday confirmed the following dates for the England cricket tour to Sri Lanka in November and December 2003:

- Nov 13: Arrive in Colombo
- Nov 15: Sri Lanka 'A', Colombo
- Nov 18: First ODI (d/n), Colombo
- Nov 21: Second ODI (d/n), Colombo
- Nov 23: Third ODI (d/n), Colombo
- Nov 26-28: Sri Lanka 'A', Colombo
- Dec 2-6: First Test, Galle
- Dec 10-14: Second Test, Colombo
- Dec 18-22: Third Test, Colombo
- Dec 23: Depart for England

## Different ball game

### AFP, London

Liam Botham, son of former England cricket captain Ian, who quit a career in his father's sport in order to play rugby union could be about to play rugby league after indicating his interest in the 13-mangame.

Liam, 25, who can play at either wing or full-back, is out of contract with English Premiership rugby union team Newcastle and his agents have alerted Super League clubs to his availability.

"He is quite keen on the challenge," said Botham junior's agent Simon Cohen. "He wants to move on and I think his style of play would suit rugby league."

Botham played county cricket for Hampshire back in 1996 before deciding his future lay in rugby union and achieved England A honours three years ago during his time at Welsh giants Cardiff.



PHOTO: AFP  
Teammates gather to congratulate Heath Streak (R) after the Zimbabwe captain saw the back of England's Michael Vaughan (L) on the first day of Lord's Test yesterday.

# Zim keep hosts in check

## Cricket

### AFP, London

Zimbabwe removed England openers Marcus Trescothick and Michael Vaughan as the hosts reached 138 for two at tea on the first day of the first Test at Lord's here on Thursday.

Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak backed up his decision to field first by dismissing Vaughan the world's best batsman according to the rankings and Test cricket's leading run scorer in 2002 for just eight.

And the Africans' other new-ball bowler, Andy Blythe, dismissed Trescothick for 59 when the Somerset left-hander was going well.

At tea Mark Butcher lucky to survive an lbw appeal and dropped on 36 was 37 not out and England captain Nasser Hussain eight not out as Zimbabwe's unheralded pace attack made good use of the helpful, overcast conditions.

England started the second session on 28 without loss, after only nine overs had been bowled following a rain delayed start. Trescothick 22 not out and Michael Vaughan four not out.

After the break Vaughan went 28 balls without scoring before off-

ending Streak for four his first boundary.

But next ball Vaughan was bowled off his thigh by Streak, the ball clipping leg stump.

England were now 45 for one in the 17th over, Vaughan's tortuous innings lasting 42 balls.

Zimbabwe almost had a second wicket when first change Douglas Hondo, came close to dismissing Butcher in his opening over.

An inswinging delivery rapped the Surrey left-hander (then 10) on the pads. But South African umpire David Orchard turned down the lbw appeal although television replays suggested the ball had pitched in line and would have hit the stumps.

Trescothick, who had done his fair share of playing and missing, survived to bring up a 93-ball fifty with his seventh boundary, a four through the covers off Sean Ervine.

However, a loose shot by Trescothick against Blythe in only his ninth Test and first in England saw Ervine take a good head-high catch at second slip.

Trescothick put on 76 in 101 balls with Butcher but at 121 for two the game was in the balance.

And Zimbabwe might have been in an even stronger position had not Ervine, diving to his right at second slip, failed to hold onto an edge by Butcher (36) off Streak

when England were 136 for two.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the first day of the first Test between England and Zimbabwe at Lord's on Thursday:

**ENGLAND:** First innings

Trescothick c Ervine b Blythe	59
Vaughan b Streak	8
Butcher not out	37
Hussain not out	8
Extras: (b-4, lb-9, nb-13)	26
Total: (for 2 wks in 41 overs)	138
Fall of wickets:	1-45, 2-121

To bat: Key, Stewart, McGrath, Giles, Hoggard, Harmison, Anderson

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Streak	14	4	39	1
Blythe	14	4	32	1
Hondo	7	1	29	0
Ervine	6	0	25	0

**ZIMBABWE:** Mark Vermeulen, Dion Ebrahim, Stuart Carlisle, Grant Flower, Tatenda Taibu, Sean Ervine, Heath Streak, Andy Blythe, Travis Friend, Raymond Price, Douglas Hondo

**Toss:** Zimbabwe  
**Umpires:** Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and David Orchard (South Africa)

# Tri-series final today

## Cricket

### AFP, Dambulla

Pakistan skipper Rashid Latif said Thursday his team was keen to win the triangular one-day series final against New Zealand here for disgraced fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar.

"We are determined to win and want to dedicate our victory to Akhtar," Latif said ahead of Friday's final.

Ace Pakistani pacesman Akhtar, 27, was suspended for two one-dayers and fined 75 per cent of his match-fee on Wednesday for tampering with the ball during the concluding league match against New Zealand here.

He became only the second bowler in the world after compatriot Waqar Younis to be banned for ball-tampering.

Younis served a one-match suspension during a triangular series, also featuring South Africa and Sri Lanka, at Colombo in 2000.

Latif said the team's morale was high despite Akhtar's absence against more experienced opponents.

"His absence has made the team more determined. All of us support him and the team spirit is high," said Latif, who is hoping to complete a double after winning a four-nation tournament in Sharjah last month.

He said it was "bad luck" for Pakistan that Akhtar was unavailable just when he appeared to have regained his best form.

"He bowled really fast in this tournament, especially in the last league game against New Zealand (on Tuesday)," said Latif.

"He is a match-winning bowler and has shown the same old devastating form in this series. We had better chances of winning the final if he was available."

Akhtar looked impressive in all the four matches here as he often unsettled the New Zealand and Sri Lankan batsmen with his pace and accuracy to finish with seven wickets.

He has so far bagged 140 wickets in 85 one-day internationals. New Zealand captain Stephen

Fleming said he did not believe that his team's chances had considerably improved in Akhtar's absence because they were also missing key fast bowler Shane Bond.

Bond returned home due to a back injury after having played just two matches.



RASHID LATIF

Sami, Shabbir Ahmed, Danish Kaneria, Faisal Iqbal, Taufeeq Umar, Umar Gul.

**NEW ZEALAND (from):** Stephen Fleming (captain), Chris Nevin, Lou Vincent, Scott Styris, Chris Cairns, Chris Harris, Brendon McCullum, Kyle Mills, Jacob Oram, Daniel Vettori, Daryl Tuffey, Paul



STEPHEN FLEMING

Wiseman, Andre Adams, Matthew Horne.

**Umpires:** Daryl Harper (Australia) and Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka)

## Yuvraj follows Sachin trail

### AFP, Leeds

India batsman Yuvraj Singh arrived at Yorkshire on Tuesday and said the advice of teammate Sachin Tendulkar had been crucial in his decision to join the Headingley-based county.

Tendulkar was the county's first overseas star in 1992 and 21-year-old Yuvraj said: "I have been attracted by the reputation of the club and by what Sachin has told me."

"He told me it is a great opportunity for me. They are nice people who will take care of you, and it is a great experience."

Yuvraj, yet to play Test cricket, was only signed by Yorkshire after Australia's Matthew Elliott had to return home due to a persistent knee injury.

But Yuvraj, who has played over 70 one-day internationals, is set to make his Yorkshire debut on Wednesday following Anthony McGrath's call up into the England squad for the first Test against Zimbabwe.



PHOTO: AFP  
ON CLOUD NINE: FC Porto players celebrate their winning goal against Celtic at Seville on May 21.