

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



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ESPN England v Zimbabwe

First Test, Day One Highlights at 8:00 pm Western Union World Football Football Magazine 12:00 pm

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Third ODI Highlights at 9:30 am Primera Liga Highlights at 5:00 pm Sportsline Tonight Sports News Live at 8:00 pm





Grant Flower

(Zimbabwe batsman) "It's different but I wouldn't sav I feel isolated. Zimbabwe is still a great place to live in even though we're having tough times.'

On missing his brother Andy



Competition closes at 8 pm May 30, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

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2. Who became man-of-thematch in the Sharjah Cup final? Youhana Sami Taufiq 3. Who will lead Sri Lanka's oneday side?

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 oneday 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

Bangladesh will be playing a threematch 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

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 selecthe 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

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.

National hockey

showdown

UNB, Dhaka

final of the National Youth Hockey Championship winning their semifinals at the Moulana Bhasani

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

PHOTO: STAR Action from the National Youth Hockey Championship semifinal between

BKSP-Dhaka

BKSP and Dhaka moved into the National Hockey Stadium yester-

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.

Porto in paradise

Dhaka and Dinajpur at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.



REUTERS, Seville

silver goal from Derlei Silva, an inspired midfield display by Deco Souza and a little slice of good fortune gave Porto a memorably dramatic 3-2 victory over Celtic in the UEFA Cup final.

Both teams finished with 10 men, both sets of supporters finished with their nerves fraved on a hot, humid night of almost unrelenting tension and for the third successive season the UEFA Cup ended with a high-scoring final, making a mockery of those calling for the competition's demise.

Porto's win in this five-goal thriller followed Liverpool's 5-4 win over Alaves in 2001 and Feyenoord's 3-2 victory over Borussia Dortmund last season as another nail-biting classic.

It also made European soccer history by being the first final decided by the new silver goal ruling, which replaces the golden goal rule when a match ended immediately when one team took the lead in extra time.

The silver goal allows for the period of extra time to be completed in which the deciding goal is scored in order to give the losing team the chance to equalise before

the match is over.

Celtic had five minutes to save themselves after Derlei scored after 115 minutes, but they just could have not find the goal that would have put them level for the third time in the game.

In the end, the match went Porto's way because they found the back of Celtic's net after another threatening move orchestrated by

The 25-year-old Brazilian-born midfielder, now a naturalised Portuguese, scored against Brazil when he made his debut for Portugal in March.

His inspired running both on and off the ball, his link-up play with Maniche Ribeiro, Derlei and Nuno Capucho and his sweet touch had the Celtic defence on the back foot whenever Porto attacked.

Celtic played a more physical game throughout and opted for the long ball at almost every opportunity but to their credit they had enough battlers of their own to create plenty of chances and keep the Porto defenders busy all night

Didier Agathe in particular enjoyed far more freedom than he might have imagined after Francisco Costinha, who had been an injury doubt all week, aggravated his calf and was replaced after just nine minutes by Ricardo

Celtic were quick to use the extra space Agathe found for himself as Porto coach Jose Mourinho re-jigged his defence, but, in the first half at least, none of Agathe's crosses were to find their target. That would come later.

Although both sides started nervously, Porto had the greater guile in attack and it was no surprise when they went ahead through Derlei in stoppage time at the end of the first half.

But Celtic hit back within two minutes of the restart when Henrik Larsson headed his 200th goal for the club. Two more goals soon followed as Dmitri Alenitchev completed a clever 54th move to put Porto 2-1 ahead. Three minutes later Larsson struck again with a thumping header and the scene was set.

By now Porto had lost a little of their swagger but Celtic appeared to grow in confidence. There was little to choose between the two sides as the likes of Neil Lennon, Paul Lambert and Alan Thompson battled for midfield supremacy with Nuno Valente, Deco and Maniche. But Deco always seemed to have one more ace in his deck and in the end it proved decisive.

Celtic were hit when Bobo Balde picked up two yellow cards in 15 minutes to earn a red five minutes SEE PAGE 14 COL 3



Nat'l cricket

Faridpur enter final round

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 vesterday yesterday.

Following 12 teams will play in the final round:

Group B: Chittagong, Narayanganj and Jhenidah.

Group C: Faridpur, Comilla and Barisal.

Group D: Sylhet, Rajshahi and

ICC officials arrive today

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.

venues proposed for the tourna-

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

Dhaka Wooden Floor Gymnasium.

BTTF 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.

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 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

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 13man game.

Liam, 25, who can play at either wing or full-back, is out of contract clubs to his availability.

lenge," 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.



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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.

Group A: Biman, Dhaka University and Nilphamari.

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The officials will visit a few of the

The Delta Life Insurance Open Table Tennis Championship will be held from June 25-29 at the

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

England coming

Arrive in Colombo

Depart for England

with English Premiership rugby union team Newcastle and his agents have alerted Super League "He is quite keen on the chalif he was available.

> Akhtar looked impressive in all He has so far bagged 140 wickets



Teammates gather to congratulate Heath Streak (R) after the Zimbabwe captain saw the back of England's Michael

Zim keep hosts in check

Cricket

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.

Vaughan (L) on the first day of Lord's Test yesterday.

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 Blignaut, dis-missed Trescothick for 59 when the Somerset left-hander was going 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-

driving 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.

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 Blignaut in only his ninth Test and first in England saw Ervine take a good head-high catch at second slip.

Trescothick, who had done his

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

Fleming said he did not believe that

his team's chances had consider-

ably improved in Akhtar's absence

hecause they were also missing key

back injury after having played just

Bond returned home due to a

fast bowler Shane Bond.

when England were 136 for two.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard at tea on the first day of

> Zimbabwe at Lord's on Thursday: **ENGLAND:** First innings Trescothick c Ervine b Blignaut 59 Vaughan b Streak

the first Test between England and

Butcher not out Hussain not out Extras: (b-4, lb-9, nb-13) Total: (For 2 wkts in 41 overs) 138

Fall of wickets: 1-45, 2-121 To bat: Key, Stewart, McGrath, Giles, Hoggard, Harmison,

Streak 4 39 Blignaut 4 32 1 29

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

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Toss: Zimbabwe

Umar, Umar Gul.

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and David Orchard (South

Tri-series final today

Cricket

AFP, Dambulla Pakistani 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

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

Ace Pakistani paceman Akhtar, 27, was suspended for two onedayers 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.

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

Latif said the team's morale was

and Sri Lanka, at Colombo in 2000.

He became only the second

high despite Akhtar's absence against more experienced oppo-"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 Shariah

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

the four matches here as he often unsettled the New Zealand and Sri Lankan batsmen with his pace and accuracy to finish with seven wick-

New Zealand captain Stephen

in 85 one-day internationals.

ment at Nairobi. "Pressure will be the key thing in the final. Pakistan are a young

of a good showing as we have experienced players," said The New Zealand captain was looking forward to an impressive performance from his batsmen,

RASHID LATIF

"Both the teams now have even

New Zealand's only overseas

chances," said Fleming, eyeing a

victory came three years ago when

they whipped India in the final of

the ICC Trophy one-day tourna-

talented side, but we are confident

rare away triumph.

be defendable on these tracks. Pakistan planned to make two changes in their team for the final, including debutant opener Faisal Athar and fast bowler Shabbir Ahmed in place of Taufeeq Umar and Akhtar.

saying a total of "200-210" would

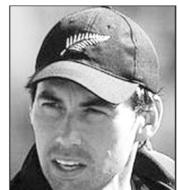
"Umar has been out of form in this series, so we plan to include Athar," said Latif.

TEAMS

PAKISTAN (from): Rashid Latif (captain), Mohammad Hafeez, Faisal Athar, Yasir Hameed, Yousuf Youhana, Younis Khan, Shoaib Malik, Abdul Razzaq, Mohammad Sami, Shabbir Ahmed, Danish Kaneria, Faisal Iqbal, Taufeeq

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

Umpires: Daryl Harper (Australia) and Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka) Yurvaj 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 "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.

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