



Did U Know?

Former West Indian fast bowler Courtney Walsh besides being the highest wicket-taker in Tests with 519 wickets, is also the leader when it comes to the most number of ducks in the longer version of the game. Walsh has 43 to his credit.



What to Watch

- STAR SPORTS**
- Basketball:** NBA Inside Stuff At 3:30pm
 - Football:** Dream Team (Drama serial) At 4:00pm
 - Cricket:** West Indies v Australia (4th one day international) At 7:30pm (Live)
 - ESPN**
 - Football:** Spanish Primera Liga highlights At 2:00pm
 - Cricket:** Zimbabwe v England (First Test, Day Three) At 4:30pm (Live)
 - Football:** Real Madrid v Valencia (Primera Liga) At 1:30am (Live)



Talk Turkey



Gabriel Batistuta
(Argentine striker)
"My goodbye to the national team is forever and it makes me want to cry when I say it, because it represented a great deal in my sporting life."

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 193

Tick the correct answers, post to **The Daily Star**. Win attractive prizes.

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

- 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?
Name
Class Roll No.
School Address
Phone: (if any)

Gaibandha football

OUR CORRESPONDENT

The Gaibandha Senior Division Football League began at the Gaibandha Islamia High School ground yesterday.

In opening match Reuter Sporting Club and Bridge Road Sporting Club played out a 1-1 draw.

A total of eight teams are taking part in the competition.

Six cheers for BKSP

Hockey

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protishtan (BKSP) completed a remarkable double hat-trick of National Youth Hockey Championship triumphs following a nerve-racking 4-2 tie-breaker win over Dhaka in the final at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday.

The match between the country's lone sports institute and five-time champions Dhaka was locked 1-1 during the stipulated 70 minutes.

This was BKSP's eighth championship overall and sixth in a row in the youth competition, a feat unmatched by any other team.

In the keenly contested final,

skipper Iqbal Nadir put BKSP ahead in the 16th minute through a field goal while Mushtaq restored parity for Dhaka DSA in the 38th minute from a penalty corner.

In the tie-breaker, Mahmudur Rahman Khan, Enamul Kabir, Abdur Rahman and Aminul Haq of BKSP took their attempts successfully while only Ujjal and Mushtaq of Dhaka DSA converted their chances.

Ranjan Banik of BKSP was later named the best player of the final. Rana of Dinajpur became the highest scorer in the tourney with seven goals while Mohammed Jewel of Dhaka DSA was adjudged the best player of the tournament.

Dinajpur DSA received the 'fair play trophy' as the most disciplined team.

Earlier, Dinajpur DSA became

SEE PAGE 14 COL 4



BEST YOUTHS IN BUSINESS: (L) A Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protishtan (BKSP) forward threatens the Dhaka goal. (R) Jubilant BKSP players and officials after winning the National Youth Championship at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

ICC duo in Dhaka

U-19 WC contract signing today

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

International Cricket Council (ICC) officials Campbell Jamieson and Warren Deutrom passed a busy schedule after arriving in the city yesterday morning.

The two are in Dhaka to finalise the contract between the ICC and the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) regarding hosting of the Under-19 World Cup next year.

Jamieson, who is the commercial manager of the event, and event manager Deutrom, saw different proposed grounds and practice facilities in Dhaka designated for the mega event.

First they went to the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Then they visited the Fatullah Cricket Stadium, Dhanmondi Women Sports Complex, Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur and the DOHS ground in Mohakhali.

BCB advisor Mahbubul Anam who is also the chairman Cricket Committee, and Grounds Committee chairman Shafiqur Rahman Munna accompanied the ICC officials who were scheduled to sit with the Board officials today to finalise the contract.

Anam, Munna, Development Committee chairman Arafat Rahman, Media Committee chairman Reazuddin Al-Mamun and former national captain Rouqibul

Hassan, who is the chief coordinator of the event, will represent the Board during the meeting which will precede the contract signing.

Jamieson is expected to sign on behalf of the ICC while BCB president Ali Asghar, who is out the country at the moment, would sign for BCB on his return.

The duo will later speak to the local media at a press briefing at the Sonargaon Hotel today at 4:30 pm.

Jamieson will leave the country tomorrow while Deutrom would stay up to May 27 to inspect other proposed venues at Rajshahi, Chittagong and Khulna.

The busy schedule sees Deutrom travel to Rajshahi on Sunday, Chittagong on Monday and Khulna the following day.

Div I b'ball

SPORTS REPORTER

Dhuketu Club, Cantonians Club and Gregs Club won their respective First Division Basketball League matches played at the Basketball Gymnasium in Dhanmondi yesterday.

Dhuketu outplayed Old DOHS 76-53 in the first match. Pinto caged in highest 19 points while Abdullah and Titas added 16 and 14 points.

The winners led the first period 41-20.

Cantonians won the next match 63-49 against Hornets Club.

The winners led the first half 37-31.

Jinas scored highest 24 points for Cantonians.

In the last match of the day, Gregs posted a 55-39 win over Rangers Club.

Jem caged in 14 points for the winners.

Speed blames umpires

AFP, London

ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said the umpires had made a "mistake" in failing to lay disciplinary charges following the controversial clash between Glenn McGrath and Ramnaresh Sarwan during the fifth Test in Antigua earlier this month.

Umpires David Shepherd of England and India's Srinivasaraghavan Venkayaraghavan, described by Speed as "very experienced" officials took no action following the heated exchange between fast bowler McGrath and batsman Sarwan.

"Our view was that the series was played in a good spirit," Speed told reporters at Lord's on Wednesday.

"Our view was that in one incident, possibly another incident, charges should have been laid."

Speed, an Australian, later confirmed he was referring to the McGrath/Sarwan clash.

This was not the first time Steve Waugh's Australian side had been involved in an unsavoury incident and Speed added: "This Australia team is one of the greatest teams we've seen in cricket. It would be a shame if it was remembered as a badly behaved team."

Speed said leading umpires had been told of their responsibility to lay charges where appropriate under a new disciplinary code at a meeting in Dubai last month.

Under the new system it is the

SEE PAGE 14

Kiwis taste success

Cricket

AFP/REUTERS, Dambulla

Stephen Fleming smashed a robust 65 as New Zealand won a rare overseas one-day tournament with a four-wicket victory over Pakistan in the triangular series final here on Friday.

The New Zealand captain cracked three sixes and five fours in his 34th half-century to help his team surpass a modest Pakistani total of 198 with 4.4 overs to spare.

This was New Zealand's only second success away from home in a one-day tournament involving more than two teams, the previous being the ICC Trophy at Nairobi in Kenya three years ago.

New Zealand found more than one hero in their emphatic win over a new-look Pakistani side on a slow track where stroke-making was never easy.

No team had successfully chased 199 in the low-scoring tournament, also featuring Sri Lanka, but Fleming had the last laugh with an entertaining 111-ball knock.

Fleming also saw to it that his team ended the Sri Lankan tour on an impressive note after having drawn a two-Test series.

"We are very excited about winning the away tournament," said Fleming, who was named man of the match.

"We respect Pakistan as a one-day side, but we have experienced players and experience counts a lot

in pressure game. I wanted to be the one to score most of the runs. I had to stand up."

"A final against any sub-continental side in these conditions is a major challenge and we are going to take a lot of confidence from this," said Fleming afterwards.

"As a young group we have developed in the way we play and have stored some knowledge for our tour of India," he added.

"I had worked hard on my game between the round robin games and this final, and I knew I had to contribute for us to win."

"We took early wickets in the morning which was a big advantage and with the bat we played the b

SEE PAGE 14 COL 6



New Zealand cricket team poses after their victory over Pakistan in Dambulla yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Marsh not amused

Cricket

AFP, London

Zimbabwe coach Geoff Marsh attacked the security arrangements at Lord's cricket ground after protesters managed to walk onto the outfield here Thursday during the first day of the first Test against England.

Demonstrators opposed to the policies of Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe had gathered outside the ground before the start of play.

But Marsh was angered by the way two protesters strolled onto the playing area while the match was in progress - despite the massed ranks of security staff patrolling the perimeter.

"It's disappointing they got on the ground. There's security staff all around and they got on," Marsh said. "You shouldn't just be able to walk on like that."

"I'm sure the management of both sides will be saying something about this," the former Australia batsman added.

Lord's owners Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) were criticised for their lax security last year when a spectator came out of the pavilion and walked onto the outfield to meet India batsman Sachin Tendulkar after he'd been dismissed.

And, on Thursday, security staff were frequently seen watch-

ing the match rather than the crowd.

Earlier around 100 exiled victims and critics of President Mugabe protested outside the self-styled 'home of cricket'.

Opposite the central London venue, protesters held up placards stating: "Say no to state terrorism in Zimbabwe" and "Wake up world! Zimbabwe is dying!"

"No cricket while Mugabe kills", "Free Zimbabwe now", "Murder, torture and rape, it's just not cricket", the protesters chanted as they danced and blew whistles near one of the main gates.

Some protesters were planning to follow up with an open-top bus ride to the Zimbabwe High Commission where they were hoping to deliver a letter calling for an end to state-sponsored political violence.

Earlier this week some 94 ruling Labour party and opposition Conservative ministers signed a House of Commons motion opposing Zimbabwe's tour.

England refused to play their World Cup match in Zimbabwe in February and in April had to pay the Zimbabwe Cricket Union an undisclosed sum of money in compensation.

The "goodwill" offer was made to ensure Zimbabwe went ahead with their 10-week tour of England and Ireland.

There had been speculation that Mugabe might veto the tour to England in retaliation for the World Cup boycott.

England are due to tour Zimbabwe in November next year.

Arjuna to fight on

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's former World Cup-winning captain Arjuna Ranatunga Wednesday refused to accept defeat as his bid for the top job in the country's cricket administration looked doomed to failure.

Claiming that he lacked cash to fund an election campaign, Ranatunga launched a scathing attack on his opponent, Colombo businessman Thilanga Sumathipala, who is almost certain to become the head of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL).

Ranatunga rejected an offer by Sumathipala to work together for the improvement of cricket in the island saying that he did not want to work with people who were tainted with allegations of corruption.

"I am an honest person and I can't work with people who are corrupt," Ranatunga said.

More than two thirds of cricket

SEE PAGE 14

Warwickshire sign Waqar

AFP, London

Pakistan pace bowler Waqar Younis has joined Warwickshire on a one-year contract as replacement for New Zealander Shane Bond who has suffered a suspected stress fracture of the back.

Waqar, who has already enjoyed spells in England with Surrey and Glamorgan, decided to miss the County Championship Division One match with Kent due to general fitness concerns.

Instead, the 31-year-old's debut has been pencilled in for the home One-Day Cup fourth-round clash with Essex in seven days' time.

"This will probably be my last season in county cricket but I'm a professional cricketer, I enjoy it and my appetite is there," Waqar said.

"I've been training for the last four or five days and things are looking good so I'll be quite ready to play in the next game."



International Cricket Council (ICC) officials Campbell Jamieson (L) and Warren Deutrom paid a visit to the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. They are here to assess facilities for next year's Under-19 World Cup.

PHOTO: STAR