



Did U Know?

Australia and India have so far played 69 one-day internationals against each other. Australia have won 41 of them while the Indians were winners 25 times. The remaining three games have ended as either no-result or tie.

What to WATCH

- TEN Sports**
French Open Men's Final
Live at 7:00 pm
- ESPN**
England vs Zimbabwe Second Test, Day Four
Live at 3:45 pm
- STAR Sports**
Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show Repeat at 8:30 am
West Indies vs Sri Lanka Second ODI

TALK TURKEY



Diego Maradona
(Argentine soccer legend)
"One cannot fight against a mafia that does not allow changes to football rules written by people who have never played it."
Attacking FIFA and UEFA.

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Tick the correct answers, post **The Daily Star**

Competition closes at 8 pm June 13, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who clinched the national youth hockey title?	Dhaka	BKSP	Dinajpur
2. How many Test matches has Wasim Akram played?	112	104	205
3. Who became UEFA Cup champions?	Celtic	Porto	Dortmund
4. How many Grand Slam titles does Pete Sampras have?	13	1	4

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Div I b'ball

UNB, Dhaka
Josephite Club and Europa Youth Club maintained their all-win records in the Metropolitan First Division Basketball League beating their respective rivals at Dhanmondi Basketball gymnasium yesterday. Josephite defeated the Greg's Club 110-27 after dominating the first half 59-9 to secure their 10th consecutive win. Europa Youth outplayed the Gregarious Club 118-36 points after leading the first half by 71-12 points. This was the 9th win in a row for Europa. In the day's other matches, Cantonians Club beat the Shaun Club 116-39 and Hornets Sporting Club beat Wraiths 78-50.

Milestone report made public

ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003

SPORTS REPORTER
Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar termed the probe report on Bangladesh's debacle in the South Africa World Cup as a milestone in the history of country's sport.
The BCB boss made the naïve statement while disclosing the 31-page document of Commodore Mujibur Rahman (ret'd.) and Syed Shamim Ahsan at a local hotel in front of a fuming press yesterday.
Confronted by a volley of questions of how the sensitive document could have been leaked to The Daily Star before its official unveiling, Asghar said that it was unfortunate and to some extent dampened their good intentions.
"It is unfortunate that the probe report has been leaked. But I can assure you that we were transparent in our approach starting from the formation of the probe body to its circular to the press officially," said Asghar adding that he would look into the matter seriously.
Although the embarrassed BCB chief wanted to end at that point, the reporters were surprisingly reluctant to give up. They were more interested in inquiring whether the BCB

was going to form another probe committee to investigate the leakage, leaving alone what measures the Board was going to take following the findings of sensational probe report.
"It is a very good report and I think this is going to be a milestone not only for the incumbents of the Board but also for those who will work here in the future," said Asghar while praising the effort of the two-member probe body.
When asked how he felt being accused by the probe committee especially in the way he handled the appointment of coach Mohsin Kamal, an embarrassed Asghar was still courageous enough to call a



PHOTO: STAR
Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar makes a point during a press conference organised to reveal a probe report on Bangladesh's dismal World Cup performance at a city hotel yesterday.

Mashud seeks forgiveness

SPORTS REPORTER
Under-fire former national captain Khaled Mashud yesterday sent a letter to Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar in an attempt to clarify his position after being identified in the probe report as one of the villains in Bangladesh's World Cup debacle.
Asghar last night confirmed that a letter was sent to him, but he was yet to open it.
It was learnt that Masud had apologised to all the members of the Bangladesh team and Board officials for any wrongdoing committed during the World Cup.
The probe report branded Mashud as arrogant, rude in his dealings with other members of the team and lacked total discipline. The committee also smelt something sinister about his performance behind the wicket against Kenya, where he dropped three catches. Besides, the committee was also convinced that the night before the important match Mashud stayed outside the hotel well after midnight.
But the experienced wicketkeeper, it was learnt, strongly protested the allegation of staying outside the hotel well after midnight before the match against Kenya.
He thought it was an attempt at character assassination. He also brushed aside the charge that he under-performed against Kenya calling it baseless.



PHOTO: AFP
Belgium's Justine Henin-Hardenne raises her arms after beating compatriot Kim Clijsters in the French Open final yesterday.

Henin hammers Clijsters

French Open
AFP, Paris
Fourth seed Justine Henin-Hardenne won the women's French Open singles title here Saturday, hammering second seed Kim Clijsters in an historic all-Belgian final.
Henin-Hardenne won 6-0, 6-4 in 1hr 7min to become the first ever Belgian Grand Slam champion on a sunny Philippe Chatrier Centre Court.
She picked up a winner's cheque of 819,000 euros (967,000 dollars) whereas Clijsters as finalist received half that sum.
French speaker Henin, who received the trophy from King Albert II and who dedicated her success to her late mother Francoise, was almost speechless at the end.
"I really don't know what to say. I played with a lot of heart and really gave it everything. I had to fight very hard. I feel so happy," said the slender blonde from Liege.
Clijsters, runner up two years ago, said she believed in her chances even after the opening set having also lost her opening set in the fourth round 0-6 to Bulgarian Magdalena Maleeva.
"I was playing a lot better in the second set. But Justine didn't give me anything for free. The lost first set didn't mean anything - but I wasn't even close to playing my best tennis today.
"I hope I'll get another chance to do better next time. I'm just happy for Justine to have won," Clijsters added. Her loss will somewhat spoil her 20th birthday on Sunday.
Henin-Hardenne, who won on her first match point after a Clijsters forehand just failed to clear the tape, eclipsed her Flemish-speaking rival after twice coming back on serve from triple break point down in the second and fourth games of the opening set.
Clijsters, 20, conceded her own service in the opening game by driving long and that set the pattern.
She made many early unforced errors to give herself a mountain to climb whereas Henin-Hardenne, who turned 21 last Saturday, was all business from the outset.
After twice firing way long to give Clijsters a triple break point in the second game, Henin-Hardenne roared back and an ace completed a recovery for a 2-0 lead.
Already super-confident after seeing off top seed and world number one Serena Williams in a thrilling three-set semi-final, Henin-Hardenne went from strength to strength.
A nervy Clijsters, watched by increasingly agitated boyfriend and men's number one Lleyton Hewitt, was having trouble with her range on her forehand in particular and drove long to drop serve a second time.
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Sri Lanka 129 for 5

STAR SPORT MONITOR
Sri Lanka were in trouble against the West Indies as they were reduced to 129 for five in 36 overs after being sent into bat in the opening one-day international at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown yesterday.
Tillakaratne Dilshan was batting on 14 and his partner at the other end was Kumar Dharmasena, six.
Ramesh Kaluwitharana made 54 off 75 balls while captain Marvan Atapattu added 22. Sanath Jayasuriya was out for a three-ball duck.
TEAMS
SRI LANKA: Marvan Atapattu, Sanath Jayasuriya, Ramesh Kaluwitharana, Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Kumar Dharmasena, Chaminda Vaas, Prabhath Nissanka, Darshana Gamage, Muttiah Muralitharan.
WEST INDIES: Brian Lara, Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Marlon Samuels, Ricardo Powell, Ridley Jacobs, David Bernard, Vasbert Drakes, Mervyn Dillon, Corey Collimore.
Umpires: Billy Bowden (New Zealand) and Billy Doctrove (West Indies)

Zim face innings defeat

Cricket
AFP, Chester-le-Street
Zimbabwe were just three wickets away from the second innings defeat of their two-match Test series against England at the Riverside here Saturday.
At tea, on the third day of the second Test, Zimbabwe were 204 for seven after being forced to follow on still 118 runs short of making England bat again.
Travis Friend was 37 not out and Andy Blynnat one not out.
Zimbabwe, 113 for three at lunch, lost their next wicket for the same score four balls after the interval.
Grant Flower, the only batsman in Zimbabwe's team with a Test hundred, played on to fast bowler James Anderson for 16.
Anderson, 20, who took five for 73 on his Test debut during England's innings and 92 run first Test win against Zimbabwe at Lord's, now had three for 27.
Wicket-keeper Tatenda Taibu, who top scored with 31 in Zimbabwe's miserable first innings 94, fell for 14 when he gave a padding catch to Mark Butcher at silly point off left-arm spinner Ashley Giles.
Sean Ervine, dropped on six by Giles at third slip - whom he later hit straight for a six and a four - batted
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PHOTO: EMIPCS
England seamer Richard Johnson bowls against Zimbabwe on the third

Marsh vexed

AFP, Chester-le-Street
Zimbabwe coach Geoff Marsh made no attempt to hide his disappointment after the Africans' poor performance on the second day of the second Test against England at the Riverside here Friday.
Zimbabwe were made to follow-on after being bowled out for 94 in reply to England's 416 and at stumps were 41 for one in their second innings.
That left Zimbabwe 281 runs short of avoiding their second innings defeat in this two-Test series.
"We put the pad where the bat should have been," former Australia opening batsman Marsh said after his team lost seven first innings wickets to lb decisions. "It was a good wicket."
And Zimbabwe's performance in the field also failed to impress ex-Australia coach Marsh. "We dropped two catches and missed four run-outs.
"Australia would have had three of those (run-outs)," he added.
He also said Zimbabwe were "obviously missing" star batsman Andy Flower. Now playing for English county Essex, Flower quit international cricket after staging a black armband protest at the World Cup, with team-mate Henry Olunga, against Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe.
Zimbabwe lost last month's first Test against England at Lord's by an innings and 92 runs.
That match ended inside three days and it will take a special performance by Zimbabwe here Saturday to prevent a similarly quick finish.

Elated after 'silly day'

Cricket
AFP, Chester-le-Street
Richard Johnson was delighted with his England Test debut after starring with both bat and ball to put Zimbabwe on the rack after the second day of the second Test at the Riverside here Friday.
Somerset seamer Johnson, 28, took six for 33 including two wickets in two balls in his first over as Zimbabwe were bowled out for 94 and made to follow-on.
Earlier he stroked his first ball in Test cricket for four something star batsman David Gower did on his Test debut against Pakistan in 1978 on his way to a brisk 24 in England's total of 416.
"I'm obviously delighted. I could not have asked for anything better," said Johnson, whose return was the fourth best by an England bowler in the first innings of his debut Test.
"I've always dreamed of this kind of thing happening and it's good when it does.
"It probably was not a 94 all out wicket but you get silly days like that in cricket. I know tomorrow will be another day and will probably be a lot harder."
Johnson is no stranger to "silly days".
Back in 1994 he became the first bowler in 30 years to claim all 10

Sachin home

INTERNET, undated
Sachin Tendulkar has returned to India on Friday after successfully undergoing an operation on the ring finger of his left hand.
Dror Paley, the orthopedic surgeon at the Sinai Hospital, Baltimore, stated that Tendulkar had suffered a torn ligament and tendon, and confirmed that the surgery had been performed successfully.
Paley said that Tendulkar hadn't played any cricket since the operation, which took place on April 29, though he had practised a bit of golf. Tendulkar is expected to return to international cricket in October, when New Zealand tour India for a two-Test series.
The injury had been troubling Tendulkar since before the World Cup, but he played through the pain and was the leading scorer in the tournament with 673 runs.

Dev Cup hockey

UNB, Dhaka
Rangamati and Dhaka moved into the semifinals of the Development Cup Under-14 hockey tournament beating their respective rivals at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.
Rangamati defeated Jessore 2-0 after leading the first half 1-0. They will take on Munshiganj in the second semifinal on Monday at 4:15 pm.
Dhaka confirmed their semifinal berth outplaying Bandarban 5-0 after dominating the first half 4-0. They will face Gaibanda in the first semifinal on Monday at 2:30pm.

Rough road ahead

Cricket
REUTERS, New Delhi
Dashing, daring and dynamic, Ajay Jadeja was one of India's sweethearts until he was tainted by a damning federal report on cricket match-fixing.
Suspended by the Indian board for five years in December 2000, Jadeja has spent most of his time since trying to get the ban quashed.
But whatever the outcome of his legal battle the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has challenged a court order overturning the ban Jadeja will have a difficult time convincing India's cricket fans that he is clean.
"Match-fixing was a black mark in our cricket history," said New Delhi fan Amit Saxena, who stopped watching cricket for almost two years in the aftermath of the allegations.
"There is no doubt in the public's mind that these kinds of shady deals had become a part of cricket in the late '90s. Ajay Jadeja reminds us of those dark times. We wouldn't like to see him back on the field again."
But the 32-year-old Jadeja, who possesses a bewitching smile and an infectious sense of humour, does have his supporters.
Hundreds thronged the Karnail Singh Stadium, some to express their support and some out of plain curiosity, earlier this month when he played his first competitive club match in three years.
In the interim, Jadeja had remained active on the capital's party circuit and danced around trees in a Bollywood movie due to be released later this year.
He said this week he was finally back where he belonged, on the cricket pitch, but on the streets a debate still rages about his place.
Born into the royal family of Nawanganer, now Jamnagar, which has produced such cricket greats as K. S. Ranjitsinghji and K.S. Duleepsinghji, Ajaysinghji Daulatsinghji Jadeja had the game in his blood.
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Serve machine v Mosquito

French Open
AFP, Paris
A topsy-turvy men's tournament at this year's French Open could finish up with the proverbial biter being bitten in Sunday's final.
Spanish third seed Juan Carlos Ferrero goes into the trophy match as the last man standing among the huge Spanish claycourt armada.
Ferrero gained brutal revenge on Friday to end the reign of defending champion Albert Costa, winning a tense semifinal 6-3, 7-6, 6-4.
Costa had deprived Ferrero of a first Grand Slam trophy in landing his own here in the final 12 months ago - but this time the 23-year-old Ferrero made no mistake, winning in 2hr 44min.
But the wiry 23-year-old from Onteniente, nicknamed the Mosquito, now has to draw the sting from a 24-year-old Dutchman who has the serve - and shots - to blast him off the Philippe Chatrier centre court.
Pre-tournament logic would have dictated a no contest between Ferrero and Martin Verkerk.
The same logic however would have dictated that Verkerk, ranked 46 in the world and without a single Grand Slam match win to his name in seven years on the professional circuit, would not have made it all the way to the last day.
Yet Verkerk, from Leiderdorp between Amsterdam and The Hague, has not fluked his way to the final taking some notable scalps along the way.
His victims include Spanish 1998 champion Carlos Moya, as well as
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JUAN CARLOS FERRERO



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