



Did U Know?

Walter Hammond of England took only 288 minutes to complete his triple century during his unbeaten knock of 336 against New Zealand at Auckland in 1932-33. It is the fastest triple century in Test cricket.



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Second ODI
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Justine Henin-Hardenne
(French Open winner)
"Tennis is my passion first, but tennis is my job too. I have many things around tennis that are very, very important. I have family, I have friends that I love and I think that everybody's healthy. That's the important thing."



Tick the correct answers, post
The Daily Star

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

- Who clinched the national youth hockey title?

Dhaka	BKSP	Dinajpur
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- How many Test matches has Wasim Akram played?

112	104
205	
- Who became UEFA Cup champions?

Celtic	Porto
Dortmund	
- How many Grand Slam titles does Pete Sampras have?

13	14
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Div I b'ball

UNB, Dhaka
Cantonians Club and Rangers Club won their respective matches in the Metropolitan First Division Basketball League beating their respective rivals at Dhanmondi Basketball gymnasium yesterday.
Cantonians beat Old DOHS (Saturn) 57-47 after leading the first half by 29-20 points.
This was the fifth victory for Cantonians from nine matches while Old DOHS (Saturn) suffered their sixth defeat in 10 outings.
Rangers Club defeated Shaons Club 126-49 after dominating the first half by 61-26 points. This was the second win for Rangers in nine matches while Shaons lost their all eleven outings.



(1) National coach Dav Whatmore (R) makes a point while skipper Khaled Mahmud and trainer Dean Woodford listens. (2) Habibul Bashar follows through on a cut during nets. These photos were taken during the national cricket team's practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Dav's 15 made up



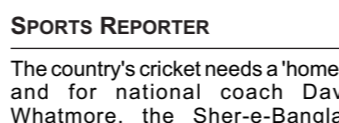
RABEED IMAM

Coach Dav Whatmore has already finalised the 15-man Bangladesh cricket team for the maiden tour of Australia and it will be officially announced on Thursday.
"I do have the 15 in my head. I'll sit with the selection committee on Wednesday and hopefully it will be made public on Thursday. But before that, I want to talk to the five cricketers who did not make it to the squad and explain the reasons why they have been left out. I'll be very annoyed if the team is leaked to the press before I've talked to them," said Whatmore after the first practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium with the 20 probables yesterday.
The national team's training camp began on June 2 at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) and at the end of the first week Whatmore seemed reasonably satisfied with the preparation despite frequent interruption to his plans due to rain.
"Well you can't do anything about the weather but we've had some intense training. The facilities were better at the BKSP but rainwater would hold and keep the ground

wet. Here at the BNS, water doesn't stay still due to the drainage system. That's why we can have net sessions even after a bout of showers like today."
Whatmore was particularly happy with the wickets prepared at the BNS.
"I wanted conditions as close as possible to the one we're going to face in Australia. The practice wickets here have offered bounce and seam and the bowlers are loving it."
Whatmore emphasised on the acclimatisation aspect with the atmosphere down under.
"We are going there two weeks in advance. The pre-tour camp in Brisbane is vital for the players as they will get an idea of what to expect."
The 49-year-old was asked about his meeting with Commodore (Retd.) Mujibur Rahman and Syed Shamim Ahsan, the two men who investigated and prepared the recently revealed sensational probe report on Bangladesh's dismal World Cup performance and his views on it.
"I've only met them informally, nothing more. However I'm interested in the report and its recommendations as it concerns my boys," said Whatmore.
Yesterday's practice began with a rigorous physical workout with

each cricketer made to run 20 continuous nearly 70-metre dashes with a qualifying time of 15-seconds. After that there was a short break followed by nets in the centre.
With the pitch providing slow but disconcerting bounce and the overcast condition aiding seam bowling, Hannan Sarker, Habibul Bashar, Mohammad Ashraful, Al-Shahriar and Alok Kapali had their works cut out against Mashrafe bin-Mortuza, Monjurul Islam, Tapash Baisya and Tarek Aziz Khan.
"Most definitely they (the pacemen) have won the battle against the batsmen today," said Whatmore.
When asked if he had managed to make the batsmen aware of where their off-stump was, which he had stressed upon in the beginning of the camp, Whatmore said that there was 'slight' progress made adding that the batters were struggling as they have seldom encountered such conditions at home before.
The other players batted and bowled in separate nets but the soggy ground meant that appearance in the centre remained limited to only five batsmen. The national team is due to train at the same venue today with focus likely to be on fielding.

In love with Mirpur!



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The country's cricket needs a 'home' and for national coach Dav Whatmore, the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur is the best choice.
"The stadium in Mirpur is ideal for becoming the centre of Bangladesh's cricket. It also has plenty of space on the outside where a big gymnasium and indoor facility can be built. There's a swimming pool and I believe, provision for accommodation too."
"You see almost everything is in place there. Only thing needed is some renovation and construction. Even the Board (Bangladesh Cricket Board) could move there," said Whatmore during an informal chat with reporters at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.
Whatmore said that he had already conveyed his wish to the authorities and the rest was up to them.
"I've requested them and the government has agreed to make Mirpur the country's cricket base. Let's see what happens next."
During the conversation, the high profile coach was reminded that he was faced with an initiation by fire in his first assignment against world champions Australia.
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Chandana steals Lara's show



AFP, Bridgetown

Upul Chandana ruined Brian Lara's party with 89 as Sri Lanka stunned the West Indies by four wickets in a second one-day to gain a winning 2-0 lead in the three-match series here on Sunday.
Lara hit an explosive 116 to help his team post 312-4, but the Chandana-led Sri Lanka achieved the imposing target with three balls to spare in a match of fluctuating fortunes at the Kensington Oval.
Sri Lanka needed 18 runs off the last 12 balls but fast bowler Vasbert Drakes went for 14 in a costly penultimate over.
Chandana, 31, turned the match upside-down with his career-best knock as Sri Lanka successfully chased the sixth-highest total in the history of the game.
He gave an awesome exhibition of clean and powerful hitting during his 71-ball knock, smashing four sixes and six fours to eventually upstage Lara.
Sri Lanka won the opening game at the same venue on Saturday as they defended their modest total of 201 by bowling the hosts out for 146.
Sri Lanka were off to a flying start as Sanath Jayasuriya (41) and Romesh Kaluwitharana (34) shared a brisk 71-run stand before Chandana completed a sensational win.
Chandana put on 101 for the fifth wicket with Mahela Jayawardene (32).
The West Indies batting flourished as Lara, Chris Gayle (94) and Marlon Samuels (56 not out) dominated the Sri Lankan attack.
Lara was on song as he led the run riot to help his team reach the highest total at this venue before being overshadowed by Chandana.
He paced his innings well after surviving a confident caught-behind appeal on nought, smashing two sixes and eight fours in his 106-ball knock for 177th century.
Gayle struck two sixes and 12 fours to put his team on course for a big total with a 137-run stand with Lara. The stand equalled the West Indies' best for the second wicket against Sri Lanka.
Samuels also made merry during his unbeaten 36-ball innings, including 21 runs in an over from
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Sri Lanka's Upul Chandana pulls for six during his match-winning knock of 89.

Dev hockey R'mati, Dhaka meet in final

UNB, Dhaka

Rangamati DSA and Dhaka DSA moved into the final of the Development Cup (U-14) hockey tournament beating their respective rivals at Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.
The final will take place at the same venue today at 4pm.
Dhaka outplayed Gaibandha 6-0 in the first semifinal.
The winners dominated the first half by 5-0.
John struck twice while Faisal, Rubel, Kabir and Omar Faruque scored apiece for the winners.
In the second semifinal, Rangamati DSA blanked Munshiganj DSA 3-0. All the three goals came in the first half.
Bikrom Marma netted two goals while Omar Barua one for the winners.

BKSP Cup soccer starts today

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Chittagong division takes on Dhaka in the inaugural match of the BKSP Cup Under-16 football tournament 2003 that begins at the country's lone sports institution in Savar this morning.
BKSP Green, one of the two teams are being fielded by the hosts, will take on Barisal division in the other match of the day.
Six divisions and two BKSP selections have been split into two groups for the first round. Top two teams from each group will qualify for the June 14 semifinals. The final takes place the next day.
GROUPS
Group A: Chittagong, Khulna, Dhaka and BKSP Red.
Group B: Rajshahi, Barisal, Sylhet and BKSP Green.

Vermeulen sent home in disgrace



AFP, Durham

Zimbabwe's miserable and controversial tour of England ran into more trouble on Sunday when opening batsman Mark Vermeulen was kicked out of the squad and sent home.
The decision to send the 24-year-old home in disgrace was confirmed by team manager Babu Maman following a disciplinary hearing held at the team hotel here where Zimbabwe were coming to terms with their innings defeat to England in the second Test on Saturday.
"Mark has been warned about his conduct on a number of separate occasions during the tour but unfortunately has not heeded that advice," said Maman.
"The final straw concerned an incident that took place at the end of



MARK VERMEULEN

play on the Friday of the second Test. Mark ignored a management instruction to travel with the rest of the squad on the coach, which is a practice followed at all games to promote team morale and adhere to
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Mohsin shifts blame to BCB

AFP, Karachi

Bangladesh's cricket team needs to set goals and improve its attitude if it does not want to be a laughing stock in international cricket, the team's former Pakistani coach said Monday.
"There is a serious lack of attitude in Bangladesh cricket and if they do not set their goals, cricket will continue to suffer and be mocked by the international community," Pakis-tan's Mohsin Kamal, a former pace bowler who was sacked as Bangla-desh coach, told the news agency.
He was reacting to the findings of an inquiry by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) into the team's dismal showing in this year's World Cup in southern Africa.
Bangladesh failed to win a single match despite having two non-Test playing nations -- Canada and Kenya -- in their group. They have lost 18 of their 19 Tests since winning Test status in 2000.
The BCB inquiry findings announced at the weekend blamed
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WI stadia in crisis



BBC ONLINE, undated

The man in charge of the 2007 World Cup says the two most famous grounds in the Caribbean, the Kensington Oval in Barbados and Jamaica's Sabina Park, are unfit to stage matches.
Chris Dehning, chief executive of Windies World Cup, said refurbishment plans are around two years behind schedule and he believes it will cost several millions of dollars was needed to get them ready in time.
"You are talking about two countries which have been so-called

traditional venues of international cricket in the Caribbean," he told the Sunday Sun newspaper in Barbados.
"Yet, because of their status as traditional venues, very little, or certainly not enough, has been done to improve the quality of their stadiums over the last 40 years."
Dehning said the best venues are now in the less traditional centres of the Eastern Caribbean - St Lucia, Antigua, St Vincent and Grenada.
"They have new facilities and purpose-built cricket stadiums," he explained.
"That's one area where both Jamaica and Barbados have fallen behind."
"I think it's quite sad when you think about the tradition of cricket in

Barbados where you have Kensington Oval, which the Barbadians refer to as the Mecca.
"I ask myself if this is the Mecca, why hasn't an investment befitting a Mecca taken place in Barbados over the last 30 years?"
Dehning did, however, concede that it should not be too hard to start from scratch to rebuild stadiums.
"The beauty about it is that there is really no country that is absolutely ready, so, this is a green field," he said.
"You don't have these massive
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5 NFL matches on Day One

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The Bangladesh Football Federation has prepared a tentative fixture list for the forthcoming third National Football League (NFL) qualifying round, which begins in five zonal venues across the country from June 18.
According to the draft, Sabuj Shathi KC of Madaripur will take on Shantiganar SC of Shariatpur in the opening match of Jamalpur zone at the Jamalpur Stadium.
Besides in four other matches, Kheladhula Sangha of Kurigram face Shikha Sangskritik Parisad of Chapainawabganj in Sirajganj, Wanderers Club of Moulvibazar meet Rajanigantha Eleven of Habiganj at the Sylhet Stadium, Mohammedan SC of Comilla take on Sadar Upozila Krira Sangha of Laxmipur and PK Union Club face Uddipan KC of Chuadanga in Jhenidaha.
A total of 55 district clubs, split into five zones, will take part in the qualifying round. Besides, five service teams will also play in a separate zone that begins in the capital from June 20.
The winners of the six zonal qualifying rounds will join Dhaka-based outfits Mohammedan SC, Abahani KC, Muktiyoddha Sangsad KC and Arambagh KS in the final round.

ICC U-19 WC BD face NZ in opener



SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Bangladesh take on New Zealand in the inaugural match of the ICC Under-19 World Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on February 14. Coordinator for the Under-19 World Cup ASM Rouquibul Hassan revealed yesterday.
Talking to The Daily Star Sport over telephone, the former national captain said that according to the draw of the 16-nation meet done by the International Cricket Council earlier this year, Bangladesh have been drawn in Group C along with India, New Zealand and Kenya.
"Eleven countries having ODI status have been drawn in four groups for the first round with five being filled by continental qualifying winners that is scheduled to start

next month. Group C is the only group where there is no qualifier," Rouquibul said.
Top two teams from each of the four groups would move into the Super League while the bottom two teams would play in the plate competition. The final will also be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on March 6.
Rouquibul added that the work on five official venues Dhaka, Chittagong, Khulna, Rajshahi and Bogra was proceeding according to plan. ICC ground consultant Andy Atkinson will be arriving in the capital next week to offer his assistance.
The tournament will be spread over 54 matches. Besides, the Bangladesh Cricket Board will also arrange 34 practice matches for the participating teams.
"We are trying to arrange some practice matches in Faridpur and
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Relieved Atapattu



REUTERS, Bridgetown

Sri Lanka's feat in overhauling West Indies' total of 312 for four in Sunday's series-clinching one-day encounter came as a relief to captain Marvan Atapattu after recent personal failures.
"We live in a nation where cricket victory.
"I was under a bit of pressure before I came here and I was trying not to pass this on to the others. But hopefully this will get easier now."
The Sri Lankan public is impatient to see a new generation of batsmen filling the yawning gap left by the retired Arjuna Ranatunga and Aravinda de Silva.
The failure to qualify for the final of a home triangular series in May seemed to confirm fears of the fans about weaknesses in the batting.
Yet the focus and determination shown by the Sri Lankans on Sunday made a mockery of a recently acquired reputation for middle-order flakiness.
Upul Chandana's big-hitting 89 made him the hero but the innings was noteworthy for the efficient way the batsmen went about building partnerships, and the final tally of 313 for six was achieved without an individual century.
By Atapattu's philosophy, tapping natural flair is seen as the best route to success.
"It is best to let the batsmen play their natural game. When they came on needing to score almost a run a ball, they showed they are natural stroke players and went after almost
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Marvan Atapattu