



## Did U Know?

Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble took fewer deliveries to equal Jim Laker's feat of taking 10 wickets in a Test match. When Kumble demolished Pakistan in New Delhi in February 1999, it took him 26.3 overs compared to 51.2 overs for England's Jim Laker against Australia at Old Trafford in July 1956. However, Laker, also a spinner, conceded fewer runs -- 53 to 74 than his Indian counterpart.



## What to Watch

**ESPN**  
Western Union World Football Repeat at 9:00 am  
Sportscentre Hindi Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
Cricket Twenty20 Cup Glamorgan vs Northamptonshire

Live at 10:30 pm  
**STAR Sports**  
Primera Liga  
Atletico Madrid vs Real Madrid  
Same Day Delay at 10:30 am  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News



**Cathy Freeman**  
(Olympic champion)  
"Maybe with the new era of athletes, I may never be the best again. But I have to try."



**Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 19**  
Tick the correct answers, post  
**The Daily Star**  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
June 27, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who will lead the Australia bound Bangladesh cricket team?	Mashud Aminul	Mahmud
2. How many ODI centuries has Brian Lara scored?	21	31
3. Who clinched the French Open men's title?	Ferrero	Agassi
4. Who became Dev Cup hockey champions?	Ranganjati	Comilla

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## Div II soccer Dipali down Muslim Instt

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Dipali Jubo Sangha made a good start in the Shahjalal Bank Metropolitan Second Division Football League beating Muslim Institute 4-1 in the opening match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.  
State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman inaugurated the 16-team league. BFF president SA Sultan and chairman of the league sponsor Shahjalal Bank Limited Sajjatz Zamma were also present.

## Javed joining camp



**SPORTS REPORTER**

The last phase of the Bangladesh cricket team's camp ahead of their tour of Australia begins today at the



**JAVED OMAR**  
Bangabandhu National Stadium after a two-day break.

Opener Javed Omar is set to join the camp after missing the first week of practice due to a high temperature. Earlier doctors suspected that Javed might have got Hepatitis B, but a report on his liver yesterday showed no existence of the virus.

The camp started with 20 cricketers on June 20 under the supervision on new coach Dav Whatmore and later it was increased to 21 with the inclusion of veteran right-arm seamer Hasibul Hossain.

After ten days Whatmore trimmed it to fifteen on June 12.

The second phase of the camp will run until June 20, two days before the team flies to Brisbane, for a two-week conditioning camp.

The team will then fly to the northern city of Darwin on June 6.

After a couple of lead-up matches, Bangladesh will play the first Test against the mighty Australians at the Darwin Stadium on July 18.

The second Test starts in Cairns on July 25. The second newest Test venue down under, will also host the first two one-day internationals on August 2 and 3. The final ODI will be played in Darwin on August 6.



A Mohammedan raid at the Bachelors' post during the opening match of the Club Cup hockey tournament at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

## Goal-rush MSC



**SPORTS REPORTER**

Defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club got off to a flying start in the Usha Kiria Chakra Club Cup hockey tournament with a 13-0 whitewash of Bachelors Sporting Club at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

In a one-sided affair, Mohammedan flooded their opponents net with nine goals before the lemon break.

Midfielder Musa Miah celebrated his debut as Mohammedan captain with four goals despite missing a penalty stroke early on. Pakistani recruit Mohammad Asim struck thrice while young forward Anif Haque Prince and defender Isa Miah added two goals each for the winners.

Former Bangladesh forward Rafiqul Islam Kamal and Tabib-e-Noor scored the other two for the popular Motihheel outfit.

In the other matches, Sonali Bank, aided by two hattricks from Khwaja Tayed Reza and Mamun

Hossain, trounced Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha by eleven goals to one while Wari Club registered a 3-1 win over Barnak Samaj.

A total of 16 clubs, split into four groups for the first round, are taking part in the 12-day meet. The top team of each group will play in the June 24 semifinals while the final is on June 26.

Last year's champions Mohammedan have been placed in Group A along with Bachelors, Wari Club and Barnak Samaj while Premier Division League champions Abahani, who are scheduled to play Victoria SC today, head Group C that also includes Dhaka Wanderers Club and Ajax Sporting Club.

Mariner Young's Club, Dhaka Railway, Sadhan Bima and Farashganj SC will play in Group B while Group D comprises Sonali Bank, Bangladesh Sporting Club, Mukta Bihanga and sponsor Usha Kiria Chakra.

Today Ajax SC meet Dhaka Wanderers in the first match at 12 pm while Usha meet Bangladesh SC at 2:15 pm. The last match is between Abahani and Dhaka Wanderers at 4:15 pm.

## 'Behave yourselves'



**BBC ONLINE, London**

Pakistan captain Rashid Latif has called on his side's supporters to behave during the upcoming one-day international series against England.

Crowd trouble and pitch invasions marred the triangular NatWest series in 2001, culminating in Australia's Michael Bevan being struck on the head by a full can of beer after the final.

Fears of a repeat were heightened on Saturday when hundreds of fans raced to the square following Pakistan's five-wicket win over Leicestershire at Grace Road.

"This is very bad for cricket, I think, especially in Pakistan and England with the Pakistani crowd," said Latif ahead of the three-match NatWest Challenge, which begins on Tuesday at Old Trafford.

"They love us and follow Pakistan cricket all over the world but it is not good for the cricket and I do not support that kind of thing. I respect the crowd and not all

the crowd were bad, but a few guys got on the pitch and this is no good for the safety of the players and it effects the cricket.

"The situation in Pakistan is bad all the time but now the whole world

The tourists have a largely inexperienced batting line-up and Latif is stressing the importance of building an innings, rather than trying to make a racing start.

"The coach was a great batsman in the past and we are trying to play the same as Miandad's type of innings, building one rather than batting hard and trying to score at six and seven an over," he said.

"Cricket has changed since the World Cup. Only one team, Australia, play aggressively in the first 15 overs.

"Others try to keep wickets in hand and are happy with 45 or 50 runs in the first 15 overs then you can make 280."

Miandad is one of Pakistan's greatest ever batsmen, scoring 7,381 runs in one-day internationals at an average of 41.70, and was a member of their 1992 World Cup-winning side.

He and Latif were put in charge following the team's first round exit at this year's tournament in South Africa, during which they suffered a 112-run defeat by England.



**RASHID LATIF**  
will be watching the television and it would not be good to happen here.

Meanwhile, Latif has asked his players to follow the example of coach Javed Miandad in the matches.

## BCB, ICC to sign deal today

**SPORTS REPORTER**

An agreement to host the ICC Under-19 World Cup next year in Bangladesh, will be signed by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and the International Cricket Council (ICC) in London today.

The budget of the 16-nation tournament will also be finalised during the meeting.

Outgoing ICC president Malcolm Gray and BCB president Ali Asghar will sign the accord on behalf of their respective organisations.

The ICC has initially allocated a budget of 1.3 million dollars for the event. But the BCB will be trying to increase the amount by showing the cost of constructing eight cricket centres.

According to a BCB advisor yesterday, the Board would propose a budget of around two million dollars. But in that case the world body might be willing to allocate around 1.8 million dollars instead.

## BKSP Green champs

**UNB, Dhaka**

BKSP Green emerged champions of the first ever BKSP Cup Under-16 Football Tournament beating Dhaka Division by a solitary goal at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

Emily brought the happy moment for the hosts netting the all-important goal in the 25th minute.

He was adjudged best-player-of-the-tournament.

Earlier in the morning, BKSP Red secured third place with an emphatic 3-1 victory over Barisal Division. Hirok, Kibria and Sentu netted for the winners while Barisal's Sohail netted a consolation goal.

Later State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman distributed prizes as the chief guest while Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president SA Sultan was present as the special guest.

The State Minister handed over Tk 10,000 to each team as grant besides Tk 25,000 for the champions and Tk 20,000 for the runners-up.

## Rain plays foul with Lankan practice

**AFP, Amos Vale**

Sri Lanka's preparations for the upcoming Test series against the West Indies suffered a setback as rain curtailed play in their warm-up cricket match here.

Only 18 overs were possible on the opening day of Sri Lanka's three-day fixture against the West Indies Board President's team on Saturday.

Sri Lanka reached 46-1 in their first innings after electing to bat. Kumar Sangakkara (26) and opener Marvan Atapattu (16) were at the crease when rain stopped play in the tourists' only practice game before a two-Test series.

The first Test will be played at St Lucia (June 20-24) and the second at Jamaica (June 27-July 1).

Sri Lanka have already clinched the three-match one-day series 2-1. Former skipper Sanath Jayasuriya was the only batsman dismissed as he contributed just four runs before being run out.

## Ireland 196

**REUTERS, Eglinton**

Ireland were all out for 196 off 48.4 overs in their one-day tour match against Zimbabwe at Woodvale Road on Sunday.

## Vaughan off to winning start



**AFP, Cardiff**

England survived a scare at the hands of Australian Test bowler Michael Kasprovicz before beating Wales in the first match of Michael Vaughan's reign as one-day captain.

In a warm-up match for the upcoming one-day internationals against Pakistan, Vaughan's side made 235-8 from their 50 overs

before bowling out their hosts for 227 in 48.4 overs.

A superb new-ball burst from Kasprovicz had left England reeling at 41 for four and raised hopes that Wales could be headed for a repeat of last season's eight-wicket win over their neighbours.

But Yorkshire captain Anthony McGrath (50) and Marcus Trescothick (55) steadied the ship with a stand of 71 for the fifth wicket before Surrey all-rounder Rikki Clarke, with 46 off 47 balls, helped push England's total to a respect-

able target.

Seamer David Harrison made the first breakthrough by winning a leg before appeal against Vikram Solanki in the sixth over.

That was the cue for Kasprovicz, chosen for Wales as Glamorgan's overseas player, to claim three wickets for two runs in 11 balls.

Vaughan had won his first toss as captain but his luck did not last much longer after making just two runs he was trapped leg before.

Jim Troughton, making his maiden senior England appearance, and Andrew Flintoff both quickly departed in identical manner without scoring and England were in deep trouble.

Wales always looked capable of overhauling the target after former England spinner Robert Croft, opening for his native country, battled his way to 59.

But after getting within two boundaries of their target, they ran out of wickets.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the one-day match between Wales and England at Sophia Gardens on Saturday:

ENGLAND		WALES	
Trescothick b Croft	55	Solanki lbw b Harrison	14
Vaughan lbw b Kasprovicz	2	Troughton lbw b Kasprovicz	0
Flintoff lbw b Kasprovicz	0	McGrath c Wallace b Croft	50
Clarke run out	46	Giles b Jones	6
Giles b Jones	6	Ali not out	25
Gough not out	26	Gough not out	26
Extras: (b-6, nb-1, w-4)	11	Extras: (b-4, lb-12, w-19, nb-8)	33
Total: (For 8 wks in 50 overs)	235	Fall of wickets: 1-24, 2-41, 3-41, 4-44, 5-115, 6-145, 7-162, 8-193	
Did not bat: Anderson		Did not bat: Anderson	
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>
Kasprovicz	10	1	38
Harrison	10	1	43

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## Razzaq's reminder



**AFP, Leicester**

Abdul Razzaq put himself in contention for a place in Pakistan's team to face England on Tuesday by grabbing four wickets in a five-wicket win over Leicestershire here on Saturday.

The Middlesex all-rounder was only called up by the tourists to replace injured opener Faisal Athar on Friday night and had to make a last-minute dash to Leicester after playing for his county in a 20-20 match at The Oval.

He justified the selectors' faith in him by claiming four wickets as Leicestershire were restricted to 231 for seven from their 50 overs.

Paceman Shabbir Ahmed blotted his copybook with a 14-ball opening over which yielded nine runs in wides and three in no-balls.

His opening two overs cost 23 and the hosts reached 50 in the ninth over. Virender Sehwag greeting Umar Gul with a classic off-drive down the ground.

Gul took revenge when he captured Sehwag's wicket with an away swinger for the tourists first breakthrough and a steady trickle of wickets from then on kept the lid on Leicestershire's run rate.

A stand of 51 for the opening wicket got Pakistan off to a positive start and they ultimately cruised home four overs and one ball to spare.

Opener Mohammad Hafeez top-scored with 54.

Pakistan face England at Manchester on Tuesday in the first encounter of a three-match one-day series.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the one-day tour match between Leicestershire and Pakistan on Saturday:

LEICESTERSHIRE		PAKISTAN	
Maunder b Hafeez	25	Sehwag c Latif b Gul	19
Sehwag c Latif b Gul	19	Maddy lbw b Razzaq	15
Maddy lbw b Razzaq	15	Stevens c Akhtar b Shabbir	40
Stevens c Akhtar b Shabbir	40	Hodge not out	47
Hodge not out	47	Ward b Razzaq	28
Ward b Razzaq	28	Snappe lbw b Razzaq	0
Snappe lbw b Razzaq	0	Nixon c Nazir b Razzaq	13
Nixon c Nazir b Razzaq	13	Masters not out	1
Masters not out	1	Extras: (b-4, lb-12, w-19, nb-8)	43
Extras: (b-4, lb-12, w-19, nb-8)	43	Total: (For 7 wks in 50 overs)	231

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## Harbhajan too going to USA

**CRICINFO, London**

Indian off-spinner Harbhajan Singh is set to make a trip to the same American hospital where Sachin Tendulkar underwent surgery to have an operation on his right index finger.

Harbhajan injured his finger during India's tour of New Zealand earlier this year and recently had to pull out of his contract with Lancashire. He is now likely travel to Baltimore after he today underwent an MRI scan at the Liliavati Hospital in Mumbai.

Speaking to the Press Trust of India, Anant Joshi, a medical expert from the Indian Board of Control for Cricket, said, "Harbhajan underwent an MRI scan and X-ray on his finger after specialist Dr Sudhir Warrior, who also treated Sachin's finger before he decided to go in for an operation in the US, advised him to do so.

"However, it will take at least a couple of days for us to come to a final decision as I am going to Japan tonight, but I will keep in touch with both Harbhajan and Dr Warrior about the developments."

He added: "If his finger needs to be operated upon, then the first choice would be to send him to the US as the doctors there have done a very good job on Sachin's finger recently."



Surrey's Pakistani recruit Azhar Mahmood square-drives one on way to a whirlwind 43 off 18 balls during their Twenty20 game against Essex at Imber Court on June 14.

PHOTO: EMPICS