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American Chris Evert won a record seven French Open singles titles from 1974-1986.



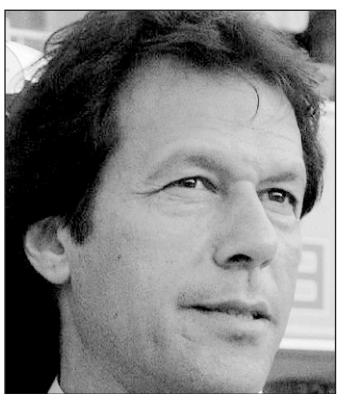
What to watch

ESPN


Football Focus  
Repeat at 2:30 pm  
English Premier Football League  
Man United vs Newcastle United  
Repeat at 3:00 pm  
Primera Liga  
Real Madrid vs Athletic Club Bilbao  
Live at 1:00 am (Monday)  
STAR Sports  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
Repeat at 8:00 am  
England vs Pakistan  
NatWest Challenge  
Third ODI  
Live at 3:45 pm  
Primera Liga  
Real Sociedad vs Atletico Madrid



Talk Turkey



**Imran Khan**  
(Pakistan cricket legend)  
"Cricket is the game for brave persons. Those batsmen who fear to face any fast bowler and those bowlers who also avoid to facing any particular batsman cannot become a world class cricketer."



OMPETITION 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?	Hewitt	Agassi
4. Who became Dev Cup hockey champions?	Ferrero	
	Ranganjati	Comilla

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## Premier Div kabadi

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Bangladesh Police and Sonali Bank Club moved into the semifinals of the 8th Metropolis Premier Division Kabaddi League beating their rivals at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court yesterday.  
In the day's first match, Bangladesh Police finished Group A runners-up outplaying Jurain Janata Club 50-20 with three lonas after dominating the first session 27-11 points.  
In the day's other match, foreign players studied Sonali Bank RC advanced to the semifinals of Group B beating newcomer Jatrabari Faruk Smriti Sangsad 45-20 having three lonas. They led the first half 24-10 points.



PHOTO: STAR  
Action from yesterday's Club Cup hockey tournament clash between Mariner Young's Club and Dhaka Railway at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

## Mariner in last four

### Hockey

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Mariner Young's Club stormed into the semifinal of the Club Cup Hockey tournament as Group B winners with a 4-0 thrashing of Dhaka Railway at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Mariner, a potential third force, to pose any serious challenge to the two-way heady battle for the title race between Mohammedan and Abahani, walked into their final group league match against a modest Railway for a draw to confirm their place in the last four.

But at the end of a lop-sided affair under incessant drizzle the

Arambagh-based outfit completed a repeat act of their previous game, where they blanked Sadharan Bima 4-0.

The easy win was once again fashioned by their Pakistani quartet with three of them managing to put their names on the scoresheet.

However, it was Mariner's seasoned local campaigner Yamin Hossain who opened the scoring in the 18th minute. The central defender stepped up to convert a penalty ending a stubborn Railway resistance.

Shejad Ahmed doubled the margin five minutes before the break while his compatriot Yamin Bhatti made it 3-0 with a nice field goal in the 47th minute.

Mohammed Razzak completed the Railway rout with a strike at the

stroke of the final whistle.

The victory completed an impressive first round campaign for Mariner's who scored 11 goals in three games without any reply. They scored a 3-0 win against Farashganj in their opening match.

### WANDERERS 4, VICTORIA 0

Meanwhile, Dhaka Wanderers also registered a 4-0 win against Victoria Sporting Club in one of the other two games held yesterday.

Mohammad Javed led the Wanderers goal-feast with three goals. The fleet-footed attacker struck the first two goals in a space of four minutes before the break and scored his third four minutes away

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## Atapattu rattles WI

### Cricket

#### AFP, St Lucia

Sri Lankan opener Marvan Atapattu made the most of an inexperienced West Indies attack when he cracked an impressive 108 not out on the opening day of the first Test here on Friday.

He struck 13 fours in his 11th Test century as Sri Lanka posted 250-4 at stumps in their first innings after electing to bat at the Beausejour Stadium, hosting its maiden Test.

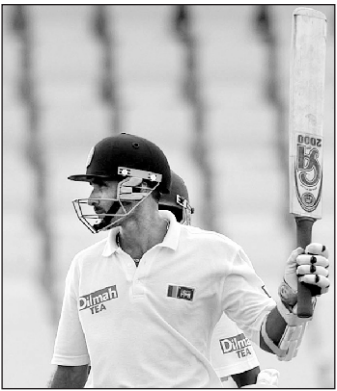
Thilan Samaraweera was not out on seven when rain stopped play with 2.5 overs remaining before the scheduled draw of stumps.

Atapattu, 32, reached his hundred in the closing overs when he hit debutant fast bowler Jerome Taylor for a four.

Playing his 64th Test, Atapattu put on 108 for the second wicket with Kumar Sangakkara (56) to prop up the innings after Sri Lanka had

lost out-of-form opener Sanath Jayasuriya (8).

West Indies skipper Brian Lara then failed to find wicket-taking bowlers for nearly three hours as Atapattu and Sangakkara applied themselves well to consolidate their



MARVAN ATAPATTU . . . 108 not out

team's position.  
Lara used seven bowlers, but

none could strike at the right time on an easy-paced track as one wicket each fell in the first two sessions and two in the last.

Paceman Mervyn Dillon was the only seasoned bowler, but went wicket-less despite bowling well in his opening spell and then troubling Mahela Jayawardene (45) for a brief period.

Of the specialist bowlers, paceman Corey Collymore (2-41) was playing only his second Test and off-spinner Omari Banks his third.

Taylor, who turns 19 on Sunday, made an unimpressive Test debut as he conceded 76 runs in 18 overs.

It was part-time spinner Chris Gayle who eventually broke the second-wicket stand in the afternoon session, but not before Atapattu and Sangakkara had put their team on course for a healthy total.

Sangakkara, who traded a few words with Lara over running on to

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## Nat'l Football League scores

### SPORTS REPORTER

Echo scored a brilliant hatrick to propel Sikkhathri Sports Institute of Pabna to comprehensive 6-1 win against Bangla Krira Chakra of Gaibandha in one of the four preliminary round matches of the Nitol-Tata third National Football League yesterday.

The Pabna striker entertained the fans at the Jamalpur Stadium scoring in the 9th, 34th, and 65th minute. But the Pabna goal-feast started from the word go when Rabiul scored in the very first minute. Zahidul and Abul compounded the misery of the Gaibandha side scoring one goal apiece.

Lulu pulled off a consolation goal for the losers in the 70th minute of the match.

Mymensingh Abahani Krira Chakra recorded a 3-0 victory against Railway PMSD Club of Rajshahi at Sylhet Stadium.

The winners led the first half 1-0. Alamgir, Siraj and Aniruddha scored one goal apiece.

At Jhenidah Players' Welfare Association of Jhalakathi scored a 3-1 win against Friends Club of Patuakhali.

Riazul, Azmat and Tuhin scored for the winners while Jashim struck the only goal for Friends Club in the 14th minute.

Bangladesh Navy defeated Bangladesh Rifles by the odd goal in three.

Solaiman and Humayun scored for Navy in a space of seven minutes while Shafiqul reduced the margin for Rifles in the 66th minute.

## Rating chess

### UNB, Dhaka

Grand Masters Ziaur Rahman and Niaz Murshed continued their winning run in the Open Fide Rating Chess tournament winning their respective second round boards at the Chess Federation Auditorium yesterday.

After the second round, 26 players are leading with two points each.

In the day's round, Zia beat Mahbub, Niaz beat Sagar, IM Enamul Hossain Razib beat Hasan, IM Abdullah Rakib beat Delu, FM Aminul Islam beat Mostafa, FM Taibur Rahman beat Mahbub, FM Abu Sufian Shakil beat Bably, Khurshed beat Nasir, Robin beat Lavlu, Kazal beat Pollab and Murad beat Chapal. IM Reefat Bin Sattar got walkover.

## Sri Lanka 309 for 8

### STAR SPORT MONITOR

West Indies paceman Corey Collymore bagged five wickets to thwart Sri Lanka's ambitions of building a big first innings total in the first Test yesterday.

The tourists who began the day on 250-4, went to lunch on 309 for eight.

Marvan Atapattu added only 10 runs to his overnight 108 while Kumar Sangakkara made 56. Mahela Jayawardene added 45.

Collymore broke the back of the Lankan batting with five for 62.

# Tigers fly down under today

### Cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

There can be no bigger challenge for Bangladesh when Khaled Mahmud's men set off for Australia today to play two Tests and three one-day internationals.

The maiden tour down under will also be an acid test for Bangladesh's new coach Dav Whatmore, who knows better than anybody else that how forbidding Australia can be.

The all-conquering Australians have already confirmed that they are not considering the tour of the modest South Asian nation as a charity and announced a full-strength side to be drawn at two new venues in Darwin and Cairns.

Although Whatmore put on a brave face in Friday's press briefing

after an 18-day training, the 49-year-old knew instinctively that the task ahead of him would be simply damage limitation.

Since gaining Test status in June 2000, Bangladesh have been the punch-bag, losing 18 of their 19 previous Tests with the other being drawn thanks to rain.

Alarmed by the dismal performances of the Tigers new ICC president Ehsan Mani warned that their overseas tours would be curtailed in the future.

The statement comes only days after the ruling body's cricket committee advised that Bangladesh would have to go through a certain qualifying procedure with Zimbabwe and Kenya to earn a place in the Champions Trophy in England next year.

There was more bad news at home when Emirates declined to be the team's official sponsor.

Snubbed by the leading airliner

Mahmud's men will now have to fly down under on Thai Airways.

The number one sport in the country suffered a body blow in the aftermath of the World Cup debacle in South Africa, where they lost five of their six first round matches including a shock defeat against minnows Canada.

The debacle in South Africa prompted the Board to form an inquiry committee and the findings of the two-member body rocked the establishment.

But the Board tried to restore order by bringing Whatmore after sacking former Pakistan paceman Mohsin Kamal.

The Sri Lankan-born Australian took over on June 1 and since then the cricket fans have pinned their hopes on him. The architect of Sri Lanka's 1996 World Cup victory however cautioned against over-

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## ICC to hand over WC money

### ICC Cricket World Cup SOUTH AFRICA 2003

#### AFP, London

England, New Zealand and Sri Lanka will all receive part of the money withheld by the International Cricket Council (ICC) for World Cup contract infringements, the governing body said in a statement Friday.

But India's World Cup payment, estimated at between 8 to 9 million dollars for all major cricket nations, is to be withheld.

India's players refused to sign the standard tournament contracts because they were unwilling to surrender control of their personal endorsement and image rights.

India was, and remains, a major commercial market for all the official World Cup backers and, by extension, tournament broadcasting and sponsorship rights holders Global Cricket Corporation (GCC), who are taking action against the ICC.

England and New Zealand were penalised for refusing to play World Cup matches in Zimbabwe and

Kenya respectively on safety grounds.

Meanwhile Sri Lanka had money withheld after they missed the ICC deadline for returning signed player contracts.

England will have 1.5 million dollars of their withheld 3.5 million dollars payment returned with New

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EHSAN MANI

## Govou saves hosts



#### AFP, Saint Etienne

Defending champions France booked their place in the Confederations Cup semifinals with a 2-1 win over a Japan side that will consider itself unlucky not to have come away with at least a share of the spoils here on Friday.

The tourists went ahead with a Robert Pires penalty awarded after Fulham's Junichi Inamoto pulled down Jean-Alain Bounsang in the

box two minutes from the interval.

But Japan, out to avenge their defeat by France in the 2001 Confederations Cup final, equalised with a second half free-kick from Shunsuke Nakamura, his third goal of the competition, that had Fabien Barthez clutching at fresh air.

The European champions then sealed the three points when Sidney Govou scored from close range to send France top of Group A, although there was a 90th minute sting in the tail when Bayern Munich's Willy Sagnol was sent off for an ill-judged tackle on Japan skipper Hidetoshi Nakata.

The first 20 minutes resembled an inexpertly served pint of beer, a lot of froth with little substance as the two sides showed plenty of endeavour without managing to make either 'keeper break sweat.

Inamoto's English Premiership

teammate Steve Marlet went closest to breaking the stalemate with a well judged header while Sagnol snuffed out a potential threat when Nakamura, the principal architect of Japan's drubbing of New Zealand, was fed the ball when clear in the box.

Australian referee Mark Shields handed out two yellow cards in this period, the recipients Govou for a foul on Yasuhito Endo, and Japan's Yoshito Okubo.

And then he reached into his pocket for a third, a crucial one this time, to Inamoto for his bearhug on Bounsang.

Arsenal midfielder Pires, wearing the captain's armband for the first time, coolly converted the spot kick past Seigo Narazaki.

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PHOTO: AFP  
French striker Sidney Govou scores the winner against Japan at the Geoffroy Guichard Stadium in Saint-Etienne June 20.

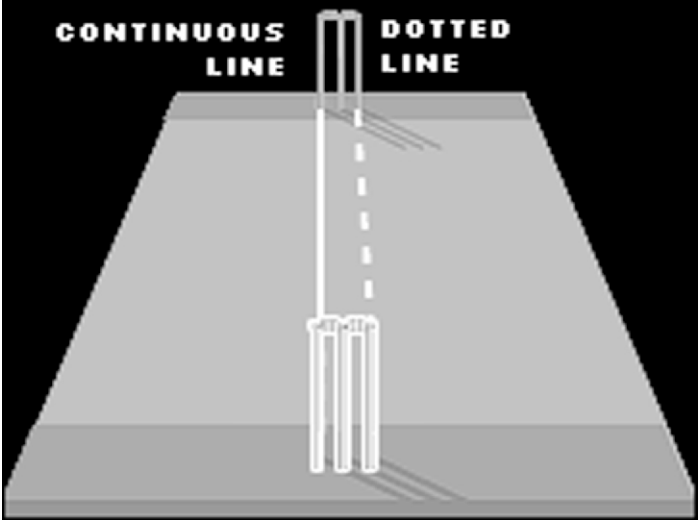


PHOTO: BBC

A graphic illustration of the innovation for dealing with lbw decisions.

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