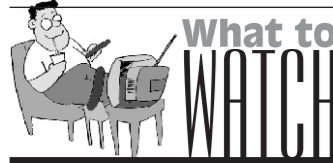




## Did U Know?

Pakistan scored 328 runs with no extras to its credit against India at Lahore in 1954-55, the highest ever total sans extras in Test cricket.

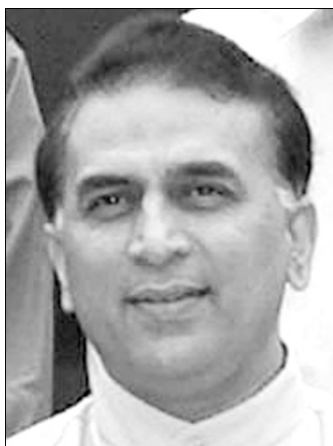


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Bangladesh vs Australia  
First ODI  
Live at 5:30 am

**TEN Sports**  
Real Madrid vs China XI  
Live at 5:30 pm

**ESPN**  
England vs South Africa  
Second Test, Day Two  
Highlights at 7:30 am  
Western Union World Football  
Repeat at 9:00 am  
Football Focus  
Repeat at 11:00 am  
England vs South Africa  
Second Test, Day Three  
Live at 3:45 pm

**STAR Sports**  
England vs South Africa  
Second Test, Day Two  
Same Day Delay at 10:00 am  
Soccer Soap  
Dream Team  
Repeat at 5:25 pm



**Sunil Gavaskar**  
(Indian cricket legend)  
"In the modern world of commercialisation of the game and the advent of satellite television and the motto of winning at all costs, sportsmanship has gone for a six."

## No room for error

**Cricket**  
AFP, Cairns

Ricky Ponting wants his world champion team to show more respect for the basics of one-day cricket when Australia take on Bangladesh in the first match of the one-day cricket series here on Saturday.

Bangladesh haven't got close to Australia in three previous one-day matches but Ponting doesn't want his team taking shortcuts or clocking off early as they did in the Caribbean earlier this year.

"That hurt a little bit," Ponting said of the 4-3 series win over the West Indies.

"I was particularly disappointed with the way we played those last three games and that was one thing we addressed this morning in the team meeting.

"We made mistakes in those three games that you haven't seen this team make for a long time.

"We didn't respect the basics of the game and if you don't do that in one-day cricket it's going to come

back and bite you every time. "We dropped a lot of catches we didn't have batting partnerships, there were a lot of misfields, those sort of things.

"Looking back we felt we'd let ourselves down big time."

"He (Hannan) played Brett Lee as well as any top-class batsman in the past couple of years.

"He left anything that was short and if it was fuller he drove it through the covers.

"But it won't be easy to take that



RICKY PONTING

Ponting said while Bangladesh improved in the Test series, the tourists could be tested in the one-day arena.

He said the likes of in-form opener Hannan Sarkar, whose patient attitude typified the effort of the Bangladeshis in the Cairns Test, would need to play differently.



KHALED MAHMUD

into the one-dayers. He played at his own pace in the Test and left a lot of balls -- in the shorter version of the game he'll have to come at us a bit more ... if our bowlers can be patient and make them come at us I think we'll get enough chances

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## NFL Super Six venue yet to be named

SPORTS REPORTER

The tournament committee of the Nitol-Tata third National Football League meets today to discuss the venue for the super-six matches.

It was learnt that the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is likely to make their last appearance at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium with the super-six matches before the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) embark on preparing it for hosting cricket matches in future.

The BFF is keen on holding the league at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. However the BCB is reluctant to do so because it would affect their plans for England's tour of Bangladesh in October.

"We have yet to decide anything about the super six venue but it will be sorted out within two or three days. We will talk to cricket officials to settle the issue," BFF general secretary Anwarul Haq Helal told The Daily Star Sport yesterday.

The first phase of the final round will end on August 8 with the Khulna leg.

## Zia slips to third place

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman slipped to third after his second successive draw with GM Jonathan Rowson of Scotland in the tenth round of the Smith and Williamson British Chess Championship in Edinburgh on Thursday.

Zia, who played with white, moved down a place to share third position with six other players. They secured seven points each.

Indian Grand Master Abhijit Kunte took a solo lead securing 8 points and his compatriot Grand Master Pentala Hari Krishna was second with 7.5 points.

The other Bangladeshi players -- International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib bagged 6.5 points, International Master Reefat-Bin-Sattar six points, International Master Abdullah-Al-Rakib 5.5 points and FIDE Master Khandakar Nasir Ahmed earned 4 points.

In the tenth round: Rajib beat Neil MacDonald of England and Rakib beat Matthew Anderton of England. Nasir drew with Graeme Kafka of Scotland. Reefat lost against WGM Ketev Arakhamia-Grant of Georgia.

Meanwhile, Shawkat Hossain Pallab earned 5.5 points after the tenth round in the Major Open event. He lost against Paul Plant of England.

## BFF looks ahead

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is going to arrange long term training programmes for different age group teams with an eye on the future of the game.

The residential camps of the under-19 and under-17 teams will start from August 7 at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Prolishan (BKSP).

The under-19 camp will have 35 players while there are 32 youngsters in the under-17 group.

Both selections are scheduled to play in tournaments under the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) in October. The BFF technical committee will meet tomorrow to select coaches for the squads.

Meanwhile, the BFF has already penciled some 150 potential players who had participated in the ongoing Dhaka Metropolis inter-school competition for its under-14 team.

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## Inter-upazila soccer Hathazari champs

CU CORRESPONDENT

Hathazari Upazila Krira Sangha won the inter-upazila junior football tournament after beating Rangunia Upazila Krira Sangha in the tie-breaker 5-4 at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Both sides scored one goal each in the regulation 90 minutes. Mamun of Hathazari and Razu Mutsuddi of Rangunia were the scorers.

The game went into 30 minutes of extra-time but there were no more goals.

## ERRATA

Due an oversight the photo credit of General Insurance table tennis carried in our yesterday's page was attributed to the AFP. It should have been a courtesy photo instead.

--Sport

## Lee's bowling tips

**Cricket**  
REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia's Brett Lee has passed on some fast bowling tips to his Bangladesh rivals in a bid to help the Asian nation's pacemen reach their full potential.

"After the last test I sat down with a few of their fast bowlers and the thing that excited me was how keen they were to learn," Lee told reporters on Friday.

"I couldn't go out then and there to show them things so I arranged this session and I just passed on a few tips that Dennis Lillee has passed on to me.

"I was working on a few actions, getting their actions strong, their approach to the crease -- just really basic things but things that you might not be aware of unless someone points them out."

One of the world's fastest bowlers, Lee has taken 125 wickets in 33 tests and produced speeds of above 150 km an hour.

Bangladesh have drawn once and lost 20 times since gaining Test status three years ago and were twice crushed by an innings against Australia in last month's two-test series.

Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza, 19, took four for 134 in that series and said Lee's advice had been useful.

"He (Lee) watched my video from the test match. He told me I had some problems with my front arm and he's right because I have some pain in my back and I don't know if I



BRETT LEE

can play tomorrow," Mashrafe said.

"I have learned many things from this series about my bowling -- bowling to the likes of Steve Waugh, Matthew Hayden, Ricky Ponting ... I've learned where to bowl (and to have) an aggressive attitude."

## Premier Div Hockey Mariner-Railway second half today

SPORTS REPORTER

Mariner Young's Club and Dhaka Railway played only one half of their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League match yesterday due to insufficient water on the turf following power failure.

In the day's first match Wari Club scored their first win in the league after losing three in a row. They beat Bangladesh Sporting Club 3-2. It was third successive defeat for the Bangladesh Sporting.

The unfinished match between Mariner and Railway ended in 1-1 and the second half will be played at 9 am.

But Dhaka Railway coach and former national player Abdullah Piru claimed that conditions were good enough to continue but the umpire bowed to Mariner pressure.

Mariner officials in their defence thought it would be risky.

Mariner took the lead in the first minute when Pakistani Yamin Hossain converted a penalty-corner.

Indian Sabren Balla equalised for the Railway in the 28th minute with a spectacular field goal.

In the first match, Wari came from behind to lead the first half 2-1.

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## Indomitable South Africa

**Cricket**  
REUTERS, London

Graeme Smith continued his extraordinary one-man show against England on Friday, eyeing another double century as South Africa cruised into a 164-run first-innings lead on the second day of the second Test.

In reply to England's paltry 173, Smith's South Africans reached an early tea on 337 for one, with their 22-year-old captain on 178 not out

put the ball on a length. South Africa had resumed on 151 for one but were soon sprinting along after a 75-minute delay for rain and bad light.

Smith saw no need to delay in rejecting England's early generosity.

He clipped Anderson's second ball off the leg stump for four to the vacant fine-line boundary. Next over, Harmison offered him a short, wide ball first up which Smith cut for another boundary.

The 21-year-old Anderson, clearly frustrated with his own lack of direction, fielded off his own

bowling and shied at the stumps, almost hitting Kirsten and prompting an angry reaction from Smith.

Smith, on 98, almost offered a catch to short mid-wicket before reaching his fourth Test century from another gift, turning away a leg-stump half-volley from Anderson for his 16th boundary.

He was only the fourth South African captain to score a century at Lord's. He had also become the quickest South African to reach 1,000 Test runs, right at the start of his 17th innings.

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South African captain Graeme Smith is relieved after reaching another 100 against England yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## LATEST STAR SPORT MONITOR

Captain Graeme Smith and Gary Kirsten completed individual milestones to consolidate South Africa's position shortly after tea against England in the Lord's Test yesterday.

The left-handed pair continued their run-feast by adding 257 runs for their record second-wicket to take the score onto 390-2. At that stage the South Africans led by 217 runs.

Kirsten was finally out for 108 after dragging the ball on the stumps off Anthony McGrath.

It was his 17th career Test ton but the first time he had done so at the home of cricket.

Smith, on the other hand, reached his third double hundred in only his 12th Test. He was batting on 206.

as light drizzle interrupted play at Lord's.

He and Gary Kirsten (84 not out) had put on 204 for the second wicket.

The left-handed Smith, who made a national record 277 and 85 in the drawn first Test, has now scored 540 runs in the five-match series.

If he was impregnable -- there was a huge cheer when he missed a ball just before tea -- the English bowling was a woeful mix of leg-stump half-volleys and wide long hops.

Smith, with a wide bat and relentless determination, stuck to a carefully thought-out repertoire of leg-side shots punctuated by occasional cuts.

In contrast, England strike bowlers James Anderson and Steve Harmison, so impressive in bursts in their short careers, simply could not

## Pakistan require Shoab

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan want fast bowler Shoab Akhtar released early from his contract with English county side Durham so he can play in this month's home Test series against Bangladesh.

Fellow paceman Mohammad Sami has already been ruled out through injury while all-rounder Azhar Mahmood is unavailable.

"Shoab was given permission to play for Durham until September and skip the Bangladesh series. But due to the injury to Sami the selectors now want him for the series," said Pakistan Cricket Board spokesman Samiul Hasan.

"We have written to Durham to give an early release to Shoab and are waiting for their response," Hasan said.

Off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq has

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## Super fast Smith

**Cricket**  
AFP, London

Graeme Smith became the fastest South African to 1,000 Test runs here on Thursday.

Smith reached the landmark in his 17th Test innings, four fewer than the previous South African record of 21 held by Eddie Barlow.

Smith, at 22 South Africa's youngest ever captain, needed just a single to reach his 1,000 coming into the second Test against England which started at Lord's here Thursday.

The Western Province opener got it off the first ball of the innings, bowled by Darren Gough.

It was the second Test in a row where Smith had broken a record after making 277 against England in the drawn first Test at Edgbaston - the highest individual Test score by a South African surpassing the 275 held jointly by Daryll Cullinan and

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## Hussain might quit cricket altogether

BBC ONLINE, London

Nasser Hussain could retire from all cricket at the end of the summer, if not earlier, his brother believes.

Hussain shocked English cricket when he resigned as Test captain on Monday, at the end of the drawn first Test with South Africa.

He is playing in the second Test, which began at Lord's on Thursday morning, but as a specialist batsman only.

His brother Mel Hussain told the BBC Sport website: "I would say with some degree of certainty that Nasser will not tour this winter."

"He wants his life back, to have Christmas at home, to go to a restaurant without having to field phone calls."

Nasser's second son, Joel, was born last November, in the middle of a tough Ashes tour that saw the England skipper appear mentally exhausted on the field of play.

Under new skipper Michael

Vaughan, England face three Test tours during the English off-season,



NASSER HUSSAIN

travelling to Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the West Indies.

"The thought of going to Bangladesh for another series as a regular England player might not be

as exciting as spending some time with his wife and kids," said Mel.

"He has given everything in the last 15 years and there's not a lot left."

"England are a stronger, more confident, better prepared side than when he took them on and the only thing they've not done is beat Australia."

And the older Hussain brother, who played county 2nd XI cricket himself, suggested Nasser would probably quit all cricket at the same time, ending his Essex career too.

"There is no suggestion he has set himself a time limit; it is purely a mental thing," he said.

"If he walked after this Test match I wouldn't be surprised - if he got two low scores."

"He will have some regrets but he has to look forward."

Mel has not talked to his brother since Monday's resignation, but he

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## Gilchrist likes Tests only

**Cricket**  
AGENCIES, undated

Australian wicketkeeper and dynamic one-day batsman Adam Gilchrist has said that he subscribes to what he believes will be an increasing trend among international players to retire from one-day games to concentrate on Test cricket.

He told the Sydney Morning Herald on Friday that while it would not be "in the foreseeable future", he could see a day when he may retire from ODIs and devote himself to Test cricket. The gruelling schedule of modern international cricket could result in more players looking



ADAM GILCHRIST

to do the same sort of thing. Gilchrist said starting a family

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## School football semis tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

Matuail Bahumukhi High School became Group B champions in the Dhaka metropolis inter-school football competition with an emphatic 7-1 victory over Rahmatullah Model High School at the outer stadium yesterday.

Rajib and Liton struck twice while Majedul, Abdullah and Ali Asghar shared the other goals for the winners. Waliullah netted for the losers.

Residential Model School also enjoyed a 8-0 goal feast against Nabakumer Institute.

Sui Thui Ching scored a hatrick while Habib, Mahmudul scored two goals each and Masud one.

Meanwhile, the semifinals of the competition will be held tomorrow at the same venue.

Emarat Hossain Adarsha High School face Dolaipar High School in the first semi and Matuail Bahumukhi High School meet Residential Model School in the other semifinal.

## WHIZZ KID-196 winner Abdulla Nur Sobhan Hridoy

(Saint Judes Int'l School)

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Scene from yesterday's inter-school football match between Nabakumer Institute and Residential Model School at the outer stadium.

PHOTO: STAR