



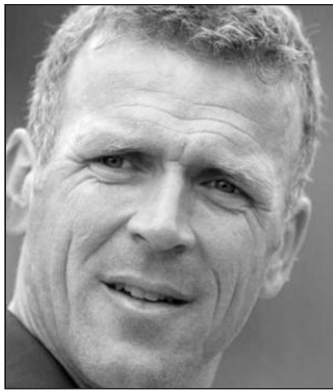
## Did U Know?

Viv Richards played 27 one-day internationals in the West Indies and was never dismissed leg before wicket.



## What to WATCH

**ESPN**  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Repeat at 7:00 am  
Football Focus  
Taped Version at 7:30 am  
**Sportscentre Hindi**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
English Premier Football League  
Arsenal vs Leeds United  
Repeat at 9:30 pm  
**STAR Sports**  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Repeat at 8:00 am  
Tennis Masters Series, Montreal  
Highlights  
Repeat at 5:00 pm  
**Sportsline Tonight**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
Soccer Soap  
Dream Team  
Taped Version at 10:00 pm



**Alec Stewart**  
(England wicketkeeper-batsman)  
"I could have left it until the end of the summer but I felt it was better to get it over now."

**Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 19**  
Tick the correct answers, post to The Daily Star. Win attractive prizes.  
Competition closes at 8 pm August 15, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards.

- How many runs did Bangladesh score in the first innings of the 2nd Test against Australia?  
301    289    295
- Who became Asian Youth Cup cricket champions?  
Malaysia    Bangladesh  
Nepal
- Who won the Pepsi handball title?  
Chittagong Narsingdi Bandarban
- Who clinched the GONCAGAF Gold Cup?  
Brazil    USA    Mexico
- How many Test tons has Steve ...

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Phone: (if any) .....

## Div II soccer

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Jurain Janata Club beat PWD Sporting Club 2-0 in the Shahjalal Bank Metropolitan Second Division Football League at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.  
Sentu scored both the goals in the 31st and 40th minutes.  
**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Police AC vs Bangladesh Boys (2.45 pm)  
Motijheel T&T Club vs Bhasabo Tarun Sangha (4.30 pm)

# Naimur called up for camp

**Cricket**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

Off-spinner Naimur Rahman got a surprise call-up when the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) selected a 22-member preliminary squad for the upcoming Pakistan tour.  
Besides the former national skipper, middle-order batsman Rajin Saleh and right-arm pacer Alamgir Kabir were the other inclusions in the list.  
All seventeen players who toured Australia along with reserve opener Shahriar Hossain will attend the brief camp that begins today at the Bangabandhu National Stadium under the supervision of coach Dav Whatmore.  
Back after spending 45 days down under, the national players hardly got three days rest before being asked to report for five days of training. The team will fly to Pakistan on August 16.  
For Naimur, who refused to play in April's home series against South Africa, it is going to be a chance to redeem himself after showing the cold shoulder to former chief selec-

tor Aliul Islam.  
Rajin and Alamgir were rewarded for their impressive performance.

While some players have benefited from being given a second chance, others may feel aggrieved because they missed out.



**NAIMUR RAHMAN**

for the Bangladesh Under-23 team which toured Sri Lanka in June.  
Pacer Alamgir played only one Test against Sri Lanka in July last year.  
Another notable name is Mushfiqur Rahman. The all-rounder was a regular choice in most preliminary lists until missing the trip to Australia.



**MUSHFIQUR RAHMAN**

Opener Moniruzzaman Moni, off-spinner Fahim Muntasir and wicketkeeper Mohammad Salim were axed from the probables even though Whatmore assured each of them before going to Australia that all reserve players would get a chance to take part in the next tour camp.

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## No date & venue MSC drawn with Muktijoddha, Arambagh

**Cricket**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

After an easy sail in the second round, holders Mohammedan Sporting Club have been drawn in a tough group alongside Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra and Arambagh Krira Sangha for the Super Six phase of the Nitol-Tata National Football League.  
The draw, which put them in the tricky Group B, was held during a meeting of the league committee at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday evening.  
The popular Motijheel-based outfit had teams like Jhenidah Mohammedan, Jagarani Club of Jamalpur and Arambagh Krira Sangha in their group in the second round along with Moulvibazar Wanderers Club.  
They comfortably beat their Jhenidah counterparts, Jamalpur Jagarani and Arambagh and drew with Moulvibazar Wanderers.  
On the other hand, last year's runners up Abahani Krira Chakra, who encountered Muktijoddha, Bangladesh Army, Chittagong Mohammedan and Sirajganj Mohammedan in the second round, found themselves in a relatively easy group in the Super Six.  
Highly-impressive Moulvibazar Wanderers and Mohammedan of Chittagong are the other two teams drawn in Group A along with Abahani.  
The league committee, however, was unable to fix a date and a venue for the final part of the competition as it was yet to know whether they would get Bangabandhu National Stadium for the 10-match Super Six phase or not.

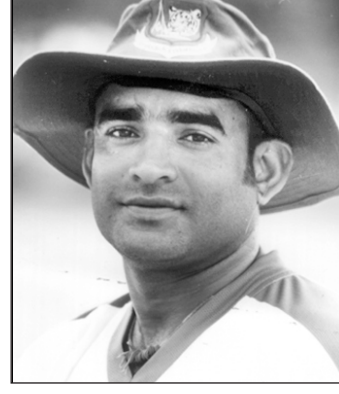
# Why them?

**Cricket**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced a preliminary list of 22 players for the coming series against Pakistan but it raised more questions than answers.

rather surprisingly, three cricketers who were on stand-by during the Australia tour, were not considered in the selection trial.  
The players to get the sudden sack are opener Moniruzzaman, off-spinner Fahim Muntasir and wicketkeeper Mohammad Salim.  
They were reportedly informed by a BCB co-ordinator last afternoon that they were not part of the

ued to train with Fahim and Shahriar Hossain under instruction from Whatmore after the team had left for Australia and was preparing for the camp for Pakistan that starts at the Bangabandhu National Stadium from today. Salim on the other hand, had toured Sri Lanka with the national under-23 squad last month.  
With the new selection committee led by ex-national captain



**MONIRUZZAMAN**

The whole squad that toured Australia, including the two players who joined during the one day international series, were in the list and there were call-ups for five cricketers former national captain Naimur Rahman, opener Shahriar Hossain, batsman Rajin Saleh, all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman and pace bowler Alamgir Kabir. But



**FAHIM MUNTASIR**

preliminary team picked by national coach Dav Whatmore.  
It was an embarrassing and shocking revelation for last season's top run-getter in domestic cricket Moniruzzaman as he had to leave the hotel where the reserve players had stayed for the last couple of months.  
The City club player had contin-



**MOHAMMAD SALIM**

Faruque Ahmed due to meet to finalise the Bangladesh squad for the Pakistan trip where the Tigers will play three Tests and five one days, on August 13, it was not understandable why these three were not included in the 22-man list. If the coach or whoever was respon-

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# Free Ferrari!

**Cricket**  
**AFP, New Delhi**

Indian cricket superstar Sachin Tendulkar drove head-long into controversy Monday after he was exempted from paying duty on a luxury Ferrari car gifted to him by one of his sponsors.  
The 163,000-dollar Ferrari 360 Modena was gifted by Italian automobile group Fiat after Tendulkar surpassed Australian legend Don Bradman's tally of 29 Test centuries last year.  
The car, presented to Tendulkar by racing king Michael Schumacher in England a year back, arrived in Bombay last Friday after the federal government waived import duty worth 245,000 dollars on a request from the millionaire cricketer.  
The decision to write off 120 per cent duty normally levied on all foreign-made cars generated heated debate and dented Tendulkar's demi-god status in cricket-crazy India.  
"Sachin has earned enough for five generations, he needs no

financial considerations," said Pramod Navalkar, a leader of the right-wing Shiv Sena party in Tendulkar's home city of Bombay.  
A random survey done by the Indian Express newspaper drew scathing response.  
"They do this for Sachin and then spend hours checking the baggage of hockey players who have also

Sachin can afford to pay and he should have."  
Another letter said: "The duty would have gone a long way in alleviating suffering of poor farmers who sweat in the fields to make our country self-sufficient in food."  
Not everyone though minded the special treatment meted out to the cricketer.  
"Sachin has brought name and fame to India, we must accept that contribution by such gestures," said Vilasrao Deshmukh, former chief minister of Maharashtra state.  
Tendulkar, preparing for the Indian team's physical training camp starting in Bangalore later this week, declined to comment on the row.  
The 30-year-old is India's richest sportsman with multi-million dollar endorsements for a range of products that include cars, soft drinks, credit cards and motor cycles.  
Tendulkar has scored 8,811 runs in 105 Tests with 31 centuries. Only compatriot Sunil Gavaskar (34) and Australia's Steve Waugh (32) have scored more hundreds.  
He is also the most successful batsman in the history of limited-overs cricket with 12,219 runs from 314 games with 34 centuries.



**SACHIN TENDULKAR**

brought laurels to the country," said reader Vijay Kalantri.  
"Would hockey star Dhanraj Pillay have got the same treatment?"

## Easy wins for Ajax, Railway

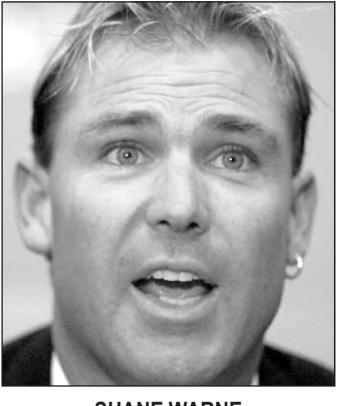
**Cricket**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

Ajax Sporting Club and Dhaka Railway kept their hopes alive to play in the 'Super Five' phase of the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League with comfortable wins at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.  
Ajax routed Wari Club 6-1 and Railway thrashed Sadharan Bima 5-1 respectively.  
Ajax who increased their tally to ten points from seven matches, led the first half 2-1 against the old-town club which tasted their sixth defeat in seven matches.  
They rode on their four Indians -- G Gopinath and Prashanta Kumar Sarker struck twice. While Rajani Kanta and Rajkumar Radhakrishna scored once each.  
Goutam netted the lone goal for Wari.  
In the other match, Railway extended their lead to eight points from seven matches. They led the first half 2-1. Bima lost their fourth match against two wins and a draw.  
Indian Bharat scored two goals while Munirul Alam, Sudhir Sindh and Sarven Balla netted one each for Railway. Abdus Samad Mamun scored for Bima.  
**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Mariner Young's Club vs Bangladesh SC (2:15pm)  
Usha KC vs Sonali Bank (4:15pm)

## Can you take a lie test?

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Sydney**

Australian cricket legend Shane Warne was under pressure on Monday to prove he has nothing to hide in the latest episode in his stormy sporting celebrity career.  
Helen Cohen Alon, 45, a divorced mother-of-three from Johannesburg, claims she was offered R200,000 (28,000 USD) by an associate of Warne to keep quiet about their relationship, phone calls and a series of text messages.  
She was reported in a weekend South African newspaper as saying she met Warne in South Africa early last year and went on several dates with him while he was touring the



**SHANE WARNE**

republic with the Australian team.  
Cohen Alon insists she has proof of her claims, and told Australia's Channel Nine on Monday that she wanted 33-year-old Warne to take a

lie detector test if he was denying that a liaison did not take place with her.  
"I want him to take a lie detector test I'm prepared to do one and I want Shane Warne to take one if he's denying everything," she said in the television interview.  
Pointing to a brown paper shopping bag, she said: "All the evidence is in the bag everything that you want to know is in this bag."  
Warne, who is out of cricket serving a 12-month drug ban until next February, has made no comment on the allegations and has left it to his manager-brother, Jason, to release a weekend statement.  
"We regard the allegations of the South African woman, Helen Cohen Alon, as a personal issue between Shane, (Warne's wife) Simone and

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# PCB reveals revised fixtures for BD, SA

**Cricket**  
**AFP/REUTERS, Karachi**

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has switched the venue for the opening Test in the three-match series against South Africa in October from Rawalpindi to Lahore.  
In a revised schedule released Monday the PCB also said a three-day warm up match before the Test has also been shifted to Lahore in order to allow renovation work at Rawalpindi.  
PCB said problems with the outfield at Rawalpindi has forced the venue change for the October 9-13 Test. It will now take place at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium.  
"These changes have been necessitated because of problems with the outfield at the Pindi Stadium," PCB spokesman Samiul Hasan said.  
"The second one-day international against the Proteas at the Bugti Stadium in Quetta on September 29 will, however, now be held in Pindi."  
He said that the Bugti Stadium in Quetta, which is being given a

complete facelift, would not be completed on time to the host the one-dayer.  
Pakistan host Bangladesh, South Africa and New Zealand in a hectic home season from August-September this year.  
Bangladesh play the first of three Tests in Karachi from August 20 followed by five one-day games.  
"Bangladesh's first one-day is also shifted from Rawalpindi to Multan and now Rawalpindi will host the fourth one-day," Hasan said.  
South Africa will play three Tests and as many one-day games between September 22 to October 27 while New Zealand will feature in five one-day games in November for which the final itinerary has not yet been approved.  
Pakistan suffered a cricket drought due to security fears sparked in the wake of terrorists' attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001 and ensuing war in neighbouring Afghanistan.  
West Indies and Australia refused to tour Pakistan citing security fears last year which forced Pakistan to play its home series at neutral venues.

## U-19 booters to play in India

**Cricket**  
**UNB, Dhaka**

Bangladesh under-19 football team will take part in the JRD Tata Cup football tournament which will be held in the Indian town of Jamshedpur from September 11.  
Apart from Bangladesh, Uzbekistan, Iran and hosts India are the other participating nations in the youth meet which has Asian Football Confederation approval.  
Bangladesh will play their first match in the tournament against India's TFA Eleven on the opening day. Their second match is against India B two days later while the third match is on September 16 with Uzbekistan. They play their final first round match against Iran on September 18.  
All the matches will be played at JRD Tata Football Complex in Jamshedpur and begin at 3:30 pm everyday.  
Only the top two teams will play in the final.

## Carron camp

**BSS, Dhaka**

The second phase of the training camp for the selection of Bangladesh carron team will be held at the federation office at Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium from August 20 to 27.  
Bangladesh Carron Federation (BCF) has invited eight players each for men's and women's teams to the training camp.  
Bangladesh will take part in the 7th SAARC Carron Championship to be held in Dhaka from September 26 to 29. India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, Nepal are to participate in the competition besides the hosts.

ITINERARIES	
<b>BANGLADESH</b>	<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>
Aug 20-24: 1st Test, Karachi	Sept 24: 1-day game, Karachi
Aug 27-31: 2nd Test, Peshawar	Sept 26: 1st ODI, Karachi
Sept 3-7: 3rd Test, Multan	Sept 29: 2nd ODI, Rawalpindi
Sept 9: 1st ODI, Multan	Oct 2: 3rd ODI, Lahore
Sept 12: 2nd ODI, Faisalabad	Oct 5-7: 3-day game, Lahore
Sept 15: 3rd ODI, Lahore	<b>Oct 9-13: 1st Test, Lahore</b>
Sept 18: 4th ODI, Rawalpindi	<b>Oct 16-20: 2nd Test, Peshawar</b>
Sept 21: 5th ODI, Karachi	<b>Oct 23-27: 3rd Test, Karachi</b>

# Boucher lauds Smith

**Cricket**  
**BBC ONLINE, London**

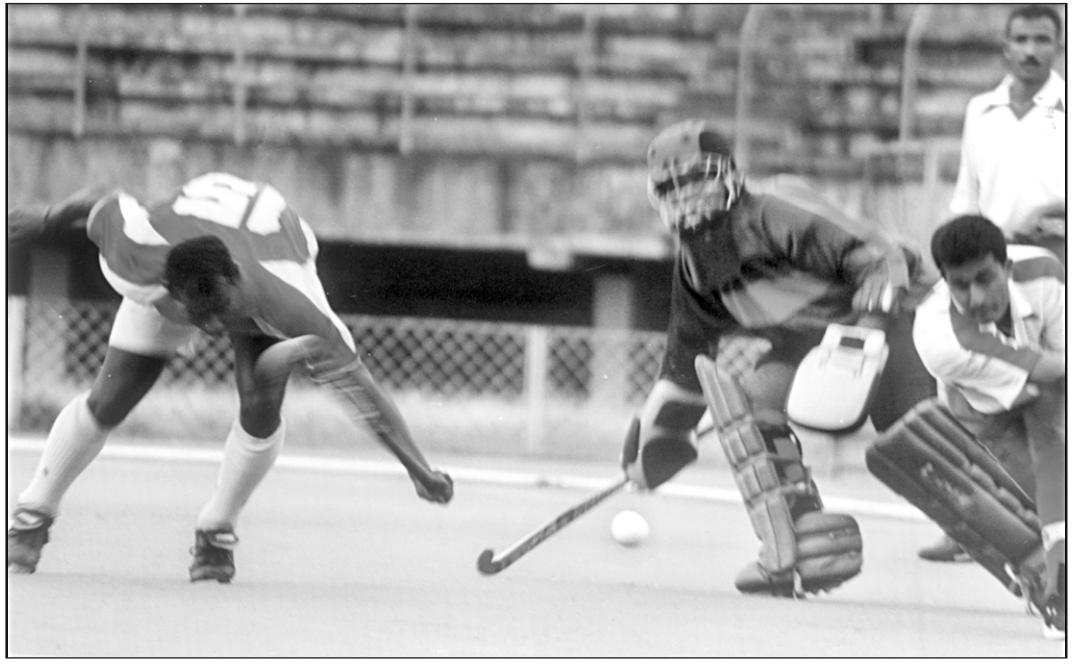
South Africa captain Graeme Smith has brought a greater professionalism to the squad, according to his deputy Mark Boucher.  
The vice-captain has praised the rookie skipper's attitude and desire to win.  
South Africa lead England 1-0 in the five Test series, spectacularly condemning them to an innings defeat at Lord's.  
The third Test starts at Trent Bridge in Nottingham on Thursday and Boucher said opening batsman Smith would lead by example once again.  
The 22-year-old has hit an incredible 621 runs in his first three innings, including 259 at Lord's, the highest ever by a South African.  
Wicketkeeper Boucher, who toured England in 1999 under Hansie Cronje, said: "We've had a good spirit in the past but I just think we've got a very young side now who just understand their roles and their responsibilities not only on the cricket field but off it as well."  
"In a way it has been a bit of a leveller for us and we are really working hard as a team now and are focused on being really professional.



**MARK BOUCHER**

"Graeme has opened our eyes with regards to that professionalism and understanding your job and what your role is as a professional sportsman."  
"We all understand our responsibilities and we've got to try and win the Test series."  
"We can all see that Graeme is a very dedicated young guy and he leads from the front. He is so hungry and never satisfied with what he has got."  
Boucher insisted South Africa were determined not to take their foot off the pedal and allow England to recover from their innings defeat at Lord's.  
They are also boosted by the return of all-rounder Jacques Kallis, who has re-joined the squad following the death of his father.

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A goalmouth action during the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Wari Club and Ajax Sporting at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

## Errata

In a UNB news item published in the Star Sport on Sunday, Bangladesh Karate Federation president Jiban Kanai Das was mentioned as a retired major general. But he is still very much in the service. We regret the oversight.