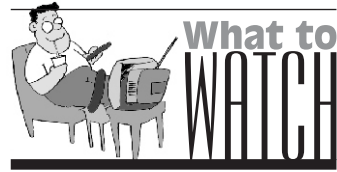




Did U Know?

Allan Border, the former Australian captain not only holds the record for having the scored the maximum number of runs in Test cricket (11,574 runs), but he also has made the highest number of Test appearances (156), and has even taken the most catches as an out-fielder (156 again)



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Talk Turkey



Zaheer Khan (Indian pace bowler)
"For me, the most important thing is getting into a good rhythm while bowling. If everything falls into place, I am sure that the wickets will come."

Pepsi handball

UNB, Dhaka
Five matches of the Pepsi 16th National Women's Handball Championship were decided at the Jessore Shamsul Huda Stadium yesterday.
Jessore beat Dhaka 10-6 after leading the first session 6-02 while BJMC registered a massive 31-8 victory over Narail after dominating the first half 14-05.
Madaripur outplayed Chittagong 11-4 after dominating the first session 6-4 while Ansars defeated Madaripur 14-07 after leading the first session 6-3.
BJMC recorded a huge 31-7 victory over Panchagarh after dominating the first half 14-2 in the day's last match

Hasibul to be back

Bangladesh wait on Rafique

Cricket
HASAN MASOOD from Faisalabad

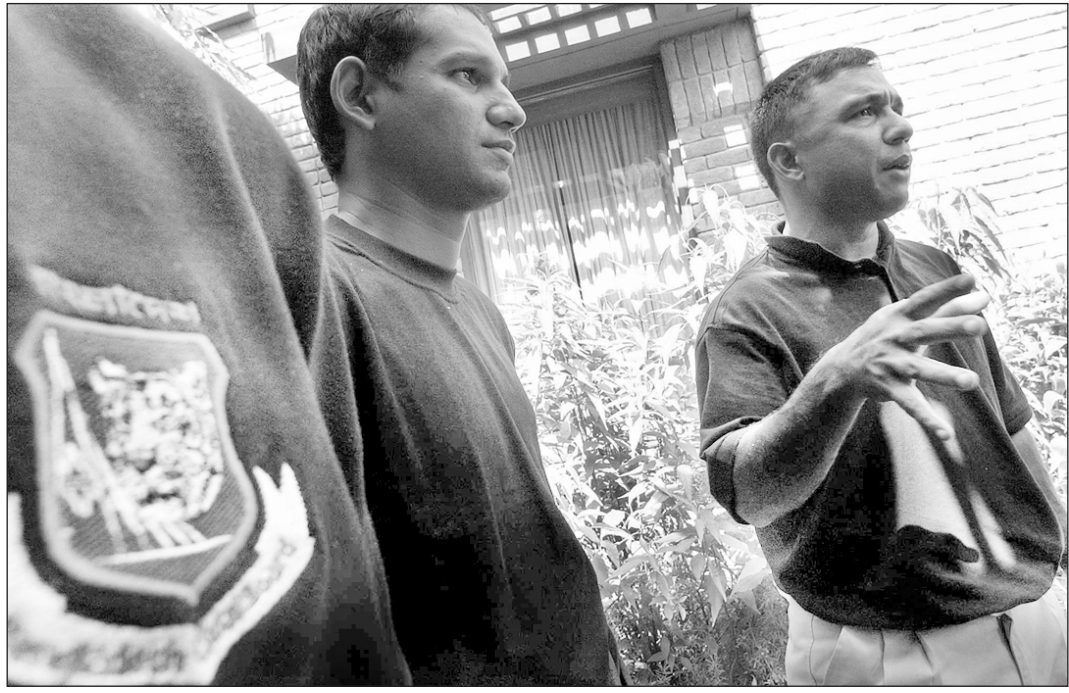
Bangladesh are likely to make a couple of changes to the first match squad for the second one-day international against Pakistan at the Iqbal Stadium in Faisalabad tomorrow.
Captain Khaled Mahmud said this while talking to this correspondent after the team arrived here from Multan yesterday afternoon.
"There will certainly be a change in the pace department and I'm also optimistic of Rafique playing on Friday. He is nursing a slight groin injury and we will know only after tomorrow's practice whether he plays or not," said Mahmud at the team hotel lobby after a five-hour bus journey from Multan.
He also indicated that experienced right-arm seamer Hasibul Hossain would play in the second limited-overs game after a poor showing by his side in the first one-day at Multan on Tuesday.
Bangladesh lost the first match by 137 runs as the tourists' toothless bowling was plundered for a massive 323 runs.
Hasibul, who has joined the

squad as a one-day specialist, was the last minute omission in the first match. The team management preferred all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman ahead of the experienced paceman. But the play did not work out.
Mahmud admitted that there was no evidence of a fight that the Tigers



HASIBUL HOSSAIN
put up in the three-match Test series.
"We tried to be too attacking in the first match and that led us to make too many errors in the bowling," said the Bangladesh captain.

Bangladesh played with only one specialist pacer in Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza. Mushfiq shared the new ball with Mashrafe while Mahmud came as the first change bowler. But the trio proved expensive with Mashrafe conceding 63 runs in nine overs while Mahmud and Mushfiq went for 65 and 59 runs in ten and eight overs respectively.
"My performance was also not good in the first one-day," said Mahmud, one of the three Bangladesh batsmen who fell for a duck.
But the Bangladesh captain believes all is not lost in the five-match series after losing the first game saying that his team is capable of beating Pakistan on a given day.
"If you compare the two teams, they are almost equal. The problem in the first match was that they scored too many runs and you need to do something extraordinary to chase such a big target," he said.
Mahmud however said that they would put a better fight on Friday.
"We have the potential to win a match. What we need is get those individual acts together," said the Bangladesh captain.
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Bangladesh cricket captain Khaled Mahmud (R) speaks to the media as batsman Habibul Bashar looks on after arriving in Faisalabad yesterday.

Div III soccer from Sept 16

SPORTS REPORTER
Meghna Life Insurance Third Division Football League will begin on September 16.
Kasaituli Samaj Kalyan Parishad will take on Gulistan Club in the opening match at the Shahid Mustafa National Stadium in Kamalapur at 4pm. State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman is expected to inaugurate meet.
A total of nineteen teams, split into two groups for the first round, are to take part in the 80-minute competition.
Four top finishers from each group will proceed to the super league. The top two teams in the competition will be promoted to Second Division next year.
"Meghna Life Insurance provides Tk 2 lakhs to earn the right of the title sponsorship," league committee secretary Abul Hossain Azad told reporters at a press briefing
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Sami returns from 3rd ODI

Cricket
REUTERS, Faisalabad
Bangladesh, yet to win a match on tour in Pakistan, will face a full-strength Pakistan side including fast bowler Mohammad Sami in the third one-day international in Lahore on September 15.
Before that game the two countries meet for the second one-day in Faisalabad on Friday.
Chief selector Aamir Sohail told Reuters on Wednesday that Sami had been given clearance by doctors to make himself available for the third one-day game.
"We are also expecting Shoaib Akhtar back from England in time for the fifth and final one-day in Karachi on September 21," Sohail said.
"Hopefully by the time the final match is played we will have both Shoaib and Sami spearheading the attack with Umar Gul and Shabbir Ahmed as back-up."
Sohail also said that from the third match onwards there would be no more experiments in the Pakistan side as the best possible combination for the series against South Africa starting later this month would be finalised.
The selectors tried out several new players after 22-year-old Sami was ruled out of the Test series against Bangladesh due to a stress hairline fracture in his right ankle.
Shoaib Akhtar played in the first two Tests against Bangladesh, taking 10 for 90 in the second Test at Peshawar, but than returned to
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STARS SHINE AT GOPIBAGH! Officials of Brothers Union pose for a group photo at the club premises yesterday with the star footballers who pledged their allegiance to the Gopibagh giants.

Aminul named junior group selector

SPORTS REPORTER
Former national captain Aminul Islam Bulbul was made a selector on the junior committee as the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) revised its development committee yesterday.
Another former national player Jahangir Shah Badsha kept his position as the chief selector while Najmul Abedin Faheem was named coach and selector of the Under-13 side.
Previously the junior selection committee comprised four members, but the BCB reduced it to half this time. Sadrul Anam Khan, Nasir Ahmed Nasu and Rezwana bin Faruk were the other members on the last committee.
Minhaj Ahmed Shafiq has been named as the chief coordinator of the different age groups while Javed Islam Tapos (under-19), Shahidul Islam (under-17), Taslim Uddin Tuhin (under-15/13) are the coordinators.
Development committee: Arafat Rahman (chairman); Khondokar Jamil Uddin (member secretary); Shafiqul Haq Hira (deputy director, development, Chittagong and Sylhet); Carlton Bernardos (national age group coach); members: Mahbubul Anam, Reazuddin Al Mamun, Najmus Ahmed, Mizanur Rahman, Morshed Kuli Khan, CM Kayes Sami, Nurul Haq Pradhan and Habibur Rahman.

U-19 booters take on Tata Academy today

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh under-19 football team will take on Tata Football Academy today in the inaugural match of the JRD Tata Cup invitational tournament in the Indian city of Jamshedpur.
The match will start at the Tata Football Complex at 3:30pm
Bangladesh, now participating in the five-team Indian youth meet as part of their preparation for the AFC under-20 soccer tourney, will play Indian B side on September 13, Uzbekistan on Sept 16 and Iran on September 18.

RU football

OUR CORRESPONDENT
Statistic outplayed English 3-0 in the inter-department football tournament of the Rajshahi University (RU) at the varsity playground yesterday.
Sazzad netted two goals while Gafur scored the other.
In the second match, Zoology and Mining beat Social Work 1-0. Jahid scored the match-winner.
In the third match, Agronomy and Agricultural defeated Bio-Chemistry 2-0. Rashid and Shimul scored one goal each.
In this last match, Geography and Environment Science beat Applied Mathematics 2-0. Masum and Manju scored one goal each.

All roads lead to Brothers

Football
SPORTS REPORTER
Mohammedan Sporting Club's key components midfielder Monwar Hossain and wingback Firoz Mahmud Titu and Abahani's ever-reliable central defender Nazrul Islam and midfielders Parvez Babu, Iqbal Hossain and Rezaul Karim Liton.
Brothers, who have broken the bank in a bid to return to their glory days, were also reportedly assured of the services of national captain and virtuoso defender Rajani Kanta Barman who could not turn up yesterday as he was out of the country.
"At the moment Rajani is aboard," a Brothers official told The Daily Star but declined to specify the whereabouts of the Muktiyoddha player.
Brothers' astonishing coup has given other elite clubs cold feet and the biggest sufferers are going to be Muktiyoddha, the newly crowned National Football League champions.
Incidentally, this was the second time that the transfers have put the Mukti in the spotlight following their own dramatic capture of star players, including country's number one goalkeeper Aminul Haq, from the Zia International Airport in 1998. That was also the year in which they clinched their first Premier League title.
"As far as I am concerned, I have joined Brothers Union from today," declared Alfaz to reporters adding that he was offered an amount he simply couldn't refuse.
The news of the players' exodus caused a stir in the city's sporting circle yesterday. Abahani football secretary Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chunnun rushed to the Brothers Club and held closed-door talks with their high officials about Nazrul but it was a fruitless discussion.
Nazrul, who has been Abahani's skipper since the last season, said that he was aware of Chunnun's efforts but he has made his choice.
"I had made up my mind in
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'Don't take BD lightly'

Gough left out of ODI side

Cricket
AFP, London
England must learn the lessons of their drawn Test series with South Africa or risk coming unstuck on their upcoming tour of Bangladesh, skipper Michael Vaughan warned on Tuesday.
Only a dramatic turnaround in the final Test enabled England to draw their series with the South Africans and Vaughan was quick to point out the dangers of underestimating their next opponents.
"We've made mistakes in the series, we all know that. We must really learn from those mistakes," Vaughan told Sky Sports News.
"Bangladesh will be a tough test, they are a learning team. I fully expect us to go there and win but I don't underestimate the task we've got ahead of us."
One player Vaughan will expect much from is Andrew Flintoff, who he sees as a potential England great after his crucial performance at The Oval.
"Freddie Flintoff can be what he wants to be, he's that good. If he wants to be the best in the world he can be that good."
Vaughan added that he was happy with his own progress as a captain since taking over from Nasser Hussain, despite seeing his form with the bat dip.
"I'm learning all the time. I'll be honest, the first game at Lord's was very, very difficult for all concerned. I feel that I'm learning. I've got a hell of a long way to go, I'm honest enough to admit that."
Meanwhile, Darren Gough was omitted from England's one-day international for the tours of Bangladesh and Sri Lanka announced at
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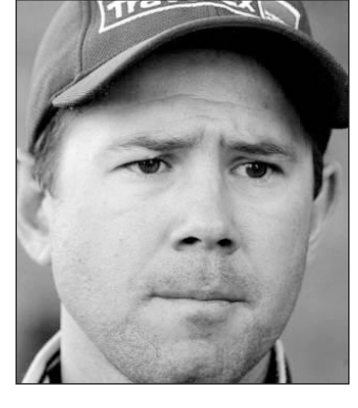


Australia fast bowler Brett Lee smiles while taking questions from the press in New Delhi yesterday. Lee is currently in India to launch a contest to find India's fastest bowler. The Scorpio Speedster contest will give a chance to people and children across ten Indian cities to clock their bowling speed over September 13-20. The fastest bowlers in each region will travel to Bombay for a grand final with the winner being offered a three-week scholarship to the Australian Institute of Sport Cricket Academy in Adelaide and a prize of 75,000 rupees.

Ponting aims to bury Indian nightmare

Cricket
AFP, New Delhi
Australia's one-day captain Ricky Ponting said on Wednesday he was determined to salvage his batting reputation on the upcoming tour of India for a triangular one-day series.
Australia's last visit to India in 2001 was a nightmare for Ponting, who returned home with his confidence battered after scoring just 17 runs in five Test innings, including three ducks.
"I did not get too many with the bat then and I am keen to improve on that," said the 28-year-old Tasmanian, who is in India on a business trip.
The limited-overs series featuring world champions Australia, New Zealand and hosts India will be played between October 23 and

November 18.
Indian off-spinner Harbhajan Singh troubled Ponting the most on the slow turning pitches during the last tour, dismissing the Australian in all five Test innings.
Ponting said he had not changed his technique against spin, but was still hopeful of doing well because he had learnt a lot since that tour.
"The technique is more or less the same," said Ponting, who will be leading Australia for the first time in India.
"In this game, you learn as you go along. I'd certainly not be thinking about those low scores in India, but it was a fantastic series overall. People back home still talk about it. The cricket was tough as it should be."
India, routed in the first Test and forced to follow-on at 275 runs behind in the second, fought back to win the three-match series 2-1.
Ponting said his performance against India in the World Cup final
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RICKY PONTING