



## Did U Know?

New Zealand have the dubious distinction of having scored the lowest ever team Test score - 26.



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## TALK TURKEY



**David Beckham**  
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"I'd like to stay here for as long as I can. The contract's for four years, but if I can extend it, and Real Madrid still want me, then of course I'd love to."

**Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 19**  
Tick the correct answers, post The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm Sept 26, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won the Champions Trophy hockey title?  
Netherlands Australia  
Pakistan
- Who clinched the Europa college basketball crown?  
Khulna College Mastermind Notre  
Date
- Bangladesh lost the first Test against Pakistan by:  
7 wks 42 runs 3 wks
- Who became man-of-the-match in the 4th Test between England and South Africa?

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## Pak co assures South Africa

REUTERS, Lahore  
A Pakistani insurance company has stepped forward to help South Africa insure their cricket team for the tour of Pakistan starting later this week.  
The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA) has failed to secure insurance cover for the South African team's matches in Karachi and Peshawar, two Pakistani cities viewed as potential security risks.  
But a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) official said that Adamjee Insurance, the insurance agent for the Pakistan board, had offered to cover the South African team if clarification on certain issues could be provided by the UCBSA.

# Aminul could quit!



SPORTS REPORTER

Country's number one goalkeeper Aminul Haq, who has been at the centre of a bitter transfer saga for the last few days, is considering quitting domestic football altogether.

"Aminul is staying away from the capital at the moment. He has decided not to play for any club in the coming season," said a close associate of Aminul on condition of anonymity.

The source also informed that the ace goalkeeper would soon request the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) to settle the tug of war over his ownership between Muktiyoddhs Sangsads Krira Chakra and Abahani.

"Aminul has made up his mind about returning the cheques he had received from both clubs. For this to happen smoothly, he needs the BFF's intervention. He is now in a devastating state. Aminul's mother and all his family members

supported him in taking such a difficult decision," the source said. "He believes that the is no longer ideal for him to continue appearing in the Dhaka league especially after being branded a



AMINUL HAQ

cheat. He is now thinking of playing abroad," added the source.

When her attention was drawn to the latest developments, Aminul's wife Bilkis Ara Nipa, who is never shy to express her views,

admitted that her husband was adamant about not playing.

"Our whole family was blamed for cheating the clubs but nobody wants to know what really happened. It was my mother-in-law who especially requested him to quit the game and relieve the family off the unbearable mental stress that began with the transfer drama," said Nipa. She revealed that Aminul was going to call a press conference within the next couple of days to convey his decision.

A top official of Muktiyoddhs Sangsads also acknowledged Aminul's present stance.

"He is in our care but not in Dhaka. It is also true that the country's number one custodian is having second thoughts about his domestic career. But we are trying to persuade him in changing his mind although he is very single-minded about the decision he has taken," the official said

## Army athletes rule day one

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Army dominated the opening day of the eighth Summer Athletics competition that began at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

Although there are no new records set in any of seven disciplines, the Army athletes managed to clinch four gold to lead the table ahead of the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) with two while the Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan (BKSP) collected the other.

Besides Masudul Karim who won the 110 metres hurdles, Army's other winners were Monimul Haq (hammer throw), Shah Alam Gazi (triple jump) and Azharul Islam (discus throw).

BJMC had to rely on their female athletes China Khatun (800m) and Najmun Nahar Beauty (400m) for success.

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# Heavy security for 4th ODI



SPORTS REPORTER

South Africa, who arrive in Pakistan for a three-Test series that also includes as many one-dayers are scheduled to play an International in Rawalpindi on September 29.

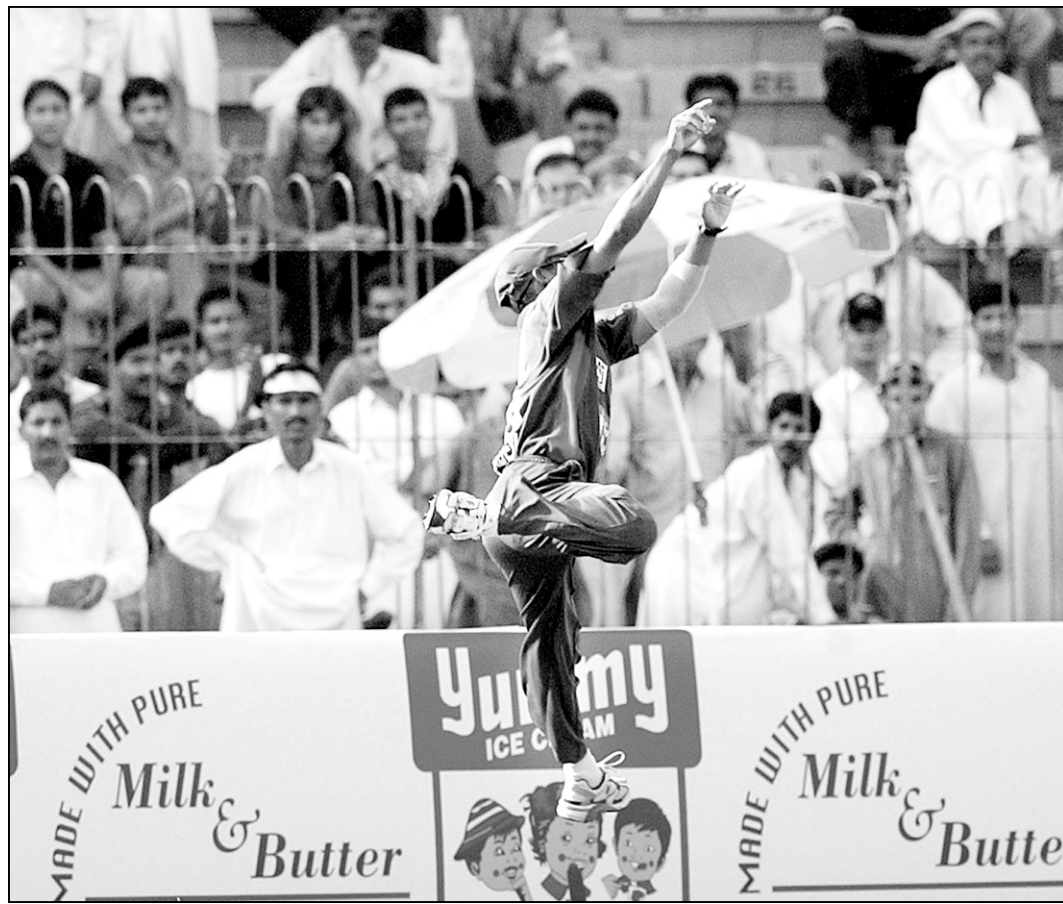
"But for now we are concentrating fully on the Bangladesh match for which we have made fool-proof arrangements."

High-tech security equipment is being installed, including 10 walk-through gates and surveillance cameras, officials said. There will also be handy metal detectors, vehicle search mirrors, 30 security guards and 20 surveillance guards.

The surveillance system helped identify spectators who threw bottles on to the pitch during a Pakistan-India hockey match in 1998 in Rawalpindi, has been of identified told Dawn on Sunday.

Rawalpindi police officials said on Sunday that personnel from the elite force will also be on hand to ensure that no untoward incident occurs in and around the stadium.

"We are treating the match as a dress-rehearsal for the South Africa game that takes place at the same venue later in the month," one police official, who requested not to be identified told Dawn on Sunday.



An airborne Mohammad Ashraf makes an abortive attempt to catch the ball during the third one-day international match against Pakistan yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## Rating chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman took solo lead with maximum five points in the fifth Amrito Lal Dey International Rating Chess tournament after the fifth round at the Barisal Public Library auditorium yesterday.

Punnet Jaiswal of India was in second position with 4.5 points. Seven players were sharing the third position with 4 points each. They are: International Masters Abdullah Al Rakib and Enamul Hossain, Abdul Maleq, Mehdi Hasan Parag, Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon and junior champion Mohammad Ali.

In this round Zia beat Rakib and Punnet beat Chanchal Kumar Gosh.

## B'DESH-PAK SCORECARD

Scoreboard of the Pakistan innings in the third one-day international match against Bangladesh at the Gaddafi Stadium on Monday:

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mashrafe	5	1	29	0
Baisya	9	0	56	4
Mahmud	10	0	67	2
Mushfiqur	10	0	30	1
Rafique	10	1	34	2
Saleh	6	0	38	0
Zia c Mashud b Baisya	0			
Shabbir c Mashrafe b Mahmud	1			
Extras: (b-2, lb-1, nb-1, w-4)	8			
Total: (For nine wks in 50 overs) 257				
Fall of wickets: 1-13, 2-90, 3-126, 4-173, 5-213, 6-242, 7-249, 8-249, 9-257.				

Did not bat: Umer Gul

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**BANGLADESH:** H. Sarkar, H. Bashar, M. Ashraf, R. Saleh, A. Kapali, K. Mashud, K. Mahmud, M. Rafique, M. Murtaza, M. Rehman, T. Baisya

**Toss:** Pakistan  
**Umpires:** Russell Tiffin (ZIM) and Nadeem Ghauri (PAK)  
**TV umpire:** Asad Rauf (PAK)  
**Match referee:** Mike Procter (RSA)

## Zim versus Marshes

AFP, Sydney

Coach Geoff Marsh will bat against his own Zimbabwean team in a cricket tour game in Australia next month.

The former Australian Test opening batsman and now coach of Zimbabwe, was on Monday selected in Cricket Australia's Chairman's XI to play the touring Zimbabweans in the traditional 50-overs-a-side tour opener in Perth on October 1.

Marsh's son, Shaun, was also selected along with contemporary West Australian Test players, Adam Gilchrist, Justin Langer, Damien Martyn and Brad Hogg.

Former Test bowler Colin Miller, who retired from cricket last year, will also play for the Chairman's team.

Marsh, who has coached Zimbabwe for the past two years, played 50 Tests for Australia between 1985 and 1992, scoring 2,854 runs at an average of 33.13 with four centuries.

Zimbabwe will play two Test matches against Australia at Perth (9-13 October) and Sydney (17-21 October).

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## SL cricket board renamed

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's cricket board has changed its name and set up a commercial arm as part of a move to win duty-free concessions offered by the government to foreign exchange earners, officials said on Monday.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) voted on Sunday to name itself Sri Lanka Cricket, officials said. A ceremony will be held this month to formally unveil the name.

The board said in a statement that it had also established a commercial arm, Sri Lanka Cricket Incorporated, which would seek recognition from the state-run Board of Investment (BOI) to qualify for duty-free concessions.

The arm would generate funds through sponsors, television rights and other means.

An official said the move was aimed at separating the administration of the game and its commercial operations to ensure better management and improve earnings.

BOI-recognised companies are offered a plethora of tax incentives to boost foreign exchange receipts.

Sri Lanka's cricket board,

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## PAKISTAN DIARY



HASAN MASOOD from Lahore

The Gaddafi Stadium in the Pearl City of Punjab became famous in the cricketing world when it staged the World Cup final between Australia and Sri Lanka in 1996.

The venue, which had been holding the Test matches since November 1959 and one-day internationals since January 1978, attired a new look ahead of the sixth World Cup.

It was completely renovated under a new design of Pakistan's famous architect Nayyar Ali Dada, who combined Mughal architecture with the traditional red bias of the city.

The 35,000-capacity venue had staged 36 one-day internationals until yesterday with Pakistan being involved in 29. The last match played here was in April 2002 between New Zealand and Pakistan with the latter winning by 66 runs.

Out of the 29 matches, the home side have won 18 and lost ten. The other match against West Indies was tied in the 1991-92 season.

The headquarters of Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is also located at this imposing stadium.

There are two good press boxes in two corners of the main pavilion and one has been named after famous commentator and writer Omar Qureshi.

## WHY NOT BANGLADESH?

Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka under-23 teams are set to take part in the Emerging Cup in Sri Lanka later this month.

But despite being a full member of the ICC Bangladesh has not been invited to compete in the competition by the organisers Asian Cricket Foundation (ACF).

The event was originally designed for the academy teams of this region and understandably Bangladesh was not drafted since the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) does not have any cricket academy.

But once the ACF made the competition an under-23 affair many had expected Bangladesh would be invited to take part.

BCB advisor and cricket committee chairman Mahbubul Anam, who came here early yesterday morning, said that he was not in a position to explain anything. The bearded BCB official also looked unprepared to handle any questions.

## TOUGH TOSS LUCK

Coach Dav Whatmore was understandably looking for a change of fortune in all department including the toss.

He was anxiously waiting outside the boundary line when his captain Khaleed Mahmud walked into the middle with Pakistan skipper Inzamamul Haq to have a call of the coin.

Whatmore was looking for a place to hide his frustration when Mahmud lost the toss for the third

time in a row.

Whatmore, who was bowling to a Bangladesh batsman when the toss was going on, threw the ball at the ground and then pressed his head against a billboard for a minute before storming off towards the dressing room.

The Australian was obviously thinking of batting first on a flat Gaddafi wicket but only to be denied by the Mahmud curse once again.

## RAMEEZ ON A DIFFERENT MISSION

The chief executive of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Rameez Raja will fly to India on Tuesday night to attend an ICC Cricket Committee (Management) meeting to be held in Mumbai on September 18-19.

This is the first time a PCB official will be visiting India since 1999.

Rameez, a former Pakistani opener, will also hold a meeting with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president Jagmohan Dalmiya to discuss a proposed tour of Pakistan next February.

"I think the ice has started melting. The BCCI is very much interested to send a team to Pakistan to resume cricketing relations between the two countries. Hopefully, I will get a clearer picture from Dalmiya once we meet this week," said Rameez while speaking to a group of reporters at the Gaddafi Stadium yesterday.

The last Test series between the two countries was held in 1999 when Pakistan toured India and played three Test matches.

# Ws rivalry hurt Pakistan



CRICINFO, undated

Former Pakistan opener Mudassar Nazar has claimed that the rivalry between Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis seriously undermined Pakistan cricket in the 1990s, and left a legacy which continues to haunt the national side to this day.

Speaking to the Dubai-based Khaleej Times, Mudassar maintained that in-fighting has always been present in Pakistan cricket, but that it became a serious issue in the 1990s.

"I don't know how or why it hap-

pened," he said.

"But I know that subsequent board officials have turned a blind eye to it, even encouraging it to stay in power."

Mudassar went on to say that personal rivalry had in earlier times strengthened the performances of some players.

"Imran Khan and Javed Miandad were not the best of buddies but they were able to bring the best out of each other on the field. This has not been the case between Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis. They have not been able to keep their prejudices and dislikes away from the field."

"Sadly, two of its best ever cricketers have played a part in Pakistan

cricket's decline. In the 1990s Pakistan was on par with the Australian team. I believe it was even more talented than the Australians. But look where it is now."

Mudassar pointed to Pakistan's recent dismal showing in the World Cup as proof that the situation was still shambolic.

"It wasn't something that I wasn't expecting because I knew about the internal bickering in the team. The focus of the players had shifted from cricket. A couple of players should have been sacked. But that never happened and the disastrous performance was a consequence of that."

And Mudassar concluded by accusing the administrators of doing nothing to address the problem.

"To stay in power, the administrators befriend the players and use and manipulate them," he explained. "They try to keep the players happy. So if the players revolt against a coach, who is being tough with them, he is sacked."

## RU football

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Economics defeated Population Science 3-1 in the second round of the inter-department football tournament of the Rajshahi University (RU) at the varsity playground yesterday.

Milon netted two goals and Masud scored one for the winners. In the second match, Botany blanked Applied Physics and Electronics 4-0.

Milon scored two goals while Masum and Chanchol scored one each.



PHOTO: STAR

Masudul Karim of Bangladesh Army crosses the final hurdle on way to win 110-metre hurdles gold at the eighth National Summer Athletics competition yesterday.

# Tendulkar battles India



AFP, New Delhi

Indian cricket fans will celebrate a rare moment this week when superstar Sachin Tendulkar takes on national teammates in his first major domestic match in three years.

Tendulkar, 30, will captain reigning Ranji Trophy champions Mumbai in the five-day Irani Cup against the Rest of India, led by national skipper Saurav Ganguly, to be played at Madras on Thursday.

The match, featuring all the top Indian stars, is billed as a trial game ahead of two Tests against New Zealand in October and the subsequent one-day triangular also involving world champions Australia.

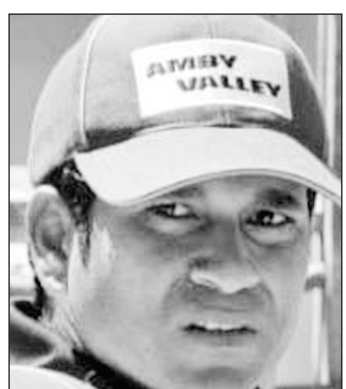
The eagerly-awaited clash between Tendulkar, regarded as the finest batsman in contemporary cricket, against the Indian Test attack of Zaheer Khan, Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh, has created a huge buzz in cricket circles.

"It will be a game worth going miles to watch," said former Test batsman Dilip Vengsarkar, who

heads Mumbai's selection committee.

"Sachin taking on the rest of India is like a dream. I am sure his presence will inspire the rest of the Mumbai team and hopefully we will win."

India's hectic international schedule has denied Mumbai a chance to play.



SACHIN TENDULKAR

luxury of fielding its star player in major domestic matches since the Ranji Trophy final in 2000.

Tendulkar, a veteran of 105 Tests

and 314 one-day internationals, has played in just 30 Ranji Trophy matches so far, but he keenly follows the fortunes of his home team.

In April 2000 Tendulkar requested India's cricket authorities to postpone the Ranji Trophy semifinal by two days so that it did not clash with the Asia Cup in Dhaka.

His request granted, Tendulkar scored a match-winning double-century in the semi-final against Tamil Nadu and then helped Mumbai defeat Hyderabad in the final.

Mumbai have never lost a first-class match under Tendulkar's captaincy. In the 15 matches he led, Mumbai won 13 outright and drew two.

The Mumbai team includes Test stars Ajit Agarkar, Wasim Jaffer, Sairaj Bahutule and Tendulkar's childhood friend Vinod Kambli, who is on a comeback trail after turning out for the South African provincial side Boland last season.

Ganguly's Rest of India side features his Test deputy Rahul Dravid and current national stars like Virender Sehwag, Venkatsai

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NEVER FRIENDS: Waqar Younis (L) and Wasim Akram

PHOTO: STAR FILE