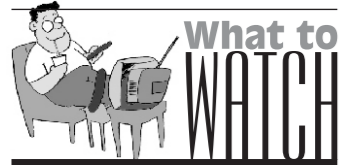




## Did U Know?

The first cricketer to be knighted was Sir Pelham Warner of England. Sir Neville Cardus was the first cricket writer to be knighted.



- ESPN**  
English League Highlights  
Taped at 7.30 pm  
Sportscentre (Hindi)  
Live at 8.30 pm  
UEFA Champions League  
Magazine show  
Repeat at 9 pm  
English Premier League  
Man United v Arsenal  
Repeat at 9.30 pm  
**STAR Sports**  
Futbol Mundial  
Magazine show  
Repeat at 2.30 pm  
Sportsline Tonight  
Live at 8 pm



**Stuart MacGill**  
(Australian leg-spinner)  
"I don't lose my sleep over my rivalry with Warne. One way or another he'll always be a part of my career simply because our ages are so similar and he's been the greatest leg-spinner ever."  
On Shane Warne.

**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
- Bangladesh lost the first Test against Pakistan by:  
7 wkts      42 runs      3
- Who became man-of-the-match in the 4th Test between England and South Africa?  
Name .....  
Class ..... Roll No. ....  
School Address .....  
Phone: (If any) .....

## Schools b'ball

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
Scholastica and Green Herald earned comfortable wins in the Inter-School Boys' Basketball Competition at the Dhanmudi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday. Scholastica smashed South Breeze School 53-26 after dominating the first half 26-19. Omar caged 29 and Faisal 14 for the winners while Ifajul scored highest 11 for the losers. Green Herald defeated BN School 57-35 after commanding the first half 30-12. Raja was the top scorer for Green Herald with 24 and Saljuk added 12 and Kinar 10 while Ziauddin scored highest 23 for BN School.



LET'S WATCH TELEVISION INSTEAD: Officials of the Dhaka Metropolis Football Association watch proceedings in Karachi seeing that no footballers turned up for the inter-club transfer yesterday.

## Lazy afternoon

**Football**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

It was a quiet afternoon at the inter-club footballers' transfer market yesterday. After the fun and excitement of Saturday, the second day's bourse at the Dhaka Metropolis Football Federation (DMFA) office was a mundane affair with hardly any top team paying a visit. Dhaka Premier Division's big four -- Brothers Union, Abahani, Muktijoddha Sangsod Kirra Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club have all but completed their transfer formalities on the opening day and only the First Division clubs were interested in turning up. After the windows opened at 4:30 pm, the first hour passed off in

an uneventful way with DMFA officials seen leisurely watching Bangladesh's one day international cricket match against Pakistan on TV. Talks around the Bangabandhu National Stadium were still centered around Brothers Union's coup of ten national booters and their grand transfers celebrations the day before. Compared to the first day's dropping of 159 tokens, only 84 booters were involved in the transfers yesterday. Officials of Muktijoddha and Mohammedan did make brief appearances at the DMFA office with both clubs confirming the services of two upcoming players. National league champions Muktijoddha managed to retain their old boy Papel Mahmud. The Reds are reportedly plan-

## Break for Gavaskar

**AFP, Madras**  
Indian cricket selectors on Sunday named the son of legendary former Test batsman Sunil Gavaskar in squad for a warm-up match against New Zealand. Rohan Gavaskar was included in India A side against the tourists for a three-day game before next month's Test series. The 27-year-old batsman, who has scored 4,434 runs in 74 first-class matches with 13 centuries, emerged as a serious contender for a Test berth after impressive performances in England this season with an India A side. New Zealand are due to arrive in India on Tuesday for two Test

## ICC does not change bowling review plan

**Cricket**  
**REUTERS, Bombay**  
The International Cricket Council's cricket committee of management has decided to retain the two-stage procedure for players reported for a suspect bowling action. Under the process, a player has six weeks following an initial report to undergo any necessary remedial work under the direction of his home board and is permitted to continue playing during this period. If a second report is lodged within 12 months of this period the player must then appear before the ICC's expert panel for a decision and may be suspended from the game. ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said on Friday at the end of a two-day meeting, which covered a variety of other issues, that the committee had examined a proposal that the home board stage should be dropped. But it had decided that given the complexities of the issue that the two-stage process should remain in place. The matter has been referred to the ICC's cricket committee of playing which is composed of former internationals and officials. Speed said: "This is a very complicated and difficult area. After discussing the issue in great detail, the view of the committee is that the current process strikes the best balance in dealing with complexities of this issue."

## Dravid-driven Rol

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Madras**  
India batsman Rahul Dravid returned to his big-scoring ways on Sunday with a stylish 121 in a major domestic match ahead of a home Test series against New Zealand. Dravid received valuable support from fellow-Test batsman Venkatesh Laxman (99) as a Rest of India (RoI) team clinched the Irani Cup with a three-wicket victory over national champions Mumbai on the penultimate day of the five-day game. Chasing a 340-run target, the Rest completed the job in the closing session to shatter the hopes of Sachin Tendulkar-led Mumbai. Mumbai were in a position to surprise a near-Test Rest side after gaining a 95-run lead, but found Dravid and Laxman too difficult to dislodge in the second innings. Dravid, who made only 41 in the first innings, smashed out four sixes and 12 fours in his 251-ball knock. He put on 168 for the fourth wicket with Laxman. Laxman's form also augured well for India ahead of next month's Test series against New Zealand. He struck one six and 14 fours in his 125-ball innings. New Zealand are scheduled to arrive on Tuesday for two Test matches and a triangular one-day series also featuring world champions Australia. The tourists open their campaign on Friday with a three-day game against a Board President's team at Visakhapatnam.

**MUMBAI:** First innings 297 all out in 97.2 overs (S Tendulkar 94, S Bahutule 58, W Jaffer 43; Z Khan



The Rest of India captain Saurav Ganguly poses with the Irani Cup after defeating Mumbai at Madras yesterday.

## PAKISTAN DIARY

**Cricket**  
**HASAN MASOOD from Karachi**  
Pakistan coach Javed Miandad and acting captain Inzamamul Haq hit back at South Africa's decision to cancel their tour on Saturday terming it as an unwise move. The United Cricket Board of South Africa pulled out 48 hours before their arrival in Karachi because of security fears arising out of a bomb blast in the troubled port city on Friday. The last minute withdrawal of the Proteas dashed Pakistan's hopes of continuing to reestablish international cricket at home. Bangladesh's tour ended 15 months of isolation. "Pakistan is as safe as any other country in the world. No one can ever give absolute guarantees for anyone's safety. Even when we go to play abroad we know anything unexpected could happen. That's how life goes," said Inzamam. "I don't understand what sort of spooky attitude the South Africans have adopted by backing out of a tour they confirmed only a couple of days ago," said a visibly rattled Inzamam. Miandad said that his team was looking forward to play this series. The cancellation comes as a bitter blow for millions of Pakistani fans. "I think, given the security assur-



A Khaled Mashud effort to run out Pakistan opener Yasir Hameed goes in vain during the fifth and final one-day international at the National Stadium in Karachi yesterday.

## B'DESH-PAK SCORECARD

**AFP, Karachi**

First innings scoreboard of the day-night limited-overs international between Pakistan and Bangladesh, the fifth and final match of the series, at Karachi's National Stadium on Sunday:

**PAKISTAN**  
Hafeez st Mashud b Rafique 44  
Hameed st Mashud b Saleh 82  
Youhana lbw b Mashrafe 52  
Inzamam not out 59  
Younis lbw b Mashrafe 9  
Malik c Rafique b Mahmud 31  
Razaq not out 15  
Extras: (lb-3, nb-1, w-6) 10  
Total: (For 5 wkts in 50 overs) 302  
Fall of wickets: 1-95, 2-169, 3-181, 4-199, 5-260  
Did not bat: Akmal, Gul, Sami, Shabbir

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Baisya	8	1	47	0
Mushfiq	10	1	40	0
Mashrafe	9	0	63	2
Mahmud	9	0	64	1
Rafique	10	0	65	1
Saleh	4	0	20	1

**BANGLADESH:** K Mahmud, H Bashar, H Sarker, T Imran, R Saleh, A Kapali, K Mashud, M Rafique, M Mortuza, M Rehman, T Baisya

**Toss:** Pakistan  
**Umpires:** Russell Tiffin (Zimbabwe) and Nadeem Ghauri (Pakistan)

## Eng tour prep reviewed

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
Preparations are going on ahead of England's first ever tour of Bangladesh starting next month. With the Englishmen arriving here on October 8 to play two Tests and three one-day internationals, an inter-ministerial meeting was held yesterday at the conference room of Ministry of Youth and Sports. Chaired by State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman, it was decided that a security committee would be formed. A joint secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs would head it. **ITINERARY**  
**October 12-14:** 3-day match v BCB President XI (BNS)  
**October 16-18:** 3-day match v

## Uproar in Pakistan

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Karachi**  
Pakistan scrambled Sunday to revive a South African tour that was cancelled at the last minute because of security fears, as a wave of bitter disappointment swept the cricket-mad country. The South Africans had been set to start a month-long tour Monday but cancelled just 24 hours before their scheduled departure because of an explosion in a Karachi office block late Friday. Fuming Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) leaders expressed shock at the decision, which came just two days after a visiting South African security delegation had given the tour a green light. The PCB said it had offered to alter schedules and venues in a last-ditch bid to persuade the South Africans to change their minds. "We ... have offered them to change fixtures in Karachi and Peshawar and delay the start to tour by a week," PCB spokesman Samiul Hasan said. "We hope the South African cricket officials will reverse their decision soon." Pakistan is also seeking a review of the decision through the International Cricket Council (ICC). The United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa said after the blast, which caused no casualties, that security in Pakistan had deteriorated to an unacceptable level. It offered to host the series in South Africa or play at a third country neutral venue, but the PCB declined. The South Africans' Test and one-day tour had been eagerly awaited as a mark of the return of top-level international cricket to the terror-hit Islamic republic, where a wave of deadly violence last year against Westerners and Christians has kept foreign teams away for 15 months. Their cancellation was a bitter blow for Pakistan's cricket fans and players. "We feel that South Africa has snatched an opportunity of watching quality cricket from us," lamented Mohammad Akram, leading a protest by dozens of fans outside Karachi's National Cricket Stadium. Pakistani cricketers also protested, donning black armbands in their fifth and final one-day match

## Philips nat'l tennis begins Sept 27

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
The Philips National Tennis Tournament will be held at the Ramna National Tennis Complex from September 27-October 3. A total of nine events will be featured in the seven-day tournament. The events are: men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles, veteran men's doubles (under-45), veteran men's doubles (under-50), boy's singles (under-16), boy's singles (under-13), girl's singles (under-13). The interested players have been asked to complete entry formalities by September 25. But today is the last entry date for the veteran participants.

## Bangladesh hit for eight

**AFP, Kuala Lumpur**  
Pakistan were merciless in their opening match at the Asia Cup in Kuala Lumpur Sunday, handing Bangladesh a 8-0 mauling at the National Hockey Stadium. Nonetheless the Pakistanis put up a rather poor performance and were thwarted time and again by in-form Bangladesh goalkeeper Russel Khan. The much-vaunted penalty corner battery of the Pakistanis also failed to strike as efficiently as it normally does and was only able to convert two of the five penalty corners the side was awarded. Mudassar Ali opened scoring in the eighth minute and the Pakistanis failed to immediately convert their domination into goals. Khasif Jawad later notched up a hat-trick, scoring in the 21st, 46th and 61st minutes, while penalty corner ace marksman Sohail Abbas got a brace by converting penalty corners in the 26th and 62nd. Skipper Nadeem Ahmad came onto the score sheet in the 46th minute while Rehan Butt rounded up a miserable opening match for the Bangladeshis with the eighth and final goal in the 64th minute. "We played well in patches but I am not too worried about it as it was our first match," said Pakistan team manager Abdul Rashid Junior. "There will be a tough match against China tomorrow and the players know what the stakes are." In another match, Japan overcame stiff resistance from Hong Kong to register a 7-2 win. But it was more of a warm-up for the Japanese who were conserving energy for their vital match against Malaysia Monday. "We tried out a couple of things in the first half and they did not work well. But we did not want to give too much away as the Malaysians were observing our match closely," said Japan coach Toichi Nagai. Japan took the lead through Akihiko Hirate in the 12th minute but allowed Hong Kong to get back into the game with Preetpal Singh Chima scoring via a reverse hit in the 20th minute. It was a totally different Japan in the second half as they ran rings around the fast-tiring Hong Kong players. And their efforts were rewarded when skipper Kenichi Katayama scored in the 40th minute to put them 2-1 ahead.



Pakistan's Shakeel Abassi jumps over Bangladesh goalkeeper Russel Khan during their preliminary match in the 6th Men's Asia Cup hockey tournament in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.