



## Did U Know?

Sir Garfield Sobers' (West Indies) first Test century was a then world record 365. Brian Lara's (West Indies) first Test century was 277. He later went on to break Sir Garfield's record, scoring 375.



## Cafu

(Brazil soccer captain)  
"I want to play the same number of World Cups as Pele and increase my number of caps for the team."



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## Seminar on sports medicine

UNB, Dhaka  
A seminar on ACC Sports Medicine and Fitness organised by the Bangladesh Cricket Board will start at a local hotel today.  
Thirty five representatives from member countries of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) including ten from host Bangladesh will take part in the six-day seminar, which will begin at the Ball Room of Sonargaon Hotel at 9 am.  
Dr. Vece Paes, ACC Sports Medicine and Fitness consultant, will conduct the seminar. Vece is also the proud father of Indian tennis ace Leander Paes.  
Dr. Alexander MD Gordon of School of Human Movement and Exercise Science of Australia will act as a consultant.

# Faruque plans ahead



SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh cricket team returns home today after a 38-day tour in Pakistan. But the Tigers will hardly get any rest before the home series against England next month.

England led by Michael Vaughn will fly in Dhaka on October 8 to play two Tests and three one-day internationals. Khaled Mahmud's men, who have been involved in non-stop cricket since the Australia tour in June, will enjoy complete rest for a week before the national camp starts on October 1.

The first ever series against England has already generated enormous enthusiasm after Bangladesh's improved performance in Pakistan, where the Tigers fought brilliantly in three Tests

and came tantalisingly close to winning the fourth one-day international of the five-match series.

"It was a very good series for us especially because the boys set a certain standard in the Tests. The most important thing was that they consistently played good cricket in the three Tests," said chief selector Faruque Ahmed yesterday.

Faruque will sit down with coach Dav Whatmore in the next few days to work out their next strategy before the English challenge.

"I have already done the homework regarding the selection of the two practice matches. I will prefer more players of the Under-19 team and maybe three or four national cricketers will feature in those games. But everything will be settled after we meet coach Dav Whatmore," said Faruque.

England will play two three-day

matches before the first Test starts at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on October 21.

England's first practice match against BCB President's XI will commence on October 12 while the second against Bangladesh A will be held on October 16-18.

Faruque believes that the two practice games will provide the Under-19 boys with a taste of world class cricket ahead of the World Youth Championship, which will be held in Bangladesh in February next year.

"Besides, it might be an opportunity for one or two players to make push for inclusion in the national team," said the chief selector, whose idea of injecting Rajin Saleh in the Pakistan tour has turned out to be a major success.

But the former national captain is against experimenting with too

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# PCB welcomes Protea decision

AFP, Karachi

Pakistan welcomed South Africa's decision Tuesday to proceed with a shortened cricket tour here, saying their cancellation at the weekend had created "hard times" for Pakistani cricket.

"We feel it is a welcome sign for cricket in Pakistan because we have gone through very hard times in the last four days," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief executive Rameez Rajat told AFP.

Raja said Pakistan agreed to eliminate Karachi and Peshawar to save the tour.

"Unfortunately Karachi and Peshawar do not feature in the revised itinerary but we have agreed to eliminate these two venues only to save the tour."

He said the South African team was expected to arrive here on the first of October.

South African officials said tour would take place "as soon as possible plans are for this to occur in October."

The Proteas' last-minute cancellation had sent a wave of bitter disappointment across cricket-mad Pakistan, which has been looking to South Africa to lead the return of top-level international cricket to the terror-hit Islamic republic after a 15-month drought.

A wave of anti-Western and anti-Christian bloodshed last year kept foreign teams away. The New Zealand team fled in May 2002 when a suicide bomber blew up a busload of French naval staff outside their Karachi hotel, killing 11 French nationals and three Pakistanis.

## School b'ball

UNB, Dhaka

St. Joseph School beat Maple Leaf International by 64-31 points in the inter-school basketball competition at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium yesterday.

The St. Joseph girls led 35-15 in the first session. Utsa caged highest 31 points for the winners followed by Dibya and Atanu who scored 16 and 6 points respectively. Tanzim fought a lone battle for Maple Leaf with 22.

On Monday, South Breeze defeated Sunny Dale by 56-26 points after leading the first half 22-12 points.

Irina scored 18 points, Pursha 14 and Torfa 12 for the winners while Humaira caged 11 points, Nazia 10, and Muntaha 6 for the losers.

In the boys' section, St. Gregory School registered a massive 153-30 points victory over South Breeze School after dominating the first session 66-13.

## ICC wants India, Pakistan to play

AFP, Colombo

The International Cricket Council (ICC) president Ehsan Mani said Tuesday that India and Pakistan should resume cricketing ties, which he said were held up by politicians.

"It is a matter of great regret for anyone who loves cricket that these two great countries are not playing cricket against each other," Mani, a Pakistani, told reporters in Colombo.

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has assured full cooperation to restart cricket with India, Mani said.

"In fact, he went out of his way to give us the assurance that the Pakistani government would not interfere or stop the Pakistan team in any way," Mani added.

He said the hiatus in cricket ties between India and Pakistan was a political decision by India.

"It is the politicians who are determined that cricket cannot be resumed," Mani charged.

But the ICC president expressed hope that politicians' stance could be softened with Indian and Pakistani participation at junior-level international tournaments.

"I hope that will lead on to a full tour of Pakistan by India," Mani said.

India has not toured Pakistan since 1989-90 although Pakistan played in India three years ago. The two countries are nearly always at loggerheads, particularly over divided Kashmir.

Mani and the ICC Chief Executive Malcolm Speed were here to attend a ceremony to launch Sri Lanka Cricket, the new name for the local cricket governing body.

## SARRC carrom starts Friday

UNB, Dhaka

A seven-member Sri Lanka team arrived in Dhaka on Monday to participate in the 7th SARRC Carrom Championship that begins on Friday.

The four-day competition will also feature teams from India, Pakistan, Maldives and Nepal. Hosts Bangladesh will field a strong 12-member team that included six women.

Secretary General of Asian Carrom Federation Langley also arrived in the city on Monday. This is for the first time Bangladesh Carrom Federation staging the indoor event.

Land Minister M Shamsul Islam will inaugurate the meet at the National Sports Council.

# Anderson might not come with England



CRICINFO, London

James Anderson may be rested from England's tour of Bangladesh next month, after sustaining a slight injury to his left knee.

Anderson has been an integral part of England's Test and one-day teams since receiving a surprise call-up during the one-day series in Australia last winter.

But the selectors may now give him a chance to recuperate before the more arduous winter challenges against Sri Lanka in November and West Indies next March.

"The injury is not serious," said England's team spokesman, Andrew Walpole.

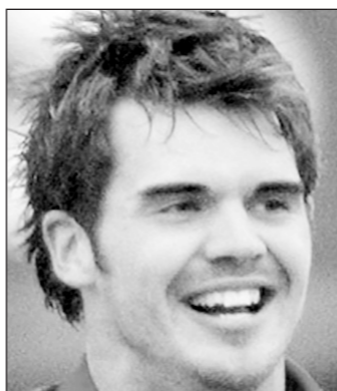
"It's just wear and tear at the end of a long season and the selectors will decide whether it needs more rest."

Anderson was just 20 years old when he exploded onto the international scene, after just a handful of first-class matches and a brief stint at the ECB Academy.

He played a major role in England's World Cup campaign, before collecting five wickets on his Test debut against

Zimbabwe at Lord's, and a one-day hat-trick against Pakistan at The Oval.

"James has had a fantastic ten months," said Neil Fairbrother, the former England one-day batsman who



JAMES ANDERSON

is now Anderson's manager.

"Not just physically, but also mentally, it has taken its toll. He has come from nowhere to the England team and he has no experience to call upon to cope with it. He has just gone at it flat out and enjoyed

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# Ganguly put in the dock

BBC ONLINE, undated

Indian captain Saurav Ganguly is embroiled in a dispute between rival marketing companies ahead of the Test series against New Zealand.

He has signed a contract with Nimbus after his previous agreement with Percept D'Mark expired on Monday.

But Percept have challenged the validity of the new contract and filed a suit with the Bombay High Court.

Ganguly's new agreement is believed to be worth almost 8 million pounds - only teammate Sachin Tendulkar earns more.

Percept say, however, that his contract had not expired when he signed with Nimbus.

And they claim Ganguly had an obligation to inform them of any offer from a rival company to give them a chance to match or improve on it.

He met Percept officials on Monday and the situation remains amicable for the time being.

"Our relations with Saurav are very good. At the end of the day it is business. We have to look after our interest," Percept chief executive Sanjay Lal has been quoted as saying.

They are asking the court to issue a stay on the new contract, pending a full hearing.

Ganguly will lead India in two Tests against New Zealand, the first starting on October 8 in Ahmedabad.

The two sides will then take part in a triangular one-day series, also involving world champions Australia.



PHOTO: AFP

International Cricket Council president Ehsan Mani (L) talks to the president of Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL) during a ceremony to rename the Board in Colombo yesterday. From now the BCCSL will be known as Sri Lanka Cricket.

# Terry's '3rd world' plan



AFP/CRICINFO, Perth

Former Australian Test bowler Terry Alderman Tuesday urged cricket authorities to consider a new approach to help developing cricket nations lift their standard.

Alderman, who captured 170 Test wickets, called on the International Cricket Council (ICC) to allow former star players in stronger countries who were no longer needed by their own teams to play in sides such as Zimbabwe and Bangladesh.

Speaking on the eve of Zimbabwe's arrival in Australia for their maiden Test tour of the country, Alderman pointed out that the gulf in experience between the two nations not to mention Bangladesh, whom Australia beat in a two-Test series in July could be bridged by the inclusion of overseas players.

Alderman said he believed a player

such as Australia's veteran batsman Mark Waugh, whose international career for Australia appeared to be over, could provide a developing Test nation with valuable experience.

"I like this idea of drafting players,"



TERRY ALDERMAN

said Alderman citing the example of Waugh a batsman who played 128

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PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

Bangladesh Cricket Board's Sri Lankan curator drives his mower onto the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The big bowl is getting ready to host England next month.

# SA coming to Pakistan



AFP, Johannesburg

The South African cricket team will go ahead with a shortened tour to Pakistan next month after calling off a full tour on security grounds, cricket officials said on Tuesday.

Cricket board of directors met in Johannesburg to discuss a revised tour proposal submitted by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

"Having regard to the removal of Karachi and Peshawar from the proposed revised schedule ... and having heard the views of the South African Police Services, the board has resolved in principle to proceed with a revised, shortened tour of Pakistan," Cricket SA (Pty) Ltd said in a statement.

The Proteas had been due to arrive in Pakistan on Monday September 22 but South African officials called off the tour on Saturday following a bomb blast in the southern port city of Karachi.

The bomb exploded in an empty Karachi office building on Friday night. No one was injured.

Cricket officials added: "The resolution to proceed with the tour in principle is subject to the board remaining satisfied, on an ongoing basis, with both

the security plan and the satisfactory implementation thereof by the Pakistani authorities."

South Africa would be the first major team to tour Pakistan since last year's car bomb blast outside New Zealand's hotel in Karachi which forced the Kiwis to pack their bags and cut short their tour by one Test.

Since then Australia have refused to play a tri-series in August and a Test series in October. Both were later played at neutral venues.

Officials said the South African tour would take place "as soon as possible plans are for this to occur in October."

PCB chairman Tauqir Zia on Monday threatened to take the matter to the International Cricket Council dispute committee if the matter was not resolved and a rescheduled tour did not materialise.

"Their (United Cricket Board of South Africa) decision was taken in haste but now we hope they would start the tour from Thursday," Zia told reporters in Karachi on Tuesday.

A three-member UCBSA delegation visited the two venues last week and were briefed by security personnel in Pakistan who assured them that South African cricketers would be provided security normally reserved for heads of

state.

Pakistan had given South Africa options for different venues, saying Rawalpindi and Lahore were the main venues for the rescheduled series, but that work had to be done on the revised itinerary as television coverage needed to be adjusted because there was also a series between India and New Zealand in India.

South African captain Graeme Smith, who was informed of the decision with coach Eric Simons, said the only concern of Cricket SA (Pty) Ltd was the safety of the players.

"We want to play cricket but we don't want to play it in a war zone," he told the SAPA news agency.

"The United Cricket Board has assured us that we will be safe and we have to put our trust in them. I am sure there will be a lot of security wherever we go."

Smith said that so far as he was concerned, the team only wanted to "go out there and play cricket."

"After all our salaries are made up of match fees and obviously we want to play as much cricket as possible.

"We are a young side and we need a lot of international exposure. We know that it's going to be very tough and very different to what we experienced in England," Smith said.

# Bigger BD loss, HK baffled

## India set up clash with Pakistan



AFP, Kuala Lumpur

India warmed up for their match against arch-rivals Pakistan on Wednesday with an effortless 10-0 win over Bangladesh at the National Hockey Stadium in Bukit Jalil.

The result leaves both India and Pakistan tied on points as well as goal difference and goals scored and conceded.

This sets up an intriguing encounter between the two countries which will

see the winners top Group B.

India got their goals through Dilip Tirkey (8, 55), Deepak Thakur (11), Vikram Pillay (27), Dhanraj Pillay (33), Sandeep Michael (35), Gagan Ajit Singh (37, 50), Prabhjot Singh (48) and Baljit Singh Dhillon (54).

The match will be the fifth meeting between the two countries this year with honours even at two wins apiece.

"We look forward to an entertaining match that will enhance the reputation of the sport worldwide," said Pakistan coach Tahir Zaman when asked about their match against India.

"There is always extra excitement

when the two countries meet and we hope to go one better against the Indians."

Bangladesh lost their first game in the tournament against Pakistan by 8 to nil on Sunday.

Meanwhile in an earlier match South Korea put themselves in the running for a place in the semifinals when they whipped Hong Kong 7-1.

The win gave South Korea, who are defending the title they won also in Kuala Lumpur four years ago, four points after two matches following their 1-1 draw against Malaysia last Sunday.

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PHOTO: AFP

Bangladesh's Mirajul Ahsan (R) is under pressure from Tebir Singh during their 6th Men's Asia Cup clash in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.