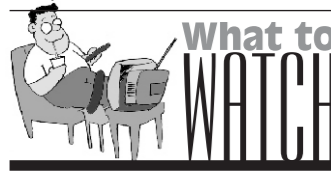




Did U Know?

Charles Bannerman name ring a bell?? Well the Australian is the man who faced the first ball in Test cricket. He also scored the first Test century, in the same innings (168 not out). He also holds the distinction along with David Houghton of Zimbabwe and Aminul Islam of Bangladesh to have scored a century on their country's debut in Test cricket.



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ACC Sports Seminar ends tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER
The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) Sports Medicine and Fitness Seminar 2003, organised by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), concludes at a city hotel tomorrow afternoon.
A total of 25 participants from the member countries of ACC including ten from Bangladesh took part in the six-day long seminar.
State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman will attend the closing ceremony as chief guest and will hand over the certificates to the participants.
ACC chairman and BCB president Ali Asghar will also attend the programme.



PHOTO: STAR

Ranjan Ram of National Tennis Centre plays forehand against Papan of Rajshahi during their Philips National Tennis Tournament engagement at the National Tennis Complex yesterday. Ranjan won 6-0, 6-1.

Battle of Asia today

AFP, Kuala Lumpur
Four-time finalists India are looking to win their first Asia Cup when they take on rivals and three-time champions Pakistan at the National Hockey Stadium here on Sunday.
India have made the finals of four of the last five finals whereas Pakistan were winners in 1982, 1985 and 1989. Pakistan won the inaugural edition after beating India 4-0 in the group matches.
India lost to Pakistan in 1985 and 1989 and in the 1994 tournament lost to South Korea.
Sunday will mark Pakistan's fifth appearance in a final -- in 1999 they lost 5-4 to South Korea in a closely-contested game.
Pakistan are expected to hold the edge on Sunday, having won a preliminary round match between the two sides on Wednesday 4-2.
But India has promised to put up a good fight.
"We have analysed the match and rest assured we will not repeat the mistakes we made in the first match," Indian coach Rajinder Singh said.
"On that day our forwards squandered many goal-scoring chances but they made up for it with a solid performance against the Koreans in the semifinal.
"If we can convert the chances, then there is a great chance we can end our barren run in this tournament," Deepak Thakur, Gagan Ajit Singh, Prabhjot Singh and Dhanraj Pillay will be charged with ensuring India finds the back of the net.
Pakistan coach Tahir Zaman said the match would probably be decided by the heroics of penalty-corner ace Sohail Abbas.
"Sohail has not been scoring as regularly as he ought to but I am confident that he will rise to the occasion," he said.
"We will not sit back and allow India to dominate the match but aim to attack at every given opportunity.
"It will be a closely-fought match but one which we will eventually win."
The winner of Sunday's match receives a berth for the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Practice against whom, where U-17 team off to Yangon today

Football
SPORTS REPORTER

A 25-member Bangladesh under-17 football team will fly to Myanmar today to play three practice matches as part of their build up for the Asian under-17 qualifier against Kyrgyzstan to be held in Dhaka next month.
But the charges of former national goalkeeper Shahidur Rahman Chowdhury Shantoo leave to play opponents unknown with places and time undisclosed.
There was nobody around at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office in the evening to provide the fixture of the week-long tour.
BFF executive secretary Shankar Sikder said that he was yet to receive a full fixture from the Myanmar Football Association.
He said that the host federation has initially set a block date between September 26 to 30 for the youth team's tour.
"We have sent a letter requesting the host association to set the dates between September 29 to October 30. But the Myanmar authority is yet to respond to BFF's request," said Sikder.
He hoped that everything would be finalised once the team reached Yangon in the afternoon.
Recently the BFF has taken up

an extensive programme to promote age-group football in the country and they are also grooming an Under-20 team. But the Myanmar tour exposed some loopholes that the BFF failed to take care of.
It is good to see Shantoo return from the United States to temporarily work with an age-group team. He has been a busy young player from the past month with 30 young players at the country's long sports institute in Savar. He also named a 20-member team for his first serious outing.
Shantoo's boys will play their first match against Kyrgyzstan on October 11 at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur. The second match against the Central Asian nation will be played at the same venue on October 15.
The USA based coach will be assisted by former national coach Hasanuzzaman Khan Bablu while former national defender Intiaz Sultan Johnny has been appointed as the manager of the team.

SQUAD
Mazharul Islam Himel, Rahatul Kabir, Imdadul Haque, Sarwar Hossain, Atiqur Rahman, Rubel Ahmed, Mamun Hossain, Arafat Ali, Roni Islam, Bappi Hasan Murad, Abul Kashem, Nasirul Islam, Rajan Miah, Zahid Hossain, SM Rajib, Mitun Chowdhury, Hirk Joarder, Ravindra Chandra Barman, Nandu Chandra Das and Hasan Mahmud.

Philips nat'l tennis

UNB, Dhaka
Eighteen matches of the Philips National Tennis Tournament were decided yesterday at the National Tennis Complex.
In the men's singles event, Mahmudul, Mamun, Nukul Babu, Bashir Gazi, Hasmat Ullah, Babu Lal, Channu Lal, Dipu Lal, Moniruzzaman, Minhaz, Russell, Yusuf Aman Monty, Shafiqur Rahman, Ranjan Ram, top seeded Amal Roy and second top seeded Hira Lal qualified for the second round.
Besides, two matches in the boy's singles (age group-16) event were held at the same venue.



PHOTO: STAR

Nima of the Maldives (L) pockets a piece during her game against Bangladesh's Preeti in the SAARC Carrom Championship at the National Sports Council gymnasium yesterday.

India walk away with carrom crowns

UNB, Dhaka
Holders India clinched both the men's and women's team titles of the Seventh SAARC Countries Carrom Championship with all-win record on the second day of the four-day meet yesterday at the National Sports Council Gymnasium.
Sri Lanka finished runners-up and Bangladesh Red team was placed third in the men's team event while Maldives became runners-up. Sri Lanka finished third and Bangladesh Green was placed fourth in the other category.
The Indian men's team of RM Shankara, Ashok Gaur and Jagan Bangle, lifted the title beating Bangladesh Red, Bangladesh Green and Sri Lanka in straight games (3-0) and defeated Maldives 2-1.
The Indian women's comprising D Swarnelatha, S Appoorva and K Suvarna outplayed Bangladesh Red, Bangladesh Green, Maldives and Sri Lanka each 3-0.
Bangladesh Reds with Sheikh Jahangir Hossain, Hafizur Rahman and KG Humayan Kabir became third in the men's team event as they defeated the Greens and Maldives both 2-1.
State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman witnessed some of the matches.

Govt of the same opinion

Cricket
BBC ONLINE, London

telecommunications company's image tarnished by supporting a tour hosted by Robert Mugabe's controversial regime.
And former player Henry Olonga, who was forced to quit after wearing a black armband symbolising the "death of democracy in Zimbabwe", has also backed a boycott of the tour.
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Four more for BD

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But it was Hong Kong who led the first half 2-1 with Faruque equalizing in the 14th minute and Arif Ali adding the second after seven minutes.
Isa Mia brought Bangladesh back to life with a double strike in the 50th and 55th minute.
But the knockout blow came in the 67th minute when Arif scored his second to seal Bangladesh's fate in the 7th-8th classification match.
The defeat completed a miserable chapter in Bangladesh hockey. Before leaving for the Malaysian capital, the team declared that they were going to beat China and secure the all-important sixth place for an entry into the World Cup qualifiers.
But at the end they were dumped in the South China Sea after giving away 35 goals.
They lost the group league opener against finalist Pakistan 8-0 then gulped 10 against fellow finalist India. Their China mission ended in the meet after three minutes of play.
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PHOTO: AFP

Workers at the Visakhapatnam stadium pull a rain-cover onto the cricket pitch on the second day of the New Zealand-Board President's XI tour game yesterday.

India, Pakistan revive cricket at jr level

AFP, Colombo
Indian and Pakistani youngsters are set to revive cricketing ties between the two nations when the Asian emerging teams tournament one-day international series gets underway here.
Indian captain Gautam Ghabir said: "We look forward to the tournament and it's nice to play Pakistan in Sri Lanka. It will be a great opportunity for us."
His Pakistani rival Qaiser Abbas said: "We have a very good young side. We hope we can go on to win."
India and Pakistan play each other in the first round game at the Premadasa Stadium in Colombo Sunday.
India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka play each other twice before the final on October 5.
The Secretary of Sri Lanka Cricket Mohan De Silva said the tournament was part of an initiative of the Asian Cricket Council, which had provided almost 75 per cent of the funding.
De Silva said eligibility for the tournament was limited to those players who had played no more than two Tests and five one-day internationals.
The hosts play India in the curtain-raiser on Saturday.



PHOTO: AFP

India captain Gautam Ghabir (R) and his Pakistan counterpart Qaiser Abbas shake hands during a ceremony in Colombo on September 26. The two captains will lead their teams in the Asian emerging teams tournament one-day international series today.

2nd day also washed out

AFP, Visakhapatnam
Rain prevented the start of play on the second day of New Zealand's tour match against the Indian Board President's eleven here on Saturday.
The tourists were also deprived of much-needed practice on Friday as only 10.2 overs were bowled on the rain-hit opening day.
The hosts are 23 for no loss in their first innings after electing to bat, with openers Virender Sehwag and Akash Chopra on nine runs apiece.
New Zealand will play another three-day match at Rajkot before the start of back-to-back Test matches at Ahmedabad (October 8-12) and Mohali (October 16-20).
The Tests will be followed by a triangular one-day series also featuring world champions Australia.