



## Did U Know?

The 1984 Olympics in LA were the first Olympic Games to actually make a profit.



## TALK TURKEY



**Rahul Dravid**  
(Indian vice-captain)  
*"If it's possible I would like to come back next year."*  
**On the possibility of playing a second season for Scotland.**



## What to WATCH

TEN Sports  
Pakistan vs South Africa  
First ODI  
Live at 2:00 pm  
ESPN

UEFA Champions League  
Vib Stuttgart vs Man United  
Repeat at 4:30 pm  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Live at 8.30 pm  
STAR Sports  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 8 pm



## WHIZZ KID OMPETITION 19

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### The Daily Star

**Competition closes at 8 pm Oct 3, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards**

1. Who won the Champions Trophy hockey title?

Netherlands	Australia
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Pakistan

2. Who clinched the Europa college basketball crown?

Khulna College	Mastermind	Notre Dame
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3. Bangladesh lost the first Test against Pakistan by:

7 wkts	42 runs	3
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4. Who became man-of-the-match in the 4th Test between England and South Africa?

Name .....

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## AB Bank TT

UNB, Dhaka

Brothers Union, Engineers Club and Ajax Sporting won their respective matches in the AB Bank Metropolis Premier Division Table Tennis League at the NSC wooden-floor gymnasium yesterday.

Engineers beat Inter Sports 3-1, Ajax defeated Wari Club 3-1 and Brothers Union recorded a 3-2 victory over Armanitola JS.

Meanwhile, nine matches of the AB Bank Metropolis First Division Table Tennis League were decided on the fifth day at the same venue.

North South University beat Young Pegasus Club, Swamibagh Boys defeated Barna TT, Swamibagh TTS overcame New Colony (Green), Dhaka TTS defeated ORCA and Durbar Club beat Ghop KC all by straight 3-0 sets apiece.

New Colony (Red) defeated Khwaja Printing, Sports World beat Angels Club, Reazul Smrity Sangha defeated Khelaghar SKS and Bangladesh Boys beat Mansoor SC all by 3-2 sets each.

# Whatmore's reality check



### SPORTS REPORTER

Dav Whatmore warned his boys that the home series against England promises to be tougher than the just concluded tour of Pakistan.

The 49-year-old coach issued the reality check while talking to reporters after rain forced the cancellation of the second day's training yesterday.

"Their record speaks for itself. England have been pretty good in the subcontinent. So, it's going to be a tougher series than the one against Pakistan," said Whatmore adding that the task for Bangladesh would be how they countered the English approach of playing on 'opponents' patience'.

"The English like to play the game conventionally. They really test your patience," remarked Whatmore, who enjoyed a successful stint with English county Lancashire after the 1999 World Cup.

Michael Vaughan's men will arrive here on October 8 to play two Tests and three-one day internationals in Dhaka and Chittagong. Definitely England will be carrying

an impressive subcontinent track record with them.

They have won series against Sri Lanka 2-1, defeated Pakistan 1-0 and scored a fantastic 1-1 draw against an impregnable India.

But despite England's impressive Asian record Whatmore believes that his emerging Tigers will go one better than the recent series against Pakistan, where the team dragged the Peshawar Test into the fifth day and came tantalisingly close to winning the final Test in Multan.

"To achieve that we will have to push ourselves to the limit. At the moment we are heading in the right direction. There is no better way than individual improvement but it should come collectively to earn the right result," Whatmore said.

The Sri Lankan-born Australian said that he wanted to mould his team into a more competitive unit in both versions of the game and he would not hesitate to throw a youngster into the deep end especially if he performs exceedingly well in the practice matches.

England will play two warm-up matches against BCB President's Eleven and the Bangladesh A team before the first Test starts on October 21 at the Bangabandhu

National Stadium.

When asked to comment on the inclusion young leg-spinner Mosaddek Hossain in the list of probables, Dav said that it was too early to say anything. He also reminded that one should not discount the quality of England's two left-handers openers Marcus Trescothick and Graham Thorpe.

He also observed that Bangladesh did not possess a reasonable leg spinner let alone a world-class performer like Australians Shane Warne and Stuart MacGill or Indian Anil Kumble.

Whatmore was also not sure whether his line of attack would be spin-oriented or driven by pace.

When his attention was drawn to the three rejects of the Pakistan tour Mohammad Ashraful, Sanwar Hossain and Monjurul Islam, Whatmore said that there was only one way to stay in the team and that was to perform consistently.

"They have played a lot of cricket. And now the selectors want to look at others waiting in the wings," he said adding that it would be a long haul for the axed trio.

Commenting on the lucrative incentive announced by the Board, the famed coach, who guided Sri

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# 'Fans, keep peace'



AFP, Lahore

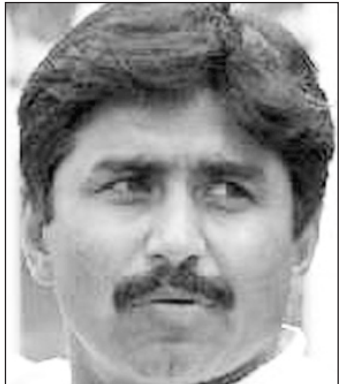
Pakistan cricket coach Javed Miandad appealed to fans Thursday to keep peace during South African series as the country had already suffered a cricket drought over security fears.

"I appeal to the crowd to maintain discipline because Pakistan's image is at stake," Miandad told reporters a day before the teams were to take to the pitch for their first one-day international match.

"If they protest anything and there is trouble, it would disturb the match and could harm the image of the country.

"We have suffered a lot because teams were not travelling to Pakistan and fans were deprived. So I would appeal to the fans to enjoy the cricket," said the former captain, one of Pakistan's best-loved cricketers.

Miandad vowed his young side would not disappoint the fans.



JAVED MIANDAD  
Jacques Kallis and Herschelle Gibbs.  
"Graeme Smith hit two double hundreds in England and reminded me of Graeme Pollock... but he still needs to establish himself."

## Proteas off to winning start

AFP, Lahore

The South Africans brushed aside their security worries Wednesday to beat Lahore City Nazim XI by eight wickets in their warm-up, one-day game at the Gaddafi stadium.

Captain Graeme Smith and stylish batsman Jacques Kallis hit half-centuries as the tourists notched up 253-3 in 46 overs in reply to City XI's 250-4 in their allotted 50 overs.

Both teams agreed to include twelve players in their sides to give the tourists the fullest practice ahead of their first one-day international at the same venue on Friday.

About 2,000 police, outnumbering a handful of spectators, were deployed in and outside the ground as part of tough security measures in place for the visitors.

The South Africans had initially cancelled the tour citing security fears.

However, the Proteas arrived on Tuesday on a rescheduled tour after the volatile cities of Karachi and Peshawar were eliminated as venues.

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# Richardson steadies NZ



AFP/REUTERS, Rajkot

Mark Richardson salvaged New Zealand's batting pride ahead of a Test series against India when he scored a solid 128 not out in a warm-up match here on Thursday.

The left-handed opener kept his cool under pressure as the tourists recovered from 91-4 to reach 299-5 at stumps after electing to bat on the opening day of the three-day game against an India A team.

Richardson put on 89 for the fifth wicket with Craig McMillan (30) and 119 for the next with Jacob Oram (59 not out) after young fast bowler Munaf Patel had rocked the tourists with three wickets in his maiden first-class match.

The New Zealand opener hit one six and 17 fours in a solid 309-ball knock for his 18th century in first-class cricket.

All-rounder Oram has so far struck two sixes in his entertaining unbeaten 83-ball innings.

Skipper Stephen Fleming (27), Lou Vincent (11), Scott Styris (8)

and Nathan Astle (nought) all failed to make the most of the last tour game before back-to-back Tests at Ahmedabad (October 8-12) and Mohali (October 16-20).

New Zealand's Test preparations suffered a jolt when Fleming, Styris and Astle fell to Patel in the space of 13 runs in the afternoon session.

Fleming looked in good nick and played an attractive cameo. He smashed one six and four boundaries, but his dismissal triggered a mini-collapse.

The New Zealand captain hit Patel for three fours in an over, but bottom-edged a delivery onto his stumps in the bowler's next over.

Styris also went for shots as he lofted left-arm spinner Murali Kartik for a six before being caught down the leg-side by diving wicket-keeper Deep Dasgupta off Patel.

The 20-year-old paceman was on a hatrick when he trapped Astle leg-before off his next delivery, but McMillan survived and went on to provide valuable support to Richardson.

Vincent was the first to go, bowled round his legs while attempting to sweep Kartik.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of a three-day match between New Zealand and an India A on Thursday:				
NEW ZEALAND: First innings				
Richardson not out	128			
Vincent b Kartik	11			
Fleming b Patel	27			
Styris c Dasgupta b Patel	8			
Astle lbw b Patel	0			
McMillan c Chopra b Santh	30			
Oram not out	59			
Extras: (b-4, lb-12, nb-20)	36			
Total: (For 5 wkts in 90 overs)	299			
Fall of wickets: 1-32, 2-79, 3-91, 4-91, 5-180				
Did not bat: Vettori, Wiseman, Hart, Tuffey				
Bowler				
Patel	19.4	4	64	3
Singh	19.2	4	68	0
Santh	12.5	5	22	1
Kartik	29	3	98	1
Ramesh	5.1	2	18	0
Gavaskar	4	0	13	0
INDIA A: Mohammad Kaif, Sadagopan, Ramesh, Akash Chopra, Connor Williams, Hemang Badani, Rohan Gavaskar, Deep Dasgupta, Murali Kartik, Munaf Patel, Rudra Pratap Singh, Sree Santh				



PHOTO: STAR  
BCB's cricket committee chairman Mahub Anam (L) talks to British High Commission security officer Mike Westbrook (2nd from R) during his visit to the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.



PHOTOS: ANISUR RAHMAN  
RAINY DAY: After rain ensured no practice was possible, an attendant (L) puts the players' gears in order inside the dressing room of the Bangabandhu National Stadium while coach Dav Whatmore (R) leaves the field of the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

# 'Security' series time



AFP, Lahore

South Africa skipper Graeme Smith said his team had put security fears to one side and were mentally ready to take on Pakistan in Friday's opening one-day game here.

Smith will lead the Proteas in the first game of a five-match series played under unprecedented security as South Africa's on-off tour of Pakistan finally gets underway in earnest at Gaddafi Stadium.

South Africa cancelled the tour because of security concerns last month before it was hastily rescheduled with a shortened itinerary days later.

Matches in the violence-wracked city of Karachi and Peshawar were ditched from the new schedule, while Pakistan authorities drafted police and soldiers in to provide a ring of steel around each of the tourists' games.

Smith admitted the long-running debate over security had impacted on his team's preparations.

"I think two weeks of discussing security is definitely going to play on your mind. It definitely plays a role but after our practice and warm up game we are now focusing on cricket," Smith said.

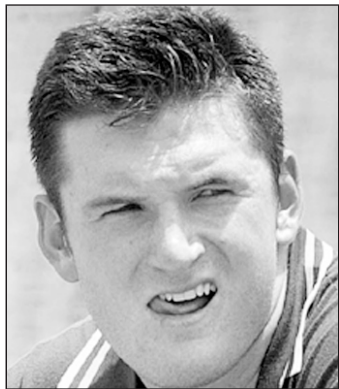
The local administration has decided to deploy around 2,000 policemen and 150 elite commandos to provide security during the day-night match.

Smith said South Africa, like Pakistan, were rebuilding after the World Cup.

"I think in many ways both teams are under similar situation, we have had three months in England where we have done regrouping and we are here for the first time and we are still reorganising ourselves, looking

"We've come here to win, definitely, but it's going to be tough touring conditions so we need to adjust quickly and could be little under-prepared on Friday," said Smith.

The tourists beat a Lahore City XI by eight wickets in a warm-up one-day fixture on Wednesday with



GRAEME SMITH



INZAMAMUL HAQ

for answers," said Smith.

Since the World Cup, South Africa have finished runners-up to India in a three-nation one-day event in Bangladesh and beat Bangladesh 2-0 in Tests.

They lost the final of the tri-nation one-day trophy to England and squared the five-match Test series 2-2 against England.

"We have come here with a lot of positives after the England tour and we're looking to improve on a lot of things.

Smith and Kallis hitting half-centuries.

"We have to make sure that we have the fire and determination on Friday and it's going to be a tough game for us and we have to make sure to be stand up and be counted," said Smith, who scored 718 runs in five Tests against England with two back-to-back double-hundreds.

Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq said his team are confident

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## Waugh talks retirement!

AFP, Perth

Australian Test cricket captain Steve Waugh Thursday gave the strongest hint yet that retirement from international ranks may be on the horizon.

Waugh, 38, made it clear the new season just starting in Australia may be his final summer of Test cricket at home.

Waugh has frequently spoken of victory in next September's trip to India as a major goal before he quits.

Asked if that was still the case, Waugh replied: "I am not exactly sure when that is going to be, but there is a good chance this will be the last time I am going to play in Perth."

Waugh next week will lead his side in Perth in the first of two Tests against Zimbabwe.

India remains on Waugh's "unfinished business" list after his side lost 2-1 there in a dramatic three-Test series in 2001.

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## JPC sports

### SPORTS REPORTER

An 11-day sports competition of the Jatiya Press Club (JPC) to mark the 49th founding anniversary of the club begins at its premises today.

The competition comprises six events chess, table tennis, spade trump, ludu (women), shooting and mini-marathon.

Besides, a four-day juvenile fun fare that includes song, rhyme, recitation, drawing and shooting will begin at the same place on October 14.

# Full strength Zim for Test practice



AFP, Perth

Zimbabwe Thursday named a virtual full-strength side to clash with Western Australia from Friday in a three-day rehearsal for the first Test starting next week.

The only notable omission from the team to shape up at the WACA Ground is paceman Douglas Hondo, who has a thigh strain.

His non-selection almost certainly means the 24-year-old right-arm operator will not come into consideration for the Test, getting under way next Thursday.

The three-day outing gives the Zimbabwe batsmen a valuable opportunity to adjust to the pace of the Perth wicket, considered one of the bounciest and fastest in the world.

They will be tested by veteran former Test fast bowlers Jo Angel and Paul Wilson, both past their best but still formidable on their home turf.

Zimbabwe go into the game in buoyant mood after a morale-boosting seven-wicket victory over a Cricket Australia Chairman's XI in a one-day match at Lilac Hill Park, Caversham, near here, Wednesday.

Zimbabwe coach Geoff Marsh said Thursday he was pleased batsmen Mark Vermeulen, Craig Wishart and Stuart Carlisle found their touch against the Chairman's

side to build on the early form shown by captain and fast bowler Heath Streak.

"But we're not losing reality about where we're at," he said.

"We know what we're going to come up against in the Tests and we know it's going to get tougher, but the nice thing is the guys have come here and played some pretty good cricket.

"A lot of teams come here and lose the first couple of games and for us it's so important we play well in the first few games, because we don't get a lot of opportunities to play in three or four-day matches." Zimbabwe's recent international schedules have been heavily slanted towards one-dayers.

The state side will be without Australian stars Adam Gilchrist, Justin Langer and Damien Martyn, all involved in a pre-Test training camp over the weekend.

**TEAMS**  
**ZIMBABWE** (from): Heath Streak (captain), Tatenda Taibu (vice-captain), Andy Blynaut, Stuart Carlisle, Dion Ebrahim, Craig Evans, Trevor Gripper, Sean Ervine, Ray Price, Mark Vermeulen, Craig Wishart (no 12th man named).

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA** (from): Michael Hussey (captain), Jo Angel, Ryan Campbell, Beau Casson, Shaun Marsh, Scott Meuleman, Marcus North, Chris Rogers, Adam Voges, Darren Wates, Paul Wilson, Peter Worthington (12th man to be determined).

## U-17 booters lose again

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh under-17 football team suffered their second successive defeat in Myanmar as they went down by 2-3 goals against the local under-17 side yesterday.

Trailing 0-2 in the first-half, Mithun and Mamun scored one goal each to bring Bangladesh back into the match.

But they conceded the deciding third goal after their regular custodian left the field due to injury.

The boys of Shahidur Rahman Shantoo are visiting the neighbouring country as part of their preparations for the upcoming Asian Football Confederation under-17 tournament. They play their last match against the same opponents tomorrow.

Bangladesh lost their first match against the host country's under 18 side 1-8.

## BCB names U-15 squad

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has yesterday announced a 16-member under-15 squad for the upcoming Kolkata tour that starts October 6.

Mushfiq Rahim has been named captain of the team while Azhar Uddin Babu will act as his deputy.

**TEAM**  
Marshal Ayub, Sumon Kumar Shaha, Mushfiq Rahim (captain), Sohrawardi Shuvo, Azhar Uddin Babu, Sirajullah Khadem, Humayun Kabir Shaheen, Ariful Haq, Rumman Islam, Saimon Ahmed, Raihan Uddin, Ashraf Aziz, Mehdi Hasan, Sakib Al Hasan, Iqbal Khan and Myshukur Rahman.

**Officials:** Nazmul Abedin Fahim (coach-cum-manager) and Taslim Uddin Tuhi (assistant manager).

## Philips tennis Faruque lifts U-13 title

SPORTS REPORTER

Omar Faruque of BKSP clinched the boys' under-13 title in the Philips National Tennis Tournament beating Rabi of Rajshahi 6-1, 6-3 in the final at the National Tennis Complex in the city yesterday.

Meanwhile, Amol Roy faces Hira Lal in the men's singles final today at the same venue.

Amol beat Alamgir Hossain 6-2, 6-4 in the first semifinal while Hira beat Collins 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 in the second semi.

## Juvenile soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

The District Administration Gold Cup juvenile football league started at the district stadium here yesterday.

Ideal Eleven Star Club beat Aminul Islam Amu Ekadash 5-0 in the inaugural game.

## BD wrestlers runners-up

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh finished runners-up in the 2nd FIWA International Wrestling Gold Cup held in Indian capital New Delhi from September 27 to 29.

General secretary of Bangladesh Amateur Wrestling Federation (BAWF) Tabir Rahman yesterday informed that Bangladesh won two silver in the competition to secure the second spot behind Iran.

Gias Uddin and Marma Sing earned one silver each for Bangladesh.

The eight-member Bangladesh team, which included five wrestlers and three officials, returned home yesterday.

## Khulna clinch kabadi title

BSS, Dhaka

Khulna clinched the title of the 2nd inter-district kabadi championship when they posted a comfortable 94-43 win over Satkhira in the final at the court adjacent to Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday.

Khulna, who also won the championship in 2000, led the first half 51-21 and earned seven lonas in the one-sided affair.

Meanwhile, Dhaka were 77-47 winners against Tangail in the third-place deciding match.

The championship, organised by Bangladesh Kabadi Federation, began on September 30 with 16 teams taking part. The top four finishers in the competition, along with four services teams, will now take part in the 25th national kabadi championship that begins today.