



## Did U Know?

Britain is only 1 of 5 countries to have competed in every Olympic games, along with France, Australia, Greece, and Switzerland.



## What to WATCH

<b>TEN Sports</b>
Pakistan vs South Africa
Second ODI
Live at 2:00 pm
<b>ESPN</b>
English Premier League
Middlesbrough vs Chelsea
Live at 6:55 pm
&
Aston Villa vs Bolton Wanderers
Live at 9:00 pm
<b>STAR Sports</b>
Primera Liga
Real Madrid vs Espanyol
Live at 11:00 pm



## TALK TURKEY



**Brett Lee**  
(Australian speedster)  
*"It may sound a bit cliched but I just want to be a happy person. I don't want to worry if things don't go well on a particular day."*  
**The way he wants to live life.**



## Star WHIZZ KID

### OMPETITION 19

Tick the correct answers, post

## The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm Oct 17, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who won the Asia Cup hockey title?

Pakistan	India Malaysia
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2. Who was man-of-the-series in the Bangladesh and Pakistan one-day series?

Inzamam	Youhana
Bashtar	

3. Who became the 16th men's handball champions?

Army	BDR
Navy	

4. Who are the European Champions League holders?

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## Nat'l kabadi

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Police, Bangladesh Army and Khulna DSA moved into the semifinals in the 25th National Kabadi Championship at the Outer Stadium kabadi court yesterday.

Both the semifinal matches will be held today morning while the final will be held in the afternoon.

Rifles became Group A champions beating Dhaka DSA 100-21 with six lonas (first half 53-9) while Army finished Group A runners-up defeating Sathkira DSA 86-23 with six lonas (first half 48-10).

Bangladesh Police topped in the Group B beating Tangail DSA 49-16 (first half 28-5) while Khulna DSA hold the second position with six lonas defeating Bangladesh Navy 78-54 (first half 41-28).

# Rain irks Mahmud

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud yesterday feared that they might be deprived of a full outdoor training at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) before the home series against England.

Mahmud's men were scheduled to start the nets at the BNS from October 7. But rain for the last few days not only hampered the fitness training but also decimated the chances of net practice at the venue on time.

Another spell of rain, which is always on the cards, means the national team would have to travel to BKSP in Savar for indoor training.

"I'm afraid that the practice pitches will not be ready by October 7 as rain is still on. That is not good for the preparation," said Mahmud.

The 33-year-old all-rounder was clearly unhappy at the rainy practice saying that the indoor pitches at the BKSP would not serve the real purpose before the

first Test starts on October 21.

"You can knock the ball around at the BKSP indoors but you can not practice or have real nets there. The bowlers don't have enough space for a full run-up. The pitches are also not very good there," said the Bangladesh skipper.

Mahmud, however, had little to complain about the manner in which the fitness programme had gone since the camp with 20 probables started last Wednesday.

"The fitness level of the team is the best we ever had. I'm saying that from the experience of my 15-year playing career. What we need now is at least 10 to 12 uninterrupted sessions at the nets," said Mahmud.

Michael Vaughan's England will fly to Bangladesh on October 8 to play two Tests and three one-day internationals in Dhaka and Chittagong.

But despite the rain worry Mahmud was upbeat on a better home series after inspiring performances in Pakistan last month.

"Our home record has so far been uninspiring. But I can assure you that we will be a more competitive host this time. The Pakistan

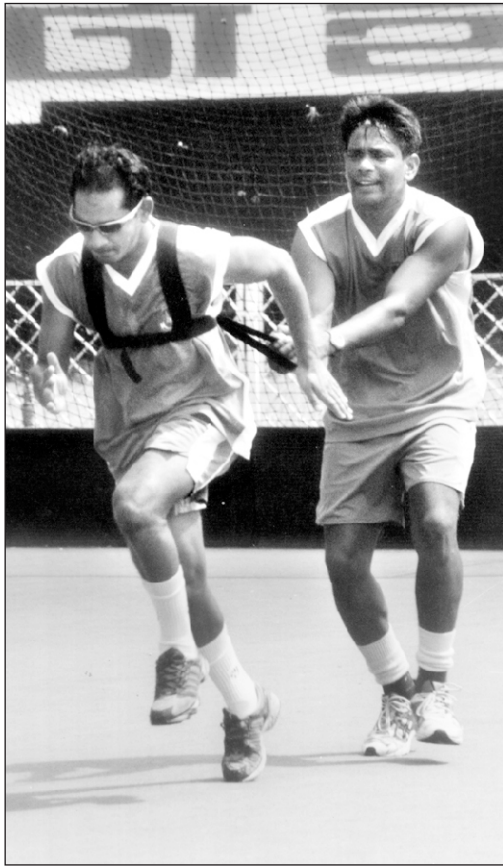
tour made us believe that we are capable of pushing our opponents into tight corners," said Mahmud.

He however warned against getting carried away that Bangladesh were capable of beating England at their own den.

"I am aware that some over enthusiasts are thinking that we might beat England. But we are not thinking in that line. Once again our target is to play better cricket than what we played in Australia and Pakistan. And if we can do that, the results will come," Mahmud thought.

When asked what kind of wicket he would prefer against England Mahmud said that he would not mind if the curator prepared grassy pitches than a conventional slow and turning one.

"It's better to have grassy pitches because that is more sporting. Both the bowlers and batsmen can benefit from the wicket. Moreover, a turning wicket might backfire as it happened during the home series against South Africa last April," Mahmud said.



PHOTOS: STAR

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: Bangladesh national cricketers have a workout at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

## Hectic cricket schedule

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced a series of tours for various selections yesterday.

According to BCB's cricket committee chairman Mahbubul Anam Zimbabwe A team will tour Bangladesh in March-April next year to play three unofficial Tests and three limited-overs matches. Bangladesh A team will visit Zimbabwe in February-March 2005.

Besides, England under-19 team will tour Bangladesh in July-August next year to play three four-day and three one-day matches.

Bangladesh A team will go to Pakistan in December to play eight first-class matches in the inter-

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## Saleh lifts JPC chess crown

PRESS RELEASE, Dhaka

Saleh Chowdhury emerged champion in the chess tournament of the Jatiya Press Club sports competition yesterday.

The event has been organised to mark the club's 49th founding anniversary.

In the final, Saleh, one of the oldest members of the club, defeated Shafique Chowdhury.

Abdur Rahman Khan secured the third spot after beating Waliur Alam in the play-off.

Meanwhile, the table tennis competition will start at the club premises from tomorrow. Interest ones have been requested to be present at the draw at 10am tomorrow.

The spade-trump competition will be held on October 9, 10 and 11 followed by ludo on October 13 and shooting on October 14.

The mini marathon will be held on October 20.

## Schools basketball South Breeze & St. Gregory's champions

SPORTS REPORTER

South Breeze and St. Gregory's High won the girls' and boys' titles respectively in the Transcom interschool basketball competition yesterday.

In the final held at the Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium, South Breeze posted a 35-22 win over Sun Beams.

Winners' Turfa and Irina caged 12 and 10 points respectively while Uzma of Sun Beams scored nine points.

In the boys' final, St. Gregory's edged past Green Herald School by 80-78 points in tense match.

The winners led the first half 36-34.

Pulak scored highest 34 points for the winners followed by Pankaj who added 22 points.

State Minister for Finance Shah Mohammad Abul Hossain witnessed the final as chief guest and distributed prizes.

Executive Director of Trancom Beverage Golam Quddus Chowdhury and Ms. Zinat Chowdhury, principal of South Breeze School, were also present.

# Miandad hits back at chief selector

Cricket

REUTERS, Lahore

Pakistan's cricket coach Javed Miandad, who has come under fire from chief selector Aamir Sohail, has asked for a meeting with the national board chairman.

Miandad said he had requested a meeting with the Pakistan Cricket Board chairman Tauqir Zia on Saturday to discuss "pressing issues".

After Pakistan's eight-run win over South Africa in the first one-day international, Miandad responded angrily on Saturday to criticism from Sohail.

Sohail had said on Thursday that it would not be difficult for Pakistan to beat a weaker South Africa team provided the players were handled properly.

"I think that more concentration and professionalism is required to exploit the abilities and skills of the players," Sohail was quoted as saying by the official APP news agency in an apparent dig at Miandad.

Sohail and Miandad worked together as captain and coach in 1998 but fell out in a highly publicised row after defeats at home to Australia and Zimbabwe.

Miandad told this news agency on Saturday: "If anyone thinks he can do a better job than me as coach

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# Simons seeks more

Cricket

AFP, Lahore

South African cricket coach Eric Simons Saturday asked his side to show "more guts" to level the series after Pakistan won the first day-night limited overs international match here at the Gaddafi Stadium.

"I think the demands of the series, in which we are playing so quickly one after the other match, are a big dog fight out there, get up and show more guts," Simons said ahead of Sunday's clash between the two sides at the same venue.

South Africa were edged out by eight runs after Pakistan posted a challenging total of 277-6 in the first of five matches on Friday.

"The issues of lack of preparations, demands of travelling and then trying to adjust to the conditions, all those factors come into

reckoning but it was still disappointing to lose from such a position," said Simons.

The Proteas arrived on Tuesday on a rescheduled tour, which requires them to play five matches in ten days.

Century maker Boeta Dippenaar and Graeme Smith provided the tourists with a solid start of 138 and they needed 80 in the last ten overs with eight wickets intact.

"We started playing big shots a bit late, should have kept them under 250 so all these mistakes we made at the end of our bowling would be analysed in team's meeting," said Simons, who toured Pakistan as a medium pacer in 1994-95.

Young Shoaib Malik hammered the South African bowling with a blistering unbeaten 82 off just 41 balls studded with six sixes and as many fours to take the match away from the tourists.

## Sharjah tri-series Pakistan, South Africa confirm participation

REUTERS, Lahore

Pakistan and South Africa have confirmed their participation in a triangular one-day tournament in Sharjah next year, event organisers said on Saturday.

"We are trying to sign on a third team. We have negotiated with Australia also," Zahid Noorani, chief executive of organisers the Cricketers Benefit Fund Series, told this news agency.

"It has been difficult to secure confirmations from teams because of the packed international schedule," Noorani said.

"But we don't want to drop our tradition of hosting at least one tournament annually in Sharjah. With two very good sides confirmed, we are now looking at a third team," he added.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Cricket Board's first-ever chief executive officer Maqbul Hussein Duthia speaks to reporters during a press conference yesterday.

## U-17 booters lose 'em all

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh under-17 football team suffered a 1-2 defeat in the last practice match against their Myanmar counterparts at the Youth Foundation ground in Yangon yesterday.

Yesterday's result meant Bangladesh lost all the three practice matches they played in the country.

They lost the first match 1-8 and then suffered a 2-5 defeat in the second.

The tour was arranged as part of the team's preparations for the Asian under-17 clash against Kyrgyzstan to be held in Dhaka on October 11 and 15.

The team returns home today.

# Zimbabwe doing well

Cricket

AFP, Perth

Craig Wishart completed a disciplined century and the tourists' pace attack flexed their muscles as Zimbabwe had another valuable workout against Western Australia here Saturday.

With Wishart crafting exactly 100, Zimbabwe reached a first innings 330 before limiting the state side to 207 for six wickets by stumps on the second day of the three-day clash at the WACA Ground.

Peter Worthington, unbeaten with 30, and Beau Casson (7 not out) faced a big task to push Western Australia close to the tourists' total.

Zimbabwe again showed strong spirit just five days before they come up against Australia here in the first Test of a two-match series.

In their innings, Andy Blignaut blitzed the state attack, cracking a quick-fire 57 in a 10th-wicket stand of 63 with Ray Price (8 not out).

The union lifted the tourists after fast bowler Paul Wilson (4-41) removed overnight batsmen Wishart and skipper Heath Streak (45), who did not add to his overnight score.

Wishart quickly added the seven runs he needed to reach the century mark before he played on the next ball.

In the Western Australian innings, Streak produced a hostile display, capturing the first three wickets and finishing the day with 3-35.

He was also inspiring in the field, and produced a magnificent throw to run out Scott Meuleman after the youngster had made 47.

Blignaut followed up his fire-works at the batting crease with a fiery performance with the ball that gave him 2-63.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of a three-day match between Western Australia and Zimbabwe at the WACA Ground on Saturday:

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings (over-night 254-7)

Ebrahim c Campbell b Wilson	8
Gripper c Hussey b Wates	9
Vermeulen c Campbell b Wilson	38
Carlisle lbw b Angel	17
Wishart b Wilson	100
Evans c Campbell b Wates	4
Evine c Worthington b Angel	21
Tarvin c Wates b Hussey	6
Streak lbw b Wilson	45
Blignaut st Campbell b Casson	57

Price not out  
Extras: (b-5, lb-6, nb-5, w-1)  
Total: (All out in 124.3 overs) 330

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-20, 3-65, 4-79, 5-89, 6-149, 7-174, 8-261, 9-267

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Wilson	30	16	41	4
Wates	28	7	97	2
Angel	27	9	74	2
Worthington	16	6	35	0
Casson	11.3	1	60	1
Hussey	11	8	10	1
North	1	0	2	0

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA:** First innings  
Hussey lbw b Streak 15  
Rogers c sub (Matsikenyeri) b Streak 20  
North c Taibu b Blignaut 59  
Marsh c Blignaut b Streak 5  
Meuleman run out (Streak) 47  
Campbell c Taibu b Blignaut 0  
Worthington not out 30  
Casson not out 7

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Streak	14	4	35	3
Blignaut	12	1	63	2
Ervine	15	3	36	0
Evans	2	0	12	0
Price	1	0	12	0
Gripper	17	4	42	0

OI, CAN'T YOU HEAR ME? India A batsman Hemang Badani, who was not included in the national side to play New Zealand in the first Test when selectors named the team yesterday, raises his bat on completion of his century against the tourists in a practice match yesterday.