



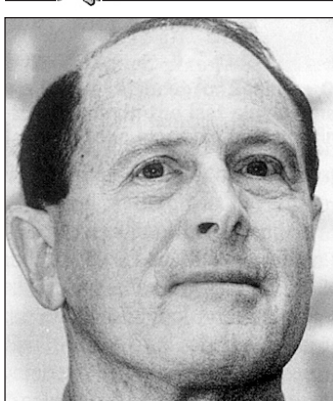
## Did U Know?

Wilfred Rhodes of England had the longest ever Test career: 30 years 315 days from 1899 to 1930.



## What to Watch

- BTV**  
Bangladesh vs England  
First Test, Day One  
Live at 9:30 am
- TEN Sports**  
Pakistan vs South Africa  
First Test, Day Five  
Live at 10:30 am
- ESPN**  
Football Focus  
Live at 6:30 pm  
Sportscentre India  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
UEFA Champions League  
Dynamo Kyiv vs Arsenal  
Live at 12:30 am (Wednesday)
- STAR Sports**  
Bangladesh vs England  
First Test, Day One  
Live at 9:30 am  
Futbol Mundial  
Repeat at 4:30 pm  
English Premier Football League  
Highlights  
Taped Version at 5:00 pm  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
UEFA Champions League  
Juventus vs Real Sociedad  
Live at 12:30 am (Wednesday)



**Geoffrey Boycott**  
(Former England cricket captain)  
"There is too much one-day cricket now-a-days as everyone likes it. No move is being made to cut down the number of matches played every year since we cannot kill the goose that lays the golden egg."



Tick the correct answers, post  
**The Daily Star**

Competition closes at 8 pm  
Oct 31, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won the Asia Cup hockey title?  
Pakistan India Malaysia
- Who was man-of-the-series in the Bangladesh and Pakistan one-day series?  
Inzamam Youhana  
Bashar
- Who became the Pepsi 16th national men's handball champions?  
Army BDR  
Navy
- Who are the European Champions League holders?  
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## AB Bank TT

**UNB, Dhaka**  
Abahani Krira Chakra, Biman (Red), Azimpur Young Star and Biman (Green) won their respective matches in the AB Bank Metropolitan Table Tennis League at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.  
Abahani outplayed Swamibagh  
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## Tigers bolster bowling

### Enamul set for debut

SPORTS REPORTER

Enamul Haque is set to become Bangladesh's 33rd Test cap when the first Test against England starts at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

The inclusion of the 18-year-old from Sylhet means Bangladesh's spin department will be left-arm dominated in their 25th Test.

One of the two surprise entrants in the 13-member squad Enamul will partner experienced Mohammad Rafique on a wicket expected to behave like any found in the subcontinent.

Enamul won his place on merit. The selectors were impressed by his flight and variation in the first practice match, where he claimed five wickets.

"It was a dream come true to know that I'll be playing the first Test. Now my job will be to cement my

place in the senior team," said the delighted young bowler.

While Enamul had every reason to celebrate his under-19 teammate Aftab Ahmed could consider himself a little unlucky after coming so close.

The team management opted to field five genuine bowlers and that's why Aftab, the 19-year-old Chittagonian, lost out to all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman.

"The management thought a lot about Aftab and Mushfiq and finally decided in favour of Mushfiq to strike a balance," said Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud after the team was announced late last night.

The inclusion of the Rajshahi cricketer means that Bangladesh will go with five specialist bowlers. The absence of new ball bowler Tapash Baishya, who made way for Enamul, might even see Mushfiq opening the attack with Mashrafebin-Mortuza.

Bangladesh's top five batsmen

will however remain unchanged with Hannan Sarkar opening the innings with Javed Omar.

Run machine Habibul Bashar will bat at his customary number three spot followed the find of the Pakistan tour Rajin Saleh Alam and Alok Kapali.

Bangladesh's choice of spinners might sound strange given the fact that left-handers dominate the core of England's batting, but Mahmud believed that Rafique and Enamul could prove quite effective against the visitors.

"Many think that they are the same type of bowlers but they are not. Rafique uses his arm while Enamul's asset is flight. So, it will be an interesting combination and hopefully they will give England a lot of trouble," he said.

But Mahmud was rather unhappy seeing the pitch at the BNS.

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Captain Khaled Mahmud (R) speaks to reporters while coach Dav Whatmore looks on during Bangladesh team's press conference at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## 25 called up for U-19 A Dev side

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has initially called up 25 players for the Under-19 A Development Squad camp to meet the ACC Under-19 Select Eleven which will tour Bangladesh next month.

The selected players are: Zahurul Islam, Tanveer Rashid, Golam Rahman Himel, Mahmudullah Riyad, Hasibul Haq Babel, Junaid Siddique, Abdul Halim, Uttam Kumar, Mominul Kabir, Nazmus Sadath, Ashiqur Rahman, Abdullah Mohammad Sadi, Shafaq Al Jaber, Faisal Islam, Nabil, Shaju, Sowmik Islam, Nirala, Mahfuzur Rahman, Kafi Khan, Golam Fayaz, Ashim Chowdhury, Dhiman Gosh, Kamrul Islam and Arif Hossain.

The players have been instructed to report to coach Shahidul Alam Ratan on October 23 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium at 5pm. The residential camp will start at BKSP the day after.

The ACC combination will play two two-day matches and three limited-overs matches during their 15-day tour.

## National cricket Comilla, Naogaon in zonal finals

SPORTS REPORTER

Comilla and Naogaon entered the zonal finals of the Emirates 27th National Cricket Championship qualifying round after winning their respective matches yesterday.

Comilla outplayed Noakhali by 96 runs at the Chandpur Stadium to set up a final clash with favourites Chittagong tomorrow.

Winning the toss Comilla batted first and were all out for 158 in 49.4 overs.

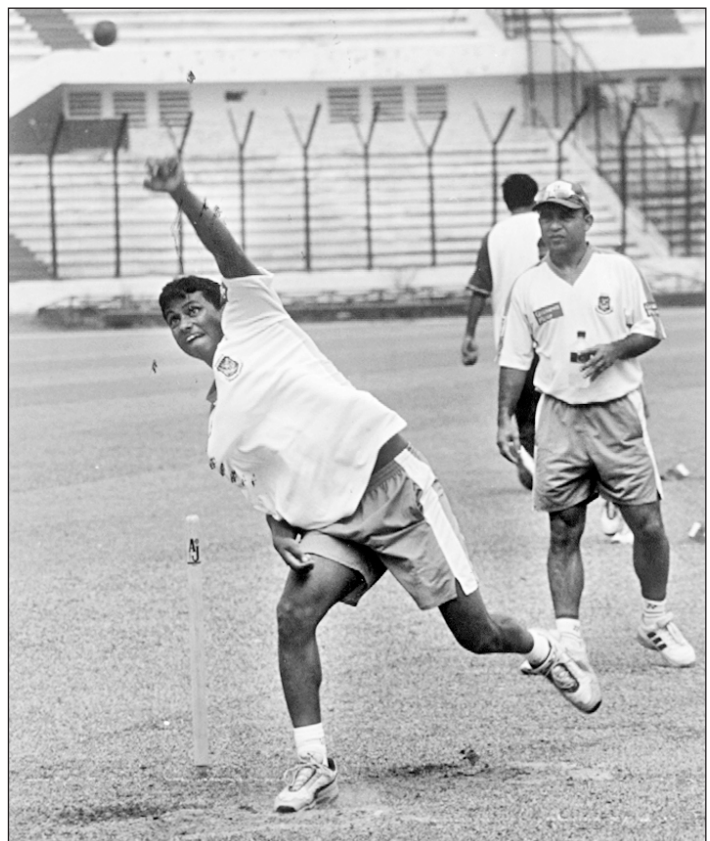
In reply, Noakhali were bundled out for 62 in 30.2 overs.

Away in Natore, Naogaon blanked Lalmonirhat by nine wickets.

Chasing Lalmonirhat's 89 in 50 overs, the winners reached 90 in 23.2 overs with the loss of one wicket.

Naogaon will now face Nilphamari in the final tomorrow. In the day's other two matches, Chittagong University moved into the Seba Zone semifinals with a

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Enamul Haque honing his skills at the nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## Hoping for happy hunting

Cricket

RABEED IMAM

Stephen Harmison is confident that the Bangladesh tour will improve him as a player and is eager to establish his place in the side.

The Durham fast bowler, who turns 25 on the 23rd of this month, is under no illusion regarding the task in hand.

"Obviously I'll try to come in and bang in a few at pace but that's no guarantee for success on these wickets. It's very slow and low and a few of their guys have shown in the practice games that they are not particularly bothered with the short stuff. So it's all about adjusting to the demands of the pitches," said Harmison during a media call at the tourists' team hotel on Sunday.

But England haven't come unprepared.

"You can expect to get whacked if you don't use the reverse swing in the sub-continent. We have worked

a lot on adding that aspect to our bowling before coming here."

England's quickest bowler regards the home side as worthy opponents and dismisses any suggestions of a cakewalk for the tourists.

"Some people are expecting a three-day finish and a clean sweep. But I am telling you that won't happen. We have only played their Board side and the A team and they have shown a lot of fight. It is only logical to expect a tougher opposition in the Tests. And don't forget, they will be playing in their own backyard."

One weakness the Englishmen will be trying to exploit is the inconsistency of the home batsmen, according to Harmison.

"If a wicket falls, their batsmen get jittery and you can sense some more dismissals. We must maintain the pressure under such circumstances.

"As pacemen, our job is to be hostile and penetrating from the beginning so that when the spinners

come on, they find the opposition already a few wickets down."

Harmison, whose favourite bowler is Australian ace Glenn



STEPHEN HARMISON

McGrath, says it would've been great if he was partnered by another  
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## Saurav to miss start of ODIs

AFP, New Delhi

Indian captain Saurav Ganguly will miss the start of the one-day tri-series against Australia and New Zealand this week due to an infection in the groin area, it was announced on Monday.

Ganguly has been ruled out of the series opener against New Zealand at Madras on Thursday and the second match against Australia at Gwalior on Sunday, Indian cricket board secretary Karunakaran Nair said.

"Saurav will not be playing the first two matches and will be replaced by Tamil Nadu left-hander Hemang Badani," Nair said.

Vice-captain Rahul Dravid, who led India in the second Test, will captain the team in the tri-series in Ganguly's absence, Nair added.

A team source told AFP that Ganguly was also doubtful for the third match of the series against Australia at Bombay on November 1.

"It's 50-50 for the Bombay game," the source said. "We are monitoring his recovery closely."

Ganguly, 31, was forced to skip the second and final Test against New Zealand in Mohali which ended on Monday after undergoing minor surgery on the eve of the match to remove a boil on his left thigh.

## BU in kabadi final

UNB, Dhaka

Title aspirant Brothers Union moved into final of the First Division Kabadi League beating Bangladesh Bank by 89-50 points at the Outer Stadium yesterday. Brothers Union led the first half by 40-28 points.

The final between Group A champions Brothers Union and Group B champions Azad Sporting Club will be held on Wednesday at the same ground at 4pm.

In the day's other matches, Haji Suruzzaman Smrity Sangsad beat Matuail Milon Smrity Sangsad 68-28 points after leading the first session by 34-19 and Singna Sangha beat Matuail Milon Smrity Sangsad 60-37 points after leading the first half by 26-12.

## Drama before dull draw

Cricket

AFP, Mohali

Venkatsai Laxman slammed an unbeaten 67 to help India survive a Daryl Tuffey scare in the second and final cricket Test against New Zealand which ended in a draw here on Monday.

The solid middle-order batsman followed his first-innings 104 not out with an unbeaten half-century under pressure as India reached 136-4 in their second innings at stumps on the fifth and final day after conceding a lead of 206.

The two-Test series ended in a stalemate following the drawn opening match at Ahmedabad, the first time in three years that India had failed to win a home Test series.

India were in trouble at 18-3 in their second innings immediately after lunch following a three-wicket burst by Tuffey, but Laxman came to their rescue with a 110-run stand for the fourth wicket with Akash Chopra.

Playing only his second Test, Chopra also gave a good account of himself in a tight situation as he scored a solid 52 for his second successive half-century.

Tall fast bowler Tuffey had briefly raised visions of New Zealand's maiden Test series win in India when he grabbed two quick wickets

in the first innings and three in the second to inject life into the "dead" match.

Man-of-the-series Laxman and Chopra then defied the Tuffey-inspired attack with responsible knocks, taking no risks during their big stand to steer their team to safety.

Although New Zealand did not win the Test, they enhanced their reputation with their first drawn series in India since 1969-70.

They also enforced a follow-on in India for the first time since 1964-65, bowling the hosts out for 424 in the first innings in reply to their total of 630-6 declared.

New Zealand were indebted to man-of-the-match Tuffey for denting India's batting pride at home as the skilful bowler gave a fine exhibition of seam bowling on an unhelpful track.

The 25-year-old had opener Virender Sehwag (one) and stand-in captain Rahul Dravid (five) caught by Stephen Fleming at first slip, and then bowled star batsman Sachin Tendulkar (one) through bat and pad in the second innings.

Tuffey was the star performer early in the morning as he accounted for a run-out and captured two wickets off successive balls to finish with 4-80.

India needed 41 runs with four wickets in hand to make the tourists bat again, but fell seven short of the

follow-on target of 431 after resuming at 390-6.

Laxman, 86 overnight, completed his fifth Test century but lacked support from the other end. He struck 11 fours in his 282-ball knock.

India's slide began with a pair of run-outs.

Anil Kumble (five) was caught short of the crease, failing to beat a Tuffey throw from mid-on.

Paceman Ian Butler had a hand in Harbhajan Singh's run-out. He tried to stop a Laxman straight-drive on his follow-through and the ball deflected on to the stumps, with the batsman out of the crease.

Tuffey had tail-enders Laxminpathy Balaji and Zaheer Khan caught behind off successive deliveries to end India's first innings before returning to haunt the hosts again in the second.

### SCOREBOARD

Complete scoreboard on the fifth and last day of the drawn second and final Test between India and New Zealand on Monday:

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 630-6 declared (M Richardson 145, S Styris 119, L Vincent 106, C McMillan 100 not out; A Kumble 3-181)

**INDIA:** First innings (overnight 390-6) Chopra c Aste b Tuffey 60

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WE MEET AGAIN: Sri Lankan Ashoka de Silva (R) and Pakistan's Aleem Dar, who had officiated in Bangladesh's recent away series against Pakistan, arrived in Dhaka yesterday for the Tigers' series against England.

## Tata Open chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman earned seven points while Grand Master Niaz Murshed and Saifuddin Lovlu got 6.5 points each on Sunday after the end of the tenth round games in the Tata International Open Chess tournament, now being held at Sports Complex in Jamshedpur, India.

Indian Grand Master Dibyendu Barua took solo lead with 8.5 points. In this round Zia beat Laltu Chatterjee and Lovlu beat Senthil Kumar, Amin drew with Sumyaranjan and Debaraj drew with Neeraj Mishra. Niaz lost against Valay Parikh.



England's Nasser Hussain bats in the nets at the BNS yesterday.

## Pakistan 24 runs away

Cricket

REUTERS, Lahore

Pakistan were on the brink of only their second Test win over South Africa after spinner Danish Kaneria and strike bowler Shoaib Akhtar wrecked their batting on the fourth day of the first Test on Monday.

Pakistan were left on 137 for one, 24 runs short of what seems certain to be their first home win over the South Africans, after openers Taufeeq Umar (61 not out), and Imran Farhat (58) put on 134, their second century stand of the game, in 138 minutes.

African attack with some explosive stroke-play before Farhat was caught by Herschelle Gibbs or occasional bowler and captain Graeme Smith as Pakistan tried to finish the match in failing light.

Play ended 4.4 overs early. Umar made 111 in the first innings.

South Africa, 81 behind after their first knock, saw their hopes of salvaging the game swept away by Shoaib and young leg-spinner Kaneria in the first two sessions. Their last four wickets crumbled for four runs in 13 balls.

Kaneria, a 22-year-old from Karachi and the second Hindu to play for Pakistan, was virtually unplayable on a spinning track after lunch as he took four wickets and

## Pepsi volleyball Dhaka, Rajbari lift titles

UNB, Dhaka

Dhaka DSA clinched the men's title while Rajbari DSA won the women's crown in the Pepsi Inter-District Volleyball Championship at the Volleyball Stadium yesterday.

Dhaka defeated Khulna 25-23, 25-20, 25-19 in the men's final.

In the women's final Rajbari beat Rajshahi 25-9, 25-7, 25-20.

Kushia secured third position in the men's group while Rangpur in the women's group.

Director (finance) of Transcom Group Atiqur Rahman distributed prizes among the winners.

## Delta Life h'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Badrunnessa, Bangladesh Rifles and Holly Cross Colleges won their respective matches in the opening day of the Delta Life Handball Championship at the Dhamondi Women's Sports Complex yesterday.

Badrunnessa beat Eden Women's College 9-7 after trailing the first half by 2-3 while Bangladesh Rifles College defeated Ispahani Women's College 4-2 after the first half was locked by 1-1.

Holly Cross recorded a 3-0 victory over Rifles Public College after commanding the first half by 2-0.

finished with five for 46 off 28.3 pinpoint overs.

Before lunch Shoaib had sliced through the top order with three wickets in 18 balls, getting the key wickets of Boeta Dippenaar, Herschelle Gibbs and Jacques Kallis after South Africa resumed on 99 for one.

Gibbs and Kallis, television replays suggested, were both unlucky to be given out caught by Australian umpire Darrell Hair, the ball appearing to brush their shoulders.

But Shoaib was at his ferocious best before limping out of the game in his 15th over with a hamstring injury.  
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