



## Did U Know?

Roger Federer is the first Swiss man to win a Grand Slam (Wimbledon) singles title in 2003.

## What to WATCH

### BTV

AFC Challenge Cup  
Philippines vs India  
Live at 3:30 pm  
Bangladesh vs Guam  
Live at 6:00 pm

### BTV World

AFC Challenge Cup  
Cambodia vs Palestine  
Live at 3:30 pm  
Afghanistan vs Chinese Taipei  
Live at 6:00 pm

### DD National

India vs England  
3rd ODI  
Live at 9:30 am

### TEN Sports

Sri Lanka vs Pakistan  
2nd Test, Day One  
Live at 10:30 am

### ESPN

South Africa vs Australia  
3rd Test, Day Four  
Live at 2:30 pm

### English Premier Football League

Blackburn Rovers vs Wigan Athletic  
Live at 12:55 am (Tuesday)



## Dav Whatmore

(Bangladesh cricket coach)  
"I am really happy that the full (Australia) squad is coming which is fantastic for this country. It would be a great and good experience for our boys."



### AFC Challenge Cup

Philippines vs India (3:30 pm)  
Afghanistan vs Chinese Taipei (6:00 pm)  
Venue: MA Aziz Stadium, Chittagong  
Cambodia vs Palestine (3:30 pm)  
Bangladesh vs Guam (6:00 pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

## BAF hockey on

### SPORTS REPORTER

The inter-base hockey competition of the Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) began at BAF Base Matur Rahman yesterday.

A total of six teams are taking part in this five-day tournament. Air Headquarters Unit defeated BAF Base Kurmitola by a 4-0 margin in the opening match.

Air Commodore Sakeb Ali Khan Majlish inaugurated the event as the chief guest.

## Gaibandha cricket

### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Munshipara Kirra Chakra won a closely contested match against Ghagot Kirra Chakra by two wickets in the Naheed Cotton First Division Cricket League in the local stadium here yesterday.

Shujon scored 61 as Munshipara successfully chased the target of 183 runs set by Ghagot KC, losing eight wickets. Shujon took two wickets earlier and was declared as the man of the match.



Kyrgyzstan midfielder Aibek Bokoev heads the ball away from Abdul Aziz of Pakistan during their first round match of the AFC Challenge Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday.

# Tajikistan maul Macau

## Pakistan record upset victory



### SPORTS REPORTER

Tajikistan got off to a flying start in the AFC Challenge Cup with a 4-0 thrashing of Macau in the opening Group D match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday while Pakistan upset Kyrgyzstan 1-0 in the second match to keep their hopes alive in the group of death.

Midfielder Khurshed Makhmudov broke the deadlock for pre-tournament favourites Tajikistan after ten minutes when he nodded home a centre from left by Numondzhon Hakimov. Yusuf Rabiev doubled the lead three minutes later with a simple tap after Odil Irgashev's powerful angled cross from the left-flank rebounded off the far post.

Macau goalkeeper Hon Ming Chu, who was helpless during the first two goals, pulled off two brilliant saves inside the next seven minutes, denying Irgashev's curling freekick and Dzhamikhon Muhidinov's side-volley from seven yards.

The searing heat took toll on the both sides and Tajikistan looked more interested to reserve energy. Dzhamolidin Oev came close to widening the margin four minutes from the short whistle but his placing shot from point-blank range was parried by Chu's reflex.

The Tajiks blew away a few more chances before Ibragim Rabimov slammed the ball into the roof of the net with a scorching right-footer when the Macau backline cleared a cross by Hakimov out of their penalty area in the 55th minute.

Irgashev, whose manoeuvres at the right flank put the rival fullback under constant threat, set up the fourth goal in the 77th minute with a long ball that came to substitute Rustam Khojaev after a clumsy clearance. Khojaev, who came on to the pitch ten minutes earlier, neatly chipped the ball over the goalie to seal the victory in front of a sparse crowd.

**KYRGYZSTAN-PAKISTAN**  
Pakistan recorded their first victory in seven matches, thanks to Mohammed Essa's 59th minute strike.

**SRI LANKA-BRUNEI**  
In Group B, a 72nd minute goal by substitute striker Weeraratna Jayasuriya gave Sri Lanka a solitary goal win over Brunei at the MA Aziz

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# Clark brings Aussies back



### AFP, Johannesburg

Stuart Clark and Shane Warne bowled Australia back into contention after they conceded a first innings lead on the third day of the third and final Test against South Africa at the Wanderers Stadium Sunday.

South Africa were 160 for six in their second innings at tea, an overall lead of 193.

Opening bowler Clark took four for 49 and leg-spinner Warne two for 40.

In a match in which bowlers have always had some help from the pitch, South Africa seemed to be forging a strong position when they reached 100 for two soon after lunch.

Warne made the breakthrough when Herschelle Gibbs went down the wicket to him and was caught at mid-on for 53.

Then Warne had first innings top scorer Ashwell Prince caught at leg slip for nine, before Clark dismissed South African captain Jacques Kallis for 27 and Jacques Rudolph for nought.

Australian tail-ender Brett Lee earlier scored 22 of the 24 runs added by Australia before he was last man out for a career-best 64. Australia were all out for 270, 33 behind South Africa's first innings total.

Lee was caught at deep mid-off from the bowling of fast bowler Makhaya Ntini, who finished with six for 100.

He was involved in a controversial incident off the eighth ball of the day. With his score on 45 he edged Shaun Pollock to first slip, where Boeta Dippenaar held what television replays indicated was a legitimate catch. Lee stood his ground and was given not out after umpire Tony Hill consulted with square leg umpire Steve Bucknor.

The decision unleashed boos from the crowd following an incident Friday when Bucknor confirmed from square leg that Australia's Matthew Hayden had held a slip catch to dismiss Jacques Rudolph, even though television replays were inconclusive.

South Africa quickly lost AB de Villiers, who padded up to a ball from Clark which cut back and hit his off stump, while Boeta Dippenaar was superbly caught by Matthew Hayden at gully off Clark.

Australian opening batsman Justin Langer, who retired hurt after being hit on the head by a ball from Makhaya Ntini Saturday, stayed at the team hotel Sunday recovering from concussion.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the third and final Test between South Africa and Australia at the Wanderers Stadium on Sunday:  
**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 303

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Australia paceman Stuart Clark (C) is being congratulated by his teammates after he took the wicket of South Africa's AB de Villiers on the third day of the third and final Test in Johannesburg on Sunday.

## NAT'L CYCLING BJMC stay on top

### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) won two more gold medals on the third day of the 30th National Cycling Championship here at the local stadium yesterday.

BJMC won the 1,000 metres Olympic sprint and the 1,600 metres time trial, while Akashi Sultana of Ansar and VDP won gold in the women's individual 1,000 metres time trial.

With nine golds, BJMC are still on top of the leaders' board, followed by BDR with 2 gold medals and PDSA won gold so far.

## Sachin sorely missed: Rahul

### PTI, New Delhi

India skipper Rahul Dravid has said Sachin Tendulkar's presence in the dressing room was being missed as he was a huge motivating factor for the team.

"Sachin is a huge factor. He has a big presence and it is something that we do miss. But having said that, it gives opportunity for some of the young players to cash in," Dravid said.

The Indian captain also said Tendulkar was doing fine after undergoing a shoulder surgery in London and the team was hoping for him to make a comeback soon.

"He send me an SMS saying he was doing fine. I hope that he recovers quickly and gets back as soon as possible," he told NDTV.

Dravid also said it was a good sign for the team that it was consistently winning matches while batting second.

"We were not really good at chasing in the past and it is the most difficult part of one-dayers. It gives us lot of confidence. We are playing good cricket at the moment but we need to keep our feet on the ground," he said.

Dravid blamed inexperience of the team for its unimpressive show in Tests of late.

"The Mumbai Test was a disappointment. In Pakistan also we gave a lot of runs and were fighting with our backs to the wall. Our catching has not been good. But there are some young kids in the side and they are learning."

## Eavesdropping annoys Hussey

### CRICINFO, undated

Mike Hussey has said Australia were disappointed that pitch microphones had not been turned off between deliveries during the first two Tests at Cape Town and Durban. The Australian team management had complained to Chris Broad, the ICC match referee, who agreed that the international protocol for pitch microphones to be turned off between deliveries had not been adhered to.

"From a player point of view, the disappointing thing is that we weren't told they were on the whole time," Hussey told AAP today. "We were under the impression that they were only on for certain periods or they only broadcast certain bits that were said. So when we

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# Eng bank on past success



### AFP, Goa

England will have to be mentally tough to take on India in the third one-dayer of a seven-match series after losing the first two games, all-rounder Paul Collingwood said on Sunday.

"There were passages of play when we dominated during the series. Really, we have got to transform that into a win in the game on Monday," Collingwood told reporters.

"I think it is probably the mental side of it rather than anything else. We have got the skills and personnel. We have to take that a little bit further and elevate it."

In the last match India, set 227 for a win, were reeling on 92-5 but won the match following a 118-run partnership for the sixth wicket between Suresh Raina and Mahendra Dhoni.

In the opening match England, set a low target of 204, were 117-4 but lost their remaining wickets for a meagre 47 runs.

"We are still positive. The key is the humidity. It is very hot and I think it is going to be a cauldron out there. We have to be careful about dehydration," Collingwood said.

# Bangladesh eye big win



### SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Bangladesh and Palestine both will be eager to seal their places in the AFC Challenge Cup quarterfinals when they take on Group C rank outsiders in today's matches at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

In the second round, Palestine face Cambodia in the day's first match followed by the Bangladesh-Guam encounter.

Home side coach Diego Cruciani, clearly unhappy after their hard-fought 2-1 win over Cambodia on Saturday, will stick to the same side in a game where the world's lowest-ranked side would be trying not to running into fire from the frying pan.

Guam crashed to an 11-0 defeat

to Palestine in their opener and facing the hosts would not be an easy task either for the whipping boys of world football, who have already admitted that gaining exposure and experience would be their focus during this tournament.

"We made mistakes against Cambodia and the match against Guam will be the perfect stage for the players to correct them. We are expecting to win big and we will go for as many goals as possible because goal difference might become a factor in the group," said Cruciani.

"This is also a game where I would have liked to try different players out. But I have decided to stick with the same side," said the 42-year-old Argentine who has been forced to name his squad without three regular defenders due to injuries and lack of form.

Palestine, meanwhile, have already established themselves hot

favourites for the cup after Fahed Attal's six-star performance that helped them tear Guam apart.

And the news that the only international stadium in Gaza fell target to missiles fired by Israeli helicopters on Thursday night, leaving a five-metre hole in the middle of the pitch, won't affect the players' morale, thinks Palestine coach Mohammad Sabbah.

The stadium was built under the FIFA Goal Project and according to media sources, it had suffered extensive damage. None was injured. The attack on a sports facility comes two months after Al Shams Club and other sports centres were targeted.

And after a clinical display on the opening day, it seems Palestine would have the edge against Cambodia simply because of their superior physical advantage.

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Tajikistan midfielder Yusuf Rabiev (L) tries to keep control against two Macau players during their first round match of the AFC Challenge Cup at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday.

# Sanath's one last time



### CRICINFO, undated

Just one more time Sanath. That must surely be the wish of any follower of the game of cricket, ahead of Monday's second Test at Asgiriya Stadium, Kandy between Sri Lanka and Pakistan and the last for Sanath Jayasuriya; one more time.

That bottom-handed grip flicking over point an upper-cut, one more time, that jabbed pull anywhere between square leg and mid-wicket, one more time, that mad wide-eyed stare in the middle of a big innings, one more time. Has Jayasuriya not been among the most enchanting batsmen of our time?

Pakistan will remember him almost equally with fondness and fear. His exploits in an extremely popular World Cup victory in 1996

are legend here and so is the ever-ready toothpaste-advert smile which accompanied them. But his 45-ball century in Singapore the same year and his double century at Faisalabad -- he scored 100 out of a 101-run partnership for the ninth wicket and no need to confirm that it was in double-quick time -- makes sure that some fear will remain each time he walks out.

You couldn't describe them, only maybe cuss repeatedly to emphasise their uniqueness. Is not the greatest compliment we can pay to Muttiah Muralitharan one that says he has even overshadowed someone as truly wondrous as Jayasuriya? For sure Jayasuriya hasn't sustained it (who could?) but as he steps onto the field for his last Test, Pakistan will be wary of the curious concoction of emotion, occasion and aligning of stars (if you're into that) that marks last calls, sometimes spectacularly so.

With Pakistan, change is permanent.

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Bangladesh cricketers (R-L) Aftab Ahmed, Syed Rasel and Alok Kapali warm up on stationary cycles during a practice session at the Mirpur indoor facilities in Dhaka on Sunday.