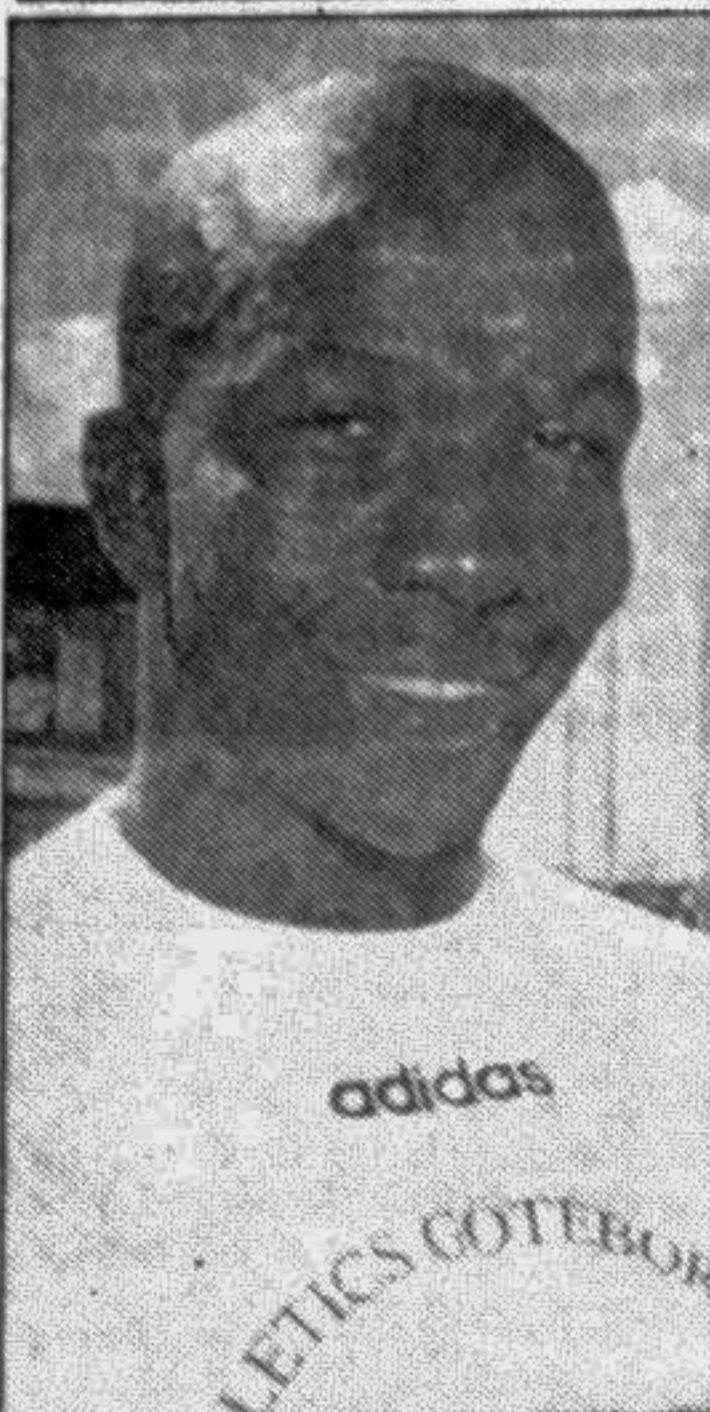


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Donovan Bailey  
(100m world record holder)  
"I am the fastest man on this planet and I am consistent."

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COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

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March 28, '97

1	Who won the third SAARC cricket tournament?	Pakistan	India	Sri Lanka
2	Who clinched the title of the third Grand Masters chess tournament?	Thipsay	Zia	Tiavakov
3	In which group is Bangladesh placed in the ICC Trophy?	A	B	C
4	How many Tests will India play in their ongoing Caribbean tour?	2	4	5
5	After how many matches has Pete Sampras suffered his first loss this year?	17	18	19

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V'ball  
tourney

Sports Reporter

The Top-Five volleyball tournament, organised by Bangladesh Volleyball Federation to observe the Independence Day, will be held at the National Indoor Stadium from March 22 to 27.

Top five teams of the country — Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Army, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force and Titas Club — are to take part in the meet.

# Bangladesh boys go down

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh conceded a five-wicket defeat at the hands of Holland in their second warm-up match yesterday before the ICC tourney in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur which begins on Mar 24.

Holland, one of the three associate member nations participated in the sixth World Cup held in the sub-continent last year, chasing a not-so-impressive Bangladesh total of 158 in a reduced 40-over-a-side affair, scored 159 for the loss of five wickets and with eight balls to spare.

Experienced all-rounder Roland Leffevre scored an electrifying 61 off only 41 deliveries to give Holland a flying start in their chase against Bangladesh, who fresh after their win against Scotland in another rain-affected on Monday, stumbled within 24 hours.

With the seasonal rain continuing to play foul, Bangladesh, who went into bat after winning the toss in an overcast morning, however, failed to throw up a challenging total as their top-order batsmen perished quickly on a dampened wicket. The match was reduced to 40 overs due to overnight shower.

Naimur Rahman Durjoy, who opened the Bangladesh innings with Athar Ali, scored only four before being run out while one-down Sanwar made five off four balls before being dismissed by new-ball bowler

Steven. Athar made a painstaking 12 off 66 balls while Jahangir scored 17 off 26 deliveries before both were dismissed in quick succession, leaving Bangladesh at 60 for four in 20 overs.

Skipper Akram Khan and his deputy Aminul Islam Bulbul, however, tried to rebuild the innings, putting on 42 runs for the fifth wicket. A burly Akram top-scored with 35 off 51 balls while Bulbul scored a defiant 29.

But it was Minhazul Abedin Nannu, who made the most of the last ten-over exploits, scored an unbeaten 30 to steer Bangladesh to some respectability.

But Akram Khan's prejudice to bat first, fearing the sky would be opened in the later part of the day, however, eventually backfired as the rain god stayed off the day, offering Holland to begin their chase on a rather favourable condition.

Leffevre, who opened the innings with Cantrell, gave Holland a rollicking start and after a mini middle-order collapse Scholete and Marc Noda guided their side to victory. Scholete scored an unbeaten 23 while Noda made 20 not out.

For Bangladesh, a glimmer of hopes flickered at the end of the match when Holland needed 18 runs from the last three overs. But is abruptly came to an end when slow left-arm Enamul Haq Moni conceded 12 runs in his seventh overs.

Bangladesh will play their last warm-up match against Kenya on March 21 before their ICC Trophy opener on March 24.

## SCOREBOARD

Bangladesh (incomplete)				
Athar Ali	12			
Naimur Rahman	4			
Sanwar Hossain	5			
Jahangir Alam	17			
Aminul Islam	29			
Akram Khan	35			
Minhazul Abedin not out	30			
Enamul Haq not out	7			
Extras	19			
Total: (For six wickets in 40 overs)	158			

Did not bat: Khaled Mahmood, Zakir and Hasibul Hossain.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
R Leffevre	8	2	18	0
Steven	8	1	24	2
R Singh	7	0	25	2
A Zulfiqar	5	0	28	1

Holland  
Cantrell b Zakir 0  
R Leffevre c Enamul b Minhazul 61  
TD Leede c Jahangir b Hasibul 6  
Zaidaren b Naimur 20  
Zulfiqar c sub (Javed) b Naimur 20  
R Scholete not out 23  
M Noda not out 20  
Extras: 9b-5; lb-7; nb-1; w-3

Total: (For five wickets in 38.4 overs) 159

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Zakir Hossain	4	2	3	1
Hasibul Hossain	6	0	21	1
Khaled Mahmood	3	0	13	0
Enamul Haq	7	0	26	0
Athar Ali	1	0	9	0
Minhazul Abedin	8	1	28	1
Naimur Rahman	6	0	18	2
Aminul Islam	3.4	0	14	0

Result: Holland won by five wickets.

# Magpies bank on Asprilla



PARIS, Mar 18: Newcastle's erratic Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla gave notice to UEFA cup opponents Monaco that he is in ominous form after a superb display in their 4-0 Premiership win over Coventry at the weekend, reports AFP.

Asprilla, who scored against Metz in the previous round, has been out of the frame when England duo Alan Shearer and Les Ferdinand have been fit, but with them both currently sidelined by injuries he is revelling in the spotlight.

And Newcastle will need his talents in Tuesday's game to make up the 1-0 deficit from the first leg at St James' Park.

The Colombian conjured up his full array of mesmeric skills to torment Coventry and supply the spark of inspiration that enabled Newcastle to end a run of three successive defeats.

Asprilla, making only his 17th start of the season, laid on

first-half goals for Steve Watson and Rob Lee and, with a little luck, could have claimed a second-half hat-trick for himself.

A magical display came to a premature end when Dion Dublin brought him down in full flight to concede a penalty which Peter Beardsley tucked away to make it 3-0, with 16 minutes remaining.

Asprilla, whose right ankle was hurt by Dublin's challenge, departed on a stretcher to a rapturous send-off, raising fears that he might be joining Shearer and Ferdinand on the sidelines.

But Newcastle boss Kenny Dalglish revealed afterwards that the injury was not as bad as it had looked and that Asprilla had indicated he would be fit to face Monaco in Tuesday night's UEFA Cup quarterfinal second leg.

The runaway French league leaders are in the driving seat, after securing a 1-0 first-leg lead at St James' Park when Shearer, Ferdinand and As-

prilla were all missing.

But Asprilla, who was suspended for the home leg, has been Newcastle's UEFA Cup specialist with five goals in the five ties he has played in, and his return is a welcome boost.

Meanwhile Inter Milan had a tough warm up for their home fixture against Anderlecht, who stand at 1-1 following the first leg, they lost 1-0 at Parma on Saturday after Enrico Chiesa's 22nd minute strike from deep inside the area.

Denmark's Brondby, who thrashed Karlsruhe in the previous round, were the revelations of the first leg by winning 1-0 in Tenerife and already have one foot in the semifinals.

Valencia, who beat defending champions Bayern Munich in the first round, entertain another German side in Schalke 04 but have a 2-0 deficit from the first leg to make up — however, with their recent Argentinean signing Ariel Ortega fully acclimatised the Spanish side could well make home advantage tell.



Scene from yesterday's fourth round matches of the 18th national women's chess championship qualifying round at the NSC chess room.

—Star photo

## WC qualifiers

# Booters beaten again

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh suffered a 1-3 defeat to Chinese Taipei in their second World Cup qualifying round match at the Shah Alam Stadium in the Malaysian capital city of Kuala Lumpur yesterday night.

According to a telephonic message received here last night, after a barren first half Bangladesh took the lead in the 55th minute with Jewel Rana converting a penalty. But Bangladesh in FIFA rankings, took four minutes to back with a bang, stabbing in three goals in a row within the span of eight minutes. In their last match tomorrow, Bangladesh will take on favourites Saudi Arabia who were forced to a goalless draw by hosts Malaysia in the day's other match.

The win was the first series triumph by Australia since Ian Craig's side did the honours in 1957.

Waugh's century his 11th Test hundred and by far his best, also swept his side to the highest ever fourth innings winning total at St. George's Park — the previous best was 215.

## Another BHF official quits

Sports reporter

The ad-hoc committee of Bangladesh Hockey Federation will hold an emergency meeting on Friday to draw up the next course of action on Monday's unprecedented incident which left an umpire injured and consequently marred the tourney.

The meeting will be held at the BHF conference room at 7.30 pm.

Imamul, Rehanul Karim Babul, one of two joint secretaries of BHF and the secretary of Kamaphul Garden City Club Cup hockey tournament, became the latest official to announce resignation from the federation. Earlier Jahidul Islam Pushkin, the other BHF joint secretary, submitted his resignation on Monday while Shamsul Bari, the BHF general secretary, made his intention clear to quit the office. Talking to The Daily Star at his office yesterday afternoon, Bari said, he is likely to tender his resignation today.

## BOA reception for shooters

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Olympic Association has arranged a grand reception to night for the Bangladesh shooting team which won 23 medals including nine golds and eight silvers in the second South Asian shooting championships that concluded in New Delhi recently.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader will attend the reception as chief guest. The programme will be held at the NSC conference room at 8.45 pm.

It may be mentioned that Bangladesh took part in eleven events of the meet. Sabrina Sultana was the most successful Bangladeshi campaigner who won four team and individual golds while noted shooter Saiful Alam Chowdhury Rinki bagged three golds.

## Women chess qualifiers

Sports Reporter

Masuda Begum, Nazrana Khan Eva, Jahan Ara Haque Runu and Zakia Sultana — maintained their lead in the qualifying round of the 18th national women's chess championship at the end of the fourth round held at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Masuda was held to a draw by Eva and Runu and Zakia shared half a point. The results enabled the quartet to raise their tally to three points and remain atop the table half a point in front of Afsana Parveen Nira and Farzana Khan Ava and Rukhsana Gulshan Nikon.

Ava tamed K M Sayeeda Irani while Nira drew her board with Nikon.

Besides, Faizunnasra Poly and Shahana Akhtar Ratna won their boards against Rumanu and Viqarunnissa Tithir respectively.

## Div II soccer

Sports Reporter

Gandaria Famous Sporting Club and Basabo Tarun Sangha won their respective Second Division football league engagements at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday.

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## DU soccer

Sports Reporter

Gandaria Famous defeated East End Boys Club 2-1. Gandaria, striker Piar Ahmed struck twice in the 27th and 54th minutes. Yasin reduced the margin for East End in the 51st minute.

In the day's second encounter, Basabo edged past Eskaton Sabuj Sangha 2-0.

Sohel and Saiful netted once each for the winners in the 70th and 79th minutes.

The match between Jurain Janata Club and Avijatrik Malibagh ended in a 1-1 draw at the Rajuk ground.

Minu put Jurain ahead in the 13th minute and Pranotosh equalised for Avijatrik four minutes later.

## DU football

Sports Reporter

Ziaul Karim scored a hat-trick as Department of Philosophy trounced Economics department 4-1 in a Dhaka University inter-department football clash at the central sports ground yesterday.

Zia netted all his goals in the first half.

After the breather, Shaquazzaman completed the rout. Tareq grabbed a consolation goal for the economists.

# Aussies too good for SA



PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Mar 18: Australia, powered by a magnificent 116 from Mark Waugh, won their first cricket series against South Africa in 40 years with a nail-biting two-wicket victory in the second Test at St. George's Park here Monday, reports AFP.

With South Africa claiming three wickets in 11 balls in the post-lunch session to put themselves back in control of a Test of see-sawing fortunes, Ian Healy ended the match in dramatic fashion with a six off South African captain Hansie Cronje.

The victory, 30 minutes before tea on the fourth day, also clinched the three-match series for the tourists, who won the first Test at the Wanderers by an innings and 198 runs.

The win was the first series triumph by Australia since Ian Craig's side did the honours in 1957.

Waugh's century his 11th Test hundred and by far his best, also swept his side to the highest ever fourth innings winning total at St. George's Park — the previous best was 215.

Resuming at 145-3 and chasing a 270 run total for victory, the Australians put on 59 runs in the morning session for the loss of Steve Waugh (18) and Greg Blewett (7).

After the break, Australia seemed to be coasting home when Jacques Kallis in the 91st over clean-bowled Mark Waugh with just 12 runs needed for victory.

Another two wickets — Michael Bevan, caught in the slips by Darryl Cullinan off Cronje for 24, and Shane

Warne, lbw to Kallis for three — fell in the next 11 balls and South African seemed to be on the verge of snatching a sensational win.

With two wickets in hand, Australia still needed five runs before they could celebrate and Cronje set an ultra attacking field for Healy and new man in, Jason Gillespie.

The South African skipper gambled by bowling himself rather than Allan Donald, who bowled ferociously but with no success throughout the innings.

Healy, noted more for his Test ducks than match-saving innings, went on the attack and lofted Cronje's second delivery out of the ground to bring the curtain down on the tension-filled match.

Cronje afterwards described the match as "a good game of cricket."

"I am disappointed but I am not all broken up about it," he said. "We learnt a lot of things from the first two Tests and now we can spend the next five days concentrating on the third Test (starting Friday) and the one-day matches."

He said he was disappointed having not being able to build up a second innings lead of around 350 and had lost pace bowler Shaun Pollock to injury.

"We bowled very well but the run ups cost us badly," he said. Australian skipper Mark Taylor described the finals overs of the match as "nerve-wracking."

"There were a lot of nervous people down here," he said. "I am still anxious even though it is all over."

"We knocked them down. They fought back, they knocked us down, we fought back...that was pretty much the way the

game went." Taylor described Healy's six off the last ball as "unbelievable".

"It is a great feeling," he added. "I believe it is the first time we have beaten South Africa on home soil. That is a great honour."

Asked whether the victory made Australia world champions, Taylor replied: "I am not making any predictions about who are the champions."

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the fourth day of the second Test between South Africa and Australia in Port Elizabeth on Monday:

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First innings 209 (B McMillan 55; J Gillespie 5-54)

**AUSTRALIA:** First innings 108

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Second innings 168

**AUSTRALIA:** Second innings (overnight 145-3)

Taylor, lbw b McMillan 13

Hayden run out 14

Elliott c and b Adams 44

M Waugh b Kallis 116

S Waugh c Cronje b Kallis 18

Blewett b Adams 7

Bevan c Cullinan b Cronje 24

Healy not out 10

Warne lbw b Kallis 3

Gillespie not out 0

Extras: (b-11; lb-8; w-3) 22

Total (for 8 wickets) 271

Fall of wickets: 1-23; 2-30; 3-113; 4-167; 5-192; 6-258; 7-258; 8-265

## Bowling

O M R W

Donald 26 6 75 0

McMillan 21 5 46 1

Cronje 9.3 1 36 1

Kallis 16 7 29 3

Adams 21 4 66 2

Result: Australia won by two wickets.

Third Test: Pretoria, April 21-25.

# Waugh's best of eleven



PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Mar 18: Mark Waugh, who steered Australia to a two-wicket win in the second Test against South Africa on Monday, said he considered his 116 to be the best of his 11 Test centuries, reports Reuter.

"My hundred (126) in Jamaica comes pretty close but this was definitely the best," Waugh said. "The conditions were difficult and it was always going to be difficult to score 270 on this wicket. I'm very, very happy indeed."

Australia beat West Indies at Jamaica in 1995 to regain the Frank Worrell Trophy. It was the first time West Indies had been beaten in a series since 1980.

For Australian captain Mark Taylor the victory must have been bitter-sweet. After playing his 17th and 18th successive Test innings without a 50, he nevertheless led his side to their first series victory over South Africa since 1957-58.

"It's not up to me or the play-

ers to say that we are the best. The scribes can say that and hand out titles. But I'm delighted with the way we are playing our cricket and as long as we keep winning Test matches and series that I can't be happier," Taylor said.

"This is the best victory I have ever experienced with Australia. It's even better than Ja-

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"I'm captain of Australia and I am going to do the job for as long as I can. I'll definitely be playing in the third Test next week. I have no plans to drop myself."

Coach Geoff Marsh fully supported Taylor: "He's a tougher man than you and I. We are all 100 per cent behind him. Everyday we do as much as we can to help him. The way he carries himself in the dressing room is unbelievable because he is so disappointed with his own form," Marsh said.

Hansie Cronje was fulsome in his praise for Australia and, particularly, for Waugh.

"I can't heap enough praise on him. It was a fantastic innings in difficult conditions. He was the difference between the teams during this Test, we had our chances and, with a little more luck on the last morning, I thought we could have turned it on way."

"Allan Donald bowled magnificently in both innings and took just one wicket," Cronje said.

Waugh, too, praised Donald. "He was brilliant. He deserved more but, that's cricket. Jason Gillespie bowled well too and he took a bundle (eight for 103 in the match). I'm sure Allan will be running in just as hard next week and may be he'll have more luck."

MARK WAUGH... 116

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