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## Club Cup hockey MSC-Usha final today

**Sports Reporter**  
Last year's runners up Mohammedan Sporting Club will take on favourites Usha Krira Chakra in the Jiban Bima 2nd Club Cup hockey final this afternoon. The match will start at 4 pm.  
Mohammedans, who lost last year's final to arch rivals Abahani Krira Chakra 1-2, made it to the final for the second year in a row with a comfortable 2-0 win over a spirited Ajax Sporting Club in the second semi-final on Wednesday. Usha, on the other hand, booked their berth in the final by defeating holders Abahani through a tie-breaker in the first semi-final earlier on Tuesday.  
State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, BB, will witness today's final as chief guest.

## WI fast bowler for Bangladesh

**Sports Reporter**  
A former West Indies fast bowler will soon be appointed as coach for Bangladeshi bowlers, Bangladesh Cricket Board general secretary Syed Ashrafu Haque said yesterday.  
Although Ashrafu declined to name the coach, it was gathered from sources close to BCB that it would be either Andy Roberts or Ezra Mosley.  
"We have already contacted our man and he has also shown his interest in the job. This has been done on the recommendation of our Director of Coaching Gordon Greenidge," Ashrafu said.  
"We are expecting to finalise the matter within the next three weeks," added Ashrafu.

## Wasim shines

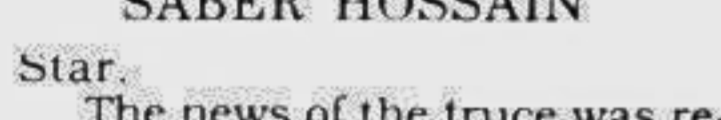
LONDON, Aug 20: Pakistan's Wasim Akram played a significant role with bat and ball to help Lancashire maintain their challenge for the English county championship on Wednesday, reports Reuters.  
He scored a valuable 68 out in the first innings total of 196, then took the first three wickets as Durham slipped to 158 all out.  
By close on the first day, when Lancashire were 23 for one, 21 wickets had fallen and Lancs' England batsman John Crawley had been out twice.  
Surrey, beginning their game against Nottinghamshire 21 points clear of second-placed Lancashire, made steady progress in dismissing the home side for 213.  
Their Pakistani spinner Saqlain Mushtaq, who took 11 wickets in the previous match, managed only one, but will be hoping for more assistance from the Trent Bridge pitch when Nottinghamshire bat again.  
Surrey were 84 for two at the end of the first day.  
There was no respite for bottom-of-the-table Essex, who were hammered for 401 for five by Gloucestershire.  
Tim Hamcock beat his previous best score of 123, also against Essex, in making 135.  
Middlesex, another southern county struggling badly this season, staged a remarkable comeback against third-placed Leicestershire after slumping to 20 for four.  
Mark Ramprakash and Paul Weekes both made centuries to lead them to 293 for eight by the close.

**Donald to extend stay in English cricket**  
BIRMINGHAM, England, Aug 20 (AFP/Internet) - South African pace bowler Allan Donald said Thursday he is ready to commit himself to English county Warwickshire for at least another season.  
The 31-year-old is set to sign a one-year contract for next summer, which will be abbreviated because of the World Cup and he has now indicated he would be willing to return in 2000.  
He is happy with the deal on offer for next season, his 10th campaign at Edgbaston, and is expected to sign next week when his agent arrives from South Africa for final talks with the county.  
Donald, the leading bowler with 33 wickets in this summer's Test series against England, is staying at his Birmingham home and returning to South Africa next month.

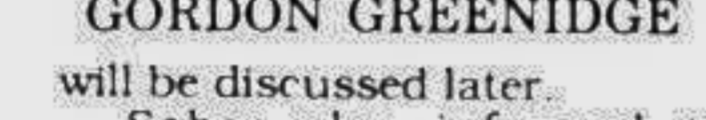
**Cricketers' Forum get together today**  
The previously announced formal get-together of the newly formed "Cricketers' Forum" will be held today at 5 pm at the conference room of the National Sports Council, says a press release.  
Cricketers' Forum cordially invites all ex-cricketers.

## BCB forms 12 more standing committees Gordon atones in peace deal?

**Sports Reporter**  
The dissension between Bangladesh Cricket Board and Director of Coaching Gordon Greenidge has come to an end. The discord unfolded last month after the former West Indian Test opener criticised BCB officials for not being professional in an exclusive interview to the Daily Star.  
The news of the truce was revealed last evening by the BCB president and Deputy Minister for Shipping Saber Hossain Chowdhury after the board's executive committee met for five hours at its headquarters at the Dhaka Stadium. Thirty of its 31 members were present at the meeting.  
"He (Gordon) has apologised to the board for his statements to a daily, and the board has accepted his apology. The chapter is over," said Saber while briefing the local press.  
"We have also assured Gordon of providing him all necessary support he needs in future as Director of Coaching," Saber added.  
"We have decided to retain Akram Khan as our national team captain and Aminul Islam as his deputy for the Commonwealth Games."  
About the manager of the tour, Saber said that although Tanveer Haider, the manager designate, had asked to be spared on health grounds, the board has requested him to consult his doctor again and reconsider the matter. We don't want to make any changes.  
"We have also accepted the resignation letter of our executive secretary Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad and assigned his responsibility to our board member Ahmed Sajjadul Alam Bobby on a temporary and honorary basis. He will work as my Special Assistant."  
About the dismal tour of Ireland, England and Scotland, Saber said that the board has received the report of both manager and coach and these will be discussed later.  
Saber also informed the press that the board will introduce super-max cricket tournament among the 15 thanas of Dhaka City from next season.  
Besides, twelve different new standing committees of the board, sans ground and selection, which have already been formed, were also approved in the meeting.  
Although the board was also due to announce different sub-committees for the forthcoming Wills International Cup, it could not do so yesterday as the board was not aware of the responsibilities it has to share with International Cricket Council (ICC). The Wills Cup will involve nine Test playing nations in a knock-out tournament starting at the Dhaka Stadium from October 24.  
"I am going to Calcutta tomorrow along with my general secretary to attend an ICC meeting. It will be decided there what will be our share of the responsibility. We will form the committees accordingly on our return. A special meeting of the board will be held on August 26 in this regard," said Saber.  
The following standing committees of the BCB were formed yesterday:



SABER HOSSAIN



GORDON GREENIDGE

**Advisory Committee:** Members: Mustafa Kamal MP, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, KZ Islam, Anisul Islam Mahmud, Saiful Islam Khan, Iqbal Ahmed, Raisuddin Ahmed, Aminul Haq Mont, Commander Mujibur Rahman and Taher Manzer.  
**Infrastructure and Development Committee:** Chairman: Gazi Golam Dastagir, Vice-chairman: ASM Farooque, Secretary: Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad  
**Coaching and Planning Committee:** Chairman: Tanveer Mazhar Tanna, Vice-chairmen: Tanveer Haider and Sheikh Nizamuddin, Secretary: Mahmud Ul Haque Manu  
**Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM):** Chairman: Tanveer Haider, Secretary: Senior Division league: Ali Ahsan Babu; Secretary, Tournament: Hossain Mollah; Secretary, Junior Division league: Enayet Kabir Chanchal (Besides five vice-chairmen will be selected from the top five clubs of the Premier Division league)  
**Disciplinary Committee:** Chairman: Nurul Alam (DIG of Police), Vice-chairman: Mahfuzur Rahman Siddique, Members: Hossain Mollah, Secretary: Mahmud Ul Haque Manu  
**Marketing Committee:** Chairman: Ali Khabir Chan, Vice-chairman: Gazi Golam Dastagir, Secretary: Aziz Al-Kaiser Tito, Members: Selim Abedin and Asaduzzaman Noor  
**Logistic Committee:** Chairman: Kutubuddin Aksir, Vice-chairman: Gazi Golam Dastagir, Secretary: Ali Ahsan Babu  
**Tournament Committee:** Chairman: Azmal Hossain, Vice-chairmen: Zainul Abedin and Advocate Shahiduzzaman Reza, Secretary: Dewan Shaful Arefin Tutul  
**Medical Committee:** Chairman: Dr. Mahfuzur Rahman, Members: Dr. Qamruzzaman and Dr. Asaduzzaman Misha  
**Publication Committee:** Chairman: Aly Zaker, Secretary: Ahmed Sajjadul Alam Bobby, Members: Md. Qamruzzaman, Dr. Nizamuddin Ahmed and Hafiz  
**Umpire Board Committee:** Chairman: Kutubuddin Aksir, Secretary: Saibab Hossain Tutul  
**Tender and Purchase Committee:** Chairman: Afzalur Rahman, Vice-chairman: Ali Khabir Chan, Members: Syed Ashrafu Haque, Dewan Shaful Arefin Tutul and Mahmud Ul Haque Manu



EPOCH RUN: Christine Arron of France (L) crosses the line in the women's 100 metres at the European Athletics Championships in Budapest on August 19. Aaron won gold. — AP/UNB photo

## NSC appoints Roquibul BCB member

**Sports Reporter**  
The National Sports Council (NSC), under its quota, has nominated former national cricket captain and former president Bangladesh Sports Writers Association, ASM Roquibul Hassan, as an executive committee member of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).  
According to an NSC letter sent to the BCB office Wednesday, Roquibul Hassan will be the 32nd member of the board. Earlier, the NSC nominated Ali Ahsan Babu as a member of the board, also from its quota.  
A senior BCB official confirmed yesterday that they have received NSC's letter on the matter.



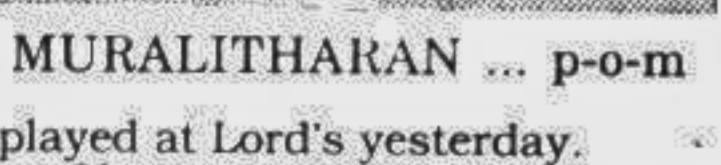
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## Arron sprints into annals

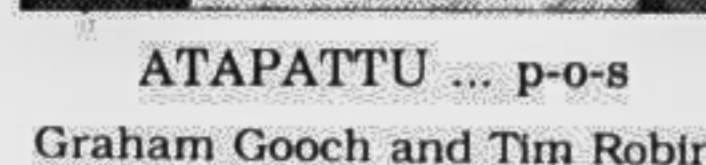
BUDAPEST, Aug 20: France's Christine Arron gave European sprinting the boost it so badly needed on Wednesday when she became the third fastest woman in history over 100 metres, reports Reuters.  
Recovering swiftly from an indifferent start in the final, Arron overtook defending champion Irina Privalova to clock 10.73 seconds on the second day of the European Championships.  
Arron's time bettered Privalova's European record of 10.77 set four years ago.  
More significantly, it was one-hundredth of a second faster than Merlene Ottey's lifetime best and propelled the 24-year-old Frenchwoman into third place on the all-time list behind Marion Jones and Florence Griffith-Joyner. Ottey, now in the twilight of her career, later presented Arron with her gold medal.  
Jones, the current golden girl of the track, now has a real fight on her hands if she wants to achieve her ambition of four gold medals at the World Championships in Seville next year and five at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.  
Arron was born in Guadeloupe like double Olympic sprint champion Marie-Jose Perec, who also competes for France.  
She finished fourth behind Jones at last year's World Championships, has improved significantly this year and will now be known for more than her distinctive dyed orange hair.  
"Halfway through I saw Privalova from the corner of my eye and I accelerated between 60 and 80 metres," she said.  
"Some people say my strength is in my hair, like Samson's, but that is not true. I owe my good results to my coach and a lot of work."  
In the men's 100, Darren Campbell succeeded his coach Linford Christie as European champion and ensured the title would stay with Britain for the next four years.  
The world junior record holder clocked 10.04 to beat teammate Dwain Chambers into second place.  
"My start was a little dodgy I knew that I would be strong at the end," Campbell commented.  
Sonia O'Sullivan's splendid year continued when she stepped up a distance to 10,000 metres and produced a startling burst of speed inside the final 200 to beat Portugal's Olympic champion Fernanda Ribeiro.  
The Irishwoman won the four and eight kms world cross country titles in consecutive days this year and she looked supremely relaxed on Wednesday after Briton Paula Radcliffe had tried in vain to break up the field.  
"It was a bit like an interval session here tonight as there were so many changes in speed," she said.  
A noisy, appreciative crowd shouted their approval as Hungarians took the first two places in the men's hammer with Tibor Geseck outstaging Olympic champion Balazs Kiss to his obvious delight.  
Geseck danced around the infield after his fifth throw soared into the sky for a mark of 82.87. Kiss was second with 81.26.  
"I needed to throw 82 metres to win the gold," Geseck said after he had eventually calmed down.  
Kiss added: "This one-two for Hungary is really a great feeling."

## Emirates triangular trophy SL snub England bid

**Sports Reporter**  
The England innings after the 132-run first-wicket stand. Atherton, playing his first one-day international in 16 months since captaining the side against Australia in 1997, hit 64 off 73 balls with seven fours to dominate the opening stand.  
The partnership eclipsed the previous highest — 123 between triangular one-day tournament final match between England and Sri Lanka at Lord's on Thursday.  
**ENGLAND**  
Knight c and b Muralitharan 94  
Atherton c Ranatunga b Muralitharan 64  
Stewart c Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan 18  
Hick b Chandana 14  
Brown b Muralitharan 18  
Hussain lbw b Muralitharan 0  
Croft c Kaluwitharana b Perera 17  
Austin not out 11  
Gough b Perera 0  
Martin not out 1  
Extras: (b-4, lb-5, w-10) 19  
Total: (for eight in 50 overs) 256  
Fall of wickets: 1-132; 2-170; 3-191; 4-218; 5-218; 6-223; 7-246; 8-246  
Did not bat: Alan Mullally  
**Bowler** O M R W  
Wickramasinghe 5 0 29 0  
Perera 9 0 44 2  
Dharmasena 9 0 47 0  
Muralitharan 10 0 34 5  
De Silva 2 0 10 0  
Jayasuriya 8 0 45 0  
Chandana 7 0 38 1  
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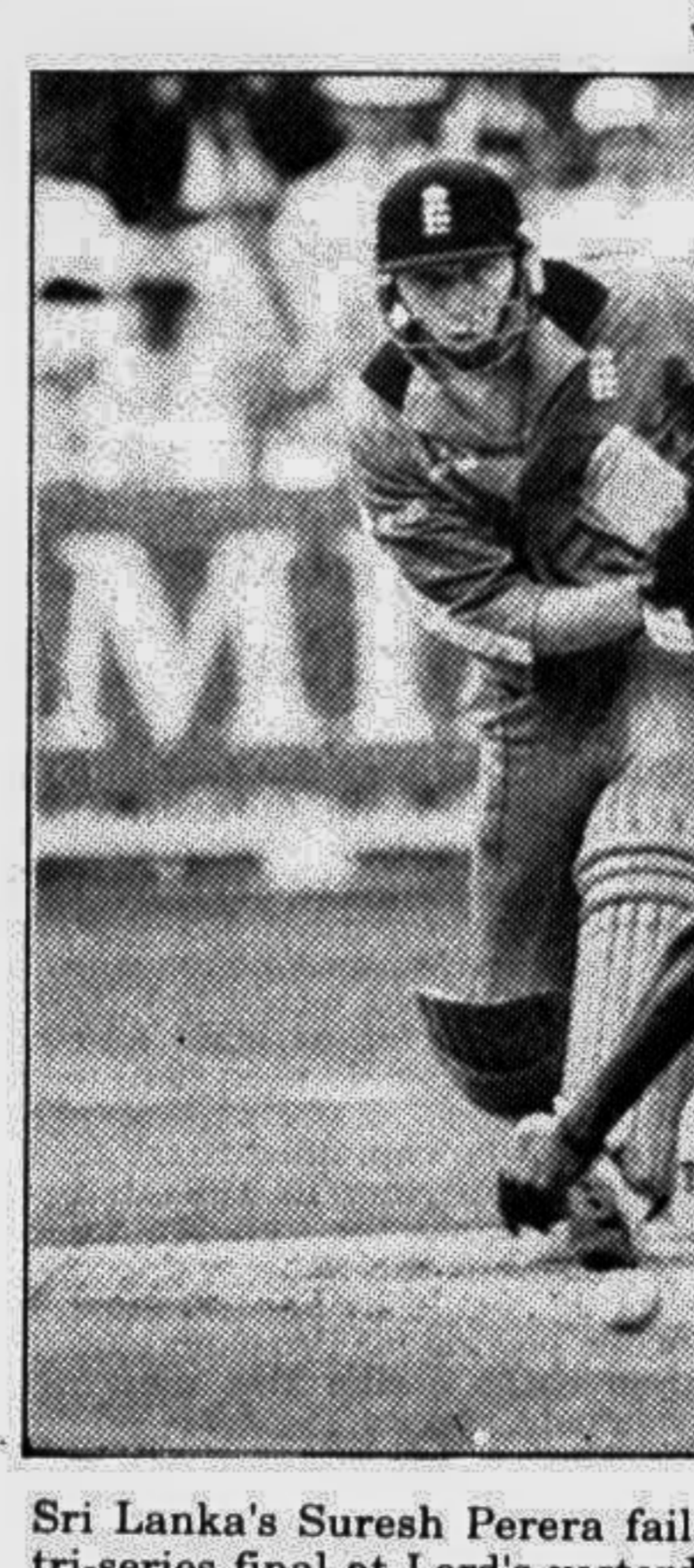


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played at Lord's yesterday.  
Chasing a England total of 256 in 50 overs, the islanders in the end reached home easily with 17 balls to spare. Middle order batsman Hashan Tilakaratne hit the winning boundary.  
For his five wickets, Muralitharan was adjudged "man of the match" by adjudicator David Gower.  
As if the trophy and the century was not enough, legendary South African batsman Barry Richards adjudged Marvan Atapattu man of the series.  
Earlier Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan sent England spinning by taking five wickets as the home side managed 256 for eight.  
England opens Nick Knight, who scored 94 in 44 overs, and Mike Atherton (64) gave the innings a promising start with a 132-run record opening stand before Muralitharan took control in a 10-over stint, grabbing 5-34.  
Muralitharan triggered another all-too-familiar England collapse, after the home side had been well placed on 191 for two in the 39th over.  
Skipper Arjuna Ranatunga made 16 bowling changes among his seven bowlers — five of them spinners — to unsettle

Graham Gooch and Tim Robinson in Pune, India in 1987-88 — before the spinners tightened the grip on the innings.  
While left-handers Knight provided the backbone of the innings, facing 136 balls, the inform Alec Stewart (18) and Graeme Hick (14), did little to bolster the total, falling to Muralitharan, in his second and third spells.  
Muralitharan's fourth spell was too much for England as he took 3-0 in five balls and the home side had collapsed once again.  
He caught and bowled Knight, trapped Nasser Hussain (0) leg-before-wicket two balls later and, in his last over, bowled the big hitting Alistair Brown (18) to finish with his fifth five-wicket haul in his 99th match.  
In fact, his was the best bowling record in 23 one-day internationals at Lord's, improving on West Indian great Joel Garner's 5-38 against England in the 1979 World Cup final.  
Knight's innings followed his 74 against South Africa in the last qualifying match.

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**Manjurul punished for playing truant**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Left-arm pacer Manjurul Islam of Mohammedan Sporting Club has been suspended for a year and fined Taka 50,000, a partial amount that the board spent for his travel to South Africa. This was decided by the BCB at its executive committee meeting yesterday.  
Manjurul was sent to South Africa last May for a four-month long cricket training. But he returned home surprisingly in July without the permission of either the United Cricket Board of South Africa or the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).  
The tall seamer will not be allowed to take part in any competitive cricket next season.



Sri Lanka's Suresh Perera fails to intercept Michael Atherton's drive during the Emirates tri-series final at Lord's yesterday. — AFP photo

## Technology for umpires?

**Des Thomas**  
The Test series between England and South Africa had given rise to much controversy relating to the role of the standing umpires. Allan Donald added to the fire by criticising an umpire after that same umpire had admitted to his fallibility and questioned his own ability as an umpire. Technology has shown up many decisions as being obviously incorrect. This has given rise to much discussion relating to this theme.  
If a player makes too many mistakes his career is on the skids. What about umpires?  
If a player gets rough decisions against him often enough, his career is still likely to be on the skids as the stats are largely what are used to judge that player's usefulness in his team.  
The players are professional and are remunerated accordingly. The umpires now are also professionals. If the players can be criticised for poor play, why can the umpires not be criticised for poor umpiring? It almost seems as though the ICC is touchy on that point because indirectly they, (the ICC) are being criticised for selecting those umpires in the first place.  
There is place for technology in sport. Remember how the introduction of the third umpire for line decisions was slated initially. Now that role is universally accepted and applauded. Let's not rule out the possibility of further third umpire involvement if it leads to fairer decisions on field.  
We can live in the past or the present. It is easy to stick your head in the sand, ignore what is available and say "That isn't cricket!" I seem to remember a few years back there was a similar argument when batsmen started wearing helmets. Shall we take those away too? What about the box next?  
Tim Noakes of University of Cape Town and the Institute of Sports Science says that he can set up a system which will accurately predict whether or not the ball would have hit the stumps. I am a little sceptical as I don't see how this would pick up a nick onto the pads, the ball pitching outside leg stump, or whether or not a shot was played at a ball pitching outside off stump. The idea still seems worth investigating.  
We are in the 20th and soon to be the 21st century. Let the game progress beyond the 19th century and accept that the umpires have their role but that technology is showing them to be very, very fallible at times. Let us redress that one way or another!  
If we criticise the use of technology we have to look at ourselves and what we are using to read this article in the first place. Source: Internet

## Nat'l v'ball BJMC, Ansars in final

BJMC and Ansars stormed into the final of the national women's volleyball championship defeating their rivals Rajbari DSA at the Mirpur Shaheed Suhrawardy National Indoor Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.  
The final will be held on Saturday at the same venue between the two unbeaten teams.  
In the day's women's group matches, BJMC defeated Rajbari DSA by 15-1, 15-4, 15-1 and Ansars beat Pabna DSA by 9-15, 15-2, 15-0, 15-4.  
The third place deciding match will be held today between Rajbari DSA and Pabna DSA at 2:30 pm.  
In the day's men's championship matches, Bangladesh Rifles, Bangladesh Navy and Khulna DSA moved into the semifinals.  
Bangladesh Rifles defeated Rajshahi DSA by 15-4, 16-14, 15-8, Khulna DSA beat Dhaka DSA by 15-4, 16-14, 15-8 and Bangladesh Navy beat Titas Gas Club by a tough fight of 5-15, 12-15, 15-9, 15-7, 15-9.  
Men's two semifinals will be held today.  
Bangladesh Navy will take on Khulna DSA at 2:30 pm and Bangladesh Rifles will face the winners of the match between Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Air Force.  
The men's final will also be held on Saturday.

## Fraser the first

LONDON, Aug 20: Veteran seamer Angus Fraser has become the first England player to top Wisden's world rankings since the list began two years ago, reports AFP.  
The 33-year-old Middlesex bowler's 18 wickets in the last two Tests against South Africa has shot him from sixth to the top of the bowling list compiled by the monthly cricket magazine, ahead of Allan Donald.  
The highest position previously achieved by an Englishman was third place in the batting rankings by Nasser Hussain in 1997.  
Tim de Lisle, editor of Wisden cricket monthly said "In 1997 Fraser was a has been. In 1998 he has made the latest and greatest of his comeback, he is national treasure."

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Emirates