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## Column One

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1 How many ODI centuries has Tendulkar hit so far?  
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2 Who is England's cricket coach?  
Lloyd Botham Gooch

3 Who is the new France soccer coach?  
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4 Next Asia Cup cricket will be held in:  
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### SPORTS TALK



**Henry Olonga**  
(Zimbabwean fast bowler)  
"One day you will see me on TV."

About his aim in life.

### The Shane Warne manual

PERTH, Oct 27 (Reuters): An 11-page document on how to combat Shane Warne's leg spin may be England's secret weapon in the Ashes series.

Every member of the squad has been given a copy of the document prepared by the team's spin doctor, former Australian Test bowler Peter Philpott.

It even includes a section on how to bowl leg spin in the hope that England's batsmen can learn to bat against it.

England are taking Warne's threat very seriously, even though he is not expected to play in the first Test in Brisbane following shoulder surgery.

At a two-hour indoor session at Perth's WACA ground, which included batting against a local schoolboy, England manager Graham Gooch banned the local media after they ridiculed his players for their failures against spin bowling.

England's shortcomings against quality slow bowling have been frequently exposed, particularly by Warne, who has 85 wickets in 17 Tests against England.

Their perceived obsession with trying to combat Warne has led several former Australian Test players to suggest it has already given Australia a big psychological advantage.

But Gooch has dismissed the criticism, insisting England's preparation was normal practice.

"Coaching is about people helping other people, isn't it? There's nothing new in this," Gooch said.

The first Test starts in Brisbane on November 20.



Australian cricketers exercising at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. —Star photo

## BEYOND THE BOUNDARY Tonight's The Night

By Shakil Kasem

Much like the way they constantly keep the electronic scoreboard ticking, the Aussies trickled into Dhaka in ones and twos. The dribble will have spilled onto the Sonargaon lobby when the PIA flight disgorged Mark Taylor/Steve Waugh's men along with their vanquished foes the Pakistanis.

After a tour where the Aussies made history of sorts, by actually winning a Test match in Pakistan after a small matter of 39 years, the men in baggy green caps will look to continue their dream run. Flashback, circa 1961, Richie Benaud wheeling his arm over at this very stadium. Neil Harvey losing his stumps to Fazal Mahmood a whisker away from his hundred. Wally Grout going berserk scoring 66 in under an hour, and Alan Davidson making the ball talk on the matting wicket. Ray Lindwall was here too, but the mind does not co-operate adequately to remember whether he trod on the Dhaka outfield or not.

But that was then. Seize the day, this is the here and now. Under the lights, in coloured pyjamas, white ball in hand,

the present-day Aussies would be a far cry from their predecessors of the sixties. Steve Waugh will ensure that charity does not begin at the cricket pitch. Mark Taylor will be missed as will be Ian Healy, whose keeping and late-order batting would have been a revelation.

The silky smoothness of Mark Waugh should be the toast of the competition, and he could be the essential difference between Australia either moving upwards in the competition, or heading Down Under early. The Aussie quickies will be expected to tame the Tendulkar-Ganguly combination, the most prolific opening pair in the business. The Fleming-Tendulkar duel will be refuelled. Whoever draws first blood will determine how the day will end.

Life after the rest day is fraught with possibilities. How will the Indian run machine cope with the pressure of having to keep the rest of the team afloat, after their none too convincing exploits in Toronto and Zimbabwe? Captains are prone to point out to anyone within earshot that the team that plays better on a particular

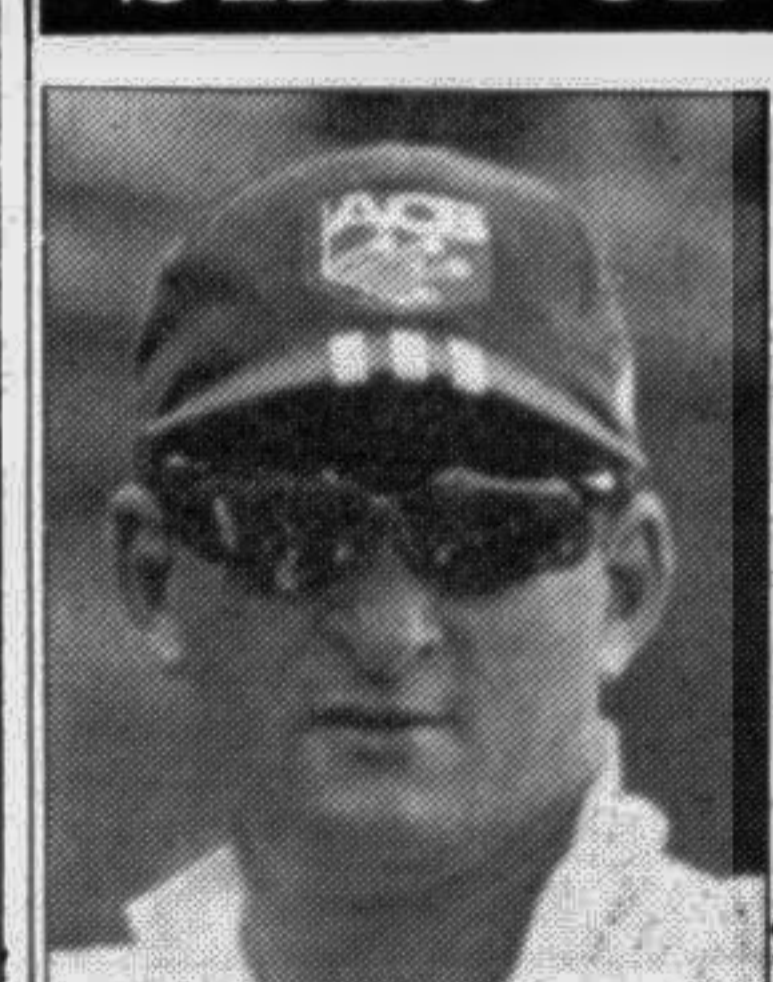
day is likely to have the rub of the green. Azhar has been no exception in following this Confucian dictum. But one needs to shape a match to one's advantage; in a knockout tournament of this kind, performances are needed for the kind of upward mobility that does not require the services of travel agents.

In Sachin Tendulkar, India, and by extension, the rest of the world have a very rare virus that could spread an epidemic of runs, if conditions are even remotely conducive to its growth. 18 hundreds have long since flowed from his bat in one day cricket, and he certainly looks good for more. Records aside, against Australia he is in his element. If the spirit does move today, this would be a day to remember by the locals.

Tendulkar's partner in crime would be the man from the other side of the Ganga. With Amartya Sen already putting Bengal on the map, could this be the year of the Bengal? Timing is Ganguly's forte; perhaps he has saved his best for Dhaka, rather than Toronto. India's strength lie in their batting, and in Azhar and Jadeja they have just the ideal combination to shift the gears, when required. More than ever, that ability will be put to the test in Dhaka's peculiar traffic.

Batting should be the key in today's match, for both teams have the firepower to gun for anything, even touching 300 or thereabouts. The day promises plenty, and the night must surely be set alight. Barring the inexplicable, this one's for the books.

## STAR OF THE DAY



**Mark Edward Waugh**  
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**Mark Edward, younger of the dynamic Waugh twins is a treat to watch when in full flight. The 33-year-old prolific right-hander has earned a reputation for dismantling the very best attacks. He has been an integral part of New South Wales' Sheffield Shield campaigns as well as scoring heavily for English county side Essex. Mark made dream start to his Test career scoring a century against 'old enemy' England in 1990. Incidentally, he replaced brother Steve for that Test in 1990. Besides being a superb batsman Mark is a useful bowler and fantastic fielder in the slips.**

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ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS: (including 22/04/1998)										
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Pakistan captain Aamir Sohail arriving at the Hotel Sonargaon yesterday. —Star photo by Anisur Rahman

## Wills Cup: Itsy bitsy teenie weenies

Syed Ashfaul Haque

### PRESS PATTRICK'S PET HATE

Press has finally lost its cool. Newsmen were compelled to ask the organisers of the Wills International Cup to declare Patrick Ross, an International Cricket Council (ICC) official, *persona non grata* during the ongoing tournament.

Since his very first day here, Ross did not hesitate to give the impression that he was not very fond of the media people. On many an occasion Ross, an assistant to the ICC chief executive David Richards, voluntarily stepped forward to bar the journalists and photographers from performing their professional duties.

Whenever newsmen ventured to take an interview or the lens-men tried to take a photograph, the overbearing Australian rushed to the scene and asked the media people to stay away from the cricketers.

Much to the disbelief of the press people, the haughty ICC official shouted at them on numerous occasions that he would throw them out of the stadium unless the professionals on duty abide by his order.

Ross, an Australian Cricket Board employee, who was hired for the mega event, flexed his muscles twice yesterday. Both at the stadium and the Sonargaon Hotel, Ross repeated the most objectionable behaviour, prompting the harassed newsmen to call for his immediate retirement from the meet.

Following the growing protests, Saber Hossain Chowdhury, the Bangladesh Cricket Board president, and Asif Iqbal, the event manager, met the aggrieved journalists to appease them. Both the stalwarts assured the newsmen that ICC would take necessary action regarding the incident.

### IT'S TIME TO GO

The tournament is over for Zimbabwe, England and New Zealand. They attended the official photo session yesterday and it was then time to go home. All the three teams will depart today. Zimbabwe will be the first to go at 5 pm. England and New Zealand will start off at 9.25 and 11.55 pm.

### SEE ME ON SUNDAY

West Indian fast bowler Nixon McLean was waiting at the hotel lobby yesterday for the official photo session. When approached by the Daily Star Sport the Caribbean quickie showed his reluctance about an interview. West Indies coach Malcolm Marshall said earlier that McLean was among the top three fast bowlers in the world. When asked to comment on himself, he rounded off his conversation by saying, "You want to know more about me? You go and see me bowl on Sunday."

### RIVALRY LIMBER UP

Four teams - India, Pak-

istan, Australia and Zimbabwe -- had a long practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Indian superstar Sachin Tendulkar practised for more than an hour in two nets to get himself ready for the Australians. Pakistan batsman Ijaz Ahmed and fast bowler Wasim Akram did not turn up for the session. Australia and India, who were practising at the same time in different nets, will meet today in the make-it or break-it clash.

### CROSS THE BORDER

S Rudra, the deputy speaker of India's Bidhan Sabha in Tripurara State, crossed the India-Bangladesh border yesterday through Comilla to watch the knockout tournament. A BSS report suggests that the speaker is an ardent cricket fan and will stay in Dhaka up to the final.

### HUNT FOR AUTOGRAPHS

Cricket fans thronged the Sonargaon Hotel and the Dhaka Stadium for an autograph from the star of their dreams. Sachin Tendulkar, Ajay Jadeja, Saurav Ganguly and Mohammad Azharuddin had to wade through the crowd while leaving the hotel for the practice ground.

Pakistan's sensational opener Sahid Khan Afridi and West Indies Captain Brian Lara were the principal targets of the autograph hunters yesterday.

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### Workshop held

Physiotherapists of different teams participating in the Wills International Cup imparted training to local physiotherapists at a workshop yesterday, reports UNB.

The medical sub-committee of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) organised the workshop, titled "Sports Medicine and Cricket", at Hotel Sonargaon in collaboration with Bangla daily the Bhorer Kagol.

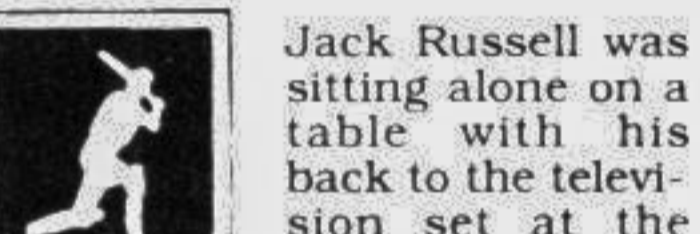
Among the trainers were Mark Harrison of New Zealand, Craig Smith of South Africa and Amato Machikicho of Zimbabwe. The concluding ceremony was attended by State Minister for Sports Obaidul Quader, BCB president and Deputy Minister for Shipping Saber Hossain Chowdhury, ICC president Jagmohan Dalmiya and its chief executive David Richards.

### Ctg soccer

CHITTAGONG, Oct 27: Mohammedan Sporting Club maintained their winning spree in the CJKP First Division football league thrashing Ispat Ekadash 5-0 at the M A Aziz Stadium here today, reports BSS.

The other match of the day between Shatadal and City Corporation Club ended in a goalless draw.

However, the league has been suspended for two days from tomorrow on account of the Wills International Cup.



Jack Russell was sitting alone on a table with his back to the television set at the Sonargaon Hotel lobby. This was quite unusual in a place where autograph hunters track down any visiting cricketer with the tenacity of a starving vulture. There was something in his looks that told you all was not normal. Gone was the trademark black sunglasses and the England wicket-keeper seemed rather bare without them.

A couple of curious fans approached Russell as he was waiting to go to the official photo session yesterday, and inquired about his well being. "What are your next plans? Are you going to Australia or back home?"

"No, I'm not going to Australia, and I don't have any cricketing plans because I've given up playing", came the puzzling reply.

"I've retired", clarified Russell.

The flamboyant stumper seemed well prepared to look ahead to the life after cricket.

"Now, I'm going to do lots and lots of painting. I'm also looking forward giving a lot of time to my family", said the genial cricketer.

Reuters adds, Russell, 35, made the announcement immediately after the Wills International Cup match against South Africa on Sunday, where he kept for the final time. His last vigil at the batting crease earned him 19 runs.

### Rabeed Imam

He said he decided to quit after being left out of the party for the current Ashes tour of Australia.

Russell, an accomplished painter, played in 54 tests and 40 one-day matches for England. But in recent years his appearances have been limited because of the policy of sacrificing a specialist wicketkeeper for an extra batsman or bowler.



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