

# Star Sport

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## Column One SPORTS TALK



**Martina Hingis**  
(World number one tennis player)  
They are like a surprise package... but I love her dress through...  
While commenting on the Williams sisters and Serena's dress at the Aussie Open.

## Boost sports WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN  
**Competition-126**  
Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to The Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
Feb 4, 2000 and draw  
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- How many centuries did Tendulkar score in the Tests series against Australia recently?  
One Two Three
  - Who won the last ever European Cup Winners' Cup soccer?  
Lazio Barcelona Man United
  - Who was named player of the cricket World Cup?  
Kluseener S.Waugh David
  - Where did Maurice Greene break the 100m world record?  
Athens Seville Toronto
  - Who lifted the National Cricket League title?  
Chittagong Sylhet Khulna
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## POWERED WITH EN-VITS ENERGY RELEASING VITAMINS

## Nat'l Jr. Chess Rajib defends title

**Sports Reporter**  
Reigning champion Enamul Hossain Rajib retained the 21st national junior chess championship title with a convincing victory in the final round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

Rajib, who had lost to Mohammad Javed in the previous round, beat Nayeem Arifin Ratul.

Rajib's eighth win in the nine-round meet raised his tally to 8 points.  
Syed Ejaz Hossain beat Mehdi Hassan Parag in the tie-breaker to finish runner-up after both had ended their nine rounds with 7.5 points.

National sub-junior champion Nabilul Haque Udas, Golam Mostafa Bhuiyan, Biswajit Mondal and Rashed Nizam and Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar finished 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th and 8th.

## ROLL OF HONOR

Year Champion  
1979 Mansur Rahman Raja  
1980 IM Zillur Rahman  
1981 Farid Ahmed  
1982 SM Idris Ali  
1983 M Moniruzzaman Khan  
1984 Neamul Haque Niru  
1985 did not held  
1986 Syed Ohidul Islam Riton  
1987 IM Ziaur Rahman  
1988 IM Reefat Bin Satter  
1989 IM Ziaur Rahman  
1990 Kayes Hasan  
1991 IM Ziaur Rahman  
1992 IM Reefat Bin Satter  
1993 IM Reefat Bin Satter  
1994 IM Ziaur Rahman  
1995 Adnan Faisal  
1996 IM Abdullah Al Rakib  
1997 Dewan Shahidul Amin  
1998 IM Abdullah Al Rakib  
1999 Enamul Hossain Razib  
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## Swanton dies

LONDON, Jan 23: English cricket writer and commentator EW 'Jim' Swanton died on Saturday after a short illness. He was 92, reports Reuters.

## MCC cruise to victory



**M WOOD ... m-o-m**  
Wood was later named man-of-the-match.

Left-arm spinner Enamul Haque was the best bowler with two for 31 runs.  
The visitors will take on the Bangladesh national team in a three-day first-class match starting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow.

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## Sports Reporter

boundaries. He was well-supported by one-down Ben Smith. A century-maker in Dhaka, Smith chipped in with a 69-ball 58. It was studied with three sixes and four fours.

The pair figured in a match-winning 103-run second wicket partnership.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Johnson	7	2	36	3
Sidebottom	5	0	25	0
Dodemaide	8	0	16	0
Patel	3	0	21	0
House	5	0	28	0
Boocock	5	0	19	2
McGrath	7	0	27	2

**Total:** (For 8 wks in 40 overs) 180  
Fall of wickets: 1-21; 2-33; 3-105; 4-115; 5-119; 6-142; 7-150; 8-159.

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Johnson 7 2 36 3  
Sidebottom 5 0 25 0  
Dodemaide 8 0 16 0  
Patel 3 0 21 0  
House 5 0 28 0  
Boocock 5 0 19 2  
McGrath 7 0 27 2

**Total:** (For 4 wks in 39.1 overs) 184  
Fall of wickets: 1-30; 2-133; 3-147; 4-173.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Hasibul 7 1 0 4 1  
Ashfaq 6 2 25 0  
K Mahmud 8 1 33 1  
Enamul 8 0 31 2  
Salauddin 8 0 34 0  
Aminul 2 0 8 0

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## Youth Cricket

### Asians flock semifinals

**Sports Reporter**  
South Asian giants Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka moved into the semifinals of the World Youth (Under-19) Cricket Championship, being played in Colombo.

Australia, who beat New Zealand by 69 runs in Moratuwa ground yesterday, are the other semifinalists from Group One of the Super League.

Pakistan emerged as the Group One champions when they beat West Indies by three wickets in Colombo yesterday. Chasing the Caribbean total of 182 all out, Pakistan went to score 185 in 43.1 overs.

Their arch-rivals India became the champions from Group Two, Indians comprehensively beat the hosts by 41 runs in Colombo yesterday. Batting first, India scored 242 for seven and then bundled out the islanders for 201 in 45.4 overs.

In a low-scoring affair at Moratuwa, Australia, defending only 122 runs, shot out the Kiwis for 53 in 27 overs.

Both the semifinals will be held on January 24. Pakistan will take on Sri Lanka at the Galle International Stadium while India face Aussies at the P Sara Stadium.

The final will be held on January 28 at the SSC ground.

### STANDINGS

TEAM	P	W	L	P
Pakistan	3	3	-	6
Australia	3	2	1	4
West Indies	3	1	2	2
New Zealand	3	-	3	0

TEAM	P	W	L	P
India	3	3	-	6
Sri Lanka	3	2	1	4
England	3	1	2	2
Nepal	3	-	3	0

## World Youth C'ship

### BD-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Youth Cricket Championship final Plate Group match between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe played at the NCC ground in Colombo on Sunday.

**BANGLADESH:**  
Nahid c Masakadza b Ewing 54  
M Selim c Nkala b Ewing 54  
Rajin c Talbu b McMillan 19  
Hannan csh Ewing 3  
Kuntal c Talbu b McMillan 17  
Kalim c Ervin b Croxford 7  
Mahfuz not out 41  
Tariqul c Talbu b Erving 35  
Bikash not out 4  
Extras: (b-2, lb-5, nb-9, w-20) 36  
Total: (For 7 wks in 50 overs) 270  
Did not bat: Mosaddek Hossain and Anwar Hossain.

Fall of wickets: 1/122; 2/125; 3/131; 4/164; 5/167; 6/190; 7/261.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McMillan	7	1	49	2
Nkala	4.1	0	25	0
Erving	8	0	38	0
Ewing	10	2	30	3
Masakadza	10	0	46	0
Erving	3	0	26	1
Henderson	4	0	23	0
Croxford	3.5	0	26	1

**ZIMBABWE**  
Ewing run out 19  
Masakadza b Bikash 3  
Monson b Bikash 41  
Talbu c Mosaddek b Anwar 02  
Lamb b Mahfuz 19  
Croxford c Kuntal b Mosaddek 21  
Nkala b Anwar 11  
Ervin b Anwar 24  
Erving b Hannan 24  
Henderson not out 27  
McMillan not out 1  
Extras: (b-3, lb-3, nb-4, w-16) 26  
Total: (For 9 wks in 50 overs) 195  
Fall of wickets: 1/15; 2/38; 3/43; 4/77; 5/115; 6/136; 7/138; 8/138; 9/187.

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Bikash 10 2 19 2  
Tariqul 6 0 25 0  
Hannan 5 0 25 1  
Anwar 9 0 39 3  
Mosaddek 10 3 41 1  
Mahfuz 6 0 26 1  
Alam 1 0 7 0  
Nahid 3 0 14 0

**Result: Bangladesh won by 75 runs.**

### Matches against MCC

**Bangladesh team named**  
**Sports Reporter**  
Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced a 14-member national squad to play a three-day and a limited overs match against the visiting Marylebone Cricket Club. The three-day match will start at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow while the one-day match on January 29 at the same ground.

Although, BCB on Saturday declared that there will be two limited-over matches on January 28 and 29, the January 28 match was cancelled to allow both teams a day of rest at the end of the three day.

**THE SQUAD:**  
Aminul Islam (captain), Javed Omar Belim, Shahriar Hossain, Habibul Bashar, Aminul Islam, Akram Khan, Al-Shahriar, Khaled Masood, Khaled Mahmud, Enamul Hoque, Naimur Rahman, Fahim Muntassir, Hasibul Hossain, Shafuddin Ahmed and Monjurul Islam.

## Pakistan bow to pressure



**MELBOURNE, Jan 23 (AFP/Reuters):** Shane Lee grabbed two wickets as Australia stopped Pakistan in their tracks to score an exciting 15-run victory in the Carlton and United tri-series here on Sunday.

Pakistan, chasing 261 to win, were well-placed at 197 for four in the 40th over when a sharp shower drove the players back in the pavilion and gave Australia time to regroup.

But after 20 minutes the rain went and with it Pakistan's chances as they lost their last six wickets for 44 runs to be shot out for 245 in the day-night international at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

A rollicking 45 off 48 balls by opener Shahid Afridi and 85 from Ijaz Ahmed had set up a thrilling run chase on the cool evening before 57,000 fans.

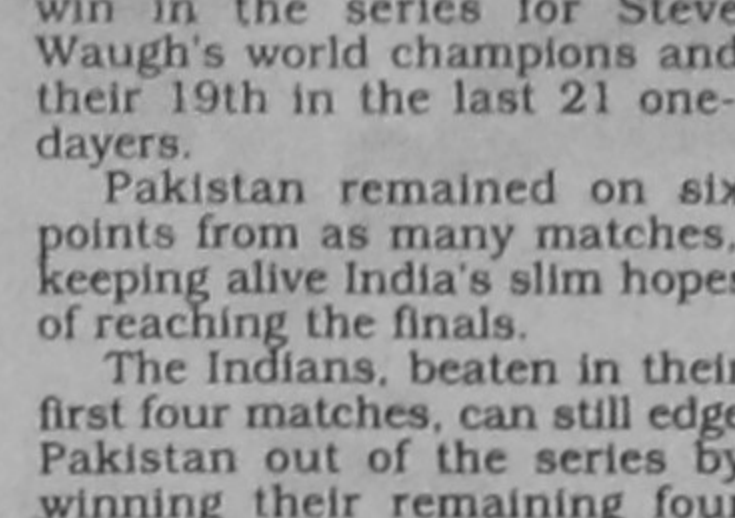
Shane Lee, who had earlier dismissed Inzamam-ul Haq, returned after the rain break to bowl Ijaz Ahmed. He then took the last two wickets of skipper Wasim Akram and Saqlain Mushtaq to finish with 4-37.

In between, Moin Khan (33) was trapped leg-before by Shane's brother Brett Lee, while leg-spinner Stuart MacGill bowled Azhar Mahmood round his legs in trademark Shane Warne fashion.

When 23 were of 24 balls, Ricky Ponting ran out danger man Abdur Razaq with a direct hit from point. Shane Lee then had Akram caught at mid-off to seal Pakistan's fate.

It was the fifth successive win in the series for Steve Waugh's world champions and their 19th in the last 21 one-dayers.

Pakistan remained on six points from as many matches, keeping alive India's slim hopes of reaching the finals.  
The Indians, beaten in their first four matches, can still edge Pakistan out of the series by winning their remaining four



**M BEVAN ... m-o-m**  
Bevan who was adjudged man-of-the-match, was involved in two useful partnerships of 66 each with Ponting and Andrew Symonds after Australia had won the toss and elected to bat.

Ponting shrugged off the embarrassment of three consecutive ducks to smash 53 off 64 balls, while Symonds made a run-a-ball 35.

Australia were coasting at 188-3 in the 36th over, before Pakistan hit back with six wickets for 67 runs.

Saqlain had two batsmen stumped in the final over to join fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar and leg-spinner Afridi with two wickets each.

"It was a great atmosphere out there, a great win by us," a

relieved Steve Waugh said later. "I thought 260 was a winning score, but Pakistan got a good start. We kept getting wickets regularly and did it in the end."

"Frankly, I thought Pakistan had won it with 10 overs still to go. The end only showed how capable we are of fighting back," Waugh said.

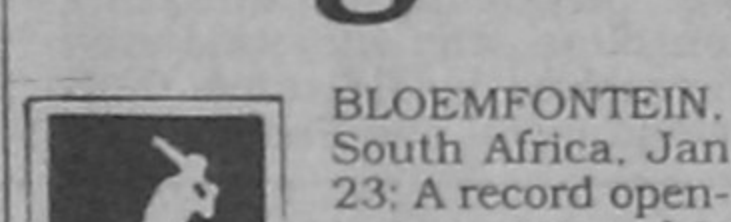
Australia have already qualified for the finals with 10 points from six matches.

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Scene from yesterday's 21st national junior championship at NSC chess room. — Star photo

## England crush S Africa



**D GOUGH ... m-o-m**  
Gough had Gary Kirsten caught behind by wicketkeeper Chris Read, bowled Dale Benkenstein off the edge and pad, and had Hanse Cronje taken behind by wicketkeeper Chris Read in his first spell of five overs in which he took three for 17.

Caddick trapped Herschelle Gibbs in front in bowling 10 tight overs on the trot to finish with one for 23.

However, England looked to have had some help from the

umpires, with the delivery that dismissed Gibbs probably missing leg stump and the ball hitting Cronje's pad rather than his bat.

Kallis and Boucher seemed to have stopped the rot, but their fifth-wicket stand foundered at 30 when Boucher, on 11 with the total 53, drove a ball from medium pacer Craig White to Gough at mid-on.

Pieter Strydom then joined Kallis to add 69 runs for the sixth wicket before Strydom was caught for 34 by a diving Caddick at mid-on off medium pacer Mark Ealham.

South Africa's last hope of posting a sizeable total disappeared in the 46th over when Lance Kluseener heaved one of Graeme Hick's off-spinners to Caddick at long-on to be out for 27.

Only quick wickets could

**Result: England won by nine wickets.**  
Man-of-the-match: Darren Gough.

### Masuda stays in front

**Sports Reporter**  
Masuda Begum Barisal maintained her solo lead in the 21st national women chess qualifiers defeating Poppy in the 6th round at the NSC chess room yesterday.

The win raised Masuda's tally to 5.5 points and kept her at the top of the table with half a point lead over Manikganj's Nazma Khan Ava who has 5 points.

Syeda Afsana Parveen Nira, Jahannara Haque Runu and Afroza Haque Chowdhury Poly were in joint third position with 4.5 points each.

The final round will start at the same venue today at 1 pm.

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Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gough	10	1	20	4
Caddick	10	1	23	1
White	8.5	0	45	3
Swann	5	0	24	0
Ealham	10	1	22	1
Hick	6	0	32	1

**ENGLAND**  
Hussain c Gibbs b Boje 85  
Knight not out 71  
Hick not out 17  
Extras: (lb-10, nb-1, w-6) 12  
Total: (For 1 wicket in 39.3 overs) 185

Fall of wicket: 1-165.  
Did not bat: C Adams, V Solanki, C White, M Ealham, D Gough.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Pollock 8 2 22 0  
Terbrugge 6 1 23 0  
Kallis 4 0 34 0  
Boje 10 1 47 1  
Strydom 2 0 7 0  
Kluseener 5 0 25 0  
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Middlesborough's Gianluca Festa makes a sliding challenge on Liverpool superstar Michael Owen during their Premiership clash at Anfield on January 22. — AFP photo

## Premiership Liverpool drop vital points



**LONDON, Jan 23:** Liverpool missed the chance to go joint second on points in the English Premiership Saturday, having to settle for a 0-0 draw at home to Middlesbrough and also seeing star striker Michael Owen limp off with a recurrence of a hamstring injury, reports AFP.

After the England striker's third breakdown with that particular injury, Liverpool manager Gerard Houllier said: "Michael has had a slight twinge in his right leg. It is not the same muscle as before, but it is a muscle close to it. They are in a group and it is a similar problem."

Robson said: "After last week when we lost badly at home to Derby, this performance was much better from the lads."

"I thought we did really well apart from in the last 10 minutes when we looked a bit tired

and Liverpool made a few chances."

The big winners of the day were struggling Sheffield Wednesday whose 1-0 victory over Tottenham Hotspur lifted them off the bottom of the top flight where they were replaced by Watford, who crashed 3-2 at fellow strugglers Bradford.

Wednesday's under-fire manager Danny Wilson refused another opportunity to bite back at the critics who have been calling for his sacking after his side notched their first away win of the season.

The Owls boss has been under attack in recent weeks from a quartet of local MPs led by former Wednesday vice-president Joe Ashton.

Wilson said: "It is a situation I won't talk about. I don't even want to go down that road."

"But what I will say is that in the last two months we've seen the real Sheffield Wednesday - and winning today at Tottenham is a terrific bonus."

"We dug in great and were very disciplined. It was a team performance but I have to say our back line was absolutely superb."

"Our goal came against the run of play but after that we just grew in confidence and could have had a few more in the second half."

"I'm delighted with my lads, but not that surprised. You could see a strong attitude in the dressing room before the start. There were no slumped shoulders like there have maybe been earlier in the season."

"It is all about confidence because we know we can pass the ball and play."

But you have to have the right commitment and it was there again today."

Southampton and Wimbledon boosted their battles against the drop with home 2-0 wins over Everton and Newcastle respectively.

Saints manager Dave Jones admitted Southampton's win had eased everyone's nerves as they battle to avoid the drop.

Jones said: "We got the break and it was important. We knew a draw would not be good enough today. The only thing the fans would accept was three points. It was not the prettiest game but we ground out a result."

Chelsea's French international Didier Deschamps (R) tackling Aston Villa's Paul Merson during their Premiership game at Villa Park on January 22. — AFP photo