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**Sachin Tendulkar**

(Indian cricket captain)  
"I have no hang-ups with any player. For me the country comes first, not individuals and individual needs."

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## Charity match for Munna deferred

Sports Reporter

The charity football match between Premier Division champions Mohammedan Sporting Club and Federation Cup winners Abahani Krira Chakra on Wednesday has been deferred for three days because of the hartal called by opposition political parties.

The match, being organised to raise funds for the ailing former national captain Monem Munna, will now be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on February 19 at 4:30 pm. This was decided after a meeting of the match committee at the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) office yesterday.

Chaired by Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) treasurer Shamimuzzaman Basunia, the meeting was attended by BFF joint-secretary Badal Roy, Abahani director Ashrafuddin Ahmed Chinnu, Mohammedan Sporting Club manager Imtiaz Sultan Johnny and Bangladesh Cricket Board joint-secretary Dewan Shahidul Arefin Tutul.

The meeting also suspended the February 19 charity match in Chittagong for the time being.

A fresh date for the match between Dhaka Abahani and Chittagong Mohammedan will be announced shortly, they observed.

Munna, arguably the finest defender the country has ever produced, is now receiving treatment for his damaged kidneys at a hospital in Bangalore, India.

## M'singh cricket

MYMENSINGH, Feb 14: Gulkibari KC beat County Nabin Club by 14 runs in the Beg Rim Premier Division Cricket League here today, reports UNB.

Batting first, Gulkibari scored 121 for all in 40.3 overs with Salam making 22 and Iqbal 21 runs.

Joyanta claimed three wickets conceding nine runs while Ashiq and Swapan took two wickets each for 14 and 16 runs respectively.

In reply, County Nabin Club were all out for 107 runs in 30.5 overs with Sagar adding 31 runs.

## League to be delayed again

Sports Reporter



The Premier Division Cricket League stumbled again even before a ball was bowled.

The limited-overs contest between the twelve teams was scheduled to kick-off on February 17. But the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM), who runs the show, appeared reluctant to start the League on schedule for no good reason. The League was supposed to go on on February 8. It was deferred citing reasons that the clubs needed more time to get prepared. But yesterday, Mahmud Ul Haq, the CCDM secretary, said they were expecting that most colourful domestic League would commence from February 22.

The CCDM secretary did not attribute any reason for the delay. But in the words of CCDM supremo Tanvir Haider: "It is the desire of the clubs. They needed more time to limber up".

But Tanvir's statement goes against the spirit of the deal struck with the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB). The CCDM had earlier made it clear that they would not allow any inter-

ruption once the league was in progress. And the BCB obliged by arranging its international calendar.

This arrangement was done in a bid to save some money of the cash-strapped clubs as well as for the smooth running of the League.

The change of the schedule meanwhile sparked off dissatisfaction among different clubs

## Khulna cricket

KHULNA, Feb 14: Saviour Club recorded a massive 114-run victory over Abul Kasem Smriti Sangsad in the Basundhara DSA cup Metropolitan Senior division Cricket League here today, reports UNB.

Batting first, Saviour scored 237 in the stipulated 45 overs at the local Circuit House ground.

Prince made highest 55 while Sharif added 55 and Altaf 43 runs.

Imran took two wickets giving away 42 runs.

In reply, Abul Kasem Smriti were all out for 123 in 38.1 overs with Sajib making 30 runs.

who believe stormy days lie ahead. Many feel that if the CCDM had started the League on time they could have saved at least a few priceless days in a country caught in political unrest.

Still to complete the first phase of the First Division Cricket League, the tardy CCDM, which is not sure of how to distribute the limited grounds available for cricket, is yet to complete the fixture of the Premier League and prepare the most important by-laws prescribed by ICC.

It was learnt that the ICC rules and the playing condition would be introduced for the first time in the Dhaka Premier League this year. And if the CCDM goes by the rules that would mean the introduction of a match-referee for every game.

The introduction of match-referee will certainly provide a real shot in the CCDM arm to curb the in-field trouble as well as raise the existing standard.

Besides, the return to one-day mould after introducing an 80-over contest last year would be a financial bonanza for the organisers.

## African Nations' Cup

# Lions roar the last roar



LAGOS, Feb 14 (Reuters/Internet): Cameroon captured the African Nations' Cup for the third time in dramatic and contentious fashion on Sunday, edging out stunned hosts Nigeria in a penalty shoot-out after a 2-2 draw.

Captain Rigobert Song converted the winning spot kick to ensure a 4-3 win on penalties after Nigeria had fought back from two goals down to force extra time.

"It was draining, really dramatic, right to the end," said the Liverpool defender amid wild scenes of celebration by the Cameroon squad.

"We have again climbed to the top in Africa, Cameroon is back."

But the outcome was clouded in controversy after a penalty by Victor Ikpeba - Nigeria's fourth of the shoot-out - hit the underside of the bar, crossed the goal-line and then bounced out.

Tunisian referee Mourad Daami ruled the Borussia Dortmund player missed.

Television replays indicated the penalty was good but Tunisian linesman Taoufik Adjouli, standing alongside goal, appeared to be watching the kicker instead of the ball.

Ikpeba himself did not appeal for a goal but he could well, reflect on a possible injustice when he watches the match coverage.

It was a body blow for the heavily-fancied Nigerians who were two goals down as early as the 31st minute but recovered well to force the game into extra time.

Cameroon had threatened a runaway victory after goals by Samuel Eto'o in the 26th minute and a second five minutes later, by Patrick Mboma.

Eto'o turned superbly at the near post to convert a free-kick from Pierre Wome to silence the 60,000 capacity crowd at Sures stadium.

The Real Madrid reserve turned provider four minutes later, finding Mboma in space with a neat pass. The tall striker shot through the legs of

Nigerian goalkeeper Ike Shorunmu to double the lead.

Nigerian defender Taribo West almost added a third for Cameroon, saved only by the woodwork as he attempted to clear Wome's cross.

But the hosts pulled a goal back in first half stoppage time when Raphael Chukwu converted from a tight angle.

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## Div I cricket Late turner Orient beat Wanderers

Sports Reporter

**Brief Scores**  
Dhaka Wanderers: 146 in 44.5 overs (Chayan 35, Tapan 22, Rubel 3/31, Uzzal 2/28, Kamal 2/27)  
Orient SC: 147 for 3 in 43 overs (Aslam 48 n.o., Masum 28 n.o., Jewel 28)  
Result: Orient SC won by 7 wickets.

Orient Sporting Club turned up late but handed Dhaka Wanderers Club a seven-wicket defeat at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The defaulting Orient outfit came to the field half an hour after the scheduled time, leaving the organisers of the First Division League with no choice but to reduce the match to a 47-over-a-side.

Chasing a paltry Wanderers total of 146, one-down Aslam struck an unbeaten 48 as Orient took only 43 overs to reach 147 with seven wickets in hand.

Aslam apart, opener Jewel and middle-order Masum chipped in with 28 runs each.

Earlier, electing to bat first, Wanderers were bundled out for 146 with middle order Chayan scoring highest 35.

Rubel of Orient returned with three wickets for 31 runs from his 10 overs while Uzzal and Kamal captured two wickets each.

No matches will be held today, tomorrow and the day after due to the hartal called by the opposition political parties.

## Bad day for Zia, Reefat

Sports Reporter

International Masters Ziaur Rahman and Reefat-bin-Sattar lost their respective eighth round matches of the Goodricke International Open Chess Tournament at the Gorki Sadan in Calcutta on Sunday.

Zia lost to Indian S Satyapragan while Reefat went down to International Master GB Prakash.

With the defeat, both Zia and Reefat remained glued to their previous collection of 4 points each on completion of eight matches.

Grand Master Gregory Kaidanov of USA is leading the table with 7 points. In the 8th round, Kaidanov beat Grand Master Vladimirov of Kazakhstan.

## Kenya to host WC matches

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 14 (Reuters): Kenya could host their group games at the 2003 World Cup in South Africa following a decision to fast-track the East African country and Bangladesh into the premier limited overs cricket tournament.

Both Kenya and Bangladesh were among a trio of qualifiers for last year's World Cup.

Cup in England but they will automatically join the nine test teams in three years' time.

Three sides will qualify from a competition in Toronto next year, expanding the World Cup from 12 to 14 sides.

Bacher said the three teams who qualify from the ICC Trophy in Toronto would subsequently get "two years of assistance from the ICC and its member nations".

That will include player exchanges and tours to and from the successful qualifying countries.

Zimbabwe have already been awarded the right to host their games during the 2003 tournament and Bacher now says the same offer may be made to Kenya.

"We are looking at exercising that option," Kenya as well," he said. "If they can show that they can organise the mini-World Cup in Nairobi in October well and their facilities are up to standard, then we would like to give them that chance."

The increase was unanimously approved at an International Cricket Council (ICC) meeting in Singapore last week but still requires ratification from the full council at its traditional June meeting at Lord's.

"We are delighted at this decision," tournament director Ali Bacher of the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCB) said on Monday.

"It's a unanimous recommendation and we believe it's an important decision for the globalisation of the game."

"I haven't been on a really successful tour of New Zealand, so we are well aware of what lies ahead and we expect tough competition."

The Australians were incensed on the last tour about missiles being thrown at them during the day-night games, and Waugh said: "You wouldn't expect or fancy things being thrown at the players."

"But it's happened in Australia and all around the world. It would be nice for the players to have a peaceful game without things being thrown at them, but I guess they fancy they have to get their money's worth and if they want to throw things, they shouldn't be there. It might happen."

New Zealand found form over the summer, beating a touring West Indies side in both Tests and sweeping all five one-



England fast bowler Darren Gough appeals unsuccessfully for a leg before decision against South African opener Neil McKenzie in the tri-series final at the Wanderers on Sunday.

## Pollock's lethal spell



JOHANNESBURG, Feb 14: Superb fast bowling by Shaun Pollock enabled South Africa to turn potential defeat into a stunning 38-run victory over England in the triangular series final yesterday, reports Reuters.

Pollock took five for 20 as England fell for 111.

South Africa, deep in trouble at 21 for five, had totalled 149.

The red-haired paceman moved the England top five - all via catches in the arc behind the stumps - with a lethal combination of steeping bounce and movement off the seam.

South African wicketkeeper Mark Boucher made a one-day record-equaling five dismissals.

England's hopes were dashed in the 15th over when Graeme Hick, on 12, edged a ball from Pollock to second slip, where Jacques Kallis dived forward and to his right to take a stunning one-handed catch.

That reduced England to 45 for five, and any thoughts they had of mounting a recovery ended 11 overs later when Craig White was out for 16 and the total 72 for seven.

South Africa reached three figures in their innings largely due to a stand of 74 between Hansie Cronje and Boucher, a record for the South African sixth wicket against England.

Captain Cronje, batting at number four, held the innings together with 56. Boucher scored 36.

England captain Nasser Hussain's decision to field was emphatically vindicated as South Africa lost their first five wickets inside 10 overs.

The pitch, prepared in torrential rain which saw the match postponed on Saturday, did the batsmen no favours.

Andy Caddick and Darren Gough, beat the bat regularly. Caddick finished with four for 19 and Gough took three for 18.

Their efforts began to pay dividends in the sixth over, when Gough induced Herschelle Gibbs to slash at a wide delivery which was caught by Nick Knight at first slip.

Gough's next ball nailed the top of Kallis' off-stump, and South Africa lost their third wicket in four deliveries when opener Neil McKenzie edged a ball from Caddick on to his stumps.

Jonny Rhodes also went cheaply in the ninth over when he was caught by Hick at second slip off Caddick. Five balls later, the hosts were 21 for five after Pollock steered the last delivery of Caddick's over to Craig White at point.



POLLOCK... m-o-m and m-o-s

Cronje and Boucher then swung the momentum back South Africa's way until Boucher's leading edge off medium pacer Mark Alleyne flew to Hick at deep square leg.

Cronje said: "We didn't have the ideal start, but it was obvious the conditions were bowler friendly. We just had to get a partnership going."

"Once the newness went off the ball we thought it would be easier to score, but we also thought 160 was par for that pitch."

Hussain was less than complimentary about the pitch. "It wasn't easy batting out there, and I won't look forward to the next time I have to bat at the Wanderers," he said.

Pollock named man-of-the-series and man-of-the-match, said: "You have to cash in on days like this. I've tried to contribute as much as I can, and I battled in the middle of the se-

ries but came good at the end."

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Standard Bank International triangular series limited-overs final between South Africa and England at the Wanderers Stadium on Sunday:

**SOUTH AFRICA:**  
Gibbs c Knight b Gough 8  
McKenzie b Caddick 4  
Kallis b Gough 0  
Cronje c Knight b Mullyally 56  
Rhodes c Hick b Caddick 5  
Pollock c White b Caddick 0  
Boucher c Hick b Alleyne 36  
Kluseener c Hussain b Gough 10  
Strydom c Maddy b Caddick 3  
Elworthy not out 8  
Williams run out (Gough) 7  
Extras: (lb-5, nb-1, w-6) 12  
Total: (All out in 45 overs) 149  
Fall of wickets: 1-14; 2-14; 3-14; 4-21; 5-21; 6-35; 7-129; 8-132; 9-134

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Caddick 9 1 19 4  
Gough 9 2 18 3  
Mullyally 9 3 22 1  
White 7 0 38 0  
Ealham 5 0 24 0  
Alleyne 6 0 23 1

**ENGLAND:**  
Hussain c Boucher b Pollock 8  
Knight c Boucher b Pollock 10  
Hick c Kallis b Pollock 12  
Maddy c Kallis b Pollock 0  
Alleyne c Cronje b Pollock 6  
White b Kluseener 16  
Ealham c Boucher b Kluseener 4  
Read lbw b Williams 3  
Caddick c Boucher b Kallis 7  
Gough c Boucher b Kallis 1  
Mullyally not out 14  
Extras: (lb-1, nb-2, w-21) 24  
Total: (38 overs) 111  
Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-22; 3-22; 4-41; 5-45; 6-64; 7-72; 8-83; 9-87

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Pollock 9 1 20 5  
Kallis 8 0 25 2  
Elworthy 6 0 19 0  
Williams 6 0 18 1  
Kluseener 9 1 25 2

**Result:** South Africa won by 38 runs.

**Man-of-match:** Shaun Pollock.

**Man-of-Series:** Shaun Pollock.

**Umpires:** RE Koertzen, DL Orchard (both SA).

**TV umpire:** CJ Mitchley (SA).

**Match referee:** Hanumant Singh (India).

## WC 2006

# Greet the new shrine

England's bidding committee for the 2006 football World Cup is eager to bring into focus the centrepiece of their campaign - the new Wembley Stadium, says a press release.

As English football's national stadium, the current Wembley has been described as a cathedral of football for fans and players across the globe, and the campaign team of Target 2006 have been keen to be agreed and the new state of

stress that in essence it is an international football stadium, not simply an English one. Consequently when the plans were submitted in November 1999, they evoked intense media interest and debate worldwide.

Controversies regarding the demolition of the legendary twin towers and the proposed sliding roof was hot topics for debate.

Following discussions amongst English sporting authorities the plans have now

the art stadium is due to open in 2003.

"The future of the new Wembley Stadium is now assured. We are delighted that it will be exclusively a football stadium, with no athletics track to separate the crowd from the pitch," says Target 2006 director Alec McGivern.

"We owe it to football fans everywhere to build a new Wembley that will be the best in the world and with these designs we will do exactly that", McGivern added.



An artist's impression of the new Wembley.



## Office hockey league from Feb 18

The third Office Hockey League will begin on February 18 at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium, reports UNB.

Defending champions Sonali Bank Club will take on Bangladesh Railway in the opening encounter at 3:30 pm.

Seven teams - Sonali Bank, Bangladesh Army, Sadharan Bima, Blue Berry Club, Bangladesh Navy, Bangladesh Air Force and Bangladesh Railway - will participate in the league.

Four top teams will qualify in the super league while two top finishers of the super league will play in the final.

## Waugh not eying whitewash



WELLINGTON, Feb 14 (Reuters): Australian captain Steve Waugh said on Monday his side was confident leading into a six-match series of one-day international matches against New Zealand, but he said a whitewash of the home side was not in his sights.

"We respect New Zealand. We've been on enough tours here to know that it is tough cricket," Waugh told a news conference.

"I'm confident of playing well over here, the wickets are going to be a little bit slower, but we will just adjust our games a little bit to cope with those changes in conditions," he said.

"I haven't been on a really successful tour of New Zealand, so we are well aware of what lies ahead and we expect tough competition."

The Australians were incensed on the last tour about missiles being thrown at them during the day-night games, and Waugh said: "You wouldn't expect or fancy things being thrown at the players."