

## SPORTS TALK



## Venus Williams

(American tennis star)  
"I don't fear anyone. If anything I fear myself the most because sometimes I can get a little crazy, make a lot of mistakes and play badly."

After winning the singles title in the Sydney Olympics.

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- Who is the captain of Bangladesh cricket team?  
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- Who won the AB Bank Men's TT title?  
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## NZ-ZIM 1STODI SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of New Zealand's reply to Zimbabwe in the first of three one-day internationals at Harare on Wednesday:  
ZIMBABWE: 183 for 8 in 50 overs

**NEW ZEALAND**  
Nevin c P Strang b B Strang 1  
Astle run out (P Strang) 10  
Spearman c G Flower b P Strang 86  
Twose not out 70  
McMillan not out 7  
Extras: (b-4; lb-3; w-3) 10  
Total: (For 3 wickets in 40.5 overs) 184  
Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-14, 3-166

**Bowler** O M R W  
Streak 8 0 38 0  
B Strang 7 2 15 1  
Mbangwa 5 0 32 0  
Viljoen 5 0 28 0  
P Strang 8 0 33 1  
G Flower 7 5 0 31 0

Result: New Zealand win by seven wickets and take 1-0 lead in three-match series.  
Next match: September 30 at Bulawayo.

## Rajshahi cricket

From Our Correspondent  
RAJSHAHI, Sept 28: Upashar Cricket Club moved into the final of the Friendly Cup cricket tournament beating Zinna Nagar Cricket Club by 23 runs at the Upashar Cricket Club playground today.

Winning the toss, Upashar scored 140 for nine in the stipulated 25 overs.  
In reply, Zinna Nagar Cricket Club were shot out for 117 in 22.2 overs.

## Raducan

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to the silver spot as pointless. "Making me the Olympic vice-champion doesn't mean anything to me and I don't accept it. The Olympic champion is Andrea and the silver medal is Simona's. I don't understand why it is the little people who suffer for the mistakes of the big people," Olaru said.

Romania Olympic Committee chief Ion Tiriac vowed to resign following the case.

Tiriac, a successful businessman and former manager of tennis star Boris Becker, said he had no choice but to quit. He had earlier stated that any athlete testing positive for banned substances at the Olympics should be banned for life.

He also criticised the IOC's zero-tolerance drug stance as too inflexible.

"I believe in the IOC's fight against doping, but sooner or later we have to put our hands on our hearts, we have to be human enough that if we make a mistake, we admit it."

## BD start on right foot

Sports Reporter



Bangladesh's build-up to the ICC Knockout tournament got a good momentum when the newest Test-playing nation thrashed hosts Kenya by 34 runs in a limited-over match, played at the Mombasa Sports Club ground yesterday.

Chasing a formidable Bangladesh total of 246, Kenya could score 212 for nine before exhausting their quota of 50 overs, says a faxed message received here late last night.

Opener Ravindu Shah topped with 48 off 46 balls while middle order Tony Suji chipped in with 54-ball 32.

Left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque took three wickets for 24 runs to slow down the Kenyan run chase.

Earlier, Bangladesh, riding on a half-century by Akram Khan and useful contributions from Aminul Islam and wicket-keeper Khaled Masood, went on to post 246 for 9.

Akram, the former national skipper, scored a 60-ball 56 to help Bangladesh survive an early collapse and reach a respectable total after Naimur Rahman won the toss.

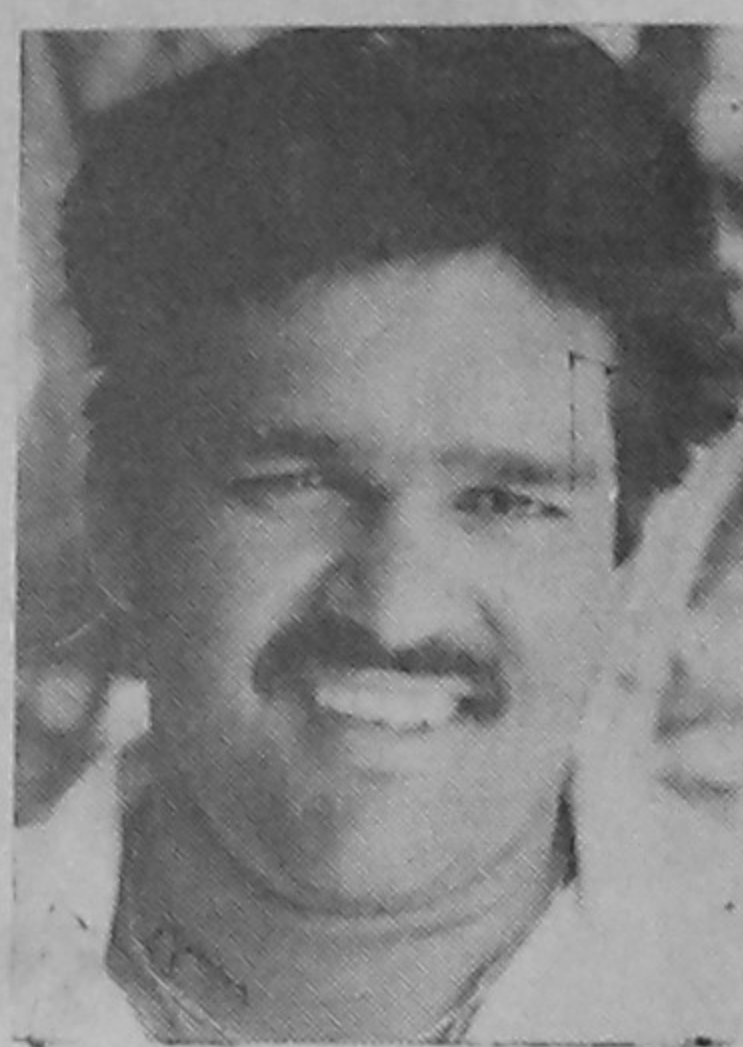
Coming in to bat at number five with Bangladesh reeling on 57 for 3 in 15 overs, Akram shared a priceless 96-run partnership with Aminul Islam, who scored 48 off 98 balls.

Bangladesh will take on England in the ICC Knock-out

tournament at the Nairobi Gymkhana ground on October 5.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the limited-over practice match between Bangladesh and Kenya played at the Mombasa Sports Club ground in Kenya on Thursday.



AKRAM KHAN ... m-o-m

## BANGLADESH

Javed Omar c K Otieno b Odoyo 8  
Al-Shahrar c T Suji b M Suji 13  
Habibul c R Shah b M Sheikh 15  
Aminul b M Sheikh 48  
Akram run out 56  
Naimur run out 24  
K Masood c C Otieno b M Suji 35  
Hasibul b Odoyo 11

Bikash b Odoyo 0  
Enamul not out 9  
Monjurul not out 1  
Extras (lb-2; lb-7; nb-3; w-14) 24  
Total (for 9 wickets in 50 overs) 246  
Fall of wickets: 1/27, 2/31, 3/57, 4/153, 5/156, 6/210, 7/228, 8/230, 9/242.

**Bowlers** O M R W  
M Suji 10 1 46 2  
T Odoyo 10 0 48 3  
T Suji 5 0 36 0  
M Sheikh 10 1 33 2  
Tokolo 10 0 35 0  
C Otieno 3 0 20 0  
Odumbe 1 0 19 0

## KENYA

K Otieno c Enamul b Hasibul 9  
R Shah c Masood b Bikash 48  
Tikolo c Masood b Hasibul 4  
Odumbe b Bikash 9  
Odoyo c Al-Shahrar b Monjurul 7  
H Modi b Enamul 28  
T Suji lbw b Naimur 12  
Kamande b Enamul 8  
M Suji not out 23  
M Sheikh lbw b Enamul 5  
C Otieno not out 4  
Extras (b-6; lb-13; nb-4; w-12) 35  
Total (for 9 wickets in 50 overs) 212  
Fall of wickets: 1/46, 2/50, 3/74, 4/83, 5/83, 6/153, 7/164, 8/167, 9/180.

**Bowlers** O M R W  
Hasibul 10 1 44 2  
Monjurul 10 1 34 1  
Bikash 10 1 38 2  
Naimur 10 2 36 1  
Enamul 10 0 24 3

Result: Bangladesh won by 36 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Akram Khan

Next match: Against Sri Lanka on October 1



Action from yesterday's Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League between Ajax and Mariner Young's at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium. The match ended 1-1.

-Star photo

## Golden Greek

## ATHLETICS

SYDNEY, Sept 28: Little known Greek sprinter Konstantinos Kenteris pulled off a sensational upset when he snatched the men's 200-metre Olympic title here on Thursday, reports AFP.

The 27-year-old powered home in 20.09secs, the fastest run of his life, heading Britain's Darren Campbell and Trinidad and Tobago's Ato Boldon.

The American sprint duo of Coby Miller and John Capel, one of the favourites, trailed home in seventh and eighth spot.

Kenteris looked stunned and then surprised as he flashed across the line, clapping his hands to his face, before grabbing his national flag from a spectator and going on a lap of honour.

"People may be surprised but I knew I was going to win," said Kenteris. "It was too good for me tonight. Greece has finally arrived at the top table of athletics."

"I was not scared of anyone, I knew I could outrun them."

The 27-year-old Campbell,

who celebrated his birthday earlier this month, simply collapsed on the track and sobbed with joy.

It was nearly five minutes before he clambered to his feet and went over to his coach, former Olympic champion Linford Christie, who insisted he only runs the 200 for power training to help him in the 100 metres, admitted he was stunned to have come away with silver.

"If I had won gold I would

have retired and taken up football," he laughed.

I can only thank Linford for his advice, his help and his coaching. Without him I would be a nobody," he added.

For Boldon, the 26-year-old walked around the edge of the track in stunned disbelief, knowing he had blown his best ever chance for Olympic glory.

Even when he was presented with the bronze he was unable to give photographers a smile.

He had been strongly tipped to take the gold, especially with the absence of Maurice Greene and world record holder and defending champion Michael Johnson. Both failed to make the US 200m team, pulling out with injuries in the trials.

Instead he squeezed home with a bronze and he made no attempt to hide his disgust at himself.

"I wanted it to be gold. It is a shame it isn't but I'll go home with my head held high. I was plain out of gas," said Boldon.

"Of course it was easier for John (Kenteris). He only had to run four races instead of eight," added Boldon, who won silver in the 100 metre final last Saturday.

Both runners comfortably got through their semifinal races here on Thursday evening and meet again in Saturday's final.

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Australian cricket stars relax in the swimming pool of their hotel in Nairobi on September 27. The Aussies arrived in the Kenyan capital earlier on that day to participate in the October 3-15 ICC Knockout tournament.

-Internet photo

## Aminul keeps on winning

Sports Reporter

Khandakar Aminul Islam of Leonine Chess Club earned a solo lead in the Shaheed Major Nazmul Haque International Rating Chess Tournament after defeating Rezaul Haque in the fourth round at the Pallina Sangsad premises in Khilgaon yesterday.

It was Aminul's fourth successive win which raised his tally to four points, half a point more than International Masters Ziaur Rahman and Abdulah Al-Rakib. Fide Master Enamul Hossain Rajib and Shawkat Hossain Pallab respectively.

Zia beat national sub junior champion Nakibul Haque Udash. Pallab beat Monir while Rakib and Rajib shared the points.

The fifth round will start at the same venue today at 3.30 pm.

## A playmaker needed, feels Ronaldo

## Ronaldo

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept 28: Superstar Ronaldo is confident Brazil will qualify for the 2002 World Cup, despite a stuttering start to their campaign under coach Wanderly Luxemburgo, reports AFP.

"What we need is playmaker, but things are improving," the Inter Milan player, currently sidelined by a serious knee injury, told the Brazilian press.

However, the 1998 World Cup star would not be drawn into the recent criticism of Luxemburgo, who was also in charge of the Brazilian squad beaten by Cameroon in the quarter finals of the Olympic Games.

"If I was in the squad, I may have been able to comment, but as a result of my injuries, that wasn't the case," he added.

Ronaldo also played down recent press reports that he was to marry Milene Domingues, the mother of his son Ronaldo.

The player, who horrifically injured his knee last April for the second time, also confirmed he would be basing himself in Portland, Oregon, to continue his re-habilitation in calmer surroundings.

"He would like to be far from Brazil and Europe," his press spokesman Rodrigo Paiva said recently. "Brazil has been said, it's hot, he has his family there, but there are too many disturbances. He also wants to learn English."

According to medical reports, he could be playing again next January, but is set to arrive in Paris on Sunday for further consultations with French surgeon Gerard Saillant who carried out two operations on his stricken knee.

## Frog attack

SYDNEY, Sept 28: The frogs that caused the Olympic tennis centre to be built away from its originally intended venue took in some of the Olympic action Thursday, appearing before journalists at the Main Press Centre, reports AFP.

The frogs dwell in Sydney's Brick Pit area, the initial site for the Games tennis, and also famous as the location for the 1983 movie Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome, starring Mel Gibson and Tina Turner.

The Green and Golden Bell Frog is native to Australia although there are thriving populations in New Zealand and New Caledonia.

But a population that once ran to millions is now down to 10,000 in Australia — 1,500 of that number live on the Olympic site.

Declared an endangered species the programme to save the frog has won Australia's biggest environmental award.

## Gabriela-Suzy showdown

SYDNEY, Sept 28: World number one Suzy Favour-Hamilton and 5,000-metre gold medalist Gabriela Szabo are heading for a showdown in the Olympic women's 1,500m final, reports AFP.

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## Muktis halt MSC's march

Sports Reporter



Mohammedan Sporting Club's impressive all-win record came to a grinding halt when title aspirants Muktijoddha Sangsad handed them a 1-0 defeat in their crucial National Bank Premier Division clash at the Poldit Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Substitute forward Liton scored the all-important goal in the 64th minute.

The title race has now opened up as Muktijoddha jointly share the lead with the champions on 21 points from

eight matches. Although Abahani have played one match less, they can still join the leaders if they can beat newcomers Dhanmendi Club today.

Right from the start Muktijoddha seemed to have got the measure of their Motijheel opponents. The 10-man conquerors of Abahani last Saturday, nearly went in front in the ninth minute when Tushar inside the danger area, blasted his right-footer over the bar.

While the all-reds couldn't turn all their possession into goals, nothing was going to right for the black and whites who had boasted a seven-

match winning streak.

Even Mohammedan's Talisman Alfaz Ahmed was not himself and lethal partner Nakib could not break free from his marker Muktijoddha defender Sujon.

After a goalless first half Muktijoddha fired on cylinders. The constant pressure paid off with Sujon's a defence-splitting long pass to Liton.

After beating the off-side trap, Liton, who replaced young footballer Sumon early in the first session, caught the third-choice Mohammedan keeper Rezaul Hakim off his line with a clever chip shot that instantly silenced the thousands of Mohammedan supporters inside the big bowl.

The winners could have been doubled a minute later if Maksudul Amin Rana's angular shot had not hit the metal work. He also hit the ball wide of the far post after dodging past Jewel Rana in injury time.

**Yellow cards:** Hasan Al-Mamun, Masood Rana (Muktijoddha) and Ruhul Amin (Mohammedan).

## TEAMS

**MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD:** Bijan, Hasan Al-Mamun, Prodeep Poddar, Sujon, Rajani, Masood Rana, Tushar, Mintu, Sourav Raju, Sumon (Liton/Prodeep Barua) and Johny (Amin Rana).

**MOHAMMEDAN SC:** Rezaul Hakim, Rezaul Karim, Faisal, Ruhul Amin, Jewel Rana, Tito (Selimi), Matur Munnas, Shah Alam (Shoeb), Rakib, Alfaz and Nakib.

Referee: MA Mansoor Azad.

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Premier League  
Badda Jagarani v Rahmatganj MFS (3.30 pm)

Abahani v Dhanmendi Club (5.30 pm)

Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.



Prodip Poddar (R) of Muktijoddha Sangsad about to shoot the ball while Mohammedan's Shoib trying to intercept during their National Bank Premier Division Football League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

-Star photo

## Bacher plans big for 2003



JOHANNESBURG, SEPT 28 (Internet report): South Africa's cricket administrators will have to involve the whole country, not just the cricketing fraternity, if the 2003 World Cup is to be a showpiece for the sport.

This was the word from United Cricket Board of South Africa managing director Ali Bacher after his return from a fact-finding mission to the Olympic Games this week.

"If we are thinking of promoting the World Cup simply as a cricketing event, then we will fail in our mission," Bacher told the Cape Times on Thursday. "If there was one aspect of Sydney that impressed me more than anything else, apart obviously from the performances of the athletes, it was the volunteer work force they put together."

"Let me say in the first place that the Olympic Games is a huge event. You have something like 200 participating countries and you have to be there to gain an understanding of how massive it is."

"They had something like 47,000 voluntary workers drawn from the Sydney area who were not paid a cent and were prepared to give up two weeks of their holidays simply to help promote their city and their country."

"They were all put through proper training programmes three years ago and I think the results have been obvious for everybody to see. It was this ability to get everybody involved in the Games that has been one of its biggest successes."

"The Australians managed to imbue in all their people what a vital event it was for them. I will never forget the one day when more than 400,000 people were at Olympic Park to attend events at the various venues. I went for a walk around the park at about 6.30pm and the whole place was spotlessly clean."

"This culture of pride is something that we have to get across to all our own people."

Bacher was impressed by organisation involved in guaranteeing event ticket holders free public transport.

"In fact, there was a great deal that was free and that is always going to make a big impact on foreign visitors. For example, they used the opportunity to give exposure to local artists and musicians at absolutely no cost to anybody."

Bacher is already planning the implementation of his master-scheme for involving all South Africans in the sport's greatest spectacle.

"There are many areas," Bacher says, "and some will be more prominent than others in making all South Africans realise that they are part of the World Cup."

"We must, for instance, involve the minibus taxi industry as major role players in the tournament and we must also make sure that the informal sector gets the chance to sell official World Cup merchandise."

"Minibus taxis, a widely unregulated fleet of private operators, have earned a reputation in the country for reckless driving and powerful — sometimes violent — lobbying tactics."

The World Cup will be the third major sports event hosted in South Africa, following the Rugby World Cup in 1995 and the Africa Cup of Nations football tournament in 1996. Last year saw South Africa, and Cape Town in particular, lose its bid to host the 2004 Olympics, while this year they lost the bid to host the 2006 Soccer World Cup.

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