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1 Who scored the first hat-trick  
in this year's Fed Cup  
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team captain?

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3 Who is the captain of  
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SPORTS TALK

Saeed Anwar

(Pakistan opening batsman)  
"I told him, 'You'll be out next  
game if you don't let me score a  
hundred.'"

Told his partner Yousuf  
Yousuf to leave enough runs  
for him to reach three figures  
while chasing a modest target  
of 195 to win against Sri  
Lanka in the ICC Knockout  
Trophy.

Shaun sings  
Indian songs

NAIROBI, Oct 14 (Internet  
report) Indian skipper Saurav  
Ganguly had said before the  
start of the ICC Knockout  
Trophy here, cricket is one game  
that can bring the best down.  
The South African captain,  
Shaun Pollock, would have  
been in complete agreement  
after India humbled his side by  
95 runs in the semifinal.

Spelling out the reasons why  
his side was sent packing, Pol-  
lock said, "We bowled and  
fielded badly. We were right up  
there against England but all  
credit to the Indians. They  
played superb cricket and were  
just too good for us."

The all-rounder said when  
an opening batsman gets 140  
runs and the side gets close to  
300 runs, it is always a difficult  
job chasing such a huge target.  
"We got a quick start but the  
run out of Gary Kirsten was  
unfortunate."

He said his side lost wickets  
at regular intervals and never  
recovered after that. "A run out  
early on is never ideal and we  
had a lot of soft dismissals. We  
never managed a huge partner-  
ship. We kept losing wickets at  
regular intervals and that put  
us on the back foot," he said.

When asked why he didn't  
promote Lance Klusener up the  
order while chasing a stiff tar-  
get of 295, Pollock said, "Lance  
himself doesn't like to bat up  
the order. He prefers batting  
lower down the order and he  
has won many a match for us  
from that position."

The South African skipper  
was also questioned for his  
statements that his side would  
sort out Yuvraj Singh, Zaheer  
Khan and that he had a plan  
ready for the entire Indian  
team. "None of our plans  
worked," he said. "The result  
proves it. But more than that, I  
would like to commend the  
Indian team for the way they  
have played. Full marks to  
them."

Pollock said the start in the  
bowling was fine as far as  
South Africa was concerned. "I  
thought our start was just fine,  
but Saurav took off when Niki  
Boje came in. He hit all those  
sixes and helped his side reach  
a huge total."



Scene from yesterday's National Bank Premier Division Football Relegation League match between Brothers Union and Farashganj at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. —Star photo

## Farce in name of football

Sports Reporter

The 'fixed match' syndrome  
continued unabated for a se-  
cond successive day at the Ban-  
gabandhu National Stadium  
yesterday.

The unholy practice in the  
Dhaka football over the last few  
years, was reportedly launched in  
the National Bank Premier  
League by none other than hot  
favourites Mohammedan Sport-  
ing Club, who on Friday came  
from behind to post a 3-2 win  
against Rahmatganj Muslim  
Friends Society.

The mockery in the name of  
football, and that too under the  
FIFA's universal slogan of 'fair  
play', came to the fore once  
again when Farashganj Sport-  
ing Club played out a 2-2 draw  
with Brothers Union during the  
90-minute regulation time and  
then won the tie-breaker 5-4.

Although there were not  
many spectators to see the se-  
cond Relegation League match  
on the day, but those who  
thronged the big bowl antici-  
pating a fair contest, returned  
with a feeling of being cheated.

Farashganj took a 2-0 lead  
against relegation-threatened  
Brothers inside 60 minutes.

But it could have been a 6-0  
lead for the old-town outfit had  
their strikers not showed their  
surprising ability to miss the  
target, especially in a one-on-  
one situation.

If that was just the tip of the  
iceberg then the second part of  
the farce was the action, or the  
lack of it, on the part of the  
Farashganj defenders who  
stood like statues, allowing the  
Gopabaghi front-line to equalise  
in a space of 11 minutes.

The joke of a match rolled  
into a shootout, where Brothers  
Aamer Khan repaid the friendly  
gesture of Farashganj by blast-  
ing the ball miles over the bar.  
Aamer was the only player who  
missed the mark in the tie-  
breaker, letting Farashganj run  
away with two points.

Brothers however appeared  
very satisfied with one point,  
which kept them afloat just  
above the danger zone.

The one-time glamorous  
outfit now is languishing third  
from bottom with 11 points  
from six games.

Although Brothers enjoyed a  
'favour' from Farashganj, fellow  
strugglers Badda Jagorani

### TEAMS

**DHANMONDI:** Rafique, Mu-  
hammad, Faruk, Naimur, Hanif,  
Ikram, Mehdi, Asad (Ruhel),  
Faraz, Dulal and Pous Saim.

**BADDA JAGORANI:**

Shamim, Riad, Papel, Kabir,  
Mahmud, Lajuk (Asad), Mon-  
war, Tanvir, Nurul Islam, Bul-  
bul (Uzzal) and Sadek (Haider).

**Referee:** Golam Mostafa

**TODAY'S MATCH**  
Mohammedan vs Muktijod-  
dha (5pm)

## Champions thrashed

SAIDA, Lebanon.  
Oct 14: Rampant  
Japan gave re-  
igning Asian Cup  
champions Saudi  
Arabia a foot-  
balling masterclass here on Sat-  
urday, coasting to a record 4-1  
win in Group C, reports AFP.

Japan — coached by  
Frenchman Philippe "white  
witch-doctor" Troussier — left  
the Saudis spellbound with a  
mesmerising display of attack-  
ing football to get their Asian  
Cup campaign off to a dream  
start.

Outfought in midfield and  
out-thought in attack, Saudi  
Arabia were always on the back  
foot against a Japan team  
missing AS Roma star Hidetoshi  
Nakata in midfield.

The defeat was the biggest  
Japan have ever inflicted on  
Saudi Arabia in six meetings  
between the two sides.

"It was a great start for us  
and very good for our confi-  
dence. It was almost like a  
training match, the way every-  
thing went so well," said Troussier.

"But we are not going to get  
carried away with this. If we  
lose to Uzbekistan and Qatar in  
our remaining group matches,  
this result won't mean any-  
thing," he said.

"I have to thank my players.  
Their attitude and confidence  
was excellent, we always looked  
calm and that made me very  
happy especially."

A 29th minute goal from  
Atsushi Yanagisawa opened the  
scoring for Japan, the mid-  
fielder drilling in Shunsuke  
Nakamura's perfectly weighted  
cross from the left.

Japan made it 2-0 seven  
minutes before the break, when  
Hiroshi Naniwa — formerly  
with Italian club Venezia but  
now back in Japan — crossed  
for Naohiro Takahara.

Takahara barely broke stride  
before crashing in an unstop-  
pable shot into the roof of the  
net past the flailing arms of  
Saudi custodian Mohammed Al  
Daieva.

With Japan in complete  
control, the result was never in  
doubt thereafter, and Troussier's  
team began the second  
half in much the same way they  
finished the first.

The third goal came in the  
54th minute with a lovely build-  
up. Nakamura slipped a super  
pass to release Yanagisawa who

whipped in a low centre from the  
left.

Naniwa, exceptional in mid-  
field alongside Nakamura  
throughout, controlled the  
pass, picked his spot and coolly  
side-footed home from eight  
yards as the Saudi defence  
scrambled to cover.

Saudi Arabia attempted to  
raise their game, and almost  
pulled a goal back through  
Wolverhampton Wanderers  
forward Sami Al-Jaber whose  
powerful angled shot was well-  
saved by Yoshiyuki Kawaguchi.

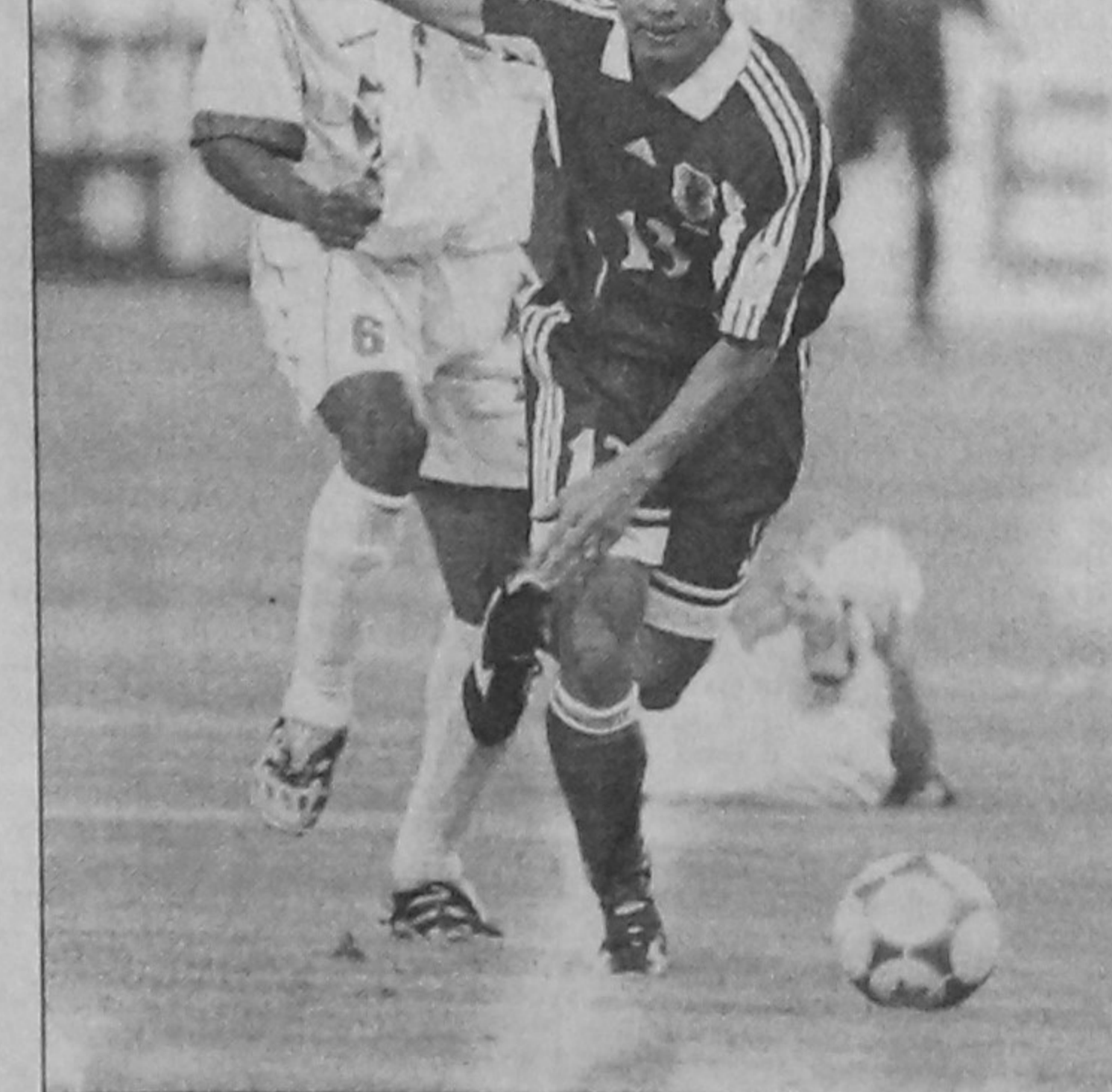
But the lightback was  
short-lived. Sub-stunt Shinji  
Ono made it 4-0 on 90 minutes  
after a beautiful 40 metres ball  
played out of defence. Saudi  
Arabia gained scant consolation

with an own goal from Japan  
captain Ryuzo Morioka seconds  
later.

Saudi coach Milan Macela  
was downcast with the loss,  
and said his team had suffered  
throughout not playing regular  
competitive fixtures.

"Japan had played in the  
Olympics, and they looked very  
strong. They have been in a  
tough competition but we have  
not had the same sort of level of  
football recently," said the  
Czech.

Nakata's absence had been  
expected to hurt Japan, but  
Nakamura and Naniwa appear  
to be more than able deputies.  
Troussier's bold pre-  
tournament prediction that  
Japan would win the Asian Cup  
no longer looks quite so fau-  
ciful.



Saudi Arabia defender Omar Al-Ghamdi (L) trying to hold back Japanese forward Atsushi Yanagisawa during their Asian Cup encounter at Sidon in southern Lebanon yesterday. —AFP photo

### Div I soccer

Mirpur Chalanika SC beat  
Wari Club 4-1 in the tie-breaker  
after their First Division football  
league match ended in a 3-3  
draw in 90-minute affairs at the  
Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National  
Stadium yesterday, reports  
UNB.

Morshed, Shafi and Sanwar  
scored for Chalanika while Gul  
Mohammad, Khokon and Atish  
for Wari Club in the scheduled  
time.

In the tie-breaker, Maktum,  
Baktar, Nazmat and Hemayet  
scored for Chalanika while  
Shubin netted a lone goal for  
Wari.

In the day's other match,  
Shadran Bima KS defeated  
Shantinagar Club by a solitary  
goal at the same venue.

Kabir Hossain scored the  
match-winning goal in the 88<sup>th</sup>  
minute.

### Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent

**RAJSHAHI:** Oct 14: Mohan-  
pur Upazila Krira Sangstha  
defeated Poba Upazila Krira  
Sangstha 1-0 in the first match  
of the second round of the Ra-  
jshahi inter-upazila football  
tournament played at Nashata  
Education Complex today.

Shariful Islam scored the  
match-winning goal in the seven-  
th minute of the first half.

Meanwhile, Islam, Smriti  
Saugha and Bandhan Sporting  
Club won their respective  
matches in the Professor Sar-  
war Jahan Smriti football tour-  
nament at the Tikapara Eidgah  
playground today.

In the first match of the day,  
Islam Smriti defeated Ashar  
Prodip Juba Sangha 6-0.

On the other hand, Band-  
han Sporting Club defeated  
Chelvey Lal Club 2-0 in the  
second match of the day at the  
same playground.

### POLICE CAMPS

Rajshahi District Police  
emerged champions in the Ra-  
jshahi Range inter-district foot-  
ball competition.

In the final match held at  
Rajshahi Police Lines play-  
ground yesterday, Rajshahi  
District Police defeated the  
Range Reserve Force 3-2 in the  
tie-breaker.

### Walsh waltz on

SYDNEY, Oct 14 (Internet  
report) After a tense wait for a  
decision from their premier  
remaining strike bowler, West  
Indian cricket fans now know  
the answer: Courtney Walsh  
will play on.

The Sydney Morning Herald  
reports that Walsh, after being  
nudecided at the end of the  
tour to England, has decided  
that "Old Man River" will just  
keep flowing.

This means that, unless in-



jury or an extraordinary loss of  
form thwarts him, he will be-  
come the first bowler to collect  
500 Test wickets during the  
West Indies' tour of Australia.

Walsh, who turns 38 this  
month, has 483 Test wickets to  
his name, 49 more than the  
next best tally, which stands  
behind the name of India's  
Kapil Dev.

If Walsh's Test form in Eng-  
land, where he took 34 wickets  
at a cost of just 12.82 each,  
continues, Walsh will get to a  
total which is going to stand for  
an extraordinarily long time.

### Cronje may bite back

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 14  
(Internet report) Hansie  
Cronje's attorney, Leslie Sack-  
stein, has stated that legal  
steps are being considered  
against the United Cricket  
Board of South Africa after the  
life-long ban they imposed on  
the disgraced former captain.

Sapa reports that Sackstein  
and advocate Malcolm Wallace  
will meet this weekend to dis-  
cuss the matter.

"There are," said Sackstein,  
"several objections to the  
UCB's ruling, but he would  
not elaborate."

It seems clear that the tim-  
ing of the announcement of the  
ban was based on the need to  
seize the moral high ground in  
advance of the forthcoming two-  
day meeting being held by the  
ICC in Nairobi, with other tim-  
ing considerations relegated to  
a near irrelevancy.

The UCB also includes  
an attempt to prevent Cronje  
from working as a TV or radio  
commentator.

Fanie de Villiers, a former  
team-mate of Cronje's, says he  
hopes the day never dawns  
when he has to share a com-  
mentary box with Cronje.

## Akram's distinction

Sports Reporter



Akram  
Khan  
scaused an  
unbeaten  
129 to  
guide Bangladesh  
to a respectable  
first innings total  
against Grialand West on the  
third day of the four-day game  
at Kimberley yesterday.

The timely ton by the former  
national captain enabled the  
Test newcomers to pile up 333  
all out, a lead of nine runs  
against the host.

Resuming on 97, the robust  
Chirangian right-hander  
cracked the magical three-  
figure mark and Bangladesh,  
who were 275 for nine at  
stumps on the second day,  
added an invaluable 58 runs.

Akram was ably-supported by  
number eleven batsman Ha-  
sibul Hossain on his way to  
becoming the second Bangla-  
deshi to score a century away  
from home.

**Al-Shahriar was the first  
Bangladesh player to score  
the maiden ton against a  
provincial team in New Zea-  
land a couple of years ago.**

Hasibul scored a defiant 19,  
in their second innings,  
before 253 for six.

Elliott, who scored a duck in  
the first innings, led the charge  
with a fine 125. Dry with 41  
was the other notable run-  
getter.

For the tourists, left-arm  
spinner Rafique captured two

wickets for 62 runs. The south-  
paw had captured three wickets  
in the first innings. He had also  
blasted a hurricane half-  
century.

Skipper Naimur followed up  
his three-wicket haul with one  
for 80. New-ball bowler Mus-  
tafizar Rahman and slow left-  
armer Enamul Haque took one  
wicket each respectively. The  
other Grialand wicket to fall  
was courtesy of a run out.

### BRIEF SCORES

**GRIGUALAND WEST:** First  
innings 324 (Kortzen 127,  
Kruiger 48, Arthur 47; Naimur  
3/60, Rafique 3/46)

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fique 51, Al-Shahriar 47)

**GRIGUALAND WEST:** Sec-  
ond innings at stumps 263 for  
6 (Elliott 125, Dry 41; Rafique  
2/62)

### Magura cricket

From Our Correspondent

**MAGURA:** Oct 14: Shaheed  
Mintu Sangha defeated Raotara  
Cricket Club by eight wickets in  
the Aldus Sattar Laskar Smriti  
cricket tournament at the  
Mintu-Kazal-Musa playground  
today.

Batting first Raotara made  
82 losing all wickets in 17.3  
overs.

In reply, Shaheed Mintu  
Sangha scored 84 for 2 wickets  
in 7 overs.



Mohammedan captain Alfaz Ahmed (2nd from L) discussing about the strategy with teammates ahead of their today's crucial National Bank Premier Division Football League Super Four clash against Muktijoddha Sangsad at the club premises yesterday. —Star photo

## Saurav set to sparkle

SAURAV GANGULY

laid the foundations for a total  
of 295 for six, the biggest score  
so far.

During the past two weeks  
he has headed the powerful  
Indian batting, even overshad-  
owing Sachin Tendulkar, who is  
regarded by many as the best in  
the world.

India may well have the bat-

ting edge, particularly with the  
likes of Rahul Dravid and Vinod  
Kambli to come.

But the end of the tourna-  
ment could well be 19-year-old

Saurav Singh, who has taken  
the middle order place of Mo-  
hammad Azharuddin.

His two innings so far — 84  
against Australia and 41  
against South Africa — have  
been full of confidence, helping  
India to accelerate at just the  
right time.

New Zealand's Roger Tiose  
has also had a starring role in  
the tournament with 85 against  
Zimbabwe and 87 against Paki-  
stan.

He continued his run of half  
centuries in recent one-day  
internationals. But he has yet  
to reach a 100. If he achieves  
that in a New Zealand win on  
Sunday he will make it a day to  
remember.

India's left-arm seamer Zaheer  
Khan has taken seven  
wickets in his three matches —  
more than any other player on  
either side.

But the Kiwi's Shayne O'-  
Connor has also been among  
the wickets — taking a man-of-  
the-match five against Paki-  
stan. Much will be expected  
from him again if Chris Cairns  
misses the final because of in-  
jury.

With New Zealand on the  
verge of their first ever one-day  
title, skipper Stephen Fleming  
will be hoping for another  
flawless all-round performance.

SAURAV GANGULY

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## Shoaib relief for England



KARACHI, Oct 14:  
Pakistan pace  
bowler Shoaib  
Akhtar on Satur-  
day ruled out his  
participation in  
the forthcoming home series  
against England, saying it  
would take him another month  
to attain full fitness, reports  
AFP.

"I am feeling pain in my  
shoulder but my knee and an-  
kle are far better. It will take me  
another month to play at the  
highest level," Akhtar, who re-  
turned home from Australia two  
days ago, told this news agency.

Akhtar was treated by spe-  
cialists in Perth and Sydney.

England's cricket team is  
due to start its Pakistan tour on  
Monday, playing three Tests  
and the same number of one-  
day internationals.

"I bowled in the net Friday  
but the pain has not subsided."  
The 25-year-old pacer —  
dubbed the Rawalpindi Express  
— has been plagued by injury  
problems this year.

Akhtar lost a lucrative con-  
tract from the English county  
after he failed to play a single  
match from last May due to a  
rib injury.

"I committed mistakes by  
taking injections and playing,  
that aggravated my injury ...  
but I played for my country," he  
said.

"I hope to play in England  
next year when Pakistan tour  
there and wish I play county  
cricket in 2002," he said.

Apart from fitness woes, Ak-  
htar's career has been marred  
by controversy about alleged  
throwing.

"It's very disappointing not  
to play for Pakistan in the Car-  
ibbean and for Nottinghamshire  
this year but I am hopeful that I  
will make up for the loss soon,"  
Akhtar said.

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