

## Sports WHIZZ KID

### Competition 142

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 Jan 19, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who lifted FIDE World Chess Championship crown?  
 Kramnik | Anand | Kasparov

2. Which country clinched the women's cricket World Cup?  
 Australia | New Zealand | England

3. Who is European footballer-of-the-year?  
 Figo | Zidane | Shevchenko

4. Who became Prince Bank Rating chess champion?  
 Rajib | Reeta | Pallab

5. Who became America's player-of-the-year?  
 Romano | Ronaldo | Sabsuta

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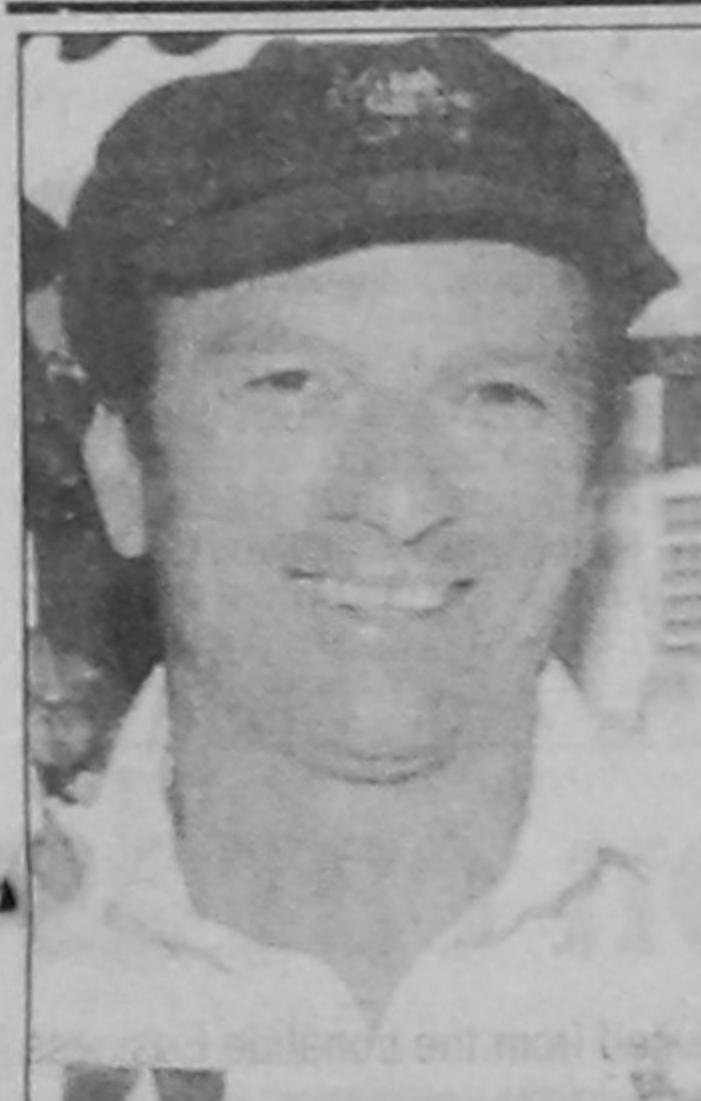
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## SPORTS TALK



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On whether leg-spinner Shane Warne would be selected for the tour of India.

### GrameenPhone U-17 Cricket

#### Sports Reporter

Metro Greens and Dhaka Rangers won their first round matches of the GrameenPhone under-17 cricket tournament at different venues yesterday.

Metro Greens beat Dhaka Colts by 15 runs at the Jagannath Hall ground while Dhaka Rangers registered a three-wicket win over Metro Blues at the Mymensingh Stadium.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
 Metro Greens v Dhaka Colts  
 Metro Greens: 165 for 8 in 45 overs (Jamil 43, Sabu 23; Mahfuz 3/33)

Dhaka Colts: 150 all out in 42 overs (Al-Amin 53; Jamil 3/27)

**Result:** Metro Greens won by 15 runs.

Metro Blues v Dhaka Rangers

Metro Blues: 201 for 6 in 45 overs (Mohiuddin 61, Asif 39)

Dhaka Rangers: 202 for 7 in 45 overs (Asif 45, Russell 35; Mukhles 2/39)

**Result:** Dhaka Rangers won by three wickets.

### 300 DON FS

BLOEMFONTEIN, Jan 16 (Internet report): Following his record 300th Test cricket wicket earlier this season at Goodyear Park in Bloemfontein, South Africa's top fast bowler Alan Donald's BMW station-wagon boasts a new registration number 300 DON FS to remind South Africans of his proud record.

"My 300th Test cricket wicket (in the first cricket Test against New Zealand) was a special milestone for me."

Donald says the garage where he bought his car promised him the number plate as a gift once he had taken his 300th Test wicket.

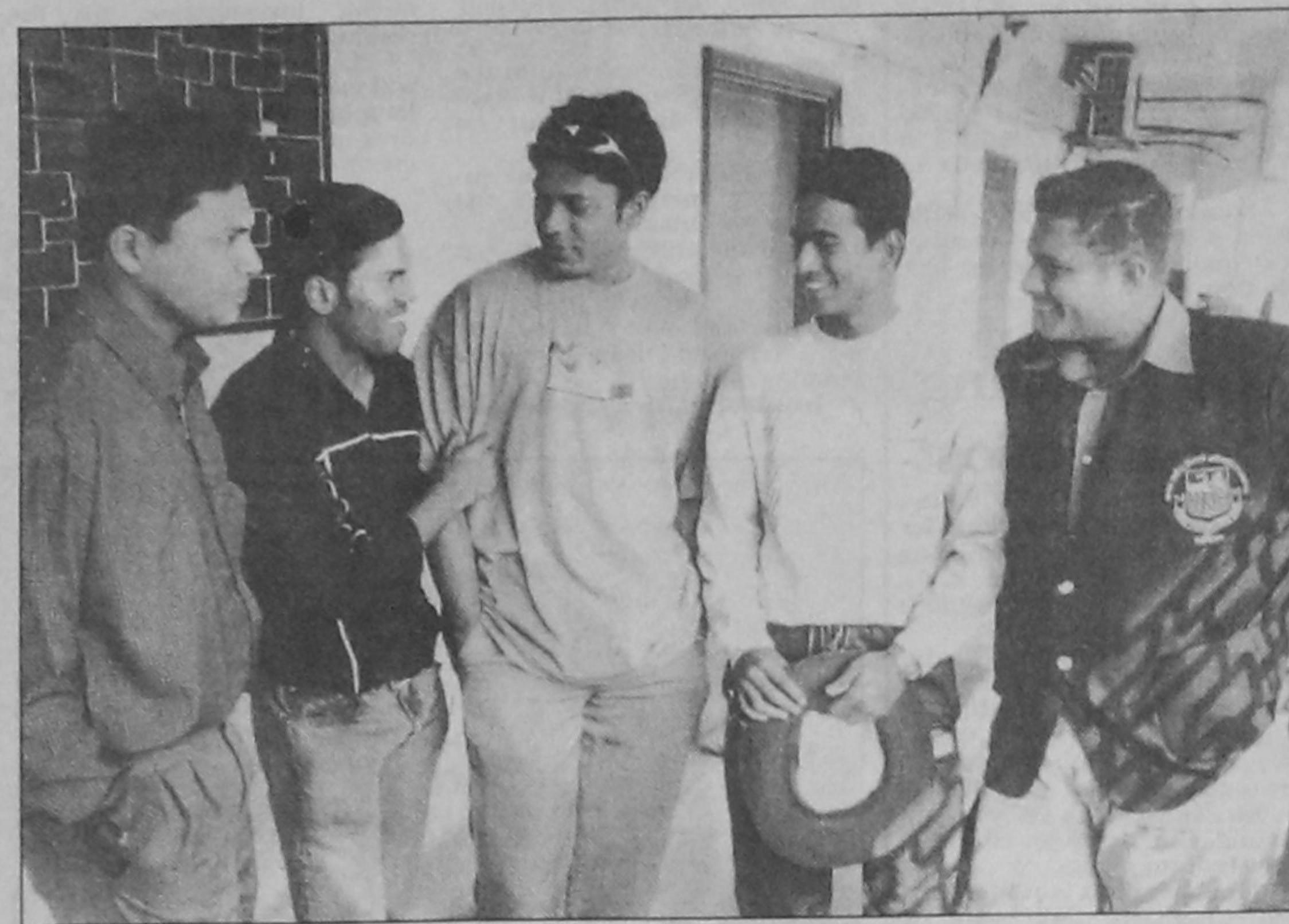
They wanted to fit me with the new number plate the day after the Test at Goodyear Park, however it was not yet ready. I only got it the following week."

Donald's Jetta earlier had the registration 174 AAD FS, marking a previous milestone. In December 1997 in Melbourne, Australia he broke Hugh Taylor's national record of 170 Test wickets.

Those 174 afforded Donald the title of South Africa's top fast bowler.

The AAD stands for Allan Anthony Donald.

"I'll definitely replace the number plates once I take my 400th Test wicket," Donald joked.



Members of the Bangladesh Cricket Board Eleven (L-R) Bikash, Rajin, Hasibul, Hannan and Biplob are sharing a light moment at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

### Four-dayer on green-top from today

## That's not fair

#### Sports Reporter

A travel-lagged BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) XI will take on the visiting Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy (CBCA) in a four-day match, starting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

The home team, who were put through a taxing bus journey from Rajshahi, arrived in Dhaka yesterday afternoon. Their weary faces told the story as the players came to report at the BCB office. A sleepless night, a risky trip under thick smog and little rest after their one-day match at the Rajshahi Stadium on Monday evening contributed to a lot of physical and mental harm, which the most prosperous sports organisation of the country could have easily avoided.

The BCB, playing the perfect host, however ensured that the visiting side from Down Under enjoys the privilege of taking an hour-long air trip from Rajshahi.

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**100th Test on Azhar's mind**



UNDATED, Jan 16 (Internet report): Mohammad Azharuddin has set his sights on a return to Test cricket despite a life ban imposed on him for match-fixing.

The 38-year-old former Indian captain has played 99 Tests and wants to reach 100 before retiring from the game.

He maintains he is innocent of any wrongdoing and has vowed to clear his name.

The life ban was handed out by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) following an investigation by its anti-corruption commissioner, K. Madhavan.

A legal challenge against the ban is expected to be heard in the High Court in Hyderabad, Azharuddin's home city, next month.

"All I will say is that I have been discriminated against. Others have been let off lightly," he told Outlook magazine.

Match-fixing simply cannot be a one-man show. This is a game which involves 11 players. If a team fails, it is spectacularly unfair to single out just one person.

"What I am trying to say is that unless the entire team is

part of the conspiracy, match-fixing cannot take place. There cannot be any foul play on the part of a single person.

In fact, even five players cannot work to fix a match, it won't work. I repeat that the entire team has to be in the know."

Former spinner Ajay Sharma was also banned for life last month and five-year suspensions were handed out to Ajay Jadeja, Manoj Prabhakar and Swapnil Joshi.

The BCCI inquiry followed a

report on corruption in cricket by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), in which several leading players from India and other Test-playing nations were named.

Azharuddin is also under investigation by Indian tax officials.

But he told Outlook: "My taxes are clear, I have been playing cricket for 17 years. Why don't people understand that I would have earned some money through match fees and endorsements?"

"I have a flat in Mumbai and live in a rented house here. Is that wrong?"

He added: "In my career I have never, not even once, received a default tax notice."

Former South African captain Hansie Cronje accepted that his international career was over after he was found guilty of accepting money from bookmakers in return for providing match information.

Azharuddin, however, refuses to accept he has played his last match for India.

Asked whether he thought he would ever make a 100th Test appearance, he replied: "I wish to. It will be a great honour to join the 100-Test club. I will cherish that recall and will be fighting fit."

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Gibbs is suffering from an ulnar strain on his left side after his knock of 79 in Bloemfontein on Sunday. Jonty Rhodes has also joined the growing injury list after chipping a bone in his left little finger when he was struck by the second ball of his innings in Bloemfontein at the weekend.

United Cricket Board of South Africa spokesperson Bronwyn Wilkinson said on Monday that Gibbs would be assessed while Jonty Rhodes

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With the team flying to Johannesburg on Monday, the management decided on a rest day and said the fitness of Rhodes and Gibbs will be more thoroughly assessed at Tuesday's net practice.

Jonty has been to see a specialist, who could only find a small fracture in the little finger, but he'll try it out fully at

practice on Tuesday," a team official said.

"But the way he got through his innings in Bloemfontein after being hit has given us great encouragement that he will be able to take his place at the Wanderers."

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"Herschelle is a little bit more doubtful and will have ongoing treatment for his side strain," he added.

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