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## Did U Know?

In cricket, some values are made by fielders who know very little about it. During the second Test at Kanpur in 1959, Neil Harvey of Australia caught Nari Contractor off a ball he never saw. He was fielding at short leg when the Indian pulled a delivery from Alan Davidson in his direction. Harvey turned his back and ducked, and the ball stuck between his thighs!



## TALK TURKEY



## Pete Sampras

(American tennis great)  
"I didn't look at breaking the record as pressure. I looked at it as an opportunity." On his world record of winning 13 Grand Slam titles.



## What to WATCH

- Star Sports**  
New Zealand vs Sri Lanka  
Fifth one-day international  
Second session  
Live at 7:30 am  
Primer Liga  
2:30 pm  
Primer Liga  
Live at 1:00 am (Monday)
- ESPN**  
Newcastle United vs Charlton  
English Premiership  
Live at 10:00 pm
- Channel i**  
Sports Time  
Sports-based weekly magazine programme  
8:00 pm

## Sports WHIZZ KID

**Competition 144**  
Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to City Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
Feb 16, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who became Green Delta Premier Division cricket league champs?  
Chittagong Biman Khulna
- Who lifted Milo U-13 cricket title?  
Rajshahi Padma Rajshahi Tista Barisal Maroons
- Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy clinched the three-match one-day series  
2-1 3-0 2-0
- Who lifted the Australian open women's title?  
Sampras Agassi Rafter
- Who lifted the Australian open men's title?  
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## Exhibition cricket

Coats Bangladesh Ltd defeated American Express Bank by six wickets in an exhibition cricket match on Friday at WAPDA colony ground, Banani.  
Winning the toss, AMEX decided to bat first and were all out for 149 in 31.4 overs.  
In reply, Coats made 155 for four in 21.1 overs.

# League in limbo

## Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Premier Division Cricket League this year is destined to have a doubtful start because of the problem with grounds and the stance of Kalabagan Kriya Chakra on last year's championship issue.

With one of the two available venues not ready yet and, more importantly, Kalabagan wanting to resolve the dispute first, the future of league is still hanging in the balance.

The Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) yesterday announced a partial fixture of the most colourful domestic event involving twelve teams. But the CCDM secretary Mahmud-Ul-Huq himself was not sure whether the League would start on time tomorrow.

According to the fixture, defending champions Abahani Kriya Chakra will take on promotees Young Cricketers at the Bangabandhu National Stadium while runners-up Kalabagan will take on Dhanmondi Club at the Dhan-

mondi Cricket Stadium on the opening day of the League.

But Kalabagan secretary Alam Chowdhury told the Daily Star Sport last night that they are unwilling to take part in the League without any decision acceptable to them on the issue of last year's championship.

Abahani were declared champions by the CCDM but Kalabagan went to court in protest of the decision, claiming that they won the controversial over-reduced match against their Dhanmondi neighbours last year.

Although the court ruled the match as a tie and asked the CCDM to decide the championship among the two title contenders through toss, the issue remained unresolved as yet following a subsequent stay-order on the verdict. Alam however claimed that his club is still in dark about any such development.

"We are yet to get any stay order from the court. So, it would not be logical for us to play when a serious issue like this remains unresolved. We will be sending a letter to the CCDM after having a club meeting tonight," said Alam.

Alam, who is also the secretary of the grounds committee, said that the grounds would not also be ready for play before February 15.

"The BNS is all right. But we need two or three more days to bring the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium up to the mark. The pitch and the outfield are still soggy," he said.

The apparent non-cooperation of Kalabagan and the unavailability of ground have left Mahmud in a serious dilemma. Mahmud, who is currently preoccupied with the forthcoming Under-17 Asia Cup, for which he is the event manager, however put on a brave face assuring that things would be settled in today's meeting.

"We have called up the captains and managers in a meeting tomorrow (today). Besides, there are a few amendments to be made in the playing conditions in that meeting," Mahmud said.

But many feel that the stalemate could be over only if all the clubs including Kalabagan attend the meeting. Only three teams—Abahani, Mohammedan and Victoria—attended the last meeting on Friday.

# Under-17 Asia Cup Final selection on Feb 12

## Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

With the Gramercyphone Under-17 Asia Cup only four days away, Bangladesh keep sitting on the fence in naming the final thirteen players for the 10-team event.

Mahmud Ul-Haq, who heads the six-man selection panel that included the four Sri Lankan age-group coaches and Alam Chowdhury, said yesterday the squad would be announced on February 12.

A BCB joint-secretary and also the event manager, Mahmud however said that the team would be selected by the Sri Lankan quartet, who are with nurturing age-group players across the country for the last two months.

While Mahmud opted to take as much time as possible to an-

nounce the squad for reasons best known to him, the waiting game has badly tested the patience of 40 boys training under Malcolm Perera.

When approached by the Daily Star Sport, Perera himself failed to come up with a convincing answer to the Board's ploy to delay the naming of the final squad.

The beely Sri Lanka finally said, "It is better to ask Mr. Manu (Mahmud)."

Apart from the delayed selection, Perera however looked extremely happy with the way the preparation was going.

"I can tell you the boys are as good as the Sri Lankans at this level. People here only talk about Ashraf and Nafis. But I can tell you there are more players here who are just as good as the two," claimed Perera.

Terming the present lot as a

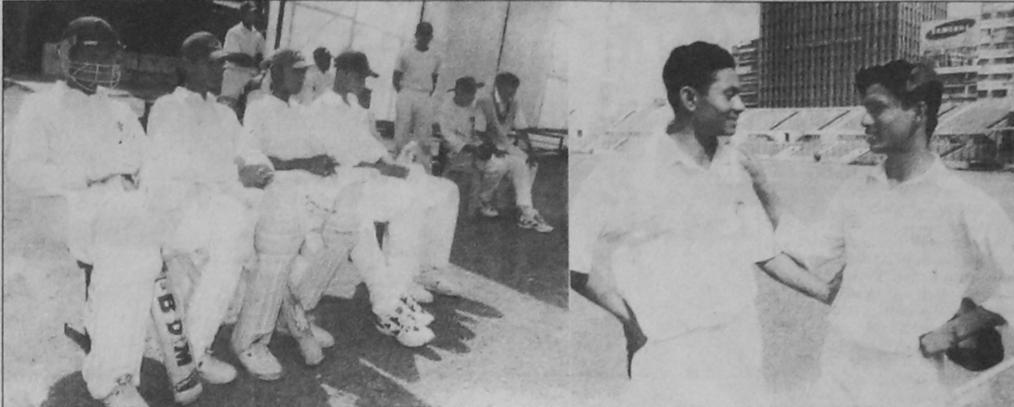
talented bunch of cricketers, Perera said that if they are given proper exposure "they are capable of walking into any team."

Bangladesh, placed in Group B, will take on Nepal in the inaugural match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on February 15.

But the real challenge will come for Bangladesh once they face Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka—the three Asian cricket giants playing in the tournament.

Although India ducked the inaugural edition in Pakistan last year, they have confirmed their participation this time. India will lead the Group A that also includes holders Sri Lanka. While Pakistan, the loosing finalists, have been in the other group along with Bangladesh.

All the participating teams are expected to reach the capital by February 14.



Some of the Bangladesh under-17 cricket team probables (L) waiting for their turn to bat during a practice session while (R) sure-shooters Sharif (L) and Ashraful sharing a light moment at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

# Bangladesh to play 36 Tests in five years

AFP, Dhaka

Bangladesh will play 36 Tests and 54 one day internationals during the next five years with plans to visit New Zealand and Zimbabwe this year, a senior cricket official said here Saturday.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Saber Hossain Chowdhury said work was underway to ensure a good performance by the team, the newest member of the exclusive Test cricket club.

"We have chalked out plans to play Test and one-dayers with the other Test playing countries, who would also visit Bangladesh," Saber told this news agency before leaving for Melbourne to attend an International Cricket Council executive board meeting.

He said Bangladesh were likely to tour Pakistan in January 2002 for a two-Test series and three one-dayers.

He said Bangladesh would tour Zimbabwe in April and New Zealand at the end of this year. Zimbabwe are expected in Dhaka this year.

# PM inaugurates shooting complex at BKSP

UNB, Savar

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the government has launched an extensive sports talent searching drive in the country.

She was inaugurating a Shooting Complex and Audio-Visual Centre of Bangladesh Kriya Shiksha Prothasthan (BKSP).

The modern shooting complex cost of Tk 6.64 crore while the audio-visual centre was built at a cost of Tk 1.40 crore.

The Prime Minister went to the shooting complex and audio-visual centre to address the trainees of BKSP. She also visited the swimming pool, gymnasium, modern indoor cricket centre and sports science department.

# Mark uncertain over future

AFP, Melbourne

Australian batsman Mark Waugh conceded Saturday that his future was now in the hands of investigators probing cricket's betting and match-fixing scandal.

Waugh was questioned Saturday over allegations he accepted 20,000 US dollars from Indian bookmaker Mukesh Gupta in return for team, pitch and weather information during a 1993 tournament in Hong Kong.

Waugh, who maintained his innocence, said he was not sure his reputation would be restored.

"That's not up to me, that's up to the ICC," he said.

It was only under threat of being dropped from the national team that Waugh agreed to be interviewed.

# ITF jr tennis

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A total of sixteen first round qualifying matches (boys singles) of the ITF Rajshahi International Junior (U-18) Tennis Championships were held on the opening day at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex yesterday.

Chang You-Lun (Tpe), Young Bum Seo (Kor), Yang Chia Cheng (Tpe), Shen Yu-Da (Tpe), Tyun-joon Suk (Kor), Dipu Lal (Bangladesh), Seong Kim (Kor), Wu Yi-Chang (Tpe), Rishi Behl (Ind), Shafiqur Rahman (Bang), Shih Chuch Cheng (Tpe), Wooram Kim (Kor), Karan Rastogi (Ind), John Siefke (USA), Kwang Mu Chung (Kor) and Sed Justin Daniel (Malaysia) moved into the second round.

# Nat'l Schools tourney Scintillating Sabbir

## Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Sabbir scored a superb century to propel Bangladesh Kriya Shiksha Prothasthan (BKSP) to massive 179-run win over Pre-Cadet Child Care in one of the six Standard Chartered 19th National Schools Cricket Championship matches held at different city venues yesterday.

Sabbir hammered 103 as BKSP piled up a massive 313 for four wickets in 35 overs at the Uttara Police Lines ground. In reply, Pre-Cadet boys were bundled out for 134.

The day's biggest win however belonged to Bangladesh Adarsha Niketon, who thrashed Maple Leaf by 230 runs at the Tejaon Polytechnic ground.

Bating first, Adarsha boys rode on a generous 82 extra runs to amass 298 for six in the stipulated 35 overs.

Maple Leaf, in their chase, tumbled to 68 all out in 17.3 overs.

Meanwhile, in the other matches of the day, Gandaria High School pulled off an exciting two-wicket win over Konabari MA Kuddus High School at the Dhanmondi Club ground. Motijheel

Colony High School defeated Matrichaya Pre-Cadet High School by five wickets at the Mirpur City Club ground.

Monipur High School recorded a 72-run win against Shaheed Lt. Selim Shikkhalaya at the Mirpur Outer Stadium and Nabakumar Institute beat Student Computerised School by six wickets at the Uttara Friends Club ground.

## BRIEF SCORES

**Adarsha Niketon vs Maple Leaf**  
Adarsha Niketon: 295 for six in 35 overs (Atik 62, Extras 82, Riaz 53, Mohiuddin 53)  
Maple Leaf 68 all out in 17.3 overs (Adnan 19, Jashim 4/18, Niaz 4/0)

**Result: Adarsha Niketon won by 230 runs.**

**Gandaria School vs Konabari School**  
Konabari School 170 for nine in 25 overs (Ruhul 47, Alamgir 3/30, Yousof 2/15)

**Gandaria School 171 for eight in 24.5 overs (Sajal 52, Labu 42, Jashim 4/26)**

**Result: Gandaria High School won by 2 wickets.**

**Matrichaya Pre-Cadet vs Motijheel Colony School**  
Matrichaya Pre-Cadet 172 all

out in 32.3 overs (Raihan 42, Saikat 30, Al-Amin 4/32, Masum 4/25)

**Motijheel Colony 173 for five in 23 overs (Amit 50, Zahid 42, Uzzal 4/32)**

**Result: Motijheel Colony High School won by 5 wickets.**

**Monipur High School vs Lt. Selim Shikkhalaya**  
Monipur School 220 for nine in 35 overs (Tias 33, Amzad 30, Tapu 32, Manna 29, Shahidullah 2/37, Sorhab 2/24)

**Lt. Selim Shikkhalaya 138 all out in 31.2 overs (Faisal 37, Gaffar 23, Amzad 4/20, Ashik 2/16)**

**Result: Monipur High School won by 72 runs.**

**Nabakumar Institute vs Student Computerised School**  
Nabakumar Institute 207 for seven in 35 overs (Rajib 41, Extras 70; Maruf 2/17, Alamgir 2/23)

**Student Computerised School 209 for four in 24.4 overs (Mamun 86, Masum 52, Soujon 3/26)**

**Result: Student Computerised School won by 6 wickets.**

**Pre-Cadet Child Care vs BKSP**  
BKSP 313 for eight in 35 overs (Sabbir 103, Maru 56, Tipu 2/37)

**Pre-Cadet 134 all out in 34.3 overs (Anwar 57; Sajib 3/10, Sabbir 2/9, Rubaiyat 2/27)**

**Result: BKSP won by 179 runs.**

# Moin and co NZ bound

## Cricket

AFP, Karachi

The Pakistan cricket team bolstered by pacer Shoaib Akhtar left for New Zealand on Saturday to play five one-dayers and three Test matches in their six-week tour.

Captain Moin Khan hopes Pakistan will not find difficulty in beating New Zealand.

"We have a balanced team and Shoaib Akhtar has bolstered our pace attack," he said.

"Playing away series have become more easier for us because the pressure of home fans is not there," Khan said.

Pakistan plays five one-day internationals and three Tests on their tour of New Zealand with the first one-day international starting in Auckland on February 17.

They will leave for England in May to play two Tests and a tri-

series also involving world champions Australia.

Pakistan's squad has two new uncapped players in left handed opener Imran Farhat and pacer Mohammad Sami, both 20.

The team for the first time is laced with a computer software programme which would help players lift their performance and detect opponent's weaknesses, officials said.

Australia and South Africa have been using similar programmes and India has recently employed one to enhance performance level, they said.

"This is a data based programme wherein ball by ball clipings of players detect their shortcomings and if properly used can perch Pakistan on top of Test rankings," information technology consultant Ejaz Sandhu told AFP.

Sandhu, a club cricketer, who developed the software, claims Pakistan would not have lost a three-Test series to England 1-0

late last year had this programme been used earlier.

"We have analysed all New Zealand players and are ready for the series, off and on the field," analyst Nauman Niaz said.

Niaz, who will assist computer illiterate coach Javed Miandad, said all New Zealand players are on target.

"How Nathan Astle gets out and how Daniel Vettori bowls is there and after New Zealand we will target the English and Australian players," he said.

## SQUAD

Moin Khan (captain), Inzamamul Haq (vice-captain), Saeed Anwar, Imran Nazir, Imran Farhat, Shahid Afridi, Salim Elahi, Yousof Youhana, Abdur Razzak, Mohamad Sami, Shoaib Akhtar, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq, Mushtaq Ahmed and Azhar Mahmood.

**Coach:** Javed Miandad.  
**Manager:** Faqir Aizazuddin.

# Waugh wants more

## Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Steve Waugh may have become the first Australian captain to lead his side through an unbeaten summer since the advent of one-day cricket, but he is far from satisfied.

Australia clinched the finals of the triangular limited-over tournament here Friday night over the West Indies 2-0 after earlier having won all eight preliminary matches, also involving Zimbabwe.

But Waugh will not allow the team to rest on its laurels, particularly with the gruelling tour of India beginning next week.

"I said after the tour of New Zealand (last March) that it was only the beginning of what we could achieve," Waugh said Saturday.

"I still believe we can get better and play better cricket."

"Even though we've won every game this season, there is plenty of room for improvement."

"It's a big achievement, we probably haven't realised how big the achievement is, but in time it will be recognised."

"We played good cricket all the way through. The guys have worked hard and deserve their success."

The highlight of Friday's second final was Mark Waugh's Australian record limited-overs score of 173.

Mark Waugh said the innings



STEVE WAUGH

showed he was able to cope with maintaining his form despite the pressure of off-field events with his alleged links to an Indian bookmaker.

His innings reinforced his mental toughness, even though it is a trait for which he has so often failed to receive credit.

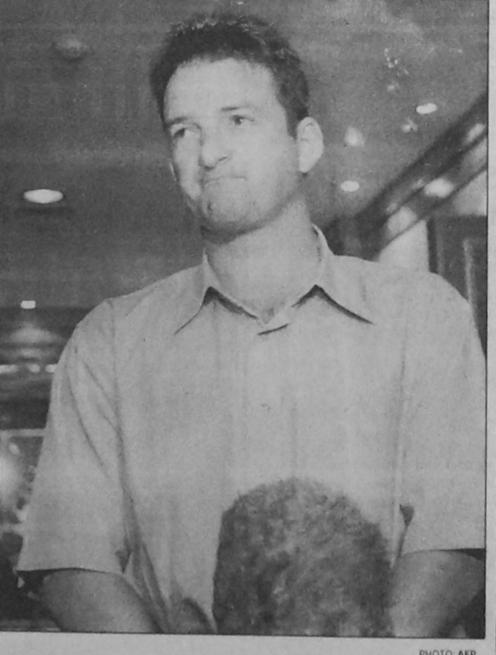
"I've always thought I was reasonably tough," he said.

"You don't play 100 Tests and 200 one-day internationals without having something about you."

Waugh's innings surpassed the previous Australian record one day score of 154, set by Adam Gilchrist here two years ago.

And it was also his highest score for Australia, even including Test matches.

Waugh also became only the fifth player to reach 8,000 one-day runs joining Indian pair Sachin Tendulkar and Mohammad Azharuddin plus West Indian Desmond Haynes and Sri Lankan Aravinda De Silva.



Mark Waugh listening to a query by a reporter after his interview.

PHOTO AFP