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## Did U Know?

Hazel Hotchkiss Wrightman of the United States was nicknamed the "Queen Mother of Tennis" because she dramatically changed women's tennis. In 1903 in San Francisco, California, she introduced volley and net play. Prior to this the game was played from the baseline without much movement.

Her compatriot Althea Gibson is however credited with breaking the race barrier in tennis. In 1950, she became the first black woman to play at the prestigious USTA at Forest Hills.

## What to WATCH

**ESPN**  
Man United vs Valencia  
UEFA Champions League  
Live at 1:30 am (Thursday)

New Zealand vs Sri Lanka  
Fifth one-day international  
12:00 am (Thursday)

**Star Sports**  
Australia vs West Indies  
Carlton World Series  
Final  
11:00 pm (1hr highlights)  
Primera Liga  
8:30 am

## TALK TURKEY



**Malcolm Gray**  
(ICC president)

"The aim of both the tours programme and the ICC Test Championship is to add interest, context and status to Test match cricket."

While announcing a 10-year Test calendar and the introduction of a Test Championship recently.



The Pakistan team that came here yesterday to take part in the GrameenPhone Second Under-17 Asia Cup cricket tournament.

## U-17 Asia Cup caught in hartal Pakistan, Kuwait in city

**Cricket**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The prospect of further political unrest has thrown the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup into uncertainty.

The second edition of the ten-team juvenile tournament is scheduled to get rolling tomorrow. However, in the backdrop of the two days' dawn-to-dusk hartal called by the four-party Opposition alliance starting today has prompted the bewildered organisers to make a passionate plea.

"We appeal to all the political parties to help us hold the tournament successfully. We have always received their cooperation in the past and strongly believe that they can abstain from any agitation programme during the course of the event," said event manager Mahmud Ul Haq yesterday.

Although the ten-day meet has hardly any reserve day to cope with the unnatural situation,

Mahmud said that he would talk to International Cricket Council's Development Director for Asia Nasim-ul-Ghani and tournament director Anil Kalavar about having an extra day included in the schedule.

Meanwhile, Pakistan and Kuwait arrived in the city and Malaysia were scheduled to fly in last night. The other six teams including current champions Sri Lanka and India, who ducked the inaugural edition in Pakistan last year, are scheduled to be here by today.

Pakistan, who finished runners-up, was the first team to arrive in the city. They were taken to the Purbani Hotel under police escort.

Later in afternoon, the Pakistanis enjoyed a light practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS).

Kuwait, which has recently taken to the game, also practised at the big bowl.

The organisers have selected six venues including two at the BKSP in Savar to hold 23 matches

including two semifinals and the final. The BNS will host the opening match between Bangladesh and Nepal.

Besides, the Bangladesh-Pakistan match on February 20, the first semifinal on February 22 and final on the 24th will also be held at the BNS.

**PAKISTAN:** Salman Butt, Kahlid Latif, Mohammad Altaf, Kashif Ijaz, Salman Qadir, Javed Hussain, Mohammad Naeem, Adnan Akmal, Azam Hussain, Azhar Ali, Agha Tabir, Junaid, Najaf Hussain and Nadeem Javed.

**KUWAIT:** Adeel Asad, Ali Taleb, Ranjith Philip, Navin Kumar, Sumit Koshi, Nashant Dewan, Hamza Arif, Abdul Rehman, Ajish Mathew, Karan Kumar, Harmit Singh, Savad, Puthiyavalappill, Saim Shibli and Arnav Dutta.

**GROUPINGS**  
Group A: Sri Lanka, India, UAE, Malaysia and Oman.  
Group B: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Singapore and Kuwait.

## Zia held to a draw

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Ziaur Rahman's hunt for his second Grand Master norm suffered a big blow when the International Master was forced to a draw by Buenavent Villamayor of Philippines in the eighth round of the Goodricke International Open Chess Tournament at the Gorki Sadan in Kolkata yesterday.

With this draw, Zia remained at the crowded third spot along with eight other players in the 62-player meet.

Zia, who collected 5.5 points so far, is now left with a daunting task of winning two of his last three matches to achieve the elusive norm.

Another Bangladesh IM Abdullah Al-Rakib also drew in his eighth round clash against Indian Rahul Shetty to raise his collection to 3.5 points.

Joseph Gallagher of Switzerland maintained his solo lead with 6.5 points at the end of the 8th round.

In yesterday's round, Gallagher drew with Indian IM Sandipan Chanda, who is occupying the second place with six points.



Members of the Kuwait under-17 cricket team at the Purbani Hotel in the city yesterday.

## Tikolo to play for Mohammedan

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Kenyan star batsman Steve Tikolo arrived in the city yesterday to play for Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Premier Division Cricket League.

The right-handed middle-order batsman played for the popular Motijheel outfit a couple of seasons back. When the fluent stroke-maker came to play in the colourful domestic league two years ago, Kenyan captain Maurice Odumbe accompanied him.

Mohammedan, desperately looking to regain their image, also captured Pakistani Javed Hayat on his arrival at the Zia International Airport.

This will be the first time that veteran Pakistani left-arm spinner and a useful middle-order batsman will be playing here.

It was learnt that Mohammedan's arch-rivals and current league champions Abahani were also interested to grab the south-paw.

According to a reliable source Abahani cricket secretary Jalal Younus went to the airport.

## Mongolia stoop to BD

**Football**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh moved on to the second place in the Group Ten World Cup 2002 qualifiers when they comprehensively beat Mongolia 3-0 in their last match of the first leg at the Prince Mohammad Bin Fahad Stadium in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, on Monday night.

Captain Alfaz Ahmed struck once in each half while substitute Rokonzaman Kanchan scored the other to help Bangladesh register their first win in four-team qualifying round from Asia.

The second phase will start at the same venue from tomorrow with Bangladesh taking on Vietnam and Saudi Arabia facing Mongolia.

Following a draw and a defeat in the first two matches, Bangladesh played attacking football throughout the match against a lowly ranked (196) Mongolia. De-



ALFAZ AHMED

spite dominating the opponents, Bangladesh had to wait till the 42nd minute to go-ahead when a curling left-foot volley of ace striker Alfaz Ahmed found the mark from 20 yards. The Bangladesh captain then doubled the margin with a solo effort in the 78th minute. Eight minutes later Kanchan chested the ball into the net when the Mongolian goalkeeper failed to first away a fierce Tito attempt clearly.

By virtue of maintaining a better goal aggregate Bangladesh managed to push a powerful Vietnam behind. Both teams have an equal collection of four points.

Vietnam, who held Bangladesh to goalless draw and beat Mongolia 1-0, suffered a humiliating 0-5 defeat against Saudi Arabia on Monday.

Bangladesh team: Aminul, Hasan Al-Mamun, Sujon, Rafani, Tito, Faisal (Nazrul), Iqbal, Marfur Munna (Amin Rana), Mintu, Moni (Kanchan) and Alfaz.

**STANDINGS**

Teams	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
Saudi Arabia	3	3	0	0	14	0	9
Bangladesh	3	1	1	1	3	3	4
Vietnam SR	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Mongolia	3	0	0	3	0	10	0

## India include Hirwani

**Cricket**  
AFP, New Delhi

Leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani, banished to the wilderness despite a sensational 16-wicket haul on his Test debut 13 years ago, was on Tuesday resurrected for the upcoming series against Australia.

Hirwani, 32, and fellow leggie Sairaj Bahutule, 28, were summoned to join the camp for Indian probabilities in Madras as worried selectors spread the net wide to unearth a suitable replacement for the injured Anil Kumble.

Kumble is out of contention for the long-awaited series against the world champions after undergoing surgery on his right shoulder last month in South Africa.

The selectors picked seven spinners for the ongoing camp, but added Hirwani and Bahutule to the list amid speculation the current crop of slow bowlers was not good enough to test the mighty Australians.

Australia, who have won a record 15 successive Test matches, arrive in India on Wednesday for a seven-week tour that includes three Test matches and five one-day internationals.

Steve Waugh's world-beating team regards India as the final frontier, hoping to secure their first series win here in 31 years.

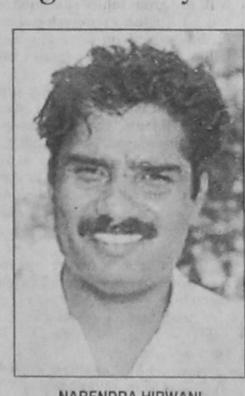
Hirwani hit the headlines as a chubby 19-year-old when he claimed 16 wickets on his Test debut against the West Indies at Madras in 1988, emulating the feat of Australian seamer Bob Massie.

But he managed just 52 wickets in his next 16 Tests before he was dumped from the national squad after the Calcutta Test against South Africa in 1996.

Hirwani, who plays for Madhya Pradesh in domestic cricket, bounced back into the selectors' reckoning despite a miserly haul of 10 first-class wickets this season.

Bahutule, who played seven one-day internationals in 1997-98, claimed 16 wickets for West Zone in the Duleep Trophy tournament this year, including a hattrick against East at Pune.

"This is the best piece of news I have got for a long time now,"



NARENDRA HIRWANI

ing," he said.

Hirwani was equally delighted, saying he was looking forward to playing for India again.

"I may be 32 but I feel like 23," he grinned. "I believe I can deliver if asked to prove myself."

Veteran Venkatapathy Raju, who last played for India in 1998, leads the pack of left-armers at the camp that includes Sunil Joshi, Rahul Sanghvi and Murali Kartik.

Punjab's off-spin duo of Harbhajan Singh and Sarandeep Singh and exciting leg-spinner Balaji Rao complete the spin department.

Media reports suggest that chairman of selectors Chandu Borde and former Test off-spinner Srinivas Venkatraghvan were unimpressed by the spin talent on view in Madras.

Venkatraghvan, now a respected Test umpire, said his visit to the Indian team's camp left him disillusioned.

The 14-man Indian squad for the first Test, which will be named on February 19, is expected to include at least three spinners.

## Schools cricket

**SPORTS REPORTER**

AK High School, New Model High School, Sourav Smriti High School and Siddheswari Boys High School won their respective Dhaka Metropolitan Standard Chartered Granddays Bank National School Cricket qualifying matches at different city venues yesterday.

A brilliant half century from opener Mohammad Saiful guided AK High School to a convincing 50-run win over Adarsha Shikha Niketan at the Polytechnic Institute ground in Tejgaon.

Saiful scored 64 as AK School posted a challenging 204 for of nine in the allotted 35 overs after his skipper opted to bat first. Saiful smote two towering sixes and

## Miandad cautions NZ

**Cricket**  
REUTERS, Auckland

Pakistan play the first of five one-day internationals in Auckland on Saturday and will face the same New Zealand team that finally broke their duck with a 13-run victory in the final one-dayer against Sri Lanka in Christchurch on Sunday.

Speaking on arrival in Auckland for the tour, Miandad rejected a suggestion that the two older statesmen of Pakistani cricket might be nearing the end of their careers.

"Don't let them hear you say that," Miandad said. "They can bowl as quickly as anyone else and their experience is immense. They are two bowlers who have done so much for Pakistan cricket with 700 to 800 wickets between them in Tests and one-dayers."

Pakistan will also play three Tests in New Zealand.

The side come to New Zealand with one-day victories over England but a Test series loss against the same opposition and, before that, a home defeat to Sri Lanka in a one-day series.

The last time Pakistan and New Zealand met was at the semifinal stage of the ICC Knockout competition in Kenya last year, when New Zealand won and went on to take the title.

Pakistan manager Fakir Aizazuddin said his side were disappointed they won't face all-rounder Chris Cairns who is out for six months because of surgery on his right knee.

"He is a very fine player. A world-beater," Aizazuddin said. "I'm sure we'll have some very tight games here, but with him in New Zealand's side (it) would have added some extra spice."

Pakistan have an exciting mixture of youth and experience, Miandad said, adding that as well as Wasim and Waqar they also have Shoaib Akhtar who has been injured for nine months.

"He can't wait to get going," Miandad said.

Miandad said it would be hard

to choose a side from players of the calibre of Mohammed Sami and Imran Farhat, two young fast bowlers, along with spinners Shahid Afridi, Mushtaq Ahmed and Saqlain Mustaq.

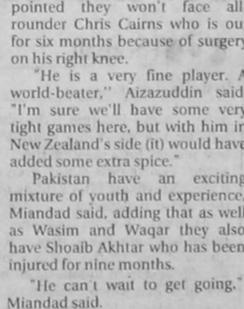
"It's a difficult question. Who do you leave out? We've got a squad who can beat anyone. We take nothing away from New Zealand, but we have so much talent. Selection meetings are going to be very interesting," Miandad said.

**FIXTURES**

Date	Game	Venue
Feb 17	1st one-day international (ODI)	Auckland
Feb 20	2nd one-day international (ODI)	Napier
Feb 22	3rd one-day international (ODI)	Wellington
Feb 25	4th one-day international	Christchurch
Feb 28	5th one-day international (ODI)	Dunedin
Mar 8-12	First Test	Auckland
Mar 15-18	Second Test	Christchurch
Mar 27-31	Third Test	Hamilton



WASIM AKRAM



WAQAR YUNIS

## Sports WHIZZ KID

### Competition 144

✓ Tick the Correct Answers  
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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 Rajshahi Barisal Padma Tista Maroons
- Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy clinched the three-match one-day series  
2-1 3-0 2-0
- Who lifted the Australian open men's title?  
Sampson Agassi Rafter
- Who lifted the Australian open women's title?  
Devenport Capriati Hings

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## Satkhira cricket

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

Juba Ganamukhi Sangha defeated Town Sporting Club by 16 runs in the Acme First Division Cricket League at the Satkhira Government College ground yesterday.

Sent in to bat, Juba Ganamukhi collected 212 runs for seven in 45 overs.

In reply, Town Sporting managed 196 for eight in 45 overs.



Three stars of the Bangladesh u-17 cricket team, exciting opener Mohammad Ashraf (L), captain Nafis Iqbal (M) and speedster Mohammad Sharif, taking a break from the rigours of training at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## ITF jr tennis

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

Twenty-four - eight boys' singles, eight girls' singles, seven boys' doubles and one girls' doubles - second round matches of the ITF Junior (U-18) Tennis Championships were held at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex yesterday.

All the winners moved into the quarterfinals.

The winners are: Boys' singles - Hishi Wahg Cheng (Taipei), Nishant Meshra (India), Timu Stephan (Canada), Rohan Gajjar (India), Yu Hiu Tung (Hong Kong), Hyun-Joon Suk (Korea), Yong Bum Sen (Korea) and Seong Kim (Korea).

Girls' singles - Megha Vakharia (India), Siulki-Chin (Korea), Rebecca Deudenya (Greet Britain), Yoo Mi Jung (Korea), Maya Rosa (India), Sania Mirza (India), Chen Ya (Taipei) and Pichaya Laosiri-Chon (Thailand).

Boys' doubles - Hsien Waug Chen and Chao Ken of Taipei. Indian pair Karan Raj Togri and Rishi Behl, Zhyky Bacv Damir (Kazakhstan) and Menon Vikram (India), John Slefke (USA) and Arun Raakash (India), Hui Check Wal (Hong Kong) and Yu Hiu Tong (Hong Kong), Igusti Potungurab (Indonesia) and Moheemad Al Nabhan (Oman) and the Indian pair of Sunil Kumar and Vinod Sewa.

Girls' doubles - So Tong Kim (Korea) and Wang Ting-Wen (Taipei).

## Steve's counter salvo

**Cricket**  
AFP, Melbourne

Australian captain Steve Waugh expects the Test series against India to be more confrontational than ever, and he went on the front foot here Tuesday by criticising Indian captain Saurav Ganguly.

The Australians left for India Tuesday for three Tests, with a series win on the subcontinent regarded as a major challenge after 15 successive Test wins.

India was one of the teams defeated in the record winning streak, and Waugh raised that when asked what he thought of

Ganguly.

"I find some of his comments a bit strange, saying we've only played weak sides to win our 15 Test matches in a row," Waugh said.

"He forgot they were one of those sides, so as a leader of a side, it's not a real good thing to say about your own side."

"He'll have them fired up so you'll see a bit of a different series to the usual Australia-India, there's going to be a lot of confrontations - good types of confrontations."

"I don't think there'll be verbal stuff but there'll be two teams out there giving it their best shot."

"We'll be happy to accommo-

date them if they want to do it that (verbal) way."

Waugh and Ganguly had exchanged words through the media about the Australian captain's intimation his Indian counterpart was influencing pitch preparation to benefit his team - an accusation he denied.

Waugh hit out at suggestions by former Indian Test player Navjot Singh Sidhu that local curators should doctor the pitches to suit the home team, saying it was against the spirit of the game.

Waugh Monday proposed at a meeting of Test captains here that such influence should be officially