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## Did U Know?

The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well.

This Olympic Creed (or "Olympic Message") has appeared on the scoreboard during Opening Ceremony at every modern Olympic Games. Baron de Coubertin was inspired to adopt this creed after he heard a sermon by the Bishop of Pennsylvania, at a service for Olympic Athletes in 1908. It reminds us that in our life, just like in the Olympics, winning is not the most important thing. It is the ultimate challenge for which we all struggle as we strive to be "Swifter, Higher, Stronger."



## Talk Turkey



**Mary Pierce**  
(French tennis star)  
"I haven't been playing well in recent months. I feel I am short of match practice."  
After being eliminated from the Qatar Open in the second round on Wednesday.



## What to Watch

- ESPN**  
New Zealand vs Pakistan  
First one-day international  
Live at 6:55 am  
Boycs & Sunny Masterclass  
Cricket Talk Show  
3:00 pm  
New Zealand vs Pakistan  
First one-day international  
7:00 pm (1hr highlights)  
Deportivo vs Galatasaray  
UEFA Champions' League  
10:00 pm  
AC Milan vs Bologna  
Serie A  
Live at 1:30 am (Monday)
- Star Sports**  
New Zealand vs Sri Lanka  
Fifth one-day international  
5:00 pm  
Primera Liga Highlights  
4:30 pm & 12:00 am  
Primera Liga  
Live at 2:00 am (Monday)

**Sports WHIZZ KID**  
Competition 145  
Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to Star Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
March 2, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Bangladesh beat Mongolia in the 2002 World Cup qualifier  
2-0 3-2 3-0
- Who clinched the Paris Indoor Open title?  
Huber Hings Mauresmo
- Sri Lanka won the one-day series against New Zealand  
3-2 5-0 4-1
- How many tests will Bangladesh play in five years?  
34 35 36
- Who lifted the national under-19 cricket crown?  
Chittagong Rajshahi BKSP

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Bangladesh's Shariful plays a sweep shot against Singapore.

## Lankans' ton tonic

### Cricket

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
Defending champions Sri Lanka rode on brilliant centuries from openers Gunawardana and Tharanga as they recorded a convincing 234-run victory over UAE in their second Group A match of the GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

After the Lankans elected to bat first, Gunawardana slammed 120 off 102 balls while Tharanga hammered 104 off 90 balls to set up the islanders for a massive 344 for five in 45 overs. They rattled up 222 runs in only 28.3 overs.

Gunawardana, who was later adjudged man-of-the-match, hit 17 boundaries while Tharanga smote 15 fours.

Middle-order batsman Maharaj was contributed 43 off 24 balls.

In reply, UAE were bundled out for 110 in 29 overs with middle-order Wasim top-scorer with 26.

Dilshan was the most successful Lankan bowler taking three for seven in five overs while pacerman T Perera bagged two for 16.

Sri Lanka take on Malaysia at the same venue today.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the Under-17 Asia Cup match (45-over) between

SRI LANKA		UAE	
Tharanga c Menon b Thomas	104	Menon c De Silva b Dilshan	13
Gunawardana c Carlo b Thomas	120	Imran Butt c & b Dilshan	26
Indika lbw b Wasim Rahman	17	R Raj lbw b T Perera	1
Wijeratne st Mohammad b Thomas	12	Ponnawalla lbw b Dilshan	1
Maharaj c & b Imran Butt	43	Wasim not out	27
De Silva not out	14	Abdullah b Dilshan	0
Perera not out	4	LG Carlo c Maharaj b R Perera	2
Extras: (b-6, lb-8, w-16)	30	AR Mohammad b Ratnakaye	5
Total: (For 5 wickets in 45 overs)	344	Extras: (b-2, lb-0, nb-3, w-3)	8
Fall of wickets: 1-222, 2-259, 3-279, 4-281, 5-337		Total: (All out in 29 overs)	110
		Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-28, 3-32, 4-70, 5-71, 6-72, 7-75, 8-80, 9-82	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Carlo	6	0	39	0
Abdullah	7	0	65	0
Riaz Khaliq	9	0	50	0
Ponnawalla	7	0	46	0
Wasim	7	0	59	1
Thomas	8	0	62	3
Imran Butt	1	0	9	1

**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**  
Amir c Indika b T Perera 14  
Thomas c Wijeratna b Maharaj 12

**STANDINGS**

Group	Team	M	W	L	Tie	Pts
Group A	Sri Lanka	2	2	0	0	4
	UAE	1	0	1	0	0
	Oman	1	0	1	0	0
	Malaysia	0	0	0	0	0
	India	0	0	0	0	0
Group B	Bangladesh	2	2	0	0	4
	Pakistan	2	2	0	0	4
	Nepal	2	0	2	0	0
	Kuwait	1	0	1	0	0
	Singapore	1	0	1	0	0

## Aussies open tour today

Rested Glenn awaiting Sachin

**Cricket**  
AFP, Nagpur  
Australia's champion fast bowler Glenn McGrath will miss the highlight of the three-Test series, told the team management he would rather bowl to Tendulkar at Bombay.

match at Bombay from February 22. McGrath, whose duels with the master batsman has been the highlight of the three-Test series, told the team management he would rather bowl to Tendulkar at Bombay. "Glenn is keen to look at Tendulkar close up — that'll happen in the next game," Australian coach John Buchanan said, adding that star spinner Shane Warne and batsman Mark Waugh will also miss the first match. Tendulkar has been included

The Aussies, who open the seven-week tour with a three-day game against India A here, are scheduled to play Tendulkar's Mumbai in the next warm-up



Bangladesh captain Nafees Iqbal flicks one during his masterly 124 against Singapore in the GrameenPhone Second Under-17 Asia Cup yesterday.

## WC 2002 qualifying Booters battered, meet Saudis today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh will take on hosts Saudi Arabia in their return leg match of the Group Ten qualifiers for 2002 football World Cup at the Prince Mohammad Bin Fahad Stadium in Dammam, Saudi Arabia tonight.

The match will kick off at 11:30 pm (BST).

Bangladesh lost the first meeting against the Asian giants 0-3 at the same venue last week.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh's dream to finish second in the four-team qualifying round suffered a big blow on Thursday night when Vietnam handed them a 4-0 thrashing in the second leg opener.

After a barren first half, Bangladesh, who held Vietnam to a goalless draw in their opening match on February 8, conceded four goals in the last 25 minutes.

In the other match on Thursday night, Saudi Arabia clubbed Mongolia 6-0.

## BCB's view

We refer to the letter written by Mr Shamsur Rahman in Readers' Zone in the Sports page of your newspaper today (February 16).

We very much value the opinions of your readers but would like to state some facts. Mohammed Ashraf was born on July 7, 1984 and Mohammed Sharif was born on December 12, 1985. Therefore both of them are eligible to play in the Under-17 tournament.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board is very strict in regard to a player's age in the age group tournaments. We ascertain the players age by various methods including medical tests. It may be mentioned here that we did not select Anwar, a very promising wicketkeeper, as he was 17 years 2 months old in February 2001.

Syed Ashraful Haq, General Secretary, Bangladesh Cricket Board

## BD-S'PORE SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Under-17 Asia Cup match (45-over) between Bangladesh and Singapore at the Jagannath Hall ground on Friday:

**BANGLADESH**

Ashraful lbw b Zeesan	22
Nafeez b Zeesan	124
Shaiful c Iftekhar b Zeesan	12
Jahurul c Iftekhar b Zeesan	10
Zayed c C Leone b Ahmed	35
Shariful not out	97
Kowshik c Iftekhar b Ahmed	11
Hasibul Haque lbw b Ahmed	25
Sharif not out	2
Extras: (b-2, lb-3, w-26, nb-8)	39
Total: (For 7 wickets in 45 overs)	377
Fall of Wickets: 1-72, 2-120, 3-170, 4-185, 5-251, 6-280, 7-366	

**SINGAPORE**

Nishant c Manzurul b Mortaza	1
Anand c Juhurul b Talha	1
Zenn Brendan b Talha	0
Ahmed Azizulc Hasibul b Talha	0
Iftekhar run out	2
Zeeshan c Hasibul b Talha	1
Shaun c Hasibul b Mortaza	11
Eric Leone b Sharif	7
Christopher not out	0
Peter lbw b Sharif	0
Mexim b Sharif	0
Extras: (b-0, lb-4, w-5, nb-0)	9
Total: (All out in 17.3 overs)	32
Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-5, 3-7, 4-7, 5-10, 6-23, 7-30, 8-32, 9-32	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mortaza	7	2	9	2
Talha	6	1	18	4
Md Sharif	2.3	2	0	3
Shariful	2	1	1	0

**Result: Bangladesh won by 345 runs.**  
Man-of-the-match: Nafees Iqbal.

**FOR THE DAY MENU**

**Under-17 Asia Cup**  
India v UAE  
Venue: Jagannath Hall ground  
Pakistan v Singapore  
Venue: BKSP-2  
Sri Lanka v Malaysia  
Venue: Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium  
Kuwait v Nepal  
Venue: BKSP-1



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

## Pakistan pin Nepal down

### Cricket

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
Pakistan earned a 23-run victory over Nepal in their GrameenPhone Under-17 Asia Cup Group B clash at the BKSP ground (number two) in Savar yesterday.

Salman Qadir, who scored the lone half-century in the match, propelled Pakistan to 180 all out in 42.3 overs after being put into bat. Nepal were dismissed for 157 with five balls of their allotted 45 overs still to go.

Qadir's quickfire 52 contained two sixes and three boundaries. He was received good support from captain Salman Butt chipping in with 39. Besides, Nadeem Javed (29) and Azhar Ali with 19 were the other notable run-getters.

Later Azhar Ali captured four for 55 and Azam took two for 34 to knock over their Nepalese opponents.

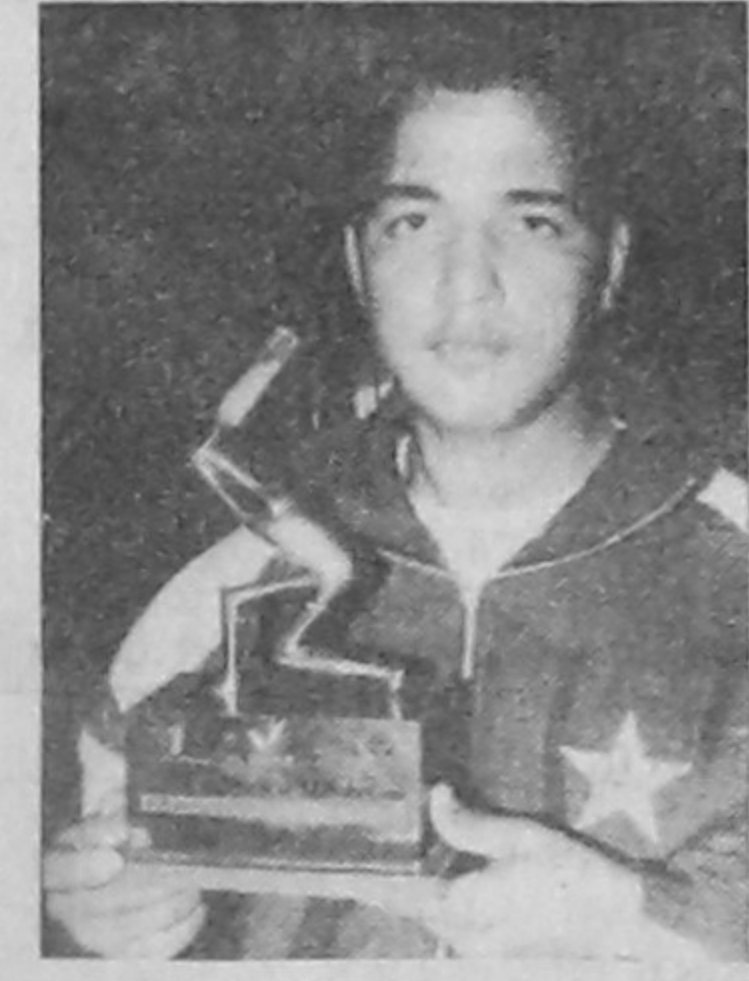
Pakistan take on Singapore in their next match at the same venue this morning.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the Under-17 Asia Cup match (45-over) between Pakistan and Nepal at the BKSP

ground on Friday:

**PAKISTAN**

Butt run out (Kutawal)	39
Latif st Kutawal b Siddique	12
Ijaz c & b Regmi	0
Altaf run out (Kutawal)	0
Javed lbw b Lama	29
Qadir lbw b M Shrestha	52
Ali run out (Kutawal)	19



S QADIR ... m-o-m

Akmal c Basnet b M Shrestha	3
A Hussain c Siddique b Basnet	10
J Hussain b M Shrestha	0
Shah not out	0
Extras: (lb-1, w-13, nb-2)	16
Total: (All out in 42.3 overs)	180
Fall of wickets: 1-59, 2-62, 3-62, 4-105, 5-117, 6-127, 7-127, 8-154, 9-156	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shah	4.1	1	12	1
Javed	6	1	19	1
Altaf	9	3	16	1
Qadir	7	5	7	0
Ali	9	0	55	4
A Hussain	9	1	34	2

**Result: Pakistan won by 23 runs.**  
Man-of-the-match: Salman Qadir.

4-67, 5-117, 6-164, 7-168, 8-178, 9-178

**NEPAL**

K Shrestha c A Hussain b Altaf	25
Chaudhary c & b Ali	16
Regmi st Akmal b Ali	21
Gaughan run out (Akmal)	12
M Shrestha st Akmal b A Hussain	5
Khatiri c & b A Hussain	16
Basnet c Ijaz b Ali	0
Lama not out	11
Kutawal b Ali	1
Siddique b Shah	1
Extras: (lb-4, w-9, nb-4)	27
Total: (All out in 44.1 overs)	157
Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-64, 3-88, 4-105, 5-117, 6-127, 7-127, 8-154, 9-156	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shah	4.1	1	12	1
Javed	6	1	19	1
Altaf	9	3	16	1
Qadir	7	5	7	0
Ali	9	0	55	4
A Hussain	9	1	34	2



Pakistan cricketers jogging at the Eden Park yesterday. They take on New Zealand in the first of five one-day internationals here today.

## What's coming for NZ

### Cricket

AFP, Auckland  
Summer has already been pretty bad for long suffering New Zealand cricket fans and come Saturday morning, weather willing, it's about to get a whole lot worse.

Pakistan, complete with fast and spin bowlers to burn, comes up against a frail New Zealand "black caps" side in the first of five one day internationals.

Sri Lanka has just handed out a 4-1 series thrashing here, just after Zimbabwe came and gave a 2-1 lesson to a home side which, despite obvious incompetence, remains remarkably arrogant. But the public, their patience tested too much, are staying away and New Zealand Cricket was Friday forced to slash ticket prices in the hope they might get an audience.

The current worrying losing trend will be difficult to stop

against a class Pakistan side raring to get on the field after two months break and having keenly observed the home side's recent decline.

New Zealand coach David Trist admits his side may have taken the Sri Lankans lightly, that they played above expectations and were allowed to by limp batting and bowling displays.

"Sri Lanka played better than they expected to, and we initially allowed that. They got away on us a bit," Trist said.

"If they can do the same against the Pakistanis then we'll be competitive throughout the series."

Despite New Zealand's horror run of recent form, their most recent meeting with Pakistan ended in triumph just four months ago.

Thanks to a 135-run stand between Nathan Astle and Roger Twose plus an unbeaten 51 from Craig McMillan, New Zealand won by four wickets in the ICC Knock-out Trophy semifinal in Nairobi before beating India in the final.

younger brigade heartened Trist, with all-rounder Jacob Oram, batsman Lou Vincent and bowler James Franklin all looking encouraging prospects.

"A lot of the younger players enhanced what the older players had done. For once we were competitive because everyone did their bit," Trist said.

"We are aware of that, and with the experience behind us, everything will be a lot tighter."

The 13-run win over Sri Lanka in Christchurch on Sunday put New Zealand's season vaguely back on the map but it was still their second win from 13 matches.

The performance of the