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## Did U Know?

Play at Taunton in July 1954 was relieved by a maiden century by Leslie Angell, the Somerset opening batsman, and by a strange bowling performance from Hanif Mohammad of Pakistan. The Pakistani legend displayed unusual versatility by bowling four right-handed deliveries and two left in one over before lunch, a feat he repeated after tea.



## What to WATCH

- BTV**  
Prime Minister Gold Cup  
Egypt vs Ireland  
2:00 pm  
Malaysia vs Pakistan  
4:00 pm
- ESPN**  
New Zealand vs Pakistan  
Second Test, Day Two  
Live at 3:30 am  
Highlights at 7:30 pm  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
9:30 pm  
UEFA Champions' League  
2:30 pm & 4:30 pm  
Serie A  
12:00 am (Saturday)
- Star Sports**  
Australian Domestic Cricket  
11:00 pm  
Asian Football Show  
8:30 pm



## TALK TURKEY



**Evander Holyfield**  
(American boxer)  
"Mike Tyson fights tall guys real well and Lennox Lewis tends to fight the style that Tyson likes."  
His analysis of the two top boxers.

## Sports WHIZZ KID

**Competition 145**  
Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to *Star Daily*  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
March 16, 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    Hingis    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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## Ranatunga granted bail

AFP, Colombo  
Sri Lanka's cricketing legend Arjuna Ranatunga appeared at a packed court house here on Wednesday to answer charges that he, his brother and several others assaulted teenage cricket players. Magistrate Kusala Weerawardhana ordered bail for Ranatunga's brother, Prasanna, and four members of their household staff. **SEE PAGE 15**

# Ziaur ignites Bagan

## Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Kalabagan Krira Chakra got off to a bang in the Premier Cricket League with a 59-run victory over babes Dhanmondi Club in a high-scoring affair at the placid Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Thursday.

The highlight of the run-feast encounter, where more than six hundred runs were scored in a day, was a magnificent 202 from Kalabagan's Pakistani recruit Ziaur Rehman.

The twin brother of former Pakistan pacer Ataur Rehman, became the first player to score a double century in the Dhaka League, when he plundered those runs off only 146 balls. His monumental effort enabled Kalabagan to pile up a massive 339 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs.

Dhanmondi, after being battered by the Pakistani, made a valiant effort but could only manage to score a respectable 280 for eight in 49 overs. The losers were penalised one over for slow over-rate.

Although Kalabagan officials had little knowledge about the unheralded Pakistani, they were certainly elated by finding Ziaur Rahman as a perfect replacement for hard-hitting batsman compatriot Zahirul Elahi.

Kalabagan rode on Zahirul's thunder last year to almost lift their maiden league title before losing in somewhat controversial circumstances to bitter neighbours Abahani.

Coming into bat at number four, Ziaur put on a record third wicket stand of 296 runs with left-

handed opener Nahidul Huq, who scored 96 off 116 balls. The south-paw hammered half a dozen fours. Ziaur clubbed 23 fours and nine massive sixes in his explosive innings. He was particularly severe against Pakistani leg-spinner Shahed Mehmud, who conceded 80 runs in his ten overs.

Shahed however had the last laugh when he dismissed Ziaur in the 47th over. But by that time Kalabagan crossed the 300-mark.

For Dhanmondi opener Sajjad scored a superb 94 before being adjudged leg before off veteran right-arm seamer Saiful Islam. The young right-hander hit a dozen fours in his 99-ball knock.

**ZIAZAPS AGRANI**  
Away at the BKSP ground in Savar, veteran all rounder Ziaur Rashid dazzled with both bat and ball as Bangladesh Biman recorded a facile seven-wicket win. **SEE PAGE 15**



ZIAUR REHMAN... double centurion

# The Don book open Mar 18-21

Sports Reporter

The Australian High Commission will keep the condolence book for legendary cricketer Sir Donald Bradman open for the general public from March 18-21 between 10 am and 3 pm.

Besides, the book will also remain open at the Australian stall during the two-day Millennium Democracy Festival at the Institute of Engineers on March 22. The public can sign it there from 10 am and 7 pm.

The book was earlier on March 5 opened at the High Commission in Gulshan for signature by the general public.

# Biman U-14 Nat'l soccer begins today

UNB, DHAKA

The Biman Cup Under-14 National Football Championship begins today at eight zonal venues across the country.

Sixty-two teams - sixty one districts and Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) - will compete in the first phase on knockout basis from March 16-23 at the eight venues - Natore, Rangpur, Narail, Narayanganj, Pirojpur, Chittagong, Moulvibazar and BKSP.

Ten teams - eight zonal champions, holders Joypraha and hosts of the final round Moulvibazar - split into two groups, will battle in the 10-team final round, likely to begin in the first week of April, initially on league basis.

Eight matches will be held on the opening day (Friday).  
Rajshahi take on Sirajganj at Natore. Dinajpur play Gaibandha at Rangpur. Mymensingh face Netrokona at BSKP, Jessore meet Meherpur at Narail, Dhaka play Madaripur at Narayanganj. Khulna meet Jhalakathi at Pirojpur. Chittagong take on Rangamati at Laxmipur and Sylhet will play Chandpur at Moulvibazar on the first day.

The details of the juvenile soccer meet were disclosed by Bir Bahadur MP, the tournament committee chairman and senior vice-president of Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), at a press briefing at the Bangabandhu National Stadium conference room yesterday.

BFF joint secretary Sirajul Islam Bachchu, treasurer Shah Abul Kashem, member Fazlur Rahman Babul and tournament secretary Golam Mohammad Alamgir and Public Relations Manager of Biman Bangladesh Airlines Mohammad Nasim also spoke on the occasion.

Of the total budget of Tk 11.87 lakhs, Bangladesh Biman, which is sponsoring the tournament for the last seven years, will provide Tk 10 lakh.

**PARTICIPANTS**  
Natore zone - Rajshahi, Sirajganj. **SEE PAGE 15**



INDIA'S EDEN AT EDEN: Indian skipper Saurav Ganguly grabs a stump while rushing off the field after India snatched a dramatic victory against Australia in the Calcutta Test yesterday.

# Indian history snaps Aussie streak

## Cricket

AFP, Calcutta

India pulled off one of cricket's greatest Houdini acts to down world champions Australia by 171 runs in the second Test on Thursday and level the series 1-1.

Off-spinner Harbhajan Singh grabbed six wickets and part-timer Sachin Tendulkar chipped in with three as the tourists, chasing a victory target of 384, were bowled out for 212 just before stumps on the final day.

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Laxman's 281 and Rahul Dravid's 180 saw the hosts pile up 657-7 declared in the second knock, before the bowlers struck to wreck Australia with just 39 balls remaining in the match.

The defeat ended Australia's record streak of 16 consecutive wins and set up an enthralling climax when the third and final Test opens at the Chepauk in Madras on Sunday.

It was only the third instance in Test cricket when a team that was asked to follow on came back to win the match.

England had done it twice before against Australia in Sydney in 1894 and at Leeds, Headingley in 1981.

"This was the greatest Test I

## VICTORY AFTER FOLLOW-ON

England (325 & 437) beat Australia (586 & 166) by 10 runs at Sydney, 1894-1895.  
England (174 & 356) beat Australia (401-9 declared & 111) by 18 runs at Leeds, 1981.  
India (171 & 657-7 declared) beat Australia (445 & 212) by 171 runs at Calcutta, 2000-2001.

# Abahani's rusty win

## Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra began their Premier Cricket League campaign with a docile five-wicket win over newcomers Young Cricketers at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday.

The popular Dhanmondi outfit needed to wait until the penultimate over to successfully chase a modest Young Cricketers total of 195 and at the expense of five wickets.

The holders, playing without their long-serving captain Akram Khan, one of the 21 national players who have been barred from taking part in the League this year, lacked their usual firepower in the batting.

They required a half-century from their fresh Pakistani recruit Tareq Javed and an unbeaten 20

odd runs from experienced all-rounder Neeayamur Rashid to post 196 in 48.5 overs.

Javed scored a polished 57 off 77 balls before he holed out in the deep with Abahani needing four more runs for victory. Neeayamur, who hammered a huge six over mid-wicket off leg-spinner Towhid, scored an unbeaten 24.

Abahani made a sound start with skipper Azam Iqbal and Nafis Iqbal putting on 61 runs for the opening stand. Azam scored a patient 38 off 77 balls while Nafis, who amassed more than five hundred runs in the National League for Chittagong this year, scored 25.

Earlier, the Young Cricketers total was built around an 88-run sixth wicket stand between Adil and Towhid.

Adil scored an unbeaten 49 off 73 balls while Towhid made 44.

Left-arm seamer Morshed Ali Khan, who switched from Mohammedan to Abahani this year,

took two wickets in his tidy spell of ten overs that yielded 38 runs.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the Premier Cricket League match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Young Cricketers at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday:

**YOUNG CRICKETERS**  
Mintu b Morshed 1  
Tinku c Nafis b Neeayamur 47  
Sajid c & b Iqbal 4  
Suleman c & b Mukul 10  
Saifullah c Selim b Ahsanullah 18  
Adil not out 49  
Towhid c Mukul b Morshed 44  
Shahnewaz not out 8  
Extras: (lb-5, nb-2, w-7) 14  
Total: (for 6 wickets in 50 overs) 195  
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-14, 3-67, 4-82, 5-93, 6-181

**Bowler O M R W**  
Iqbal 10 4 32 1  
Morshed Ali 10 0 38 2

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# Chappell, Gloster on board

## Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Thursday formally introduced former Australian Test cap Trevor Martin Chappell as its new coach.

Apart from his job with the national team, Trevor would also play the role of the Director of Development, Board's general secretary Syed Ashrafal Huq said at a media briefing at the Bangabandhu National Stadium conference room in the afternoon.

Chappell replaces South African all-rounder Eddie Barlow, who stepped down last year after suffering a brain hemorrhage.

Ashrafal also introduced another Australian John Gloster as the new physiotherapist of the national team. Although the contracts of both Australians run up to the 2003 World Cup in South Af-

rica, Gloster will spend time with the national team on tour by tour basis.

Gloster, who is now working as the physiotherapist of Surrey county club in England, will work from September to April each year.

The Aussie physio is however contracted with Surrey to work from April to September every year. But the English county, on request of the BCB, have agreed to release him for Bangladesh's tour of Zimbabwe, starting from April 1. Surrey might also spare the physio if Bangladesh have any tour to the island.

South African Gavin Benjafield, the national team physio for the last one and half years, would work as a trainer of the national team from now on.

Both Chappell and Gloster signed contracts with the Board later in the evening and would begin their jobs Friday at the BKSP, where the national cricketers are preparing for their African safari.

Bangladesh will leave for Harare on April 1 on their first overseas tour after becoming the 10th Test playing nation last year. In their month long trip, they will play two Tests and three one-day internationals. Bangladesh lost to India in their maiden Test in Dhaka in November.

Ashrafal meanwhile declined to disclose the financial aspect of the contract, but he said both the coach and physio would get bonus whenever Bangladesh win a Test or an ODI match.

Chappell arrived in the city on Tuesday while Gloster on Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters, Chappell assured that he would give his best to help Bangladesh achieve a **SEE PAGE 15**

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New Bangladesh cricket coach Australian Trevor Chappell responds to a question during a press briefing at the Bangladesh Cricket Board conference room yesterday. BCB general secretary Syed Ashrafal Huq and new Australian physiotherapist John Gloster look on. **PHOTO: STAR**

# Friendly cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

A friendly cricket match between Prime Bank Limited and Dhaka Bank Limited will be played at the BUET playground tomorrow at 9.30 am.

Kazi Abdul Mazid, managing director of Prime Bank, and Md Moklesur Rahman, managing director of Dhaka Bank, will be present on the occasion.

# WECCA cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

This year's Weekend Cricket Club Association (WECCA) League reaches the semifinal stage. Seven teams are vying for a place in the last four. Among them are league leaders Partex, who are newcomers to the competition.

According to WECCA by-laws, Premier and First Division players are not eligible to take part in the league. Only two Second Division players aged 30 or above are allowed to play in a game restricted to teams of six-a-side.

# Pakistan, Japan in last four

## Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Pakistan and Japan reached the Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey tournament semifinals after securing contrasting victories in their respective group matches at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium on Thursday.

While Pakistan registered their third successive win in Group B thrashing Ireland 6-1, Japan had to battle hard to see off Scotland in their last Group A match.

In the other match of the day, Malaysia posted a lone goal win over China in another Group B match.

**PAKISTAN 6 IRELAND 1**  
Pakistan struggled for goals in the first but led following Mudassar Ali's strike in the 25th minute. Ireland had a great opportunity to draw level but Stephen Butler missed a penalty stroke in the 33rd minute.

It was a completely different story in the second session as Mudassar added two more (45th and 64th minutes) and Kamran

Ashraf (50th minute), Muhammad Anis (54th minute) and Waseem Ahmed (65th minute) also got on the score sheet for Pakistan.

Butler pulled one back for Ireland seconds from the end.

Pakistan raised their tally to nine points in Group B. On the other hand, Ireland, who beat Malaysia 1-0 in their previous match on Tuesday, still have a slim hope provided they beat Egypt by a margin of five goals in their last match today.

On the other hand, Egypt, who also have three points, need to win by a goal to make it to the last four on goal difference.

If their game ends in a draw, China, who have two wins to their credit, will go to the semis.

**MALAYSIA 1 CHINA 0**  
Malaysia registered their first win in the competition when defender Peng Jia converted a penalty stroke in the 47th minute.

The win gives Malaysia a mathematical chance to reach the last four but to do that they have to pull off a near miracle by beating mighty Pakistan by a big margin in their last Group B match this afternoon.

This result was a set-back for the Chinese who now have to wait for the outcome of today's two matches to know whether they would play in the semis.

**JAPAN 1 SCOTLAND 0**  
A last minute goal from Takahashi Akira saw Japan through. Akira, the defender, blasted the ball from the top of the D after being nicely fed by Asai Kenji from the right corner.

Japan who had to win to advance, also had a chance in the early first half when they earned a penalty stroke in the fifth minute.

But Yamabori Takahiko spilled the chance hitting the ball straight to Scotland custodian Michael Leonard.

Scotland, who needed a draw to make it to the semis, finished third in the group with three points, two more than hosts Bangladesh.

**POINTS TABLE**

Group A	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Points
India	3	3	0	0	10	1	9
Japan	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Scotland	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Bangladesh	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
Group B							
Pakistan	3	3	0	0	12	3	9
China	4	2	0	2	6	7	6
Egypt	3	1	0	2	7	8	3
Ireland	3	1	0	2	3	8	3
Malaysia	3	1	0	2	3	5	3



Action from the Prime Minister Gold Cup hockey match between China and Scotland at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday. **PHOTO: STAR**



**DAY'S EVENT**

Prime Minister Gold Cup  
Egypt vs Ireland (2 pm)  
Malaysia vs Pakistan (4 pm)  
Premier Division Cricket League  
Mohammedan v Victoria  
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)  
Surjo Tarun v Sadharan Bima  
(Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)  
Brothers Union v City Club  
(BKSP)