



## Did U Know?

The fastest server in the women's game is Venus Williams, who recorded a serve of 205 km/h (127.4 mph) during the European Indoor Championships at Zurich, Switzerland, on October 16, 1998. Venus, who was born on June 17, 1980, in Lynwood, California, was introduced to tennis at a very early age by her parents, who coached her on the public courts in Compton, California, despite having no professional training themselves. Williams turned professional in 1994, and entered a limited number of tournaments without great success. Her watershed year proved to be 1997, when she passed her high-school diploma and entered her first Grand Slam tournament. Even though she performed poorly at the French Open and Wimbledon, she reached the final of the US Open. She was the first unseeded woman ever to do so but lost to Martina Hingis. Her first tour title came in 1998, and since then she has won seven titles, including her first Grand Slam and Wimbledon in 2000.



## What to Watch

**ESPN**  
Derby County vs Man United  
English Premiership  
10:30 am  
**Serie A**  
4:30 pm  
**UEFA Champions' League**  
Weekly Highlights  
8:00 pm  
English Premiership  
9:00 pm  
**Star Sports**  
South Africa vs West Indies  
Third ODI Highlights  
6:30 am  
**South Africa vs West Indies**  
Fourth ODI  
Live at 7:30 pm  
**Primera Liga**  
Highlights  
5:30 am  
Asian Football Show  
11:00 am  
**Primera Liga**  
1:30 pm



## Talk Turkey



**Shiv Sundar Das**  
(Young Indian cricketer)  
"Glenn McGrath is more dangerous than Jason Gillespie because he is so accurate."

## Sports WHIZZ KID

**Competition 149**  
✓ Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to The Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
May 16, 2001 and draw  
shortly afterwards

- Who clinched the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters Series title?  
Agassi    Agassi    Kuerten
- Who lifted the Ary Gold Cup Sharjah tri-series cricket trophy?  
New Zealand    Pakistan    Sri Lanka
- What was the result of the South Africa and West Indies Test series?  
4-1    3-2    2-1
- Who was the man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe first test?  
Heath Streak    K Masood    Javed Omar
- How many Test wickets did Courtney Walsh capture when he retired?  
536    520    519

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**LET'S HEAR A STORY ABOUT ZIMBABWE?** National team wicketkeeper Khaled Masood (L) is the storyteller while Mohammedan captain Minhazul Abedin (R), his teammates Sanwar Hossain (2nd from R) and Shafiuddin Ahmed (2nd from L) and another national cap Habibul Bashar listen inside the Mohammedan dressing room yesterday. Mohammedan players are off the field during a rain recess.

## Rain the spoiler

Title-decider starts afresh

### Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The title-deciding match between leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club and holders Abahani was postponed after rain disrupted the proceedings a couple of times at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Weather permitting, the high-voltage final match of the Premier Division Cricket League starts afresh at the same venue today.

It was reduced to a 33-over-a-side affair after the first spell of shower had stopped play for more than three hours in the morning. Put in to bat, Abahani were then on 45 for one from 11.1 overs.

When the match resumed, Abahani could score 160 from the allotted 33 overs with one wicket in hand. Mohammedan were struggling with 43 for three in 9.4 overs when the sky opened up again to enforce an injunction on play at 4:10 pm.

Although both captains agreed to play an additional half-an-hour after the scheduled time, but when the field was ready again at around 4:35 pm Sri Lankan match commissioner Carlton Bernardus called it a day as there was not enough time to complete a minimum 25 overs.

"We needed another 15.2 overs to complete at least 25 overs of the Mohammedan innings to get a result out of the rain-curtailed

match. But time did not permit me to go on as I had less than an hour in my hand. According to the (old) ICC rule, 14.28 overs could be completed in an hour," said Bernardus. "We, however, for the spirit of the game wanted to finish off the match today by playing further more time, if required, after the additional hour's play. The light was there, but one of the two captains did not agree with the idea."

About ten thousand holiday crowd, a record attendance this season, turned up at the big bowl. However, they would be able to enjoy the match today producing

their used tickets at the gates.

The other Super League match of the day between Surjo Tarun Club and Kalabagan Krira Chakra was abandoned at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

That match will also start afresh today at the same venue.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the abandoned Premier Division Super League match between Abahani and Mohammedan Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday:  
**ABAHANI**  
Hussain c & b Shafiuddin 21

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Groundstaff at the Bangabandhu Stadium sponging the water out of the field yesterday.

## Murtagh puzzles Pakistan

### Cricket

INTERNET, Nottingham

Surrey all-rounder Tim Murtagh claimed six wickets as Pakistan established a lead of 242 on the second day of their match against the British Universities.

The right-arm fast-medium bowler added the wickets of Salim Elahi and Mohammad Sami to his four scalps on the first day as the tourists built their lead at Trent Bridge.

After resuming on 224 for four, Elahi and Younis Khan added 20 runs in the morning before Murtagh struck his fifth blow.

The innings of Elahi featured 16 boundaries before he edged a ball to the wicketkeeper James Foster on 78.

His dismissal prompted a rash of wickets as the tourists lost five wickets for the addition of six runs. Chris Elstob and left-arm spinner Rob Ferley shared two wickets each as Pakistan plummeted to 250 for nine.

Elstob's second delivery of the day was spooned straight to point by Younis Khan.

But captain Waqar Younis and Mohammad Sami put the collapse behind them to put on a stand of 66 for the final wicket before Murtagh ended the innings on 316.

Waqar hit an unbeaten 50 off just 59 balls in a spirited stand with the inexperienced Sami.

It extended Pakistan's lead to 242 after dismissing the students for 74 in their first innings.

The 19-year-old Murtagh ended with the impressive figures of six for 86 from 22.5 overs. Earlier on the opening day Friday, seasoned Test players Saeed

Anwar and Elahi delivered a batting masterclass as the tourists swept to 224 for four at the close.

Anwar and Elahi demonstrated the gap between them and the students in class by each blasting half centuries.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of the Pakistan innings against the British Universities on the second day of their three-day tour match at Trent Bridge Saturday:

**BRITISH UNIVERSITIES:** First innings 74 all out (Waqar Akram

4/11, Waqar Younis 3/30, Mushtaq Ahmed 2/2)

**PAKISTAN:** First innings (overnight 224-4)

Anwar c Jefferson b Murtagh 89  
M Wasim c Foster b Murtagh 27  
Elahi c Foster b Murtagh 78  
Inzamam b Murtagh 18  
Youshan c Foster b Murtagh 0  
Younis c Dalrymple b Elstob 32  
Latif b Ferley 2  
W Akram c Porter b Ferley 3  
Waqar not out 50  
Mushtaq c Dalrymple b Elstob 0  
Sami c Jefferson b Murtagh 15

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Pakistan's Inzamamul Haq works the ball on the on-side on the opening day of their three-day tour match against British Universities at Trent Bridge on Friday.

## Fed Cup kicks off May 20

UNB, Dhaka

The Federation Cup, the curtain raiser meet of this year's football season, will now begin on May 20 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Earlier, the knockout tournament was supposed to kick-off on May 18.

Eighteen Premier and First Division clubs together with the Army and Navy will be split into four groups in the first phase.

The teams are: Holders Mukti-joddha Sangsad KC, Abahani, Mohammedan SC, Rahmatganj MFS, Arambagh KS, Dhanmondi Club, Farashganj SC, Brothers Union, Agrani Bank, Youngmen's Club Fakirerpool, Badda Jagarani Sangsad, Victoria SC, BTRC SC, Muslim Institute, Prantik KC, Mirpur Chalanika, Wari Club, Sadharan Bima KS, Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Navy.

As a result, the inter-club booters transfer will begin on May 8 and not May 6.

## Yakib lifts President's Cup golf

SPORTS REPORTER

Yakib Haji Jumat won the President's Cup Golf Tournament. He collected a total score of 37 points on the second and final day of the prestigious competition at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday. Shaheen Khan became ladies' champion with 31 points in the final event of the local golf calendar.

Besides, Rahib Bashir and Sadiq Qudus received the Club Championship Trophy and Best Golfer of the Year Award respectively in the colourful prize-giving ceremony. KGC president Lt General M Harun-Ar-Rashid was the chief guest on the occasion.

### OTHER RESULTS

Super Senior: Rear Admiral A A Mustafa; Senior Winner: Brig Gen M Masud Ali Khan; Champion - 'C' Group: Asadul Haq; Runner-up - 'C' Group: Brig Gen Salim Khan; Champion - 'B' Group: Rafiq Ali; Runner-up - 'B' Group: Col M Aminul Islam; Champion - 'A' Group: Raiyan Rab; Runner-up - 'A' Group: Hamid Bin Abdullah; Junior Winner: Arsalan; Runner-up: Sadiq Qudus; Nine hole Winner: Rear Admiral M M Islam; Ladies Runner-up: Mrs Moon Sun Cho; 2" Runner-up: Hee Yoon; 3" Runner-up: Rahib Bashir; Front Nine Winner: Lt Col Zainul Abedin; Back Nine Winner: Tasvirul Islam; Nearest to Pin: Sadiq Qudus; Longest Drive: Faisal Khan; Best Par 5 hole: Lt Col Mujibul Haque; Best Par 4 hole: Ki Suk Yoon; Best Par 3 hole: Cdre S I Mujtaba.

Kirsten, not out 49, and Jacques Kallis, 20 not out, then added an unbroken 35 for the second wicket.

Earlier, West Indies won the toss and sent South Africa in to bat at the Queen's Park.

West Indies made two changes from the side that was beaten by eight wickets in St John's, Antigua on Wednesday, with Wavell Hinds and Ricardo Powell replacing Leon

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## Kids ready for final round

SPORTS REPORTER



The final round of the Standard Chartered 19th National School Cricket Championship begins in

Sylhet on Monday.

A total of 16 schools -- four from Dhaka city, ten from six Divisions and last year's champions Mymensingh Zila School and runners-up Rajshahi Collegiate School -- will vie for the glory.

Split into four groups, the schoolboys will feature in the preliminary knockout round, which is scheduled to conclude on May 12.

Four group champions will move into the semifinals, which is to be underway on May 13 and 14. The final will be held at the Sylhet Stadium on May 16.

A record 907 schools from across the country took part in the qualifying round, which was held in six Divisional venues -- Majdee, Manikganj, Gopalganj, Sylhet, Jhalakathi, Natore, Kurigram and Narail -- and Dhaka city.

### GROUPINGS

**Group A:** BKSP, Swarnakali High School (Gopalganj), Rangpur High School and Mymensingh Zila School.

**Group B:** Green Herald (Dhaka), Narail Zila School, Manikganj Government High School and Arun Chandra High School (Noakhali).

**Group C:** Scholastica (Dhaka), Blue Bird High School (Sylhet), Collegiate High School (Rajshahi) and Jhalakathi Government High School.

**Group D:** New Model High School (Dhaka), Mohini Mohan Biddiyapith (Kushtia), Police Institution (Chittagong) and Sher-e-Bangla High School (Natore).

### FIXTURE

| Date   | Match No      | Match                                   | Venue |
|--------|---------------|---|-------|
| May 7  | 1             | BKSP v Swarnakali High                  | SS    |
|        | 2             | Scholastica v Blue Bird High            | MCG   |
| May 8  | 3             | Manikganj High v A Chandra High         | SS    |
|        | 4             | Police Institution v Sher-e-Bangla High | MCG   |
| May 9  | 5             | Rangpur High v Mymensingh Zila          | SS    |
|        | 6             | Collegiate v Jhalakathi High            | MCG   |
| May 10 | 7             | Green Herald v Narail Zila High         | MCG   |
|        | 8             | New Model v Mohini Mohan Biddiyapith    | SS    |
| May 11 | 9             | Winners of match 1 v match 5            | MCG   |
|        | 10            | Winners of match 2 v match 6            | SS    |
| May 12 | 11            | Winners of match 3 v match 7            | SS    |
|        | 12            | Winners of match 4 v 8                  | MCG   |
| May 13 | Semifinal (1) | Winners of Group A v Group C            | SS    |
| May 14 | Semifinal (2) | Winners of Group B v Group D            | SS    |
| May 16 | Final         |   | SS    |

Note:

SS: Sylhet Stadium

MCG: Medical College Ground.

## SA off to flying start

### Cricket

INTERNET, St George's

South Africa's batsmen got off to a storming start in the third one-day international against West Indies here on Saturday, reaching 123 for one after 21 overs.

Garrick and Nixon McLean.

Last bowler Makhaya Ntini replaced Roger Telemachus in the South African team. Captain Shaun Pollock said the tourists were likely to rotate several players in a 16-man squad over the two back-to-back games.



### TEAMS

**WEST INDIES:** Carl Hooper, Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Ricardo Powell, Brian Lara, Marlon Samuels, Ridley Jacobs, Neil McGarrell, Mervyn Dillon, Cameron Cuffy.

**SOUTH AFRICA:** Shaun Pollock, Herschelle Gibbs, Gary Kirsten, Jacques Kallis, Jonty Rhodes, Boeta Dippenaar, Mark Boucher, Lance Klusener, Justin Ontong, Allan Donald, Makhaya Ntini.

**Umpires:** Eddie Nichols and Basil Morgan (both West Indies). TV umpire: Evelyn Jones (West Indies)

## Pybus applauds Akram

REUTERS, Nottingham

Pakistan cricket coach Richard Pybus was delighted with Wasim Akram's opening salvo of the England tour on Friday, saying he was "sharp, fresh and hungry."

Akram took three wickets in four balls without conceding a run against a British Universities side before ending with four for 18 to remind the new coach of his wicket-taking abilities.

Pybus said: "He's in superb physical condition. Today was lovely for Wasim, even if he was not bowling against international players, but he looked very sharp and showed all his old skill."

"Nobody is a certainty for the Test team. If you are in poor condition or if the rhythm wasn't there and you have other bowlers, well, you have to take that in consideration."

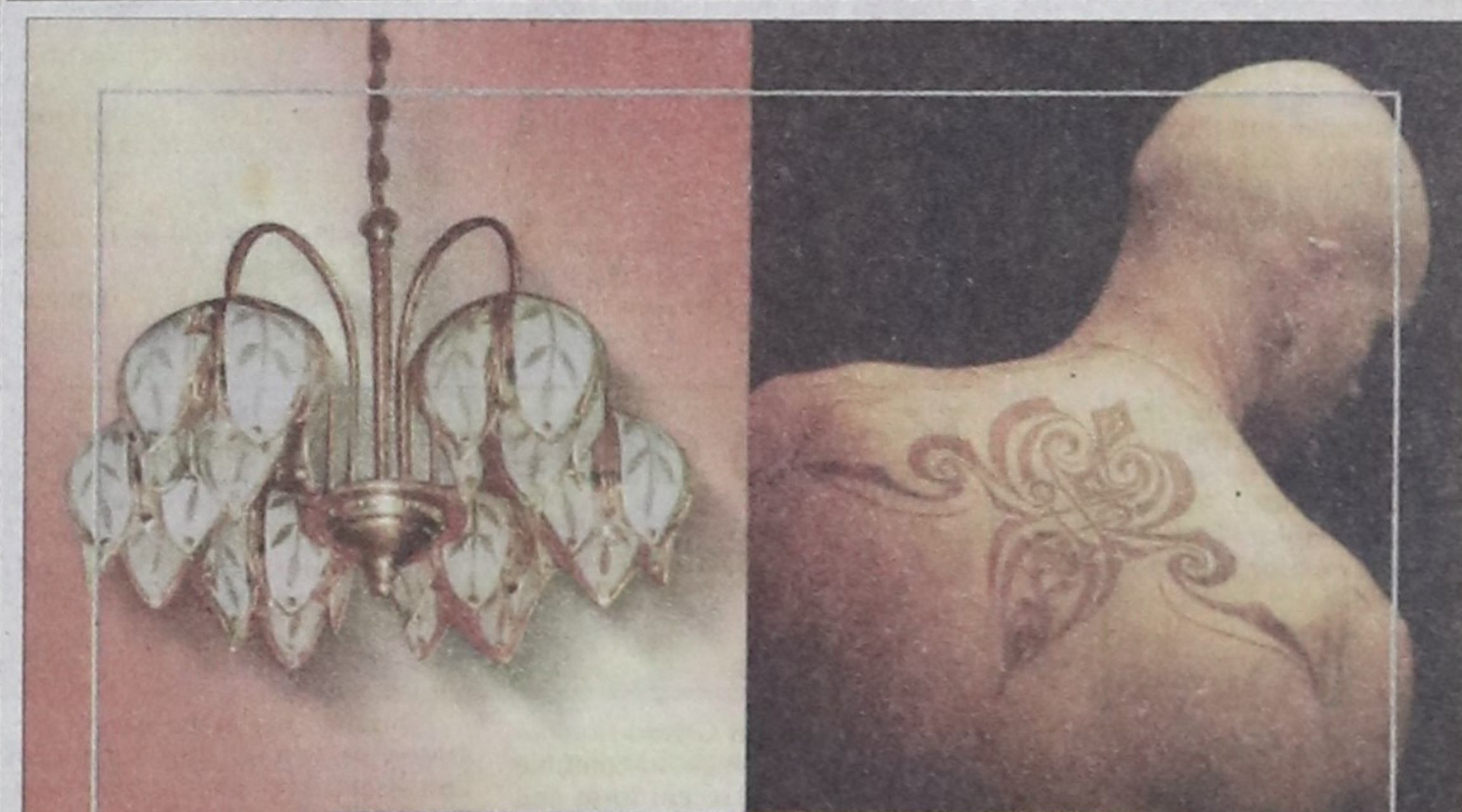
"There are no dead certs -- but they are key players you back."

"It was fantastic to watch on a day when none of our bowlers was going to go mad in cold, early-season weather."

"Wasim is in superb physical condition."

The 34-year-old Wasim, just back from a rib injury after miss-

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## LIGHT MOTIFS

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