



## Did U Know?

Why do golf balls have dimples? So that they look cute? No! Because the dimples maximise the distance golf balls travel. Dimpled balls travel up to four times farther than smooth-surfaced golf balls. In the early days of golf, smooth-surfaced balls were used until golfers discovered that old, bumpy balls travelled longer distances. The science of aerodynamics helps explain the dimpled phenomenon. The dimples reduce the drag on a golf ball by redirecting more air pressure behind the golf ball rather than in front of it. The higher levels of pressure behind the golf balls force them to go far distances.



## Talk Turkey

**Marat Safin**  
(Russian tennis star)  
"He thinks in Swedish. I think in Russian, we speak in English. But I think it's going to be OK."  
On his relationship with new coach Mats Wilander.



**ESPN**  
English Premiership  
Highlights  
6:30 pm  
UEFA Champions League  
Weekly Highlights  
7:00 pm  
Serie A  
10:30 pm  
**Star Sports**  
Futbol Mundial  
9:00 am  
Asian Football Show  
1:30 pm  
**Primera Liga**  
Alaves vs Real Madrid  
9:00 pm  
Pakistan vs England  
First Test Day Four  
Highlights  
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**Primera Liga**  
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- What was the result of the one-day international series between South Africa and West Indies?  
6-1 5-2 4-3
- Who became UEFA Cup champions?  
Arsenal Liverpool Alaves
- Who clinched the Standard Chartered National School Cricket title?  
New Model BKS (Manikganj) High
- Who lifted the Premier Division Cricket League title?  
Abahani MSC Birman
- Who holds the top position in the current FIFA World rankings?  
Brazil France Italy

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## Asian Test meet from Sept 1

### Pakistan to host Bangladesh in opener

#### Cricket

HASAN MASOOD

Bangladesh will embark on a tour of Pakistan later in the year to feature in the inaugural match of the Second Asian Test Championship. The venue of the five-day match, which is to be started from September 1, is yet to be finalised. The draw of the Championship, scheduled to run up to February 19, 2002, was finalised at the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) meeting in Lahore on Friday. The meeting was presided over by Pakistan Cricket Board and ACC chairman Li Gen Taqir Zia. The council reached an unanimous decision to hold the Championship after Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president AC Muthiah presented a no-objection letter from his government for playing against Pakistan in multilateral series, in which Sri Lanka are the fourth side.

According to Internet reports, all the four Asian Test nations would sign an agreement which would bind them to follow the programme once decided and finalised. The country not fulfilling the commitment would be bound to pay the penalty. The documents in this regard would be ready for signatures by the respective board

within next two months.

The final of the four-nation Test Championship will be held in Dhaka from February 15 to 19. Dhaka also hosted the final of the maiden Asian Test Championship between Pakistan and Sri Lanka way back in March 1999.

The inaugural meet was held between India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Pakistan won the final defeating Sri Lanka by an innings and 175 runs at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Bangladesh, who earned Test status last year, will play their next match against India in India from September 21 to 25 and then play against Sri Lanka in Sri Lanka from October 2 to 6.

The tournament will also see India travelling Pakistan for a Test after 12 years to play the second match of the Championship from September 13 to 17.

However, Sachin Tendulkar, who made his Test debut at Kara-

chi in 1989-90 in India's last Test series in Pakistan, skipped in a three-match one-day series in 1997 to mark the independence of Pakistan.

Apart from the decision on Test Championship, the meeting also deferred the next Asia Cup from September 2001 to September 2002.

The ACC also approved the development plans of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), formed in a bid to promote cricket in the Asian region. Former International Cricket Council (ICC) president and chairman of ACF Jagmohan Dalmiya was also present in the meeting.

According to the ACC development plan, a central cricket academy would be set up either in Sharjah, Nepal or Malaysia. The Under-15, Under-16 and 17 cricket programmes of the ACC till 2004 have also been approved by the ACC.

#### SCHEDULE

Sept 1-5: Pakistan vs Bangladesh in Pakistan  
Sept 13-17: Pakistan vs India in Pakistan  
Sept 21-25: India vs Bangladesh in India  
Oct 2-6: Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh, Sri Lanka  
Jan 31-Feb 4: Sri Lanka vs Pakistan, Sri Lanka  
Feb 7-11: India vs Sri Lanka in India  
Feb 15-19: Final in Bangladesh

Note: Dates for the first, second and final match have been confirmed while the rest are tentative.

## Rivals to resume cricket

AGENCIES, undated

India will play their first Test in Pakistan for nearly 12 years when they take on their traditional rivals in the Asian Test Championship in September.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chief Lieutenant General Taqir Zia announced on Saturday that India had agreed to play a Test match in Pakistan from September 13-17 as part of the Championship.

The draw for the four-nation tournament, to run between September 1, 2001, and February 19,

2002, was released after a one-day Asian Cricket Council (ACC) meeting in Lahore on Friday.

Although the venue has yet to be finalised, PCB officials said the game is expected to be held in Karachi.

"Karachi is most likely to be the venue but we will further discuss it with our Indian counterparts before announcing it," Zia told Reuters.

India has also agreed to play in the Asia Cup in Pakistan next year, Zia said.

"We have been given a firm commitment by the Indian officials that they will appear in the Asian Test Championship match," Zia said.

"I think the match will revive cricketing relations between the two Asian powerhouses," he added.

The announcement came three days after Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee invited Pakistan's military ruler General Pervez Musharraf to New Delhi for talks on Kashmir and other issues that have strained relations between the South Asian neighbours.

If the September Test match goes ahead, it will be the first Test the two countries have played since 1999, when Pakistan toured

India despite threats from Hindu fundamentalists.

Two of the three Tests on that tour passed off peacefully but the third, at Kolkata, was marred by crowd violence.

India last appeared in a Test on Pakistan soil in 1989 when Kris Srikanth's team played a four-Test series against Imran Khan's side. They returned in 1997 for a three-match one-day series to mark the independence of Pakistan.

Since 1989, Pakistan have appeared in two one-day series in India as well as the two-Test series

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TAQIR ZIA



AC MUTHIAH

## Pak spinners follow suit

#### Cricket

REUTERS, Leicester

Saqain Mushaq and Mushtaq Ahmed sent Leicestershire spinning to defeat in two days with four wickets each as Pakistan won by an innings and 26 runs at Grace Road on Friday.

Saqain took 4-37 in 18.3 overs while Mushtaq grabbed 4-41 from 15 overs as an under-strength Leicestershire side collapsed from 72 for two at tea to 172 all out in their second innings.

The bowling was a stark contrast from the first innings when pace bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis ripped through Leicestershire's batting to bowl the home side out for 96, of which opener Ian Sutcliffe contributed 55.

Pakistan, resuming at 201 for three overs, were surprised when Leicestershire took the last six wickets for 49 runs to dismiss them for 294.

Scott Boswell claimed three for 87 while Paul Griffiths, Phil DeFreitas and Darren Maddy all took two wickets each.

Faisal Iqbal top scored with 83 and Younus Youhana made 80 before being last man out.

Despite losing Maddy in Wasim's first over, Leicestershire recovered with Sutcliffe and 20-year-old debutant Ashley Wright putting on 71 for the second wicket.

But Wright was out just before tea, and when Sutcliffe was bowled round his legs by Saqain soon after the break the collapse began and eight wickets fell for 84 runs in 26 overs as the tourists cruised to victory.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close on the second day of a four-day tour

match between Leicestershire and Pakistan at Grace Road on Friday:  
**LEICESTERSHIRE:** First innings 96 all out (Waqar Younis 5-23, Wasim Akram 4-19)  
**PAKISTAN:** First innings (overnight 201/3)  
M Wasim lbw b Maddy 36  
Razaq c and b Boswell 83  
Iqbal lbw b Griffiths 83  
Inzamam b Crowe 36  
Younis c Boswell b Maddy 80  
Akram lbw b Griffiths 12  
Waqar c Burns b Griffiths 7  
Saqain lbw b DeFreitas 8  
Mushtaq b DeFreitas 0  
Akhbar not out 1  
Extras: (lb-13, w-1, nb-9) 23  
Total: (All out in 99.3 overs) 294  
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-57, 3-127, 4-215, 5-245, 6-261, 7-272, 8-292, 9-292  
Bowler O M R W

Boswell 28.3 5 87 3  
Griffiths 20 7 51 2  
DeFreitas 18 4 41 2  
Maddy 13 4 27 2  
Crowe 10 0 34 1  
Banks 9 0 38 0  
Sutcliffe 1 0 3 0  
**LEICESTERSHIRE:** Second innings  
Maddy lbw b Akram 0  
Sutcliffe b Saqain 38  
Wright c Inzamam b Razaq 30  
Strives b Saqain 24  
Smith lbw b Saqain 18  
Burns not out 28  
DeFreitas lbw b Mushtaq 1  
Banks lbw b Mushtaq 4  
Crowe c M Wasim b Mushtaq 0  
Boswell b Mushtaq 0  
Griffiths lbw b Saqain 1  
Extras: (b-11, lb-6, nb-6, pen 5) 28  
Total: (All out in 55.3 overs) 172  
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PHOTO: INTERNET

Pakistan leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed is being congratulated by teammates after he claimed one of his four Leicestershire wickets on the second day of their tour match on Friday.

## PM Gold Cup BHF owes Tk 18 lakh to Scots and Irish

UNB, Dhaka

Scotland and Ireland have demanded their pending air fare for participating in the Prime Minister Gold Cup Hockey tournament held in Dhaka in March.

In a message to Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) recently, the two European countries said they would complain to the International Hockey Federation if Bangladesh failed to make the payment immediately.

BHF, now facing serious shortage of fund, did not pay 22,600 pound sterling equivalent to about Tk 18 lakh as plane fare for the two teams - 11,600 pounds for Ireland and 11,000 pound to Scotland.

It was learnt that BHF president Air Vice-Marshal Jamaluddin Ahmed Wednesday met State Minister for Youth and Sports Obaidul Quader to discuss the matter.

However, a BHF high official said that they expected to receive Tk 50 lakh from the government soon and after that they would immediately pay the money.

He informed that the organisers fixed a budget of Tk 1.71 crore for the mega tournament but they received only Tk 90 lakh from different sponsors.

The government was supposed to provide Tk 1 crore - 50 lakh for the tournament and 50 lakh for the renovation of the hockey stadium - but no amount was paid.

## CJKS Div I cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Mohammedan Sporting Club, Agrabad Nawjawan and Auchhi Club won their respective matches of the CJKS-Ispahani First Division Cricket League at different city venues yesterday.

Mohammedan defeated Sabtadhi Gosthi by six wickets at the MA Aziz Stadium.

Agrabad Nawjawan beat Kallol Green by one-wicket at the Chittagong College ground while Auchhi Club got a 63-run win over Customs Sporting Club at the Chittagong Medical College ground.

#### BRIEF SCORES

**SATABDI GOSTHI:** 171 all out in 45 overs (Dickens 72\*, Kamal 23, extras 25; Nannu 3/22, Sujun 3/24).

**MOHAMMEDAN SC:** 175 for four in 50 overs (Shakil 60, Raju 50, Nasim 20).

**KALLOL GREEN:** 153/10 in 39 overs (Shagor 58, Shipon 33, extras 39, Shah Jamal 4/27, Bappy 3/23).

**AGRABAD NAWJAWAN:** 157/9 in 39.1 overs (Abbas 50\*, Tanvir 29, Shajamal 22; Tanim 2/15, Firoz 2/17, Rashid 2/24).

**AUCHHI CLUB:** 209/8 in 45 overs (Likhon 68\*, Ahmed 37, extras 40, Mithu 3/36).

**CUSTOMS SC:** 146/10 in 42.4 overs (Syed 31, Faruq 20\*, Hamid 20, Morshed 3/19, Bakkar 2/17, Likhon 2/22 and Shoikat 2/26).

## Walsh inducted into Hall of Fame

REUTERS, Kingston

Retired West Indies fast bowler Courtney Walsh was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Caribbean Development of the Arts and Culture Foundation (CDACF) on Friday.

At a ceremony held at Kings House, Jamaica's governor general, Sir Howard Cooke, presented a plaque to the world's leading Test wicket-taker and praised his contribution to the region.

"At a time when people are looking and focusing on the darker things happening around us, you have been a shining light not only for Jamaica but for the West Indies at large," Cooke said.

"You have been a remarkable example to all young sportsmen, and your achievement will stand out as a beacon, showing them what can be achieved with discipline, focus, commitment and humility."

## DAY'S EVENT

**17th Federation Cup Football Tournament**  
Arambagh KS v Badda Jagarani (4 pm)  
Abahani v Farashganj SC (6 pm)  
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)

## Big boys join in Fed Cup final phase from today

#### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The big guns of domestic football enter the second phase of the Nitol White Cement 17th Federation Cup from today when the traditional curtain-raiser of the season sees holders Abahani taking on Farashganj Sporting Club in the second match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium at 6 pm.

Earlier, Arambagh Krira Sangha meet First Division side Badda Jagarani Sangsad at 4 pm. The popular Dhanmondi outfit have secured the services of Nigerian Shikhan Peter. A member of the Nigerian under-17 squad, Shikhan arrived in the capital yesterday. The young striker, who played for a Singapore Senior Division side Tempines Rovers, is likely to make Dhaka football debut in today's clash.

Eight teams have been split into two groups for the round robin league, with the top two finishers from each group qualifying for the semifinals on June 3 and 4 respectively. The final will be held on June 6.

Abahani, last year's semifinalists Arambagh and first round group champions Farashganj and Badda Jagarani have been drafted in Group A.

Last year's runners-up Mo-

ammedan Sporting Club, semifinalists Muktiyoddha Sangsad, Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society and Prantik Krira Chakra make up the other group.

Mohammedan face First Division Prantik Krira Chakra, who for the second straight year moved into the final round after eliminating one-time Premier Division giants Brothers Union on Friday, in their opening Group B encounter tomorrow.

Although eight teams are involved, pundits all agree that the battle for the Cup will once again be a three-team affair - Abahani, Mohammedan and Premier Division League champions Muktiyoddha Sangsad.

Unfortunately, fans hoping to catch a glimpse of their star players will have to spend Taka 20 for a Western Gallery ticket and Taka 10 for an Eastern Gallery ticket respectively.

Besides, there will be an attractive Pepsi sponsored man-of-the-match award worth Taka five thousand for every match.

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has formed a four-member panel of adjudicators for the purpose. They are: national coach George Kottan, coach Abdus Sadeq, tournament committee secretary and former national footballer Ashrafuddin Ahmed Churnu and NSC Director Khandkar Anwarul Islam.

#### FIXTURE

| Date   | Match                                | Kick-off time |
|--------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| May 27 | Arambagh KS v Badda Jagarani         | 4 pm          |
|        | Abahani v Farashganj SC              | 6 pm          |
| May 28 | Muktiyoddha Sangsad v Rahmatganj MFS | 4 pm          |
|        | Mohammedan SC v Prantik KC           | 6 pm          |
| May 29 | Arambagh KS v Farashganj SC          | 4 pm          |
|        | Abahani v Badda Jagarani             | 6 pm          |
| May 30 | Muktiyoddha Sangsad v Prantik KC     | 4 pm          |
|        | Mohammedan SC v Rahmatganj MFS       | 6 pm          |
| May 31 | Farashganj SC v Badda Jagarani       | 4 pm          |
|        | Abahani v Arambagh KS                | 6 pm          |
| June 1 | Rahmatganj MFS v Prantik KC          | 4 pm          |
|        | Mohammedan SC v Muktiyoddha Sangsad  | 6 pm          |
| June 3 | 1st Semifinal (A1 v B2)              | 5:30 pm       |
| June 4 | 2nd Semifinal (A2 v B1)              | 5:30 pm       |
| June 6 | Final                                | 5:30 pm       |



PHOTO: AFP

Australian cricketers (L-R) captain Steve Waugh, vice-captain Adam Gilchrist and Ricky Ponting watch a performance from a group of supporters at Sydney International Airport before the team's departure for England yesterday.

## Waugh reveals the truth

#### Cricket

AGENCIES, Sydney

Australia's cricketers flew out of Sydney on Saturday to defend the Ashes, predicting they would triumph over England in a hard-fought, five-match Test series.

Australian captain Steve Waugh said he expected the information to provide stiff competition for his side but he was still optimistic of winning.

"It's going to be a good contest and I believe we can win," Waugh told reporters at Sydney International Airport.

"We've got the side, we've got the talent and we've got the experience."

"England are going to be very tough, they play good cricket and we can't expect to cruise through the series. If we're not on our best behaviour on the field, so to speak, we're going to get beaten."

Waugh, however, said he was only joking when he said England were favourites to win the forthcoming Ashes series.

"They'll be trying to get a gauge off us. If they beat us, they'll probably think they're number

one or number two in the world," Waugh said.

"It's hard to put a rating on anyone but they're playing as good cricket as anyone, they've won a lot of Test matches and they're on the verge of winning five series in a row, which is a significant achievement."

The 17 members of the Australian one-day squad left on Saturday for the triangular limited-overs series with Pakistan and England.

Most of the squad will stay on for the five Tests while a handful of players chosen only for the Tests will join them in England next month.

The squad is planning a two-day stopover in the Gallipoli peninsula in southern Turkey, where thousands of Australian soldiers were killed during an ill-fated campaign during World War One.

The tour begins with a warm-up match against Worcestershire on June 1 ahead of the triangular one-day series that commences on June 7.

The five-Test Ashes series begins in Birmingham on July 5 with the final match at the Oval from August 23.

## England ponder options

#### Cricket

INTERNET, London

England are set to make two changes - both enforced - to the squad that won the first Test convincingly at Lord's for the second and final Test against Pakistan.

Nasser Hussain's broken thumb keeps him out and the captain and the other selectors have to find a batting replacement as England seek to secure a fifth successive Test series victory.

With Hussain - who has temporarily handed the captaincy to Alec Stewart - set to be fit for the

first Ashes Test, the chosen batsman is likely to be limited to just the Old Trafford Test for the time being.

For that reason it is probable England will give another chance to an already experienced player and a recall for Mark Ramprakash ahead of Graeme Hick. John Crawley and Nick Knight is the most likely outcome.

If the selection panel prefers to look towards the future then Nottinghamshire left-hander Usman Afzaal is favourite to make his Test debut.

The England management are keen to promote from the winter's 'A' team, as they did with Ian

Ward. Afzaal came close to winning selection at Lord's and with his ability to bowl left-arm spin he will come under serious consideration for Old Trafford.

Aftab Habib and Vikram Solanki are the other leading candidates from the 'A' team.

The others in contention include the likes of Mike Powell of Glamorgan, who has made a prolific start to the season, and Middlesex's former England Under-19 captain Owais Shah.

Craig White's back injury keeps him out of the squad. He was chosen for Lord's but suffered the injury shortly before joining the

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