

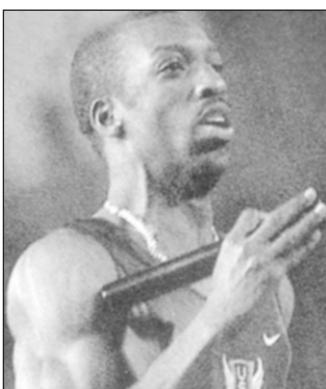


Did U Know?

Indian maestro Sachin Tendulkar has played 135 innings in 84 Test matches so far and has never been dismissed stumped.



Talk Turkey



Michael Johnson

(American track legend) "I never wanted to be a celebrity." Said before his last race in Brisbane.



What to Watch

ESPN

English Premier Football League Man United vs Tottenham Hotspur 8:00 am
The Npower Test Series Pakistan vs England First Test, Day Three Highlights at 10:00 am
English Premier Football League Newcastle vs West Ham 7:30 pm &
Liverpool vs Everton 9:30 pm
Football World Cup Qualifier Hungary vs Italy Live at 12:30 am (Sunday)

STAR Sports

South Africa Tri Series India vs South Africa First ODI Highlights at 6:00 am
World Cup Soccer Mix 1:00 pm
Football Asia 1:30 pm
Trans World Sport Int'l Sports News 3:00 pm
Primera Liga Deportivo La Coruna vs Villareal 6:30 pm
Football Asia 8:30 pm
Primera Liga Highlights at 10:30 pm
South Africa Tri Series India vs South Africa First ODI Highlights at 11:00 pm
Primera Liga Barcelona vs Deportivo La Coruna Live at 1:00 am (Sunday)



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Competition closes at 8 pm Oct 12, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- How many runs did Herschelle Gibbs score in the first ODI against Zimbabwe?

115	125
130	
- Who clinched the Princess Cup tennis title?

Hingis	Dokic
Kournikova	
- Who became the new Australian Cricket Board chief?

Dennis Rogers	Bob Merriman	Geoff Marsh
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- What was the result of the South Africa and Zimbabwe Test series?

2-0	1-0
1-1	
- Who became Shanghai Open tennis champion?

Chang	Schuttler	Agassi
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Easy win for A team

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A coasted to an eight-wicket win against the Under-19 team in a limited-overs practice match at the BKSP ground in Savar on Friday.

Chasing a paltry Under-19 total of 122 in 50 overs, the India-bound A team reached their target in just 20.3 overs.

One-down Tushar Imran top-scored with a run-a-ball 28. It included a six and three fours. Opener Ashrafur was smashed 25 off balls 18 balls. Bangladesh's batting sensation hit one six and a four boundaries.

National opener Mehrab Hossain (23) and middle-order Hasanuzzaman (22 not out) were the other notable run-getters for the Khaled Mahmud-led A team.

Earlier, electing to bat, the Under-19 selection, who are scheduled to fly to Australia on a six-week tour on October 11, were dismissed

for 122 in 41 overs after fiery Mashrafi-bin-Mortuza Kowshik and veteran Khaled Mahmud shared six wickets each.

Kowshik, rated by many observers as a future fast bowler conceded just 13 runs in his seven-over spell while Mahmud gave away 19 runs.

Left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique returned with two for 28.

The winners, who are due to leave for India on October 13, will take on the senior team in a four-day match from today at the same venue.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the one-day practice match between under-19 and A team at the BKSP ground on Friday:

UNDER-19		Bowler	
Salaudinn c Mehrab b Kowshik	0	Kowshik	7 2 13 3
Bidyut c & b Kowshik	11	Mushfiq	9 2 25 0
Nafees c Tushar b Fahim	17	K Mahmud	7 2 19 3
Hasibul c Anwar b K Mahmud	6	Fahim	6 0 23 1
Shariful b Ashrafur	18	Rafique	9 2 28 2
Aftab c Mehrab b Rafique	31	Ashrafur	3 1 9 1
Shafiq b b Rafique	17	ATEAM	
Ashiq lbw b Rafique	0	Ashrafur c & b Talha	25
Talha c Anwar b Kowshik	3	Mehrab c Hasibul b Shafaq	23
		Tushar c Talha b Shafiq	28
		Sanwar not out	11
		Hasanuzzaman not out	22
		Extras: (lb-1, nb-2, w-11)	14
		Total: (for 2 wkts in 20.3 overs)	123
		Fall of wickets: 1/37, 2/86, 3/88.	

India v Pakistan Whether or not in World Cup

Cricket

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's cricket chiefs want the government to clarify whether their team can play bitter rivals Pakistan at the 2003 World Cup in South Africa.

Jagmohan Dalmiya, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said on Thursday: "We would like to know from the government. We have to abide by whatever they say since this is a foreign affairs matter."

India and Pakistan are in the same group for the opening round of the limited-overs tournament.

"There are lots of issues when it comes to India playing Pakistan. We only want the government to tell us well in advance about tournaments so that we don't have to pull out at the last minute. That could lead to India being isolated," he added.

Though the government has said they oppose only bilateral cricket between the neighbours, they did not allow the Indian side to travel to

Pakistan for an Asian Test Championship which was part of a tournament also involving Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.



JAGMOHAN DALMIYA

Relations between the two countries have been strained due to political tensions over the Himalayan region of Kashmir.

Cricket ties between the neighbours have been rocky since the Indian government cancelled a

proposed Test tour of Pakistan late last year and banned bilateral matches between the two countries.

Pakistan said future cricketing relations with India were in doubt after they pulled out of the Asian Test championship.

Dalmyia said India's main priority was to prepare for the World Cup and next year's youth World Cup.

Asked whether the board would extend coach John Wright's contract, Dalmyia said a decision could be made only after the team's recent failures were discussed with him.

India, who came from 1-0 down to beat Australia 2-1 in a home Test series earlier this year, have since lost 2-1 in Sri Lanka and drawn a two-Test series in Zimbabwe 1-1.

Their Test ranking has slipped to eighth and they have also lost eight consecutive finals in one-day tournaments.

"The idea is not to have heads rolling but go to the root of the problem," Dalmyia said.

Former New Zealand captain Wright's one-year contract is up for renewal in October.

Palmeiras end Muktis' run

SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijoddha Sangsad's impressive run in the 107th IFA Shield was brought to an end by the Under-19 selection of Brazilian club Palmeiras on Friday.

Both teams had started the match unbeaten but the Federation Cup champions were eliminated after losing 2-1 in the first semifinal at the Howrah Municipal Stadium.

However, details of the encounter were not available when this report was being filed.

The samba boys, who have won four games in the prestigious Indian invitational competition, now face either East Bengal or Mohun Bagan in tomorrow's final.

The Kolkata titans clash in the other semifinal today.

Pakistan call off stopgap series

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan have cancelled a one-day cricket series against Sri Lanka in October because of safety fears following the September 11 attacks in the United States.

"The series will not be held. It is cancelled. The decision has been taken due to circumstances beyond the control of both the cricket boards," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) spokesman Khalid Butt told Reuters from Lahore.

Sri Lanka had been approached for the short tour after New Zealand cancelled its September-October visit to Pakistan in the immediate aftermath of the attacks on New York and Washington.

Sri Lanka had agreed in principle to play three one-day internationals in Karachi and Lahore on October 17, 19 and 21.

But PCB sources said the matches were cancelled because Sri Lanka wanted a guarantee that in the event of retaliation by the U.S. in the region, their players would be flown home safely.

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Waugh wants to keep on playing

REUTERS, Sydney

Australian cricket captain Steve Waugh said he had no intention of retiring despite being diagnosed with the potentially fatal condition deep vein thrombosis.

"Everyone keeps writing me off with the body and how much longer I am going to last," Waugh told reporters.

"But the truth of the matter is that while everyone keeps writing that, it makes me more determined to keep playing."

Earlier this week, Waugh confirmed he was receiving daily medication to thin his blood after being diagnosed with "economy class syndrome".

The 36-year-old developed a blood clot in his lower left leg when he tore a calf muscle during the third Ashes Test against England, but returned to score a courageous unbeaten century in the fifth match of the series.

Despite his renowned fighting qualities, Waugh's latest bout of

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Burge no more

REUTERS/AFP, Sydney

Former Australia Test batsman Peter Burge has died aged 69, the Australian Cricket Board said. He died on Friday in Brisbane.

Burge was believed to have suffered a heart attack, the Queensland Cricket Association said.

Burge played in 42 Tests between 1954-55 and 1965-66, scoring 2,290 runs at 38.16 with four centuries.

The hard-hitting Queenslander also scored almost 15,000 first-class runs with 38 hundreds.



PETER BURGE

He was a Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1965.

In recent years Burge had served as an international cricket match referee.

Sizzling Saurav, Sachin

Cricket

AFP, Johannesburg

India skipper Saurav Ganguly and

Sachin Tendulkar both hammered centuries and posted a record opening partnership against South Africa in the first match of a triangular limited overs tournament at the Wanderers Stadium Friday.



PHOTO: INTERNET

LEADING FROM THE FRONT: India captain Saurav Ganguly is all set to have a go at a delivery during the opening match of the tri-series against South Africa at the Wanderers in Johannesburg yesterday. Ganguly scored a scintillating 127.

Second one-dayer today

Fletcher backs Kirtley; Streak returns

Cricket

REUTERS, Harare

England named an unchanged 12-man squad for the second one-day international against Zimbabwe while the home team recalled captain Heath Streak after a back injury.

Sussex seam bowler James Kirtley was included in the England squad despite being under scrutiny from match referee Colonel Naushad Ali for a suspect bowling action.

Ali said he would be watching

Kirtley took two for 33 on his debut on Wednesday and should take the new ball with Yorkshire's Matthew Hoggard, who also had an impressive debut, taking two for 25.

Gloucestershire off-spinner Jeremy Snape is in line to earn his second cap after earning the man of the match award with two for 39.

Zimbabwe welcomed the return of fast bowler Streak after a three-match lay-off because of his back injury.

The bulky right-hander replaces seamer Doug Hondo who went for 35 in six overs without success in the first match.

England ended an 11-match

one-day side and that's what we're working towards.

"Nasser (Hussain) and I have been able to see these guys and have a look at them and it has been encouraging to see everyone contributing. There is a nice buzz and a good feel."

But Zimbabwe's Andy Flower, the world's top-ranked batsman, believes his side can still win despite their recent poor form.

"I think we can rectify the situation," Flower told Reuters.

"We were definitely 40 runs short in the first match. I thought that the pitch played a lot better than the wickets in Harare when South Africa were up here. It was a much better pitch and we should have got 240."

"But it wasn't the case and we still applied some pressure and they looked a little brittle, so if we can play better cricket I believe we can win."

The match is the second in a series of five. The third match will be played in Harare before the teams move to Bulawayo for the final two matches.

TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): Nasser Hussain (captain), Nick Knight, Marcus Trescothick, Mark Ramprakash, Graham Thorpe, Ben Hollis, Andrew Flintoff, Jeremy Snape, James Foster, James Kirtley, Matthew Hoggard, Paul Grayson.
ZIMBABWE: Heath Streak (captain), Alistair Campbell, Guy Whittall, Dion Ebrahim, Andy Flower, Stuart Carlisle, Craig Wishart, Grant Flower, Muleki Nkala, Dirk Viljoen, Gary Brent.

Flower hopes to bloom

Cricket

REUTERS, Harare

The world's top ranked batsman Andy Flower has said that Zimbabwe can bounce back from Wednesday's five-wicket loss to England in the second one-day international on Saturday.

Flower top-scored for Zimbabwe with 59, but watched helplessly as the home side fell well short of posting a competitive total in the first of the five-match series.

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still applied some pressure and they looked a little brittle, so if we can play better cricket I believe we can win."

Zimbabwe have lost their last eight one-day internationals and have been disrupted by injuries to several of their top players, both in this series and against South Africa.

"It's not good to get into a losing frame of mind," Flower said. "This losing streak and injuries are definitely a part of it with our small pool of players."

"Losing three or four players that would have been the basis of our bowling attack weakened us considerably."

"However sides have to deal with that. It certainly exposed our lack of depth, but in saying that our batting hasn't been too hot either."

"We haven't put big scores on the board and all departments of

our game are not good enough at the moment."

"Alistair Campbell has had nine or ten different opening partners in the last year which doesn't show any continuity, any trust or any good judgement in the partners that have been picked for him."

But Zimbabwe were bolstered by the news that top fast bowler Heath Streak has been passed fit to play after missing the last three one-dayers.

"Heath should be back and that'll certainly be a boost," Flower said. "He has been the mainstay of our bowling attack for the last six or seven years."

"He wasn't at his best against South Africa but I caught a few balls from him this morning and he looks to be bowling alright. He has that brisk away swing going and hopefully he can create some trouble for them."

Injured trio back for NZ

Cricket

AFP, Auckland

All-rounder Chris Cairns, out of action for eight months following knee surgery, returns to a full-strength New Zealand side named

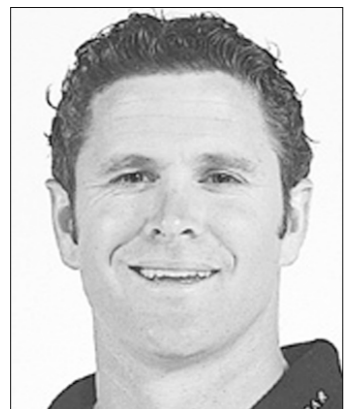
who have also missed a year of Test cricket with back problems, also make the Test side.

Nash and Vettori returned to one-day cricket in a series in Sri Lanka in June.

Cairns' much-anticipated return means he will join Nash and Vettori at Test level for the first time in

"To compete with Australia, New Zealand need to field its best players and these three offer a level of experience, maturity and talent which is difficult to match," chairman of selectors Sir Richard Hadlee said.

Middle order batsman Lou Vincent, uncapped at Test level, has



CHRIS CAIRNS

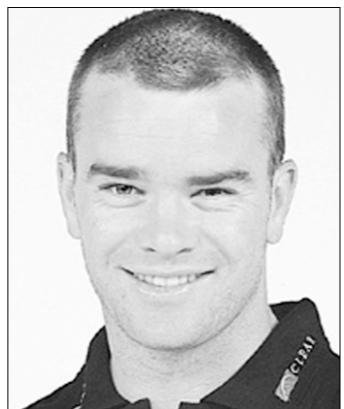
Friday for a three-Test tour of Australia which starts in two weeks.

Fast-medium bowler Dion Nash and left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori,



DANIEL VETTORI

nearly two years since they played together in the 1999 Boxing Day Test in Wellington against the West Indies.



DION NASH

retained his place in the side named

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Snape obliged

Cricket

REUTERS, Harare

Gloucestershire all-rounder Jeremy Snape has been the standout performer on England's short tour to Zimbabwe and has suddenly been thrust into the limelight as a potential match-winner.

Snape, who made his international debut in England's five-wicket victory against Zimbabwe on Wednesday, was rewarded with the man-of-the-match award.

He claimed two for 39 in 10 overs, including the vital wickets of the Flower brothers (Andy and Grant) in the space of four balls, which swung the match England's way.

"I'm still a bit shocked," Snape said. "Obviously it's been a good start and I'm delighted really."

"I'm very aware of his (Andy Flower's) reputation as one of the best players of spin in the world and I think he tried to unsettle me early on.

"The fact that I got the two Flowers out was a bonus really and keep them down to a decent total."

"I didn't sleep much the night

"Nasser (Hussain) said the night before, 'don't make it too important', which was good advice."

Snape delivered an assured performance in his first match against Zimbabwe A on Monday, when he scored an unbeaten 27 off just 19 balls and claimed two for 19.

"The first time I played with the lads and then having a good all-round game gave me a lot of confidence having missed the last three weeks of the season in England with an ankle injury," Snape said.

"Everyone aims to play for England and I've been part of a very successful side at Gloucestershire and I was delighted when I got the call-up."

"I didn't bowl much last season but I worked really hard on my batting this year and the next step is to work technically on my bowling—I know I still have a lot of work to do."

"Variation and pace is the key to one-day bowling and if the batsman doesn't know what's coming next, it's an advantage."



JEREMY SNAPE

before, so that said something about how important playing for England is, but when I got on the pitch it wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be.