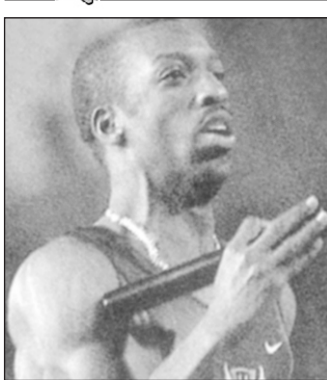




## Did U Know?

George Headley of West Indies is known as the Black Bradman. With an incredible average of over 60 in Test, he carried the batting for what was a weak Caribbean side through the 1930s, and returned to captain them in their first post-war Test, the first black man to do so. He was born in Panama, but moved to Jamaica at an early age.



**Michael Johnson**  
(American track legend)  
"He is like a second father to me. He is like another grandfather to my child. He is such a part of my life and will always be."  
About his coach Clyde Hart.



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1. How many runs did Herschelle Gibbs score in the first ODI against Zimbabwe?	115	125
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## Kowshik rocks seniors

### Cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Young tearaway Masrafee bin Murtaza Kowshik continued to show his high calibre at the senior level when he captured four wickets on the opening day of the three-day practice match between the national team and Bangladesh A on Sunday.

The 18-year-old from Narail returned with four for 52 runs to shot Naimur Rahman's Test side out for 204 in 73 overs.

The second string national side led by Khaled Mahmud were 45 for no loss at stumps, with Rafiqul and Mehrab Hossain batting on 13 and 18 respectively.

The fiery opening spell of Kowshik, whom West Indies legendary paceman Andy Roberts tipped

as a future 90-mile per hour bowler, at one stage left the national team tottering at 62 for five.

A member of the Under-19 team, the right-arm paceman was drafted into the A squad by the selectors, who are even planning to award him a Test cap depending how he performs on the tour of Western India.

Kowshik apart, Khaled Mahmud and Mushfiqur Rahman took two wickets each.

The national team however recovered from the disappointing start with country's first Test centurion Aminul Islam and vice-captain Khaled Masud featuring in a formidable partnership for the seventh wicket.

Aminul scored exactly 50 while wicketkeeper Masud made 40. Hasibul Hossain with a typically aggressive 33 and Enamul Hoque, who scored 28, were the other notable run-getter for the national

team.

The effort of the lower-order eventually let Niamur's side cross the 200-mark. But it was a demoralising day for the senior team, batsmen of which once again failed to show the application needed in the longer-version of the game.

While the national team struggled, Khaled Mahmud's A team grew in confidence ahead of their India tour. This is the last practice match for the A team before their departure on October 13 for a six-week tour.

**BRIEF SCORES**  
Bangladesh: 204 all out in 73 overs (Aminul 50, K Masud 50, Hasibul 33, Enamul 28; Kowshik 52/4, K Mahmud 2/26)

Bangladesh A: 45 no loss in 15 overs (Rafiqul 13 not out, Mehrab 18 not out)

## SA too good for Kenya

### Cricket

#### INTERNET, Benoni

Shaun Pollock's South Africa made it two wins out of two in the Standard Bank triangular series with a predictably comfortable win over Kenya at Willowmoore Park Sunday.

A target of 160 was never likely to trouble the home side unduly and a stand of 89 between Jacques Kallis (54) and Neil McKenzie (49 not out) ended the match as a contest.

Kenya emerged with credit, however, with Steve Tikolo scoring a magnificent 78 and all-rounder Thomas Odoyo claiming the notable scalps of Gary Kirsten and Herschelle Gibbs.

Their ground fielding was good as well, but the home side's air of absolute confidence was never shaken and victory arrived in the 34th over, albeit in low-key fashion courtesy of two byes.

South Africa went into the match as overwhelming favourites, having beaten India by six wickets on Friday in the opening match of the competition.

The name of the game for Kenya was gaining experience ahead of the 2003 World Cup, which will also take place in South Africa.

But they lost Kennedy Obuya Otieno to the second ball of the game, bowled by Pollock, after Maurice Odumbe had won the toss and elected to bat first.

Obuya was replaced by his brother David, who was discomfited by some well directed short of a length deliveries and had only made 17 when he drilled a catch to Andre Nel at wide mid-off.

Ravindu Shah toiled for 49 deliveries to make eight but then trod on his own stumps as he went back to Makhaya Ntini.

Tikolo and Odumbe made the most of anything loose, with Tikolo collecting two successive fours off Jacques Kallis, the first crashed through the covers and the second flicked over the leg-side.

Following Odumbe's dismissal, Thomas Odoyo made only seven before Kallis' brilliant diving catch ended his innings.

Tikolo continued to impress as he lashed Pollock over mid-off for another four and his half century arrived off 66 balls, but no-one was able to provide the necessary support over the closing overs.

Martin Suji made 13 and brother Tony gave a return catch to Pollock, who finished with two for 19 from his 10 overs.

South Africa's openers struck a positive tone from the outset with Gary Kirsten following his 133 not out against India with four early boundaries.

But he went for one big shot too many after reaching 17 and only succeeded in chopping a ball from Odoyo into his stumps.

Herschelle Gibbs greeted the introduction of Peter Ochieng by slashing him over point for the first six of the match but Odoyo removed him for 20 when the ball lobbed to Ravindu Shah via and thigh and gloves.

Odoyo took two for 23 in seven overs but the rest of Kenya's attack was not accurate enough to put Kallis and McKenzie under any serious pressure.

Kallis went to his fifty off 74

deliveries with six fours and it came as a surprise when leg-spinner Collins Obuya found the edge of his bat and he was caught behind - only the second wicket of the 20-year-old's international career.

McKenzie confirmed his growing reputation with a mixture of neat nudges and deflections and powerful drives, but was left one short of his half century when the match came to an end.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the second match of the Standard Bank triangular series between Kenya and South Africa at the Willowmoore Park in Benoni Sunday:

<b>KENYA</b>	
K Otieno c Boucher b Pollock	0
Shah hit wicket b Ntini	8
D Otieno c Nel b Kallis	17
Tikolo not out	68
Odumbe c Gibbs b Klusener	24
Odoyo c Kallis b Nel	7
M Suji c Gibbs b Ntini	13
A Suji c and b Pollock	9
Ochieng not out	1
Extras: (lb-3, w-5, nb-4)	12
Total: (For 7 wickets in 50 overs)	159

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Kenya's David Otieno ducks a rising delivery from South Africa captain Shaun Pollock (not in picture) during their Standard Bank one day international in Benoni yesterday.

## Back in good Nick

### Cricket

#### INTERNET, London

What a difference six months has made to England opener Nick Knight.

Surplus to requirements for all three losses against Sri Lanka in March following a year out with injury, the Warwickshire man must have doubted he would make it to the World Cup in 2003.

He was given the chance to redeem himself in the eyes of the selectors when he was called into the England set-up for the NatWest tri-series against Australia and Pakistan two months later.

But memories of being left out of the 1999 World Cup after an untimely dip in form must have set his nerves on edge.

He needn't have worried. He proved the doubters wrong and stood out from the general gloom with scores of 84 against Australia at Bristol and 59 not out at Edgbaston against Pakistan.

He eventually finished the six-match series with an average of 42.60, booking himself a place on the touring party to Zimbabwe in the process.

Now successive half centuries in the opening two matches of the series look to have been enough to cement his place in England's one-day squad.

It seems strange that one of the most talented one-day players in England should have to sweat on his inclusion in the World Cup.

A total of 2,276 runs at an average of 41.38, including three centu-

ries and three 50s mostly opening the innings, would seem to make him an obvious pick.

The 31-year-old made an explosive start to limited overs internationals, smashing 113 followed by an unbeaten 125 against Pakistan in his first series in 1996.

The dashing left-hander quickly became a fixture in the one-day side despite a faltering Test career.

But then his form deserted him at the crucial moment, weeks before the 1999 World Cup.

Still, his exclusion from the squad still raised eyebrows.

The choice of his replacement as opening batsman, Nasser Hussain, caused even more surprise.

A broken finger and swollen knee last year saw Knight lose the opening spot again, this time to the emerging Marcus Trescothick.

The Somerset man seized his opportunity against West Indies and Zimbabwe with plenty of aplomb.

And by the time injury forced Knight to miss the ICC Knockout Trophy in Kenya later that summer, Trescothick was England's premier left-handed opening batsman.

Knight's services were not required for the winter tour of Pakistan, and he was left on the sidelines in Sri Lanka despite flying out to join the one-day side.

## Div III cricket qualifiers

### SPORTS REPORTER

Al Rashed Cricket Club, Narayanang Cricket Academy, Rangpur Cricket Club and Friends Eleven won their respective qualifying round matches of the Third Division Cricket League at different city venues on Sunday.

Al Rashed Club whitewashed Mirpur Friends by 112 runs at the Uttara Police Lines ground, Narayanang Cricket Academy beat Discovery Cricket Club by two wickets, Rangpur Cricket Club handed Nakhlapara Cricket Club a six-wicket defeat while Friends Eleven posted an 85-run win over CCS Red.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
Al Rashed CC: 148 for 8 in 35 overs (Alamgir 35, Tanu 21, Alam 20, Azim 3/22)

Mirpur Friends: 36 all out in 18.3 overs (Alam 3/4, Rana 3/7, Tanu 14)  
Result: Al Rashed CC won by 112 runs.

Discovery CC: 140 all out in 34.1 overs (Arman 54, Chain 16, Masum 3/22, Al-Amin 3/7)  
Narayanang CA: 143 for 8 in 32.1 overs (Extras 48, Masum 36, Gopal 22)

Result: Narayanang CA won by two wickets.  
Nakhlapara CC: 95 all out in 27.1 overs (Famous 22, Rajib 17, Sajib 3/5, Raihan 3/22)

Rangpur CC: 96 for 4 17.2 overs (Monty 27 n.o., Asif 22)  
Result: Rangpur CC won by six wickets.

Friends Eleven: 136 all out in 28.2 overs (Rafiqul 48 n.o., Rakibul 3/22, Shahid 14, Tabrez 3/18, Samrat 3/22, Tushar 3/32)

CCS Red: 51 all out in 20.2 overs (Imtiaz 3/5, Kashem 3/6, Shahid 3/12, Extras 22)  
Result: Friends Eleven won by 85 runs.



MAN-OF-THE-MATCH: Zimbabwe superstar Andy Flower acknowledges the crowd's applause after his century against England in the third one-day international in Harare yesterday.

## Flower fails to stem Eng

### Cricket

#### REUTERS, Harare

England took a 3-0 winning lead in their one-day international series against Zimbabwe on Sunday, winning an ill-tempered contest by four wickets despite an unbeaten 142 by Andy Flower.

The game was marred by a couple of heated exchanges between players, with Flower and rival England wicketkeeper James Foster confronting each other after one of several appeals was turned down.

England struggled to contain Flower as the home side, opting to bat, made 261 for eight in the third game of the five-match series.

Flower's century came off 97 balls and he ended his innings, a career best, having hit 16 fours and a six. Pace bowler Matthew Hoggard took five for 49 for England. Flower and Foster went eyeball to eyeball after an unsuccessful appeal for caught behind off seamer Paul Collingwood in the 40th over.

Foster approached Flower, who was on 99, after umpire Chris Niyazika gave it not out. The two players exchanged more words while Flower was taking his guard for the next delivery, forcing square leg umpire Ian Robertson to intervene.

Flower went to his century with the following delivery and then hammered the bowling in a brilliant display of placement and timing.

Flower and Heath Streak put on a world record 130 for the seventh wicket in 22 overs.

But Streak, who batted most of his innings with a runner while scoring 56, paid a price as the pace man was unable to bowl when England batted.

England eventually got home thanks to skipper Nasser Hussain, who came in at number seven despite a calf strain and made 28 not out, ending the game with a straight six after Zimbabwe had raised their hopes by removing danger-man Andy Flintoff.

England concluded on 265 for six with 15 balls to spare.

Nick Knight (41) and Mark Ramprakash (47) had set England on the way with 67-run stand for the second wicket while Paul Collingwood and Flintoff, who made 46 at a run a ball before holing out to deep midwicket, put on 72 for the fifth wicket.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the third one-day international between England and Zimbabwe at Harare on Sunday:

<b>ZIMBABWE</b>	
Campbell lbw b Hoggard	8
G Flower c Flintoff b Hoggard	1
Carlisle c Knight b Sidebotham	142
A Flower not out	142
Wishart c Snape b Hoggard	4
Ebrahim st Foster b Collingwood	22
Marillier run out (Trescothick)	12
Streak c Thorpe b Hoggard	56
Viljoen c Thorpe b Hoggard	0
Brent not out	0
Extras: (lb-5, w-10)	15

## Pushkin quits league post

### Hockey

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Zahidur Rahman Pushkin on Sunday stepped down as league committee secretary of the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF).

Since being elected in June year, Pushkin an Abahani official, was constantly criticised by the Premier Division League champions Mohammedan Sporting Club.

The crowd-pulling Motijheel outfit were vehemently against his selection for the post. They even threatened to boycott all local activities unless he was removed.

Pushkin, one of the hockey body's joint-secretaries, tendered his resignation to BHF general secretary Shamsul Bari. The BHF is likely to name his successor after next Saturday's executive committee meeting.

The committee will also discuss the evaluation report on the Men's World Cup qualifiers in Edinburgh last July.

Bangladesh failed to win any of their eight matches and conceded an embarrassing 37 goals before ending up with the wooden spoon in the 16-team competition.

The BHF immediately set up a three-member probe body to identify possible causes for the dismal showing in the Scottish capital.

Although the committee, headed

by BHF vice-president Mirza Farid Ahmed Mill, submitted its findings to BHF president and general secretary on September 27, the Federation convened the meeting yesterday due to the eighth general elections.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport, a member of the committee and the federation's other joint-secretary Khwaza Rahmatullah said that they did not blame any individual for the debacle where Bangladesh finished last in the meet held from July 17 to 29. The team managed to score just six goals.

"We have offered some reasons for the poor results but won't single out any individual," emphasised Rahmatullah, a former national player.

Asked about some newspaper reports in which the committee has reportedly accused German coach York Schumacher of employing poor techniques and strategies, Rahmatullah branded those articles as baseless and said there were countless other reasons why Bangladesh fared badly.

According to a BHF official, the inter-club players' transfer would be held at the end of October while the season would begin with the Club Cup from the first week of November. The Premier and First Division league are likely to start in the last week of November.

## CAB cricketers in the city

### SPORTS REPORTER

A 19-member CAB Under-16 cricket team arrive in the city on Sunday to play a series of friendly matches against their Bangladesh counterparts.

The visiting team from Kolkata will play two limited-overs and as many three-day matches during their two-week stay in the capital. All the matches will be played at the BKSP, where they will stay in.

The first match, a limited-over game, will be held on October 10.

## Juvenile soccer tournament

### UNB, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Under-14 and Under-16 football teams drew their friendly match on Saturday.

The game at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur ended 2-2.

Both teams will meet again next Thursday and Friday.

Bangladesh Football Federation has arranged the matches to prepare the Under-14 squad for the Asian Youth Festival Tournament.

The competition begins here on October 25.

## Better luck next time!

### AFP, Sydney

Shane Warne came within a few metres of pocketing one million dollars in the opening game of the Australian cricket season here Sunday.

The champion Test leg-spinner just missed hitting a designated sponsor's sign, which carried the bonanza during Victoria's one-day match with New South Wales at Bankstown Oval.

As part of this season's domestic Cup one-day series, the designated signs become targets whenever a six is hit and stay live until the end of the over in which the six is hit.

After hitting fellow leg-spinner Stuart MacGill over mid-wicket for six, Warne turned to square-leg and appeared to eye the sign affixed to the boundary fence.

"I wasn't actually going for the sign but I got a rank full toss from Stu and I just had to hit for six," said Warne, whose Victorian team's winning hopes had long since disappeared.

"Off the stick, Mark Waugh and Brad Haddin behind the stumps said: 'I think you've got it' but the wind just curled it around a bit and it just missed," Warne said of his shot for instant riches.

Warne, whose Victorian side lost by 123 runs, estimated it missed by about two metres (yards) and was disappointed he couldn't give his team something to celebrate.

"It would have been a nice positive to get out of a disappointing game."

NSW skipper Shane Lee admitted he thought the money was about to go to Warne's way.

"It went really close but I'm glad he didn't hit it -- Warne's one guy that doesn't need it," Lee added with a smile.

## China's greatest moment

### 2002 FIFA WORLD CUP KOREA JAPAN

#### AFP, Shenyang, China

China qualified for next year's World Cup Finals in Japan and South Korea with a 1-0 Group B win over Oman Sunday, securing the nation's first-ever trip to soccer's most prestigious sporting event.

The win came in front of 50,000 rabid fans at Shenyang's Wulihe Stadium as well as a nationwide

television audience estimated in the hundreds of millions, many of whom had suffered years of humiliation as the national side failed again and again to qualify for the showcase event.

China's only goal came in the 36th minute when a well placed 60-yard crossfield ball by midfielder Li Tie was nodded on by Li Xiaopeng and Hao Haidong.

It fell to the foot of the charging Yu Genwei, who struck home cleanly from just in front of the goal.

The win guarantees a record fifth trip to the World Cup Finals for



China's Li Tie (L) and Mohsin Saleh Rashid Al Harbi of Oman fall while in pursuit of the ball during their World Cup qualifier in the northeastern Chinese city of Shenyang yesterday.