



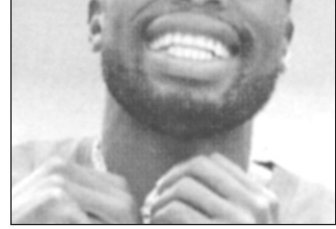
## Did U Know?

Andy Flower of Zimbabwe became the only wicketkeeper to score a century in each innings of the same Test match. The prolific left-hander scored 142 and 199 not out against South Africa at Harare recently.



## Talk Turkey

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**Curtly Ambrose**  
(Former West Indies fast bowler)  
"They have the potential to become great fast bowlers like myself or Courtney Walsh, but they have a lot of work to do."  
On the current West Indies bowlers.



## What to Watch

**ESPN**  
Thursday  
English Premier Football League  
Leicester City vs Blackburn Rovers  
11:00 am  
UEFA Champions League  
Juventus vs Celtic  
6:00 pm  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
Friday  
World Cup Soccer Mix  
11:30 am  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
**STAR Sports**  
Thursday  
Sportsline Today  
Sport News  
7:30 am  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
11:00 pm  
Friday  
Sportsline Today  
Sport News  
9:30 am  
Champions Trophy Cricket, Sharjah  
Sri Lanka vs Pakistan  
Sixth ODI  
Live at 4:30 pm  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
**BT**  
Friday  
Champions Trophy Cricket, Sharjah  
Sri Lanka vs Pakistan  
Sixth ODI  
Live at 4:30 pm

**Star Whizz Kid**  
**COMPETITION 160**  
Tick the Correct Answers Post to  
**The Daily Star**  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
Nov 9, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won the Kremlin Cup?  
Kafelnikov Rios Kuerten
- Who is the new boss of Indian cricket?  
Dalmiya Muthiah Lele
- England won the first ODI against Zimbabwe by  
5-wkts 20runs 3-wkts
- Who won the Hong Kong Open tennis tournament?  
Ntos Schuettler

Agassi  
Nandoro became Japan Open champion?  
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## WorldTel told tales?



### SPORTS REPORTER

The WorldTel seems to have used the Afghan crisis as an excuse to pull out of its contractual obligation to cover Bangladesh's forthcoming home series against Zimbabwe.

An ongoing row with its broadcaster Sony Entertainment Television actually led the TV production company of Indian Mark Mascarenhas to stay out of the series, observers said.

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It shrewdly tried to justify its disastrous decision by reasoning that it could not find any insurance company to cover risk of its equipment and also the lack interest of its crews to come over at this part of the world because of 'insecurity'.

But the problem lies elsewhere. Things took a different turn only when SET asked WorldTel to renegotiate its 17 million US dollars deal to broadcast all the Bangladesh matches produced by the Mascarenhas company citing the fall of advertising market.

But instead of responding to SET, WorldTel has filed a lawsuit

## BD bag 2 golds

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh bagged two gold medals in the third Muslim Women's Games held in Iran from October 24-30 and finished seventh among the 17 participating countries.

Bangladesh earned one gold medal, one silver and one bronze in athletics while one gold, one silver and two bronzes in swimming.

## Rajshahi soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Abahani Krira Chakra defeated Alide Club by a solitary goal in the first match of the First Division Football League at the local stadium yesterday.

Tota scored the match-winner in the 26th minute.

Simla Sporting Club and Upashar Club shared points after the match ended in a 1-1 draw.

## Shahid, Younis lift Pak



AFP, Sharjah

Shahid Afridi and Younis Khan hit fluent half-centuries as Pakistan scored 261 for nine from 50 overs against Zimbabwe in the Champions' Trophy here on Wednesday.

Afridi smashed six sixes and two fours in a belligerent 58 off 36 balls at the top of the order, while Younis shored up the middle with 59.

The match holds only academic interest in the three-nation event as Zimbabwe have already bowed out of contention by losing all their three previous matches.

Sri Lanka and Pakistan, who meet in Sunday's final, will contest their last league encounter on Friday.

Zimbabwe, who failed to win any of their four tosses, were once again made to toil under a hot sun after Pakistan elected to take first strike in the day-night international.

Naveed Latif, who came in for the rested Saad Anwar, fell cheaply for seven, but Afridi and Younis Youhana put on 58 for the second wicket in quick time.

with a Singapore court for breaching the contract. In retaliation, SET has also filed another case with a US court in Connecticut.

SET, which is commercially registered in Singapore, covered Bangladesh's inaugural Test against India last November.

BCB director Syed Ashrafur Haq also confirmed the legal battle on his return from Sharjah yesterday.

Ashrafur said that it was because of the non-availability of a broadcaster, not an insurance company, that forced WorldTel to turn its back on BCB.

"If you don't have any producer, what is the use of production. I personally think that this is the main reason for which they are not coming," said Ashrafur.

However, the chief negotiator of the much-talked-about BCB-WorldTel deal opined that Bangladesh would not incur any financial loss because of this situation.

"We have a five-year contract, and as per the deal WorldTel is bound to pay us whether they

## Ispahani League from Nov 3



OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

While games' ruling body in the port city the Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha (CJKS)-- seems to have gone on a long slumber, the Chattagram Mohanagari Krira Sangstha (CMKS) seems a glimmer of hopes for the sports-lovers here.

Though the CJKS-organised Chittagong Premier Football League remained suspended since January, CMKS took the initiative to hold the Ispahani Mohanagari Pioneer Football League 2001 from November 3.

Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmood Chowdhury is expected to declare the meet open at Dampara Police Line ground at 2.30am on the day.

Sixteen local teams, split in four groups, will participate in the first round, from which eight outfits will move to the second round to be played in two groups.

Taka 1.87 lakh has been earmarked for the league, CMKS officials disclosed at a press briefing yesterday. A cash incentive of Taka 28.5 thousand would also be given to all the second round qualifiers.

cover any match or not. What we will actually lose is the international exposure," he said.

Ashrafur also predicted that the telecast problem of Bangladesh matches would continue if not the dispute between WorldTel and SET is diffused.

Meanwhile, the Board will sit with the Bangladesh Television (BTV) and the Ekushey Television (ETV) soon to strike an alternative agreement for live coverage of the Coca-Cola Series.

Media (electronic) committee secretary Ahmed Sajjadul Alam said that the meeting has been arranged to co-ordinate matters between the state-owned BTV and the private channel ETV. He said that it was now almost confirmed that BTV would go for the production.

He also revealed that WorldTel has also proposed the BCB to provide some logistic support. "It has proposed to send its action replay unit for the third umpire."

## Green in control

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Green posted a massive first innings total against Bangladesh Red in their three-day practice match at the Dhammondi Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

At close of play on Day Two, the Greens, who resumed the day on 269 for three, reached 406 before being all out.

In reply, Bangladesh Red were tottering at 22 for three before bad light stopped play more than an hour before the schedule.

Green team's Left arm seamer Monjurul Islam sent the Reds on the back foot by removing opener Nafis Ahmed for a duck and one-down Habibul Bashar for 5. His new ball partner Mohammad Sharif then showed middle order Dhiman Ghosh (2) the way to leave the Reds precariously placed.

Opener Ehsanul Haque was not out on 13 while former national skipper Akram Khan was batting on 2.

Earlier, wicketkeeper Sajjad Qadir scored a polished fifty to guide Bangladesh Green past the four hundred mark.

The Bangladesh under-17 wicketkeeper faced 108 balls for his 50 which included half a dozen boundaries.

Aminul Islam, who was undefeated on 118, added another 22 before being trapped leg before by leg spinner Ashim Chakravarty while skipper Naimur Rahman, who was on 108 at stumps on day one, took his score to 133 before paceman Hasibul Hossain had him caught by Habibul Bashar.

Leg-spinner Ashim, another Bangladesh under-17 member, was the most successful Red team bowler taking four wickets for 53 runs.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day practice match between Bangladesh Green and Bangladesh Red at the Dhammondi Cricket Stadium on Wednesday:

Bangladesh Green (overnight 269 for 3 in 77.1 overs)

Javed Omar b Tareq 10

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## Arambagh at All-India Governor's Gold Cup

SPORTS REPORTER

Federation Cup runners up Arambagh Krira Sangha will take part in the All-India Governor's Gold Cup which began in Sikkim, India, from October 28.

Arambagh, who also became runners up in the Federation Cup tournament in Bhutan last month, have been given a direct entry to the quarterfinals along with Kolkata giants Mohun Bagan FC, Mumbai based Bengal Mumbai Club and All-Nepal Football Association.

In the quarterfinals, Arambagh, who are due to leave Dhaka on November 2, will meet either Darjeeling GFC XI or Punjab SEM on November 5 at the Baichung Stadium in Namchi.

The semifinals and final are also scheduled at the same venue on November 8 and 10.

## BCCI asks for Rahul report

AP, Kolkata

The Indian cricket board on Wednesday sought a report on middle-order batsman Rahul Dravid's injury from officials accompanying the national squad currently touring South Africa.

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president Jagmohan Dalmiya said a decision on playing Dravid in the upcoming Test series against South Africa would be taken after the board gets a detailed report.

"We've been informed of Dravid's shoulder injury. But we can't take a decision unless we've seen the detailed report about the extent of his injury," Dalmiya said in the eastern Indian metropolises of Kolkata.

Dravid's injury was Sunday diagnosed as a shoulder cartilage rupture in Cape Town, South Africa.

Dr Joe de Beer, whom Dravid consulted in Cape Town, said the batsman risked aggravating the injury if he played in the three-Test series against South Africa.

He said Dravid was suffering from a syndrome called 'fiat lesion', a problem which had also affected South African player Nicky Boje.

Dravid could play the Tests but it could affect his shoulder adversely, the doctor informed the Indian team management.

Dalmiya said Dravid would undergo another check-up for a second opinion.

"We should get a detailed report in a day or two. Dravid's chances of playing will only be decided then," Dalmiya said.



Bangladesh Green's Sajjad Kadir misses an attempted square-cut during the second day's play of their three-day practice match against the Red at the Dhammondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

## Tushar dazzles at Pune



SPORTS REPORTER

Tushar Imran became the first Bangladeshi cricketer to score a double hundred against a foreign team when the young right-hander smashed 202 against Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) XI at Pune on Wednesday.

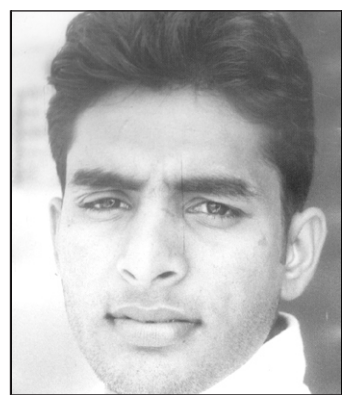
The 20-year-old from Khulna made his mark on the final day of the three-day match at Poona Club ground, where the touring Bangladesh A team gave a fitting reply to a mammoth home side total of 452 for five.

The sparkling double ton by the hockey player-turned-cricketer was the most notable aspect of the match that ended in a high-scoring draw. The captains decided to end the game just after the tea break with the A team on 461 for five, a lead of nine runs.

Tushar, one of the major finds in the Dhaka's Premier League last season, started the day on 59.

He hammered 30 boundaries and two sixes in his 303-ball vigil at the crease. He also featured in two hundred-plus stands -- 152 runs for the second wicket with Sanwar Hossain,

who scored an equally impressive 120 off 167 balls, and 129 for the third wicket with Mohammed Ashrafur,



TUSHAR IMRAN... 202

who notched up 51 (83 balls).

Sanwar's century was his second on the tour.

Skipper Khaled Mahmud made a breezy 27.

The Bangladesh A team will play a limited-over match against the same team at the same venue today.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the

three-day match between Bangladesh A and Maharashtra Cricket Association at the Poona Club ground in Pune on Wednesday:

**MCA ELEVEN:** First innings 452 for 6 wickets in 138 overs (Abhijit 111, Kaushik 96, Sachin 71 not out, Niranjan 68; Fahim 104/2)

**BANGLADESH A:** First innings (overnight 145 for 1 in 42 overs)

Mehrab Hossain c Shaikh b Aradhye	39
Tushar b Kanakgiri	202
Sanwar lbw b Sheikh	120
Ashrafur lbw b Shekhar	51
Mushfiq not out	10
K Mahmud c sub b Shekhar	27
Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb-5)	12
Total: (For 5 wicket in 105.3 overs)	461
Fall of wickets: 1-43, 2-295, 3-424, 4-424, 5-461	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Shaikh	26	3	99	1
Sachin	22	4	96	1
Kanakgiri	12	2	54	1
Shekhar	26.3	3	122	2
Mohan	13	0	65	0
Niranjan	4	0	18	0
<b>Result:</b> Match drawn.				

## SL send Zim packing



AFP, Sharjah

Zimbabwe crashed out of the three-nation Champions' Trophy here on Tuesday following a 79-run defeat at the hands of rampant Sri Lanka.

The Africans did well to bowl Sri Lanka out for 250, but were themselves restricted to 171-8 in 50 overs to suffer their 15th consecutive one-day defeat since June.

The Sri Lankans swept into Sunday's final with their third straight win, and took Pakistan along with them even though two league matches still remain to be played.

Zimbabwe face Pakistan in their last match on Wednesday, while Sri Lanka take on Pakistan on Friday in a dress rehearsal of the final two days later.

Sri Lanka's emphatic win was, however, dampened by the news that a statistical error had lifted Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya's tally past the 7,000-run mark, when he was still 29 runs short of it.

According to the revised tally,

Jayasuriya began the match at 6,946 runs -- instead of 6,996 -- and added 25 more on Tuesday to take him to 6,971.

The left-hander became the first of Streak's four victims, hooking a catch to the fine-fielder.

Mahela Jayawardena (63) and Russel Arnold (55) put on 111 for the third wicket to boost the score after Sri Lanka were 62-3.

Gary Brent chipped in with three wickets as a vastly-improved Zimbabwe held their catches to bowl out Sri Lanka with two deliveries to spare.

But the victory target of five runs an over under the lights of the Sharjah cricket stadium proved beyond the reach of Brian Murphy's men.

The batsmen had looked in woeful touch in the previous two matches where they lost by 63 runs to Sri Lanka and 106 runs to Pakistan.

The story remained the same as Grant Flower was castled by Chaminda Vaas with the 15th delivery of the innings.

Trevor Gripper and Stuart Carlisle added 61 for the second wicket, before both batsmen fell in the 19th over to make it 66-3.

Gripper, promoted to open the innings, made 26 when he mistimed a pull off Dulip Liyanage to Arnold at mid-wicket.

Later in the over, Marvan Atapattu swooped on the ball inside the circle and ran out Carlisle (37) with a direct throw to the non-striker's end.

Batting mainstay Andy Flower too did not last long, making 13 before top-edging an intended pull off Kumar Dharmasena to Muthiah Muralitharan at mid-wicket.

Dharmasena had Dion Ebrahim stumped and Streak caught behind by wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara to finish with three for 26 in 10 overs.

Douglas Marillier pulled the final ball of the innings from Arnold to the square-leg fence to remain unbeaten on 52.

### SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the Champions' Trophy one-day international between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe on Tuesday:

**SRI LANKA:** 250 all out in 49.4 overs (M Jayawardena 63, R Arnold 55, K Sangakkara 35; H Streak 4-59, G

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## BCCI wants it to end now



AP, New Delhi

The Indian cricket board Tuesday said it was pleased that a large number of England's squad had agreed to undertake the tour of India after getting a reassurance about their security.

"We're pleased by the developments in England... That an overwhelming large number of players originally chosen to tour India had reaffirmed their intention of coming over," secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) Niranjan Shah told The Associated Press.

"Hopefully, all speculation about the tour will end now... Let's get on with the cricket now," Shah

said. "We're looking forward to a good series."

Only two members of England's 16-member squad -- Andrew Caddick and Robert Croft -- have pulled out of the Indian tour.

Caddick and Croft on Tuesday said security fears had prevented them from joining the England team for the tour to India. But three other players who had expressed concerns about the trip -- Marcus Trescothick, Craig White and Ashley Giles -- changed their minds and confirmed they would travel to India.

Eleven other England players had already agreed to tour India.

Shah said the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) had done a fine job in reassuring the cricketers that they face no security hazards in India.

"The ECB's done a commendable job in explaining the security situation in India to its cricketers," Shah said.

Shah said it was eight years since England last played a Test series in India in 1993.

"Cricket is one of the most significant British legacies in India," Shah said.

This tour will strengthen the traditional sporting links between England and India, he said.

Shah said he expected the ECB to find strong replacements for Caddick and Croft and their absence should not be a major influence on the series.

Replacements for paceman Caddick and all-rounder Croft will be named later this week to com

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## WI come to Lanka today



REUTERS, Port of Spain

West Indies arrive in Sri Lanka for their first full tour of the country on Thursday with key batsman Brian Lara in the pack but the rest of the cards stacked firmly against them.

Carl Hooper's inexperienced squad, due to play three Tests before taking part in a one-day tournament also involving Zimbabwe, have not had the best preparation.

Hooper and Lara, both nearing their hundredth Test caps, are the only players surviving from the short 1993 tour to Sri Lanka which featured the first Test encounter between the two teams.

Lara, at least, has opted to travel despite lingering concerns over his

long-term hamstring injury.

Middle-order anchor Shivnarine Chanderepaul, however, declared fit just over a week ago, was ruled out days later after succumbing to back pain while standing in the batting order, as a veteran of 87 Tests and 4,699 runs, will be vital he could also, like his Sri Lankan counterpart Sanath Jayasuriya, contribute significantly with his spin bowling.

Lara, meanwhile, whose Test average has dipped under 50 in recent seasons, will be watched closely by the selectors after a turbulent few months.

The gifted left-hander was forced home from the tour to Zimbabwe with a right hamstring injury in June-July, since when he has given up the captaincy of Trinidad and

new-found openness have been both revealing and refreshing but he will have to be much more of a father figure if his young charges are to beat Sri Lanka away.

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