

# Star SPORT

DHAKA SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2001, E-MAIL: dssports@gononet.com



## Did U Know?

Great Pele scored 1,283 international goals in his first class career.



## What to WATCH

**BTV & ETV**  
Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe  
First Test, Day Three  
Live at 9:45 am

**ESPN**  
ATP Tennis Show  
7:00 am  
English Premier Football League  
Man United vs Liverpool  
11:00 am  
India vs South Africa  
First Test, Day Four  
1:00 pm  
English Premier Football League  
Leeds United vs Arsenal  
6:00 pm  
&  
Tottenham Hotspur vs Sunderland  
8:00 pm  
ATP Tennis Show  
11:00 pm

**STAR Sports**  
Australia vs New Zealand  
First Test, Day Three  
Live at 5:57 am

World Cup Soccer Mix  
8:00 am

**Primera Liga**  
Highlights at 6:00 pm  
Asia Sport Show  
9:30 pm  
Intl Sports News  
10:00 pm

Gillette World Sports Special  
Intl Sports News  
10:00 pm

Australia vs New Zealand  
First Test, Day Three  
Highlights at 11:00 pm

**Primera Liga**  
Betis vs Sevilla  
Live at 2:30 am (Sunday)



## TALK TURKEY



**Wasim Akram**  
(Pakistan fast bowler)

"I hope this war ends early and Pakistan cricket is not affected by it because everyone here hates war loves cricket."



Tick the Correct Answers Post to  
**The Daily Star**  
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm  
Nov 23, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won the man-of-the-match award in the Sharjah Champions Trophy final?  
Wasim Waas Waqar
  - Who clinched the Munich WTA Tour singles title?  
Hingis Davenport Serena
  - South Africa defeated India in the first Test at Bloemfontein by  
140-run 7-wkt 9-wkt
  - How many Test centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored?  
30 22 26
  - Bangladesh will play 2003 Nat's Cup cricket's opening match with whom? .....
- Class. .... Roll No. ....  
School Address .....  
Phone: (if any) .....



NEW KID ON THE BLOCK: Mashrafe-bin-Murtaza, Bangladesh's fast bowling prospect exults after capturing his second Test wicket. He found the edge of Stuart Carlisle's bat.

## SERIES SNIPPETS

### Cricket

**LENIN GANI**

From enjoying life in the fast lane Hasibul Hossain is now a mere spectator. Once regarded the country's leading paceman, Hasibul was seen among the VIP spectators enjoying the morning's proceedings.

Although selectors ignored Hasibul for the Dhaka Test, that did not deter him from praising his replacement Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza.

After the right-arm tearaway from Narail picked up his maiden Test wicket that of Grant Flower, Hasibul wasted no time to acclaim the young bowler's achievement.

"He is very good," said the discarded paceman.

Hasibul, however, was hopeful of making it into the one-day series.

"There is always a chance that I will be playing in the one-dayers if not the next Test," said the 24-year-old.

**WARM WELCOME**  
Naimur Rahman did not expect such a warm welcome when he came on to bowl to Craig Wishart.

The Bangladesh skipper was hit for six off the very first ball of his spell. On the other hand, the same

batsman greeted leg-spinner Ashrafur for four.

**PERFECT LANDING**  
If Stuart Carlisle were a gymnast he would have probably scored high marks.

The right-hander after being struck on the upper arm by pacer Mashrafe fell flat on his back, but he immediately shook off the blow acrobatically.

The middle-order batsman continued his innings before becoming the teenager's second wicket.

**SAJJADUL'S DENIAL**  
BCB director Ahmed Sajjadul Alam denied that he had misbehaved with two ATN Bangla crews on Thursday and seized their camera equipment.

The private channel in its late Thursday night news bulletin alleged that its camera crew were confined in a room by musclemen under instruction of Sajjadul when they went to the Bangabandhu National Stadium on the first day of the Test match. The bulletin also said that their cameras were snatched.

But according to Sajjadul, the security guards only took away a videocassette.

Under an agreement, only BTV and ETV can telecast the match.

"In fact they were shooting the

whole match from the top floor of the stadium. After knowing that, I called them and only confiscated their video cassette, which I am very much authorised to do," said Sajjadul.

**EVERYBODY'S INVITED**  
While visiting players generally shy away from talking to anybody, the language of cricket still brings out the best conversation.

During the lunch interval some of the Zimbabwe bowlers were joined in the nets by the smartly attired ball boys.

It seems cricket unity is strong here since the Zimbabweans found time to give valuable advice to the enthusiastic off-duty kids.

**WHERE HAS THE CROWD GONE?**  
If no spectators decided to turn up on the opening day because the sky was gloomy then what was wrong on Friday?

The weekend is supposed to be the best day for attracting crowds. Everything was picture perfect starting from a cloudless sky and not to mention the local bowlers snapping up a couple of vital wickets.

Still it was not enough to impress the cricket-loving public to come to the big bowl. While the Western Gallery was nearly packed the rest of the stadium was empty even during the afternoon session.

## Rhodes' eyes on World Cup

AFP, Hong Kong

Increasingly-fragile South African one-day star Jonty Rhodes has his eye on playing at the 2003 World Cup in front of his adoring home fans.

"I definitely want to be around for the next World Cup. I will have to nurse myself carefully as I'm not getting any younger," Rhodes, 32, said Friday while in Hong Kong to play in this weekend's international six-a-side tournament.

Rhodes, who retired from Test cricket in 2000 but is still one of the world's best fielders in the short-ended versions of the game, will captain South Africa at the Hong Kong Sixes tournament.

His team includes Henry Williams, who is making his return to international cricket after serving a six-month ban for match-fixing.

Rhodes said he retired from Test cricket for family and injury reasons.

"One was because my daughter Daniella had just been born and I didn't want to be away too much from her. The other was that I wanted to conserve my back which was getting a pounding from all that diving around," Rhodes said.

A superb middle-order bat, Rhodes played 52 Tests and became the first Springbok to play over 200 one-day internationals for his country.

"Occasionally my back gets out of alignment. I have to see a chiropractor once a month. But so far I have not had any serious muscular injury and I want to keep it that way because of the World Cup."

South Africa are pooled with India, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong in the preliminary round of the 250,000-dollar sixes tournament.

The other group comprises favourites Pakistan - which is fielding Test stars Wasim Akram, Shahid Afridi and Azhar Mahmood -- England, Australia and the United Arab Emirates.

The top two teams in each group will qualify for the semifinals.

## Taxing

AFP, New Delhi

The first cricket Test between India and England next month could be played in an empty stadium if a government-levied tax is not cancelled, organisers said on Friday.

The Punjab Cricket Association (PCA), which hosts the match at Mohali from December 3-7, was caught unawares when the state government slapped a 125 per cent entertainment tax on every ticket sold.

"If the government goes ahead with its demand to levy tax, the match would have to be held behind closed gates without getting the tickets printed," PCA president Inderjit Singh Bindra said.

Bindra said the notice was issued by the state's Excise and Taxation department despite assurances by Punjab chief minister, Parkash Singh Badal, that no entertainment tax would be levied on sporting events.

Tax officials, however, maintained that sports events were not exempt from paying tax.

It was not clear if organisers of the second Test in Ahmedabad and the third in Bangalore were slapped with similar tax notices by their respective state governments.

Cricket officials said the notice could be a pretext to garner more complimentary tickets for the match.

"We face this problem every time," a veteran Test match organiser said.

SEE PAGE 15



CAUGHT A BIG FISH: Bangladesh left-arm spinner Enamul Haque is the toast of his teammates after capturing the crucial wicket of Zimbabwe star Andy Flower.

## O'Connor score for Black Caps

REUTERS, Brisbane

New Zealand medium pace bowler Shayne O'Connor suffered a recurrence of a knee injury during Friday's first cricket Test with Australia that could threaten his chances of finishing the match or even continuing the tour.

O'Connor was treated at the Gabba ground after he felt pain in his right knee before being taken to hospital for more tests.

The left-arm seamer had bowled just two balls of his 18th over when the players scurried off the field as the heavens opened but O'Connor did not return when play recommenced.

New Zealand manager Jeff Crowe said O'Connor had gone for an ultrasound and had also been ordered to see a specialist on Saturday morning.

"It looks like a recurring injury that he's had with tendinitis," Crowe said.

"It's quite a sad state of affairs, he's very disappointed. He's put a lot of work in and this has happened."

## BANGLADESH-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first Test between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 107		R	B	4	6
ZIMBABWE: First innings (overnight 20 for 2)					
D Ebrahim	lbw	b Manjurul Islam	3	6	0
T Gripper	c Javed Omar	b Manjurul Islam	0	2	0
S Carlisle	c K Masood	b Mashrafe bin Mortuza	33	63	4
G Flower	c Al Sahariar	b Mashrafe bin Mortuza	10	58	1
A Flower	b Enamul Haque 28		37	5	0
CWishart	run out (Khaled Masood)		94	156	11
D Marillier	lbw	b Enamul Haque	73	180	10
H Sreak	not out		57	110	6
T Friend	not out		38	86	5
Extras: (b 4, lb 2, w 4, nb 2)			12		
Total: (For 7 wickets in 116 overs)			348		
To bat: B Murphy, H Olonga.					
Fall of wkt: 1-3; 2-4; 3-3; 4-60; 5-89; 6-226; 7-259					
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>	
Manjurul Islam	23	4	69	2	
Mashrafe bin Mortuza	23	4	86	2	
Khaled Mahmud	12	2	42	0	
Enamul Haque	33	11	54	2	
Naimur Rahman	13	0	46	0	
Mohammad Ashrafur	12	3	45	0	

## Muktis move to round two

### Football

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Federation Cup champions Muktijoddha Sangsad Krida Chakra moved into the second round of the 21st Asian Club Cup with a solitary goal victory over New Radiant Sporting Club of Maldives in their first round second leg match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur on Friday evening.

After a barren first half, Nigerian striker Emeca Achilefu scored in the 70th minute.

Muktijoddha, who had beaten Radiant 2-1 in their away match in Male last month, will now meet

South Korean side Anyang in the second round of the competition.

The first leg match, an away fixture, will be on November 21 while the second leg is scheduled in Dhaka on November 28.

With a draw enough to take Muktijoddha through, the home team showed little enterprise. They were still the better of the two sides and created a couple of chances in each half.

On the other hand, Radiant hardly threatened the Muktijoddha goal throughout the match.

For Muktijoddha, Midfielder Asif Yusuf spoiled the first good chance hitting the cross piece from six yards in the 27th minute while national striker Saifur Rahman Moni then shot the ball over the bar from a similar position four minutes from the breather.

Muktijoddha's goal finally came in the second session and finally broke the deadlock when playmaker Matur Rahman Munna found Emeca with an aerial pass.

The Nigerian chested the ball

before unleashing a powerful left foot volley into the far corner of the net.

The margin could have been doubled in the 88th minute but substitute striker Ariful Kabir Farhad headed a Lajuk cross from the left over the cross piece from just a yard.

Matur Munna was later adjudged as man-of-the-match. Yellow cards: Ibrahim Sinaz (New Radiant), Hasan Al-Mamun, Rajani Kanta Barman and Asif Yusuf (Muktijoddha Sangsad).

## Rajshahi soccer

#### OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Defending champions Abhani Krida Chakra and Mohammedan Sporting Club won their respective matches in the First Division Football League at local stadium yesterday.

In the first match, Abhani outplayed Alif Lam Mim Sangha 4-0. Rubel netted twice while Jalil and Royel slammed home one goal each for the winners.

In the other match, Mohammedan beat Seroil Club 1-0. Jafar scored the match-winner.

Who won the Kremlin Cup?  
Ans. Kafelnikov

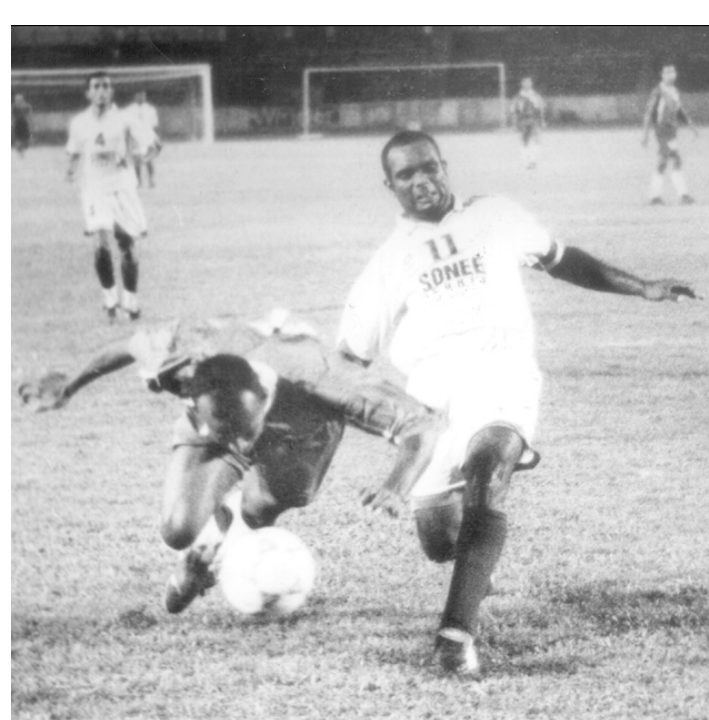
Who is the new boss of Indian cricket?  
Ans. Dalmiya

England won the first ODI against Zimbabwe by  
Ans. 5-wkts

Who won the Hong Kong Open tennis tournament?  
Ans. Rios

Who became Japan Open champion?  
Ans. Hewitt

## WHiZZ KID-160 winner



Muktijoddha striker Farhad falls under pressure from New Radiant defender Ismail Nahid during their Asian Club Cup return-leg encounter at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla Stadium yesterday.

## WHiZZ Kid-159 winner



Maha Sultana Jabin (Motijheel Govt Girls High School)

## Shoaib vows to fight on

### Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Karachi

Pakistan's express pace demon Shoaib Akhtar Thursday pledged to overcome fresh suspicions over his bowling action and said he has the support of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and his teammates.

"I am convinced that I am cleared by experts who said that my bowling arm problem is a genuine problem and the PCB has sent the report to the International Cricket Council (ICC)," Shoaib told AFP.

The controversial bowler, reported for a suspect action for the third time in his career, said he was determined to continue playing international cricket and wanted the problems resolved for once and all.

"I am a fighter and I want to continue playing for Pakistan. I have a lot of cricket left in me, but yes I want this issue about my suspect bowling action resolved for once," he told Reuters.

He added he was not disheartened by a report filed by International Cricket Council (ICC) match officials on his bowling action during the recent Sharjah Champions Trophy and pledged to cooperate with any inquiry.

He however said that he was at a loss to understand that why his action was reported time and again. "This is the second time this year and it puts enormous pressure on me," Shoaib said.

"I am convinced that the PCB chairman (Lieutenant General Taugir Zia) will fight my case and I will play freely."

"Whenever I take wickets they question my action. I have started to feel that they are after my career. I have lost a lot of time through injury which I desperately want to make up," he said.

Shoaib, 26, was first reported for a suspect action in December 1999. He was also reported in March.

The ICC has appointed former West Indian great Michael Holding to work with him to resolve any

problems.

An assessment of Shoaib's action will be submitted to the ICC and the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) within three months. The bowler is allowed to continue playing international cricket during that period.

"I don't really want to say much. But yes, they are treating me like a funny man. They report me when they want. They impose sanctions on me and then they also clear me," Shoaib said.

He added he supported the PCB and was confident they would resolve the matter.

The bowler, vying with Australian Brett Lee for the title of the world's fastest bowler in recent seasons, returned to the Pakistan team in Sharjah after being mostly sidelined since April 1999 with injuries.

Shoaib appeared to have been cleared earlier this year after extensive tests in Perth in Australia showed the elbow of his bowling arm was abnormally flexible and

SEE PAGE 15