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together! Sixty-eight per cent of professional ice hockey players in the United States have lost at least one tooth.



#### **ESPN**

English Premier Football League Leeds United vs Fulham 3:30 pm

Southampton vs Everton 5:30 pm English Premier Football League Highlights at 7:30 pm Sportscentre Hindi Sport News Live at 8:30 pm **UEFA Champions League** 

Weekly Highlights at 9:30 pm Cricket Programming Super Selector 10:30 pm

#### **STAR Sports**

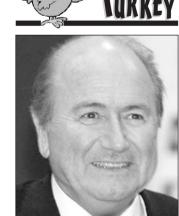
Australia vs New Zealand Third Test, Day Three Highlights at 6:30 am **Sportsline Today** Sport News Live at 7:30 am

Australia vs New Zealand Third Test, Day Four Live at 8:27 am Asia Sport Show 10:30 am

**Sportsline Tonight** Sport News Live at 8:00 pm Australia vs New Zealand

Third Test, Day Four Highlights at 10:30 pm Best of Harsha Cricket Talk Show 9:30 pm Champions Trophy, Sharjah

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#### Sepp Blatter

(FIFA president) "We will be very strict at the World Cup and we will have better prepared and more professional referees.'



Tick the Correct Answers Post to The Haily Star

Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm Dec 14, 2001 and draw

shortly afterwards

1. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Bangladesh and

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Zimbabwe one-day internationals? Al-Shahriar TH Bashar TD Ebrahim

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5. Who won the Tennis Masters

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2. Who became Cup champs?

real chance of forcing victory. 3. How many runs did Habibu Bashar score in the first innings of Vettori, who is only 22, said after the second Test against

400 in their second innings.

the ball has turned and bounced and I believe it is going to turn square

"The wicket is completely different from the one I played on here the

last time I was in Perth. Recalling that during his last game here Australia's Mark Waugh had hit a mighty six off his bowling on to the roof at the southern end of the ground, Vettori said: "When I came in to bowl yesterday, Stephen (Fleming, captain) asked me if I wanted a

## Bangladeshis reach NZ

### Trevor plays down looming prospect

Cricket

INTERNET REPORT/ REUTERS, Auckland

Bangladesh cricket coach declared yesterday he had not been offended by forecasts of disaster for his team's four-match, two-Test tour of

On reaching Auckland airport Trevor Chappell said that Bangladesh does not mind being the new kid on the international cricket playground and an automatic target for the big bullies.

"We accept that is the aim of every other team to beat us, they do not want to take any chances playing against a newcomer." said Trevor, the younger brother of famous Chappell brothers -- Ian and

"That is a good attitude from our point of view, too. We have recently played Zimbabwe (losing the Tests 0-1 and the one-dayers 0-3) and they are closest to us on the ladder.

"Now we are playing New Zealand, higher up the ladder, in New Zealand conditions, and that is

good for us, an extra challenge." Chappell and his captain Khaled Mashud said their aim was to play positive cricket, to score runs at a

England's inexperienced cricketers

need look no further than their rag-

tag rivals to seek inspiration for the

first Test against India starting here

A grumpy captain, a defeated

team suffering from jetlag, three

untested seamers and a hard,

greenish wicket that is more English-

like India could not have done more

to hand the initial advantage to

If the tourists make a hash of their

first Test on Indian soil in eight years

England were blanked 3-0 in 1993

they will have themselves to blame

do well not to underestimate a side

that won Test series in Pakistan and

Sri Lanka over the last 12 months,

even though England are missing

Saurav Ganguly's home team will

for letting India off the hook.

Cricket

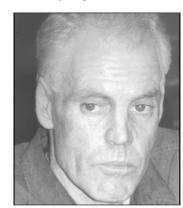
AFP, Mohali

England

Mohali Test begins today

good pace so the bowlers had time to bowl out the opposition.

"We are realistic about our chances." the Australian coach said. 'If we can play five days of a Test match and not get beaten then that would be a moral victory for us. We have some exciting young players and if they all gel at the same time



TREVOR CHAPPELL

we could surprise." Some exciting teenagers have already been fast-tracked to Test

"Mashrafe Mortaza, is one of these," said Chappell. "Eight months ago no-one knew anything about him, he came from nowhere

**Advantage England's** 

as quite a quick bowler. He was looked at for the Under-17, then the Under-19 and the next thing you know he is in the national side

"He is reasonably fast, in the 130-140kph range. He has a lot to learn, but he can hurry-up the batsmen when he lands the ball in the right place.

Chappell is also warm in his praise of Mohammad Ashraful's batting, and his promise as a legspinner. The 17-year-old prodigy became the youngest scorer of a Test century against Sri Lanka earlier this year - and also the youngest to score a century on debut.

Chappell also realises that his team is young - several older players were discarded - and faced a steep learning curve.

"We will have to work hard on the basics. Our players have had only two seasons of first-class cricket and have yet to face the demands of a match over five days."

Bangladesh arrived here without a manager because of the controversial replacement by the sports ministry. New manager Afzalur Rahman and his deputy Tanjeeb Ahsan are expected to leave Dhaka on December 4.

#### U-19 World Cup 20 cricketers

## called up

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday called up 20 cricketers in the primary squad for the ICC Under-19 World Cup in New Zealand.

A total of 16 teams -- ten ICC full members, one-day status holder Kenya and five associate members from different continents -- will feature in the meet, starting from January 19.

The Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad led age group-selectors kept all the 15 cricketers who toured Australia for six weeks recently. Besides, right arm seamer Talha Jubayer, who missed the trip with a hairline fracture on his right palm, have also been asked to join the camps.

The primary squad will initially go through on-week's residential camp at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protishthan (BKSP) from December 6. The camp will resume after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

The cricketers have been asked to report to coaches -- Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury and Carlton Barnerdus at the old office of BCB at the Bangabandhu National Stadium at 3 pm on December 5.

#### **SQUAD**

Nafis Iqbal Khan, Shafiul Alam, Gazi Salauddin, Aftab Ahmed, M Wasseluddin, Shariful Islam, Kazi Hasibul Haque, Ali Arman. Ashigur Rahman Joarder, Shafaq Al-Zabir, Murad Khan, Kamrul Islam, S Haque Bidyut, Arif Hossain, SK Russell, Talha Jubayer, Golam Rahman Himel, Kafi Khan, Riad Khan and Dhiman Ghosh.

#### Rajshahi sports

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Raninagar Cricket Training Centre A and Seroil Sporting Cricket Club won their respective matches of the seventh Birshrestha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup cricket tournament at Railway playground yesterday.

In the first match, Raninagar beat 23rd Ward Commissioner Cricket Team by eight wickets.

Winning the toss, 23rd Ward Commissioner were all out for 61 in In reply, Raninagar reached the

target losing two wickets in 16 overs. In the other match of the day, Siroil Sporting defeated Al-Rashid Cricket Academy B by 51 runs

Seroil batted first and made 151 for seven in allotted 23 overs.

In reply Al-Rashid were sl for 100 in 20 overs.

#### **RU FOOTBALL**

General History moved into the final beating Bangla 2-0 in the second semifinal of the Rajshahi University inter-department football tournament at RU stadium yesterday.

Altaf netted twice for the winners.

#### **FOOTBALL**

Diganta Prosari Sangha outplayed Upashar Sporting Club 4-0 in the Super League of the Rajshahi First Division Football League at local stadium yesterday Bulbul scored twice, Biddut and

Bipu netted one each for the win-

#### Shane causes a stir

REUTERS, Perth

Viewers have telephoned Australia's Channel Nine to complain after cricketer Shane Warne was caught swearing on national television during Saturday's second day's play of the third test.

Leg-spinner Warne, 32, who is the fifth-leading wicket-taker in test history with 412 victims, was frustrated as New Zealand scored 534 for nine declared in their first inninas.

Cricket fan Chris rang a Melbourne newspaper to voice his disgust at Warne's behaviour, Perth newspaper The Sunday Times said on Sunday. "He (Warne) had bowled the last

ball of the over to (Adam) Parore and it beat the bat," Chris was quoted as saying. "He was obviously frustrated

and, when walking off, he left fly with 'for f...'s sake' "I think they kept the camera on

him too long.' Channel Nine public relations

manager Kelly Davis confirmed the Melbourne studio had been inundated with complaints, Melbourne newspaper the Sunday Herald Sun "It's unfortunate but that's the

nature of live sport," Davis was quoted as saying. Warne was heard swearing by millions of viewers during a one-day

Zimbabwe in the 2000-01 season. He was stripped of the Australia vice-captaincy last year after admitting his involvement in a telephone scandal in England.

match in Australia against

### No to wholesale changes

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman categorically denied the speculations regarding wholesale changes in different sports federations of the country.

"It is all rumour. We do not intend to make any drastic changes to the sports bodies. We will only appoint presidents in one or two federations that do not have a head at the moment." said Rahman while talking to The Daily Star Sport over phone last night.

He however said that the political appointees of the previous government would have to leave eventu-

"I want to make sure that persons with proper background in sports would be running the federations." said Rahman, who is also the chairman of the National Sports Council, governing body of all games.

The sports arena for the last couple of days was abuzz with an anticipation that the infamous Clause 20 (A) of the NSC Act would be used to dissolve the elected bodies of different sports federa-"Although I am against using the

Clause, but if forced to use it then I will do so." said the sports boss.

The draconian act empowers the NSC to chop and change any sports body at any time.

Rahman also played down the removal of Ahmed Sajjadul Alam as Bangladesh manager for the tour of New Zealand. "No politics was involved in replacing him (Sajjadul). It was not a major issue and there

Sajjad was named manager in a meeting of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on November 20. But only a week later the government

was nothing illegal in the way it was



**FAZLUR RAHMAN** barred him to travel with the team.

Afzalur Rahman Sinha replaced Sajjad for the two-Test tour

"It is not the end of the road for Sajjad. There would be more tours to come in future," remarked

#### Hussain hits out

REUTERS, London

England captain Nasser Hussain has criticised both parties in the dispute between India and the International Cricket Council (ICC) which threatened to abort England's three-test tour.

The clash was resolved on Friday when India agreed to omit suspended batsman Virender Sehwag for the first test starting in Mohali on Monday.

"I can't believe what has happened to the game and the disgrace it has fallen into," Hussain wrote in his weekly column in The Sunday Telegraph.

"The last few days have reminded me of the small boy who owns the only bat and ball, then gets a bad decision in a game and decides to take his bat and ball home with him. "Although it might get me into

trouble for saying so, I have to query what both sides have done. The ICC have to be firmer and deadlines have to be deadlines.'

In Mohali, Hussain told reporters he felt no extra pressure leading his side against India, the country of his

"India is no different from any other side when it comes to playing against them. I always feel proud when I captain my country," said Hussain, who was born in Madras and moved to England at the age of

French national team, chairman of

the France '98 organising committee

and now an advisor to FIFA presi-

dent Joseph Blatter, highlighted

# No more co-hosting



AFP, Pusan

South Korea and Japan will be the first and last nations to co-host the World Cup finals, according to Michel Platini, a top advisor to FIFA.

1995 to award the 2002 finals to South Korea and Japan to end bitter rivalry between them. Next year's tournament, which

FIFA's controversial decision in

starts May 31 in Seoul and finishes with the final in the Japanese city of Yokohoma on June 30, will be the first in Asia and the first shared by two countries

administrative and transport problems with two hosts rather than Blatter, with other leaders of the international governing body, has defended the award to South Korea and Japan and said the two countries are working together. The heads of the Korean and Japanese organising committees have insisted they are cooperating

But co-hosting preparations have coincided with a worsening of relations between South Korea and Japan, mainly because of Japan's attitude toward its wartime past. Japan's Emperor Akihito will not

attend the World Cup opening ceremony in Seoul next May 31. Traditionally the head of state of the host nation attends the opening

Korean World Cup Organising Commitee (KOWOC) co-chairman Chung Mong-Joon has repeatedly said the emperor should be invited so the two nations can put on a show

But South Korean government

### Asia relishing the prospect

AFP, Pusan

The lottery of the World Cup draw has handéd Asia a golden opportunity of making its biggest impact yet on the global football stage.

Saturday's draw was as kind as it could have been to three out of four of the Asian teams who will do battle in Japan and South Korea next sum-

China, Japan and South Korea can all hold out realistic hopes of advancing from what are likely to be closely fought first round aroups.

Only Saudi Arabia has been left with what looks like an impossible task after being pooled with Germany, Ireland and African cham-

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"Co-organisation multiplies the

"There are some things that have

Platini, a former captain of the

problems by two even if the FIFA has

done its work well to break down

certain historic barriers to bring

gone well but some have been more

some improvement," Platini said.

ifficult to solve."

Chung Mong-Joon (L), FIFA vice-president and chairman of the Korea

Football Association), and chairman of the Japan Football Association,

Shun-ichiro Okano, pose with the World Cup trophy during the final draw

ceremony in Pusan, on December 1.

Platini, who masterminded the

1998 finals in France, said Saturday

that problems caused by holding the

world's biggest sporting event in two

countries had outweighed the

benefits of the attempts to bring

together the rival Asian neighbours.

Platini said when asked about

'This will be the first and last,"

Bangladesh football coach George Kottan gives some tips to the players during a training session for the SAFF Championship at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur on Sunday.

#### some of their top players. tled by a host of problems, com-Former captain Alec Stewart and pounded by the unsavoury Virender pace spearhead Darren Gough Sehwag episode that at one stage sought to rest, while seamer Andrew threatened to split world cricket

**Cricket** 

Talented left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori captured six wickets to keep New Zealand on top in the deciding third cricket Test against Australia at the WACA Ground here Sunday.

But another champion slow bowler. Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne, also shone though with the bat to block the Kiwis' path to an easy victory in an enthralling encounter.

Australia were all out right on stumps for 351, 183 runs behind New Zealand's huge first innings 534 for nine declared, with two days left.

In a thrilling finale to the innings, Warne was out for 99 the sixth time a player has fallen just one run short of a century in a Perth Test. He fell when he lofted a ball from

where Mark Richardson held a spectacular catch. It would have been Warne's first century in any form of first-class

the patient Vettori high to mid-wicket

cricket. If there was disappointment for Warne, there was nothing but joy for Vettori, who finished with 6-87 from 34.4 overs, leaving his side with a

play: "The game is now all set for a great finish. We would be fairly confident setting Australia 350 to "I have been surprised how much

in two days.

man on the roof." Vettori said he had felt bad about

dismissing Warne on 99.

Zealand three seasons ago, they were shot out for 83 in 27 overs on the first morning before fighting back to force a draw. On paper, the star-studded batting line-up led by Sachin Tendulkar should have no problems

"They have some great batsmen, it is up to our seamers to put pressure on Tendulkar and the others."

India, however, have been unset-

pulled out due to security concerns in nearby Afghanistan Worse, Ashley Giles, the only experienced spinner in the tourists'

ranks, was ruled out of the first Test due to a heel injury. England will have to make do with one of the uncapped off-spinners. Richard Dawson or Martyn Ball The last time India played a Test in this northern town, against New

against an English attack that boasts

of just seven wickets among the specialist bowlers.

English coach Duncan Fletcher said

Caddick and off-spinner Robert Croft Indian captain Ganguly was up in arms when the selectors sacked the entire new-ball attack that toured South Africa and replaced them with three uncapped seamers. "They did not even speak to me

> on the phone," a livid Ganguly said. "But you can't change the team at this late stage, so we will have to do with what we have.' The Indians have had little time to rest or spend time with their families

since returning from the South African tour on Friday morning. The absence of injured pace spearhead Javagal Srinath and the greenish wicket may force India to abandon their plan to add a third

spinner alongside Anil Kumble and

Harbhajan Singh. If off-spinner Sarandeep Singh sits out, at least two of the three new seamers, Sanjay Bangar, Igbal Siddiqui and Tinu Youhanna will

make their debut. "It's a good opportunity for the youngsters to perform," said Ganguly. "They looked good in the nets, but performing in a match is a

# Warne, Vettori excel

him out," he said. Warne admitted he was bitterly disappointed not to reach a century. "I have always wanted to get a 100," he lamented "On the other hand, it was also

got his 100 - then I would have got

"It would have been nice if he had

pretty satisfying to know that, with Brett Lee, I got us out of some trou-"At least we are back in the game,

though still a long way behind."

Warne heaped praise on Vettori's bowling, saying: "He is a wonderful, fantastic bowler. He mixes up his pace very well. "I just wish he could have bowled

a nice arm ball (one that goes straight) that I could have got a In a controversial incident near the end of the day, Australia's Brett

Lee was given out, caught, by video

Test hundred by one run.

Lee, who made 17 in a crucial eighth-wicket stand of 72 with Warne which enabled Australia to avoid the follow-on, was judged by Harper to have been caught at short cover by

Craig McMillan off Vettori. The Kiwis were convinced that Lee was out, but umpire Darrell Hair was unsure and called for Harper to study the footage.

New Zealand paid a substantial

price for errors in the field, which cost

them the chance of forcing the follow-on. The first came early in the day when skipper Stephen Fleming, at first slip, failed to hang on to an overhead chance offered by Mark

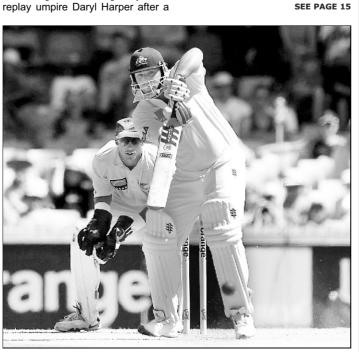
Waugh, then five, off Chris Martin.

Waugh went on to complete a

useful 42 before becoming the first of

Vettori's victims, with Shane Bond

snapping up a smart catch just



Leg-spin wizard Shane Warne showing his batting prowess against New Zealand at Perth yesterday. The lower-order batsman missed his maiden