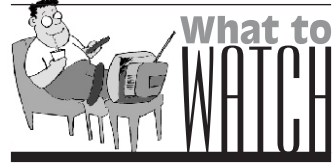


## Did U Know?

Ben Johnson of Canada was disqualified during the 1988 Seoul Olympics for taking stanozolol drug.



## SET Max

Sri Lanka vs Zimbabwe  
Third Test, Day Two  
Live at 9:30 am

## ESPN

Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
7:30 am

## South Africa vs Australia

Second ODI  
Live at 9:27 am

## English Premier Football League

Man United vs Southampton  
Live at 7:50 pm

## Liverpool vs Arsenal

Live at 10:00 pm

## STAR Sports

World Cup Soccer Mix  
10:00 am

## Australian Open Highlights

2002 Preview  
11:00 am

## Asia Sport Show

Int'l Sports News  
12:00 pm

## Cricket Programming

Super Selector  
4:30 pm

## Primera Liga

Real Sociedad vs Athletic Bilbao  
8:00 pm

## Primera Liga

Valencia vs Real Madrid  
Live at 1:00 am (Monday)



## Talk Turkey



## Bobby Simpson

(Former Australian captain)  
"Mark Waugh has been a vital and integral part of Australian cricket for a decade. While brother Steve has received all the accolades for toughness, durability and reliability, Mark is often spoken as being unreliable and soft. Make no mistake about it, Mark Waugh is a tough cookie and while his style may appear lackadaisical and casual he has got great inner toughness."  
On Mark Waugh.

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 164

Tick the Correct Answers Post to  
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1. What was Jacques Kallis' score in the MCG Test?	100	90	99
2. Michael Owen scored his 100th club goal against	Bolton	Fulham	Chelsea
3. Which football club won the Argentine Championship?	Racing	Boca	River
4. How many double century stand do Hayden and Langer have?	5	43	
5. How many batsmen have played in 100 consecutive Tests?	3	4	5

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## Booters reject BFF order

### Ex-sports boss laments situation

**Football**  
SPORTS REPORTER

National booters in the training camp at the BKSP for the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship, yesterday refused to practice unless the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) resolved the crisis arising from the FIFA ban imposed on Thursday.

Although the BFF general secretary Anwarul Huq, who came to the federation's office at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday, claimed that the national team trained at the BKSP in Savar, a senior national booter, preferring anonymity, told the Daily Star Sport over telephone that the players were in no mood to continue training and skipped the session despite the BFF instruction to carry on.

"BFF joint secretary Syed Hasan Kanon came to the camp in the morning and told us to continue training. But the players unanimously rejected the directive and

made it clear to him that there was no point training without a target," said the player.

It was also learnt that Kanon,



OBABDUL QUADER

understanding the gravity of the players' rage, assured them that a decision on the future of the national camp would reach BKSP by night. The FIFA ban prevents Bangladesh from participating in any international football activities (official and friendly matches at

national team or club level) and BFF's right to vote at the FIFA and AFC congress.

It also means BFF has lost the right to host the seven-nation South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship, which was scheduled to begin in Dhaka from January 26.

However, there was still no word from the BFF regarding what it was doing to overcome the national disaster.

SA Sultan, president of the ad-hoc committee of the BFF, was not available at his office. Although his general secretary Anwar attended the office, he was of no help to the inquisitive press.

All Anwar could say was that the BFF will meet very shortly to discuss the present situation.

The FIFA banned Bangladesh on Thursday night after the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia refused to reinstate the elected body of Harun-ur Rashid despite repeated warnings from the

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PRACTICE MAKES ONE PERFECT: Bangladesh (L) and Pakistan cricketers during their respective practice sessions at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

## Trevor turns to batting

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh's Australian coach Trevor Chappell finally realised why his team could not tackle leg spinners because they need to know first how to read each delivery.

After Bangladesh's three-day debacle against Pakistan in the first Test, where the visiting leg-spinner Danish Kaneria took nine wickets including a career-best 7-77, Trevor felt that they needed to practice. This is for the first time, the youngest of the Chappell brothers concentrated on batting rather than on his only exclusive session of fielding.

The former Sri Lankan fielding coach spent a great part of the morning at the Bangabandhu National Stadium watching his batsmen face four local leg spinners who tossed the ball into the rough. Among the bowlers was former national player Wahidul Ghani.

When Bangladesh engaged in serious training ahead of the second Test, starting in Chittagong on January 16, their opponents played football in the afternoon.

The only exception was former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram, who batted in the nets for a while. Akram bowled hardly three overs in the entire Test before pulling out due to a hamstring problem.

## McGrath banned for one match

**AFP, Melbourne**

Star Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath has been suspended from Sunday's tri-nation series one-day cricket match against South Africa after showing dissent at an umpire's decision Friday.

In a further blow to the World Cup champions, paceman Brad Williams has been ruled out for at least three weeks because of a thumb injury.

McGrath stood his ground after being given out caught behind off the bowling of New Zealand spinner Daniel Vettori for seven in the opening game of the series at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

In a ruling released Saturday, International Cricket Council match referee Hanuman Singh found McGrath's explanations for his actions unsatisfactory and banned him for one match.

McGrath was also given a two-match suspended sentence, which will come into effect if he steps out of line again between now and the end of the one-day series February 11.

Williams fractured his right thumb while batting when struck by New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond in Friday's game - Williams' first one-day outing for his country. Meanwhile, pace bowler Jason Gillespie has been recalled to the Australian squad to replace McGrath.

The Australian Cricket Board said it hoped Gillespie would join the squad for Sunday's match against South Africa in Melbourne but a decision on whether he would play had not been made.

## V-Day hockey

**UNB, Dhaka**

A hatrick by Shishu guided Abahani thrash Wanderers Club 9-0 in the Victory Day hockey tournament at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium on Saturday.

Shishu struck in a span of eight minutes after scoring his first goals in the 62th minute. The winners led the first half 1-0.

Apart from Shishu, Bachchu hit twice while Rana, Shipu, Ramiz and Nakib were the other scorers.

In the day's other match, Sadharan Bima defeated Victoria 4-1 at the same venue.

Jewel scored two goals while Wahab and Rajib netted the other two for the winners. Moinul narrowed the gap.

## Only fools play with fire

**Football**  
LENIN GANI

What was the BFF (Bangladesh Football Federation) thinking when it challenged the authority of FIFA (Federation of International Football Associations)? Did they think they could get away with it? They must be living in a fool's paradise then.

The world-governing body's jurisdiction is absolute. No country, individual or for that matter the highest court in the land, can bring pressure to bear on the Zurich-based organisation, which currently encompasses 204 national associations.

The BFF's flimsy logic was that they had always been run by ad-hoc committees so, in keeping with that practice, the lawful executive committee of general secretary Harun-Rashid was abolished by newly-appointed president SA Sultan late last month. And he replaced with a temporary body made up of Sultan's

preferred individuals.

The wise men of BFF could not understand the ominous signs even when AFC general secretary Peter Velappan made the point very clear that because the BFF had violated the FIFA and AFC statutes, so they faced the reality of being banned like a few other countries who had committed the same offence earlier.

The only recourse for the BFF was to reinstate the deposed body.

As a football-mad nation Bangladesh has achieved little on the international stage. Our best showing to date was winning the SAF gold medal in Kathmandu, Nepal. So, the thought of being thrown out of FIFA does not bode well for the development of the game.

It seems some 'very smart' officials are interested in attaining position, make some quick money and enjoy trips abroad as part of official delegations even if their team may be struggling.

Those BFF officials, instead of bickering over control of the local

body, should try and direct their energies into raising the quality of the game.

Surprisingly, the BFF, which has been affiliated to FIFA since 1974 after its emergence in 1972, does not have a website or e-mail address unlike Pakistan even.

The lack of initiative on their part can best be illustrated by just looking at the advances made in neighbouring India recently.

There we find that they have a professional National League that is being backed up big-spending sponsors.

The success at the domestic level provides their players an opportunity to play abroad in the lucrative European leagues. Not to mention, practically every game is being telecast on the satellite channels.

The effect has translated into the national side, which although did not qualify for this summer's World Cup finals in South Korea and Japan,

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## Even going at Kandy

**Cricket**  
AFP, Galle

Grant Flower and Douglas Marillier shared four wickets to help Zimbabwe restrict Sri Lanka to 243-6 in the third and final Test here on Saturday.

Spinners Grant Flower and Marillier struck just when Marvan Atapattu (50) and Mahela Jayawardene (76) had threatened to put Sri Lanka on course for a big total on the opening day of fluctuating fortunes.

Thilan Samaraweera was unbeaten on eight and Chaminda Vaas on two at stumps as the hosts lost their last three wickets for 14 runs after electing to bat on a slow pitch.

Grant Flower dismissed well-set Atapattu and Jayawardene to finish with 2-57, while Marillier removed Kumar Sangakkara (29) and Hashan Tillakaratne (three) to grab 2-48.

Seamer Heath Streak got his lone wicket in the last session, having Russel Arnold (40) caught by wicketkeeper Andy Flower.

Jayawardene tried to restore balance with a 97-run stand for the fourth wicket with Arnold, counter-attacking vigorously during his 14th Test half-century.

Grant Flower, however, soon put

his team back into the game when he held a return catch to dismiss Jayawardene, who struck nine fours in his 130-ball innings.

Marillier also kept the pressure from the other end as Sri Lanka made a cautious start, scoring 74 in the first session against a tight Zimbabwean seam attack.

The hosts stepped up the run-

opening wicket with skipper Sanath Jayasuriya (28) and 57 for the next with left-handed Kumar Sangakkara (29).

Atapattu batted cautiously, taking 167 minutes for his 10th Test half-century in 54 matches.

Sangakkara did not last long, inside-edging a Marillier delivery on to his wickets while trying to sweep.

Jayasuriya, struggling to score freely in the opening hour, fell when he had started playing shots. He made 28 before chopping a Travis Friend delivery on to his stumps in the 17th over.

Sri Lanka went into into the match with two specialist spinners, including Upul Chandana to provide support to Muttiah Muralitharan.

Leg-spinner Chandana came in place of an unfit left-arm seamer Nuwan Zoysa for the only change from the team that won the second Test by an innings and 94 runs at Kandy on Monday.

Muralitharan, with 395 wickets in 71 Tests, is set to become the youngest and quickest to reach the 400-mark as the pitch is expected to favour spinners. He has already grabbed 21 in two matches against the tourists.

Zimbabwe brought in opener Dion Ebrahim in place of Hamilton Masakadza, released for the under-19 World Cup in New Zealand.

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rate in the second as they gathered 101, but also lost two big wickets to Grant Flower and Marillier.

Grant Flower provided the breakthrough when he removed Atapattu, pulling straight to Gavin Rennie who took a superb reflex catch at silly mid-on.

Atapattu was involved in two useful stands, adding 50 for the

## It's all about balls

### Saifur Rahman notches another win

**Football**  
AFSAN CHOWDHURY

So, we hear that the national football federation has been banned by the FIFA because we threw out the elected body and replaced it with party loyalists. In the midst of protests, I go to my all knowing neighbour.

"This FIFA ban is serious, right?" "It's fantastic. Saifur Rahman scores again."

"But, we got thrown out..." "Nonsense, this was a major strategic move to impress the World Bank and the IMF. And though there were doubters, we managed to pull it off."

"How?" "It's simple. The soccer outfit is actually a State Owned Enterprise (SOE). There have been a lot of complaints about it and them. There had been a lot of pressure to sell off money losing SOEs. Despite political pressure we convinced

FIFA to do it. Now we will get the IMF bail out package."

"But people are writing to the papers. Full of protesting voices."

"Only in the sports page not in the economy page. This isn't about sports but monetary policy. Quite brilliant!"

"What about Patal, I mean the minister for Sports?" "Well, there is going to be a national parade where he is going to be ceremonially given one ton of Patal for his service to the economy."

"So, we should be proud for getting banned?" "It doesn't happen to everyone, does it? Tell me, how many countries could get banned though many may have tried?"

"Well, South Africa for racism." "Exactly. We are like South Africa. In the next parliament we will move a resolution to change his name to Fazlur Rahman Lau. That's bigger than a Patal. He will move from Sports to Finance."

"So it was a victory for Saifur

Rahman?"

"Of course. He planned it all. Invited the WB and IMF teams at the right moment. It's all timing. Everything happened when the WB team was here."

"And what will happen to the players?" "You mean the soccer economists. They are all joining various banks. Saifur Rahman has already declared that he will close down many banks. These people are experienced in closed down organisations. They will do well."

"So what is the future?" "Football today, cricket tomorrow and danda-guli after that."

"But we don't have a national danda-guli team?" "Heh-heh, you mean we never had. Where do you think the national soccer players are now? On the streets, practising hard with sticks and stones."

"That's great!" "Don't thanks me, thank the Finance Minister."



STILL ILL AT EASE: Pakistan superstar Wasim Akram (L) who did not take any further part in the first Test against Bangladesh after bowling only 2.3 overs on the opening day, walks along with coach Mudassar Nazar at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday. Akram did not practise on the day too.

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