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First Final  
**Live at 9:27 am**  
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Super Selector  
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English Premier Football League  
Highlights at 6:30 pm  
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Alaves vs Deportivo La Coruna  
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### TALK TURKEY



**Dennis Lillee**  
(Legendary Australian fast bowler)  
"I nearly choked on my cornflakes when I read Buchanan had said he was powerless to stop his bowlers infringing and virtually given up trying to eradicate the problem. The ball is fairly and squarely in Buchanan's court."

**Criticizing national cricket coach John Buchanan for his failure to act over Test paceman Brett Lee's repeated no-balling.**



### Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 166

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Feb 15, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards**

1. How many ODI matches did Sachin Tendulkar play to score 11000 runs?	300	284	276
2. Who won the Australian Open title?	Hingis	Capriati	Davenport
3. Who became National women's chess champion?	Rani Hamid	Shabana Parveen	Janima Parveen
4. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Bangladesh-Pakistan one-dayers?	Waqar Younis	Abdur Razzaz	Shahid Afridi
5. Which team clinched the Victory Day hockey title?	Bangladesh Army	Abahani	Mohammedan

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## AFC to table ban issue Feb 7

### Bangladesh delegation encouraged by talks

 **Football**

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) is likely to make its recommendation to the game's world governing body FIFA regarding lifting of the ban on Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) during its executive committee meeting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Thursday.

Badal Roy, an assistant general secretary of the reinstated executive committee of the BFF yesterday revealed this to the local media following his conversation with the three-member Bangladesh delegation now in Malaysia, which met AFC general secretary Peter Velappan at his Kuala Lumpur office in the morning.

The National Sports Council (NSC) reinstated the dissolved BFF body on Monday in a desperate bid to appease AFC and FIFA and try to have the suspension withdrawn as soon as possible.

According to Badal, Jute Minister Maj (retired) Hafizuddin Ahmed, leader of the delegation, BFF general secretary Harunur Rashid, and

Anwarul Haq Helal, who had replaced Harun in the government appointed now scrapped ad-hoc committee of the BFF, had a 'fruitful' sitting with the AFC boss.

"I had a talk with Harun over telephone. He told me that their meeting was promising," said Badal



PETER VELAPPAN

adding that the AFC had decided to include the Bangladesh issue in its agenda for the February 7 conference.

Bangladesh were suspended by FIFA on January 9 as a disciplinary measure after the government

refused to reinstate the elected committee of the BFF which was dissolved on December 20.

Following furious reaction in the press and the football community, the government understood the gravity of its folly in challenging the might of the AFC and FIFA and withdrew its ad-hoc committee on Monday and brought back Harun and the other members back in office.

Meanwhile, both Maj. Hafiz and Harun expressed their optimism about a positive end to the ban crisis while talking to Ekushey Television by telephone from Kuala Lumpur last night.

"The meeting with Velappan was encouraging. Hopefully the AFC will make its recommendation on Thursday," said Maj Hafiz.

They also expected that the third SAFF Football Championship, which was scheduled to be held in Dhaka this month but had to be postponed following the FIFA suspension, could still be hosted by Bangladesh after FIFA lifts the ban.

Meantime, the reinstated committee took over its charge of the BFF yesterday. Both the assistant general secretaries Badal Roy and Sirajul Islam attended office.

## Nat'l Junior Chess Parag stays ahead

**UNB, Dhaka**

Defending champion Mehdi Hasan Parag of Titas Club maintained his solo lead in the 23rd National Junior Chess Championship after the seventh round on Tuesday.

Parag defeated Ejaz in the day's round at the NSC chess room.

Mohammad Javed of Kamalapur SKSS and Jamal Ahmed of Mymensingh were in second place a point behind.

Six players occupied third place on five-and-a-half points respectively.

## Rifles in nat'l h'ball final

**UNB, Dhaka**

Bangladesh Rifles reached the final of the Pepsi 14th National Men's Handball Championship on Tuesday.

They outplayed Bandarban DSA 41-11 in the first semifinal at the Mirpur Indoor Stadium.

The other match between Dhaka DSA and Bangladesh Police had to be abandoned due to crowd trouble after 13 minutes Dhaka were leading 16-14 at the time.

## First final today

 **Cricket**

**REUTERS, Melbourne**

The first of three one-day finals between New Zealand and South Africa could turn out to be a winner-takes-all contest if the second two are washed out, Australian cricket officials said on Tuesday.

The first final of the triangular series is to be played at Melbourne Cricket Ground on Wednesday with the second and third matches scheduled for Sydney Cricket Ground on Friday and Sunday.

However, heavy rain has placed the Sydney matches in doubt.

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) released a statement saying if the second and third finals were washed out, the winner of the opening match in Melbourne would claim the title.

But the ACB added that if only two matches were played because a game was washed out, and both teams were locked on one win each, the prize-money of 55,000 dollars would be split, as it would if all three games were washed out.

"In negotiating the tour programme with both the New Zealand and South African boards over 12 months ago, the ACB concluded that no reserve days would be scheduled if a final is cancelled due to rain," the ACB said.

Meanwhile, South Africa captain Shaun Pollock said victory in the finals would lift team morale ahead of the upcoming Test series against Australia.

Australia thrashed the Proteas 3-0 in the Test series which finished in January but then failed to qualify for the finals of the triangular one-day series and head to South Africa later

this month for three tests against the home side.

"It does lead to a bit of momentum. As sportsmen, confidence level is what it's all about," Pollock said.

"The guys have picked themselves up nicely. The guys are keen to get out there and play well."

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming said the Kiwis had never won the triangular series in Australia



SHAUN POLLOCK

and were desperate to do so, which would also be a positive step in their bid to prepare for the World Cup.

Fleming said the Kiwis had found their loss to Australia in Melbourne on January 29 a draining experience. Michael Bevan's unbeaten century lifted Australia to victory in the final over after they had been 82 for six chasing 246 to win.

The Kiwis then flew west to Perth where they were forced to leave out all-rounder Chris Cairns (back) and Shane Bond (groin) and were thrashed by South Africa by 67 runs on Friday.

"Now we've had a bit of time off, we will in all likelihood have our strongest team, and it's a good thing," Fleming said on Tuesday.

"We've competed well at times

in this tournament and now we have an opportunity to win it which is what we're desperate to do.

"We think we can (win). So the next step is we go home to face England who have played well, so we have a lot of things boiling away coming up to the World Cup but at the moment, this is very important to us.

"It (the Australian triangular



STEPHEN FLEMING

series) is something we've never won. This team is moving in the right direction but there are still gains to be made."

Bond has been the most successful bowler of the tournament, taking 20 wickets at 14.60.

Cairns has been the fourth-leading wicket-taker with 10 wickets at 26.00 and also the second-leading run-scorer, smashing 257 runs at 51.40 including an unbeaten century.

Pollock said his side's 15 wins in their past 16 one-day matches against New Zealand would count for nothing during the finals series.

"I'm sure they will be very motivated to play well against us," Pollock said. "We expect them to come out with guns blazing."

## Plate semifinal Youths meet Nepal today

 **ICC U19 CRICKET WORLD CUP NEW ZEALAND 2002**

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The Bangladesh youth team will take on Nepal in the second Plate semifinal of the ICC Under-19 World Cup in Lincoln, New Zealand today.

The winners will meet Zimbabwe in the final on Friday.

Bangladesh led by Nafis Iqbal were relegated to the second competition after a disappointing performance in the first round. Their only success in the first phase was a stunning victory against defending champions India.

The youths advanced to the Plate semifinals after defeating Papua New Guinea and Kenya by nine wickets respectively.

Nepal, who have recently taken up the sport, made an impressive showing in the first round when they upset Pakistan and almost gave England a scare.

Plate favourites Zimbabwe on Monday booked their place in the final by coasting to a 35-run victory against Namibia.

## Kiwis will visit Pakistan in April

**AFP, Wellington**

New Zealand are likely to stage their postponed tour of Pakistan between April 20 and May 18, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) chief executive Martin Snedden said Tuesday.

He said the Pakistani authorities were now able to offer the required security guarantees, after the tour was postponed in the wake of the September 11 attacks on the United States.

The attacks sparked US retaliation in Afghanistan, which neighbours Pakistan.

The revived tour would go for approval by the NZC board next Wednesday, Snedden said.

"I have talked to the players about it and they are not averse to touring Pakistan. They just want me to be satisfied about security issues," he said.

New Zealand are scheduled to play three Tests and three one-day internationals at Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi.

If it goes ahead, the Pakistan tour would make New Zealand's upcoming weeks even busier.

The Black Caps pay host to England for a series of one-dayers and Tests starting on Friday and ending April 3, after which they head to Sharjah for a limited-overs tournament.

## Natore cricket

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore**

Natore Coaching Academy (White) defeated New Star Cricket Club by four wickets at the Shankar Govinda Chowdhury stadium yesterday.

Elected to bat first, New Star scored 119 runs for all in the stipulated 39 overs.

In reply, Coaching Academy reached the target of 120 runs in 22.5 overs losing six wickets.

## Injured Ponting to tour SA

**REUTERS, Melbourne**

In-form batsman Ricky Ponting has a foot injury but is expected to take his place in Australia's team departing next week to tour South Africa, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) said on Tuesday.

Ponting, a former Australia vice-captain, has a stress fracture in his left foot, the ACB said in a statement.

The ACB said the injury was revealed in a recent scan and that Ponting, who captains Tasmania, would be rested from Sunday's interstate one-day match against New South Wales.

"The soreness in my foot had been nagging away for some time and I was waiting for it to go away," Ponting said.

"When it didn't, I decided to get my foot checked out and that revealed the stress fracture."

"I think I've shown during the (triangular limited overs) series that my mobility isn't really affected at all and if the situation is managed properly it's not something that should prevent me from playing."

Ponting was Australia's leading run-scorer in the pool matches of the triangular series against New Zealand and South Africa, scoring 254 runs at an average of 31.75.

He was last week named in Australia's 15-man squad for the three-test tour of South Africa.

The first Test starts on February 22 in Johannesburg.

## Bangladesh Games from March 7

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The date of the 7th Bangladesh Games has been set for the third time and it would commence in the capital from March 7, confirmed BOA (Bangladesh Olympic Association) secretary general Zafar Imam yesterday.

The Games, date of which was deferred twice last year, include two more disciplines than the sixth edition held in 1996. With the inclusion of karate and taekwondo, athletes will compete in 24 disciplines during the week-long extravaganza.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport, Zafar Imam revealed that they have planned a grand opening and closing ceremony of the Games at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Prime Minister Begun Khaleda Zia is likely to attend the inaugural ceremony as chief guest, he said.

The Games was scheduled to be held in April last year.

Meanwhile, BOA awarded 484 sports persons, organisers, federations and sponsors with the "Diploma for Volunteer" on Monday.

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## U-13 cricket

**UNB, Dhaka**

Kalabagan Cricket Academy, Cricket Kids and Ankur won their respective matches in the Fourth Under-13 Cricket Tournament at the Kalabagan ground on Tuesday.

Kalabagan defeated MCC by six wickets, Cricket Kids beat Ankur by four wickets but then the losers in their second match crushed Maple Leaf School by 137 runs.

## Int'l Jr tennis begins Feb 8

**BSS, Rajshahi**

The International Junior Tennis Championship Group Three begins at the Rajshahi Tennis Complex on February 8.

The event will run until February 14.

## A team go down fighting

 **Cricket**

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh A suffered their second successive defeat in the Busta Cup when the visitors went down fighting to Leeward Islands by three wickets at the Airport Cricket Ground in St. John's, Antigua on Tuesday.

Leewards, resuming on 18 for no loss and needing a further 271 runs on the final day, reached the target in the 90th over of the day.

Runako Morton and Test discard Stuart Williams led the successful chase producing 107 runs for the second wicket.

The 23-year Morton scored a superb 98 off 151 balls. The temper-

amental right-hander struck five boundaries and a six. He also made 67 in the first innings.

Leewards skipper Williams hammered 78 off 117 balls. The diminutive opener hit eight boundaries and a six.

After Morton's departure with the score on 220 for four, Mitchum took his side through with an unbeaten 59.

The young Bangladesh bowlers failed to dent the Leewards' batting order after enjoying an early success.

Right-arm paceman Alamgir dismissed overnight batsman Adams for 19, but Morton and Williams eventually took the match away from the tourists.

And by the time leg-spinner Mosaddek captured two quick wick-

ets the home team was in sight of victory.

Morton was later adjudged man-of-the-match.

Bangladesh A lost their first match against West B by 59 runs. They will next play Trinidad and Tobago on February 8.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the final day of the four-day Busta Cup match between Bangladesh A and Leeward Islands on Monday:

**BANGLADESH A:** First innings 176 all out in 71.2 overs (Anwar 44, Mazharul 31; Jeremy 6-33, Sanford 2-51)

**LEEWARD ISLANDS:** First innings 199 all out in 71.3 overs (Morton 67, Adams 62; Mossadek 5-46, Naimur 4-38)

**BANGLADESH A:** Second innings 312 all out in 114.4 overs (Mazharul 89, Mushfigur 50, Hannan 42; Cornwall 2-39, Jeremy 2-54)

**LEEWARD ISLANDS:** Second innings (overnight 18 for no loss) Williams c Hannan b Mushfigur 78 Adams c Mossadek b Alamgir 19 Morton c Hannan b Mossadek 98 Joseph c & b Naimur 0 Mitchum not out 59 Cornwall c Mazharul b Mossadek 8 Simmonds run out (Alamgir Kabir) 0 Jeremy c Mazharul b Mushfigur 15 Sanford not out 6 Extras: (b-4, lb-6) 10 Total: (For 7 wickets in 98.2 overs) 293 Did not bat: Prince, Christopher. Fall of wickets: 1-41; 2-158; 3-159; 4-220; 5-236; 6-237; 7-286.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
Alamgir	5	0	1	9
1				
Monir	6	1	25	0
Naimur	37	7	8	5
1				
Mushfigur	15	2	4	8
2				
Mossadek	33.2	5	9	8
2				
Mazharul	2	0	8	0

**Result: Leeward Islands won by 3 wickets.**

**Man-of-the-match: R Morton.**

**Points: Leeward Islands 12, Bangladesh 'A' 0**

**Toss: Bangladesh 'A'**

**Umpires: GE Greaves and CE Mack.**

## Sajid's all-round show



**SPORTS REPORTER**

Sajidul dazzled both with the bat and ball to propel Muradpur Adarsha High School to a comprehensive 60-run victory over Government Muslim High School in a Dhaka Zone qualifier of the Standard Chartered 20th National Schools Cricket Championship at the Dhanmondi Club Ground on Tuesday.

Sajidul struck 58 in Muradpur's huge score of 236 all out in 34 overs. He then captured four wickets for 37 runs as Government Muslim School were shot out for 176.

At Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium, Government Laboratory High School prevailed over Willes Little Flower School by 18 runs.

Batting first, Government Laboratory made 173 for nine in the stipulated 35 overs with Faisal making 53.

Willes were all out for 155 with 16

balls to spare.

Barnamala Adarsha High School cruised to a five-wicket win against Khilgaon Government High School at the Uttara Police Lines Ground.

Jannat Academy scored the biggest win on the day when they handed Blue Bird Kindergarten a 112-run defeat at the Gulshan Youth Ground.

### BRIEF SCORES

**Barnamala Adarsha High School vs Khilgaon Government High School**

Venue: UPL  
**KHILGAON GOVT HIGH:** 108 all out in 31.4 overs (Rana 31, Shammi 22; Parvez 3/17, Zakir 2/18)  
**BARNAMALA ADARSHA HIGH:** 111 for 5 in 24.1 overs (Monjur 35, Jafar Adnan 2/34)  
**Result: Barnamala Adarsha High School won by 5 wickets**

**Muradpur Adarsha High School vs Government Muslim High School**

Venue: DCG  
**MURADPUR ADARSHA HIGH:** 236 all out in 34 overs (Rana 65, Sajidul 58; Shahidul 2/42)  
**GOVERNMENT MUSLIM HIGH:** 176 all out in 34.4 overs (Nazrul 29, SEE PAGE 14)

## Tormented twins

 **Cricket**

**REUTERS, Melbourne**

Australian newspapers speculated about the playing future of Australia captain Steve Waugh and his brother Mark on Tuesday, demanding the skipper be held accountable for his and the team's failings.

The Australian Cricket Board spoke to Steve Waugh on Monday, but took no disciplinary action, after he had apparently muttered obscenities at journalists at the end of a news conference in Perth following Australia's win over South Africa.

Australia failed to gain a bonus point in the match and did not qualify

for the triangular series finals, which South Africa and New Zealand will contest, starting on Wednesday in Melbourne.

The Herald Sun newspaper ran a large back-page headline "Give us a break, Steve."

"When Waugh looks at the Australian media, he sees a group that he considers has become increasingly negative and vitriolic during the past year, particularly in regard to his performances," the newspaper said.

"When the media look at Waugh, it sees a great player on the wane, one who, despite his magnificent deeds for Australia, must remain accountable for the failings of himself and his team."

Beneath a headline "Waugh's

path to golden farewell strewn with potholes." The Age newspaper said Australia's selectors must look towards the 2003 World Cup.

"If Mark is deemed unlikely to hang on until then, he must go now," The Age said.

"Steve has voiced his determination to captain the side to the World Cup, and ordinarily that would see him through."

"If he struggles, he must preserve his test career at the expense of the one-day stuff."

The Australian, in a story headlined "Waugh's mind games create twin torments," said the brothers faced worrying times, four months short of their 37th birthdays.

"The Australian Cricket Board's recent decisions to remove the captain, vice-captain and coach from selection panels on tour, suggests the groundwork has been laid for some possible career-ending decisions on the rapidly approaching tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe," The Australian said.

"That will relieve Steve of the burden of having to sack his brother or, a much less likely scenario, having to dump himself."

"There must be a clear separation between the test arena, where Australia flogged South Africa 3-0, and the one-day circus, where renewal must take place for Australia to have any realistic hope of defending the World Cup."

Mark Waugh made 126 runs at 21.00 in the triangular series and Steve made 187 at 31.17. Each made one half-century in the series.

