

## Did U Know?

Four countries -- West Indies, India, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh -- did not play 8-ball overers at all in the Tests on their land, even for a short while.

## What to Watch

**ESPN**  
World Cup Mix  
Football Magazine  
11:00 am

**Australia v South Africa**  
Second Test, Day One  
Live from 2:30 pm

**Sportscenter Hindi**  
Sports News  
Live at 9:30 pm

Goals!  
Football Magazine  
10:30 pm  
Super Selector  
Cricket Programming  
11:00 pm

**STAR Sports**

Sportsline Today  
Sports news  
8:00 am & 12:30 pm

Queensland v South Australia  
Australian domestic cricket  
8:30 am

Liverpool v Newcastle  
English Premiership  
Taped version at 1:00 am

**Sportsline Tonight**  
Sports News  
Live at 8:00 pm

Football Asia  
8:30 pm  
Super Selector  
Cricket Programming  
10:00 pm

## Talk Turkey

**Abdul Razzaq**  
(Pakistani all-rounder)

"I got videos of the great practitioners of reverse swing, Imran Khan, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis, took them home and watched them time and again I learn my batting also from watching all the good batsmen. Mark Waugh is my hero."

## Star Whizz Kid COMPETITION 167

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Competition closes at 8 pm March 15, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won the U-19 cricket World Cup?  
Australia South Africa New Zealand
- Who became African Nations Cup football champions?  
Cameroon Senegal Ghana
- What was the result of the first ever Test series in Sharjah between Pakistan and West Indies?  
2-0-1
- Who clinched the National junior chess title?  
Jamaluddin Sagar
- Who won the Pan-Pacific Open tennis title?  
Narasimha Sadasivam Kournikova

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Action from the Bangladesh Games football match between Dhaka and Bangladesh Navy at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

## DU drub Sylhet Soccer sans fireworks

It was a dour draw in the day's first match. Experienced national forward Mizanur Rahman Don gave Dhaka a 15th minute lead. But the Navy men equalised six minutes after the break. Mamun.

The result was a set for the 1996 runners-up Dhaka, who contain four national caps including number two keeper Biplob in their ranks.

It was a lacklustre start for the blue ribbon event of the 25-discipline Games that will officially be opened On March 11 at the multi-purpose Bangabandhu National Stadium.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate eight-day quadrennial extravaganza.

The Bangladesh Television will telecast the opening and closing ceremonies live. Private channels Ekushey Television, Channel-I and ATN Bangla will show daily highlights of the Games.

The Games torch will start its journey today. But the organisers Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) announced a surprise name in Shamima Sattar Mimun along with former middle-distance runner Mizar Hossain to light the eternal flame.

Mimun, a former high jumper, will perform the sacred task for the second time. She also lit the 1992 fifth Bangladesh Games flame.

Meanwhile, the BOA has spared no expense to make the opening ceremony as colourful as possible. Besides, it has decided to hold the swimming competition at the National Swimming Complex instead of at Banani.

Earlier, the authorities were against holding it at the Swimming Complex in Mirpur on the grounds that it lacked proper logistics.

But with the dramatic improvement of facilities following the intervention of BOA president Lt Gen Harun-Ar-Rashid, swimmers now can relish enjoying a splash in the aquatic events.

Moreover, the athletes will finally be able to assess their timing accurately through the introduction of the electronic device, which has remained inoperative for a long time.

Today the badminton competition starts at the National Sports Council Wooden-floor Gymnasium at 10 in the morning.

In all 141 shuttlers including 37 women will take part under the banner of 27 districts, one university, one educational board, Bangladesh Biman and Bangladesh Ansars.

## Marauding Marillier

departure the match seemed to be virtually over, but Marillier had other ideas.

He mixed regular cricketing shots with his own brand of one-day improvisation, flicking right over the wicketkeeper's head for three fours in an exceptionally plucky innings.

The winning runs also came with a boundary right behind the wicketkeeper off a Kumble no-ball.

Earlier, Ganguly and fellow left-hander Dinesh Mongia (25), opening for the first time because Sachin Tendulkar and Virender Sehwag are out with injuries, had given India a flying start.

Ganguly, who had scored 136 in India's second Test win in New Delhi earlier this week, got a life on 42 when off-spinner Douglas Marillier failed to hold on to a sharp return catch.

The Indian captain took advantage of that lapse, bringing up 50 in 63 balls but he was finally stumped after a 77-run second wicket stand with Laxman, who struck five fours in his 99-ball knock.

Laxman was run out after a misunderstanding with Kaif over a quick single.

India had won the recent Test series 2-0.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the first one-day international between India and Zimbabwe on Thursday:

**INDIA**  
Mongia c Taibu b Streak 25  
Ganguly st Taibu b Marillier 57  
Laxman run out 75  
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Khan, who grabbed four wickets, then had captain Stuart Carlisle (23) edge a delivery to wicketkeeper Ajay Ratna and trapped Campbell lbw in an excellent second spell to put India on top before Marillier fashioned a stunning win.

Earlier, India had suffered a middle-order collapse after Vangipurappu Laxman (75) and Saurav Ganguly (57) added 77 for the third wicket.

But all-rounder Ajit Agarkar (40 off 19 balls) and Mohammad Kaif (39) brought up 63 runs off just 38 balls for an unbeaten seventh wicket stand to give them a fighting total.

The two left-handers, Flower and Campbell, shared in a vital stand, punishing the bad balls as the team's 100 came up in the 23rd over.

Flower raised his 47th one-day 50, off 59 balls, with a single off Singh to short cover.

His 72-ball knock, with eight fours and two sixes, ended when he edged a delivery from leg-spinner Anil Kumble on to his stumps.

After Campbell and Carlisle's



CONGRATULATIONS! India skipper Sourav Ganguly (L) shakes hands with Zimbabwe all-rounder Douglas Marillier after his swashbuckling innings in the first one-day international at Faridabad on Thursday.

## Bond eyes WI tour

**REUTERS, Christchurch**

New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond is eyeing the tour of the West Indies in May as his comeback from a foot injury he sustained in the triangular one-day series in Australia earlier this year.

The stress fracture of his right foot will keep Bond out of the reckoning for any of the three Tests against England which start next week. He already missed the five-match one-day series against the tourists that the hosts won 3-2.

Bond will also forego the New Zealand one-day side's trip to Sharjah to take on Pakistan and Sri Lanka and the short tour of Pakistan beginning in April.

Bond was the player of the series in Australia when he took 21 wickets in the tournament that also included South Africa.

The bowler is undergoing intensive treatment using the latest technology available to New Zealand Cricket -- The Exogen Bone Healing System -- which uses pulsed low intensity ultrasound to accelerate healing.

He has been using Exogen for two weeks and said he could feel its positive effects.

## Middlesex ask PCB to clarify

**REUTERS, Lahore**

English county Middlesex have officially asked the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to confirm the availability of all-rounder Abdul Razzaq for the English county season.

"We have received a letter from Middlesex today asking us to let them know when Razzaq would be required for Pakistan duty in the next five months," PCB director Brigadier Munawwar Rana told this news agency on Thursday.

Middlesex have signed the exciting 23-year-old for the forthcoming season with the option of a second year.

But they are concerned over the periods he would not be available to them because of Pakistan's heavy international commitments until September.

"We have asked the Pakistan team management to speak to Razzaq and sort out his future programme in view of his contract with Middlesex," PCB chief Lieutenant-General Tauqir Zia said.

"But we definitely want him for the home series against New Zealand."

New Zealand tour Pakistan from April 18 to May 13 and will play two Tests and three one-day internationals.

Zia said the PCB would also like Razzaq to play in a tri-nation tournament the board was organising at home from August 25 and after that the player had to be available for an ICC knockout tournament in Sri Lanka.

That would mean that Razzaq would be available to play for Middlesex from the second week of May to the second week of August.

## Kiwi plan for cooling off

**REUTERS, Lahore**

While cricket aficionados wilt under Lahore's searing sun, New Zealand's bowlers will retain their cool composure after a special request to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) ahead of their upcoming tour.

The tourists' bowlers have made a special request for tubs of ice to be put in their dressing room so they can cool off during their tour of Pakistan from April 18 to May 13, when the weather gets warmer and more humid, Brigadier Munawwar Rana of the PCB told Reuters.

New Zealand will play a one-day international and a Test from April 27 to May 5, when temperatures soar to particularly sticky heights.

## Five-wkt Caddick

**REUTERS, Christchurch**

England fast-bowler Andrew Caddick has warmed up for next week's first test against New Zealand by grabbing a five-wicket haul on the first day of the tour match against Canterbury.

Caddick took 5-69 from 22 overs as Canterbury declared on 212-8, steadied by a knock of 82 from Chris Harris. England were 28 without loss in reply at stumps.

Caddick, dropped after a poor start to the tour, returned to form with a seven-wicket haul against Otago in England's last match and continued in the same vein in his home town on Thursday.

He picked up three for 27 in a searching 12 over opening spell before returning later to grab two wickets in six balls.

Harris provided solid resistance, sharing in a fifth wicket stand of 106 with Robbie Frew (44) after Canterbury had slumped to 39-4.

Former New Zealand off-spinner Paul Wiseman, a handy batsman in his later days, chipped in with a hard hit 26 to bring on the declaration.

England openers Mark Butcher and Michael Vaughan had little trouble in negotiating the nine overs remaining in the day and finished on 14 and 13 respectively.

## Nuruzzaman's near miss

**ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League**

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Nuruzzaman narrowly missed out on his fourth century in the Ispahani National Cricket League but he placed his team Rajshahi on course to a big margin victory against Sylhet in their penultimate match at the Rajshahi Stadium on Thursday.

On the second day of the four-day encounter, Rajshahi took an ominous lead of 222 runs, having scored 304 for eight already in their first innings. The visitors, earlier on Wednesday, were shot out for 82 in just 35.3 overs.

Although the Rajshahi innings revolved round a brilliant 93 from Nuruzzaman, but Sylhet wicketkeeper Golam Mabud and the bowlers contributed generously to the home side's three-hundred-plus total. Mabud gave away 30 byes and Sylhet bowlers sent down 28 wide deliveries to make sundries (67) second-best contributor in Rajshahi's innings.

Nuruzzaman hit eight boundaries in his marathon 359-minute stay at the crease. He is the second leading batsman of the league with 750 runs so far. Chittagong mainstay Minhazul Abedin is the top batsman with 961 runs.

Left handed Mustadir Litu (26) and middle order Kalim (24) were the other notable run getters for the home side.

Sylhet pacer Rezaul Haque was the most successful bowler of the day taking four for 59 while his

captain Syed Parvez bagged two for 91.

Way in Barisal, the home side made a good comeback against Khulna, scoring 106 for no loss in the second innings.

Khulna, who resumed the day on 67 for one in reply to Barisal's first innings of 172, scored 177 in their first innings taking a five-run lead.

But two Barisal openers put on a solid century partnership, with Imran Ahmed scoring 51 and Shafayetul Islam exactly 50.

**SCORECARDS**  
Scoreboards on the second day of two Ispahani National Cricket League matches at different venues on Thursday:

**Sylhet v Rajshahi**  
Venue: Rajshahi Stadium  
**SYLHET:** First innings 82 all out in 35.3 overs (Hadi 43, Kapali 13, Imran 3-11, Mustadir 3-23)

**RAJSHAH:** First innings (over-night 116 for two in 52 overs)  
Rafiqul lbw b Kapali 14  
Samiul c Rezaul b Parvz 35  
Nuruzzaman c Rezaul b Parvez 93  
Anisur retired hurt 4  
Hasan c Kapali b Rezaul 7  
Kalim b Rezaul 24  
Mustadir b Rezaul 26  
Mabub c Mabud b Rezaul 17  
Imran batting 10  
Mamun lbw b Rana 5  
Aminul jr batting 2  
Extras: (b-30, lb-8, nb-3, w-26) 67  
Total: (For 8 wickets in 142 overs) 304

Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-110, 3-146, 4-220, 5-254, 6-280, 7-293, 8-301

**Bowler** O M R W  
Tajshah 17 3 39 0  
Rezaul 38 13 59 4

**Barisal v Khulna**  
Venue: Barisal Stadium  
**BARISAL:** First innings 172 all out in 59 overs (Nayan 38, kamal 35, Al-Amin 5-27, Tushar 2-15, Razzak 2-50)

**KHULNA:** First innings (over-night 67 for 1 in 31 overs)  
Raju b Ashfaq 27  
Salim lbw b Kamal 26  
Jamaluddin c Shahin b Anis 18  
Shahriar c Shahin b Moin 8  
Hasanuzzaman b Saleh 11  
Asadullah c Shafayet b Sanwar 33  
Taj c Kamal b Sanwar 10  
Razzak b Sanwar 2  
Tushar lbw b Moin 0  
Al-Amin lbw b Anis 8  
Russel not out 7  
Extras: (b-10, lb-5, nb-4, w-4) 23  
Total: (All out in 90 overs) 177

Fall of wicket: 1-45, 2-71, 3-81, 4-102, 5-106, 6-153, 7-160, 8-161, 9-161.

**Bowler** O M R W  
Anis 18 5 34 2  
Ashfaq 13 6 19 1  
Moin 15 4 28 2  
Kamal 14 5 32 1  
Saleh 22 7 31 1  
Sanwar 8 3 18 3

**BARISAL:** Second innings  
Imran batting 51  
Shafayet batting 50  
Extras: (lb-5) 5  
Total: (For no loss in 31 overs) 106

**Bowler** O M R W  
Al-Amin 7 0 24 0  
Russel 8 2 16 0  
Hasanuzzaman 1 0 6 0  
Tushar 4 0 22 0  
Jamaluddin 7 1 18 0  
Asadullah 1 0 7 0

## SL driven by Kumar

**Cricket**  
**REUTERS/AFP, Lahore**

Kumar Sangakkara's magnificent double century put Sri Lanka in command of the second Asian Test championship final against Pakistan at the Gaddafi Stadium here Thursday.

The stylish wicketkeeper-batsman hit a sparkling career best 230 as the visitors reached 447 when stumps were drawn four overs before stipulated 90 overs.

Sri Lanka now lead Pakistan by 213 runs on Pakistan's first innings score of 234.

Chaminda Vaas and Hashan Tillekeratne, both without scoring, were at the crease when stumps were drawn an hour later than scheduled as the last 18 overs were bowled under lights.

Sangakkara drove, cut and pulled to perfection to put Pakistan's much touted pace quartet to the sword and notch up the sixth double hundred by a wicketkeeper batsman in Test cricket.

"It was very tough initially as we lost Marvan Atapattu on the very first delivery but batting with (Sanath) Jayasuriya made it easy," Sangakkara said.

"When I get a hundred I hope it's more than that, but (I was) disappointed to lose my wickets in the dying moments."

The 24-year-old from Colombo passed his previous Test best of 140 made against West Indies at Galle in November last year and also recorded the highest individual score by a Sri Lankan against Pakistan, beating teammate Atapattu's 204 not out in Kandy two years ago.

Sangakkara was finally dismissed with seven overs left for the day when he edged to first slip where Younis Khan completed the catch off Abdul Razzaq, two short of Zimbabwean Andy Flower's 232

173 for the third wicket with Mahela Jayawardene.

Jayasuriya was unlucky to miss his hundred when he was smartly snapped up by wicketkeeper Rashid Latif off Razzaq.

Pakistani bowlers bowled short on a pitch where two Sri Lankan pacers shared five wickets between them. Shoaib Akhtar went for 50 runs in his first 10 overs, 22 in his third spell of three overs and was hit for 15 boundaries.

Razzaq with 2-63 was the most successful bowler while Mohammad Sami, Waqar and Akhtar took one wicket apiece as Pakistan regretted leaving out an experienced Saqlain Mushtaq.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at close on the second day of the Asian Test Championship final between Pakistan and Sri Lanka at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on Thursday:

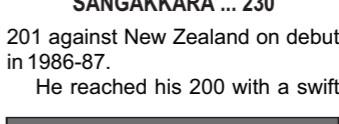
**PAKISTAN:** First innings 234 (Younis Khan 46, Rashid Latif 36; Muttiah Muralitharan 4-55, Dilhara Fernando 3-84)

**SRI LANKA:** First innings (over-night 94-1)  
Atapattu c Akhtar b Waqar 0  
Jayasuriya c Rashid b Razzaq 88  
Sangakkara c Waqar b Razzaq 230  
Jayawardena c Inzamam b Sami 68  
Arnold b Akhtar 44  
Vaas not out 0  
Tillekeratne not out 0  
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-7, w-4) 17  
Total: (for 5 wickets in 107 overs) 447

Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-203, 3-376, 4-447, 5-447

To bat: T Samaraweera, M Muralitharan, B Fernando, N Zoysa

**Bowler** O M R W  
Waqar 24 2 105 1  
Akhtar 19 2 96 1  
Sami 29 3 106 1  
Razzaq 22 4 63 2  
Malik 10 1 45 0  
Afridi 3 0 26 0



SANGAKKARA ... 230  
201 against New Zealand on debut in 1986-87.

He reached his 200 with a swift

**DOUBLE-TONNER KEEPERS**  
Imtiaz Ahmed (Pakistan) 209 vs New Zealand at Lahore 1955/56, Taslim Arif (Pakistan) 210 vs Australia at Faisalabad 1979/80, Brendon Kuruppu (Sri Lanka) 201 vs New Zealand at Colombo 1986/87, Andy Flower (Zimbabwe) 232 vs India at Nagpur 2000/2001, Adam Gilchrist (Australia) 204 vs South Africa at Johannesburg in 2001/2002, Kumar Sangakkara (Sri Lanka) 230 vs Pakistan at Lahore in 2002.

flick off Mohammad Sami taking 394 minutes off 272 balls played with 27 fours and three sixes and was involved in two solid stands of 203 with skipper Jayasuriya for the second wicket and run-a-minute

## Aussies break the jinx Germany edge out Korea

**Hockey**  
**AFP, Kuala Lumpur**

Jamie Dwyer scored two goals as Australia discarded the "chokers" tag with a stunning 4-1 win over reigning champions Holland in the second semifinal of field hockey's World Cup here on Thursday.

It was Australia's first win over the Dutch in four major semifinals and set up a title clash on Saturday against Germany, who defeated South Korea 3-2 earlier in the evening.

Matthias Witthaus scored the winner in the 55th minute as the Germans finally overcame the speedy Koreans who took an early lead. Both sides finished 1-1 after the first period.

What was expected to be a close

match turned into a one-sided romp for the Aussies, who outplayed the shell-shocked Dutch after going 2-0 up by the 12th minute.

The Dutch, hoping to add a second successive World Cup title to their two back-to-back Olympic gold medals, were let down by their main scoring weapon as 13 penalty corners went begging.

Worse, defender Bram Lomans let in a self-goal to give the Australians the lead in the ninth minute when he deflected in a shot from Scott Webster with his stick.

Three minutes later Dwyer scored his first goal, dribbling his way from the 25-yard circle and driving home from the from the top of the circle.

Brilliant work from Aussie goalkeeper Lachlan Dreher, who saved six penalty corners in the first-half, ensured the 2-0 lead was kept intact till the interval.

Matthew Smith sealed Holland's fate five minutes after resumption with the best goal of the tournament so far.

Smith weaved his way into the Dutch circle from the left flank and flicked the ball past goalkeeper Guus Vogels from a narrow angle.

Dwyer made it 4-0 in the 51st minute, before Menno Booij scored a consolation goal for the Dutch six minutes before the final whistle.

The match was a repeat of the Olympic semi-final at Sydney two years ago when the Dutch ousted the hosts 5-4 in the tie-breaker away from a 0-0 deadlock.

Australia were also beaten by the Dutch in the semifinals of the last two World Cups, losing 1-4 at home in Sydney in 1994 and 2-6 at Utrecht, Holland in 1998.