

## Did U Know?

At the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games, Inge de Bruijn broke her own world record to win the women's Olympic 100 metres butterfly title.

## What to WATCH

### DD National

India vs Zimbabwe  
Third ODI  
Live at 10:00 am

### ESPN

Serie A  
Highlights at 9:30  
Football Focus  
10:00 am  
South Africa vs Australia  
Second Test, Day Five  
11:30 am  
UEFA Champions League  
Arsenal vs Deportivo  
4:00 pm

&  
Liverkusen vs Juventus  
6:30 pm

### Sportscentre Hindi

Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm

### UEFA Champions League

Barcelona vs Liverpool  
Live at 1:30 am (Thursday)

### STAR Sports

New Zealand vs England

First Test, Day One  
Live at 6:00 am

Sportsline Today  
Sport News  
10:30 am

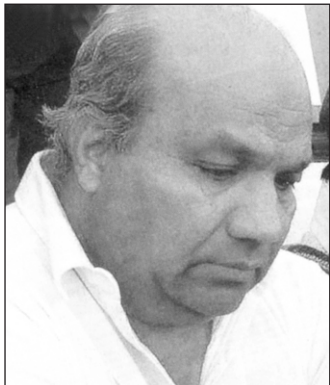
### Sportsline Tonight

Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm

World Cup Soccer Mix  
8:30 pm

Gillette WC Football Preview  
9:00 pm

## TALK TURKEY



### Intikhab Alam

(Pakistan former cricket captain)

"You can't win a Test without an experienced spinner and it was a poor selection because Shahid Afridi and Shoaib Malik can't win you a Test with their bowling."

After Pakistan's defeat in the Asian Test Championship final.

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 167

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March 15, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

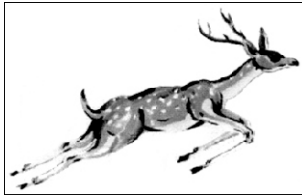
- Who won the U-19 cricket World Cup?  
Australia South Africa New Zealand
  - Who became African Nations Cup football champions?  
Cameroon Senegal Ghana
  - What was the result of the first ever Test series in Sharjah between Pakistan and West Indies?  
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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

**SHATHI SOARS:** Shathi Parveen of BJMC clears the bar on her way to setting a new national record in the high jump event of the Seventh Bangladesh Games on Tuesday.

## Shathi sets new heights



### SPORTS REPORTER

Shathi Parveen of Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) hogged the day's spotlight by setting a new national record in

pulled his muscle to skip the event he dominates.

In the other finals, Bangladesh Army ruled supreme. Anisur Rahman won the men's 1500m in four minutes 3.04 seconds and Rafiqul Islam clinched gold in men's shot-put even, throwing 13.51m far.

Army's Mayezuddin won men's long jump crossing 7.01m and his teammate Monimul Haq bagged gold throwing hammer at 49.92m. 5000 metres gold also went to Army with Kafi Sarkar clocking 15 minutes 57.54 seconds.

In the day's other two events, Neli Jesmin took the women's shot put gold and Rahim Khatun Juthi of BJMC clinched women's 3000m title. Out of ten finals on Tuesday, Bangladesh Army won five while BJMC bagged four. BKSP won the other gold. Thirteen more will be up for grabs today.

### DAY'S GOLD-GRABBERS

<b>Women</b>		
3000m	Rahima Khanum Juthi (BJMC)	11m 14.06 secs
Shot-put	Neli Jesmin (BJMC)	10.68 metres
High jump	Shathi Parveen (BJMC)	1.67 metres*
200m	Shamsunnahar Chumki (BJMC)	25.02 secs
<b>Men</b>		
200m	Maruf Reza (BKSP)	21.27 secs
5000m	Kafi Sharkar (Army)	15m 57.54 secs
1500m	Anisur Rahman (Army)	4m 3.04 secs
Hammer	Monimul Haq (Army)	49.92 metres
Shot-put	Rafiqul Islam (Army)	13.59 metres
Long jump	Mayezuddin (Army)	7.01 metres

## Ponting does it in style

### Series Australia's



AFP, Cape Town

Ricky Ponting hit a six to win the match and take himself to a century as Australia clinched their Test series against South Africa by winning the second Test by four wickets at Newlands on Tuesday.

The victory ensured that Australia retained the World Test Championship.

With three runs needed, Ponting, on 94, swung a short ball from left-arm spinner Paul Adams over the backward square leg boundary to hoist his 10th Test century.

Ponting's finish capped a tense afternoon in which Adams struck twice within seven balls as the world champions stumbled within sight of their triumph.

Australia, set 331 to win, were cruising to victory until Mark Waugh was caught behind off Makhaya Ntini to be third man out in the last over before lunch when 80 runs were still required.

But they lost three more wickets before Ponting and Shane Warne (15 not out) settled the series 24 minutes before tea on the final day.

Adams bowled Steve Vaughn (14) and trapped Damien Martyn lbw and there was another anxious moment for the world champions when Adam Gilchrist was caught at midwicket off Jacques Kallis after making a quick 24 when another 26 runs were needed.

Australia had been set to make the 10th highest winning fourth innings total in Test history and it looked easy when Ponting and Matthew Hayden (96) punished the bowlers at the start of the day.

Hayden fell four runs short of a fifth century in successive Tests against South Africa when he was

second man out with the total on 201. The big left-hander chased a wide ball from Jacques Kallis and edged a catch to South African captain and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher.

Hayden hit centuries in each of

the first four Tests which Australia played at home and away against South Africa this season. Australia won all four games but needed to win the three-match series in South

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PHOTO: AFP

Australian batsman Ricky Ponting about to play a back-foot defence on the fifth day of the second Test against South Africa in Newlands on Tuesday.

## Nat'l League final round from today

### ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

### SPORTS REPORTER

The final round of the Ispahani Third National Cricket League begins today at three different venues.

Champions Dhaka, who have already confirmed the title collecting highest 48 points from nine matches, will take on second-placed Rajshahi at the Cricket Garden in Rangpur while Chittagong play Khulna at the Comilla Stadium.

The other match between Sylhet and Barisal will be held at the Sylhet Stadium.

All the four-day matches will be followed by one-dayers.

## Ind-Zim 3rd ODI today

### STAR SPORT MONITOR

India play Zimbabwe in the third one-day international at Cochín today.

Both teams have won a game each in the five-match series.

Zimbabwe won the first ODI in Faridabad on March 7 thanks to a brilliant unbeaten half-century by tail-ender Douglas Marillier.

He slammed a 24-ball 56 to help Zimbabwe chase 275 for victory.

On Sunday, the hosts coasted to a 64-run win in the day-night encounter in Mohali.

## Glittering Six!

REUTERS, Cape Town

The gold bar on offer at the first Test between South Africa and Australia to any batsman hitting a billboard target with a six will again be up for grabs during all seven matches of the one-day series.

Australia's Adam Gilchrist went close to claiming the prize during his whirlwind double century in the first test at the Wanderers, but the ingot has not been offered for the second Test at Newlands or the third test in Durban.

But any player who can hit the target, measuring 5 x 2.5 metres and set square of the wicket about 100 metres from the pitch, will win the monetary equivalent of a 404.5 ounces (12,581 kg) bar of gold from Gold Fields.

At the current gold price of 292 dollars an ounce, it is worth just over 118,000 Australian dollars.

## Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Shaheed Mintu Shangha moved into the final of the Econo Cricket League beating Abul Hossain Smriti Shangha by 11 runs at the Magura Stadium on Tuesday.

Winning the toss, the winners batted first and scored 175 runs losing all the wickets in 37.5 overs.

In reply, Abul Hossain Smriti collected 164 runs for eight wickets in the stipulated 40 overs.

## Rezaul star of the day



### SPORTS REPORTER

The first day of the swimming competition in the seventh Bangladesh Games, produced an outstanding individual performance at the Army Swimming Complex on Tuesday.

Warrant officer Rezaul Islam of Bangladesh Army set the pool afire when he won three gold medals in diving with new national records in each.

His first gold came in the 1-metre event, where he scored 486.75 points. The previous mark was 336.15.

Rezaul also smashed the 3-metre record when the judges awarded him 514.65 points. It improved the old record by 107.45.

Apparently unsatisfied Rezaul bettered the 5-metre platform dive mark by more than 200 points with a score of 528.30. The earlier record stood at 307.15.

With Rezaul stealing the day's thunder, Day Two of the quadrennial Games passed off relatively unnoticed elsewhere.

### FOOTBALL

An 85th strike from Parvez Babu gave Dhaka a 1-0 victory over Rajshahi and a place into the semi-finals of the football competition.

The Brothers Union midfielder broke the deadlock in a hard-fought encounter for the 1996 runners-up to earn their second win and join Army in the last four as Group B champions.

Defending champions Dhaka University sailed into the last four with a 3-0 thrashing of Bangladesh Air Force in the last Group A match.

Johnny, Faisal and Moni scored one goal each for the star-studded team.

### HOCKEY

The battle for Group A in the hockey competition is still open after

## Weird website!

### SPORTS REPORTER

While the records tumbled at the Seventh Bangladesh Games yet strangely the official website is lagging far behind.

The site launched on March 9, two days before the opening ceremony, has failed to live up to its promise of delivering up-to-the-minute scores and highlights.

A click on any of the 25 icons of the disciplines will reveal only the dates when they will take place. Besides, the medals table section is not carrying a single medal even after two days of competition.

The only item that seems to have been prepared with great care is an impressive list of executive members belonging to the Bangladesh Olympic Association.

The address of the site is www.noc-ban.org.

both encounters of the group ended in draws.

Holders Dhaka held challengers Dhaka University 1-1 while the Bangladesh Air Force- BKSP tie failed to produce a goal.

The results left Dhaka and Dhaka University jointly leading the table with four points. Air Force and

of the Games meanwhile, kicks off at the Gulshan Shooting Complex today.

### TODAY'S EVENTS

#### Athletics

Men's walk final (6:30 am).  
Men's Pole vault final (10 am).  
Men's javelin final (10:45 am).  
Men's 110m hurdles final (11 am).



PHOTO: STAR

Arif of Comilla (R) lands a left on Chuadanga's Lutfur Rahman during Boxing's 60kg category at the seventh Bangladesh Games yesterday.

BKSP on the other hand opened their accounts with the draw.

Faridpur and Bangladesh Army have already confirmed their semi-final berths from Group B.

### BADMINTON

Biman continued to excel in the badminton competition with Sarwar and Mostafa emerging champions in the men's doubles event.

The national airline pair defeated the Bogra duo of Ahsan Habib and Zakaria 15-11, 15-12.

Elina set up an all-Biman ladies singles final clash with Noori defeating mixed doubles champions Momo 11-7, 11-2.

Noori also eased past Konica 11-2, 11-9 in the other semifinal.

The kabadi and handball competition also got underway on Tuesday. The shooting competition

Men's 400m hurdles final (3 pm).  
Men's 300m stippie chase final (4:15 pm).

Men's 4x 100m relay (5 pm).  
Women's javelin final (9:45 am).  
Women's long jump final (4 pm).  
Women's 4X 100m relay final (4:30 pm).

Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.  
**Basketball**  
Manikganj v Army (8 am).  
Bangladesh Air Force v Brahmanbaria (9:30 am).  
Patuakhali v Habiganj (11 am).  
Khulna v Chandpur (4:30 pm).  
Police v Chittagong (6 pm).  
Venue: Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium.

**Cycling**  
Men's 100 km Road Race final (6:30 am).

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PHOTO: STAR

A goal-mouth action from yesterday's handball competition of the seventh Bangladesh Games between Panchagarh and Jessore.

## Serious Black Caps

### Christchurch Test from today



AFP, Christchurch

New Zealand will fight to redress the "slur" that belittled their last series victory over England when the first Test starts here on Wednesday.

Kiwi captain Stephen Fleming believes the 2-1 series win in England in 1999 was given scant respect by some who treated it as a humiliation for the English to lose to New Zealand.

"It's a general feeling of that series that it was one of the lowest

reports you get back.

"We still feel we haven't been given the credit we deserved for beating England the last time we played them. That's massive motivation for the guys who were there," he said.

The three-Test series gets underway on a portable pitch in Christchurch with skipper Nasser Hussain claiming underdog status for his touring England team after they lost the one-day series 3-2.

Fleming isn't buying that.

"We have a massive point to prove, we don't buy this underdog tag from England. We know what's

home team's key man again.

The Kiwi team are on a high after coming within an ace of pulling off a shock series win over world champions Australia in a rain-ravaged series across the Tasman late last year.

While a series win or draw will move New Zealand two places up the Test rankings to No. 3, England will drop from fourth to fifth if they fail to win the series.

Fleming said he didn't know what he would do if he won the toss for the opening Test on the moveable pitch at Jade Stadium, also the headquarters of the Canterbury Crusaders rugby team.

He said New Zealand had conceded a lot of home advantage by deciding to play on a drop-in pitch, but it was to be expected with rugby increasingly encroaching into the domestic cricket season.

Last season a recycled drop-in pitch was used for the New Zealand-Pakistan match which proved lifeless and led to a dull, high-scoring draw.

Fleming pointed to his team's depth of batting as New Zealand's strength against an England bowling attack to be led by Christchurch-born Andy Caddick but which will lack the firepower of Darren Gough, who only came here for the one-day international series.

New Zealand's two key bowlers are Cairns (194 wickets) and left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori (125 wickets), and the Kiwis' chances will hinge on the support those two receive from pace newcomer Ian Butler and Chris Martin.

Butler, who turned 20 in November, takes the place of tear-away paceman Shane Bond, who has been forced out for the remainder of the season with a suspected stress fracture of his left ankle.

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