



## Did U Know?

Pakistan scored 328 runs with no extras to their credit against India at Lahore in 1954-55, the highest ever total without extras in Test cricket.



**DD National**  
India vs Zimbabwe  
Fifth ODI  
Live at 9:30 am

**ESPN**  
South Africa vs Australia  
Third Test, Day Four  
7:00 am

English Premier Football League  
Highlights at 12:00 pm

Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
4:00 pm

**Sportscentre Hindi**  
Sport News  
Live at 9:00 pm

**UEFA Champions League**  
Liverpool vs Roma  
Live at 1:30 am (Wednesday)

**STAR Sports**  
Sportsline Today  
Sport News  
7:30 am

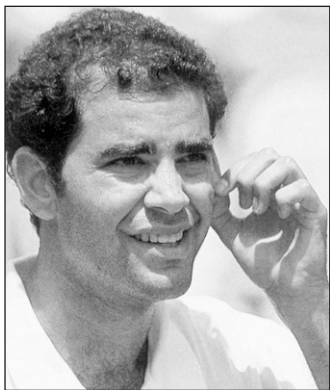
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
8:30 am

Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
9:30 am

English Premier Football League  
West Ham United vs Man United  
1:00 pm

Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
3:00 pm

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



**Pete Sampras**  
(American tennis superstar)  
"These guys are coming out bouncing off the walls. They are watching 'The Simpsons' at night and I'm with Todd Martin watching 'On Golden Pond.' They can't sit still for half an hour."

On the generation gap between him and his much-younger, exuberant Davis Cup teammates Andy Roddick, Mardy Fish and James Blake.

**Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 168**

Tick the correct answers, post to  
**The Daily Star**  
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm  
March 29, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

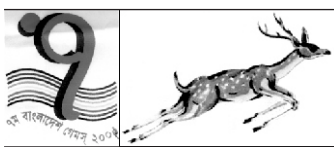
1. Who won the Prof Abdur Razzak 28th national chess title?			
Reefat-bin-Sattar	Ziaur Rahman	Niaz Murshed	
2. Who became Asian Test champions?			
India	Sri Lanka	Pakistan	
3. Who clinched the World Cup hockey title?			
Name .....			
Class .....	Roll No. ....		
School Address .....			
Phone: (If any) .....			



PHOTO: STAR

**THE FLYING DEER:** Seventh Bangladesh Games Mascot, the running deer, having a ride on the mobile stage during the closing ceremony yesterday.

## Bangladesh festival ends



### SPORTS REPORTER

The curtain fell on the Seventh Bangladesh Games yesterday. President Professor AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury declared the end of the eight-day spectacle amidst fanfare at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in the afternoon.

The Games flame, which was burning from March 11, was put off soon after the three-hour closing ceremony had ended with brilliant fireworks that lit-up the spring night over the big bowl.

Around four thousand athletes took part in 25 disciplines where in all 251 medals were on offer.

Bangladesh Ansars and VDP again asserted themselves as the best side by capturing highest 65 gold, 61 silver and 64 bronze medals while Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) finished second with 48 gold, 31 silver and 21 bronze. Bangladesh Army and Bangladesh Navy finished third and fourth respectively with 41 and 24 gold.

Ansars also grabbed the top position in previous two editions in 1992 and 1996.

However, although the Ansars established themselves as the undisputed monarch in the quadrennial extravaganza, this seventh edition has produced some outstanding performances in athletics,

swimming, football and hockey. BKSP, the country's lone sports institute, brought forward a new fastest man after seven years when 20-year old Maruf Reza clinched the 100-metre gold with a record timing of 10.50 seconds.

Maruf also annexed the 200-metre glory to earn a rare double.

Mahbub Alam, who used to be

the fastest man of the country in last seven national championships and won the 200-metre gold in the 1995 SAF Games in Madras, pulled out of the 100m field with a groin injury halfway through the race.

Fouzia Huda Jui, who also belongs to the same institute, retained the fastest women's title.

In the pool, it was a three-person -- Karar Samedul Islam and Rubel Rana of Bangladesh Navy and Doly Akhter of BJMC -- show.

Samedul, the shaven-headed swimmer who hails from Kishoreganj, bettered the South Asian Federation (SAF) Games records in 100 and 200 metres breaststroke as well as winning two more gold to finish with four. In fact, so good were his performances that Bangladesh Sports Journalists Association (BSJA) didn't have to think twice while picking him as the best performer of the meet.

On the other hand, his teammate Rubel Rana won eight gold with one SAF Games record and six national records.

But whereas there were two names in the men's section, in the women's there was only one -- Doly Akhter.

Doly, in absence of the well-known Sabura Akhter, collected as many as nine gold. Sadly Sabura's absence had got nothing to do with any illness or injury. The teenage swimmer was made a mere spectator by the Kushtia District Court following an appeal by the District Sports Association for a breach of contract.

FINAL MEDAL TABLE				
Team	G	S	B	
Ansar and VDP	65	61	64	
BJMC	48	31	21	
Bangladesh Army	41	38	39	
Bangladesh Navy	24	21	5	
Bangladesh Rifles	17	13	16	
Biman	10	6	7	
BKSP	9	17	18	
Dhaka Rifle Club	5	1	4	
Kurmitol Golf Club	4	3	4	
Titas Gas	3	3	3	
Gulshan SC	3	3	1	
Dhaka District	2	8	8	
Narayanganj RC	2	2	3	
Dhaka University	2	1	8	
Dhaka Division	2	0	1	
Bangladesh Police	1	9	10	
Rajshahi District	1	4	12	
Eden College	1	3	3	
Chittagong Rifle Club	1	3	0	
Jessore	1	1	12	
Gulshan Club	1	1	2	
Bhatiary Golf Club	1	1	1	
Rangamati District	1	1	1	
Bogra	1	1	0	
Islami University	1	0	1	
Joypurhat District	1	0	1	
Madaripur District	1	0	0	
Sonargaon Hotel	1	0	0	
Saikat Gymnasium	1	0	0	
Chittagong Division	1	0	0	
Notrums Bogra	1	0	0	

SEE PAGE 15



PHOTO: STAR

**WE'RE THE BEST:** The Bangladesh Ansar-VDP contingent proclaim their proven superiority during the concluding ceremony of the 7th Bangladesh Games yesterday.

## SA break the jinx



### AFP, Durban

South Africa ended a sequence of five successive defeats when they beat Australia by five wickets on the fourth day of the third and final Test at Kingsmead here on Monday.

Mark Boucher, South Africa's acting captain, clinched the win when he hit off-spinner Mark Waugh over mid-wicket for six.

Jacques Kallis and Ashwell Prince were mainly responsible for taking South Africa to their highest winning fourth innings total in history, and the highest by any country against Australia, taking South Africa to within four runs of victory in a fifth wicket stand of 99.

South Africa had been set to make 335 and the scores were level

when Boucher made his winning hit to take the total to 340 for five.

Kallis made 61 not out and Prince hit 48 before he was caught at slip off leg-spinner Shane Warne.

Australia had already won the series, retaining their World Test



Champion by winning the first

two matches in Johannesburg and Cape Town. Australia won all three matches when the sides clashed in Australia earlier in the season.

Although Australia might have been affected by the "dead rubber syndrome" that skipper Steve Waugh has worked hard to eradicate, it was a notable comeback by a South African team hit by injuries and controversy.

South Africa played the series without injured captain Shaun Pollock and lost star fast bowler Allan Donald in the first Test.

They were already without two leading fast bowlers in Mfuneko Ngam and Mornantau Hayward because of injury. They went into the second Test without experienced batsman Daryll Cullinan, who withdrew over a pay dispute.

SEE PAGE 15

## Champs Trophy in Sri Lanka

REUTERS, Cape Town

Sri Lanka was confirmed as the venue for the 2002 International Cricket Council (ICC) Champions Trophy from September 12 to 30 in Cape Town on Monday.

The tournament will involve all ten Test playing nations plus Kenya and Holland.

"The ICC is delighted that the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka has agreed to act as host country for this major event," said chief executive officer Malcolm Speed.

"We look forward to working closely with the Board in staging one of world cricket's most entertaining and high-profile tournaments."

Teams will compete for a 1.15-million-dollar prize fund. The tournament is an expanded successor to the ICC Knockout, staged on two previous occasions -- in Dhaka, won by South Africa, and Nairobi, won by New Zealand.

There will be four pools of three teams in the new format. Each side will play two pool games before the semifinals.

**Pool 1:** Australia, Bangladesh, New Zealand.

**Pool 2:** England, India, Zimbabwe.

**Pool 3:** Kenya, South Africa, West Indies.

**Pool 4:** Holland, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.

## Rajib, Rakib start with draw

SPORTS REPORTER

FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib drew with India's fourth-ranked player, Women's Grand Master Koneru Humpy in the first round of the 13th Goodricke International Open Chess Tournament at the Gorky Sadan in Kolkata on Sunday.

International Master Abdullah Al Rakib also drew his first round game with Indian Rahul Sangma.

A total of 53 players are participating in the meet including 19 Grand Masters, 12 International Masters, one Women's Grand Master and three FIDE Masters.

## Police rough Singh up

AFP, Guwahati

India's leading spinner Harbhajan Singh was injured on Monday after being assaulted by police outside the team hotel, witnesses said.

"Harbhajan is bleeding profusely and his hands are bruised," an employee of the hotel told this news agency.

India are due to take on Zimbabwe in the fifth and final one-day international in this eastern city on Tuesday with the two teams locked 2-2.

Witnesses said the trouble began when a Delhi-based sports photographer wanted to go inside the hotel to meet Singh.

"When the policemen didn't allow the photographer entry inside the hotel, Singh came down to the gate and asked the security to let him in as the photographer had a valid pass from the Indian team manager", the witness said.

"What followed was total chaos with policemen assaulting both Singh and the photographer, hitting them very badly."

City magistrate Absar Hazarika told AFP "the entire incident was very unfortunate".

There was no immediate comment from Indian team officials as senior police and civil officials rushed to the hotel to cool tempers.

## Umpires to have techno service

REUTERS, Cape Town

Extended television technology to aid umpiring decisions will be tested during September's Champions Trophy tournament in Sri Lanka, the International Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed on Monday.

Under the system, which was agreed at an ICC meeting in Cape Town on Sunday, on-field umpires will be able to consult with the third official on any decision.

Consultation will be optional but when a third umpire is contacted, he will be allowed only two replays before passing information to the on-field officials.

The third umpire will not be able to intervene unless he is called upon by the on-field umpires.

The new ICC panel of elite umpires and match referees will discuss the recommendation at a four-day workshop near Cape Town which begins on Thursday.

The move was also endorsed by former Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar, who is on the ICC sub-committee that wants to bring in the new technology.

"International umpires do a difficult job extremely well. They already make a very high degree of correct decisions, for which they receive too little credit," Gavaskar said.



PHOTO: STAR

**National Test skipper Khaled Mashud (C),** flanked by other top name cricketers, signing for Victoria Sporting Club yesterday.

## Victoria rule the day



### SPORTS REPORTER

A modest Victoria Sporting Club announced themselves as the most ambitious Premier League team in this year's cricketers' transfer bourse when they signed in a host of star players including national captain Khaled Mashud yesterday.

Victoria hogged the spotlight on the second day of the transfers after the Mohammedan Sporting had caught the biggest fish on day one by signing country's top batsman Habibul Bashar.

Victoria, who will be celebrating their centenary in 2003, are focused on making their Premier League campaign a memorable one. Club officials are already calling this year's side, "The centenary team".

As expected, Test stars Al-Shahriar, left-arm paceman Monjurul Islam and veteran slow left-armed Enamul Hoque all completed their transfer formalities for Victoria yesterday.

Victoria, which once boasted top name cricketers like Roquibul Hasan, Yousuf Babu, was one of the premier teams in the 60s and early 70s.

With the centenary just months away, they have launched a bold campaign to return to the glory days by targeting notable performers from the just concluded National League. Apart from Test cricketers, Victoria have brought in former national opener Jahangir Alam, the talented Sajjad Ahmed Monsur Shipon, Syed Parvez Ahmed, wicketkeeper Golam Mortuza and paceman Shahnewaz Kabir.

Besides, Nuruzzaman, the second leading run scorer in the National League, has decided to stay back along with prolific wicket-taker leg-spinner Alok Kapali and paceman Rezaul Huq.

Victoria had yesterday, ensured the services of off-spinner Masudur Rahman and former national right-arm seamer Saiful Islam.

The lavish shopping by Victoria leaves no one in doubt that the club will be a major challenger for the title.

Victoria won their last League title way back in 1975-76. But fortunes have taken a nosedive since then.

Khaled Mashud, who was announced as skipper of the side, however believes that his new club will certainly make the grades this year even if they don't win the cham-

ptionship.

"I won't say that we are a favourite for the title, but ours will be a very professional unit", said Mashud after signing from Surjo Tarun.

While Mashud was expressing his guarded optimism, Test opener Al-Shahriar on the other hand saw the small team status of Victoria as no barrier for success.

"I do not believe a strong fan following is a pre-requisite to success. The performance of the players on the field is the most important thing", said the attacking right-hander.

While Victoria dominated the transfer market, Surjo Tarun, who had gone on a similar spending spree during the last couple of seasons, decided to pin hopes on a youthful side.

Tarun's lone notable recruit yesterday was national paceman Mohammed Sharif, who played for Bangladesh Biman last year. Besides, Mohammad Ashraf, Hannan Sarker and Mazharul Huq have also opted for the club.

Former national captain Aminul Islam and all-rounder Khaled

SEE PAGE 15

## Final ODI today

India bank on youths, Zim want to score more



### AFP, Guwahati

India's captain Sourav Ganguly is banking on the form of younger players to clinch the crucial fifth and final one-day international against Zimbabwe here on Tuesday.

Young middle-order batsmen Yuvraj Singh and Mohammad Kaif slammed impressive half-centuries in the previous day-night game at Hyderabad on Saturday to help India square the series 2-2.

"It will be very encouraging if we win this vital match and series with the help of youngsters," said Ganguly.

"I am really happy with Yuvraj's performance in the last match. I've always maintained he is a very talented batsman. I hope he keeps playing big knocks consistently."

Yuvraj, 20, who was dropped after the tour of South Africa last year, made the most of the opportunity as he smashed a 60-ball 80 not

out to dash Zimbabwe's hopes of wrapping up the series at Hyderabad.

He was involved in a match-winning 94-run stand for the fifth wicket with the 21-year-old Kaif, who batted steadily for his 68.

The Indian captain denied his team was under pressure going into the decider, saying he was confident of clinching the series.

India have the knack of choking under big-match pressure, having lost nine finals of one-day international tournaments since April 1999.

"I'm sure things will turn around this time," Ganguly said. "It has to turn around some day. We need to play aggressively like we did in the last game."

Zimbabwean captain Stuart Carlisle said his team had plans to curb the stroke-play of Yuvraj and the other Indian batsmen.

"We are working out a way to tackle Yuvraj," said Carlisle. "I'm sure you don't expect me to reveal the strategy. We just want to keep it to the basics."

Carlisle said he expected more

runs from the top-order batsmen as the team had been regularly falling 20-30 runs short of pre-match expectations.

"It is only scoring more that can put pressure on India," he said.

It is unclear whether India will field leading spinner Harbhajan Singh, who was injured on Monday after being assaulted by police outside the team hotel, witnesses said.

**TEAMS**  
**INDIA** (from): Sourav Ganguly (captain), Rahul Dravid, Venkatsai Laxman, Dinesh Mongia, Mohammad Kaif, Yuvraj Singh, Sanjay Bangar, Harbhajan Singh, Murali Kartik, Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar, Ajay Ratna, Vijay Bhardwaj, Tinu Yohannan.

**ZIMBABWE** (from): Stuart Carlisle (captain), Heath Streak, Alistair Campbell, Dion Ebrahim, Andy Flower, Grant Flower, Travis Friend, Tatenda Taibu, Mpmuelelo Mbangwa, Craig Wishart, Gary Brent, Douglas Marillier, Charles Coventry, Douglas Hondo.



PHOTO: STAR

**Music icon Runa Laila (2nd from R) and Syed Abdul Hadi (R)** sing the 7th Bangladesh Games' closing song yesterday.