

## Did U Know?

Barry Jarman of Australia was in the news on August 4, 1964, when the tourist met Glamorgan. The umpire at the bowler's end gave him out stumped, and the other umpire found him out stumped. He appears in the scorebooks as caught by the wicket-keeper, EW Jones.

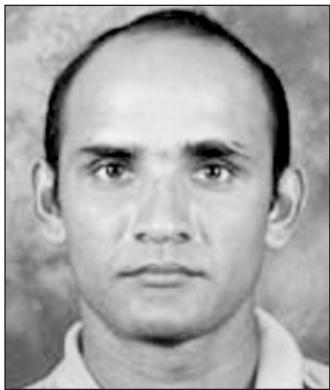


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Football Focus  
11:00 am  
UEFA Champions' League  
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Galatasaray vs Barcelona  
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UEFA Champions' League  
Juventus vs Arsenal  
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### Marvan Atapattu

(Star Sri Lanka batsman)  
"People do not appreciate defensive players who build an innings. They only want to see entertaining cricket. I certainly can be innovative and adventurous if the situation calls for it. However, if the runs are coming for me, no matter how, I will not change a thing in my batting."

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## IU in qtrs

BSS, Dhaka

Independent University (IU) moved into the quarterfinals of the inter-private university cricket tournament beating Chittagong Islamic University by eight wickets at the DOHS ground on Tuesday.

# No surprise on final day



SPORTS REPORTER

After two days of hectic activities the inter-club cricketers' transfer came to a predictable end at the BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) office yesterday.

As expected the small teams dominated the third and final day's bourse after the big-spending clubs got their job done in the first two days.

National all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman and experienced batsman Halim Shah were the only notable cricketers turned up in the transfer market for two different reasons.

While Mushfiq came to renew his loyalty with Kalabagan Club for a record sixth year Halim opted for a change of allegiance. Halim played for Biman last year but he signed for City Club, one of the two big spending sides in the Premier League this year.

The transfer scenario this year saw some interesting changes with a modest Victoria Sporting Club emerging as an ambitious side by roping in a host of national cricketers.

The aggressive Victoria drive somehow upset the balance of most of the teams except for defending champions Mohammedan Sporting Club, who caught the biggest fish by signing country's top batsman Habibul Bashar.

The inclusion of Bashar along with a consistent Sanwar Hossain and opener Ehsanul Huq have bolstered the batting strength of the popular Motiheel tremendously. Ehsan played for Brothers Union last year.

Though Mohammedan looked to

be a balanced side on paper, but Victoria can match them in every department.

Last year's runners-up Abahani will heavily bank on their experienced trio of Akram Khan, Naimur Rahman and Mehrab Hossain to regain the title.

Surjo Tarun will rely on a youthful side that includes Test cricket's youngest centurion Mohammedan Ashraful and his 17-year-old peer Mohammad Sharif.

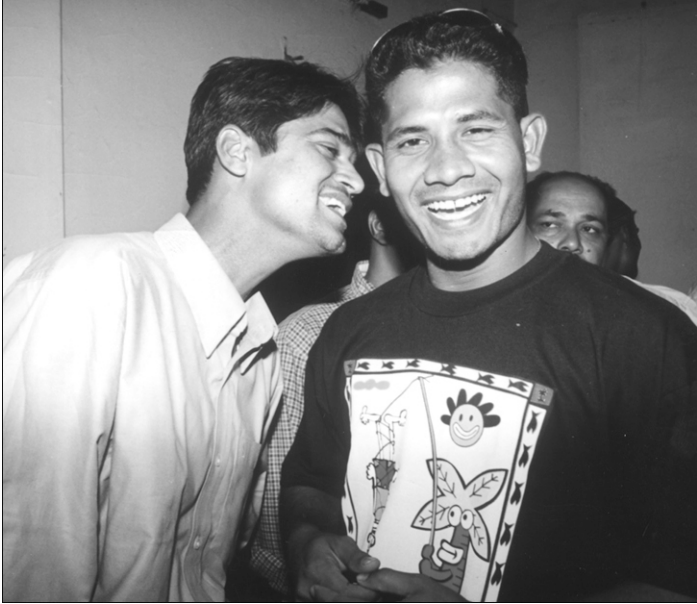
Bangladesh Biman will have to make up the loss of Bashar with the veteran quartet of Faruque Ahmed, Aminul Islam, Khaled Mahmud and Javed Omar.

Kalabagan still looked an impressive team with Mushfiq, Bikash, Talha Jubair, Fahim Muntasir and Rajin Saleh deciding to stay back and young Anisur Rahman joining them from Abahani.

Brothers Union ended up as the most affected team in the bourse. The traditional giants only managed to convince former national opener Athar Ali to lead the side at the twilight of his career.

A total of 111 cricketers changed their allegiance in the transfer.

The 12-team Premier League will start on March 22.



National all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman (R) and Halim Shah share a light moment at the BCB office on Tuesday.

# Hussain wants to go slow



AFP, Wellington

England captain Nasser Hussain has urged against rushing head-long into handing more power to cricket's television umpires.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced it would trial increased use of technology at the ICC Champions Trophy tournament in Sri Lanka in September.

Umpires would be able to call on television replays to rule on any decision, but the third umpire in the grandstand would only be given two replays to make their adjudication.

Currently, the third umpire can't rule on caught behind or leg before wicket decisions, which are the most contentious in cricket.

"I'm pleased they're having a look at it but I'd say the game has survived for a long time pretty well," said Hussain Tuesday.

"Umpiring has become an issue, there's been a lot of talk about it.

"Television has changed the game, in the old days you wouldn't have so many replays and umpires weren't under as much pressure. "It must not be rushed in, it must

Test in Christchurch.

De Silva though, newly named on the ICC's eight-strong international panel, was criticised in the media for making several poor decisions that may have been helped by the television umpire.

Hussain accepted umpires needed some help from technology but only to a point.

"We understand errors are made. In the last game I was pleased we had those two umpires, I think they are both very good," he said.

"They might have made the odd mistake which they would hold their hands up to, but I wouldn't be afraid of turning up again and playing under them."

Australian umpire Darrell Hair will take over from Zimbabwe's Russell Tiffin for the second Test starting here on Thursday after Tiffin was named on the international panel, which is currently meeting overseas.

New Zealand's Steve Dunne will stand alongside Hair.



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be carefully covered and decisions made by the right people."

Hussain said he was happy with the performance of umpires Asoka de Silva of Sri Lanka and New Zealand's Brent Bowden in the first

# No niceties for NZ



AFP, Wellington

England paceman Andy Caddick rates New Zealand a "bits-and-pieces" cricket team.

He may be Kiwi-born, but that's as far as it goes for the 33-year-old bowler, who captured 6 for 122 in the second innings to spearhead the tourists to victory over New Zealand last week.

Speaking ahead of the Basin Reserve Test starting Thursday, Caddick could not be bothered with niceties and dug in a few short-pitched verbal deliveries at the Kiwis.

"They sledge us, we sledge them. What's new?" he said Tuesday. "I've

been around cricket a while, as has (Kiwi captain) Stephen Fleming. He'll back his players and I'll back my teammates.

"I still do feel as a side we're slightly better than they are. They have a good team atmosphere that will be tested in these next two games.

"They had a good series in England (in 1999). They did well. They were a bits-and-pieces side at that stage with a couple of world-class players, and they're still that way now.

"I'll say it every time we play New Zealand. They weren't harsh comments. They were simple facts that I thought we had a better side."

Caddick, a son of English emigrants, played for New Zealand in the 1987 World Youth Cup and toured

England with the same team the following year.

He qualified to play for England in 1992 and made his Test debut in 1993.

Caddick has taken 190 wickets in 51 Tests and bowled beautifully in the second innings in Christchurch.

He got the ball short of length and his steep bounce and deadly line proved too hard for the majority of the Kiwi batsmen to handle.

England will clinch their series with the injury-ravaged Kiwis should they win Thursday's second Wellington Test following their emphatic 98-run victory in the opening Christchurch Test last weekend.

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THREE CHEERS FOR ANSARS: Players and officials of Bangladesh Ansars and VDP team brought out a procession in celebration of their hat-trick triumph in the Bangladesh Games.

## U-19 cricket probe Kasier needs more time

SPORTS REPORTER

The three-member probe committee to the disastrous performance of Bangladesh in under-19 World Cup in New Zealand last month has failed to submit its report even 12 days after the scheduled time.

Although the committee, headed by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) director Aziz Al-Kaiser, was scheduled to submit its findings on March 7, but till yesterday no report reached the Board.

While talking to the Star Sport last evening, Aziz hinted that it might take another week or so to get their job done.

"I was out of the country for the last four days. Before that we have interviewed around ten out of the 14 players. We are going to start again from tomorrow and hopefully it would take another week or more to finish," he said.

Aziz justified the delay by saying, "We want to have a thorough investigation as it is a sensitive matter."

Both the manager of captain of the under-19 team admitted on their return from New Zealand that the in-fight among the players was the reason for such a poor result.

## Inter-university cricket from today

JU CORRESPONDENT, Savar

The 20-day inter-university cricket competition begins at the Jahangirnagar University Central playground today.

JU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Jasim Uddin Ahmad will inaugurate the competition.

Total nine universities, split into two groups, will feature in the round robin preliminary phase.

## Sharjah Cup live on BTv

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Television will telecast live all the matches of the Sharjah Cup triangular cricket tournament featuring Pakistan, Sri Lanka and New Zealand.

The seven-game tournament begins at the desert venue on April 8 with the final slated for the 17th. All the matches are day-night affairs. BTv's coverage will start at 5 pm on match days.

### SCHEDULE

**Apr 8:** Pakistan v Sri Lanka  
**Apr 9:** Sri Lanka v New Zealand  
**Apr 11:** Pakistan v New Zealand  
**Apr 12:** Pakistan v Sri Lanka  
**Apr 14:** Sri Lanka v New Zealand  
**Apr 15:** Pakistan v New Zealand  
**Apr 17:** Final

## BD to play in AFC U-20 qualifiers

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh will take part in the qualifying round of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) under-20 championship to be held in Pakistan over April 25 to 29.

Sri Lanka, the Maldives and hosts Pakistan are the other teams of Group 5 of the tournament. Bangladesh will play their first match against Sri Lanka on April 25, face the Maldives on April 27 and take on the hosts in the last match on April 29.

### FIXTURES

**Apr 25:** Bangladesh v Sri Lanka  
Pakistan v Maldives  
**Apr 27:** Bangladesh v Maldives  
Pakistan v Sri Lanka  
**Apr 29:** Maldives v Sri Lanka  
Bangladesh v Pakistan

## Sangakkara promoted

REUTERS, Colombo

Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya will have a new opening partner for a one-day tournament against Pakistan and New Zealand in Sharjah after Avishka Gunawardene was dropped from the squad announced on Tuesday.

Kumar Sangakkara, the team's regular wicketkeeper in Test cricket, looks set to open with Jayasuriya.

Batting lower in the order, Sangakkara has averaged 22 runs after 40 one-day internationals but his recent Test performances, including 230 scored against Pakistan earlier in March, have boosted his chances of moving up the order.

The Sharjah Cup opens on April 8, with the final on April 17.

After Sharjah, Sri Lanka will head to England to play three Tests and

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# Victoria vying for glory



SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club hogged the headlines of every sports pages in town once the inter-club cricketers' transfer started on Sunday.

Their sudden appearance as major title-contenders for the Premier Division Cricket League is not only aimed at celebrating the centenary year of the old club but also at contributing something to the game.

In a bid to revive their old glory, the Motiheel based club has already undertaken a series of different age group programmes along with their campaign for the glory at senior level.

The 99-year-old club surprised all on Monday by roping in major stars, including national skipper Khaled Mashud, for the forthcoming league.

Bangladesh opener Al-Shahriar, left-arm seamer Monjurul Islam and veteran all-rounder Enamul Hoque are the other star players who signed for Victoria.

Victoria, who are on final talks with talented Pakistan all-rounder Rashed Hanif, have bolstered their batting line-up further by ensuring the services of in-form former national opener Jahangir Alam, Sajjad Ahmed and wicket-keeper batsman wicketkeeper Golam

Mortuza. Shahnewaz Kabir has also showed his ability to share the pace attack alongside Monjurul.

The prestigious club are reported to have earmarked a budget of around Taka 50 lakh this year for cricket to pose a serious threat to traditional title-chasers Abahani and Mohammedan Sporting Club.

But the question that hangs on

president our big-budget scheme would continue," vowed the 50-year-old cricket organiser to The Daily Star Sport yesterday.

While disclosing his future plan for his club the sports-loving businessman said, "This is just the beginning of our new journey. We have already formed an under-13 team for the league. Next year we will go for under-15 team so that we can have a good resource for the future," he said.

Shafiq, who joined Victoria Club as a college student in the sixties, admitted that money plays the main role in luring big names of the game. "Since we have begun our new journey with a star-studded team we had to generate right kind of amount first."

Rahman disclosed that a combined effort from the members of the club, the just formed Cricket Committee in particular, has helped him immensely to raise such a big fund.

The club, on Tuesday, formed a strong 15-member cricket committee with Mohammad Ali Zahed and MA Kabir as its chairman and secretary respectively. A Ahmed Yusuf is the chief advisor to the committee.

A milad mahfil was held at the club premises on Tuesday afternoon.

Their cricketers will start practising at the Gulshan Youth Club ground from today.



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their bid is that how long Victoria would be able to carry on with their big budget project.

However, the club's new president Shafiqur Rahman appeared determined to do whatever he needs to do in reviving the old glory of Victoria, who once won the league title in 1975-75 season.

"Well it depends on the leadership. And as long as I remain the

# Mongia zaps Zim

## One-day series goes to India



AFP, Guwahati

Dinesh Mongia smashed a magnificent 159 not out for his maiden century to set up India's 101-run victory over Zimbabwe in the fifth and final one-day international on Tuesday.

The left-handed opener's 147-ball knock enabled the hosts to post a mammoth 333 for 6, their highest total against Zimbabwe in 41 one-day internationals and fourth-biggest overall.

Zimbabwe's response to the challenge was never threatening as they were bowled out for 232 to lose the series 3-2 after having given a good account of themselves in the previous matches.

The tourists, already buried under an avalanche of runs, were also penalised two overs for slow over-rate before succumbing to a big-total pressure.

Off-spinner Harbhajan Singh (4-33) and left-arm seamer Zaheer Khan (3-29) never allowed Zimbabwe to put up a sizeable stand.

Grant Flower (48), Dion Ebrahim (42), Heath Streak (38), Alistair Campbell (31) and Travis Friend (31) all contributed, but without raising their team's victory hopes.

Mongia batted Zimbabwe out of the match as he struck one six and 17 fours in his knock, the fourth-highest by an Indian in one-dayers after Sachin Tendulkar (186 not out), skipper Sourav Ganguly (183) and Kapil Dev (175 not out).

He received valuable support from another left-hander, Yuvraj Singh, who cracked a quick-fire 75 for his second successive half-century.

The left-handers exposed Zimbabwe's bowling limitations with a 158-run stand for the fifth wicket in just 18 overs to make sure India did not choke again in a big match after having lost nine deciders since April

1999. Man-of-the-match Mongia saw to it with his well-paced innings that India had plenty of wickets in hand to launch an all-out assault in the closing 10 overs, which produced 121 runs.

Yuvraj, who scored an unbeaten 80 in the previous match, again put the Zimbabwean attack to the sword as he struck three sixes and six fours in his 52-ball innings.

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A happy bunch of Indian cricketers pose with their trophies after defeating Zimbabwe in the deciding fifth one-day international in Guwahati on Tuesday.

# New kids on Indian block



REUTERS, Guwahati

Indian captain Sourav Ganguly praised India's new bunch of youngsters after completing a 3-2 one-day series victory over Zimbabwe on Tuesday.

Dinesh Mongia, 24, starred in the deciding fifth game by scoring an unbeaten 159 off just 147 balls to lead India to a 101-run win.

He shared in an explosive 158-run stand for the sixth wicket with 21-year-old Yuvraj Singh, who hammered 75 off 52 balls.

Yuvraj had also struck a match-winning 80 in the fourth match at Hyderabad on Saturday in a vital 94-run partnership with 21-year-old Mohammad Kaif, who had scored 68 for his second successive fifty.

"The youngsters played really well," Ganguly said at the end of the series.

"It's really good to see them doing well. Their presence improves the fielding standards and gives us natural energy."

India were missing the services

of star batsman Sachin Tendulkar and in-form Virender Sehwag, both out with injuries, but Kaif, Mongia and Yuvraj stepped into the breach.

Ganguly said: "The performance of our talented young players is certainly a big plus from this series."



MONGIA ... both m-o-m & m-o-s

Some of these guys will form a crucial part of next year's World Cup squad."

But Ganguly was not certain whether all of them would make it for India's Test and one-day series in West Indies starting early next

month. Indian selectors were originally scheduled to announce the side on March 13, but deferred it to Thursday to watch performances in the final two one-day games.

"It's difficult to say who will be picked for the tests against West Indies. Some of the other players have been doing well in the longer version of the game," Ganguly said.

"A few of the youngsters might still creep in."

Zimbabwe captain Stuart Carlisle said he was happy with his team's showing in the one-dayers.

"We came back strongly after losing the test series 2-0. The boys deserve a lot of credit," he told reporters.

"We should have played better today. The series end was disappointing but there were a lot of positives for us."

He added: "Our batsmen did brilliantly in the series and even the bowlers stood up very well. They got a hammering in today's match, but the team will learn from this experience."