

Warne likes England!

REUTERS, Melbourne  
Australia cricketer Shane Warne, whose leg-break bowling has demoralised England batsmen for a decade, has said he is supporting England in soccer's World Cup.  
"I don't know if I should be admitting this, but I've actually been supporting the Poms," Warne said in his Herald Sun newspaper column ahead of Friday's quarterfinal with Brazil.  
"It's a weird feeling yelling 'C'mon the Poms' at the TV."  
"But it would be good to see them win at least one thing and if they can get over Brazil on Friday, then the draw opens up for them."  
"Luck certainly has been on their side with Argentina and France dropping out."  
Warne said that like most England fans, his favourite player was captain David Beckham.  
"But Paul Scholes is a fiery type who appeals to me because he's got a bit of go in him," Warne said.  
"Michael Owen and Ashley Cole have been sensational to watch."

Windies recall A pacer from Eng

AFP, Bridgetown  
West Indies pace bowler Darren Powell has been recalled from an "A" tour of England to reinforce the bowling attack for the two-Test series against New Zealand starting on Friday.  
The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) said Powell would act as cover if any bowlers suffering from slight injuries were unable to play in the Tests.  
Leg-spinner Mahendra Nagamootoo, who has not played since being injured in a car crash two months ago, was also named in the squad for the opening Test at the Kensington Oval in Bridgetown.  
Merv Dillon, who missed the last one-day match against New Zealand on Sunday, also returns.  
Powell played for a University of West Indies XI against the Black Caps in Jamaica before the first limited overs match. West Indies won the series 3-1.  
Powell was playing for West Indies A team, which has just begun a tour of England.  
The second Test of the New Zealand series is to be contested at Grenada's Queen's Park Stadium, starting on June 29.

**SQUAD**  
Carl Hooper (captain), Brian Lara (vice captain), Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Pedro Collins, Cameron Cuffy, Mervyn Dillon, Chris Gayle, Ryan Hinds, Wavell Hinds, Ridley Jacobs, Mahendra Nagamootoo, Darren Powell, Adam Sanford, Ramnareesh Sarwan.



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Bangladesh cricket coach Mohsin Kamal (R) entertains a query from a reporter during a press conference at the BCB office yesterday. Also seen are (L-R) captain Khaled Mashud, selector Faruque Ahmed and chief selector Mainul Haq.

Minhaz ignored again

Lanka Test squad named

Cricket  
SPORTS REPORTER  
Veteran all-rounder Minhazul Abedin's dream of playing for the national team again was shattered when the selectors did not consider him for the two-match Test series against Sri Lanka next month.  
The fate of Minhaz was decided yesterday when the selectors announced a 15-member squad for Bangladesh's first away series against the islanders. The Test babes are scheduled to play two Test matches and three one-day internationals in between June 21 to July 7.  
The three-member selection committee, headed by Mainul Haq, ruled out the 37-year old former national captain after physio John Gloster declared him not fit enough to play at the international level.  
"He is without doubt a very good batsman, however he lacks mobility, agility and endurance. And so he cannot be considered fit for international matches," said the Australian during a press briefing at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.  
Chief selector Mainul Haq, selectors Asaduzzaman Misha, Faruque Ahmed, captain Khaled Mashud and newly appointed Pakistani coach Mohsin Kamal were present.  
Gloster also argued that it would be very tough for Minhaz to improve his fitness level at this age.  
The Gloster certificate means Minhaz's dream to don a Test cap is all but over.  
The hero of Bangladesh's suc-

cess in the 1999 England World Cup, Minhaz still forced the selectors to recall him in the preliminary squad by scoring more than 1,000 runs in the National League. He also performed gallantly in the one-day competition too.  
But it seemed there are wheels within wheels as the Gloster certificate was just eyewitness. Though the general view was that 37-year-old Minhaz is still physically capable, yet the experts found it necessary to call the wily Chittagonian and then swing the axe on the pretext of so called 'lack of mobility'.  
Gloster, who survived a shakeup following the dismissal of compatriot Trevor Chappell after Bangladesh's 3-0 whitewash in the home series against Pakistan, is only carrying out his duties on a tour-by-tour basis. The Surrey physio came under severe criticism when he passed a reportedly unfit young pacer Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza fit for the second Test against New Zealand in Wellington last December. The decision proved to be colossal loss for the emerging Test nation as the Narail tearaway has been sidelined for at least a year due to back and knee injuries.  
While the selectors continued their love-hate relationship with Minhaz, they have introduced four new faces in the squad.  
Opens Ehsanul Haque and Hannan Sarkar were rightly inducted on the strength of their prolific run-scoring in the domestic Leagues. Ehsanul and Hannan, the two young right handed openers who performed well in Bangladesh A team's last two tours in West Indies and Malaysia, replaced out of form Mehrab Hossain and injured Javed Omar.  
While two young pacers Alamgir Kabir and Talha Jubayer only earned Test call-ups to bolster the toothless bowling attack.  
Talha's promotion in the longer version came after an injury to right-arm pacer Mohammad Sharif.  
The selectors also kept faith in young right-hander Ashraful despite his abysmal showing in every Test since his century on debut against Sri Lanka during the Asian Test Championship last year.  
The team consists of eight batsmen, six bowlers, skipper Khaled Mashud is the lone wicketkeeper.  
"We have picked a complete squad that contains specialists in every department. After the Test series we will announce the one-day team. Four players from the six-man reserve list would be included," said Mainul Haq.  
Veteran left-arm spinner and a useful middle-order Enamul Hoque, Aminul Islam, Tushar Imran, opener Al-Shahriar, off spinner Fahim Muntasir and two pacers Monjurul Islam and Tareq Aziz Khan were retained for the trip.  
**SQUAD**  
Khaled Mashud, Habibur Bashar, Aminul Islam, Akram Khan, Al-Shahriar, Ehsanul Haque, Hannan Sarkar, Mohammad Ashraful, Tushar Imran, Fahim Muntasir, Enamul Hoque, Monjurul Islam, Tareq Aziz Khan, Alamgir Kabir and Talha Jubayer.  
**Standby:** Naimur Rahman, Mohammad Rafique, Khaled Mashud, Taposh Kumar Baishya, Alok Kapali and Anwar Hossain Munir.

Ticket touts' time

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"We are doing our best (to block touting)," said David Will, vice president of football's governing body FIFA.  
"We are working with security people here in Japan to try and stop this, but it is extremely difficult," he told AFP.  
Aside from corporate sponsors' tickets, each ticket bears an individual's name on which can be traced to an original source, making it harder for the scalpers to do business, said Will, but he conceded that "if someone buys four tickets then we can't stop them from selling them at an enormous price."  
"It's the same with any major sporting event unfortunately. Always some tickets get into the wrong hands and are sold at inflated prices... We are sorry this is happening."  
The presence of a name on the ticket is only a deterrent if the identity of the bearer is checked at the

gate, but pledges by World Cup organisers to do so have not been borne out in practice, meaning many people can enter the stadium with re-sold tickets, fans said.  
One thousand remaining, legitimate tickets have been offered to the Brazilian and English football associations respectively to sell to their fans, said Glenn Johnston, spokesman for Japan Organising Committee for the 2002 FIFA World Cup (JAWOC).  
"If they decide not to accept them they will be sold (over the Internet)," he said, adding that such tickets were rejected by the English and Danish football associations prior to their second round game last Saturday.  
All other extra tickets are being sold to the public through the FIFA website and by telephone but this has simply added to fans' desperation as the lines and servers have been totally overloaded.  
"I've already spent a fortune here

Showstopper Scolari

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since becoming coach of Brazil.  
During a Copa America match against Paraguay, Scolari celebrated a Brazilian goal by making an offensive gesture at the referee and was ordered from the bench.  
But in typical Scolari style, he wriggled out of having to watch the game from the stands. Instead, he hid on the stairs that lead down to the dressing rooms with only the top of his head above the surface and scuttled inside like a giant crab every time officials looked in his direction.  
Since then, he has mellowed so much that one reporter asked him what had happened to the old Scolari.  
"Do you want me to pull some faces," he replied, before insisting he was still the same.  
"When I pick a player for Brazil, I expect him to show the same qualities which prompted me to select him in the first place. And the same goes for me, I will continue to use the qualities which earned me the chance to coach Brazil."  
It is not just Scolari's behaviour that has been transformed.  
As a club coach, Scolari had a reputation for turning workmanlike teams into title-winners through dedication, hard work and tactical obedience.  
He was a champion with Al Qadsia in Kuwait in 1990. In 1994 and 1996 he enjoyed success back

in Brazil with Gremio, winning the Copa Libertadores and the Recopa, a South American 'super-cup'.  
With Palmeiras, he then won the national cup and the Mercosur Cup in 1998, the Libertadores in 1999 and the Rio-Sao Paulo tournament in 2000.  
Early last year he added the Minas state cup with Cruzeiro before taking over from Emerson Leao as Brazil coach with the team floundering in their early World Cup qualifiers.  
He is seen as a specialist in the art of winning knockout matches.  
Having taken over Brazil with the team at a low ebb one year ago, his first move was to do the same as he had at his clubs. It worked and, under Scolari, Brazil avoided the catastrophe of not qualifying for the World Cup.  
When he picked his squad for the finals, Scolari said he wanted his team to be a family -- from which veteran striker Romario, who has a reputation for being a disruptive influence, was left out.  
He is also protective of his 'family'. He may give his players hell from the touchline but when the media criticises them, he defends them to the hilt.  
Scolari, however, has done something at the World Cup that he has never tried before in his career -- gambled on the individual talents of his players.  
His Brazil team look excellent going forward and shaky at the back.  
But rather than a change in philosophy, Scolari is simply proving once again that he is a pragmatist who will use whatever method he considers most suitable to win a tournament -- be it good, bad or ugly.  
The man who has always built his team on the pillars of marking, strong defending and teamwork this week talked of improvisation and the talent of his players as the key to winning Friday's quarter-final showdown with England.  
"I would never inhibit the creativity of a player," he said. "Maybe a piece of improvisation could be decisive on Friday."  
"Our forwards have a lot of qualities and they can all play in various part of the pitch, they can change positions and this helps the coach a lot," he added.  
Should he land the prize Scolari will prove correct the president of the Brazilian Football Federation Ricardo Teixeira, who insisted in May he had the right man for the post.  
"Felipao' is the best coach in the world and I want to continue working with him after the World Cup," Teixeira said.

Green Delta Hockey Wari blanked by Railway

BSS, Dhaka  
Bangladesh Railway thrashed Wari Club 4 goals to nil in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.  
Railway opened the scoring after 25 minutes through a field goal by Monirul Alam. Sudheer doubled the gap six minutes later.  
Sudheer again struck in the 62nd minute, this time from a penalty corner, while Sahinul Islam made it 4-0 five minutes from the final whistle.

Pakistan agree to go down under

AFP, Brisbane  
Pakistan admitted Wednesday their upcoming Test and one-day series might have to be switched to Australia because of continued concern over security.  
"We have given it serious consideration and it will be discussed with Australian officials in London. We know the situation is difficult," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) official Brigadier Munawwar Rana said from Karachi.  
The plan will be discussed at next week's International Cricket Council executive meeting in London.  
Pakistan were scheduled to stage a one-day series against Australia and New Zealand in September and October, followed by a Test series against Australia.  
New Zealand cut short its tour of Pakistan last month after a suicide bomb blast outside the team's hotel in Karachi left 14 people dead, including 11 Frenchmen.  
Another deadly blast outside the US consulate on Friday that left 10 people dead and injured more than 50 could be the final death knell for the series.  
Australian captain Steve Waugh and star bowlers Shane Warne and Glen McGrath have already said they do not want to tour in Pakistan.  
Australian Cricket Board officials said last week the series with Pakistan could be switched to Australia although cricket authorities in Sharjah have also offered to host the series.

Irish champions

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camps and had many predicting an ignominious early exit, but the turmoil was quickly forgotten as the team showed their fighting spirit in negotiating the first round undefeated.  
"Morale's very good, it always has been," said striker Robbie Keane, whose late equalisers against Germany and Spain gave him the status recently enjoyed by his -- unrelated -- namesake.  
Veteran Niall Quinn, who announced his retirement from international soccer after Sunday's defeat, told reporters gathered at Dublin Airport the World Cup experience had been "brilliant".  
"We wanted to be there a week or two longer but it's good to be back," said the 35-year-old forward.  
Ireland, who reached the quarter-finals in their first World Cup finals appearance in 1990 after a famous penalty shoot-out victory over Romania, felt they were unlucky to be eliminated in the time round in soccer's cruellest final act.  
"We felt we had done enough in the game to go through," said goalkeeper Shay Given. "When it comes down to penalties in the end it's a lottery."  
But despite the disappointment it was all smiles at Phoenix Park, where a noisy, flag-waving crowd enjoyed a free concert headlined by Irish boy band Westlife. Before appearing on stage the players had been welcomed home by Irish President Mary McAleese at her official residence nearby.

Guus revolution

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the only way to prepare and in 2002 his squad has gelled.  
In the World Cup group stage, they beat Poland 2-0, dominated before drawing 1-1 with the United States and stunned Portugal 1-0.  
One of the key changes introduced by the coach was that players from Korean club sides had to be available for World Cup preparations, giving him about four months to work with them as a unit.  
South Korea went seven matches without defeat, a streak ended only by a come-from-behind win by Cup champions France in a warm-up last month.  
"I must give credit to these players, they keep on fighting but also tactically they have learned a lot in these weeks and that's incredible," Hiddink said.  
On Saturday he will take the surprising South Koreans into battle against a Spain squad laden with his former charges at Real Madrid.  
Regardless of the outcome, Hiddink is expected to receive offers from top national and club sides.  
A campaign to offer Hiddink South Korean citizenship shows how badly the team's Red Devil fans hope he can resist.

Cup odds

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Rival bookmaker Ladbrokes had Brazil at 2-1, followed by England, Germany and Spain at 7-2, South Korea 14-1, Senegal 16-1, Turkey 18-1 and the United States 33-1.  
Ladbrokes said South Korea had been 150-1 outsiders before the tournament.

Shoaib sinks Aussies



Cricket  
AFP, Brisbane  
Superb pace bowling from Shoaib Akhtar steered Pakistan to a 91-run win over Australia in the third and deciding one-day international at the Gabba Ground on Wednesday.  
A late rally from Yousuf Youhana and Wasim Akram steered Pakistan to 256 for seven wickets in their 50 overs -- and the visitors then dismissed Australia for 165 in just 40 overs to take out the series 2-1.  
"It was a total team effort," said Pakistan captain Waqar Younis.  
Akram trapped Matthew Hayden, returning to the Australian team after the birth of his first child, for just five, to give the visitors a bright start -- and the Australian batsmen never really recovered from the early setback.  
Akhtar claimed four for 16 off six fiery and accurate overs to lift Pakistan into an impregnable position.  
Shahid Afridi then helped wrap up the tail, claiming Shane Warne for 31 and Andy Bichel for a duck to finish with two for 30 from his 10 overs.  
Akhtar returned to dismiss Jason Gillespie for no score and finished with five for 25 from eight overs.  
"I just tried to concentrate on taking wickets rather than just bowling fast," said Akhtar, who was named man of the match and man of the series.  
Shane Watson top-scored for Australia with an unbeaten 44 but his teammates' batting was poor.  
Youhana and Wasim earlier shared an unbeaten 88-run partnership, lifting Pakistan from 168 for seven to a formidable total.  
Youhana's unbeaten 61 came from 134 balls while veteran Wasim scored 49 from just 32 deliveries, including a pair of towering sixes off

the penultimate over.  
Akram, who joined India's Mohammad Azharuddin as the most capped limited-overs player with 334 one-day international appearances, twice smashed Glenn McGrath deliveries into the stands. McGrath's final over cost Australia 23 runs.  
Opener Imran Nazir top-scored for the tourists with 66 from 97 deliveries but the innings then stalled and it was not until the eighth-wicket pair came together that Pakistan lifted their pace.



SHOAIB AKHTAR  
Spinner Warne, with two for 42 from 10 overs, was the best of the largely indiscriminate Australian bowlers. All-rounder Watson conceded 46 runs off just five overs.  
Australian veteran Darren Lehmann was taken to hospital when he was struck on the left cheek trying to field a delivery from his own bowling.  
Lehmann was sporting a blood-shot left eye when he left the field but he returned to the ground late in Pakistan's innings. He was dismissed for a duck when Australia batted.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third and final one-day international between

Australia and Pakistan at the Gabba in Brisbane yesterday:

**PAKISTAN**

Nazir c Warne b Lehmann	66
Anwar lbw Warne	26
Youhana not out	61
Inzamam lbw Warne	13
Younis c Gilchrist b Gillespie	2
Latif c Gilchrist b Bichel	2
Mahmood run out	6
Afridi run out	14
Akram not out	49
Extras: (lb-4, w-11, nb-2)	17
Total: (For 7 wkts in 50 overs)	256
Fall of wickets: 1-94, 2-108, 3-133, 4-136, 5-139, 6-153, 7-168	

**Bowler**

O	M	R	W	
McGrath	10	3	48	0
Gillespie	10	0	43	1
Bichel	8	0	47	1
Watson	5	0	46	0
Warne	10	1	42	2
Lehmann	2.3	0	7	1
Marty	4.3	0	19	0

**AUSTRALIA**

Gilchrist run out	20
Hayden lbw Wasim	5
Ponting b Shoaib	14
Marty c Saeed b Shoaib	10
Lehmann b Shoaib	0
Bevan c Rashid b Shoaib	10
Watson not out	44
Marty b Afridi	31
Bichel c Shoaib b Afridi	0
Gillespie lbw Shoaib	0
McGrath c Latif b Waqar	3
Extras: (b-9, lb-7, nb-7, w-5)	165
Total: (All out in 40 overs)	165
Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-44, 3-44, 4-52, 5-65, 6-83, 7-140, 8-142, 9-142	

**Bowler**

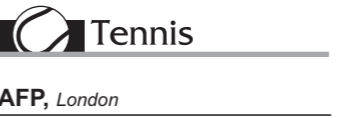
O	M	R	W	
Akram	7	0	27	1
Waqar	8	0	41	1
Akhtar	8	1	25	5
Mahmood	7	0	26	0
Afridi	10	2	30	2

**Result: Pakistan won the match by 91 runs and series 2-1. Man-of-the-match and man-of-the-series: Shoaib Akhtar.**



As part of the FIFA declared Juvenile Football Day on June 19, Bangladesh Football Federation and UNICEF jointly organised a day-long competition at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Picture shows Prantik Krira Chakra and Dragon Krira Chakra players fighting it out in the middle.

Tricky opener for Hewitt



Tennis  
AFP, London  
Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras and Tim Henman have emerged big winners from the men's draw for the Wimbledon Grand Slam tournament from June 24 to July 7 made here Tuesday, but top seed Lleyton Hewitt has not fared so well.  
Australian world number one Hewitt, who beat Henman to lift his third Queen's final Sunday, faces a tricky start to his bid for his first Wimbledon crown against accomplished serve and volleyer Jonas Bjorkman.  
Although Hewitt holds a 4-0 record against the Swede, three meetings have been very tight, and they have never met on grass.

Hewitt, Henman and Switzerland's Roger Federer are all in the top half of the draw, but although the trio are among the favourites it is notable that there are no former champions or finalists in this half of the draw.  
Reigning Australian Open Champion, Thomas Johansson, who won the grass court tournaments at Halle and Nottingham last year, will also be hoping to come through from this side.  
Seven-time champion Sampras; 1992 champion Agassi and 1996 champion Richard Krajicek, making his return to the All England Club after eighteen months out of tennis with an elbow injury, all line up in the bottom half of the draw.  
Marat Safin, the second seed goes up against 1997 finalist Cedric Pioline of France, while Julien



Inqilab photo journalist Shafiuddin (R), who won the table tennis trophy of the annual sports competition of Narayanjanj Press Club, receives his award from State Minister for Textile Mizanur Rahman Sinha yesterday.