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Erik Nilsson of Sweden and Alfred Bickel of Switzerland are the only men to have played in the World Cup both before and after World War II. They both appeared in 1938 and 1950.

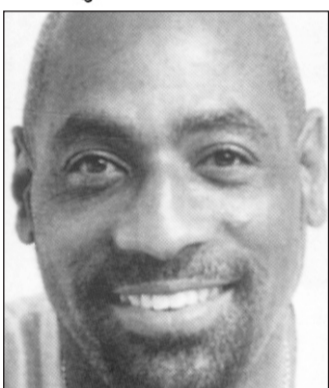


### ESPN

Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Repeat at 6:30 am  
Western Union World Football  
Repeat at 2:00 pm  
**England vs India**  
Eighth ODI, NatWest Series  
Live at 3:45 pm

### STAR Sports

England vs Sri Lanka  
First ODI, NatWest Series  
Highlights  
Taped Version at 12:30 pm  
Futbol Mundial  
Repeat at 3:30 pm  
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Day 13, Men's Singles Final  
Repeat at 4:00 pm  
**Sportline Tonight**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm



## Vivian Richards

(Windies' chairman of selectors) "We need to learn more about putting in a collective performance rather than playing in bursts. We must observe the way New Zealand played right through the team."

After West Indies losing the Test

### Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 175

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- What was the result of the 2002 World Cup final between Brazil and Germany?  
2-1     1-0     2-0
- Who won the Golden Ball award?  
Rivaldo     Miroslav Klose  
Oliver Kahn
- Who became the top scorer in the 2002 World Cup?  
Balack     Ronaldo Cafu  
Ronaldo     Ronaldo Cafu
- How many goals did Ronaldo score during the 2002 World Cup finals?  
8     9     7
- Name the former coach of the South Korean national football team.  
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School Address: .....  
Phone: (if any) .....

## Inter-service football

**BSS, Jessore**  
The Bangladesh Army and the Bangladesh Air Force moved into the final of inter service football championship which will be held at the BAF Base Matur Rahman on Wednesday. The match between the Bangladesh Navy and Bangladesh Air Force ended in a goalless draw on Sunday.

## Ashrafu Asghar's choice

Cricket  
SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) director Syed Ashrafu Huq will act as temporary secretary of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) when president elect Ali Asghar takes up his job.

Ashrafu will continue to discharge his duties until a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is appointed, revealed BCB president Ali Asghar to The Daily Star Sport yesterday.

Asghar has been selected as the new ACC boss last week on the rotation policy of the organisation. He will take over the ACC reins in Pakistan next month from outgoing chief and Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) president Gen Tauqir Zia.

Apart from Ashrafu, Habibur Rahman, a FCA, would act as the treasurer also on temporary basis.

"They will assist me in ACC till I appoint a permanent CEO and Finance Manager," said Asghar.

"We three would go to Pakistan next month to bring all the ACC documents from PCB," said Asghar, who returned home from London on Saturday after attending the annual general meeting of the ACC.

He also disclosed that a development manager and an event manager would also be appointed for ACC headquarters.

Bandula Warnapura are the four candidates for the post.

When contacted Ashrafu said, "ACC is going to be a miniature form of ICC. Four senior staffs would run the organisation."

When asked whether all those four officials of ACC would be selected from Bangladesh, the reputed cricket organiser said it was not necessary.

"We are looking for capable guys who would be based in Kuala Lumpur and run the ACC headquarters. If the president does not get any body suitable from Bangladesh, he might pick people from other countries," he said. "It's going to a permanent establishment and the appointments would also be made on permanent basis."

Asghar meanwhile disclosed that the International Cricket Council (ICC) has agreed to bring four Bangladesh match officials on their international panel.

ICC initially declined to include any Bangladeshi in their panel on ground of lack of experience.

But during the ICC meeting in London last month, the game's world governing body finally gave in.

"There would be two umpires, a third umpire and a match referee, from Bangladesh in ICC's international panel. We would send the names very soon," he said.

"I need their help to set up the ACC headquarter in Dhaka from Pakistan. The ACC office is to function here temporarily and would be shifted to Kuala Lumpur once its permanent office is built," said



ALI ASGHAR

Asghar to The Daily Star Sport. It would take only a few months to get the permanent ACC office in Malaysia ready.

All four Test playing countries of Asia have submitted their nominations for the lucrative post of CEO. Bangladesh's Ashrafu, Pakistan Cricket Board's outgoing director Brigadier Munawwar Rana, India's Amrit Mathur and Sri Lanka's

## Cricket-crazy school!

AFP, Bangalore

An all-boys school in India's southern city of Bangalore has become the first in the country to include the nation's favourite sport, cricket, as a part of its syllabus, an official said Monday.

"The sport will be introduced as a full-fledged discipline next week," Father Michael John, principal of St Joseph's Boys High School, told the news agency.

"We are planning to give 100 marks for theory and 100 marks for practical as it will be a compulsory subject," he said.

John said in the first stage cricket as a discipline would be introduced in the fifth year (aged about 10) and within a couple of years it will carry

on up to the 10th grade (about 15).

"This school is known for its cricketers. Rahul Dravid studied here," John said referring to the star Indian batsman and vice-captain nicknamed "The Wall" for his classical style of defending.

Currently two players from Bangalore, Dravid and leg-spinner Anil Kumble, are part of the Indian team touring England.

About 160 students studying in the fifth standard will be evaluated every month for their skills such as batting, bowling and fielding.

"They will also be assessed for their desire, self-confidence, aggressiveness, emotional stability and mental toughness by a course designed by a former fast bowler from England, Frank Tyson," John

said.

"Every week there will be two classes held for the students," he said. The Indian Certificate of Secondary Education, an autonomous body which mostly oversees private education in India, plans to introduce cricket as an academic discipline in schools by 2005.

"The school thought of taking a lead in the matter as we already have well-known cricketers and commentators from the state. The body can take this as a pilot project and use it to suit its needs," John said.

"We are not looking at producing 11 cricket players for the Indian team but to build good character in a pleasant way," he said.

## ICC to meet in Pakistan

AFP, Islamabad

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has confirmed a meeting of its development committee to be held in Pakistan during October, an official said Monday.

"ICC has confirmed to us that its cricket development committee meeting will be held in Pakistan on October 20 and 21," Asian Cricket Council (ACC) development manager Zakir Hussain Syed told the news agency.

The venue of the meeting will either be Lahore or Islamabad.

Foreign teams have shown reservations in touring the violence-hit country and if the game's governing body holds the meeting as scheduled, it will be the first assembly of cricket's international delegates in Pakistan.

The ICC had to shift its Executive Committee meeting from Lahore to Malaysia shortly after the September 11 terror attacks in the United States.

In May, New Zealand cut short its tour of Pakistan after a suicide bomb blast outside their hotel in Karachi which killed 14 people, including 11 French naval engineers.

Australia's two tours to Pakistan - in August-September for a tri-nation series also involving New Zealand, and a Test tour in October - are set to be shifted to neutral venues due to security fears.

"ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed will chair the meeting in which major development issues of the game will be discussed," Zakir said.

## Oops, Orchard!



DAVID ORCHARD

Umpire David Orchard endured an ignominious day's work after he turned up late for the England-Sri Lanka triangular series one-day international at Old Trafford.

South African Orchard, 54, mistakenly thought the match was a day-night affair starting in the afternoon and only rushed to the ground after an SOS call in the morning.

He arrived after four overs of Sri Lanka's innings to take over from third umpire Jeremy Lloyds. Sri Lanka won the match by 23 runs.

## Lifebuoy soccer

BSS, Dhaka

Ekushey Television defeated The New Nation by a solitary goal in the Lifebuoy-Community Football Tournament at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Ajker Kagaj beat Channel-I 1-0 in the second match of the day.

The last two matches were held at the Handball Ground of Paltan Maidan due to unplayable condition.

The Independent beat Bangladesh Patra 1-0 and Bhorer Dak defeated Bhorer Kagaj 2-1.

## C'wealth Games Indo-Pak hockey clash on cards

AFP, New Delhi

Moves are afoot to grant India a last-minute entry into the field hockey event of the Commonwealth Games, raising hopes of an eagerly-awaited clash with arch-rivals Pakistan, officials said today.

India were left out in the cold after Pakistan were given the lone berth from Asia in the eight-team men's event at the Manchester Games starting on July 25.

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) nominated India as the first stand-by in case any of the eight teams withdrew, a prospect that appears likely with reports that Barbados may not be able to field a team.

"We are awaiting confirmation from the organisers," said Randhir Singh, a senior official of the Indian Olympic Association.

"I have already sounded out the Indian hockey officials about this. We should know for certain this week."

Defending champions Australia head both the men's and women's events to be played at the Belle Vue Leisure Centre in downtown Manchester.

## Imran for Mandela help

Cricket  
BBC ONLINE, London

Imran Khan has urged world cricket's governing body to push ahead with plans to ask Nelson Mandela to mediate between India and Pakistan.

Military action in the disputed territory of Kashmir has seen the Indian government refuse to allow its side to play their neighbours in the last two years.

"For the revival of cricket between Pakistan and India, the core issue of Kashmir needs to be addressed," the former Pakistan captain told BBC Sport Online.

"And Nelson Mandela should be used as a mediator."

The International Cricket Council (ICC) last week suggested it was still considering approaching the former South African president to help restore ties between the two nations.

Imran, preparing for October's national elections with his political party Movement for Justice, said that the Kashmir issue was at the core of the problem.

"I am also ready to help as mediator but until and unless the Kashmir



IMRAN KHAN

issue is solved, cricket cannot be played continuously," he said. "I know a lot of people in Indian

cricket and can use my influence but if anything were to happen in India cricket would stop again."

The boycott has kept the ICC's 10-year tour programme in limbo as all 10 Test playing countries are required to play each other at home and away.

At the recent ICC executive board meeting in London, Pakistan refused to sign up to the plan until there is an about turn from the Indian government.

But ICC president elect Ehsan Mani believes that a deal will be reached sooner rather than later.

Speaking on a BBC Sport Online forum on Sunday, the Pakistani, who takes up his role full-time next June, said he expected the countries to be playing by then.

"There is a huge amount of goodwill between the two cricket boards and they are keen to resume ties," he said.

"But there is a lot going on in the background to resolve this."

## Race quota goes in SA

Cricket  
AFP, Pretoria

South Africa's cricket authorities have scrapped a controversial quota system requiring at least one black player in the national team, Beeld newspaper reported Monday.

The decision, taken by the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCB) at the weekend, also scrapped the compulsory inclusion of at least four players of colour in the country's 11 provincial sides, the Afrikaans daily said.

Percy Sonn, UCB President said South African cricket has developed so well over the past three years that it has reached the target set for the inclusion of black players, barred by apartheid which ended with democratic elections in 1994, from playing in the team.

"This success means that we can now with confidence move away from transformation dictated by (racial) numbers to one that's driven by ownership, a sense of responsibility and team spirit," Sonn said.

In future all team members will be chosen on merit, Sonn added.

"We have seen enough change to be filled with confidence that teams can be chosen on merit and that there are enough quality players of colour who can make the team on merit to ensure no senior team will be prescribed by quotas," he said.

Sonn added that the transformation would continue however, with all provincial B teams, and all B teams lower than provincial level needing to select black players to fill 50 per cent of the positions.

Racial quotas in South African cricket sparked huge debates in the country following the Protea's Test and one-day drubbing by Australia earlier this year, including dissatisfaction from many former national players, who said quota selection did not necessarily result in the best team.

South Africa was allowed back as a full member of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in 1991 after a 30-year absence and in the following year went to the West Indies to play a one Test series in Barbados, which they lost by 25 runs.

## Sachin loses his granny

AFP, New Delhi

India's cricket superstar Sachin Tendulkar put aside the grief of his grandmother's death to prepare for a one-day international in England, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said on Monday.

Tendulkar's grandmother, Indumati Tendulkar, who lived with the cricketer at his home in Bombay, died in her sleep early Monday at the age of 92.

Given the option to skip nets ahead of Tuesday's match against England at the Oval, Tendulkar decided to join his team-mates at practice, saying it would help him keep his mind off the tragedy, PTI reported.

During the 1999 World Cup in England, Tendulkar lost his father, Ramesh, and decided to return home for the funeral.

He missed one match, against Sri Lanka, but returned to England on the advice of his mother to score a match-winning century in the next game against Kenya.

Tendulkar is widely regarded as the best batsman in modern cricket with 29 Test and 32 one-day centuries to his credit.

## Unhappy Hussain

Cricket  
REUTERS, Manchester

Nasser Hussain has warned his "clumsy" England side against complacency after they slumped to a 23-run defeat to Sri Lanka in the triangular series one-day international.

Chasing a victory target of 230, England collapsed from 100 for two to 206 all out in 47.4 overs at Old Trafford.

Although England have already qualified for the final against India at Lord's on Saturday, captain Hussain insisted the result was a blow.

"Every player in our dressing room should be gutted by that," he told reporters.

"It was a match we should have, and could have, won."

"I believe everyone was up for it, but there is no question that every game we play is important, no matter what the circumstances.

"That's the way I look at it...you

can't treat matches differently and now we have to pick ourselves up for the next one."

England meet India at The Oval on Tuesday.

Hussain was less than



NASSER HUSSAIN

impressed by the manner of England's defeat, as Sri Lanka, who made 229 all out off 49.4 overs, recorded their first victory of the competition.

"We were clumsy...their score was a good one, but we gave away soft dismissals when we batted," said Hussain.

"We had a word beforehand and said we needed to make the most of the first 15 overs...we did that and we were strolling it at 100 for two."

"We had them where we wanted but whether it was us giving it to them or them working hard for it, things changed."

Sri Lanka coach Dav Whatmore welcomed the win but criticised the schedule imposed on his team in the series.

Their defeat to India at Edgbaston on Saturday -- their fourth in succession -- ended their chances of making the final.

"Playing back-to-back is hard. We tried to change the schedule before the tournament," Whatmore said.

"We got to Manchester from Birmingham at 9.30 pm (2030 GMT) on Saturday night...all over the world we are trying to change that sort of schedule.

"But the players did themselves proud."

## Morientes not perturbed

Football  
INTERNET, Madrid

Real Madrid striker Fernando Morientes claims he is unconcerned by reports linking him with a move away from the club.

"These rumours happen every summer and I do not read anything into any of them. The fact that I have scored three goals in the World Cup does not mean that the stories will stop," he said.

"Real Madrid has always been like this," the former Real Zaragoza forward continued.

"Everything that happens at the club is greatly exaggerated. One day you can be a hero and the next nobody wants you to play. But you just have to trust in your own ability."

Before the World Cup, Morientes looked set to be on his way out of the Bernabeu as the club declared they were looking to sign a new striker.

But three goals in three games for Spain have forced the Champions' League winners into a rethink, with general manager Jorge Valdano now claiming that he did not consider letting El Moro leave.

Last week Ronaldo, who has insisted he is not looking for a move away from Internazionale, was the

latest striker to be linked with the club, but Morientes refused to let the speculation affect him.

"Real Madrid must always strive to have the best players in the world and Ronaldo is the best striker, so everyone talks about him," he said.

Morientes has been linked with Roma in the Spanish press, but he



FERNANDO MORIENTES

revealed that he has no intention of quitting the European Champions.

"I would be more worried if the club wanted to sell me and there was absolutely no club that wanted to sign me," he said.

"I am not at all worried because I know that if I were to leave then there would be another big team

that would want me and that is pleasing."

"I have the heart of a Madrlista, but I also realise that football does not begin and end with Real Madrid."

## Schools Chess Sagar occupies top spot

SPORTS REPORTER

National sub-junior champion Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar was leading a group of 26 players in the Class 6-10 group table of the Standard Chartered Bank Schools Chess Tournament at the end of the second round yesterday.

Sagar beat Subrata to maintain his position at the NSC chess room.

Four Indian players -- Rahul Sangma, Suparna Ghosh, Sumit Rao and Amritesh Roy sharing the limelight with Sagar in the group.

Besides, five girls were leading the girls' group table while six boys were leading the boy's Class 1-5 group.

The third round begins today at 3 pm.



England's Alec Stewart waits to see if the ball reaches the boundary as Sri Lankan wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara looks on during the NatWest Series match at Old Trafford on July 7.

PHOTO: AFP