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someone loses an eye' is from Ancient Rome. The only rule during wrestling matches was, 'no eye gouging!' Biting, kicking and scratching was allowed, but the only way to be disqualified was to poke

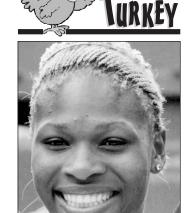


#### **ESPN**

Sportscentre Hindi Sport News Repeat at 6:30 am England vs India Eighth ODI, NatWest Series Repeat at 8:00 am Sportscentre Hindi Sport News Live at 8:30 pm

#### **STAR Sports**

England vs Sri Lanka Third ODI, NatWest Series Highlights Taped Version at 1:30 pm England vs Sri Lanka Fourth ODI. NatWest Series Highlights Taped Version at 3:30 pm **Sportsline Toniaht** Sport News Live at 8:00 pm Harsha Online Cricket Talk Show Same Day Delay at 11:00 pm



#### Serena Williams (American tennis star)

"Tennis is like boxing. If you lose your focus you could be knocked out. think may be also in tennis, before you know it you could be down 5-0."



The Haily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm July 19, 2002 and draw

shortly afterwards What was the result of the 2002

World Cup final between Brazil 2. Who won the Golden Ball

3. Who became the top scorer in the 2002 World Cup?

Michael Ronaldo Cafu 4. How many goals did Ronaldo score during the 2002 World

5. Name the former coach of the South Korean national football

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### England 128/2

SPORTS REPORTER England were 128 for two in 21 overs after India elected to field in their NatWest triangular series

yesterday. Andrew Flintoff was batting on 36, while Ronnie Irani Rain prevented play commencing at the scheduled start time and the bad weather saw the match, which got underway four hours

late, reduced from 50 overs per

match at The Oval in London

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud answers to a query during the Bangladesh Cricket Board's press briefing on

## Hopes pinned on fitness

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

New Bangladesh cricket coach Mohsin Kamal is counting on a 'fivestar' diet and the motivation state of his charges to survive five days of Test cricket against Sri Lanka.

Bangladesh cricket team leave for Sri Lanka this afternoon to play their maiden series -- two Tests and three one-day internationals -against the islanders. The Pakistani coach claimed at a

press briefing yesterday that his team is now much more motivated and physically fit to face the big boys of international cricket. "In the last one month. I concen-

trated mostly on motivating the boys as we were confined to indoors. What I did was to make them start believing in themselves. Now I think you would see the team play with a different and positive approach," Kamal told the media at the Bangabandhu National Stadium

Captain Khaled Mashud, cricket manager ASM Faruque, tour manager Mahmud UI Hag and physio John Gloster were also present.

In their previous 11 Test appearances since getting the senior status in June 2000, Bangladesh lost eight matches inside three days. The Test babes faced Sri Lanka once before in the Asian Test Championship last September and were thrashed by an innings and 137 runs in three days, giving the Lankans their biggest ever Test win. "That won't happen this time

because of the level of fitness. It has improved a lot after we let them have proper diet at the Sheraton Hotel for a week," said Kamal. Defending his decision to keep

cricketers in the posh hotel during their training, he added that the diet was prescribed by physio John Gloster and it was not possible to expect those dishes at the BKSP. "It (staying in a five star hotel) has

also given a good boost to their morale. Because, we tried to avail them the best available training facilities and diet," the Pakistani said.

About his strategy to encounter bowling wizard like Muralitharan, Kamal said, "I told my boys to play Murali as an ordinary off-spinner and not to think that he is one of the best

Captain Mashud also promised to put up a better performance despite the absence of two frontline bowlers -- Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza and Mohammad Sharif. Both the right-arm seamers are nursing their long-standing injuries.

"Of course they are our strike bowlers. But then you have to live with the reality. We have some young bowlers who are waiting to prove their mettle in this tour. If they click and our experienced batsmen can bat a bit, we are going to do wel this time," said the skipper.

Physio Gloster meanwhile claimed that his special recipe prepared at the Sheraton Hotel helped cricketers gain better fitness this time.

"In most of the categories of fitness level, we are now equal to teams like Australia and South Africa," said Gloster, whose salary has been increased by USD 500 recently.

Widely accused of aggravating pace sensation Mashrafee's injury, Gloster said he made the most of SEE PAGE 15 COL 1

# India go down under in Dec

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP. undated

India will play two Tests and seven one-day internationals on an 11match tour of New Zealand at the end of the year, New Zealand Cricket said on Tuesday.

India will arrive in early December and play two warm-up matches, including a three-day game against the Central Districts provincial team, before the first Test in Wellington starting on December

New Zealand Cricket chief executive Martin Snedden said that both Tests would be played before Christmas with the limited-overs series starting on December 26 in

The second Test will be played in Hamilton from December 19.

The one-day international (ODI) series of seven matches will start on December 26 and includes five day-"Both teams feel that, with the

World Cup so close, an extended one-day series will be beneficial to

**ITINERARY** Dec 4: Festival game vs Max Blacks Dec 6-8: Three-day game vs Central Districts Dec 12-16: First Test Wellington Dec 19-23: Second Test, Hamilton Dec 26: 1st ODI, Auckland (D/N) Dec 29: 2nd ODI, Napier Jan 1: 3rd ODI, Christchurch (D/N) .lan 4: 4th ODI Queenstown Jan 8: 5th ODI Wellington (D/N) Jan 11: 6th ODI, Auckland (D/N) Jan 14: 7th ODI, Hamilton

their preparation," Snedden said.

"Given the time frame that we are working within and the desire of both teams to gain some valuable World Cup preparation by playing an extended one-day series, we have decided to allow for this by scheduling the two Test matches before Christmas," Snedden said in a

New Zealand will be hosting a seven-match one-day series for the first time. India will also be playing seven matches against the West Indies at home before the New Zealand tour.

The tour will see the first ever one-day international match played at the scenic tourist town of Queenstown in the South Island.

The World Cup will be held in in February-March next year

South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya

## Hussain undecided as yet

Cricket

AFP, London

England captain Nasser Hussain said again Tuesday that he would not make a decision about his international future until after the winter Ashes tour of Australia and

the subsequent World Cup in South Hussain gave a hint that he might step down after the World Cup earlier in the year.

And while he waited for the rain to cease here at The Oval and allow England's triangular one-day series match against India to get underway, Hussain insisted that England's recent improved form had not changed his mind.

"I looked at the itinerary a year ago and I said I didn't want to opt out of any of it, I wanted to do everything up to the World Cup and I would look at it again then," he explained.

"I'm really enjoying the job, I enjoyed the tours to India and New Zealand and we have played some really good cricket over the last few

"The only really dreadful series we've had unfortunately was against Australia last summer. We've played some decent cricket but not against the side we wanted

to impress the most and Australia went home thinking it was the same old England.'

Hussain, 34, said a key factor in whether he would carry on would be the extent to which he felt he was making a major difference to the "I'm really enjoying working with

the coach and seeing the young players come in and do well," Essex



**NASSER HUSSAIN** batsman Hussain admitted.

"A lot will depend if I am contrib-

uting to the side and if the side is better for having me in it, and that will be the acid Test this winter, how we do in the Ashes and the World

"I would like to go to Australia

and still be in the Ashes after three Tests. I want to go to Melbourne for the Boxing Day Test and look

Australia in the eye and say 'come

"In my time we've always won a Test after the series is over, winning one at the Oval or in Melbourne and we've never ever been close to winning the series. Last week England coach

Duncan Fletcher said he wanted Hussain to carry on as captain, a post he has held since succeeding Alec Stewart in 1999.

Fletcher said potential skippers Marcus Trescothick and Michael Vaughan were not yet ready for the "I would be keen to persuade

Nasser to carry on," said Fletcher. "He's done a great job, I enjoy working with him and we pair off well because we have different ways of working," the former Zimbabwe captain added "He has a great cricket brain on

him and I still think it's too early for the guys we have waiting to do his job -- players like Michael Vaughan and Marcus Trescothick still have to develop their game. "They are very good players even now, but I just don't think peo-

ple appreciate what captaincy is

all about and how big a strain it can

### Proteas pick 18 for Morocco tourney

Henry and new coach Eric Simons, also a former international all-rounder, are expected to drop three or four players from the squad which will travel to Tangiers on August 12 for a tournament also featuring Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

"When we reduce the squad we will take everything into account, including fitness," Henry said. "We have not yet decided on the size of the squad."

Fourteen of the 18 players will gather for a winter training camp in Durban from July 17-19 before meeting again at the end of July.

Captain Shaun Pollock and spinner Nicky Boje will not attend because of county commitments in England, while fast bowler Allan Donald and spinner Paul Adams are also excused while playing for club sides in England.

Four further players were invited to attend the camp but are not in the running for selection to play in the Morocco tournament. They are wicketkeepers Thami Tsolekile and Kruger van Wyk and fast bowlers Mfuneko Ngam and Mornantau

**SQUAD** Shaun Pollock, Paul Adams, Nicky Boje, Mark Boucher, Boeta Dippenaar, Allan Donald, Steve Elworthy, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Gary Kirsten, Justin Kemp, Lance Klusener, Neil McKenzie, Makhaya Ntini, Justin

#### **Balfour summons** quota meeting

Ontong, Jonty Rhodes, Graeme

BBC, Johannesburg

Smith, Roger Telemachus.

South African Sports Minister Ngconde Balfour has requested a meeting with the country's United Cricket Board (UCB) following the scrapping of the racial quota system The minister is set to meet UCB

chief executive Gerald Majola and president Percy Sonn in Pretoria on Wednesday, but has yet to make public comment on the decision. South Africa's national team and

senior provincial sides will be picked entirely on merit from now on, although quotas will still be applied at provincial B team level and in junior representative games. "We have seen enough real

change to be confident that these sides can be selected on merit and that we have enough real quality players of colour that their presence in these senior teams no longer needs to be dictated by a quota system," Sonn explained.

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### Div III soccer

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

Rainbow Sporting Club recorded an comprehensive 3-0 victory over Adamjee SCC in the Third Division Football League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yester-

Al-Amin struck twice and Towhid added the third in the 30th minute to give Rainbow an unassailable lead over Adamiee in a lop-sided affair.

Lalbagh Sporting Club recorded a 2-0 win against Dhaka SC in the other match at the same venue.

Away at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur, Rahmatganj prevailed over Dipali Jubo Sangha by a single goal while the other match Matuail and Govt. Printing Press ended in a goalless

### Schools chess

**SPORTS REPORTER** 

table with full three points at the end of the third round of the Standard Chartered Schools Chess Tournament yesterday. National sub-junior champion

Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar was leading the crowded position that also included four Indian players. The Indian quartet is -- Rahul Sangma, Soupurno Gosh, Sumit

Show and Amritesh Roy. Besides, the no-less impressive seven local boys are Hasib Redwan Khan, Masud Rana, Bilash Biswas, Hafizul Islam, Mohammad Sabber, S.M. Mohiuddin and Sheikh Miraj.

are at the top with full points. They are: Shamima Akter Liza of Narayanganj, Suchandra Chaterjee of Kolkata and Mimi Arzumand of Adrasha High School. Meanwhile, Obaidul Islam

Shahin of Junior Cadet School took

the solo lead in the Class K.G to V

Group with full three points.

In the girls' section, three players

#### Korean city of Busan on September tournament. against Mongolia on September 28 27. The draw was made yesterday. in a Group E match at the same The group also features China, one of the four Asian nations to have World Cup co-host Japan hoping played in the 2002 World Cup finals, to make impact in the competition, Turkmenistan and Bangladesh's will first meet Jordan in their first next door neighbour India. Football apart, Bangladesh will

Maldives, Oman Group B: United Arab Emirates Vietnam, Yemen, Thailand Group C: China, India, Bangladesh, Turkmenistan

Group F: Kuwait, Tajikistan, Hong Kong, Pakistan

Bahrain round off the group.

Iran will launch their title defence

Group A: South Korea, Malaysia, Group D: Japan, Uzbekistan, Bahrain, Jordan Group E: Iran, Qatar, Lebanon,

match in Group D. Uzbekistan and

Kuwait, who clinched the silver medal at the Bangkok Asiad in 1998, are up against Tajikstan, Hong Kong and Pakistan in their preliminary

United Arab Emirates, Thailand, Yemen and Vietnam make up Group B in the six-group 24-team football

The respective group winners and the two best runners-up will clash in the quarterfinals of the under-23 event where each team is allowed to register three over-aged

### Pak tri-series **Kenya-bound?**

Australia and New Zealand have agreed in principle to play Pakistan in a triangular one-day series to be staged in Kenya next month, a senior Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB)

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The Matador, as he is nick-

named, is seen as the long term

replacement for Rivaldo and is

## Riquelme now Barca's

Football

**INTERNET**, Barcelona

Spanish giants Barcelona have finally completed the protracted transfer of Argentinean playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme from Boca Juniors.

The 7 million pounds midfielder has signed a deal with the Catalan club that will earn him 1.8 million pounds over five seasons

Riquelme's agent Daniel Bolotnicoff completed the deal in Rome on Monday after talks with Barca representatives. The Spanish side agreed to pay 3.8 million pounds up front for 50 per cent of the player and another 3.2 million pounds over the next two seasons to buy him outright.

Boca technical chief Jose Cirilo also insisted on a clause in the player's contract that guarantees his cash-strapped Buenos Aires club a 20 per cent sell-on fee. Barcelona President Joan

Gaspart was delighted with the signing. 'We're talking about an exceptional player,' he said. 'We had



JUAN ROMAN RIQUELME

to make sure he didn't escape. Riquelme, 24, will join Barcelona's other summer signing, Benfica's German goalkeeper Robert Enke, at the Nou Camp next tipped to be huge success in the rimera Liga. But Gaspart revealed Riquelme

could be sent out on loan in his first season, though, as Barcelona already have four non-EU players, the maximum allowed under Spanish Football Federation rules. Gaspart said: 'If for technical reasons the number of four foreign

consider loaning the player to another club. 'The player has accepted he may have to move to a series of countries for a year or six months, it is a possi-

players was covered, Barcelona will

bility that the managers will decide in the next few weeks Coach Louis van Gaal will decide whether to let go one of the four players - Argentina's Javier Saviola and Brazilians Rivaldo, Geovanni and Fabio Rochemback - or wait to incorporate Riquelme into his

# **ACC** Trophy begins today

Cricket

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Hong Kong are set to restamp their authority among Asia's second tier cricket nations at the ACC Trophy tournament beginning in

Singapore on Wednesday. "UAE beat us in the final last time, and we mean to change that," Hong Kong coach Lal Jayasinghe said Tuesday

"We haven't come here to lose." UAE won on their home pitch in Sharjah two years ago, beating Hong Kong by 10 wickets in the final and "it's hard to see past them this time. It looks like it will be Hong Kong and UAE," Singapore cricket

spokesman Anil Kalaver said. The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) tournament is the testing ground for the non-Test nations in Asia and the Middle East, with the bonus of serving as the qualifier for the Asia Cup which involves regional big guns India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

The 10-nation tournament, which this year heralds the arrival of Oman and Qatar on the international stage, runs from July 10 to 21. Making the final offers more than an opportunity to play for the title of Asia's best non-Test nation -- also at stake is a potential 100,000 dollars as the participation fee for playing in

the Asia Cup.

the sides

UAE and Hong Kong, however, are still waiting for their payday after the 2000 final as the scheduled 2001 Asia Cup has been repeatedly deferred due to political tension between India and Pakistan. They are confirmed for the Asia

Cup when it is next held, with the

finalists of this year's ACC Trophy

competing in the following tourna-UAE and Hong Kong have earned their front-runner status with the presence of ex-patriate players bringing additional experience to

"That's one of the reasons why they're so strong. They have one or two expatriates and Pakistanis in the UAE side, and Hong Kong's in a similar situation," Kalaver said. "Under an ICC (International Cricket Council) ruling expats in

Hong Kong automatically qualify to

play for the side, but that doesn't

happen here. It's the way ICC rul-

With UAE in group A are Oman, Qatar, Kuwait and Nepal, while in Group B are Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and the Maldives

The top two teams from each group will go through to the semifinals on July 19 with the final to be played on July 21.

UAE open the tournament Wednesday against debutantes Oman, one of the strongest sides in the Gulf but where the spartan facilities include cement pitches, and grassless, stone covered outfields. Hong Kong's first match is against hosts Singapore.

"This is a major event for us." said Singapore Cricket Association president Chris Pianca. "At the end we will be able to measure ourselves against the national sides of Asia." The ACC has launched a multi-

million dollar plan to strengthen the sport in the region, involving a central academy in Nepal with regional academies in Malaysia and

UAE, Hong Kong, Nepal, Singapore and Malaysia have been earmarked as "fast track" countries with a view to preparing them for one-day international status.



Participants of the Standard Chartered Bank school chess tournament engross themselves in the game on the third day at the NSC yesterday.

**BD** open against India Busan Asiad draw held REUTERS, Johannesburg venue Busan October 3. South Africa's new selection panel, Football The football competition will chaired by former all rounder Omar commence on September 27 with Henry, named a provisional 18-man squad for a triangular one-day World Cup semifinalists and hosts SPORTS REPORTER South Korea facing Maldives in their cricket tournament in Morocco in opening Group A match in Busan Bangladesh have been placed in August. Asiad Main Stadium, which hosted Group F matches Group C in the men's football event three matches of football's greatest of the 14th Asian Games, which is

scheduled to begin in the South

also take part in hockey, swimming,

athletics and shooting during the 17-

Bangladesh open their cam-

paign against bitter rivals India on

Sep-tember 27 at Ulsan, one of the

ten spectacular venues built for the

encounter is against the Chinese at

Masan on September 30. They will

play their last group match against

Turkmenistan at another World Cup

Bangladesh's next and toughest

just concluded World Cup.

day spectacle.