



Did U Know?

Sledging is a common practice in the modern version of the game of cricket. It is the action when fielders standing in close catching positions try to either provoke, irritate or distract the concentration of a batsman by the use of words. In the days when the sport was truly a 'gentleman's game' such practices were considered unethical and below the dignity of the game. However, over time, as the game became increasingly competitive and fierce sledging is not uncommon especially during Test matches. And Australia is the master of this art.



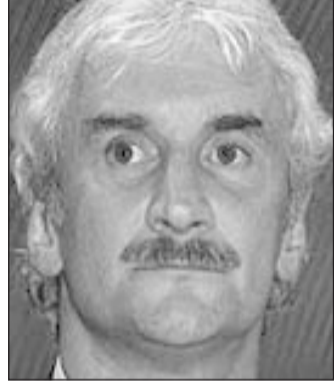
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TALK TURKEY



Rudi Voller
"As the game went on, we saw their great individual talent, they are so strong in one-on-one situations and in quick passing and that began to give us more and more problems."

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1. What was the result of the 2002 World Cup final between Brazil and Germany?	2-1	1-0	2-0
2. Who won the Golden Ball award?	Rivaldo	Miroslav Klose	Oliver Kahn
3. Who became the top scorer in the 2002 World Cup?	M-i-c-h-a-e-l Ballack		
4. How many goals did Ronaldo score during the 2002 World Cup finals?	8	9	7
5. Name the former coach of the South Korean national football team.	H-e-n-r-y Huh		
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DON'T COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED! (L) Bangladesh skipper Khaled Mashud, Aminul Islam, Akram Khan and Enamul Haque spending some time with wives and children at the Zia International Airport(ZIA) canteen. (R) Ace batsman Habibul Bashar kisses his baby son while his wife watches at the ZIA before departing for Sri Lanka yesterday.



PHOTOS: ANISUR RAHMAN

Reiffel changes lanes

Cricket
AFP, Melbourne
Former Australian Test pace bowler Paul Reiffel is to take up cricket umpiring and will be fast-tracked into officiating in first-grade club matches here.

Reiffel, who played 35 Tests and 92 one-day internationals for Australia, will turn to umpiring as part of an Australian Cricket Board initiative to attract former players into the umpire ranks.
"The main thing was getting my head around being an umpire which is not something that you grow up really wanting to be, you want to play," Reiffel said here on Wednesday.
"But once my playing days were finished I always thought that I wanted to stay involved with cricket and the umpiring avenue is good timing for me."



PAUL REIFFEL

Daryl Harper is the only Australian on the International Cricket Council's elite umpiring list. Below him the ACB has 26 contracted umpires, from the six men on the national panel down to Reiffel on the project panel.

BOA aims at 'doing well'

SPORTS REPORTER
The Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has an eye on doing well in next South Asian Games, has geared up its preparations for the 17th Commonwealth Games by undertaking a number of steps.

The English city of Manchester will be hosting the quadrennial Games from July 25-August 4. The BOA has decided to send a 27-member contingent. It comprises 16 athletes and eleven officials. Bangladesh will be competing in three disciplines shooting, swimming and athletics.

To boost the performance of the shooters (three ladies and five men), Russian coach Sidorov has been working on a crash course with them since May 15. Bangladesh's best performance so far came in the 1990 Auckland edition where it won two gold medals and a bronze.
Besides, the usual practice of bearing travel costs, the BOA has also allocated 45 pounds a day for

each athlete, the Chef-de-Mission, general team manager as well as five other team officials while they stay at the Games Village.
However, what is more interesting is the fact that the local Olympic body could splash out fifty dollars as DA (daily allowance) for four select journalists (three reporters and a photographer).
BOA general secretary Zafar Imam yesterday defended the idea of letting four members of the media to accompany the contingent.
"We don't have any say on who is chosen from the media for such occasions. It is a customary step," he told the Daily Star Sport.
Asked to explain what possible gains would Bangladesh derive, Zafar said he did not really think the country would achieve much in Manchester. In fact the BOA's real target was doing well in the Ninth SAF Games in Pakistan.
"We don't hold high hopes for the Commonwealth Games. Rather we are more interested in performing at the SAF Games in Islamabad."

The shooting team would fly in the first batch on July 19.
On the other hand, the athletics and swimming teams along with Chef-de-Mission, general team manager and four journalists are scheduled to fly on July 22.
Although the final figure is to be declared, the BOA said roughly total cost of the trip is expected to range between Taka 70 to 80 lakh.
Four officials - State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman, the BOA secretary general Zafar Imam and two representatives from the Ministry of Youth and Sports are to attend the games as guests of the Commonwealth Games Association (CGA).
Following are the names of the athletes and officials of the Bangladesh:
Chef-de-Mission: Abdus Salam
General team manager: Anisur Rahman
SHOOTING TEAM
Sabrina Sultana, Suraiya Akhter, Fouzia Karim, Saiful Alam Rinki, Asif
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Hants don't count on Warne

Cricket
INTERNET, Southampton
Hampshire chairman Rod Bransgrove on Tuesday admitted Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne is unlikely to return to the Rose Bowl next season.

dream.
Bransgrove said: "Shane Warne would love to come back but he is still very much part of Australia's international side and we don't want overseas players disappearing during the summer."

That situation hasn't changed at all. Even though we can have two overseas players next year we would like two overseas players for the entire summer.
"Shane's added three or four years on his international career so he is going to be around in the Australian side for some time to come unless he decides otherwise."
Warne has taken 450 wickets in Test cricket since making his debut in 1992 and wants to become the first bowler ever to claim 600 wickets in the five-day game.
Bransgrove added: "Shane's talking about taking 600 wickets so I can't see him thinking about quitting international cricket at this stage of his career but I'm pretty certain he will come back to Hampshire at some point."

Warne took 70 wickets during his one season with Hampshire in 2000 and was keen to return to county cricket next summer.
But Bransgrove has revealed a move is unlikely to take place because Warne would be required by Australia for next season and would be unavailable for the whole campaign.
Despite Warne's fondness for Hampshire and respect for club captain Robin Smith, the former England batsman, international commitments make a second spell with the southern county starting next season a pipe

International chess Zia, Reefat & Rajib star

SPORTS REPORTER
Grandmaster Ziaur Rahman, IM Reefat Bin Satter and IM Enamul Hossain Rajib of Bangladesh have earned 3.5 points each at the end of 4th round of the International chess championship in French capital Paris.

Border supports quota U-turn

Cricket
INTERNET, Brisbane
Former Australian captain Allan Border has applauded South Africa's decision to abandon the quota system.

will come through because they are very talented. To me it makes sense. Meanwhile, black international players have voiced their support for the decision.
Black players Justin Ontong and

Zia, Reefat and Rajib, who have won 3 games and drew one so far, are now in joint 2nd position with another 7 players.
Six players were in the lead with maximum 4 points each.
A total 209 players from 14 countries including 8 grandmasters and 9 international Masters are participating in the event.
The tournament started from July 6.
Div III soccer
SPORTS REPORTER
Lalmatia Club beat Maghbazar Krira Chakra 2-0 in one of the three Third Division Football League matches held at different venues yesterday.
In the other two matches, Spandan KC drew with Sunrise Sporting Club 2-2 while Eskaton Sabuj Sangha and Little Friends shared the points with a goalless draw.



ALLAN BORDER

Ashwell Prince, who were capped by South African last season, said on Wednesday they supported the UCB's new thinking.
"You should put your best side onto the field," all rounder Ontong told Reuters. "If you're not good enough to play, bad luck."
Ontong said quotas had been of value in that they had exposed black players on merit. The black players

Undone by Irani

Cricket
AFP, London
Ronnie Irani was the star of the show as England beat India by 64 runs in their triangular tournament one-day international here at The Oval on Tuesday.

"It was nice, that's probably an understatement," said Irani. "I'm over the moon. I wanted to nail one, I wanted a big performance."

Irani's final three wickets fell in a five ball spell that saw no runs scored off the Essex captain. His final analysis was 7-1-26-5.
"The key to my bowling is accuracy. They've got so many great players, Ganguly, Dravid and Tendulkar, you've got to try to make them play unorthodox shots," he added.
Irani said the moment that gave him most pleasure was when he caught Nehra. "Victory means so much when you are playing for England. I am an England fan. I've been out for five years and every England match during that time I've wanted them to win."
But asked about his World Cup chances in the light of this performance, Irani was blunt. "It would be unprofessional of me to talk about that. You are only as good as your next game and the focus on Saturday is absolute."
England captain Nasser Hussain, a county colleague of Irani's, said: "I see this day in day out at a slightly lower level."
"He (Irani) might not be the most technically correct but at this level it

Irani later finished the match by catching Ashish Nehra (24) on the long-on boundary off Alex Tudor, leaving India 165 all out with 17 balls remaining.
What made Irani's bowling figures all the more impressive was that the 30-year-old medium pacer was limited to seven overs after rain had reduced the game to a 32 overs per side contest.
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PHOTO: AFP

England's Ronnie Irani pulls on the front foot during their NatWest Series one day international against India at The Oval on July 9.

Only a matter of time

Cricket
AFP, London
Ronnie Irani is so full of confidence this summer that he just knew a match-winning international performance was on its way.

"I knew these last two games, today and Saturday, were very important to me, I wanted a big performance."
"I wasn't going to confess that publicly but deep down inside it was what I wanted."
"This was going to happen, it was what I wanted to happen - a big game and a big performance."
"As a high achiever that is what you have to aim for. You don't want to be picked for England just to do a job, you want to be achieving at the highest level and winning games for your country and for everyone in that dressing room that is what it's about."
Having forced the selectors' hands with some stunning displays for Essex, the 30-year-old finally shone at the highest level.
He has done it time and again for Essex this season, with over 500 one-day runs and 31 wickets, including a record 20 wickets in this summer's Benson & Hedges Cup.
Along the way he picked up three Gold Awards in that competition and a man-of-the-match performance in a Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy match.
County colleague and England captain Nasser Hussain was not surprised that the new mature Irani had claimed another more prodigious goal.
"I see it day in day out at a slightly lower level. He is so enthusiastic," said Hussain, whose side now top the NatWest table after picking up a

A brilliant all-round display provided England with an over India at the Oval in a dress rehearsal for Saturday's final at Lord's.
First, batting at number three, he struck 53 and then took five for 26 as India were dismissed for 165.
His contribution to England's score was his first one-day international half-century, in his 16th appearance, and his five-wicket haul the best return in a one-day international at this ground.
And despite some useful bits and pieces of displays in the triangular tournament, he knew he had to provide something substantial to cement his one-day international place after a five-year absence prior to this season.
In almost premonitory fashion, in fact, he told Essex coach Graham Gooch and former British athletics coach Frank Dick, who has been instrumental psychologically to his rebirth as an England player, as much in the past few days.
"I had a chat with Gooch and Frank Dick, who has been a mentor to me in the last five or six years, and I emphasised to them I wanted to nail a game," he revealed.
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PHOTO: STAR

THINK YOU'RE SMARTER THAN ME? Saint Joseph's Samiul Islam (L) listening to Madinatul Ulum Madrassah's Sohail Nazmul Haque's argument during their StandardChartered Bank Schools' Chess fourth round fixture at the National Sports Council (NSC) chess room yesterday.

StanChart School Chess

SPORTS REPORTER
Five players were jointly leading the Class Six to Class Ten Group after 3rd round games of the Standard-Chartered Bank School Chess Tournament at the NSC chess room yesterday.
Minhazuddin Ahmed Sagar of Hazrat Shah Ali School, Hasib Redwan Khan of Residential Model School and 3 Indian school boys Rahul Sangma, Soupurno Gosh and Amritesh Roy won their third successive matches and remained atop the table with three points each.
Shamima Akter Liza of Narayanganj Bibi Morium School and Mimi Arzumand of Adrasha High School were jointly leading the girls section with full 4 points each.
Obaidul Islam Shahin of Junior Cadet School has a solo lead in the K.C to Class Five Group with full 4 points.
The next round starts today (Thursday) from 3:00 p.m. at the same venue.

Maldini please stay

Football
REUTERS, Milan
Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni wants coach Paolo Maldini to postpone his plans to retire from the national team - at least for a year.

34-year-old Milan player.
"The qualification campaign for the European Championships begins soon. Maybe within a year a young replacement could come

continue with largely the same squad that appeared in South Korea and Japan and reached the second round before losing on a 'golden goal' to the Koreans.
"I am convinced that this group can do well in Portugal in 2004," said Trapattoni referring to the European Championships.
But the coach said he also intends to keep a close eye on younger players, naming Perugia midfielder Emanuele Blasi, Juventus midfielder Matteo Brihi and Middlesbrough forward Massimo Maccaroni among those with a chance of breaking into the squad.
Italy begin their European qualification campaign in Baku against Azerbaijan on September 7 and also face Yugoslavia, Wales and Finland in group nine.
Before then Trapattoni will have a chance to test out his side in a friendly against Slovenia in Trieste on August 21.
The Italy boss said he intends to



PAOLO MALDINI

along and then we can see what happens. Above all he is still needed," added Trapattoni.
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