



## Did U Know?

Mario Zagallo managed Brazil to their 1970 triumph and with that he became the first man to play in and then manage a World Cup winning team. He was a member of the Brazilian sides that won the trophy in 1958 and 1962. Later Franz Beckenbauer emulated that feat.



## What to Watch

### ESPN

UK Domestic Cricket  
Sussex vs Surrey  
Quarterfinal  
Taped Version at 3:30 pm

### STAR Sports

England vs India  
Final, NatWest Series  
Taped Version at 7:30 am  
Football Asia  
Repeat at 1:30 pm  
Asia Sport Show  
Int'l Sports News  
Repeat at 11:30 pm



## Talk Turkey



### Diego Maradona

(Argentine soccer legend)  
"Pele is a great politician. Some people say he has had a part in keeping me out of the FIFA family. He can do that if he wants. He cares about me as much as I don't care about him."



Tick the correct answers, post to  
**The Daily Star**  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
Aug 2, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who scored the first hat-trick in the National Bank Premier Football League?  
Alfaz    Nakib    Arif

2. Who won the man-of-the-match award in the NatWest Series final?  
Kaif    Tendulkar    Laxman

3. How many ODI centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored so far?  
29    30    33

4. Who clinched the Swiss Open tennis title?  
Sampras    Corretja

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**DAY'S EVENT**  
National Bank Premier Football League  
Mohammedan SC vs Farashganj SC (5:00)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.  
First Division Football League  
BRTC vs Sadharan Bima (5:30)  
Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur



PHOTO: AFP

**DO IT THIS WAY:** Bangladesh cricket team physio John Gloster (C) supervises the team's stretching session at the P Sara Stadium in Colombo yesterday. Bangladesh take on hosts Sri Lanka in the first Test here from today.

## SERIES SNIPPETS

### Cricket

HASAN MASOOD from Colombo

Four youngsters are set to make their Test debut when Bangladesh take on Sri Lanka in the first Test at the P Sara Stadium in Colombo today. Opener Hannan Sarkar, one down Ehsanul Haque and two pacers Talha Jubair and Alamgir Kabir had a busy time when the Test

babes had their final nets at the P Sara Stadium in the afternoon. Funnily though the team management was short of the 'green caps' and could only manage two so far. "The caps were supposed to reach us by now. But unfortunately they did not come. I could manage only two new caps from the players. If those four players make their debut tomorrow, two players might have to wear old and used caps," said tour manager Mahmud Ul Haq while talking to this correspondent at

the team's hotel yesterday.

### LEADERSHIP CRISIS

The Sri Lankan Board is in a dilemma on whom would lead the team in the case of a change in leadership. Although Sanath Jayasuriya is captaining the side after Arjuna Ranatunga retired in 1999, but the team's recent poor showing in England, has led to many local critics here to think about having a new man at the helm. Significantly, a few inside the

team management want veteran batsman Aravinda de Silva to take over the captaincy. But on Friday night the Sri Lankan Sports Minister Johnston Fernando put the hot topic firmly to rest by declaring that Jayasuriya, the destructive left-hander, would be in charge until the 2003 World Cup. **EXPERIENCE OVER YOUTH** Whether to have young Mohammad Ashraful or veteran Akram Khan was finally settled yesterday. The verdict eventually went in favour of 35-year-old Akram. The former Bangladesh captain was the most unlikely candidate to play in the first Test after failing to hit form in both of the warm-up matches. Ashraful, the lone Bangladeshi centurion against the Lankans, was equally a disappointment. The 18-year-old right hander, who made history by hitting a brilliant hundred during the Asian Test Championship last year, has not been the same player since. Neither has he been effective as a leg-break bowler. So, when the team list was finally drawn up, experience got the nod over youth. **SWEET P SARA** The P Sara Stadium is the oldest cricket venue in Sri Lanka and holds many sweet memories for the home team. "This was the ground on where the Lankans played their inaugural Test match against England in 1982. Again it was here that they won their first ever Test match against India in 1985. But Bangladesh can draw inspiration from that fact that the last Test to be played after eight years was a defeat against Pakistan in 1994. The capacity of tiny ground is only two thousand. But according to a local cricket official the low turnout was not too worry about. "This is not because of Bangladesh. Had there been Australia or West Indies, the response would have been the same," said the media manager of Sri Lankan Board Nireswari Eliatambay yesterday.

## Sanath told not to worry

### Cricket

INTERNET, Colombo

Sri Lanka's Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Johnston Fernando, in a bid to settle the present cricket crisis and put the game on winning pitch again, had a three-and-a-half-hour discussion with Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya, coach Dav Whatmore and the national selectors. Despite the recent media speculation, Fernando has assured Jayasuriya that the dashing opener would remain captain until the 2003 World Cup. In an interview on Friday, Fernando said they discussed several vital issues and measures to be taken in future. The meeting took place only a day after the Sri Lanka team returned to Colombo after a disappointing 80-day summer tour of England, losing the three-Test series 0-2 and also five of the six preliminary round matches in being

eliminated from the NatWest trophy triangular series, won by India. The minister was of the view that Sri Lanka should take stock of what went wrong in England and be determined in defeat as true sports-



SANATH JAYASURIYA

men. "We cannot win everyday. Losing is a part of the game. You have to take that in the true spirit and get ready for the future. We must think this is a temporary setback and be determined to do well in impor-

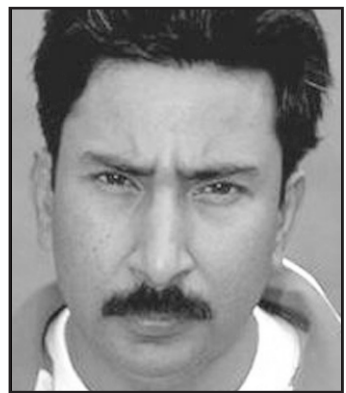
tant future series," he said. Fernando said in a way he was happy that Sri Lanka had to taste this bitter experience at this stage. "I am happy it happened now because it is an eye-opener for us to study our weak points and rectify them before the World Cup. I hope the boys will bounce back and regain their brilliant best," he added. Fernando was of the view that there had been communication lapses between coach Whatmore and the national cricket selection committee. "I feel that Whatmore has not been consulted properly in the selection process. In future, we will have one national selector going out with touring teams. He will be the representative of the national selection committee in the match to match selection process on tour," Fernando explained. Coach Whatmore described his meeting with Fernando as a "good one". Whatmore has been told by the minister to guide Sri Lanka team for a better show at the forthcoming ICC Trophy tournament on home soil and the 2003 World Cup in South Africa. "I told him to forget the bad experience our team had in England and transform them into a winning unit for the World Cup," Fernando said. He added that Whatmore indicated that it was his first meeting with a Sri Lankan minister, though the Sri Lanka born Australian has been associated with Sri Lanka cricket since 1995.

## Malik resorts to Supreme Court

### Cricket

AFP, Lahore

Disgraced former Pakistan cricket captain Salim Malik went to the Supreme Court Saturday to challenge a life ban imposed on him for match-fixing.



SALIM MALIK

"We have filed an appeal though the Lahore bench hoping that the ban will be lifted," Malik's lawyer, Raja Jahanzeb Akhtar, told this news agency. The case may be taken up after August when the

court reconvenes after its summer holidays. An earlier appeal against the ban was rejected by Lahore High Court in May this year. The 37-year-old Malik was banned following a match-fixing inquiry conducted by Lahore High Court judge Malik Mohammad Qayyum between September 1998 and October 1999. Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) implemented the recommendations made by Justice Qayyum and banned Malik from all international and domestic cricket in May 2000. "Malik was disappointed by the ban and the rejection of the appeal, but he would not give up until his name is cleared so that he could restart a new life," Akhtar said. Australian trio Shane Warne, Tim May and Mark Waugh were the first to blow the whistle on Malik. The trio alleged Malik offered them bribes to under-perform during Australia's tour of Pakistan in 1994-95. During the same season, teammate Rashid Latif and Aamir Sohail also accused Malik of wrong-doing when Pakistan toured South Africa and Zimbabwe. Malik is one of two captains serving a life ban for match-fixing. India's Mohammad Azharuddin **SEE PAGE 15 COL 1**



PHOTO: STAR

IWM Rani Hamid and her opponent Aminul Islam are engrossed in deep thinking during their Standard Chartered Bank FIDE Rating Chess Tournament game at the NSC yesterday.

## Abahani escape unhurt

### Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani Krira Chakra survived a late rally from a spirited Victoria Sporting Club to muddle through on way to a 2-0 victory in the National Bank Premier Football League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The defending champions took the lead in the 18th minute through their Nigerian striker Colly Burns. But despite the early salvo the popular Dhanmondi outfit almost faced the prospect of another debacle after their 4-2 tiebreak defeat against Badda Jagarani in the League opener when Victoria came up with a series of attacks in the last quarter of the rain-ruled match. One of the two promotees in the Premier League this year, Victoria virtually pinned their more colourful opponents against the wall in a four-

minute storm that saw a power-packed attempt by Sohagh brilliantly parried off by Abahani custodian Apel for a corner. A minute later Khokon Das haplessly watched his spectacular side volley whistle over the crossbar. Charles Ghansa, Abahani's lanky Ghanaian defender, then blocked a powerful shot from Manik. And as if that was not enough left-back Aminul made a goal-line save off a Jet header to keep Abahani afloat with the slender lead. The tiring Abahani defence had a big sigh of relief when Sohagh's 82nd minute left-footer missed the near post by an inch. After surviving those close shaves, the sky blues sealed their first win with an injury-time goal from substitute striker Bulbul. The young forward, who played for Dhanmondi last year, scored with his second touch of the ball after coming for Khokon. Although the victory by any standard was unimpressive given the strength and the reputation of Abahani, but the boys of Amalesh Sen were only responsible for making a heavy weather of what should have been an easy sail.

Playing in his first game this year Colly certainly started impressively. But the leading scorer for Abahani last year was equally responsible for spoiling three easy chances in the first half. The giant attacker headed a Liton cross into the far post from a vantage position and shot straight to Victoria custodian Tariq in a one-on-one situation five minutes later. The victory raised Abahani's tally to four points from two matches. On the other hand it was Victoria's second successive defeat. The babes conceded four goals without any reply against Mohammedan Sporting Club in the first match. **Yellow Cards:** Ghansa, Aminul and Colly (Abahani) **TEAMS** **ABAHANI KC:** Apel, Partho, Nazrul, Ghansha, Aminul, Iqbal, Iqbal, Liton, Asad (Parvez Babu), Jalal (Pranotosh), Khokon (Bulbul) and Colly Burns. **VICTORIA SC:** Tariq, Jet, Shipon (Sohel), Gobinda, Al-Amin, Rahel (Manik), Arman, Kaisar, Sohagh, Abul (Khokon) and Sharif. **Referee:** Ram Krishna Gosh.

## Rajib, Zia and Reefat roll on

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib continued his impressive form in the ZMD Open Dresden Chess Festival with victory over Croatian Grand Master Robert Zelcic in the second round on Friday. Rajib used his black pieces to topple his more experienced opponent with a rating of 2565. It was also a good day for Bangladesh's two other players competing in the meet. Grand Master Ziaur Rahman took care of Germany's Lorenz Drabke, who has a rating of 2362, while IM Reefat-bin-Sattar prevailed over another German, Eduard Bakmatov, rated 2242. The wins kept Zia, Reefat and Rajib atop the tournament table with full points along with 32 others at the end of the second round.



PHOTO: STAR

An Abahani attack at the Victoria post during their National Bank Premier Division Football League clash at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday.

## Craig, Dominic return

### Cricket

AFP, London

All-rounders Craig White and Dominic Cork were included in England's 13-man squad announced Saturday for the first Test of four against India starting here at Lord's on July 25. The pair owe their recall to the fact that Surrey fast bowler Alex Tudor withdrew Friday because of shin splints. Another contender for a fast bowling berth, with Andrew Caddick (rib injury) also sidelined, is Glamorgan's uncapped Simon Jones, who was named in the squad for the third Test against Sri Lanka at Old Trafford. Caddick's Somerset colleague Marcus Trescothick was another player ruled out earlier this week when he sustained a fractured thumb fielding against Worcestershire in a Trophy quarterfinal. The opening batsman's injury led England to delay their scheduled Thursday squad announcement and in a new look batting line-up there could be a place for John Crawley, who retains his squad spot from Old Trafford. England's chairman of selectors, David Graveney, said: "John Crawley came into the side for the first Test against Sri Lanka and acquitted himself well.

"There is no reason why he should be overlooked now as we want to be consistent in our selection policy," explained Graveney no doubt trying to deflect criticism over the non-selection of talented Warwickshire youngster Ian Bell. Looking at England's bowling, Graveney added: "The injury to Alex Tudor means that we need someone with batting capability in the number eight position. "Depending on the balance of the side and the nature of the wicket, there could be an opportunity for either Dominic Cork or Craig White in this position. "Craig played well in India in the winter, making his first Test hundred, and although he had a few injuries that affected his bowling, he is now back to fitness and bowling well again. "We feel his ability to reverse swing the ball could be useful if the Lord's wicket is as flat as it was against Sri Lanka whilst Dominic will give us another option if the wicket is more seamer-friendly.

"Simon Jones is also an option for us as he has express pace and has been bowling well for Glamorgan in recent weeks. "The injury to Marcus Trescothick means that we will have to readjust our batting order and Michael Vaughan will open the innings with Mark Butcher -- preserving the right-left combination which has served us well in the past. "We have had some injury problems ahead of this match -- but we are fully aware of how important it is to start this Test series well as this is an area we have sometimes fallen down on previously. In the three-match series against Sri Lanka England won 2-0. **SQUAD** Nasser Hussain (captain), Mark Butcher, Dominic Cork, John Crawley, Andrew Flintoff, Darren Gough, Ashley Giles, Matthew Hoggard, Simon Jones, Alec Stewart, Graham Thorpe, Michael Vaughan, Craig White.

## White looking forward

### Cricket

INTERNET, London

Craig White has promised to make the most of being given another chance to reclaim his place in the England side after being recalled to the squad for Thursday's first Test against India at Lord's. The Yorkshire all-rounder, who toured India with England in the winter, was left out of the squad for this summer's home Test series with Sri Lanka and he thought his international career had passed him by. But injuries to Andrew Caddick and Alex Tudor, and a question mark over White's county colleague Darren Gough, have left the door open for a surprise return. "Obviously I'm glad to be back in again," he said Saturday. "You sometimes think when you are left out when the contracts are up that maybe your time is up and you might not get another chance. "But it's great to get another chance and that's something I'm going to try to make the most of. "I don't know how they are going to use me -- or even if they are going to use me. "It's probably between me and

Corky (Dominic Cork) because I think they're after a fifth bowler who can bat." White is one of four Yorkshire players in the squad along with Gough, Matthew Hoggard and Michael Vaughan, and, despite the county's poor start to the season, he feels he has been in good touch. "I started off the season well making runs but I didn't bowl a lot,"



CRAIG WHITE

he said. "Opening the batting you can always get out early, but there's a big innings around the corner because I feel like I'm moving myself well."