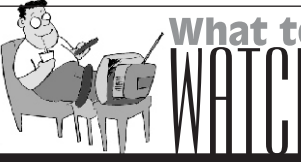




## Did U Know?

No match in the World Cup history has been more distasteful than the West Germany-Austria clash in Spain in 1982. Because of the format of the tournament, only a 1-0 win to the Germans meant that both these neighbour countries would proceed to the next round at the expense of Algeria. When West Germany took the lead after 10 minutes, both teams virtually stopped playing. It slowed down to walking pace with neither of the teams interested in going forward. The neutral Spanish crowd and the Algerian fans constantly booed and shouted. A German supporter was so disgusted that he set fire to his national flag on the terraces. The following day Algeria protested to FIFA that the game had been fixed and called for both teams to be disqualified, but their protest was rejected. From the 1986 World Cup onwards, the last round of matches in the 1st round have been played simultaneously to avoid scandals like that.



## What to WATCH

### ESPN

**Sportscentre Hindi**  
Sport News  
**Live at 8:30 pm**  
Australia vs New Zealand  
Eighth ODI  
Highlights  
Repeat at 9:00 pm  
England vs Sri Lanka  
Third Test, Day Three  
Highlights  
Repeat at 10:30 pm

### STAR Sports

Asia Sport Show  
Int'l Sports News  
Repeat at 11:00 pm  
**Sportsline Tonight**  
Sport News  
**Live at 8:00 pm**  
Australia vs West Indies  
First ODI  
Highlights  
Repeat at 11:00 pm

### Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 176

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

- Who scored the first hat-trick in the National Bank Premier Football League?  
Alfaz  Nakib  Arif
- Who won the man-of-the-match award in the NatWest Series final?  
Kaif  Tendulkar  Laxman
- How many ODI centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored so far?  
-29  30  33
- Who clinched Swiss Open tennis title?  
Sampras  Corretja

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**Ronaldo**  
(Brazilian superstar)  
"In '98 I also played well. But when you lose, people forget."



Bangladesh all-rounder Enamul Haque sweeps at Colombo yesterday.

## Local chess trio roll on

SPORTS REPORTER

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman and International Masters Reefat-bin-Sattar and Enamul Hossain Rajib were still yet to be beaten in the ZMD Open Dresden Chess Festival now held at Dresden in Germany on Saturday.

The trio, who all won their third consecutive matches against German opponents, are sharing the lead with eight other players. In the third round Zia beat Michael Babar (Rating-2167), Reefat defeated Harry Kliebe (Rating-2126) and Rajib who now has a rating of 2006, won Jora Hagenauer.

## Tendulkar restaurants!

INTERNET, undated

Indian batting maestro, Sachin Tendulkar, plans to open his own chain of restaurants, first in India and perhaps later in England and Australia. Tendulkar, the most famous cricket personality in his cricket-mad country, will be assisted by Sanjay Narang, an established Mumbai restaurateur.

Narang, who will manage the chain, said: "Sachin is very passionate about food and is a connoisseur."

The first restaurant to bear the name 'Tendulkar's' will be opened in a Mumbai venue in October. The name alone should generate an enormous amount of interest among the Indian public, especially



with Sachin being a resident of Mumbai and probably its most famous citizen. "Every item in the restaurant the uniforms, the lighting, the cutlery

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## Udal wrecks India

Cricket

AFP, Southampton

Shaun Udal had a day to remember here at The Rose Bowl on Saturday, taking five India wickets as Hampshire bowled out the tourists for 236.

Only Rahul Dravid (78) and Virender Sehwag (41) made significant scores while Sachin Tendulkar managed just three before he became one of Udal's quintet of dismissals, the former England one-day off-spinner finishing with figures of five for 59 from 29 overs.

At stumps on the first day of this three-day game former Zimbabwe all-rounder Neil Johnson was 30 not out as the home side reached 33-1. John Crawley, called up earlier in the day into England's squad for the first Test against India at Lord's on Thursday, was one not out.

India won the toss and saw

## BD-SL SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first Test between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh at the P Saravanamuttu Stadium in Colombo on Sunday:

BANGLADESH: First innings					
	R	M	B	4	6
Hannan lbw b Jayasuriya	55	115	69	8	0
Al-Saharior lbw b De Silva	13	32	26	2	0
Ehsanul b Fernando	2	30	21	0	0
H Bashir lbw b Muralitharan	24	57	43	3	0
Akram c Jayawardene b Fernando	20	105	78	2	0
Aminul c Arnold b Muralitharan	0	6	3	0	0
K Mashud c Jayasuriya b Muralitharan	23	44	45	3	0
E Haque st Jayawardene b Muralitharan	1	23	17	0	0
Manjural b Fernando	0	13	13	0	0
AKabir b Muralitharan	0	16	14	0	0
T Jubair not out	0	3	3	0	0
Extras: (b 8, lb 4, w 1, nb 10)	23				
Total: (All out in 53.4 overs)	161				
Fall of wkts: 1-32, 2-50, 3-107, 4-111, 5-111, 6-148, 7-151, 8-156, 9-161, 10-161.					

SRI LANKA: First innings					
	R	M	B	4	6
Atapattu not out	20	-	31	3	0
Arnold not out	10	-	11	2	0
Extras: (w-2)	2				
Total: (For no wkt in 7 overs)	32				

To bat: Sangakkara, Jayawardene, P de Silva, Jayasuriya, Jayawardene, Fernando, W de Silva, Fernando, Muralitharan.

Bowling					
	O	M	R	W	
Fernando	10	3	38	2	
De Silva	13	3	31	1	
Fernando	10	3	40	1	
Muralitharan	19.4	6	39	5	
Jayasuriya	1	0	1	1	

**Umpires:** SA Bucknor (WI) and DR Shepherd (Eng).  
**TV Umpire:** TWJewardene.  
**Match Referee:** Wasim Raja (Pak).

## More ICC-player rapport

Cricket

INTERNET, London

Cricket's ruling body wants more dialogue with players, to give them a greater say in the running of the sport and to better address their concerns.

The International Cricket Council meets once a year with captains of the 10 Test-playing nations, its only contact with players. At the most recent, held on Monday at Lord's, captains complained about playing too many matches.

"If players are partly responsible for the problems in cricket, they won't be able to hold up their hand in future and say 'it's your problem, sort it out,'" ICC Cricket Manager Dave Richardson said. "They'll have to say 'let's sort it out together' - which is what we want to achieve."

A report on the captains' meeting goes to ICC committees responsible for such matters as discipline, scheduling and rule changes. More

contact would result in a greater flow of information from players to the committees.

"The ICC wants feedback from players on an ongoing basis," said Richardson, a former South Africa wicketkeeper.

"We need something more extensive than an annual meeting." Players from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh aren't linked to a union. Most of the other countries are affiliated to the Federation of International Cricketers' Association.

Richardson, though, said talks don't have to be with such organizations, which aren't as developed in the sub-continent as the likes of England and Australia. The occasional conversation with leading players would improve matters.

"The sub-continent countries have different attitudes to player associations," Richardson said.

"But that's not important. If I spoke to (Pakistan captain) Waqar Younis or (India's) Sourav Ganguly, that would be fine."

## First-class Tushar

SPORTS REPORTER

Tushar Kanti Howlader earned the distinction of becoming first class first in hockey from the National Institute of Sports in Patiala, India.

The former national player was one of six coaches from the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP), who successfully passed the diploma course in sports at the famous Indian academy this year (2001-2002).

A Dhaka University Blue, Tushar was an outstanding goalkeeper in Dhaka League for Usha Krira Chakra.

Tushar apart the other five successful coaches are Motiul Alam (athletics), Shirina Sultana (athletics), Hasanuzzaman (cricket), Asadul Haque (cricket) and Haroon Ur Rasheed (swimming).

## Premier League suspended

SPORTS REPORTER

The Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) yesterday suspended the National Bank Senior Division Leagues for three days due to poor playing conditions.

The decision to temporarily halt the colourful domestic event came after the Bangabandhu National Stadium, venue for the Premier League, turned into a virtual paddy field due to persistent torrential rain.

The inevitable suspension came only after four matches of the League were held at the peak of the rainy season.

Weather-permitting the Premier and the First Division League will resume on July 24.

## Rakib loses solo lead

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Abdullah-Al-Rakib surrendered his solo lead after losing to Abdul Maleq in the sixth round of the Standard Chartered Bank FIDE Rating Tournament at the Bangladesh Chess Auditorium on Sunday.

The defeat meant Rakib had to now share the lead with his conqueror. They each have five points.

Three players -- Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Emon, Yanur Rahman Royal and Mehdi Hasan Porag -- were jointly in second position on four-and-a-half points each.

In the 6th round Porag beat Taher, Lavlu beat Enayet, Pallab beat Sohel, Monir beat Pallash, Murad beat Amin, Khorshed beat Arman, Jamal beat Shamsul, Uten beat Zahid and Alam beat Kamber Ali.

Besides, there were three draws: Emon against Royal, Taibur versus Robin and Aminul with Zakia.

The seventh round starts today at 3.30 pm.

## Mossadek, Lokman retained

SPORTS REPORTER

Mossadek Ali and Lokman Hossain held on to their posts as president and general secretary of Mohammedan Sporting Club.

The re-election of the two long-serving officials at the helm of the popular sporting house in an Extraordinary General Meeting on Saturday, buried mounting speculation that there could be a change in the hierarchy.

Mossadek, a political secretary of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, will lead a 67-member strong executive committee of the Moljheel-based club.

Zahed Ali Chowdhury MP, who served as chairman of Mohammedan's Cricket Committee for the last couple of years, was elected senior vice-president of the club.

The only significant change at the top was additional joint-secretary Tanvir Haider, who



MOSSADEK LOKMAN

became one of the club's twelve vice-presidents. Alamgir Iqbal was named as the new additional joint-secretary.

Kabir Ahmed will act as treasurer of the prestigious club. The new committee has been given a mandate to run for the next two years.

## SERIES SNIPPETS

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD from Colombo

Only rain appears as a relief for Bangladesh cricketers whenever they play Test matches. Sadly though, the Test newcomers hardly could survive more than three days without the help of rain gods.

At the P Sara Stadium yesterday, rain robbed two hours and 15 minutes of the first day's play, and no one was unhappy at the Bangladesh dressing room.

"Let there be rain for the rest of the day," said a team official when the sky opened up at lunch break.

But rain was not that much of help for them as they were bowled out for 161 in just 53.4 overs when play resumed.

"The Board official should now keep his fingers crossed so that rain continues for the next four days and there is no play," quipped a Bangladeshi journalist.

**KAMAL'S PRESS ALLERGY**

Bangladesh coach Mohsin Kamal is not happy with the press criticism back home for his method of training for Lanka tour.

The former Pakistan fast bowler came under severe criticism when he kept his charges at a posh hotel for more than a week as part of the tour preparation.

Kamal is under the impression that the Bangladesh media does not understand his language well and that was why journalists failed to understand his 5-star hotel training.

He also does not want his players to talk with Bangladeshi reporters.

It became evident in the afternoon on Sunday when captain Khaled Mashud finished his session with the Bangladeshi journalists and went to the ground for practice. Kamal was seen very angry at that time.

He met with the players afterwards and asked them not to talk with the reporters any more.

**THEY'RE THERE**

Around 50 Bangladeshis including ladies and children were present at the P Sara Stadium yesterday.

They all came from Bangladesh High Commission in Sri Lanka and spent the whole day at the ground to cheer their team.

Among them was Acting High Commissioner Ashud Ahmed, who came with his wife and little son.

They brought dozens of Bangladesh flags and waved those throughout the match despite the poor show of their team.

**MURALI IS BACK**

Sri Lankan spin wizard Muttiah Muralitharan made a brilliant comeback to international cricket with a five-wicket haul against Bangladesh.

It was the off-spinner's 35th five-wicket haul that took his collection to 425 wickets from only 76 Test matches.

Playing at his home ground, the P Sara Stadium, for the second time the Lankan live-wire entertained the crowd to the full.

Murali was recovering from a shoulder surgery. Lankans played a Test series against England and a tri-nation tournament with out him and the result was disastrous.

## UAE minnow masters

Cricket

AFP, Singapore

United Arab Emirates retained the ACC Trophy with a classic finish in the final against Nepal Sunday, with captain Khuram Khan cracking a towering six to secure a six-wicket victory.

"That was the way I wanted to finish it. It's a great feeling," a jubilant Khan said, after UAE took just 38 overs to knock off Nepal's 184.

The Pakistan-born 28-year-old, who unlike most of his countrymen did not start playing cricket until he left school, was not out 60 at the close, bringing up his half-century in 55 balls.

But he missed out on the man-of-the-match award, which went to UAE teammate Ashad Ali who was the architect of Nepal's batting collapse.

After Nepalese captain Raju Khadka won the toss and elected to bat, the Himalayan side had the scoreboard ticking over nicely at five for 164 when Ali struck.

UAE coach Abid Ali said there

was a wide gulf in standards between the Test teams and the second-tier nations from Asia and the Middle East which compete in the Asian Cricket Council (ACC) tournament.

Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand and the Maldives competed with the UAE and Nepal for the ACC Trophy here.

Ali said he was "very pleased" with his side's second successive victory in the tournament, but said they lacked the concentration of full Test players.

The UAE players "tend get to the 40s and go out. There is a lack of concentration. They need to build mental toughness," the former Indian medium-pacer said, throwing down a challenge for cricket authorities to provide the sport's emerging nations with more international exposure.

"We can't execute out in the middle because of a lack of confi

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United Arab Emirates' man-of-the-match Arshad Ali lifts the ACC Trophy aloft as his teammates applaud after beating Nepal in the final yesterday.

## Yuvraj eyes Champs Trophy

Cricket

INTERNET, undated

Upon his arrival in India Yuvraj Singh admitted he was disappointed not to be playing in the Test series against England, but was proud of his achievements in the NatWest series final.

"When I chipped a bone in the little finger during the final, I was really disappointed," Yuvraj explained.

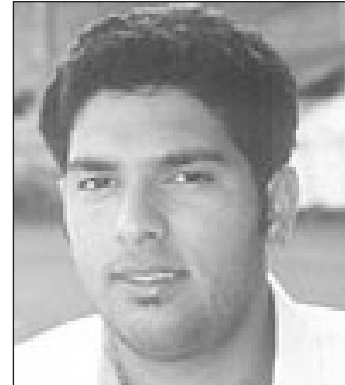
"I was looking forward to the Test series, as I wanted to make a mark on the longer version of the game as well.

"I guess I will have to take it in my stride as injuries are part and parcel of a sportsman's career," the 20-year-old added pragmatically.

Yuvraj was modest about his achievements in the NatWest final, although he played a crucial role in claiming the win for India.

"We got a jolt when Sachin (Tendulkar) got out and we were

reduced to 146 for five. However, Mohammed Kaif and I were positive that we could get the target if we played sensibly.



YUVRAJ SINGH

"Our main task was to rebuild the innings," he told the PTI.

"We ran our singles and twos pretty hard and, once we had put on 50 runs, we could accelerate quite comfortably," Yuvraj Singh said.

"Of course I felt very bad not to have played till the end, but at the same time I had to go for my shots as the run-rate required was seven plus."

Yuvraj was the third highest run-scorer of the tournament, smashing 254 at a strike rate of 90. The 20-year-old hit a whirlwind half-century in the final when India looked out of the match.

Yuvraj described the mood of the team after the win.

"Skipper Sourav Ganguly was very happy. In fact it felt very good to be appreciated by senior members like Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Sourav because the faith they had on us (the youngsters) paid off at last."

Yuvraj and India eagerly await his recovery.

"It will take two to three weeks to recover completely and I would like to be fit for the champions trophy in Sri Lanka in the second week of September," he concluded.