



## Did U Know?

Venue for the 1970 World Cup's opening match was the Azteca Stadium in Mexico. This match between Mexico and the Soviet Union marked the start of a new era, as substitutions, yellow and red cards were used for the first time in the competition's history.



## What to Watch

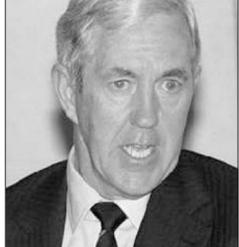
**ESPN**  
England vs India  
First Test, Day Two  
Taped Version at 1:00 pm  
Western Union World Football  
Repeat at 6:00 pm

## STAR Sports

England vs India  
First Test, Day One  
Highlights  
Repeat at 7:00 am  
Futbol Mundial  
Repeat at 5:00 pm  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
Repeat at 5:30 pm



## Talk Turkey



**Paul Condon**  
(Chief of ICC Anti-Corruption Unit)  
"We are now in a position to say that world cricket has been corruption-free for the last 12 months. It is the first time that it has been possible to say this for nearly 20 years."

**Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 177**

Tick the correct answers, post to The Daily Star. Win attractive prizes.

Competition closes at 8 pm Aug 16, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won Bangladesh's first gold medal in the Commonwealth Games shooting competition?  
Asif Hossain Arif Hossain Avid Hossain
- Who won the men's Commonwealth Games 100m sprint title?  
K Collins F Fredericks M Greene
- Who clinched StanChart FIDE Rating chess title?  
Rakib Reefat
- Who won the man-of-the-match award in the first Test between England and India?  
Nasser Sourav Agarkar
- Bangladesh lost the second Test against Sri Lanka by 288 runs. 9-wkts. 233 runs.

## Smoking-free WC wanted

**AFP, Johannesburg**  
An anti-smoking lobby group in South Africa has called on the organisers of the cricket World Cup next year to declare all stadiums in the country smoke-free, the Saturday Star newspaper reported.  
A powerful lobby group, the National Council Against Smoking (NCAS) said, like at soccer World Cup 2002 in Korea and Japan, smoking should be banned from all stadiums in the country.  
NCAS director Peter Ucko said he believed laws introduced in

## Irresistible Nakib



SPORTS REPORTER

Imlaz Ahmed Nakib kept up his amazing scoring prowess as title-contenders Mohammedan Sporting Club blanked Dhanmondi Club 2-0 in a National Bank Premier Football League match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The prolific marksman scored both the goals -- once in each half -- to seal Mohammedan's third successive win and more importantly a place at the top of the table.

The natural-born marksman and only the third player in the history of Dhaka football to achieve 100 goals after Kazi Salahuddin and Mohammad Aslam, gave his side a 26th minute lead from an intelligent back heel.

Nakib showed his uncanny ability to sniff a goal from even a half chance, by wickedly deflecting a powerful left-foot volley from Mohammedan's Nigerian striker Salieu Osalio.

The goal came just four minutes after linesman Ilias ruled a Kanchan header offside.

It was an unfortunate ruling from the linesman as Kanchan headed only a rebound into an empty net after Dhanmondi custodian Ratan Ali fisted a scorching drive from Osalio in front of the post.

Mohammedan players' protest went in vain as referee Tajul Islam upheld the decision.

The popular Motijheel club was content with the slender lead until Nakib struck his second goal eight minutes before the final whistle.

The opportunist forward stabbed a loose ball after Ratan Ali could only partially parry off a Kanchan diving header.

Nakib is now leading the individual scorers' list with six goals.

He completed a hat-trick in the 4-0 win against Victoria SC and scored once in his side's 3-0 thrashing of Farashganj.

Abahani Krira Chakra's Nigerian striker Colly Barnes has three goals in two games.

Mohammedan should have won by even a bigger margin had Kanchan not spoil two easy chances.

The only blemish for Mohammedan was when Nigerian defender Idris Abdullah picked up his third yellow card. He will miss their next game.

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Dhanmondi goalkeeper Ratan Ali makes a spectacular save against Mohammedan during their National Bank Premier Division Football League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## Sanwar made A skipper

UNB, Dhaka

Middle-order batsman Sanwar Hossain has been appointed captain of Bangladesh A team while Hannan Sarker will act as his deputy for the upcoming Kenya tour.

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday announced the 15-member second-string team for the tour that begins on August 15.

The other members of team are Javed Omar Belim, Rafiqul Islam, Mazharul Haq, Mohammad Ashraf, Alok Kapali, Anwar Hossain, Mushfiqur Rahman, Tushar Imran, Sabbir Khan, Talha Jubair, Tapash Baisya, Safaq Al Jabir and Anwar Hossain Munir.

Stand-by: Musaddeq Hossain, Shamimul Haq, Nafiz Iqbal and Arif Hossain.

## Orient h'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Rifles face Narinda Pragati Boys' Club and Bangladesh Police meet Arambagh KS in the semifinals of the Orient Bread Cup handball tournament at the court near Bangabandhu National Stadium today.

In yesterday's first match, Arambagh beat Menjees KC 23-22 after leading the first half 10-8. In the other match, Police defeated Narinda Pragati 25-20 after trailing the first half 11-15.

## Gamage heralds arrival



INTERNET, Colombo

As first impressions go, you would find it difficult to top taking a wicket with your first ball in Test cricket.

And that is exactly what Sri Lankan pace bowler Chamila Gamage did, forcing Mohammad Ashraf to play on for three as Bangladesh were bowled out for 164.

The 23-year-old may have had a controversial directive from the Sri Lankan cricket board to thank for his chance in the spotlight -- nine first-choice players were rested for the second Test.

But he made sure that his name would be in the selectors' thoughts for the future, becoming the first Sri Lankan, and only the 13th bowler in Test history, to achieve the feat.

In addition to his first ball wicket on Sunday he hit a brisk 40, batting at number 11 in the first innings.

But starting your Test career with a bang is no guarantee of continuing in similar fashion, as the first man to do so would attest.

Victorian medium-pace Arthur Coningham bowled England great Archie MacLaren with the first ball of the second Test at Melbourne in 1894-95, but he never played Test cricket again.

And the second man in the

exclusive club, England's Bill Bradley, played just one more than that, despite including the first ball dismissal of Australian Frank Laver with a five-wicket haul at Old Trafford in 1889.

Three other bowlers took wickets with the first ball of their only Test.

In fact, only two have gone on to have successful careers at the highest level.

Maurice Tate, the Sussex off-spinner, took 155 wickets in 39 Tests

And opening your first spell in style is not even a guarantee of success in that match, as the last bowler to achieve the feat found out, coincidentally also against Sri Lanka in Colombo.

Indian off-spinner Nilesh Kulkarni dismissed Marvan Atapattu of Sri Lanka at the Premadasa Stadium on August 7, 1997.

The next wicket fell 1,103 balls later as Sanath Jayasuriya and Roshan Mahanama shared Test cricket's highest and longest partnership on the way to the highest ever Test total.

The skipper made 340, his partner 225 in a 576-run stand lasting 753 minutes, setting the hosts up for a record 952 for six.

Kulkarni's feat was long forgotten by the end of the match, by which time he had bowled 70 overs, conceding 195 runs for that single scalp.

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CHAMILA GAMAGE from his debut in 1924.

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## Tendulkar gets back in runs

AFP, Worcester

Sachin Tendulkar played himself into form ahead of the second Test against England with 169 for India in their tour match here Friday.

After rain had completely washed out the first two days of India's four-day clash against Worcestershire -- the tourists last match before they face England at Trent Bridge on Thursday -- India were 417 for eight.

At Lord's, on Monday, India lost the first of a four Test series by 170 runs with Tendulkar managing just 28 runs in two innings.

He came to the crease Friday with India 99 for two.

Tendulkar then saw his side lose their third wicket on the same score when Sanjay Bangar (nought) became one of four Alamgir Shenyar wickets when he was caught behind off the seamer.

But Tendulkar then took charge his runs coming from 246 balls including 30 fours before he was bowled by part-time medium pacer Ben Smith.

At stumps Rahul Dravid was 53 not out of 75 balls including seven fours having earlier retired on 41.

And alongside him was off-spinner Harbhajan Singh. Surprisingly omitted from the team at Lord's the 'Turbanator' showed he could also wield a bat with 32 not out from a mere 27 balls including one six and five fours.

## UCB rich

INTERNET, Johannesburg

The United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa is in a healthy financial state but the apathy of the paying public has given the organisation cause for concern.

In the financial report treasurer John Blair says the UCB has had a good financial year and is on a firm footing to meet the challenges ahead. However, he added a note of caution.

"The warning that sport revenues are under pressure should never be ignored and for this reason I once again ask the affiliates to make sure that they conform to strict financial disciplines as we go into the World Cup year."

But he does note with concern that despite an increase in the marketing budget from 1.4 million rand to 7.9 million rand, it did not result in a proportional increase in income from gate revenues or suppliers.

The gates revenue of 7 million rand was not what it should have been for a season containing two major international tours -- India and Australia. In fact, it showed an increase of just 10 per cent over the previous year, with a total of 96,000 people attending the 10 Standard Bank one-day internationals in the South Africa-India-Kenya series and only 31,415 people in total attending the three matches in the Test series against India.

Attendances were better in the series against Australia, with 93,441 people watching the Test matches at the grounds and 96,652 people coming to the grounds for the seven one-day internationals.



**Day's Event**  
Nat'l Bank Premier Football League Rahmatganj v Brothers Union (5:00 pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

## Pak ponder neutral venue



REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan would consider playing at a neutral venue if Australia refused to go ahead with a planned Test series in the south Asian state because of security concerns.

After issuing a veiled threat on Friday that it could co-ordinate an Asian boycott of the sport in retaliation

informed him that it was not a direct threat against the Australian board," PCB chairman Tauqir Zia told this news agency.

"But I said that if they didn't agree to come to Pakistan, then we would exercise all our options available to us."

"Right now we remain very optimistic. But if we get a 'no' from the Australians then we will exercise all our options. That includes deciding if it is worthwhile playing at a

said they are unwilling to travel to Pakistan for fear of bomb attacks like the one which killed 11 French people three Pakistanis in the southern city of Karachi in May.

The attack prompted New Zealand to cancel their tour.

Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf contacted Australian Prime Minister John Howard and told him that the safety of the Australia cricket team could be guaranteed.

But Howard said on Saturday the final decision rested not with the government but with the Australian Cricket Board.

"(General Musharraf) said he could guarantee the security of the team and expressed the strong desire of the Pakistani government and cricket board that the tour go ahead," Howard told reporters on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.

"I told (General Musharraf) that the decision about whether or not the tour goes ahead will be taken by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) not the Australian government," Howard said.

"I am not going to put any pressure on the Australian Cricket Board to make a decision."

Howard said he had passed on the details of his conversation with the Pakistan leader to the ACB.

PCB Director Chishty Mujahid made a veiled threat of a retaliatory Asian boycott on Friday.

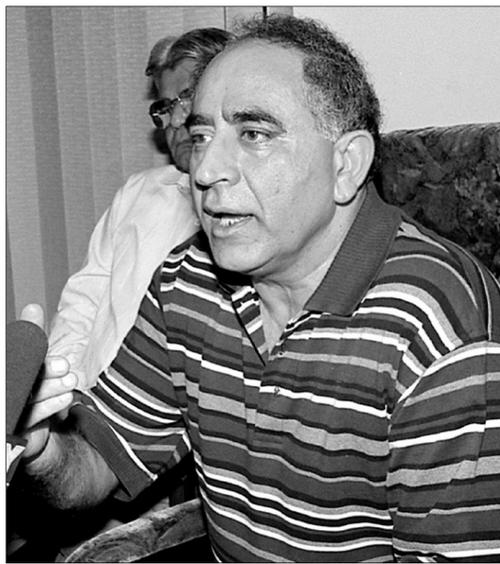
He said the personal intervention of Musharraf in the dispute should be enough to convince the Australians that they would be safe in Pakistan.

"If they can't accept the President's assurances then it would be very unfortunate," Mujahid said.

"In those circumstances Pakistan will have to rely on the support it has in the Asian cricket bloc to find a permanent solution to this problem of teams refusing to tour Pakistan on security grounds."

Pakistan has become increasingly frustrated at teams' reluctance

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Pakistan Cricket Board president Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia addresses a press conference in Karachi yesterday.

tion for an Australian refusal to tour, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said on Saturday it would look at all the options.

"I was contacted by someone from Australia yesterday and I

neutral venue," Zia said.

Australia has yet to confirm whether it will tour Pakistan as planned in October for a proposed Test series.

Several leading players have

## Waqar remains at helm



REUTERS/AFP, Karachi

Pakistan fast bowler Waqar Younis will captain the national side for the next three series, all of them one-day tournaments, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said.

The PCB normally names the captain one series at a time, but changed its policy because Pakistan would be playing three one-day series in close succession.

"We have retained Waqar as captain up to the ICC (International Cricket Council) Champions' Trophy in Sri Lanka next month," PCB chairman Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia said.

"We hope that the Pakistan team's ascendancy will continue."

"I am sure Waqar will do a capable job for the next three tournaments," said Zia.

"So far he has been very impressive in motivating and gelling the other players together since being named captain last year."

The appointment would take Pakistan through to the end of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Champions' Trophy in Sri Lanka which ends in late September.

Pakistan play back-to-back one-day tournaments in Morocco, Kenya and Sri Lanka over the next five weeks.

Zia said the PCB would not appoint Younis as captain until next year's World Cup in South Africa because it wanted the option of regularly reviewing his perfor-

formance.

"But realistically speaking if the team continues playing well, I don't see any reason why he should not continue till the World Cup," Zia said.

Pakistan cricket is notorious for frequent changes at the top both of the playing and coaching teams.

Waqar Younis

"I am happy and retaining me as captain helps boost my confidence and I will do my best to peak at the World Cup," he said.

Pakistan is among the favourites to win the eighth World Cup scheduled to be held in South Africa

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New Zealand's Phillip Barrows celebrates after scoring his fourth goal against Pakistan in the men's hockey semifinal at the Commonwealth Games on August 2.