



## Did U Know?

The record for the quickest 'pair' - a duck in each innings - achieved by Peter Judge, of Glamorgan, last man in against India at Cardiff. He was bowled first ball by Sarwate and, to save time when the county followed on, Judge and JC Clay stayed on the field to open the second innings. Sarwate clean bowled Judge again, first ball.



## What to WATCH

**ESPN**  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
South Africa vs Kenya  
Fifth ODI, Highlights  
Repeat at 10:00 pm

**STAR Sports**  
England vs India  
First Test, Day Five  
Highlights  
Repeat at 7:00 am  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
Repeat at 8:30 am  
England vs India  
Second Test, Day One  
Live at 4:00 pm



## TALK TURKEY



**Adam Gilchrist**  
(Australia cricket vice-captain)  
"There is no doubt he has got the ability. But it is whether the opportunity comes up for him."  
While refusing to discount Test captain Steve Waugh's chances of a recall to the one-day side.

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Aug 16, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who won Bangladesh's first gold medal in the Commonwealth Games shooting competition?  
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- Who won the men's Commonwealth Games 100m sprint title?  
K Collins F Fredericks M Greene
- Who clinched StanChart FIDE Rating chess title?  
Rajib 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.

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**DAY'S EVENT**  
Nat'l Bank Premier Football League  
Mohammedan v Brothers Union  
(5:00 pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium.



Abahani's Asad (L) and Shahidul of Dhanmondi are in quest of the ball during their National Bank Premier Division Football League fixture at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## Uneasy Abahani prevail

**Football**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Abahani Krira took a momentary lead in the National Bank Premier Football League when they recorded a 2-0 win against Dhanmondi Club at the Bangabandhu national Stadium yesterday.

Midfielder Parvez Babu set up the first goal for Iqbal in the first half and then struck the second after the break in a battle of Dhanmondi neighbours.

It was Abahani's third victory from four games. They are now leading the ten-team race with 10 points, one more than Mohammedan Sporting Club who played one match less.

Parvez, who played for Brothers Union last year, lobbed a perfect flag-kick in the 23rd minute that Iqbal made no mistake in heading home.

The nimble attacker struck his first League goal for the sky blues in the 69th minute. He unleashed a powerful left-footer from inside the box after being nicely fed by Nigerian forward Colly Burnes.

But despite the two goals Abahani disappointed their loyal supporters with clumsy football. They played without any idea and just waited for an opportunity to come by. The absence of their midfield playmaker Liton was badly felt.

The far from convincing show of Abahani would certainly offer their new Russian coach Anatoly plenty of foods for thought. Anatoly flew in the city on Monday to take over from Amlesh Sen.

The popular Dhanmondi outfit, who started their title defence badly, losing 4-2 in the tiebreaker against Badda Jagarani on July 15, failed to dominate the midfield.

Dhanmondi on the other hand gave their more colourful neighbours a good run for their money in the lively second session with sudden counter attacks. They looked the better side in terms of ball possession but their strikers were just not good enough to spring any surprise.

It was Dhanmondi's second successive defeat after two tiebreak wins.

Yellow cards: Aminul, Asad (Abahani) and Narayan (Dhanmondi).

**TEAMS**  
**ABAHANI KC:** Apel, Aminul, Nazrul, Ghansha, Mintu (Partho), Iqbal (Shuvro), Parvez, Nayan, Asad, Bulbul (Kamal) and Colly Burnes.  
**DHANMONDI:** Biplob, Dulal, Shahidul, Porimal, Narayan, Hanif, Polash, Nurul Islam, Tapu, Parvez and Shipon (Ponosh Sicim/Dablu).  
**Referee:** Ram Krishna Gosh.

## Target consistency

**Cricket**  
AFP, Karachi

Pakistan captain Waqar Younis said Wednesday he was aiming for team consistency as it set off for Morocco and its second big challenge ahead of next year's World Cup.

"Of course the main aim is always to win, but for me I want my team to perform at a consistent level and after beating Australia we must keep up the momentum," Waqar told the news agency on the team's departure.

Pakistan face South Africa and Sri Lanka at cricket's newest venue in Tangiers, Morocco from August 12 to 21.

"Beating Australia has always been the top challenge and now we face South Africa which is the second top team."

The tournament, with prize money totalling 250,000 dollars and the winners taking home 120,000 dollars, is organised by the Cricketer's Benefit Fund Series of Sharjah in collaboration with the Federation Royale Marocaine De Cricket.

Pakistan will play non-stop cricket in the lead-up to the eighth World Cup which will be held in South Africa from February 8 until March 23 next year.

Soon after the Morocco event, Pakistan, Australia and Kenya feature in a tri-series in Nairobi -- shifted from Pakistan over security fears -- from August 29 until September 7.

The next event on the programme is the International Cricket Council (ICC) Champions Trophy from September 12-30 with all 10 Test playing countries along with Kenya and Holland in attendance.

Pakistan then host Australia for three Tests from October 1-24, a series still in doubt over security fears in and around Pakistan.

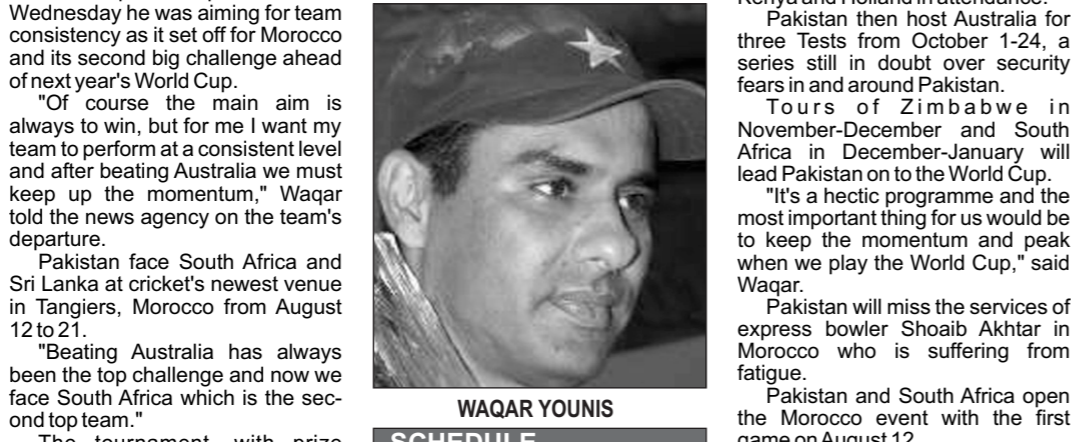
Tours of Zimbabwe in November-December and South Africa in December-January will lead Pakistan on to the World Cup.

"It's a hectic programme and the most important thing for us would be to keep the momentum and peak when we play the World Cup," said Waqar.

Pakistan will miss the services of express bowler Shoaib Akhtar in Morocco who is suffering from fatigue.

Pakistan and South Africa open the Morocco event with the first game on August 12.

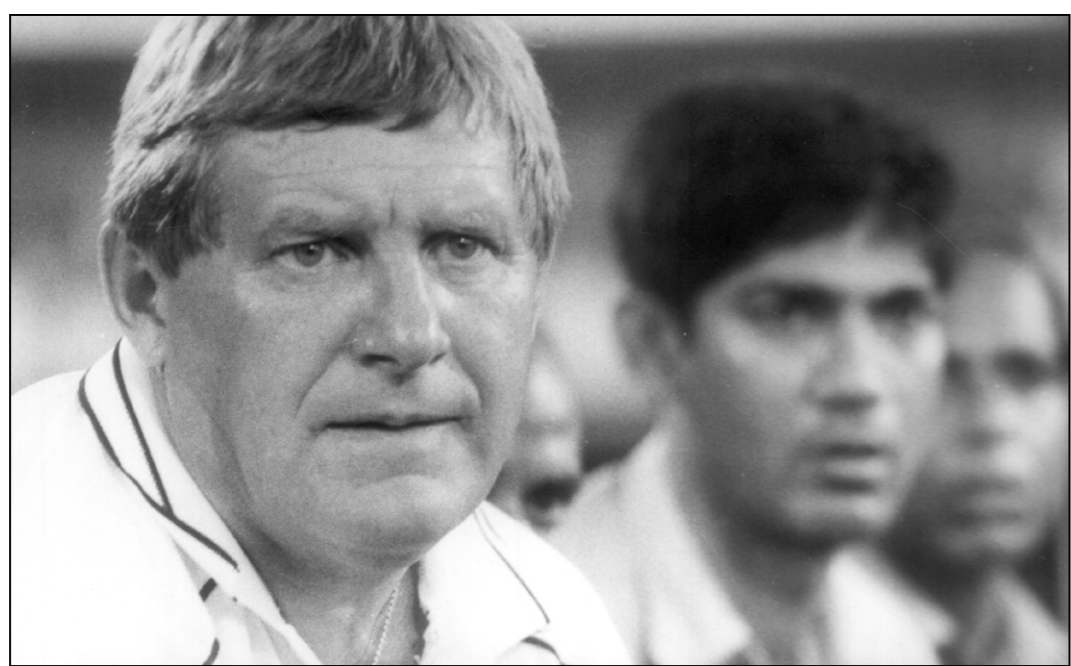
**TEAM**  
Waqar Younis (captain), Inzamamul Haq (vice-captain), Saeed Anwar, Shahid Afridi, Imran Nazir, Younis Khan, Yousof Youhana, Rashid Latif, Abdul Razzaq, Azhar Mahmood, Shoaib Malik, Wasim Akram, Mohammad Sami, Saqlain Mushtaq and Misbahul Haq.  
**Coach:** Mudassar Nazar.  
**Manager:** Yawar Saeed.



**WAQAR YUNIS**

**SCHEDULE**

Aug 12: Pakistan v South Africa  
Aug 13: Rest day  
Aug 14: Pakistan v Sri Lanka  
Aug 15: South Africa v Sri Lanka  
Aug 16: Rest day  
Aug 17: Pakistan v Sri Lanka  
Aug 18: Pakistan v South Africa  
Aug 19: Sri Lanka v South Africa  
Aug 20: Rest day  
Aug 21: Final



Abahani's Russian coach Anatoly watches his side's match against Dhanmondi at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday.

## AB Bank TT

**UNB, Dhaka**

Biman, Wari Club, Inter Sports, Brothers Union Club and Armanitola JS moved into the Super League of the AB Bank Metropolitan Table Tennis League yesterday.

In the day's matches, Inter Sports defeated Shamibagh Boys 3-0, Brothers Union defeated Armanitola Junior 3-0, Biman smashed Wari Club 3-0 and Armanitola JS beat Engineers Club 3-2 at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium.

In the day's First Division League, Angels beat Madhumita KC 3-0, Dhaka TT Club beat Young Pegasus 3-1, Ajax SC defeated Khaja Printing 3-0, Bama Club overpowered Purbachal Parishad 3-0, Cynthia beat Ghop KC by 3-0, Khefagh SKS defeated Management Net 3-0, Shamibagh TTS beat Combined SC 3-0, Madhumita KC beat Reazul Smriti 3-0, Arka beat Progoti Sangha 3-1 and Mohamadpur Boys defeated Uttara Club 3-2.

## Asghar off to Pakistan

**AFP, Dhaka**

Ali Asghar left here Wednesday for Pakistan where he will officially take up his new assignment as the new head of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).

Asghar, who is president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), was accompanied by new ACC secretary Syed Ashraf Haq and treasurer Habibur Rahman.

ACC's outgoing president Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia, who is the president of the Pakistan Cricket Board, is set to hand over responsibility Thursday to the new team from Bangladesh for the next two years.

## Cute handball begins today

**UNB, Dhaka**

The Cute Premier Division Handball League begins today with holders Bangladesh Rifles facing Mariner Youngs Club at Paltan Maidan handball court.

Lt Gen (ret'd) Mahubur Rahman, MP will inaugurate the eight-team meet at 4pm.

Sponsor Mousumi Industries Ltd provided Tk one lakh for the league.

## Div I soccer

**UNB, Dhaka**

Agrani Bank Club defeated Mirpur Chalanitka KC by 3-2 goals in tiebreaker in the National Bank First Division Football League at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

The match rolled into the penalty shootout after the scheduled 90-minute ended goal-less.

## Dynasty handball finals tomorrow

**CU CORRESPONDENT**

The finals of the Dynasty Group Mahanagari Handball League will be held at the Dampara Police Lines ground in Chittagong at 2.30 pm tomorrow.

In the men's final Agrabad Pioneers will meet Shaheed Shahjahan Sangha while Blue Star Club encounter Agrabad Nawzoan Green for the women's title.

Food Minister Abdullah-Al-Noman is expected to watch the finals as chief guest and distribute prizes.

Chittagong Mahanagari Kria Sangstha, in association with the Dynasty Group of Companies, organised the tournament.

## Srinath clutches at county straw

**REUTERS, New Delhi**

Indian fast bowler Javagal Srinath, who retired from Test cricket in June, has signed a one-month contract with English county side Leicestershire in a bid to stay in contention for next year's World Cup.

The 32-year-old from Bangalore was overlooked for last month's one-day triangular series involving Sri Lanka and hosts England and has also not been included in a list of 20 probables for the September ICC Champions' Trophy tournament in Colombo.

"I thought I would be picked for the ICC Trophy," Srinath told the news agency on Tuesday.

"But the moment I came to know the doors had closed for me, I thought I would get some match practice and keep myself fit."

He starts his Leicestershire assignment on August 19.

Srinath, who has taken 276 wickets at 28.78 in 204 one-day international matches.

## India seek star act

**Cricket**  
AFP, London

India go into Thursday's second Test against England at Trent Bridge knowing that their big names need to produce performances worthy of their reputations.

India have not won a Test series outside of the sub-continent since 1986 and hopes were high that this four-match campaign would see that run broken.

They were raised further when England went into the first Test without three of their frontline quick bowlers and leading batsman Marcus Trescothick.

But despite these setbacks, England won the first Test by a crushing 170 runs.

Crucially, on a good batting pitch at Lord's, India's much-vaunted top order failed to produce runs in the first innings, a total of 221 well short of the mark.

Inevitably in the aftermath of such a display, most attention focused on Sachin Tendulkar.

Scores of 16 and 12 led to critics pointing out how his record overseas is so much worse than at home.

Only eight of Tendulkar's 29 Test hundreds, two on foreign shores, have resulted in India victories.

That has led to talk that while the 29-year-old is a great accumulator of runs he plays an insufficient number of match-winning innings for a cricketer of his talent.

Tendulkar himself is well aware of the criticism. Earlier this year he admitted his own unhappiness at his own batting form late in a Test - his second innings average of 31.9 during the past three years is 31.9 with no hundreds compared with a career 56.96.

"I have been disappointed with myself... I have to learn to finish Tests."

However one person who has not jumped on the bandwagon knocking Tendulkar is England's Madras-born captain Nasser Hussain.

Following his side's victory at Lord's, he warned: "We can't expect to keep kidding them out for four Tests. If Ganguly, Sehwag or Tendulkar gets in and makes a big hundred that will be our biggest test.

And Hussain's reference to some of the other major forces in the India batting line-up tells its own story.

India's problems abroad have not so much stemmed from Tendulkar 'failures' as the fact that no-one else has consistently succeeded either.

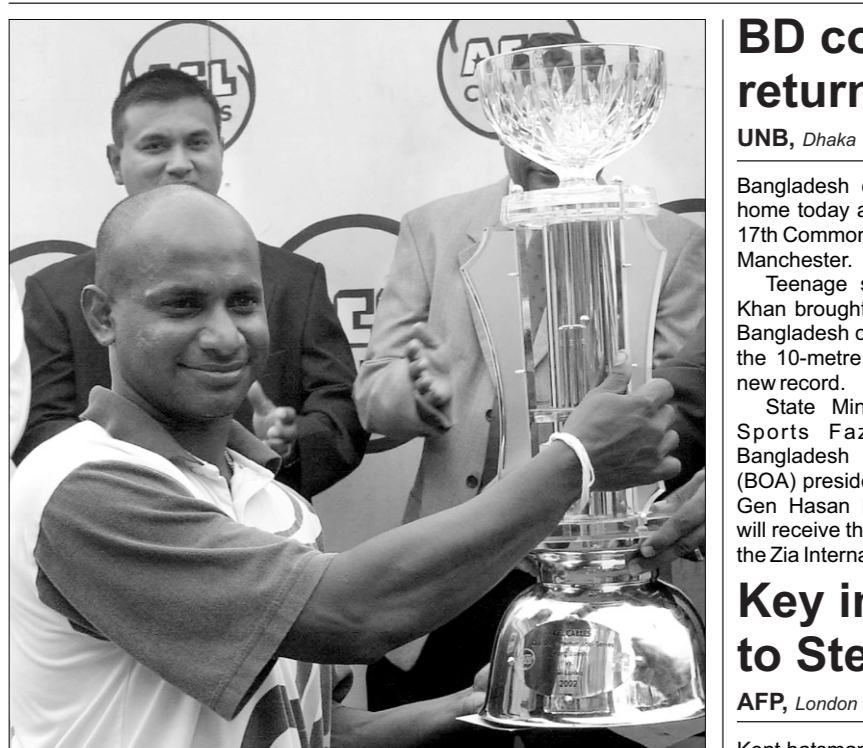
England, however, do deserve credit for their tactics at Lord's where their pace bowlers went around the wicket to Tendulkar and other India players early in their innings.

On the whole they maintained a disciplined line and length, cramping the batsmen for room and frustrating them into error.

Now the question is can India respond if England use similar plays again.

Certainly their top order looks to have sufficient talent available while Tendulkar played himself into form nicely with 169 in India's rain-affected final warm-up match against Worcestershire.

"Sachin is on the way back," said India tour manager Ranga Reddy.



A joyous Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya displays the ACL Cables one-day international series trophy after defeating Bangladesh in the third and final match in Colombo yesterday.

**BANGLADESH-SL SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard of the third and final one-day international between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka at the Ranasinghe Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Wednesday.

**SRI LANKA**

	R	M	B	4	6
Marvan Atapattu c K Mahmud b Taposh Baisya	20	32	27	3	0
Aravinda de Silva c A Kapali b K Mahmud	46	105	58	5	1
Kumar Sangakkara b M Islam	22	37	32	3	0
Mahela Jayawardene c K Mashud b K Mahmud	16	41	39	1	0
Russel Arnold c K Mashud b K Mahmud	62	91	64	4	0
Tillekeratne Dilshan c M Rafique b M Ashraf	50	63	63	5	0
Hasantha Fernando not out	23	26	21	1	1
Upul Chandana not out	4	5	2	0	0
Extras: (lb-2, w-7, nb-6)	15				
Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 overs)	258				
Fall of wickets: 1-39, 2-82, 3-114, 4-115, 5-215, 6-248					

**Bowler**

	O	M	R	W
Monjurul Islam	10	0	42	1
Taposh Baisya	7	0	41	1
Khaled Mahmud	10	0	51	3
Mohammad Rafique	10	1	32	0
Alok Kapali	6	0	36	0
Habibul Bashar	2	0	20	0
Mohammad Ashraf	5	0	34	1

**BANGLADESH**

	R	M	B	4	6
Hannan Sarkar lbw b P Gunaratne	14	43	24	1	0
Al Shahrir c T Dilshan b C Gamage	20	17	13	5	0
Mohammad Ashraf c U Chandana b H Fernando	10	16	11	1	0
Habibul Bashar c T Dilshan b M Muralitharan	52	127	98	3	0
Tushar Imran b P Gunaratne	0	1	1	0	0
Khaled Mashud run out	37	74	71	2	0
Alok Kapali lbw b U Chandana	8	14	11	1	0
Khaled Mahmud b M Muralitharan	39	48	36	5	0
Mohammad Rafique b R Arnold	13	9	9	1	1
Taposh Baisya lbw b M Muralitharan	3	4	6	0	0
Monjurul Islam not out	0	5	4	0	0
Extras: (lb-1, w-3)	4				

## Dalpat goes at Khan

**Cricket**  
AFP, Karachi

Former Pakistan wicketkeeper Anil Dalpat on Wednesday refused an offer to be a minor beneficiary of the upcoming Morocco tri-series tournament, and accused former captain Imran Khan of sabotaging his career.

"I would not accept an offer of being minor beneficiary and it was because of Imran Khan that I played less cricket than... I deserved," Dalpat told reporters at the National Stadium.

The 38-year-old keeper, only one of two Hindus to play for Pakistan, was among six former national players who were going to be given around 13,000 dollars each at the one-day tournament to be played at Tangiers, Morocco, from August 12-21.

The Cricketers Benefit Fund Series (CBFS), organisers of cricket in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates and the event in Morocco, give handsome amounts to former players from the sub-continent for their services to the game.

But Dalpat said he was still bitter over the way his career ended.

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Four of the Mohammad brothers played for the national team and their family is very influential in Pakistani cricket circles.

Dalpat scored just 167 runs in nine Tests for Pakistan and claimed 25 wickets behind the stumps. In 15 one-day internationals he scored 87 runs and claimed 15 victims.

The Pakistan Cricket Board, which recommends names to the CBFS, said it had not heard from Dalpat but would not announce a replacement.

Khan, who heads a political party -- the Movement for Justice -- is participating in national elections in October and brushed aside the allegations of sabotaging Dalpat's career as "ridiculous".

"I don't know why his (Dalpat's) memory has been jogged now, and how come he raised this after such a long time," Khan told this news agency.

"I don't want to say much on that because it doesn't suit my stature."

As one of Pakistan's most successful captains, Khan led his country to their only World Cup win, in Australia in 1992.

He led Pakistan in 48 Tests for 14 wins and eight losses, while in 139 one-dayers he had a record of 75 wins and 59 losses.