



## Did U Know?

Wojciech Pietranik had made the winning design to be incorporated on the medals at Sydney 2000 Olympic Games.



## What to Watch

**ESPN**  
Western Union World Football  
Repeat at 2:00 pm  
England vs India  
Second Test, Day Five  
Same Day Delay at 2:30 pm  
**Sportscentre Hindi**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
English Premier Football League  
West Ham United vs Manchester United  
Repeat at 9:00 pm

**STAR Sports**  
Futbol Mundial  
Repeat at 6:30 am  
England vs India  
Second Test, Day Five  
Repeat at 8:30 am  
Futbol Mundial  
Repeat at 5:30 pm  
**Sportsline Tonight**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
England vs India  
Second Test, Day One  
Highlights  
Repeat at 11:00 pm



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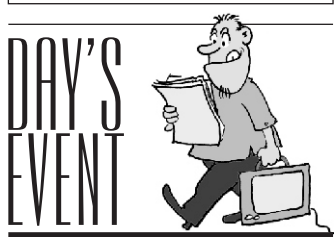


**Luiz Felipe Scolari**  
(Former Brazilian soccer coach)  
"I had to play the role of a demanding father, who called his son's attention when he did something right. I had 24 sons in the World Cup."

**Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 177**  
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- Who won Bangladesh's first gold medal in the Commonwealth Games shooting competition?  
Asif Hossain / Arif Hossain / Avaid Hossain
- Who won the men's Commonwealth Games 100m sprint title?  
K Collins / F Greene
- Who clinched StarChart 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

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## Day's Event

**Nat'l Bank Premier Division League**  
Mohammedan v Arambagh (5pm)  
Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium

# Donald toast of Abahani

## Football

### SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Abahani Krira Chakra cruised to their fourth National Bank Premier Division Football League victory with a 4-1 drubbing of Brothers Union Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Abahani's new Nigerian recruit Donald Egu was in the business straightaway on his Dhaka debut. The sturdy attacking midfielder scored two spectacular goals while his compatriot Colly Burnes and Iqbal Hossain added one each for the sky-blues.

Donald struck twice in the first half as the popular Dhanmondi based club went for the lemon break 2-0. He put Abahani in the lead with a perfect rainbow shot from the left corner of the box after receiving a short pass from forward Bulbul in the very fourth minute of the match. He then brought the Abahani supporters on their feet sending home a right foot volley from 15 yards that

crashed onto the far corner of the net like a tracer bullet 11 minutes later.

Though Donald had a good number of chances in the rest of the proceedings, he could not complete his treble because of tough markings.

Iqbal, the former Abahani captain, made it 3-0 with a grounder two minutes into the second half after being cleverly fed by substitute Liton.

Brothers made a short come back into the match with a series of counter attacks and eventually earned a penalty after their forward Sourav Raju was illegally brought down to the ground by Abahani defender Mintu inside the danger area in the 56th minute. Brothers' Nepalese striker Hari Khadka stepped up to convert the penalty.

The margin could have been reduced further had not Hari failed to connect a juicy aerial pass from Raju in the 62nd minute.

After surviving some close calls, Abahani regrouped themselves to ensure the Gopibaghat outfit's fourth straight defeat against a win through

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Abahani's Nigerian recruit Donald Egu (R), who scored two goals, here trying to create an opportunity against Brothers Union during their National Bank Premier Division Football League encounter at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

# Rahul, Sachin save India

## Cricket

### AFP, Nottingham

India were looking to captain Sourav Ganguly to help them save the second Test against England here at Trent Bridge on Monday.

At least on the final day India were 315 for four in their second innings, a lead of 55 in reply to England's mammoth first innings of 617.

Left-hander Ganguly was 81 not out off 127 balls including 11 fours and Venkatesh Laxman two not out.

But England were given fresh hope when all-rounder Dominic Cork had Rahul Dravid lbw for 115 shortly before the break.

And with 42 overs remaining, the new ball only six deliveries old, and no immediate prospect of rain or bad light, there was still time for England to

take a 2-0 lead in the four Test series after their 170 run win at Lord's last month.

It was absorbing cricket for the capacity crowd - a rare sight in England on the fifth day of a Test.

Four balls after lunch England were convinced they had David caught behind by veteran wicket-keeper Alec Stewart off pace bowler Matthew Hoggard for his interval score of 73, India still 211 for three.

Replays suggested David had got the thinnest of edges but South African umpire Rudi Koertzen ruled in the batsman's favour.

David had another narrow escape when on 85 he gloved Flintoff only for the ball to drop just short of Stewart.

However, he kept his composure and brought up his first hundred against England, his eleventh in 62 Tests, with a stylish backfoot three of debutant quick Stephen Harmison.

David had faced 208 balls including 14 fours in just over five hours of calm resistance before Cork struck.

The medium-pace's first two overs Monday had gone for 22 runs, but he eventually managed to make David miss a ball of full length.

It seemed as if the delivery may have just been missing the leg-stump but this time Koertzen raised his finger.

Together with Ganguly, David had put on 135 for the fourth wicket.

In the morning, after India resumed on 99 for two, Sachin Tendulkar's 52 went some way to answering critics who said he never made runs when India needed them most.

As the tourists were 11 for two when he came to the crease, Tendulkar's innings could scarcely have been more valuable.

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Indian master Sachin Tendulkar is outfoxed by Michael Vaughan on the fifth and final day of the second Test against England at Trent Bridge yesterday.

# Dhaka wants to host Aussie-Pak Tests

## Cricket

### UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh is optimistic of hosting a Test series between Australia and Pakistan, according to BCB president Ali Ashgar.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board chief, who returned yesterday from an Asian Cricket Council (ACC) meeting in Pakistan, a day after a Divisional Bench of the High Court issued a rule nisi on the Board asking it to hold elections within two

months.

The court also empowered the BCB president with absolute power to run the Board during the interim period.

"It is too early for me to comment on the issue as I need to know the facts," he said.

Responding to a query Asghar said, "If Australia and Pakistan agree to play at a neutral venue, then Bangladesh has a fair chance."

"I came to know that Australia are interested to play in a triangular series with Pakistan and India after the World Cup to help the PCB (Pakistan Cricket Board) recoup the financial losses it has suffered due to cancellation of the tour," he said.

"The good news is that Bangladesh will be given priority to hold such a tri-series," he said, adding it would help improve cricketing ties between India and Pakistan.

The new ACC president renewed his pledge to revive cricket between Pakistan and India.

"The ACC is useless if it cannot help end the standoff between the bitter neighbours."

# Lanka security satisfies 'em

## REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia's cricket officials and the ICC Champions' Trophy squad have expressed confidence in security arrangements for next month's series in Sri Lanka.

Three potential members of New Zealand's squad have declared themselves unavailable for the Sri Lanka event because of security fears, chairman of selectors Sir Richard Hadlee said on Monday.

But an Australian Cricket Board (ACB) spokesman said the 14 players selected for the tournament from September 12-29 had not raised any doubts regarding the safety of the tour.

New Zealand batsmen Craig McMillan and Matt Horne, along with leg-spin bowler Brooke Walker have asked not to be considered for next month's one-day international tournament as the Kiwis seek to defend the title they won in Kenya in 2000.

Australian Cricketers' Association chief executive Tim May said the New Zealand players would have taken a different view than the Australians. "There is a clear differentiation with matters to be considered for Australian players and New Zealand players," May said on Monday.

"They (New Zealand) might be trying to manage a trauma of the past and, from our perspective, we haven't experienced any of those traumas first hand," May said on Monday.

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# 3 Kiwis won't tour SL

## Cricket

### REUTERS/AFP, Auckland

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McMillan said it was a "tough decision" to make but he felt very comfortable with it.

"I made a decision not to tour Sri Lanka following the events in Pakistan. The decision was made a lot easier through the support of New Zealand Cricket and my family," he said.

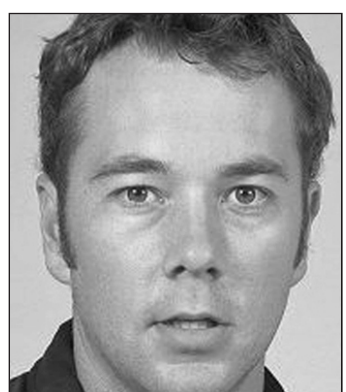
The situation in Sri Lanka has stabilised recently after the government and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), who began

fighting in 1983 over Tamil calls for a separate state, have observed a Norwegian-brokered truce since February.

"The players' decision has been accepted by New Zealand Cricket," chief executive Martin Snedden

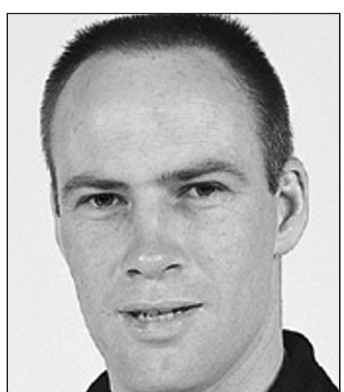
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# Gibbs-powered Proteas

## Cricket

### AFP, Tangiers

Herschelle Gibbs scored 114 to steer South Africa to 283 for nine from 50 overs against Pakistan in the opening match of the three-nation Morocco Cup here on Monday.

The gifted opener batted till the 45th over, hitting eight boundaries and three sixes in his seventh one-day century after captain Shaun Pollock won the toss and elected to take first strike.

Nicky Boje smashed 52 off 45 balls and Jonty Rhodes put on 120

for the fourth wicket with Gibbs to set Pakistan a target of 5.7 runs an over.

South Africa were cruising at 256-3 before Pakistani captain Waqar Younis grabbed three wickets off 12 balls to finish with a rich haul of five for 38.

All-rounder Wasim Akram went wicketless in his 335th one-day match which made him the most capped player in limited-overs internationals surpassing former Indian captain Mohammad Azharuddin's record of 334.

The South Africans, wearing black arm bands in their first match since the tragic death of former captain Hansie Cronje on June 1, were joined by the Pakistanis in a minute's silence before play to mark his memory.

Some 500 Moroccans, who turned up at the picturesque Tangiers stadium to get their first glimpse of the willow game, were not disappointed as Gibbs and Boje belted the versatile Pakistani attack.

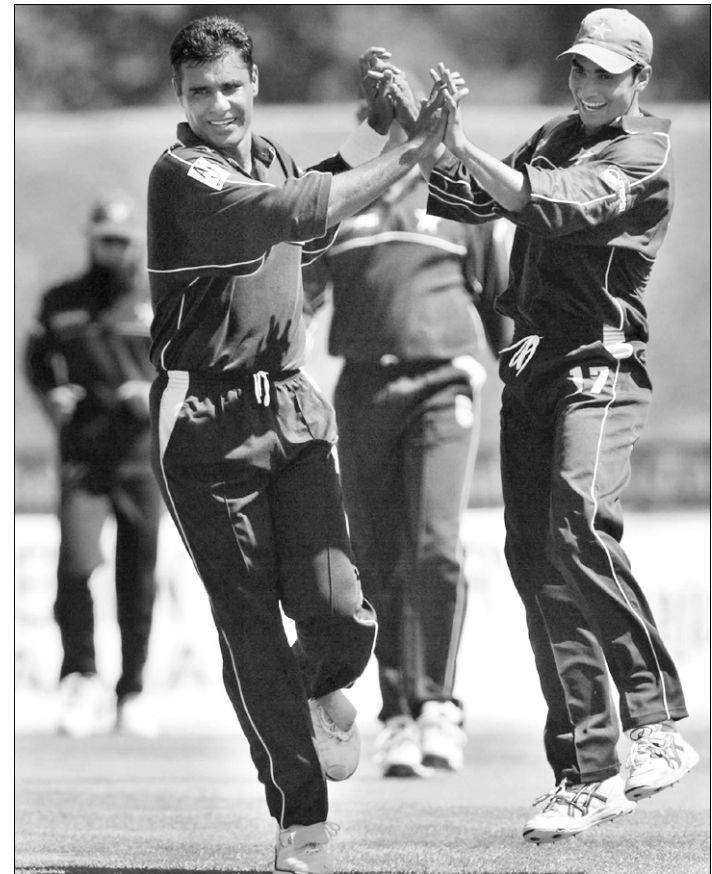
The pair added 85 for the third wicket after Waqar had both Gary

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## LATEST

### SPORTS REPORTER

**Pakistan were in trouble against South Africa as they reached 179 for 5 in 33 overs.**  
Shahid Afridi was batting on 21 and Abdul Razzaq on 6.



Pakistan captain Waqar Younis (L) celebrates taking the wicket of Jacques Kallis of South Africa with Imran Nazir during the opening one-day game in the Morocco Cup at Tangier yesterday.

# India in ICC dilemma

## Cricket

### REUTERS, Bombay

Leading Indian players are yet to sign a crucial International Cricket Council (ICC) contract, forcing the national cricket board to withhold the announcement of the squad for next month's Champions' Trophy in Sri Lanka.

The ICC contract bars players from endorsing products conflicting with the interests of the tournament's authorised sponsors.

"I am not announcing the team as our players have still not signed the ICC contract, which is required to be signed by all those selected for the event," Niranjan Shah, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said on Monday.

Shah said if the Indian players refused to sign the contract, they could be dropped for the tournament, which would lead to a major

controversy ahead of the 12-nation one-day event scheduled from September 12-29.

"We have selected the 14 and we are moving as per schedule, but we will not declare the team till the players sign," he added after a selection committee meeting.

"It could come to the players being dropped. We are a part of the ICC, we don't want to confront them."

The ICC's "conflict of interest" contract with Test countries also bars team sponsorships 30 days before and after ICC events.

The contract bans team and player endorsements by companies in the same line of business as ICC's sponsors for major events like the Champions' Trophy and the 2003 World Cup in South Africa.

The ICC had set a deadline of August 12 for the players to sign the contract but Shah said he had heard "unofficially" that the deadline had been extended until Friday.

"We are talking to the ICC on a

day-to-day basis, we are also talking to the players," Shah said.

"Today is the last day of the second Test against England, so the players will sit together tomorrow and decide what to do. We are at a very critical moment now in our talks with the ICC."

Shah said players from some of the other countries also had reservations regarding the contract.

India had earlier this month named Sourav Ganguly as captain for tournament. They had also announced a list of 20 probables, which has been pruned to 14.

**THE PROBABLES**  
Sourav Ganguly (captain), Dinesh Mongia, Virender Sehwag, Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid, Yuvraj Singh, Mohammad Kaif, Harbhajan Singh, Anil Kumble, Zaheer Khan, Ajit Agarkar, Ashish Nehra, Parthiv Patel, Ajay Ratna, Vangipurappu Laxman, Murali Kartik, Jai Prakash Yadav, Sanjay Bangar, Lakshmi Pathy Balaji, Tinu Yohannan.

# PM rewards golden Asif

## UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia decorated Commonwealth Games gold medalist shooter Asif Hossain Khan with another gold medal yesterday. She also handed over a cheque for one lakh.

The prime minister congratulated him on glorifying the image of the country abroad.

"We are all proud of you," she said.

She asked State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman to take steps for improving standard of sports in the country.

The state minister assured of modernising the National Shooting Complex at a cost of Tk 30 lakh.

A local business firm has pledged a monthly stipend of Tk 20 thousand for the student of the Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protisthan.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia presents Commonwealth Games gold medalist Asif Hossain Khan a cheque for one lakh taka at her office yesterday.

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