



Did U Know?

Erik Nilsson of Sweden and Alfred Bickel of Switzerland are the only men to have played in the World Cup both before and after World War II. They both appeared in 1938 and 1950.



What to Watch

BTV & SET Max
ICC Champions Trophy
Sri Lanka vs Holland (D/N)
Live at 2:30 pm

ESPN
English Premier Football League
Manchester City vs Blackburn Rovers
Repeat at 3:30 pm

Tottenham Hotspur vs West Ham United
Repeat at 5:30 pm

Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm

Cricket Programming
Super Selector
Repeat at 9:00 pm

English Premier Football League
Leeds United vs Man United
Repeat at 9:30 pm

STAR Sports
Trans World Sport
Int'l Sports News
Taped Version at 8:30 am

English Premier Football League
Chelsea vs Newcastle United
Repeat at 12:30 pm

Asia Sport Show
Int'l Sports News
Repeat at 4:00 pm

Sportline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm

Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
Taped Version at 11:00 pm

English Premier Football League
Birmingham City vs Aston Villa
Live at 12:55 am (Tuesday)



Talk Turkey



Wasim Akram
(Pakistan cricket superstar)
"To play the World Cup and win it is my dream and I do not see any reason to continue after such a big event. I want to play a memorable role in the Cup and I am quite confident I can do it."
On his retirement plan.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 180

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Competition closes at 8 pm Sept 27, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who will lead the Bangladesh U-17 team in the tri-nations series in Sri Lanka?
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- What was the result of the England and India Test series?
2-0 | 2-1 | 1-1
- Who won the US Open singles title?
Agassi | Hewitt | Sampras
- Who became Champions Trophy hockey champs?
Germany | Pakistan | Netherlands
- Who clinched the Grand Prix chess title?
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Fixing goes unabated

Mukti win another 'friendly' affair

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra registered their seventh victory in the National Bank Premier Division Football League when they came from behind to beat Dhanmondi Club 2-1 in a Super Five clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

All the three goals were scored in the first half of a match that seemed to be yet another fixed affair.

Dhanmondi, who are allegedly involved in more than couple of fixed matches in the league already, went ahead in the 24th minute when forward Monju placed the ball home from a right side Topu cross.

But none of the Dhanmondi booters celebrated the goal, adding fuel to the suspicion of a few hundred spectators present at the big bowl.

As expected, Muktijoddha, who are almost out of the title race after losing to Mohammedan in tie-breaker in the last match, took only six minutes to level the score through an out-of-form Moni. He headed home an Arman cross from right with virtually no challenge from the Dhanmondi defenders. It was Moni's second goal in twelve matches.

Alfaz then scored the winning goal at the stroke of the breather with an angular shot from the right

side after being fed by Arman from the midfield.

The win raised Muktijoddha's tally to 28 points from 12 matches and temporarily placed them at the second spot of the five-team championship race.

Holdes Abahani Krira Chakra are leading the table with 29 points and Mohammedan have 27 points from 11 games.

It was Muktijoddha's penultimate match of the league. They would face Abahani in the last match tomorrow.



PHOTO: STAR

Muktijoddha's Moni (R) slips in a cross under pressure from Dhanmondi defender Narayan Pal during their National Bank Premier Division Super Five clash yesterday.

On the other hand, Dhanmondi remained fourth in the table with 15 points from 12 matches.

TEAMS

MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD: Biplab, Hasan Al-Mamun, Rajani, Papel, Abdullah (Belal), Lajuk (Asif), Matur Muna, Arman, Rakib, Alfaz and Moni (Haris).

DHANMONDI CLUB: Ratan Ali, Dulal, Shahidul, Parimal, Narayan, Hanif, Nurul Islam, Monju, Topu, Parvez and Pons (Abul).

Referee: MA Mansoor Azad

Warm-up against England today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh play their second warm-up match against England at the NCC Ground in Colombo today.

This is the second meeting of Bangladesh against a full strength England team since their first official one-day match in the second ICC Knockout tournament in Nairobi two years ago.

Although today's match will not be included in the record books, but it will provide Bangladesh a unique opportunity to rub their shoulders against one of the top teams ahead of their first match in the ICC Champions Trophy against world champions Australia.

Bangladesh will take on the mighty Australians at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on September 19.

They will play their second and final group league match against current ICC Knockout champions New Zealand on September 23.

Khaled Mashud's men had won their first practice game against Holland by four wickets on Friday.

BFF defends ref Nesar

SPORTS REPORTER

Referee Ibrahim Nesar did not violate the game's rule by allowing Mohammedan Sporting Club to substitute their goalkeeper before the tiebreaker.

Nesar became a controversial figure when he permitted Mohammedan to change their regular goalkeeper Nizam for Bijon Barua in Friday's crucial Super Five match against Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra, which ended goalless after 90 minutes.

Bijon saved two shots to present Mohammedan a 4-3 tiebreak win. The ruling not came under severe criticism from different newspapers but on Saturday, Muktijoddha protested the action of the referee saying that it was a clear violation of the FIFA laws.

The all-reds even threatened to take their case to the game's ruling body if the BFF failed to reprimand Nesar.

Meanwhile, the BFF stood by the under fire official.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the local football authority confirmed that Nesar's decision was absolutely within the law.

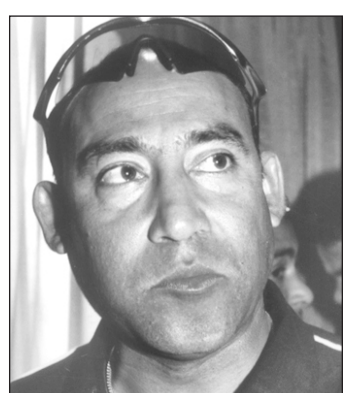
Quoting from the FIFA's 2002 laws of the game edition, the statement read: "A goalkeeper who is injured while kicks are being taken from the penalty mark and is unable to continue as goalkeeper may be replaced by a named substitute provided his team has not used the maximum number of substitutes permitted under the competition rule."

Facing the music

Cricket

AFP/REUTERS, Rawalpindi

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) Saturday put on hold a decision to extend the tenure of captain Waqar Younis in the wake of team's recent poor performance and have summoned coach Mudassar Nazar from Sri Lanka.



MUDASSAR NAZAR

"A high level meeting of the PCB did a post-mortem of the team's recent performance and showed concerns of the slump in the form and have asked the coach Nazar to come from Sri Lanka to give a report," a PCB spokesman said.

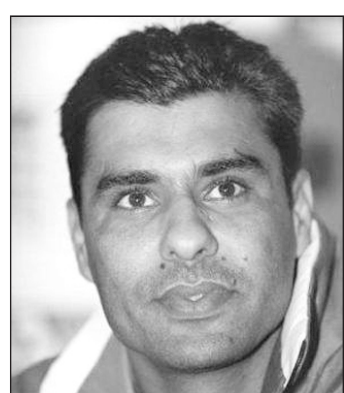
"Nazar would come before Pakistan's match against the Netherlands in the ICC Champions Trophy."

Waqar was appointed captain until the on-going ICC (International Cricket Council) Champions Trophy

in Sri Lanka but is feared to lose the job after Pakistan fared badly in the Morocco Cup, tri-series in Kenya and the ICC event.

Local media tipped former captain Moin Khan and all-rounder Abdul Razzaq as likely replacements while South Africa-based English coach Richard Pybus is likely to regain his lost status as coach.

Moin, sacked after Pakistan's



WAQAR YOUNIS

series in New Zealand last year, was named in the eight probables, apart from the 14 players currently in Sri Lanka, for the home series against Australia which will be played on neutral grounds in Sri Lanka and Sharjah next month.

Nazar believes both he and Waqar Younis could lose their jobs.

"I spoke to the General (PCB chairman Tauqir Zia) and he wanted me to take the first available flight out, to discuss something about team problems," Mudassar said on

Sunday.

"It could mean the coach being changed, it could mean captain being changed. It could mean a new strategy for the team, new players," he told reporters.

Nazar said the team was struggling because of poor fitness levels, which could affect their performance in the series against Australia.

"There is a crisis, in the sense the team has done so well before the last three tournaments, won the majority of matches compared to the rest of the teams."

"But the drop has been pretty steep and has caught everyone by surprise. Once the slide started it has been very difficult to stem it."

Pakistan recently roped in Australian physiotherapist Dennis Waight to improve fitness levels.

Mudassar said the inability to play at home owing to security problems was also taking its toll on the players.

New Zealand were the last team to tour Pakistan in May this year, but abandoned the trip on the morning of the second test in Karachi after a bomb blast outside their hotel killed 14 people.

"It has affected us a lot, the younger players in particular. We don't get the breather we need and the Pakistan public is starved of seeing its heroes."

Pakistan are not scheduled to host a home Test series until after the February-March World Cup in South Africa, when India are due to arrive in April.

But the tour is in doubt because

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Female fans vex cops!

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lankan police are keeping a close eye on women visiting cricketers playing in the Champions Trophy, alarmed at a surge in female fans flocking to the hotel to rendezvous with their sporting heroes.

"We have a huge problem of tackling a large number of young women who chase cricketers and attempt to enter their rooms," a senior police official said Sunday.

"We have recorded names and identities of all women who have visited the players' rooms at the hotel and the number is increasing daily."

He declined to say which team was hosting the most visitors.

The International Cricket Council has already sought police help to ensure players do not throw matches.

U-17s off to Colombo

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

A 15-member Bangladesh under-17 cricket team left for Colombo yesterday to play in a triangular series that also involves India and Sri Lanka.

The tri-series, one-day and three-day, starts from October 1 and runs up to 21.

Bangladesh would play some practice matches against different age group selections in the next two weeks.

In the one-day competition, all teams will face each other twice, with the top two locking horns in the final on October 8.

The three-day competition, to be played on league basis, starts after the limited-overs tournament.

Former national cricketer Jahangir Shah Badshah has been appointed as the manager of the

team that would be coached by Sri Lankan Malcolm Perera.

SQUAD

Ashiqur Rahman (captain), Nafis Ahmed, Arafat Sunny, Asif Newaz, Dheeman Ghosh, Ilyas Sunny, Golam Rahman, Gazi Sagor Hossain, Iftekarul Islam, Nayeem Islam, Ashim Chowdhury, Nadiif Chowdhury, Rubaiyat Haque, Rakibur Rahman and Ziaur Rahman.

FIXTURE

(One-day tournament)	
Date	Match
Oct 1	Bangladesh v India
Oct 2	Bangladesh v Sri Lanka
Oct 3	India v Sri Lanka
Oct 4	Bangladesh v India
Oct 5	Bangladesh v Sri Lanka
Oct 6	India v Sri Lanka
Oct 8	Final
(Three-day tournament)	
Oct 11-13	1st in ODI v 2nd in ODI
Oct 15-17	1st in ODI v 3rd in ODI
Oct 19-21	2nd in ODI v 3rd in ODI

Lanka meet Holland today

INTERNET REPORT, Colombo

Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya says his side would not take tournament minnows Holland lightly in their day-night clash at Premadasa International Stadium on Monday.

Holland are yet to win an official one-day International after five attempts and have already struggled here in their practice games, losing to both Bangladesh and Kenya.

Rhodes shuts door on Tests

REUTERS, Colombo

Jonty Rhodes has confirmed he has no intention of returning to Test cricket despite another outstanding performance for South Africa's one-day side.

Rhodes made a vital 61 from 80 balls to help his team to a tense two-wicket win in their Champions Trophy clash against the West Indies, an innings that emphasised his continuing value to the side.

It prompted questions about whether the 33-year-old would reconsider his decision to confine himself to one-day cricket only, which he took after playing the last of his 52 Tests on the same Sinhalese Sports Club ground two years earlier.

"If I played both forms of the game I would have serious questions about whether I was in the right place and I know I'm in the right place here with these guys," he told reporters on Saturday.



DAY'S EVENT
National Bank Premier Division Football League Super Five
Mohammedan SC v Arambagh KS (6 pm)
Venue: BNS.

McGrath dismantles NZ

ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY SRI LANKA 2002

REUTERS, Colombo

New Zealand slumped to their heaviest one-day international defeat by Australia when they were crushed by 164 runs in the ICC Champions Trophy on Sunday.

Chasing 297 for victory, Stephen Fleming's side collapsed to 132 all out in just 26.2 overs as fast bowler Glenn McGrath picked up five for 37, including his 250th wicket in one-day internationals.

The loss almost certainly spells an end to the defence of the title New Zealand won in Nairobi in October 2000.

It also marks a swift reversal in fortune after they beat Australia in three of the four one-day internationals played between the countries in a triangular tournament earlier this year in Australia.

Only a last-wicket stand of 50 between Kyle Mills and Shane Bond spared Fleming's team from their worst-ever beating. They lost by 174 runs to India at Hyderabad in 1999. But it still eclipsed the previous worst loss against Australia, a 150-run defeat in Christchurch in 1990.

With Bangladesh the other side in Pool 1, the victory also looks likely to mean Australia will progress past the first stage of the competition for the first time in three attempts.

The star of the show for Australia was undoubtedly McGrath. The tall fast bowler became the tenth bowler and the second Australian after Shane Warne to reach the 250-wicket mark, doing so in his 161st match when he bowled Jacob Oram. Oram had his off-stump knocked back as he offered no shot.

McGrath found himself on a hat-trick when he removed Fleming (12) and Lou Vincent in successive balls, the New Zealand captain lbw to a ball of full length and Vincent caught at second slip as he pushed forward.

figures in one-day internationals against New Zealand.

With Jason Gillespie taking one for 29 from seven overs, New Zealand had been reduced to 51 for six by the 13th over and it was then just a question of time before the end came.

Earlier, all the Australian top-order had contributed as Ponting's men made 296 for seven from their 50 overs after he won the toss on another humid day.

Adam Gilchrist (44) and Matthew Hayden (43) got the side off to a flying start by adding 68 inside 10 overs and there were other useful contributions from Ponting himself (37) and Darren Lehmann (35), while Damien Martyn top-scored with 73.

At one stage Australia looked certain to reach 300, but an excellent spell from Daniel Vettori, who took one for 25 with his left-arm spin, helped peg the total back.

New Zealand also did themselves no favours as they grassed three catches. Two of them, off Ponting and Hayden cost little, but Fleming dropped Martyn on two, an error which they paid for.

With New Zealand reduced to 82 for nine in replay, Australia could even afford to drop Shane Bond

twice but it simply delayed the inevitable, which came when Shane Warne was introduced into the attack.

SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the Champions Trophy one-day cricket match between Australia and New Zealand at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on Sunday:

AUSTRALIA

A. Gilchrist c Sinclair b Tuffey	44
M. Hayden b Vettori	43
R. Ponting c Fleming b Bond	37
D. Martyn c Harris b Bond	73
D. Lehmann c Vettori b Mills	35
M. Bevan b Oram	21
S. Watson not out	19
S. Warne c Bond b Oram	0
B. Lee not out	4
Extras: (lb-6, nb-7, w-7)	20
Total: (For seven wickets in 50 overs)	296
Fall of wickets: 1-68, 2-129, 3-143, 4-217, 5-272, 6-276, 7-290.	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bond	10	0	63	2
Mills	9	0	49	1

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PHOTO: STAR

Members of the U-17 cricket team pose for a group photo at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Pak sans Inzamam

Cricket

REUTERS, Colombo

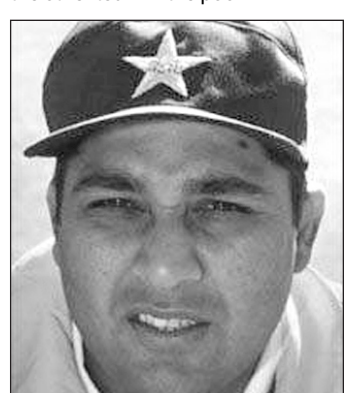
Top Pakistan batsman Inzamamul Haq has been ruled out of next month's Test series against Australia with a serious heel injury that could also threaten his place in the World Cup, team coach Mudassar Nazar said.

"It looks like one or two forced changes (in the team against Australia). Inzamam is not fit," he said.

The 32-year-old batsman has been struggling with the injury in the last few months and was sidelined for Pakistan's opening Pool 4 defeat against hosts Sri Lanka in the Champions Trophy.

That result virtually ended Pakistan's hopes of progress in the prestigious 12-nation event in

Colombo as the hosts are odds on favourites to beat the Netherlands, the other team in the pool.



INZAMAMUL HAQ

Inzamam has emerged as Pakistan's most dependable run-getter in the last two seasons and hit 329 against New Zealand in May to

register the 10th highest score in Test history.

He is expected to consult a specialist in the next few days, according to Mudassar. "If he wants to undergo an operation, to be pretty honest he might have to, there is a chance he might miss the World Cup," he said.

Mudassar said Inzamam, who also had knee surgery in Australia some time ago, had been told by doctors then that his heel might just hold up until the February-March World Cup.

Pakistan will also miss opener Saeed Anwar and Wasim Akram when they take on the formidable Australia, both the experienced players opting to mull over their future international careers.

Anwar's absence could throw the opening combination into further uncertainty because young Imran Nazir is out of form.

Unbeatable Bevan

ICC CHAMPIONS TROPHY SRI LANKA 2002

INTERNET REPORT, Colombo

If Michael Bevan plays a handful of his typical innings for Australia at the Champions Trophy tournament, he will surpass Steve Waugh as the world record-holder for the most not outs in one-day cricket.

Bevan has been not out 55 times in his 183 games for Australia - third on the all-time list behind former Australian captain Waugh (58 in 325 games) and Chris Harris of New Zealand (56 in 214 games).

It's a remarkable record for the

NSW left-hander, who made 53 not out in a practice game against the



MICHAEL BEVAN

West Indies on Wednesday, but it says as much about his role in the side as anything else.

Bevan, as Australia's No 6, often comes in when only a few overs are left to be bowled in an innings or else he's in when his country is in peril and needs a long dig from a man who has become a regular match-saver.

It's no accident that more than one-third of his not outs are tagged to scores above 50. All the asterisks next to his name have helped him become the only one-day batsman to have played more than 20 games and average more than 50.

"Every time I get to have a lengthy bat it means we're probably in trouble," Bevan said.

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Exit Maurice, enter Tim

Athletics

REUTERS, Paris

There is a new fastest man on the planet - Tim Montgomery.

Since one of the darkest days in Olympic history, the official world men's 100 metres record has been held by Carl Lewis, Leroy Burrell, Donovan Bailey and Maurice Greene.

But the 9.79 seconds clocked by

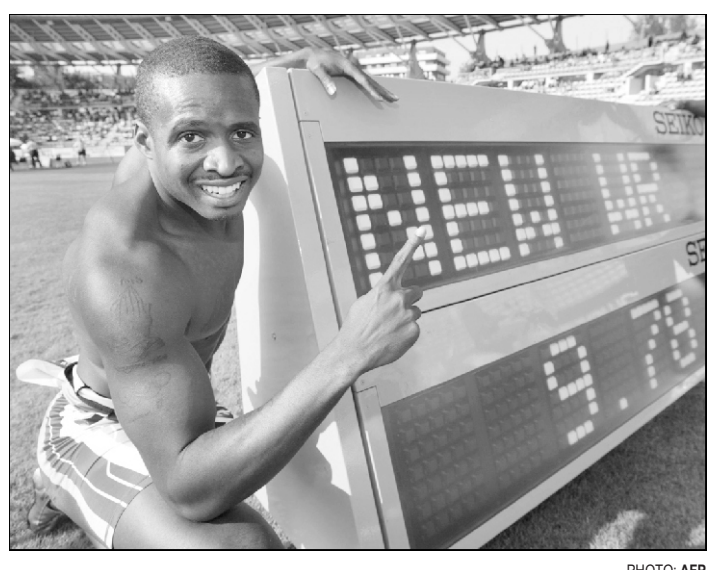


PHOTO: AFP

American Tim Montgomery shows his timing after winning the men's 100m in 9.78 seconds setting a new world record at the IAAF Grand-Prix final in Paris on September 14.

Montgomery's mark was one-hundredth of a second faster than Maurice Greene's 9.79 set three years ago in Athens. He is also now unquestionably the fastest man in history.