



## Did U Know?

Jose Batista of Uruguay was sent off after just 56 seconds against Scotland in 1986! That is the fastest dismissal in World Cup history. His foul on Gordon Strachan gave French referee Joel Quiniou no choice. Uruguay kept the score at 0-0 and progressed to the next round at the expense of Scotland.



## What to Watch

### BTV

Bangladesh vs South Africa  
First ODI (D/N)  
Live at 6:30 pm

### ESPN

#### Cricket Programming

Super Selector  
Live at 7:30 pm

#### Sportscentre Hindi

Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm

#### Cricket Programming

Legends of Cricket  
Taped version at 9:00 pm

South Africa vs New Zealand  
Eleventh ODI, Highlights  
Repeat at 9:30 pm

### STAR Sports

#### Pakistan vs Australia

First Test, Day One  
Live at 10:25 am

Asia Sport Show  
Int'l Sports News  
Repeat at 5:30 pm

#### Cricket Programming

Super Selector  
Live at 7:30 pm

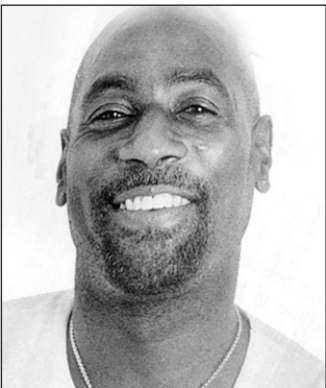
#### Sportline Tonight

Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm

Futbol Mundial  
Repeat at 11:00 pm



## Talk Turkey



### Viv Richards

(West Indies cricket legend)  
"I think he is marvellous. He will fit in whatever category of cricket that has been played or will be played."  
On Sachin Tendulkar.

## Star WHIZZ KID

COMPETITION 181

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Oct 11, 2002 and draw  
shortly afterwards

- What was Bangladesh's score against Australia in the ICC Champions Trophy?  
102      82      129
- Who won the National Bank Premier Division football title?  
Mukijjodha | Abahani | Mohammedan
- Who won the Toyota Princess Cup tennis title?  
Hingis | Capriati | Serena
- Who is the fastest man in the world?  
Greene | Montgomery | Edwards
- Who are the defending champions in European Champions League?

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## R'mati soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Friends Circle Club moved into the quarterfinals beating Naniarchar Upazila 2-1 in the Rangamati Junior Gold Cup tournament at the local stadium yesterday.  
Kamal and Shahnaz netted one goal each for the winners.  
Jupachari Upazil will take on Nabin Shanga today at 4 pm.



Bangladesh shooter Asif Hossain Khan (L) checks the lens of his gun during the men's 10-metre air-rifle team event at the General Shooting Range in Changwon City, South Korea yesterday.

# Malaysia maul B'desh

## India, South Korea enter semis



AFP, Busan

Malaysia slammed four first-half goals in a 6-1 win over Bangladesh in Group B of the Asian Games men's hockey competition at the Gangeo Stadium yesterday.

Captain K Shanmuganathan and Boon Hwat Chua scored two goals each, while Amin Rahim and Fairuz Ramli grabbed one apiece.

Yamin Hossain converted a penalty corner to get a consolation goal for Bangladesh with just two minutes to go.

Malaysia, contenders for a semifinal slot from the group along with Pakistan, scored four of their goals through penalty-corners.

Malaysian coach Paul Lissek was happy at the result despite Bangladesh pressing harder in the second session.

"It's a good result for a first match," said Lissek. "Ours is a young team and I expect our players to settle down and play better hockey in the coming days."

"I think we relaxed a bit in defence and the midfield did not keep it simple and tried too hard at times."

"However, each goal counts for us as we're hoping to make the

semifinals."

Bangladesh coach Nurul Islam hoped his team would do better in their remaining matches.

"We played a good second half and hope to put up a better display in the rest of the competition," he said.

Bangladesh next play seven-time champions Pakistan on Friday while Malaysia's next match is also against Pakistan on Sunday.

Meanwhile, defending champions India and hosts South Korea sealed semifinal berths with fluent wins.

India defeated Japan 3-0 while South Korea thrashed Hong Kong 14-1 for their second successive wins in Group A. The two teams will now clash on Friday to decide the winner of the four-team group.

India took another step in their bid to defend the title they won at Bangkok, shaking off their rust in attack in the second session to seal the country's 12th consecutive victory over Japan in the Asian Games.

Deepak Thakur, Dhanraj Pillay and Daljit Singh found the back of the net for India, with striker Gagan Ajit Singh having a hand in two of the goals.

Thakur's strike in the 19th minute came after a gritty war of attrition in midfield, but things fell in place for India after the breather.

Pillay latched on to a rebound off a Gagan Ajit shot in the 45th minute

and then Gagan Ajit moved inside the circle in tandem with medio Bimal Lakra to set up the third goal for Daljit.

Indian coach Rajinder Singh was pleased with his team's performance and hoped they would improve in the coming days.

"I thought Japan played very well today, which the score-line may not suggest."

"We did not do well in the first-half but were good in the second. I think we're improving as the tournament is progressing," Rajinder said.

India had beaten Hong Kong 5-1 earlier in the league.

But Hong Kong found bigger tormentors in South Korea.

Yeo Woon-Kon (3), Kang Keon-Wook (2), Kang Seong-Jung (2), Seo Jong-Ho (2), Kim Kyung-Seok, Kim Jung-Chul, Lee Nam-Yong, Shin Seok-Kyo and Song Seung-Tae were the marksmen for South Korea.

Captain Farooq Saeed put the ball in for the losers.

South Korean coach Jeon Jae-Hong was happy at the result, but said the real tests would come later.

"I'm happy that we scored so many goals, but what matters is how we play against India and Pakistan. I think we're ready to play India in our next match and we fancy our chances for gold."

South Korea's first win was a 4-0 result over Japan.

## BD-Turkmenistan match today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh will meet Turkmenistan in their last preliminary round match of the 14th Asian Games in Busan, South Korea, today.

The match kicks off at 4 pm (BST).

Bangladesh have already bowed out of the 25-nation football tournament after losing their first two matches against India and China by an identical 3-0 margin.

The team is expected to return home on Saturday.

## Shooters take 9th positions

BSS, Changwon City

Bangladesh got the ninth position among 14 countries in the 10-metre air-rifle team event of the Asian Games shooting competition at Changwon General Shooting Range yesterday.

Asif Hossain Khan, Shoaib-uzzaman and Anwaruzzaman secured the position scoring 1740. The series of Asif were 99, 97, 98, 99, 99, 98 while Shoaib's scores were 97, 96, 97, 95, 97, 98 and Anwar's were 95, 94, 96, 95, 93, 97.

In the qualification round, Asif grabbed 12th spot scoring 590, Shoaib got 29th (580) position while Anwar finished 43rd scoring 570 points. Asif could have participated in the individual shoot-off had he scored just one more point.

In the qualification round, Asif fared even better than he did in the Commonwealth Games where he scored 587 without final shoot-off.

The promising boy shot to Commonwealth glory in 10m air-rifle with a score of 691.9 points.

Bangladesh women also got 9th position among 12 countries in the 10m air-rifle team event scoring 1143 points. The trio of Sabrina Sultana, Fowzia Karim and Suraiya Aktar grabbed the fourth position from bottom with scores of 95, 95, 97, 99; 92, 93, 94, 91; and 96, 98, 98, 95 respectively.

In the qualification round, Suraiya got 22nd position, Sabrina secured 24th while Fowzia became 36th.

## Windies to miss Lara

INTERNET, Bangalore

The absence of Brian Lara will be a "major blow" to the West Indies as they begin a three-Test tour of India, captain Carl Hooper has admitted.

"Lara is a very, very experienced player and we will miss him certainly," Hooper said as the team arrived in Bangalore for their tour-opener against the Board President's XI.

Lara was hospitalised in Sri Lanka last month with suspected hepatitis after he scored a century against Kenya the ICC Champions Trophy.

Lara proved his dominance of spin bowling in a Test series in Sri Lanka late last year, when he scored 688 runs at 114.66 even though the tourists lost all three Tests.

And on home soil, the West Indies clinched a 2-1 verdict in a five-Test series last May.

But the Caribbean side will have to take on India spin pairing Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh without their star, on surfaces where world Test champions Australia lost 2-1 last year.

Hooper argued that the side featured several exciting young players, but he said veterans like himself would have to lead by example.

"We are under no illusions [but] if we play very good cricket, we can do it," he said.

West Indies have won five of their eight Test series in India stretching back to 1948, but their last victory was in 1983-84. The following two have been drawn.

## Shah Altaf chess Fritz7 a point away

SPORTS REPORTER

Fritz7 (Computer Chess Programme) maintained its solo lead in the Shah Altaf Associate FIDE Rating Chess Tournament after the completion of round eight at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Auditorium yesterday.

Fritz7 won against Sohail Chowdhury and now has 7.5 points. Grandmaster Ziaur Rahman is in second position with 7 points. Behind Fritz7 and Zia is International Master (IM) Enamul Hossain Rajib of Biman with 6.

The ninth and last round of games will start today from 2.30 pm at the same venue and the prize distribution ceremony will be held in the evening after the matches finish.

# Waqar plans around spin

## First Aus-Pak Test in SL from today



AFP, Colombo

Under-strength Pakistan will be guided by the success of their Asian rivals India and Sri Lanka as they attempt to spin out Australia in the first Test starting here on Thursday.

Both India and Sri Lanka used spin to defeat the world champions in their previous home series, and

Pakistan hope the Australians will be equally vulnerable against wily off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq and leggie Danish Kaneria.

Both slow bowlers will take the field even on the damp Tamil Union ground wicket with captain Waqar Younis sharing the new ball with speed king Shoaib Akhtar and all-rounder Abdul Razzaq.

Younis has not forgotten that Australia crumbled for 162 against Sri Lanka in the ICC Champions

Trophy one-day semifinal here last week with Muttiah Muralitharan and his spinning partners picking up seven wickets.

"I believe the wicket will dry out giving both Saqlain and Kaneria a chance," said Younis. "If there is a chink in Australia's armour, it is spin."

Pakistan are more worried about their depleted batting resources in the absence of the seasoned trio of Saad Anwar, Inzamam-ul-Haq and Yousef Youhana.

Anwar, like Wasim Akram, opted out of the series for unspecified reasons, while both Inzamam and Youhana were sidelined with injuries.

That has left newly-appointed vice-captain Younis Khan the most experienced batsman in the side and he has played only 20 Tests. None of the other specialist batsmen have played more than six.

Left-handed Taufiq Umar will open the batting with either Imran Nazir or Imran Farhat with Misbahul Haq, who has played just one Test, and Hasan Raza, who has played two, expected to shoulder the middle-order.

Pakistan could miss the hard-hitting batting and leg-spin bowling of Shahid Afridi, who was surprisingly axed by the selectors after the Champions Trophy.

It's the gaping hole in the middle that Australia's dreaded pace attack will exploit.

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FRIENDS TODAY, FOES TOMORROW: Rival captains Waqar Younis of Pakistan (L) and Steve Waugh of Australia shake hands during a press conference in Colombo on October 1.

# Salvos exchanged



AFP, Colombo

Rival captains Steve Waugh of Australia and Waqar Younis of Pakistan indulged in verbal sparring over the pitch prepared for the first cricket Test starting here on Thursday.

Waugh slammed Younis' statement at a press briefing on Tuesday evening that the Sri Lankan groundsmen should prepare a wicket that suits his team since it was Pakistan's home series.

The three-match series, originally scheduled to be played in Pakistan, was shifted to neutral venues in Colombo and Sharjah after Australia declined to tour Pakistan for security concerns.

"It is not good for the game that a wicket should be prepared to suit one team," Waugh told reporters on Wednesday.

Told of Waugh's objections, Younis said the Australian captain

was either scared or beginning to feel the pressure of retaining his place in the side.

"What's wrong if I ask for a pitch that suits us," he said. "It's supposed to be our home series and we should have some advantage."

"Doesn't Australia want wickets that suit them when they play at home?"

"I think the pressure is getting to Steve. He's a bit worried and that can only be good for us."

Waugh, 37, who has been dropped from Australia's one-day team, has not yet been appointed captain for the Ashes clash against England starting next month amid speculation the selectors were concerned about the batting form of Waugh and his twin brother Mark.

The wicket at the Tamil Union ground, the venue for the first Test, appeared hard enough to indicate it will aid fast bowlers on the first morning.

Younis denied reports that Pakistan had flown in a groundsmen from Lahore to prepare the wicket for the first Test.

# Younis skipper till World Cup

REUTERS, Colombo

Captain Waqar Younis has been named to lead Pakistan through next year's World Cup, a team official announced on Wednesday on the eve of a Test series with Australia.

Team manager Khawaja Nasir said that Pakistan, in Sri Lanka for the first Test against Australia starting on Thursday, would keep Waqar despite losing six of their last 10 one-dayers.

"He has been told by the chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board... that he will captain the team in the 2003 World Cup," said Nasir, who was recalled as manager after Yawar Saeed was fired last week because of the poor performances.

Waqar told reporters at a news conference that he has been focusing on the team instead of rumours about his future.

"I have never been worried about whether I am captain or not, I have that job at the moment and I will continue to do it."

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# PCB's no to neutral Test



REUTERS, Colombo

Pakistan are refusing to play future home Test series at neutral venues, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has said.

The Pakistan team have recently been forced to play their home matches at neutral venues because teams have refused to travel to their country because of security fears.

They are set to start a three-Test home series against Australia this week in Sri Lanka and Sharjah.

"The board chairman Tauqir Zia has said this will be the last tour where Pakistan will be agreeing to play at a neutral venue," ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed said after an executive board meeting in Colombo.

The Pakistan problem was discussed at length as it affected the ICC's 10-year Test programme, Speed added.

He told the meeting that the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) had incurred heavy revenue loss due to the shifting of its home games.

Teams have refused to travel to Pakistan since New Zealand called off a tour in May following a bomb explosion in front of the team hotel on the opening morning of the second Test in Karachi, which claimed 11 lives.

Zia is also concerned about India's refusal to play Pakistan because of political tension between the two neighbouring countries.

"India is scheduled to come to Pakistan three times in the next six years and he was concerned by the consequent loss of revenue," Speed said.

The PCB wanted a safety review committee to be set up to decide on

tours to Pakistan and the ICC to impose penalties on countries refusing to visit for political reasons.

The ICC has asked its management committee to prepare a report in the next six weeks to study the PCB's demand.

"It is not an easy issue to address concerns that occur between governments, those that have been there for many years," Speed said.

ICC president Malcolm Gray said the board accepted its cricket committee's recommendation that no country should play more than 15 Tests and 30 one-day games a year.

It was also suggested that teams should be given a six-week break from playing every year, and a gap of at least 10 days between two tours.

The practice of playing one-day internationals on consecutive days should be discouraged and a break of at least two days should be given

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# ICC to fix contract row



REUTERS, Colombo

Cricket's world governing body has decided to review the disputed contract that almost led to a players' boycott of the Champions Trophy in Sri Lanka.

A five-member committee of the International Cricket Council (ICC) will resolve issues such as ambush marketing and player images terms to prevent the possibility of a repeat at next year's World Cup in South Africa.

ICC president Malcolm Gray, its CEO Malcolm Speed, Ehsan Mani, the ICC's president-elect from Pakistan, Bob Merriman, chairman of the Australian Cricket Board, and Jagmohan Dalmiya, the Indian board president, will complete their work by mid-November.

"We will work over the next month and try to resolve those issues to the agreement of all interested parties," Speed told reporters after a meeting of the ICC's executive board.

A major row centred over the conflicting rights of the official sponsors and the players' personal sponsors had threatened to ruin last month's 12-team event in Sri Lanka.

Players from several Test countries refused to sign the participation contract disputing its player terms before most of them, barring

the Indian players, agreed to sign up.

The row almost led to a boycott by leading India players like Sachin Tendulkar and skipper Sourav Ganguly before the ICC relaxed some of the conditions at the last minute to resolve the issue.

"We want to resolve all outstanding issues well ahead of the World Cup," Speed said.

The player terms, which will apply for all ICC events until 2007, were drawn up following a deal with the ruling body's marketing partner Global Cricket Corporation (GCC) worth 550 million dollars.

Speed said the ICC's immediate concern was to settle all differences for the February-March tournament.

"Right now we are looking only at the World Cup. If a sensible solution can be found, we can abide by that until 2007," he said.

The ICC meeting also decided to give the players more representation in the governing body, although it could not draft them into its management committee because of opposition from some members.

However, Gray said the Cricket Committee, headed by former India captain Sunil Gavaskar, would be restructured to include 10 former international players.

Five of them would be chosen by Test captains and the others by the boards of the 10 Test countries.

Countries will be paired - England-West Indies, Pakistan-Bangladesh, India-Sri Lanka, South Africa-Zimbabwe and Australia-New Zealand - with each pairing sending one player representative and the other the board's choice.

Gray said five of its members were against drafting a player representative into the management committee, although he did not identify them.

India, Pakistan, West Indies, Zimbabwe and Bangladesh are said to be among those who are not keen to recognise the Federation of International Cricketers Association (FICA), which represents players from many Test countries.

Players from these five countries do not have their own association, thereby making them ineligible to join the Federation of International

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International Cricket Council president Malcolm Gray (R) speaks to reporters after a meeting of the ICC Executive Board in Colombo on October 1. ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed is sitting next to him.



Scene from yesterday's Shah Altaf Associate FIDE Rating Chess encounters at the NSC chess room.

PHOTO: STAR