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Former England captain Gary Lineker was known as a gentleman of the game of football. The mild-mannered striker scored six goals in the 1986 World Cup finals.



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## TALK TURKEY



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(Former Pakistan Test captain)  
"It would be a disaster for Pakistan cricket if Waqar Younis goes."  
While lending support to the national captain after the team's humiliating defeat to Australia last week.

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- Who won the Kremlin Cup tennis title?  
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- In which event did Bangladesh win silver medal in the 14th Asian Games?  
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- Who is Asia's fastest woman?  
Jayasinghe Netalya Darsha
- How many Test matches will West Indies play against Bangladesh in November-December?  
Two Three Four
- How many goals did Ronaldo score on his Real Madrid debut?  
One Two Three

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## Michael gives SA the edge

AFP, Adelaide  
South Australian all-rounder Michael Miller took four wickets to lead a fightback late on the opening day of their Sheffield Shield cricket match against Victoria at Adelaide Oval on Tuesday.  
In reply to SA's first innings total of 149, Victoria were 94 for seven at stumps, trailing the home side by 55 on the first innings.  
Victoria looked in control after dismissing SA in two sessions.  
Only former Test batsman Greg Blewett (36 runs) and Mark Higgs (33) offered any resistance to a tight, well-drilled Victorian bowling attack.  
Blewett's wicket sparked a major late-order collapse, with the

# Kamal the new king



Chess

SPORTS REPORTER

Exactly a year later and the fourth edition of the Special Chess Tournament for people with visual impairment has been crowned by a new champion. He is Kamal Hossain.

Kamal brought the reign of Swapan Chawkidar to an end on his way to remaining unbeaten in the seven-round competition yesterday at the Chess Room of the National Sports Council.

Going into the final round of the four-day yearly event, both players were neck-and-neck with six points. But it was Kamal, playing with his special black pieces, who held his nerve against last year's winner. Interestingly, Swapan Chawkidar himself was involved in an intriguing battle to knock off two-time champion Shamsul Islam. In that particular year Swapan walked away with the trophy earning full points.

The only consolation this time for the former holder, however, was a runner-up trophy.

Four other players also finished with equal six points and so tie-break method was used to determine their final places.

Third place went to Ajgor Ali, Mollah Abdul Maleq was fourth while Shahnur Haque and Mohammad Abd Hossain followed in fifth and sixth respectively.

Other positions were as follows: Amir Hossain (seventh), Sharif Ahmed (eighth). Both players collected five-and-a-half points each.

In the last round: Ajgor beat Mir

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Kamal Hossain, who became champion, makes a move against last year's winner Swapan Chawkidar (not in picture) during their final round meeting of the Fourth Special Chess Tournament for the visually-impaired at the NSC chess room yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## BD in South Africa Monjurul, Talha scuttle Country

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh warmed for the Test series with a 99-run win over South Africa Country Districts in a four-day practice match in Bedford, South Africa, yesterday.

The two-Test series starts from October 18 with the first one to be played at the Buffalo Park in East London and the second in Potchefstroom from October 25.

According to a telephonic message from South Africa yesterday, Bangladesh new-ball pair of Monjurul Islam and Talha Jubair ripped through the Country batting line-up, evenly sharing eight wickets between them.

The home side, resuming the final day at 117 for six, needed another 135 runs to win but were shot out for 151.

Bangladesh, aided by a superb 144 from middle-order Sanwar Hossain, posted 260 in the first innings and added another 165 in the second innings.

On the other hand, the home side were all out for 174 in their first innings.

## AFC U-20 tourney Indo-Bangla match today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh take on India in their opening Group B match of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Under-20 tournament at the Al Ahli Club ground in Doha, Qatar, today.

Bangladesh, who earned a berth in the final round of the 12-nation tourney winning the Group Five qualifying round in Pakistan last April, have been slated in the toughest group at the preliminary round that also includes powerful Saudi Arabia and Japan.

Top two teams from each of the three groups and the best two of the third-placed teams will make it to the last eight.

## Green Delta hockey

UNB, Dhaka

Bachelors Spotting Club and Dhaka Hockey Club reached the super league of the Green Delta Metropolis Second Division Hockey after winning their last matches of the first phase at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

They joined with Shishu Kishore Sangha, Combined SC and Dikusha SC, who already confirmed the six-team super league berths earlier.

In the day's first match, Bachelors defeated PWD Sporting Club 2-0.

KM Shahab and KM Muhi scored for the winners, one in each half.

Dhaka Hockey Club recorded a massive 8-1 victory over Shantinagar Club in the second match of the day.

Shafiqul Alam struck four goals, Shakil netted two, Shariful Islam and Aminul Islam scored one each for the winners.

Munna netted the consolation goal for the losers in the 40th minute.

## BCB colts beat CAB

UNB, Dhaka

An allround show by Marshall Ayub enabled Bangladesh Cricket Board under-15 side to beat the visiting Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) under-15 team by 52 runs in their third one-day match at the BKSP ground yesterday.

Winning the toss, BCB under-15 batted first and made 244 runs for nine in stipulated 45 overs.

In reply, CAB under-15 were all out for 192 runs in 39.5 overs.

### BRIEF SCORES

**BCB U-15:** 244 for 9 in 45 overs (Mehdi Hassan 57, Suhrawardy Shuvo not out 46, Marshall Ayub 34, MAhad 18, S Moazzem 17, Choyan Rajbanshi 16, Mazharuddin 10, Mushfiq Rahim 8, Sumon Kumar 8, S Khadem 5, Abu Sayed Rajib 1, extras 24; Rohan Banerjee 2/13, Sarnendu Paul 2/41, Bablu Goshwami 2/44, B Amit 1/29 and S Biswas 1/30).

**CAB U-15:** 192 all out in 39.5 overs (Rohan Banerjee 72, S Goshwami 32, Sujoy Das 23, B Amit 22, Amith Das 14, Apurba Bhat 11, extras 21; Marshall Ayub 3/29, Suhrawardy Shuvo 2/30, Sumon Kumar 1/23 and Shafi Moazzem 1/35).

## Aussies go to WI in April

INTERNET, London

West Indies will play Australia in four Tests and seven one-day internationals in the Caribbean next year.

The Australians will head for the Caribbean following the World Cup in South Africa, with their first match against a Guyanese Cricket Board President's XI beginning on 5 April.

Australia were held to a 2-2 draw when they last visited the West Indies in 1999, a Test series in which Brian Lara made scores of 213, 153 not out and 100.

But they followed that by handing out a 5-0 thrashing on home soil two winters ago, a result which led to the sacking of Jimmy Adams as West Indies captain.

The West Indies Cricket Board has also issued provisional itineraries for tours by England and Bangladesh in 2004.

England will also play four Tests, the first to start in Kingston on 11 March, and seven one-day games.

Bangladesh's first Caribbean tour will take place in May and June and will feature three one-dayers, to be followed by two Test matches.

### ITINERARY

Apr 5-7: v Guyanese President's XI, Georgetown  
Apr 10-14: First Test, Georgetown  
Apr 18-22: Second Test, Port of Spain

Apr 25-27: v University of West

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## READERS' ZONE Work hard to excel

Do you have any observation regarding sports and its management in Bangladesh? Do you feel certain issues need to be addressed before time runs out? Then, hurry up and send us your burning questions, critical views and thoughtful suggestions not in excess of 400 words. Let your thought buzz at your corner, the Readers' zone. ---Sports Editor

We learn from human biology that viruses constantly have to mutate and evolve in order to outwit the body's immune system, which in turn keeps developing defences against each new deadly virus that comes along.

In cricket also it seems as if there is a perpetual battle going on between bowlers who are always trying to develop new wicket-taking tricks and the batsmen who take great pains to learn how to cope with these variations.

Woe to the bowler who gets complacent because once the batsmen figure out his special deliveries they will be able to hammer him all over the park. The first between Pakistan and Australia at Colombo from October 3-7 was a good opportunity to see these processes at work.

Abdul Razzak who only a few months earlier was a star performer, suddenly was made to look very ordinary by the Australian batsmen. His bowling was hardly threatening because there was nothing new in it. So, combined with his uncomfortable batting, he

is in danger of losing his place in the side.

Although Saqlain Mushtaq took eight wickets in the match, he also needs to develop some more variations because the Australians appear to be close to working him out.

By contrast, speedster Shoab Akhtar's new package of pace-combined-with-guile did represent a quantum jump over what the Australians had last seen from him.

Master leg-spinner Shane Warne after all these years still remains fresh, developing new ways of fooling his batting adversaries.

He gives the impression of an archer with a large number of different arrows already in his quiver, with a few more being added every match.

And Warne seems to have developed another technique of taking wickets with a succession of deliveries, not just by virtue of one single prodigious effort.

Every so often he lets go a long

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# Milestone awaits McGrath



AFP, Sharjah

Australia's premier fast bowler Glenn McGrath will have an added spring in his step when he takes the field in Saturday's final Test against Pakistan here.

McGrath needs just four wickets to join teammate Shane Warne as the only Australians in the exclusive 400-wicket club, a feat he hopes to achieve in quick time against the Pakistanis.

"It's been there on my mind for sometime, and it will be nice to get there in this Test itself," the 32-year-old said here on Tuesday.

"Getting to 400 will be a very amazing achievement, I will be a very proud man when I get there."

The 86-Test veteran hoped the milestone will inspire him to touch the 500-wicket mark, a feat achieved so far only by world record holder Courtney Walsh of the West Indies, who retired last season with 519 wickets.

"That's been my aim for some time, getting to 500," McGrath said. "Hopefully the body will hold up till then."

"I work very hard off the field, the body feels pretty old. And I am quite motivated to play for Australia."

"I have always been a wickettaker. The main motivation is to take wickets."

Unlike Pakistani all-rounder Wasim Akram, who has stayed

away from Test cricket to keep fit for next year's limited-overs World Cup, McGrath still enjoys both forms of the game.

"I just love to play for Australia, whether it is Tests or one-day internationals," he said.

"The only tough thing is to be away from the family for so long."

McGrath, who has over 250 one-day wickets, shortened his run-up during the one-day series in Kenya in September, but went back to his

innings and 3-38 in the second as Australia squeezed out a hard-fought victory by 41 runs.

In the second Test played here last week in oppressive heat and humidity, McGrath closed one end up to allow Warne a free run at the other.

McGrath's two first innings wickets here cost just 10 runs from seven overs and he followed that with a brilliant 1-5 in six overs in the second.

The early pressure applied by McGrath saw Pakistan crash for record lows of 59 and 53 to lose by an innings in under two days.

"It was so hot out there that three or four over spells left you cooked for the rest of the day," he said.

"Hope it will be a little cooler in the next Test."

"The young Pakistani batsmen did well in the first Test mainly because we had not seen them before."

"But we worked on a plan here and it went off pretty well. Pakistan did not have the heart to stay out there in the middle like Matthew Hayden did for us."

Left-handed Hayden batted for more than seven hours to score his ninth Test century.

McGrath said he had not thought about next month's Ashes series against old rivals England at home.

"I am concentrating on the third Test here," he said. "Hopefully we can finish this Test soon as get home early."

"A 3-0 sweep will be a true reading of the series."



GLENN McGRATH

original mark in the first two Tests against Pakistan.

Leg-spinner Warne may have dominated the series so far with 19 wickets in two Tests - taking his overall tally to 469 - but McGrath's contribution has been invaluable.

In the first Test in Colombo, McGrath claimed 1-40 in the first

# Mission Tough Ashes



AFP, Perth

England cricket captain Nasser Hussain this week embarks on one of the sport's toughest missions -- an Ashes Test series on Australian soil.

His 16-member squad touches down here Friday to prepare for four warm-up matches in three weeks ahead of the opening Test in Brisbane from November 7-11 when England begin their bid to conquer the old foes for the first time in 15 years.

If Hussain's squad were apprehensive about their assignment when the touring party was announced a month ago, they will be even more sharply aware of the magnitude of their challenge after Australia's stunning form in the recent Tests against Pakistan.

Under their astute ringmaster Steve Waugh -- still a master tactician even if the reflexes have not improved over 37 years -- the world champions have shown, with their almost contemptuous dismissal of Waqar Younis' side, why they occupy number one position.

England, under the command of 34-year-old Hussain -- born in Chennai, India, but brought up in England from the age of five -- and Zimbabwe-born coach Duncan Fletcher, look to be a tougher proposition than the side outclassed by Australia in England last year.

A 2-0 series win against Sri Lanka and a 1-1 drew with India in the recent northern summer confirmed the side's improvement.

But there is a world of difference between taking on two of the game's medium powers on familiar home

turf and locking horns with talent-laden Australia on rock-hard pitches under a blazing sun.

Over the years, Englishmen have passed rather too many summers of discontent 'Down Under'. In the almost 60 years since World War Two, their teams have succeeded a mere four times from 17 attempts.

Len Hutton (1954-55), Ray Illingworth (1970-71), Mike Brearley (1978-79) and Mike Gatting (1986-87) alone went home with the mythical

England's four series successes here in almost half a century have all been based on pace.

Hutton had "Typhoon" Frank Tyson in his armoury; Illingworth the fiery John Snow; Brearley the mercurial Ian Botham, Bob Willis and Mike Hendrick; and Gatting could call on Graham Dilley and Gladstone Small.

England's pace component for this campaign does not appear to match the firepower of those earlier attacks.

Yorkshireman Darren Gough, the team's best speed exponent, remains under a fitness cloud. He has not played Test cricket for more than a year after three knee operations.

Andy Caddick (knee), Andy Flintoff (groin) and Simon Jones (side) have also missed action in recent months.

Matthew Hoggard and recent debutant Steve Harmison complete an unusually big speed battery.

The tourists' batting, headed by star openers Marcus Trescothick and Michael Vaughan, and strongly supported by Hussain, Mark Butcher and veteran Alec Stewart, looks capable of making competitive scores.

But dismissing Waugh's ace batting line-up twice in the same game appears to be the big headache facing the challengers.

### SQUAD

Nasser Hussain (captain), Marcus Trescothick, Michael Vaughan, Mark Butcher, John Crawley, Alex Stewart, Robert Key, James Foster, Andrew Flintoff, Darren Gough, Andy Caddick, Matthew Hoggard, Simon Jones, Steve Harmison, Ashley Giles, Richard Dawson.



NASSER HUSSAIN

# SA hot on Aus' heels



REUTERS, London

South Africa will keep up the pressure on Australia at the head of the ICC Test Championship table by winning their home two-Test series against Bangladesh starting on Friday.

South Africa, who lie second in the standings, play Bangladesh for the first time in a Test, having recently completed a 3-0 win in the one-day international series.

Bangladesh are still searching for an elusive first win at the highest level, having now played five series without a Test victory.

Two points for the Proteas would improve their average to 1.53, marginally behind Australia, who have led the table since its introduction in May 2001, on 1.54.

Steve Waugh's team has maintained top spot by winning their current series against Pakistan, and will be looking to a successful Ashes defence to stay ahead of the South Africans.

Australia are due to play their first series against Bangladesh on home soil next July.

However, a historic series win or draw for Bangladesh would postpone South Africa's drive for top spot and earn Khaled Mashud's team its first points on the ICC Test Championship table.

Ranjan Madugalle is the ICC Match Referee for the series and Elite Panel umpires Daryl Harper and Russell Tiffin will stand in both Tests, in East London, over October 18-21, and Potchefstroom, on October 25-29.

### TEST CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

Team	P	W	L	D	Pts	Avg
Australia	13	9	2	2	20	1.54
South Africa	16	11	3	2	24	1.50
New Zealand	17	8	5	4	20	1.18
Sri Lanka	16	8	6	2	18	1.13
England	16	6	6	4	16	1.00
West Indies	15	6	8	1	13	0.87
India	14	4	6	4	12	0.86
Pakistan	16	4	7	5	13	0.81
Bangladesh	16	3	11	2	8	0.50
Bangladesh	5	0	5	0	0	-

# Zia's resignation rejected



REUTERS/AFP, undated

President Pervez Musharraf Tuesday refused to accept the resignation of national cricket board chairman Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia, which he had tendered after a devastating Test defeat against Australia.

"Musharraf has not accepted the resignation of Lieutenant General Tauqir Zia and asked him to continue as Chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board," a statement released by the board said.

The president had "expressed complete confidence" in Zia and told him "he was the right man to guide Pakistan cricket through the current crisis," the board said after a meeting between Zia and Musharraf.

Pakistan slumped to its lowest Test score ever for the second time in two days Saturday, making 59 in the first innings and 53 in the second against Australia in the United Arab Emirates' Sharjah. Pakistan's total of 112 runs in two innings is the fourth worst in Test history.

Australia bowled out Pakistan in the second Test to win by an innings and 198 runs on Saturday.

"I feel down and embarrassed with my team's performance," Zia said after the match, before handing in his resignation.

On Tuesday, the president said while he was "disappointed" with Pakistan's performance against

Australia in the second Test match, he "hoped it would recover from this shock defeat and would show their true mettle in the third Test" scheduled over October 19.

Meanwhile, Zia is being urged to reconsider his decision to resign by the International Cricket Council (ICC).

ICC president Malcolm Gray said in a statement: "I urge General Zia to reconsider his decision. He has the knowledge, capabilities and experi-

The humiliating defeat at the hands of the Aussies comes at a turbulent time for Pakistan cricket. Their eight-wicket defeat by Sri Lanka in the opening match of the recent ICC Champions Trophy is under investigation by the ICC's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU).

Off the field, Pakistan have also suffered as a result of security concerns after the suicide bombing outside the touring New Zealand team's hotel in Karachi in May. Since then teams, including Australia, have refused to tour Pakistan.

"It would be a significant blow to the game if he were lost to the sport," added Gray. "Given the issues that remain in Pakistan cricket at this time, it is essential that there is stability in the leadership of the PCB."

"I hope that General Musharraf will refuse to accept the resignation in the interests of the game in Pakistan."



GENERAL TAUQIR ZIA