



## Did U Know?

Russian referee Miroslav Stupar made a controversial decision in the Kuwait-France match in 1982 World Cup football. France led 3-1 when Giresse blasted home number four with the Kuwaiti defenders rooted to the spot. They claimed they had stopped playing upon hearing a whistle. The Kuwaiti FA president Prince Fahed came on to the field from his seat in the stands and protested long and hard. It led to Stupar disallowing the goal. However, France scored a fourth goal in the last minute. For Prince Fahed's interference an 8000 pounds fine was imposed on the Kuwaitis by FIFA.



### ESPN

English Premier Football League  
Southampton vs Fulham  
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Bolton Wanderers vs Sunderland  
Same Day Delay at 5:30 pm

Football Focus  
Same Day Delay at 7:30 pm

Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm

Cricket Programming  
Legends of Cricket  
Taped Version at 9:00 pm

STAR Sports  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
Repeat at 8:30 am

Futbol Mundial  
Repeat at 9:30 am

English Premier Football League  
Arsenal vs Blackburn Rovers  
Repeat at 12:30 pm

Primera Liga  
Real Madrid vs Villarreal  
Taped Version at 6:00 pm

Sportline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm



PHOTO: STAR  
Bangladesh A skipper Aminul Islam misses a sweep against Mahmudul of BCB Development Squad on the final day of their four-day match of the Challenge Trophy at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

## Formers in the fore



### SPORTS REPORTER

From national captain Aminul Islam cracked an unbeaten half-century to lead Bangladesh A to a comprehensive seven-wicket win over BCB Development Squad in the inaugural Challenge Trophy match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

Aminul was not out on 63 as the second string Bangladesh side, resuming the day on 60 for no loss and needing 146 more runs for a win, reached home during the post lunch session of the final day of the four-day match.

Coming in to bat at number four after his team lost the third wicket on 125, Aminul shared an unbeaten 83-

run stand for the fourth wicket with another former Bangladesh captain Akram Khan, who was three runs shy of half-century.

Aminul, who scored 145 in Bangladesh's inaugural Test against India in November 2000, faced 101 balls and hit seven boundaries in his 126-minute vigil at the crease.

On the other hand, Akram, recovering from a shaky start, took the young bowlers to the sword, smashing two sixes and half a dozen of fours off 79 balls.

Two other former national captains, Minhazul Abedin and Naimur Rahman, in the A team were also there to impress the selectors for senior team. Naimur Rahman managed 21 and Minhazul did not get a chance to bat in the second innings.

A team opener Ehsanul Haque, 38 not out overnight, missed a half-

century by two runs. Off-spinner Kamrul Islam took all the three second innings wickets for 60 runs.

Enamul Hoque Senior of A team was chosen for the man-of-the-match award ahead of Development Squad's Mahmudullah, who scored 65 and 62.

Enamul took seven wickets in the match and scored a gritty 49 in the first innings.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the final day of the four-day Challenge Trophy match between Bangladesh A and BCB Development Squad at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday:

**DEVELOPMENT SQUAD:** First innings 223 all out in 98.2 overs

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## Australia closes door on Mark

AFP, Sydney

Veteran batsman Mark Waugh has been dumped from the Australian cricket team due to play England in the first Ashes Test in Brisbane on November 7, cricket officials announced Monday.

After a string of disappointing performances in recent seasons and failure to regain the form that made him one of Australia's greatest run-scorers, the 37-year-old veteran of 128 Tests may have played his last international match. He made his debut against England in 1991.

Waugh, twin brother of captain Steve Waugh, has been replaced in the squad by prolific South Australian batsman and captain Darren Lehmann, 32, who will play his first Test in almost four years at the Gabba in Brisbane.

Fast bowler Jason Gillespie has been recalled after a calf muscle injury forced him out of the last two Tests against Pakistan in Sharjah.

Lehmann and Gillespie are the only changes to the Australian squad.

Lehmann, who also plays for English county Yorkshire, was the most obvious candidate to replace Waugh after he was picked for Australia's last two Test tours, but failed to make the team for any matches.

The left-hander has played five Tests, the last against England in Sydney in 1998-99, but he has been a prolific scorer in first-class cricket.

Lehmann had waited years for the recall after cementing his place in the Australian one-day side following the axing of the Waugh twins earlier this year.

His limited Test appearances have yielded 228 runs at an average

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## Steve will miss him

REUTERS, Sydney

Australian captain Steve Waugh led the tributes to his twin brother Mark who announced his retirement from international cricket on Monday.

Steve, who played 103 tests alongside him, said he would miss his brother's presence when he leads Australia on the field for next month's first Ashes test against England.

"It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have played alongside my brother at test level for the past 12 years, spanning more than 100 matches together, and it will seem very strange not to have him with us when we walk out in Brisbane," the Australian captain said.

"Mark has been an inspiration not only to his teammates but also to a host of young players because of the way he has played the game.

"His record is an outstanding one and if he decides to continue at domestic level I am sure he can have a positive effect through passing on the knowledge and experience he has gained from more than 100 tests and 200 one-day internationals."

Australian Cricket Board chief executive James Sutherland said Mark would be remembered as one of the country's all-time greats and his contribution would be recognised during the fifth Ashes test in Sydney in January.

"His 14 years at the elite level have been studded with records and he will be remembered as one of the finest cricketers this country has ever produced," Sutherland said.

"Since his one-day international debut against Pakistan in 1988-89, Mark has been a near-permanent fixture in an Australian side that has enjoyed outstanding success."

## Worn down Waugh calls time



REUTERS/AFP, Sydney

Mark Waugh, a permanent fixture in Australia's line-up for nearly a decade, dropped out of international cricket on Monday hours after being axed for next week's opening Ashes Test against England.

The 37-year-old batsman, whose 128 Tests placed him fifth on the all-time list of appearances in world cricket behind Allan Border (156), Steve Waugh (151), West Indian Courtney Walsh (132) and Indian great Kapil Dev (131), said he knew his international career was over but would continue to play first-class cricket for New South Wales.

Waugh, or Junior as he was known, is 11th on the all-time scoring list, posting 8,029 runs at an average of 41.82 and taking a world record 181 catches. He is Australia's third highest run scorer in test cricket and the country's third most-capped player.

His name will be missing from Australia's Test line-up for the first time since Australia played New Zealand in Auckland in March 1993 -

a run of 107 consecutive Tests. He lies second only to Border (156) for most consecutive appearances for his country.

Since his Test debut against England in the fourth Test at the Adelaide Oval in January 1991 where he scored 138, Waugh has been virtually an ever-present in the Australian XI.

One of Australia's most gifted, yet enigmatic batsmen, Waugh told a press conference at the Sydney Cricket Ground after the team announcement, "While I'm disappointed not to play for Australia again I've been very lucky to have played for so long in a great era of Australian cricket.

"But at this stage I will continue to play first-class cricket for New South Wales."

Waugh said he was "a bit emotional" when told he had been dropped from the squad, but added that he had "had a great career so why worry? It's got to come to an end and there are a lot of people worse off than me.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to announce my retirement from international cricket having been left out of the current Test team and

one-day team earlier this year," Waugh said.

"I feel my chances of playing for Australia at 37 have led me to this decision."

Waugh was renowned for his effortless and sometimes casual nature at the batting crease but the twin brother of Test skipper Steve was rarely out of the spotlight once it was revealed in 1998 that he took money from an Indian bookmaker in Sri Lanka four years earlier.

The pressure tightened while he battled poor form in the following years and Waugh admitted on Monday he felt worn down.

"I didn't really enjoy the last bit of my career, especially in the last three Tests (against Pakistan this month)," Waugh said.

"I have handled pressure pretty well through my career but you can only take so much.

"The last six months or so, whenever I pick up the papers my name is mentioned and every time I go out to bat whatever I do there will be close scrutiny.

"If I make runs someone is going to say it will be a scratchy 50, if I don't make runs he's out of form, if I

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PHOTO: INTERNET  
FULL MARK: A combo picture shows how Mark Waugh tried to hide his emotion during a press conference to announce that he was retiring yesterday.

## End of the Elegance



AFP, Sydney

Mark Waugh has been described as an elegant stroke-maker, one that even his opponents admired for his graceful timing and execution.

Yet the famous 37-year-old twin of Australian Test skipper Steve would always make the art of scoring look so easy that he would be criticised for his infuriating ability to give up his wicket so needlessly.

Mark Edward Waugh, who announced his retirement from international cricket here on Monday after being sacked, was a steadfast fixture in a golden era of Australian cricket.

Although his Test career appears over, Waugh had his devotees who would purr over his rich array of shots and a pair of the best catching hands the game has ever seen.

The statistics speak volumes for the impact Waugh made on cricket.

His peerless ability in the slips to snap up reflex catches netted him a record 181 dismissals, an average of 1.41 catches a match with former Australian Test skipper Mark Taylor next on 157.

A quiet figure off the pitch, Waugh eschewed the spotlight wherever possible. But his reserved

nature was not enough to steer him clear of the clutches of controversy.

In 1998 he was disgraced along with teammate Shane Warne after admitting accepting payments from an illegal Indian bookie in exchange for information about pitch and weather conditions.

He was later investigated - and cleared - by cricket's anti-corruption watchdog. He retained his place in the Australian side despite widespread calls for his dismissal, but the episode could not help but take some of the gloss of a distinguished career.

The pressure mounted on Waugh over the last year of diminishing returns. His last Test appearance came earlier this month against Pakistan in Sharjah where he contributed just 80 runs during the 3-0 series whitewash.

The greying of the contemporary Australian Test side, where only three of the 12-man squad announced Monday for the opening Ashes Test against England next month are under 30, means that selectors have a pressing task over the coming couple of seasons renewing the team.

If there was a good time for Mark Waugh to go it was today in the current climate where Australia clearly dominates the cricket scene with its aggressive, fast-tempo

cricket that others try to imitate but cannot match.

Yet incongruously Waugh's replacement for the Gabba Test is 32-year-old Darren Lehmann.

If there is a group loudly celebrating Waugh's demise on Monday it would be Nasser Hussain's England squad, going through a tough initiation to their 2002-03 tour of down under.

The thought of Mark Waugh, even an out-of-form one, discarded by his own selectors must fill them with glee.

Mark Waugh saved his best for matches with England. In 29 Tests against the old enemy he scored 2,204 runs at 50.09 with 11 centuries. It is now conjecture whether if given his final chance Waugh would have resurrected his batting form sufficiently to again put England to the sword.

## Lehmann surprised

AFP, Adelaide

Darren Lehmann said he was shocked to make the Australian team on Monday for next week's first Ashes Test against England at the expense of Mark Waugh.

Lehmann, the South Australian captain, who has won Australia's state cricketer-of-the-year title for the past three years, will be playing in just his sixth Test match.

He said he expected national selectors to recognise Waugh's record and afford one of world cricket's most stylish batsmen another chance.

"I'll probably never work out selectors, I don't work out ours at the Redbacks (South Australia) either," Lehmann told reporters at Adelaide Oval on Monday.

"When a bloke plays 12 years and serves a country so well, you think he probably gets given another opportunity.

"It was not the case this time and now it's a chance for me.

"That's the shame in professional sports these days, things like this happen. It's just the way cricket runs."



### 18th Federation Cup Football Tournament

Farahganj SC v Bangladesh Navy (3 pm)  
Mohammedan SC v Badda Jagarani (5 pm)

Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.  
Dhaka Wanderers v Bangladesh Rifles (3 pm)  
Venue: Army Stadium.



PHOTO: COURTESY  
State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman speaking at a roundtable at the National Sports Council conference room on Sunday.

## 'Keep sports politics-free'

BSS, Dhaka

Speakers at a roundtable on Sunday stressed on a planned and long-term age-group training, followed up by regular competitions and professional management to improve the standard of sports in the country.

The roundtable titled: 'Present State of Sports in Bangladesh and its Prospects', was organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports at the conference room of the National Sports Council.

Eminent footballer and organiser Jute Minister Hafizuddin Ahmed attended as the chief guest.

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## Mukti reach semis in style

### Suspicious Rahmatganj debacle



### SPORTS REPORTER

Holders Muktiyodha Sangsad Kira Chakra stormed into the semifinals of the 18th Federation Cup with a 5-0 whitewash of fading force Brothers Union in the final Group C match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.

In a totally one-sided affair, national striker Moni put the all-reds ahead in the 23rd minute while midfielder Matur Rahman Munna doubled the margin in the 36th minute. The match as over as a contest three minutes later when Hassan al-Mamun added the third goal.

The star-studded Muktis kept up the tempo after the breather and national skipper Alfaz Ahmed scored in the 46th minute. Asif rounded off an impressive display with a 55th minute strike.

Muktiyodha's third win in as many matches made them Group C champions with full nine points.

On the other hand, a rapidly waning Brothers Union lost all three of their group matches.

Muktiyodha are to face either Abahani or Victoria Sporting Club in the second semifinal on November 1.

### ARAMBAGH-5; SHEIKH RUSSELL-2

In another match at the same venue, Arambagh thrashed Sheikh Russell KC 5-2 to register their second win in two matches.

The match was locked 1-1 during the lemon break.

Imrul and Saiful scored two goals each while Kenyan recruit Oinu added the other to Arambagh's tally while Bashir and Apu scored for Sheikh Russell.

Arambogh remained atop the Group D table with six points while Sheikh Russell were yet to earn any point from two outings.

### BAF-3; RAHMATGANJ-0

Away at the Army Stadium, Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society astonishingly went down 0-3 to Bangladesh Air Force (BAF) in Group A.

The stunning BAF win only

## Double defeat for BD chess teams

### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh's men team was swept away by Cuba in the second round of the 35th Chess Olympiad in Bled, Slovenia on Sunday.

The 18th-ranked Cubans dropped only half-a-point in the four-board match.

International Master Abdullah Al Rakib managed to draw with Grand Master Neuris Delgado.

Earlier, GM Ziara Rahman lost to former world junior champion Bruzon Batista Lazo, IM Reefat Bin Sattar went down to GM Vera Quevedo-Go Reinaldo and IM Enamul Hossain Rajib surrendered to another ex-world junior champion GM Walter Arencibia Rodri.

The defeat left the men on 4.5 points. On the other hand the talented Central Americans who are ranked 18th in the meet, joined a host of countries leading the division on seven-and-a-half points. They include India and Bulgaria.

The mighty Russians led by Garry Kasparov, topped the list of second-placed nations with seven points.

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PHOTO: COURTESY  
Towhid Samad (L), president of Dhaka Club, inaugurates the five-day GrameenPhone-Dhaka Club inter-club tennis tournament at the club's court on October 27. A total of 13 clubs are taking part in the competition which ends on November 3. Intekhab Mahmud, additional general manager of GrameenPhone, is on the right.

## Star WHIZZ KID

### COMPETITION 183

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Competition closes at 8 pm Nov 8, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who became man-of-match in the first Test between Bangladesh and South Africa?  
Al-Shahriar | G. Smith | J. Kallis

2. Who won the Swisscom Challenge tennis title?  
Davenport | Schnyder | Serena

3. Bangladesh lost the first Test against South Africa on the...  
3rd day | 4th day | 5th day

4. India won the second Test against West Indies by...  
120 runs | 8 wickets | 5 wickets

5. How many goals did Bangladesh concede in AFC U-20 meet in Qatar?  
1 | 2 | 3

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## TALK TURKEY



### Michael Chang

(American tennis star)  
"I do think about retirement but there is a belief in my heart that there are better days for me tennis-wise. That's my hope. My hope is that there are better things in store for me."