



Did U Know?

180 players participated in the 1999 Cricket World Cup, 166 appeared in different matches. But only 14 did not play even in a single match.



TEN Sports

FA Cup Final
Arsenal vs Southampton
Live at 9:00 pm
ESPN

English Premier Football League
Chelsea vs Liverpool
Repeat at 9:30 am
Primera Liga

Deportivo vs Valencia
Live at 1:30 am (Sunday)

STAR Sports

Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
Repeat at 8:30 am

West Indies vs Australia
First ODI
Live at 8:30 pm



John Howard

(Australian Prime Minister)
"I would, I'm sure you would, and it's a very natural Australian thing to do."

Defending Glenn McGrath.

NOTICE

Dear Whizz KIDS, due to some technical difficulties draw of the Competition- 193 could not be held last night. It will now take place on May 30.

--- Sports Editor



Tick the correct answers, post to The Daily Star
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm
May 30, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who clinched the Professor Abdur Razzaq 29th National chess title?
Niaz Zia Reefat

2. Who became man-of-the-match in the Sharjah Cup final? Youhana Sami Taufiq

3. Who will lead Sri Lanka's one-day side? Tilkeeratne Vass Atapattu

4. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the TVS Cup triangular tournament?
Name
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Class Roll No.
School Address
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Phone: (If any)

Active chess

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Abdullah Al Rakib took a solo lead with 7.5 points after the end of the eighth round games of the Active Chess tournament at the Chess Federation auditorium yesterday.

Grand Master Ziaur Rahman and International Master Reefat Bin Sattar were in second position with 7 points each while International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib and Aminul Islam in third position with 6.5 points.



PHOTO: STAR
Andrew Eade (C), International Cricket Council's Global Development Manager, listens during a meeting with some national cricketers and team officials at the Bangladesh Cricket Board's management office in Gulshan yesterday.

ICC's five point agenda



SPORTS REPORTER

International Cricket Council (ICC) global development manager Andrew Eade yesterday said that world body has identified five key areas which Bangladesh need to address in order to become more competitive on the world stage.

New Zealander Eade, who was born in Shilong, Assam, and spent the first three years of his life incidentally in Chandpur, where his grandfather was a missionary, said that the ICC was sincerely trying to lift the standard of cricket in this country.

"There is a general concern why Bangladesh hasn't become more competitive, more quickly in international cricket. It was a believed that Bangladesh would become stronger within a year or two after they got the Test status. But what we found after three years is that the national team is really

struggling to come to terms with both Test and one-day cricket," said Eade, adding that ICC was eager to help Bangladesh in terms of improving their performance in the shortest possible time.

The most significant point is that there is no chief executive in the Board who can run it in a system. You need a chief executive with the experience of what it takes to run a Test nation and the ICC will assist the BCB (Bangladesh Cricket Board) in providing a possible candidate.

"We will try and find persons who have the necessary experience and let the BCB know. From a short list, BCB will then select a person to work for at least two or three years. His role will be to help establish a professional set up," he said.

"The second area is to further improve the excellent strategic plan between the BCB and Australian Cricket Board (ACB). We will be monitoring it and even offer our assistance by providing coaches," Eade said.

Regarding funding for Bangladesh he said: "Though the

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Under no pressure

AFP, Colombo

Star Pakistani fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar is not feeling the pressure in the triangular one-day cricket series despite being threatened with the axe, skipper Rashid Latif said.

"I don't think he (Akhtar) is feeling any pressure in this series. Other players have taken the pressure off him," Latif said here Thursday.

Akhtar, one of the fastest pacemen in the world, was warned by his country's cricket chief Taqir Zia that the Sri Lankan series would be the last chance to revive his career.

He was one of the eight players dropped after Pakistan's early exit from the recent World Cup in South Africa before being recalled.

The fast bowler responded well in his first match of the current series, grabbing two crucial wickets for 19 runs in eight overs to set up his team's 79-run victory over Sri Lanka.

It was a heroic performance that may finally have instilled the self-belief that has been missing in West Indies cricket since the heyday of Viv Richards and their deadly four-man pace attack of the 1980s.

"We have now set a standard and we kept the standard up and we made the greatest run chase in the history of the game and that's what we are going to take forward," Lara said in the wake of the three-wicket victory at St John's.

Now Lara's team face another mountain with Ricky Ponting's

Carry on the good work

First ODI today



AFP, Kingston

World Cup champions putting on the line their 17-match unbeaten run, stretching back to last January.

Australia beat all-comers at the World Cup in southern Africa last February/March culminating in their 125-run demolition of India in the final at the Wanderers ground in Johannesburg on March 23.

Ponting slammed an unbeaten 140 off 121 balls and shared in an unbroken third-wicket stand of 234 with Damien Martyn (88 not out) to fire Australia to a record 359-2 from 50 overs - Australia's highest total in one-day internationals and the best-ever in a World Cup final.

But the Windies may be catching Australia at the right time as Ponting's men are on the tailend of an exhausting 10-month playing

SERIES SCHEDULE

May

- 17: Kingston, Jamaica
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- 21: Castries, St Lucia
- 24: Port-of-Spain, Trinidad
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- 30: St George's, Grenada
- June
- 1: St George's, Grenada

schedule, with many, particularly among the Test team, having their thoughts on home over the closing weeks of their Caribbean tour.

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