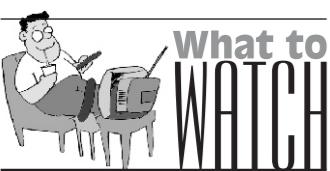




## Did U Know?

Statues of the legendary French 'tennis' Mousquetaires (Musketes) stand on the place that bears their name: Jean Bonnot, Jacques Brugnon, Henri Cochet and René Lacoste have been captured by sculptor Vito Tongiani.

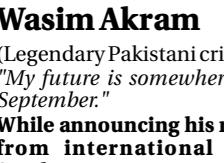


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Hampshire v Lancashire  
English National League  
12:30 pm  
La Coruna v Valencia  
Primera Liga  
Repeat at 6:30 pm  
Sportscenter Hindi  
Sports News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
Celtic v Porto  
UEFA Cup Final  
Live at 12:30 am (Thursday)

### STAR Sports

Sociedad v Recreativo  
Primera Liga  
Repeat at 10:30 am  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sports News  
Live at 7:00 pm  
Australia v West Indies  
Third ODI  
Live from 7:30 pm



### Wasim Akram

(Legendary Pakistani cricketer)  
"My future is somewhere else after September."

While announcing his retirement from international stage on Sunday.



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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?  
Tillekeratne Vass Atapattu
4. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the TVS Cup triangular tournament?  
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## Flintoff out of first Test

AFP, London

England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff has pulled out of Thursday's first Test against Zimbabwe's first team.

Lancashire star Flintoff has a right shoulder injury which restricts his right bowling arm and hand.

Pretorius and Kallis will stay on for the Test series and will be joined by fast bowler Monde Zondeki and

Two uncapped wicketkeepers, Morne van Wyk and Thami Tsalokile, will be in the one-day and Test squads respectively. They are the only players across the two squads with no international experience.

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## Whatmore a selector

### Cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

The inclusion of new national coach Dav Whatmore in the selection panel was one of the highlights of a crucial meeting of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday.

"Whatmore will be a part of the selection committee," said Cricket Committee chairman Mahabub Anam after the marathon meeting at the BCB Gulshan office last night.

Whatmore, the seventh foreign coach of Bangladesh, will take over the nation team from June 1. The Sri Lankan-born Australian had expressed his desire to be a part of the selection process when he came to Dhaka on a brief visit early this month.

Mahabub also informed that the Board has agreed to include more cricketers into its pay roll without mentioning any specific number. At present there are only

six salaried cricketers.

"But we are not going to make it too big a group which we can not sustain as it will involve a lot of money. We believe that the players' accountability and loyalty would increase this way," said Mahabub adding that he would bring out a revised list of players under the payroll within a week.

In another significant development the Board appointed Sarwar Imran as the bowling coach. Imran's appointment is a recognition for his years of work, firstly with the young trainees of Bangladesh Institute of Sports (BKSP) and then with the national teams. He also did a reasonably good work as make-shift coach of the national squad during South Africa's recent tour of Bangladesh.

Imran will also work with the Bangladesh Under-23 team," said Mahabub.

The Board has also decided to appoint seven development officer-cum-coaches for six divisions and Dhaka Premier League.

by the end of this month. Besides, there will be a local coach to look after various age groups.

The Board also announced the domestic and international calendar for the year 2003-04.

The domestic season will start with the National Cricket Championship. It will be a one-day competition and will start on October 1.

It will be followed by the National League, which will be a home and away first class competition.

The Dhaka League is next on the calendar. But unlike previous years, it will be a two-day single league competition.

The Board has also decided to introduce a one-day tournament involving the top six teams of the Premier League.

Besides, there will be a four-day competition involving the Divisional League champions and the winners and runners-up of Dhaka Premier League.

## Aussies' fielding worry

### Cricket

#### AFP, St. Lucia

Australia may be leading the West Indies 2-0 and are zooming in on their 20th consecutive one-day international victory but the perfectionist World Cup champions are fretting over their deteriorating fielding.

Ricky Ponting's Australians beat the West Indies in the weekend double-header in Jamaica and will take a throttle-hold on the seven-game series should they come away with another victory in the third match here on Wednesday.

The Australians hammered Brian Lara's team by eight wickets in Sunday's second match at Kingston's Sabina Park, but such are their lofty standards that they were dismayed at putting down three catches in skittling the Windies for 163.

"It was certainly a lot better performance than Saturday's two-run win, although we put down some catches which is becoming a bit of worry," Ponting said after Sunday's triumph.

Australian team coach John Buchanan said: "Obviously, we're dropping a lot of catches at the moment, principally because there's no time to put into our fielding work."

"That was sliding as we were in the Test matches as well. Just because there were not the facilities, and if you put time into your fielding, physically that takes away from the rest of your game, so we've sacrificed that at the moment."

"At some stage, that'll hurt us. Whether it hurts us enough to lose a game, we're yet to see."

Batsman Darren Lehmann (calf) and all-rounder Ian Harvey

(stomach) were unlikely to play on Wednesday, and wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist was expected to rest from the St Lucia game.

If that's the case then Jimmy Maher will take over the gloves while boom young batsman Michael Clarke may play his second one-day international.

Gilchrist had been expected to rest last Sunday but the injury to Lehmann prompted selectors to play the vice-captain.

The Australians remain



RICKY PONTING

unbeaten in one-day internationals since losing to Sri Lanka by 79 runs at the Sydney Cricket Ground on January 9 this year.

Since then Australia's dominance has taken in the World Cup in southern Africa when they beat all comers, culminating in their 125-run demolition of India in the final in Johannesburg on March 23.

"I'd like to think it's something that will be unbeaten for a long time," Ponting said of the streak.

"What we've been able to achieve I think is outstanding."

The West Indies have more problems with express bowler

Jermaine Lawson joining batsman Shivnarine Chanderpaul (broken finger) on the sidelines for the series.

Lawson, who has been reported to the International Cricket Council for a suspected illegal action, has a back strain.

Windies skipper Brian Lara will be looking to re-assert himself against the strong Australian bowling attack after two failures in the Kingston matches.

Lara went cheaply with just five



BRIAN LARA

off 12 balls on Sunday, following up his 23 on Saturday.

#### TEAMS

**WEST INDIES** (from): Chris Gayle, Devon Smith, Marlon Samuels, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Brian Lara (captain), Ricardo Powell, Carlton Baugh, Omari Banks, Vasbert Drakes, Mervyn Dillon, Corey Collymore, David Bernard.

**AUSTRALIA** (from): Matthew Hayden, Adam Gilchrist, Ricky Ponting (captain), Jimmy Maher, Michael Clarke, Andrew Symonds, Michael Bevan, Brad Hogg, Andrew Bichel, Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath, Nathan Hauritz.

Nilphamari also scored a resounding nine-wicket victory against Naogaon at Dinajpur.

Sem into bat, Naogaon were bundled out for 84 runs in 42.2 overs. Nilphamari chased the victory 85-1 in 18.1 overs with Humayun notching 43.

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But Sathkira faced a tough challenge from Kushtia when they won their respective matches at different venues across the country yesterday.

Chasing a fighting Kushtia total of 180-4 in the stipulated 50 overs, Sathkira reached 183-9 in 38.3 overs with Tapu scoring highest 37.

The will take on hosts Jhenidah in the lone Khulna zone final today, Jhenidah had earlier confirmed their place in the final by defeating strong Khulna on Monday.

Earlier, Chittagong, Comilla, Barisal, Sylhet and Dhaka University joined defending champions Bangladesh Biman in the final round.

Narayanganj also closed in on to

win a place in the final phase when the cantered past Gopalganj by nine wickets at Faridpur. Narayanganj will take on Munshiganj in the final today.

They needed just two hours to

finish the game. The strong

Narayanganj outfit bowled their

opponents out for 52 runs in 15.2

overs and then raced to 58-1 in only

8.4 overs with former national

opener Shahriar Hossain scoring a

quick fire 32.

Faridpur recorded a four-wicket

win against Tangail at

Mymensingh. Set to score 113 for

win, Faridpur reached the target in

36 overs with Tinku scoring 46.

The other two are Allan Donald

and Jonty Rhodes, who are both

retired.

This was part of a "phasing out"

operation, said Henry, while he

acknowledged that racial transforma-

tion was a factor in the inclusion of

six players of colour in the

squads.

"One of our objectives is to

balance transformation and win-

ning," he said.

Left-handed batsman Gary Kirsten, 35, who retired from one-day cricket after the World Cup but remains available for Tests, is the only player aged over 30 in the Test squad. Only Boje, 30, and Dawson, 33, are out of their twenties in the one-day party.

Kirsten is the only player who

was on both the 1994 and 1998

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