


### Did U Know?

American Margaret Du Pont (44 years 125 days old) was the oldest Wimbledon champion when she won the mixed doubles in 1962.



### ESPN

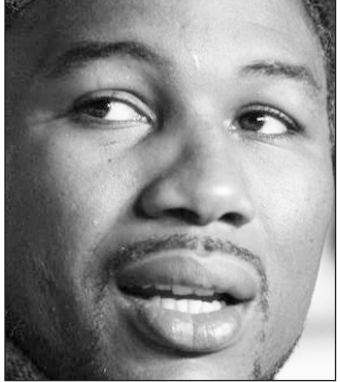
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### TALK TURKEY



**Lennox Lewis**  
(World boxing champion)  
"I won't ever fight Tyson again. That's over. He's seriously scared of me and his time has passed."



Tick the correct answers, post  
**The Daily Star**

Competition closes at 8 pm  
June 27, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who will lead the Australia bound Bangladesh cricket team?	Mashud Aminul	Mahmud
2. How many ODI centuries has Brian Lara scored?	21	31
3. Who clinched the French Open men's title?	Hewitt	Agassi
4. Who became Dev Cup hockey champions?	Ranganjati	Comilla

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## Premier Div kabaddi

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh Police earned their second successive win in the eighth Metropolis Premier Division Kabaddi League beating Bangladesh Navy 66-27 with five lonas at the Outer Stadium Kabaddi court yesterday.

Police, who defeated Fire Service in their first appearance on Sunday, clearly dominated the first session 39-10.

In the day's other fixture, Fire Service tasted their first win in the league beating newcomer Jurain Janata Club 37-27 after leading the first session 20-9.



PHOTO: STAR  
PACERS ONLY: Bangladesh pacemen (L-R) Anwar Hossain, Tapas Baisya, Manjurul Islam and Hasibul Hossain stretch during a practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

## Don't call 'em Paki!

AFP, London

A fan who joined in a chant at a football match in which the word "Paki" - short for Pakistani - was used has been ordered to be convicted of a criminal offence.

In what is believed to be the first case of its kind to reach the High Court, two senior judges ruled Monday that Sean Ratcliffe, 21, was guilty of taking part in chanting of "a racist nature" contrary to the 1991 Football (Offences) Act.

Ratcliffe had been among a group of Port Vale supporters who chanted "You're just a town full of Pakis" directed at Oldham Athletic supporters during a league match at the Port Vale ground at Stoke-on-Trent in central England last October.

Oldham, in northwest England, was the scene of race riots in May 2001.

Lord Justice Auld, sitting with Mr Justice Goldring, ruled that there was no doubt that the word "Paki" was "a slang expression which is racially offensive".

## New trick up his sleeves!

UNB, Dhaka

Left-arm paceman Manjurul Islam, the most experienced among the five quick bowlers in the Australia-bound national team, is adding a new weapon to his arsenal.

Manjurul, who is a natural inswinger, is trying to develop an away going delivery thanks to the suggestions of coach Dav.

All quality left-arm pacemen have variations and international stars like Wasim Akram and Chaminda Vaas are masters of moving the ball both ways.

"In the past, I tried to bowl the outswinger but couldn't. After following Dav's suggestions I feel I can do it now," Manjurul told reporters yesterday during practice at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The 24-year-old, who has been a regular member of the team since making his debut in 1998, is yet to set his target for the coming tour of Australia but said that it will be a big challenge in his career as he is going to bowl against a mighty batting lineup.

"I'm working with Dav to bring accuracy in my bowling. I can tell you that I've only benefited under him," added the lanky pacer, a veteran of 16 Tests.

However, Manjurul is not scared of facing the world's number one team because he thinks it would be a chance for him and others of gaining valuable experience.

"We played against South Africa home and away and I saw improvements while playing for the second time against them. So it's better to face strong opponents in order to learn things quickly," he said.

## FRANCE V COLOMBIA Forget World Cup



REUTERS, Lyon

France will begin the defence of their Confederations Cup title against Colombia on Wednesday determined not to repeat the mistakes of the last World Cup.

France's failure to negotiate their opening match of the tournament in South Korea and Japan, losing 1-0 to the unfancied Senegal, heralded the start of a debacle which ended with a shock group stage exit for the holders.

Wednesday's game in Group A of the eight-nation tournament at the Stade Gerland should be a comfort-

able victory for the host nation, supported by the fans who carried them to World Cup success five years ago.

Colombia, the Copa America winners in 2001, have kept a clean



THIERRY HENRY  
sheet in their last three matches, thanks to a defence marshalled by Ivan Cordoba and Mario Yepes.

But a France attack led by Thierry Henry and backed by Arsenal team mates Robert Pires and Sylvain Wiltord will be a very different proposition for the South Africans.

Of particular interest to France coach Jacques Santini will be the performance of a re-shuffled midfield, given the absences of Zinedine Zidane, Patrick Vieira, Claude Makelele and Emmanuel Petit due to either club commitments or injury.

Pires, an attacking left winger at club level, could be given a defensive role in central midfield -- a position he has occupied before for France -- alongside Benoit Pedretti.

At the back, Chelsea team mates Marcel Desailly and William Gallas will form the central pairing, flanked by Bixente Lizarazu and Lilian Thuram.

Yet France, who will also meet Japan and New Zealand in the group, now have a clean sheet.

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## Hewitt, Serena seeded top



AFP, London

Reigning champions Lleyton Hewitt and Serena Williams were named the number one seeds for Wimbledon on Monday.

Hewitt gets the nod over newly installed world number one Andre Agassi despite a recent hiccup in form, highlighted by a quarterfinal exit during last week's grass-court warm-up at Queen's Club.

The Australian's Queen's defeat to eventual finalist Sebastien Grosjean allowed Agassi, whose only Wimbledon title came in 1992, to win back the world's top spot.

French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain earns the third seeding, though grass is not his favoured surface, and powerful Swiss player Roger Federer takes fourth spot after his victory on the grass of Halle on Sunday.

American Andy Roddick, winner at the Queen's Club, is fifth seed with last year's surprise finalist, Argentina's David Nalbandian,

seeded sixth.

British hopes will rest with Tim Henman, who is seeded ten despite only recently returning from injury.

British number two Greg Rusedski was too far down the



LLEYTON HEWITT  
world rankings to be seeded after his injury problems restricted him to just seven matches so far this season.



SERENA WILLIAMS  
exit at Roland Garros.

## Payroll decision delayed



SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is unlikely to announce a fresh list of players to be brought on its pay roll before the tour of Australia.

Although BCB advisor and cricket committee chairman Mahbubul Anam had repeatedly said that the Board would enroll around a dozen cricketers before the team departed down under, the bearded cricket official yesterday hinted that the announcement might be delayed without elaborating.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport over telephone from London, Anam

said that it was unlikely that the list would be revealed before the Australia tour.

However, a source close to the Board disclosed that national coach Dav Whatmore has been given the responsibility to pick the players for the pay roll and he would do that after evaluating the performance of the boys down under.

Whatmore, who joined the team early this month, has already been made a part of the selection process by the Board.

Anam revealed that he had drawn up a new pay structure in which the cricketers could be split into three grades instead of the existing four-grade system.

He said that the delay would not cause any problem to the cricketers

touring Australia, as they all would get their salary, tour allowances and match fees during the trip.

Former Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud, Sanwar Hossain, Habibul Bashar, Al-Shahriar, Alok Kapali and Manjurul Islam are the six cricketers who are currently on the Board's payroll.

Anam also informed that the BCB had not yet signed the agreement with the ICC (International Cricket Council) to become the host nation for the Under-19 World Cup early next year.

The deal is expected to be struck on June 19. Also the budget for the 16-nation meet would be finalised on that day.

## NFL kicks off today

UNB, Dhaka

The qualifying round of the Nitol-Tata National Football League begins today with five matches being played on the opening day of the country's biggest soccer competition.

A total of 61 teams, including 56 district league winners and five service zone teams, will take part in the first phase of the meet.

## Vaughan slips

BBC ONLINE, London

England's Michael Vaughan has slipped two places to fourth in the latest Test batting rankings.

Vaughan briefly headed the list in April but has now been overtaken by Australian Matthew Hayden and Ricky Ponting, and Sachin Tendulkar of India.

After a sparkling 2002, during which he was the leading Test run-scorer with an overall total of 1,481, Vaughan only managed scores of eight and 20 in the recent matches against Zimbabwe.

He said: "There are stages in your career when you don't score as many runs as you'd like and I'm working my hardest to try and get myself those big scores. I'm sure something will just click and then I'll be away and those big scores will arrive."

"I'm not too worried about it because my form in the nets and in practice seems to be there."

There are no significant changes at the top of the bowling list which is again headed by former South African captain Shaun Pollock. Glenn McGrath and Muttiah Muralitharan remain second and third, with England's Andy Caddick in sixth place.

Batsman	Points
M Hayden	859
R Ponting	849
S Tendulkar	843
M Vaughan	839
B Lara	830
J Kallis	820
A Gilchrist	814
Inzamam	793
R Dravid	789
H Gibbs	778
Bowler	Points
S Pollock	873
G McGrath	861
M Muralitharan	856
Harbhajan	746
J Gillespie	723
A Caddick	705
M Ntini	692
S Akhtar	691
A Kumble	688
J Kallis	682

## Latif not too hopeful

AFP, Manchester

Pakistan captain Rashid Latif said here Monday he was not expecting too much of his new look side in their three-match one-day series with England.

"I'm not expecting us to win every game," Latif told reporters at Old Trafford where the series begins with a day-night match on Tuesday.

Pakistan are now without eight of the players including star bowlers Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis as well as batsmen Saeed Anwar and Inzamam-ul-Haq who featured in the team's first round World Cup exit earlier this year.

"At this moment we are just trying to give our youngsters a chance, trying to fill the slots left by the stars," Latif explained.

Pakistan go into the series on the back of convincing wins against English counties Northamptonshire and Leicestershire.

## Chucking process being reviewed



CRICINFO, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has on Sunday decided to take a second look at the process of tackling bowlers with suspect actions.

The new method proposes to reduce the procedure from a two-stage process to a single-stage one, wherein the bowler with the suspect action will be directly dealt with by the ICC's Bowling Review Group.

In the earlier method, the bowler was first handed over to the home board for remedial measures. Only if that proved unsuccessful did the ICC step in.

The recommendation was made by the Cricket Committee Management (CC-M) on the first day of the ICC's week-long meetings. The ICC will now review the process and report back to the next meeting of CC-M with its recommendations.

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The CC-M also decided to continue with neutral umpires for Test matches, rejecting the suggestion that umpires from the elite panel could officiate irrespective of the country they belonged to. The CC-M has proposed that this decision be reviewed by the Cricket Committee Playing (CC-P) at their next meeting in March-April 2004.

The CC-M also took up the issue of illegal bats, stating that the player found guilty of using one would be charged with a Level 2 breach of ICC's Code of Conduct the fine for which could be the entire match fee, and a one-Test or two-ODI ban while the manufacturer would be struck off their approved list.

Among other issues discussed were the Global Cricket Corporation's compensation claim against the ICC for the World Cup 2003. The matter will come up for detailed discussion when the board of the ICC Development (International) Ltd, ICC's commercial arm,

## Teenager Taylor gets Test call



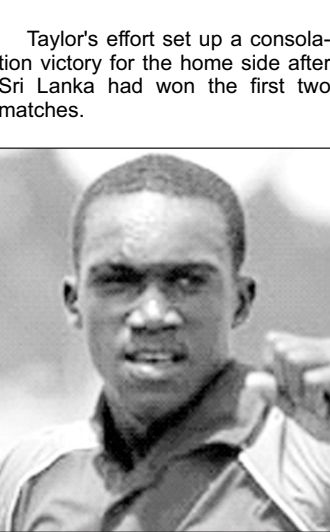
AFP, St John's

Teenage fast bowler Jerome Taylor received an early birthday gift when he was named in West Indies' squad for the opening cricket Test against Sri Lanka starting at St Lucia on Friday.

The Jamaican, who turns 19 on Sunday, was one of the four pacemen picked in the 14-member team by the national selectors.

Taylor could become the youngest West Indian to make a Test debut since batsman Alphonso Roberts, who was 18 when he played his only Test against New Zealand at Auckland in 1956.

The teenager was lavishly praised by skipper Brian Lara after taking two wickets in his maiden one-day international against Sri Lanka at St Vincent last week.



JEROME TAYLOR  
Taylor bowled impressively in his first domestic season, grabbing 21 wickets in six matches.

## U-23 cricketers leave for SL today

SPORTS REPORTER

A 19-member Bangladesh under-23 cricket team will fly to Colombo today to play five two-day and three one-day matches against different selections of Sri Lanka.

Initially the Bangladesh Cricket Board selected 15 cricketers for the tour but at the last moment included wicketkeeper Mohammad Salim, who was left out from the Australia tour party.

Besides, young top-order batsman Nazim Uddin and left-arm spinner Nadif Chowdhury have joined the squad after attending short training course in Australia.

Former national captain Faruque Ahmed will manage the young side. This is the second assignment for Faruque as manager after a bitter experience with the Under-15 team in Abu Dhabi last December. Sri Lankan Malcolm Perera is the coach while Azmal Ahmed is team physiotherapist.

SQUAD

Nafis Iqbal (captain), Rajin Saleh (vice-captain), Aftab Ahmed, Mazharul Haque, Anwar Hossain, Ali-Arman, Shafaq Al Jabir, Enamul Haque Junior, Mohammad Salim, Alamgir Kabir, Talha Jubair, Gazi Alamgir, Humayun Kabir, Nadif Chowdhury and Rubayat Haque.

## Club Cup hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

A brilliant hatrick by forward Zahid Biswas propelled Mariner Young's Club to a 3-0 win over Farashganj Sporting Club in the Club Cup hockey tournament at the Maulana Bhasani Stadium yesterday.

Zahid put the Arambagh outfit ahead with a field goal in the 17th minute and then doubled the margin in the 31st minute with another field goal. He completed his treble in the 54th minute.

In the other matches of the day, Wari Club registered a 5-2 win over Bachelors Sporting Club while Dhaka Railway posted a solitary goal win over Sadharan Bima.



PHOTO: STAR  
Action from the Club Cup hockey tournament encounter between Farashganj and Mariner Youngs at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.