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India cricket captain Saurav Ganguly is the only Indian to have scored a one-day century in Australia. He scored two tons in the Carlton and United triangular series in





Raul

 $(Real\,Madrid\,superstar)$ "Ronaldo, Zinedine Zidane and Luis Figo are other players in the dressing room. That's what's best about this team. Beckham knows it and that will be positive for him."

While cautioning new signing David Beckham not to expect star treatment at Real.



ESPN

England v Zimbabwe Fourth ODI Highlights at 8:00 am Primera Liga Highlights at 1:00 pm Western Union World Football Football Magazine

Sportscenter Hindi Sports News

STAR Sports

Dream Team Football Serial Repeat at 9:30 am Wimbledon Championships Men's Singles Quarterfinals Live from 5:00 pm **Sportsline Tonight** Sports News Live at 12:00 am (Thursday)



1. Who will lead the Australia bound Bangladesh cricket Mashud Aminul Mahmud

2. How many ODI centuries has

Brian Lara scored? 3. Who clinched the French Open

Hewitt Agassi Ferrero

4. Who became Dev Cup hockey champions?

Class...... Roll No..... School Address

Media Cup semis tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The semifinals of the Pepsi Media Cup cricket tournament will be held tomorrow.

Group A champions ATN Bangla will take on Group C champions Dainik Sangbad in the first their war-ravaged country.

Abahani sorry for it

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani Krira Chakra have accepted in principle the punishment awarded to their hockey coach and three players by the Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) League Committee for beating umpire Golam Kibria during the Club Cup final on

The league committee, in an emergency meeting on Monday night, recommended handing Abahani coach Jumman Lusai a two-year ban for assaulting Kibria. The committee also suspended Abahani captain Mahbub Ehsan Rana for one year while two more players Faruque and Nakib were nanded three and one-match

The punishments, however, have to be approved by the executive committee that is likely meet

"It is a fair decision. I think anybody would have received the same kind of punishment. No one can escape after manhandling match officials," said Abahani hockey secretary Zahidur Rahman

Pushkin yesterday.

"We are extremely sorry for the incident. I never thought my team would behave like that. Who could imagine that a person like Jumman Lusai would have the audacity to beat the umpire?" asked Pushkin who is also the BHF joint-secretary.

Pushkin also blamed the team manager and an Abahani representative for not taking proper steps to restrain the players and the

"We will review the whole situation in the club meeting," said Pushkin adding that they would apply to the BHF executive committee to exempt Mahbubul Ehsan Rana from the punishment as he was the team captain and a vital member of the team.

"That will be our request, if that is not accepted, we won't mind," he

Pushkin, however, complained that Kibria was not originally appointed to officiate in the match ong with Aslam Omar Belim.

"As far as my knowledge two international umpires Abdul Latif and Aslam Belim were appointed for the match. I don't know how Latif was changed by a first-class umpire Kibria," Pushkin said.

BHF general secretary Shamsul

Bari, who was absent during the final because he was attending the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) congress in Busan, South Korea, also agreed with Pushkin saying that Latif and Belim were the match officials.

"I left for South Korea on June 25. But the night before I instructed the League Committee and umpire's board secretaries to appoint Latif and Belim for the final. But if there was a problem with Belim then Kibria could be named instead.

"But in no way was Latif to be

"I don't know who has done it," said Bari at his Maulana Bhasani Stadium office. He thought that it was a pity that he had to deal with such trivial matters despite having so many officials in the federation.

When contacted, umpire's board secretary Hasan Ali admitted that Bari instructed them to keep Latif and Belim in the final but he failed to do that because of the league committee secretary Mashurul Kabir Ritu who opted for

Ritu has repeatedly informed the press that he did it after being guided by umpires's board president Mirža Farid Ahmed Milu.who

Young is beautiful

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Current fashion suggests the 38year-old Steve Waugh will be consigned to his slippers in the near future, while England may look to blood a schoolboy

After years of worshiping at the altar of experience, international cricket is awash with young talent at England, that most conservative

of cricketing countries, finds itself in the vanguard for once, with James Anderson first in the queue.

Anderson, still only 20, was the eam's most successful bowler at the World Cup at the start of the year. Since then, he has taken five

wickets in his debut Test innings and become the first England player to take a one-day international hattrick. Last year he had yet to establish himself in Lancashire's side and now

he is first name on the England team

Pakistan are being as bold, with 22-year-old quick bowler Mohammad Sami in particular catching the eye, while West Indies



STEVE WAUGH

have blooded the impressive 21year-old quick Fidel Edwards who has been likened to Waqar Younis and Jeff Thomson against Sri Lanka after a single first-class game. The World Cup, it seems, repre-

sented a line in the sand for many selectors as they ushered out the old in favour of the baby-faced.

Pakistan, indeed, showing a startling lack of respect for the elder statesmen, pensioned off their entire team. England's embracing of the trend, however, is perhaps the most This is not a country prone to

rashness. It took 211 years, after all, to allow women into the Long Room at

Evergreen experience has always been valued ask the dependable Alec Stewart and the vigour of youth treated with the greatest suspicion. Look at the youngest players to

play Test cricket and the top 14 all come from Asia. There, if you are good enough, you are old enough.

Look at the most rickety of Test practitioners, however, and the list is dominated by white-whiskered SEE PAGE 14 COL 8

Vaughan sings Thorpe song

Cricket

AFP, Leeds

England one-day captain Michael Vaughan said Tuesday that Graham Thorpe was still the coun-

Vaughan, speaking ahead of England's rain-delayed one-day international against Zimbabwe at Headingley, told Sky Sports: "Thorpe is probably still our best

"If he is settled and has made it clear he would be available for (the World Cup in) 2007 although I am not a selector I am sure he would have to come into consideration.'

Surrey left-hander Thorpe, 33, has been out of England contention since withdrawing from the Ashes tour squad in the last northern winter, citing personal prob-lems following the break-up of his

Thorpe would be 37 by the time of the next World Cup, and a place in the Test team for the five-match series against South Africa that begins next month appears a more realistic option.

Last year Thorpe announced his retirement from one-day international cricket and soon afterwards played his last Test, against India at

However, he has now made himself available again for international matches in both forms of the



MICHAEL VAUGHAN

game and his good form for Surrey, scoring 706 runs in all forms of the game, has put him back in the selection spotlight. Neither Jim Troughton or

Robert Key have impressed in the middle-order during the team's one-day international campaign which Thorpe, skilled at keeping an innings ticking over, has watched from the sidelines after being omitted from the 15-man squad.

But Vaughan is in no doubt about Thorpe's quality. "He is a brilliant player and he would defi-

nitely get in your eleven." Coach Duncan Fletcher sug gested earlier this week that England would continue to concentrate on bringing younger

And, although Vaughan admitof fast bowler Darren Gough's recall to the one-day team, the orkshire batsman echoed

"There are youngsters out there doing well in the counties. So it is difficult do you go back to Thorpe or pick a young player?" he said.

"We are just getting together a team. It is a dilemma for the selectors but it is a good one. "People know if Thorpe is not in

the side they have to play very well to stay in there themselves."



CRICKET GOING TO AFGHANISTAN: Afghan youths play cricket in a public park in capital Kabul yesterday. Officials from the country are currently touring India looking for sponsors, coaches and gear in a bid to develop the sport in

Nazim pilots U-23 team to victory

SPORTS REPORTER

A fine century from one-down Nazimuddin propelled Bangladesh under-23 team to their first win in Sri Lanka with an innings and 81-run victory over the Combined District Eleven (U-23) in a two-day match at the Rangiri Stadium in Dambulla yesterday.

Nazimuddin was unbeaten on 151 as the visitors, resuming the second day on 153 for one in reply to their opponent's first innings of 99, scored 302 for two in 74 overs before declaring after lunch.

Nazimuddin batted for nearly four hours and hammered seven sixes and nine boundaries in his 203-ball knock.

Nazimuddin apart, opener Humayun Kabir scored 72 with a six and half a dozen of boundaries while Nafees Igbal and Rajin Saleh added 31 runs each.

The tourists then went on to book the home side for 122 in their second innings, thanks to slow leftarm bowler Nadeef Chowdhurv who took four for 27. He earlier took three wickets in the first

The winners will play their next two-day match at the same venue from tomorrow

BRIEF SCORE: (DAY 1) COMBINED DISTRICT XI: First

innings 99 all out in 42.2 overs (Peiris 16, Mohamad 17; Ali Arman 3-6, Nadeef 3-16, A Kabir 2-28) BANGLADESH U-23: first innings

302 for 2 in 74 overs (H Kabir 72 batting, Nafees 31, Nazimuddin 151 not out, Raiin 31 not out) COMBINED DISTRICT XI: Second

innings 122 all out in 52.1 overs (Wijesinghe 36, Peiris 20, Nadeef 4-27. Ali Arman 3-30) Result: Bangladesh Under-23 won

Rain washes out **Eng-Zim match**

by an innings and 81 runs.

AFP, Leeds

Heavy rain washed out the NatWest triangular series one-day international between England and Zimbabwe at Headingley here

England were 81 for four in 16.3 overs when rain, which had delayed the start, forced the players off after 74 minutes playing time.

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Lara returns to top spot REUTERS, London

West Indies captain Brian Lara has reclaimed the top spot in the PricewaterhouseGoopers Test ratings after his outstanding batting in the 1-0 home series win over Sri

Lanka. Lara takes over from Australia's Matthew Hayden.

BLara	887
M Hayden	859
R Ponting	849
STendulkar	843
MVaughan	839
J Kallis	820
AGilchrist	814
Inzamamul Haq	793
RDravid	789
H Gibbs	778
Bowlers	Points
SPollock	873
M Muralitharan	861
GMcGrath	861
Harbhajan Singh	746
J Gillespie	723
ACaddick	705
MNtini	692
SAkhtar	691
AKumble	688
J Kallis	682
Vina Vanas	

Kim, Venus in last four

Belgian second seed Kim Clijsters beat Silvia Farina Elia of Italy 5-7, 6-0, 6-1 in 1hr 24min on Tuesday to reach the semifinals of the women's singles at Wimbledon. Farina broke for 3-2 in the

opening set but Clijsters broke straight back only to fluff triple break point in the tenth game. The Italian challenger, ranked 25 in the world, then broke for 6-5 and served out in 41min as Clijsters

dropped her first set of the event. Clijsters mauled her in the second set

She romped into a 3-0 lead in the decider before blasting down an ace in advancing to a meeting with two-time champion and fourth seed Venus Williams. Williams powered into the last four for the fourth straight year

Davenport in the third set of a quarterfinal thriller. Williams won 6-2, 2-6, 6-1.

after digging deep to crush the



A ground staff at Headingley wipes off water from on top of the pitch covers as rain delays the start of the NatWest

India out to get WC money

ICC Cricket World Cup South Africa 2003

Series match between England and Zimbabwe yesterday.

AFP, New Delhi

India's cricket chiefs will go to "any extent" to secure the nine million dollars held back by the sport's world governing body for violating World Cup contracts, a senior official said on Tuesday.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) withheld India's share of World Cup revenue till a settlement had been reached on the 50-million dollar compensation claimed by its marketing

own counter-claim against the agent, Global Cricket Corporation (GCC), accusing it of not marketing the recent World Cup in Africa properly.

Thursday. A BCCI source added: "Nine million dollars is a big amount, we will go to any extent to get the 10 Test-playing nations whose entire share of the World Cup revenue has been withheld by the India's cricketers had refused to sign the original players' terms for ie World Čup which asked them

to surrender control of their personal endorsement and image rights in favour of the tournament's official sponsors.

Even as the ICC grapples with the issue, India has decided to file its

Jagmohan Dalmiya, president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said the modalities of the counter-claim will be deliberated at a two-day meeting of the Board here on Wednesday and

money which is rightfully ours.'

India is the only one among the

ederation of International Cricketers Associations (FICA) that it will negotiate hard over future olayers contracts. While the contracts issue will

dominate the two-day meeting, the

JAGMOHAN DALMIYA

The BCCI has been heartened

by recent statements from the

bilateral cricket with Pakistan three years ago following deteriorating political relations, has allowed a unior team to play in Pakistan later this year. "We are still to hear from the

government about our request to allow the senior team to play in Pakistan," the official said The Board will also ratify

extended terms for Wright, the

BCCI will also finalise the schedule

for the busy home season, discuss

the revival of bilateral matches

against Pakistan and seal the

appointment of national coach

India is scheduled to host New

Zealand for Test matches in

October before world champions

Australia join in for a limited-overs

from the government on its pro-

posal to play two one-day matches

against Pakistan in September and

undertake its first Test tour of

The government, which banned

Pakistan in 14 years next March.

The Board is awaiting word

John Wright for another term.

tri-series in November.

former New Zealand captain who has been coaching the senior team for the last two years, and physiotherapist Andrew Leipus. South African Gregory Allen

King will be confirmed as the team's physical trainer in place of Adrian Le Roux, who resigned last month to take charge of the South

Rifles retain kabadi crown

kabadi court yesterday.

The Bangladesh Rifles maintained their supremacy winning the eighth Premier Division Kabadi League beating Bangladesh Army in the final at the outer stadium

They defeated Army 56-31 with three creditable lonas after leading the first half 28-21.

Later State Minister for Youth and Sports M Fazlur Rahman distributed the prizes. President of Bangladesh Kabaddi Federation Maj Gen Rezakul Haider was pres-

ROLL OF HONOUR

Champions Bangladesh Rifles (Sr) 1992-93 Bangladesh Rifles (Sr) 1994-95 Bangladesh Rifles (Sr) 1996 1997 Bangladesh Rifles (Sr) 1998 Bangladesh Police (Sr) Bangladesh Rifles(Sr)

Bangladesh Rifles (Sr)

Runners-up Bangladesh Rifles (Jr) Bangladesh Police (Sr) Bangladesh Police (Sr) Bangladesh Police (SR) Bangladesh Rifles (Sr)

Bangladesh Army

DRU football

Star scrape past Dinkal

SPORTS REPORTER

The Daily Star made a rusty return to the Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) football championship that kicked off at the Handball ground adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. Making its first appearance after

a gap three years in the festive yet fiercely competitive annual foot-ball competition for print and electronic media, The Daily Star however started from where it had

The winners of the inaugural edition in 1999 recorded a 2-0 victory against Dainik Dinkal. Aging defender Morshed Ali Khan let the English daily off the

hook with a freakish corner kick SEE PAGE 14 COL 4

Eight unusual suspects



AFP, London

1999-2000

2001-02

A glance at the men's quarterfinalists at Wimbledon throws up an immediate anomaly: None has ever won the title at the All England Club.

Andre Agassi's fourth-round oss to Australian power-server Mark Philippoussis on Monday deprives the tournament not just of its showman in chief but leaves the event wide open. And should Spanish third seed

Juan Carlos Ferrero fail to overturn his two sets to one deficit in his unfinished meeting with Frenchman Sebastien Grosiean they complete their encounter Tuesday afternoon - then the last eight would consist of men with not one Grand Slam crown between

They comprise a mixture of experienced contenders with a history of near misses and youngsters whose potential appears as enormous as it is yet unfilled. That lends extra spice to a tour-

nament which opened with the exit

of last year's champion, Aussie top

seed Llevton Hewitt, to Croatian

qualifier Ívo Karlovic.

youngster with the trophy firmly in his sights.

Having seen off Thai Paradorn Srichaphan, Roddick, the US fifth seed and his country's lone survivor, now meets Swede Jonas Bjorkman, who beat him on grass at Nottingham in their only previ-

ous meeting.

Queen's by beating Agassi and Grosjean, and the youngster has a steadying hand on the tiller in Agassi's long-time mentor Brad "Brad's philosophy is you've gotta win seven matches. There are eight guys left - I'm just one of

Roddick came here having won

lem in Monday's win over Spaniard Feliciano Lopez, can oust Dutch eighth seed Sjeng Schalken. Roddick is not looking that far

meet Swiss fourth seed Roger Federer in the semis - provided

Federer, plagued by a back prob-

said Roddick, who could

"Bjorkman is my biggest threat right now. He's the guy I've got to

play next. The only predictable element this fortnight has been the weight of expectation on the shoulders of British tenth seed Tim Henman.

Henman, four times a semifinalist in the past five years and crushed by Hewitt 12 months ago, massively.

rise, Henman should have seen off Croatia's Goran Ivanisevic two years ago in a semi where he held the whip hand before rain stretched the match out three days. Ivanisevic went on to win the

If defeat by Hewitt was no sur-

title - something no British man has done since Fred Perry in 1936. Henman, whose season got off to a slow start following shoulder surgery last November, is on fire after seeing off Argentine David Nalbandian, last year's finalist.

"It's a great opportunity and I could not be happier," he said. "But I know if my level drops I'll lose. If I keep doing the right things I've got a great opportunity. Henman, who lost to Grosjean at Queen's Club and to eventual winner Ferrero at the French Open,

insists he is drawing strength from

"The crowd support is always pretty incredible. They gave me such a lift and it was a pleasure to play in an atmosphere like that," he

Henman says if he meets Grosjean he will be ready. "Grosjean played really well at

Queen's but my game has come on

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epitomises the nearly man label. Andy Roddick, just 20, is the