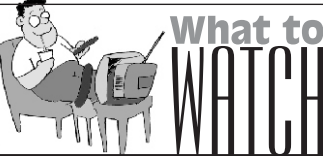




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Peter Petherick is the only New Zealand bowler to have performed a hat-trick in Test cricket. He achieved this feat against Pakistan at Lahore in 1976-77.



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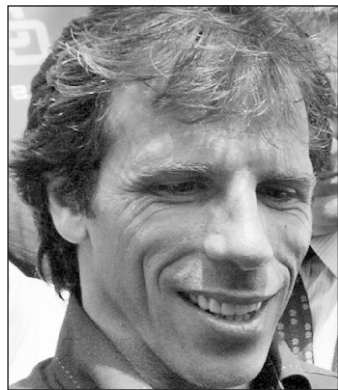
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Sport News
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Green Delta hockey

UNB, Dhaka

The day's lone match of the Green Delta Metropolis Senior Division Hockey League between two lowly teams Bachelors SC and Mukta Bihanga Tarun Sangha ended in one-all draw at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Fazlur Rahman Chand put Mukta Bihanga ahead in the 38th minute while Muhit of Bachelors restored the parity in the 54th minute.

Barank Samaj will play Victoria SC in today's match at the same venue.



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PRACTICE MAKES ONE PERFECT! (L) Bangladesh's fastest bowler Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza sending down a thunderbolt during nets. (R) Tigers' trainer Dean Woodford plays the keeper's role with a baseball glove on while the cricketers sharpen their fielding skills. These photos were taken yesterday during a practice session at the Marrara Oval in Darwin.

Tigers sniff positives



CHIPS MACKINOLTY from Darwin

On the eve of Bangladesh's warm up match against the Northern Territory's Chief Minister's XI, expectations are high from both sides. For Chief Minister Clare Martin it is a dream come true.

One of eight children, she has always been a huge cricket fan, so hosting such a major game is something none of her brothers could ever lay claim to. Yesterday she met for the first time Michael Clarke, the right handed batsmen who will captain her side.

The 9.5 million Taka redevelopment of Darwin's Marrara Oval for international cricket has been a big step for the Northern Territory. At 200,000 people Australia's smallest jurisdiction. Chief Minister Martin was clearly delighted to welcome Khaled Mahmud and his team.

In many respects, the Northern Territory's struggle to attract international cricket reflects Bangladesh's battle in gaining recognition as a Test nation.

"We are very excited to have the Bangladesh side here," said Ms Martin. "We have all the elements that international cricket wanted to get the games here, and we are looking forward to a wonderful few weeks of cricket with Bangladesh."

But after a physically hard fielding work out yesterday, there is

a quiet -- almost tentative -- optimism amongst the Bangladeshi team that we are seeing the beginnings of "the right sort of cricket" that will justify the side's inclusion as a Test nation. There are no premature claims of victory -- even against a provincial side -- but quiet optimism about developing individual and team strength as the "bottom plays the top".

Lt. Col. (ret'd) MA Latif, team



DAV WHATMORE

manager, moves from telling that his boys will play "very positive cricket" to saying "they're going to do well".

"I have seen improvements since we have come to Australia from both batsmen and bowlers -- from Habibul Bashar, Mohammad Ashraful, Alok Kapali and

Mashrafe Mortuza.

"It's a great opportunity for Bangladesh playing against the Australian team, a great chance to improve their individual skills as well as the team skills," said Latif. "It's also great to hear (Australia's) Brett Lee say he would bowl

SQUADS

BANGLADESH: Khaled Mahmud (captain), Javed Omar Belim, Hannan Sarker, Habibul Bashar, Mohammad Ashraful, Alok Kapali, Al-Shahriar, Khaled Mashud (wicketkeeper), Mohammed Rafique, Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza, Tapas Baishya and Monjurul Islam.

CHIEF MINISTER'S XI: Michael Clarke (captain), Darren Treumer (vice-captain), Terry Bayly, Nick Berry, Anthony Dent, Mark Hatton, Brad Hatton, Nathan Hauritz, Tim

strongly against our best batsmen.

For the taciturn Dav Whatmore, Bangladesh coach for a mere five weeks, coming to Darwin has its ironies. He remembers some of the Chief Minister's XI players when they were "just kids" on a previous visit to Darwin. Former Australian

batsman and Sri Lankan coach, he sees his mission to the Northern Territory this time around as critical to the future of the game not just for Bangladesh, but for the whole subcontinent. And he is hopeful.

"We're here to make sure we get to play the right sort of cricket that world cricket demands that Bangladesh should play. This is not a quick fix, by any stretch of the imagination. We're here to make sure that we get on the right track."

"We see this series as hard, as it's going to be against a team ranked number one ... the commencement of something really wonderful for our cricket and the region in the sub-continent area and world cricket as well."

And there is an advantage for Bangladesh, both against the Chief Minister's XI and Australia next week. No one knows how these new pitches at Marrara Oval will play -- and Whatmore acknowledged the edge yesterday.

Melbourne Cricket Ground curator Tony Ware has prepared two "drop in" pitches for this game and the Test matches. His first advice was that they were slow pitches, and might take spin. He is now quietly saying that they will be fast pitches, but will play flat.

Either way, Bangladesh will get to play on them a week before Steve Waugh's Aussie side. Who says the Bangladeshis will not get a "home side advantage"?

StanChart school chess 12 share lead

SPORTS REPORTER

Twelve players from Classes VI-X shared the lead with three points each after the third round of the Standard Chartered Bank School Chess tournament at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium yesterday.

Those in the leading group were: Rahul (Bihar), Sagar, Shahin, Sandipan (Kolkata), Arifin, Shakin, Debanjan (Kolkata), Sabber, Uzzal, Raju, Reza and Pasha.

In the girls' section three players led the points table. They were: Liza, Payel (Kolkata) & Shirin.

While five players earned maximum points in the Class I-V group. The leaders were: Inrdonil (Kolkata), Sifat, Marjan, Molin and Sayed.

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Nat'l Sports Awards to be given on July 20

UNB, Dhaka

National Sports Awards for 2001 and 2002 will be distributed on July 20.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to distribute the awards at a function at Osmani Memorial auditorium.

Eighteen sportsmen and sports organizers have been nominated for 2001 while 15 for 2002.

Each of the awardees will receive Tk 20,000 in cash, a gold medal and a certificate.

England led by captain



AFP, Birmingham

England captain Michael Vaughan's one-day international best 83 guided his side to a four wicket day-night victory with 11 overs to spare against South Africa at Edgbaston here Tuesday.

Vaughan, in what was a dress rehearsal for Saturday's Lord's final, faced 115 balls including 15 fours in a morale-boosting innings.

Rikki Clarke's 37 was also his best one-day international score, the Surrey all-rounder sharing a stand of 64 in 67 balls with Vaughan.

Disappointingly for England, Vaughan was out low padding up to medium-pacer Andrew Hall with England five runs short of victory while Clarke was lbw to spinner Paul Adams with the scores level.

Chris Read and Ashley Giles were both nought not out as Andrew Hall's wide ended the match.

Vaughan and Andrew Flintoff (54) shared a stand of 100 in 104 balls after England wobbled at 30 for three before the all-rounder's top-edged hook off Makhaya Ntini was caught by Adams at fine leg.

Earlier, Lancashire fast bowler James Anderson took four for 38 as South Africa were held to 198 for nine after Proteas captain Graeme Smith won the toss.

That represented a major recovery from 104 for seven inside 25 overs.

But an eighth-wicket stand of 71 between Martin van Jaarsveld (45) and Adams, 33 not out, both career-bests, gave South Africa's bowlers something to defend.

And they responded by removing both England openers with the score on 11.

Vikram Solanki, trying to pull Ntini from outside off-stump, was caught at mid-on by Andre Nel for two.

Shaun Pollock, one of four survivors from the Proteas team that exited the World Cup in a tied semi-final against eventual champions Australia in South Africa's last match at Edgbaston four years ago, then had Marcus Trescothick taken in the slips by Hall for eight.

All-rounder Jacques Kallis struck first ball, bowling Anthony McGrath (11) to leave England 30 for three.

But Vaughan and Flintoff put England's middle-order problems behind them.

Flintoff then hoisted Kallis for six over mid-wicket. His fifty came from 36 balls including one six and six fours.

South Africa had substitute fielder Nicky Boje, on for van Jaarsveld, carried off the ground after turning his ankle.

Earlier England seamer Richard Johnson was unable to complete his over.

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Pepsi handball Madaripur, Jessore in final

UNB, Dhaka

Jessore and Madaripur moved into the final of the 16th Pepsi National Women's Handball Championship eliminating their rivals at the Narail Stadium yesterday.

The two teams will play the final today at 3pm at the same venue.

Madaripur outplayed Bagerhat 22-7 after dominating the first session 7-2 in the first semifinal.

Sheuli scored eight and Sadra four for the winners while Asma netted four and Salma two for the losers.

In the day's other semifinal, Jessore earned an exciting 12-11 victory over hosts Narail. The match was locked in 7-7 during the first session.

Kamrun and China scored three each for the winners while Shahanara contributed eight goals for the losers.



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Mohammedan players, aboard a bus, wait for the journey to Chittagong to start yesterday. They launch their Nitol-Tata National Football League title defence in the port city on Friday.

Uzbek boosts MSC



SPORTS REPORTER

Uzbek forward Davran Turabikov arrived in Dhaka yesterday to play for Mohammedan Sporting Club in

the Third Nitol-Tata National Football League.

Turabikov was a key component of Mohammedan's success story last year when the popular Motijheel club lifted all three major domestic trophies on offer -- the National League, Premier Division League

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PHOTO: STEPHEN CHERRY

YOU THINK I CAN'T BAT? Bangladesh paceman Monjurul Islam (R) jokes with teammates Hannan Sarker (L) and Alok Kapali during a practice session at the Marrara Oval in Darwin yesterday.