



## Did U Know?

Dennis Lillee holds the record for the most Test wickets against one country with 167 wickets in 29 matches against England.



## What to Watch

### ESPN

England vs South Africa  
First Test, Day One  
Same Day Delay at 10:30 am  
Western Union World Football  
Taped Version at 5:30 pm  
Premier League Asia Cup  
Malaysia vs Chelsea  
Live at 6:30 pm  
Sportscentre Hindi  
Sport News  
Live at 9:00 pm

### STAR Sports

Soccer Soap  
Dream Team  
Repeat at 10:00 am  
Futbol Mundial  
Repeat at 10:30 am  
England vs South Africa  
First Test, Day Two  
Live at 3:45 pm  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 11:00 pm  
Soccer Soap  
Dream Team  
Taped Version at 11:30 pm



## Talk Turkey



### Nasser Hussain

(England Test captain)  
"The captaincy is not something I'm going to hang on to. If the selectors ring me tomorrow and say 'We think Vaughn's ready', that's fine with me."



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3. Who won the Wimbledon women's singles crown?  
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4. Which country will host the Asia Youth Cup cricket tournament?

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## Ali rolls on

### SPORTS REPORTER

National junior champion Mohammad Ali earned 4 points after the eighth round games in the 26th Asian Junior (Under-20) Chess Championship in Colombo on Wednesday.

Ali won his eighth round game against Chan Tez Wei of Malaysia.



Abahani's Ashraf Islam Shishu hits one of his four goals against Wari Club in their Green Delta Premier Division encounter yesterday.

## Wasim's no to farewell

REUTERS, Karachi

Pakistan's Wasim Akram is unlikely to come out of retirement to make a farewell appearance against South Africa in October.

"I am grateful to the Pakistan Board that they have offered me this final chance to play for Pakistan and in front of my home crowd. But I think once you have retired it is over," Wasim told Reuters on Wednesday from England.

The Pakistan board responded to Wasim's retirement announcement earlier this year by offering the pace bowler a chance to play against South Africa as a tribute to his contribution to Pakistan cricket.

"The Board has told me that they want me to play one final match for Pakistan and want to make it a farewell and tribute for me in front of my home crowd."

"So far I have not given them any reply. But I am not really keen on playing any international match again. As it is doctors have advised me (to) rest for the time being."

## Abahani run riot

### Hockey

### SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Abahani Krira Chakra scored a massive 10-0 victory over lowly Wari Club in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

It was all Ramij Ahmed along with Ashraf Islam Shishu ran riot as the popular Dhammondi outfit posted their second successive win. Abahani won their first match against Sadharan Bima 5-1.

Forward Ramij slammed five goals while his attacking partner Shishu hit one less. Shahidullah Titos scored the other.

Abahani welcomed back from suspension Nakib and Faruque. The pair served a one-match ban for helping to beat up an umpire in the Club Cup final.

The sky-blue went into break with a comfortable 3-0 lead after Shishu opened the floodgates with a fine field goal from Rajan's right flank pass in the tenth minute. He doubled the margin from Indian Prakash's

minus in the 31st minute. Titoo then got into act two minutes before the half-time whistle.

The second half belonged to Ramij.

In the second minute he swept home to extend the lead while Shishu netted his third one with a brilliant solo effort to make it 5-0.

Ramij netted four consecutive field goals.

Shishu completed Wari's misery just before the long whistle.

**SHISHU KISHOREV DHAKAWANDERERS**

Earlier, the First Division 'super-league' match between Shishu Kisore Sangha and Dhaka Wanderers Club ended in 1-1.

Mohammad Javed put Wanderers ahead in the ninth minute with a field goal but Ranjan Banik leveled the margin in the 23rd minute also by a field goal.

**TODAY'S MATCH**  
Mohammed SC vs Sadharan Bima (4:15pm)



Police rush to restrain a fan who tries to hug Liverpool's Steven Gerrard (R) during the exhibition match against Thailand yesterday.

## Liverpool down Thailand

### Football

AFP, Bangkok

British glamour side Liverpool beat Thailand 3-1 in a rain-soaked friendly Thursday, turning in the same scoreline as when they took on the national side on their last Asian tour two years ago.

The driving rain at Bangkok's Rajamangala Stadium failed to deter more than 30,000 fans, the majority of whom put patriotism aside to wear Liverpool's famous red jersey under their raincoats and umbrellas.

The match, played in a festival atmosphere, capped off a successful visit to Thailand by the Reds, currently on a whirlwind Asian tour.

## ICC defends rankings

### Cricket

AFP, London

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Thursday defended its one-day rankings system as "objective, fair and fact-based," and said India fully deserved its current lowly status.

The ICC's One Day International rating system has come in for criticism after India, beaten finalists in this year's World Cup, dropped from fifth to eighth in the latest rankings released last week.

That prompted Indian captain Saurav Ganguly to claim that the system defied logic.

But ICC Chief Executive

## NSC tries to make peace

### SPORTS REPORTER

The National Sports Council (NSC) offered an olive branch to the Bangladesh Chess Federation (BCF) a day after it ordered the demolition of the chess federation office.

The highest sports body in an official letter yesterday requested the chess body to shift their office to the third floor of the NSC building.

On Wednesday the NSC authorized the tearing down of BCF headquarters to make way for the construction of its 20-story tower. The action on the most successful sports federation created widespread criticism.

## 7 Shreshthas for stadia

### SPORTS REPORTER

Seven new venues are to be named after seven Bir Shreshthas. The National Sports Council took the decision in its executive meeting yesterday.

The newly-built Kamalapur football stadium will name after Mustafa Kamal while the Chittagong divisional stadium for Ruhul Amin, Syed Mohiuddin Jahangir for Rajshahi divisional stadium, Matiur Rahman for Khulna divisional stadium, Munshi Abdur Rab for Sylhet divisional stadium, Noor Mohammad for Narail stadium and Hamidur Rahman for Jhenaidah stadium.

## Zia shares 2nd place

### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Grand Master Ziaur Rahman was sharing the second spot with ten other players at the end of the third round of the Smith and Williamson British Chess Championship at Edinburgh, Scotland on Wednesday.

Zia won his board against English Fide Master David Howell. It was his second win against a draw in the prestigious competition.

Meanwhile, International Master Enamul Hossain Rajib also kept his good work going in the meet. He won against Adam Ashton of England. But it was bad news for FIDE Master Sheikh Nasir Ahmed as he went down to GM Aaron Summerscale of England after two consecutive victories.

On the other hand, IM Abdullah Al Rakib defeated Gordon Meyer of South Africa to raise his tally to 1.5 points.

## School football

### SPORTS REPORTER

Government Laboratory High School and Dakkhin Banashree Model High School won their respective final round matches of the Dhaka Metropolitan inter-school football competition at the outer stadium yesterday.

Laboratory overpowered Matuall Bahumukhi High School 3-1. Yasir, Mithun and Mohammad Ali netted once each for the winners while Liton for the losers side.

Banashree Model scored a 2-1 victory over Nabakumar Institute 2-1. Rafiqul Islam scored both goals for Banashree while Enamul Hasan for Nabakumar Institute.

## School kabadi finals today

BSS, Dhaka

The finals of the school kabadi championship for both boys and girls will be held today at Kabadi ground.

Ansars and VDP High take on Dolaipar High in the boys' final while Dolaipar High and Khilgaon Government Staff Quarter High meet in the girls' final.

Youth and Sports Secretary Abu Solaiman Chowdhury will witness the finals as chief guest.

# Waugh warns BD to be ready for worst

### Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, Cairns

Bangladesh face a huge challenge in the second Test against world champions Australia starting here Friday, Australian skipper Steve Waugh warned Thursday.

The game's most-capped player said facing Brett Lee at 150 kilo-

"We like to attack as a general rule and we've got some good bowlers. But I don't mind what we do at the toss."

Waugh won the toss and elected to field in the first Test in Darwin as Australia skittled the tourists for 97 then scored 407 for seven declared.

"I'm not going to predict that (Bangladesh batsmen suffering injuries) but I expect us to go hard. It will be a very good test for the Bangladeshi batsmen out there,"

Asked about Waugh's comment that Bangladesh's players would benefit from being tested in tough conditions, coach Day Whatmore said: "Yes I agree with that."

"You don't have to be Einstein to work out batting has been the biggest problem facing the side," he said.

Bangladesh have lost 19 of their first 20 Tests. Last week they crashed for totals of 97 and 178 in Darwin, being crushed by an innings and 132 runs.

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud said his team had played on difficult pitches previously in New Zealand and South Africa.

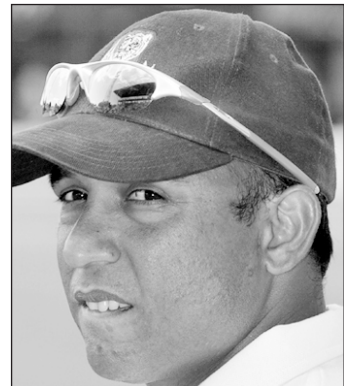
Groundsman Kevin Mitchell has said batsmen will face a green wicket -- the type of surface on which Australia's champion pace battery of Brett Lee, Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie are likely to be especially menacing.

Mitchell said wet weather in Cairns had produced much more grass on the pitch than he had expected for the historic first Test in the far north Queensland city.

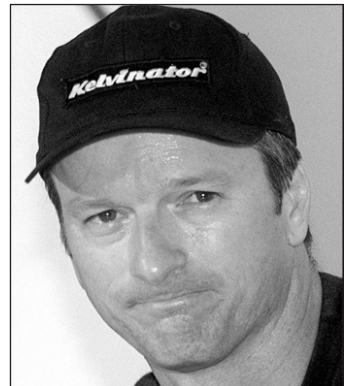
Waugh sounded a further ominous note for the tourists, saying his side had room to improve from Darwin.

"We've got a lot of improvement in us," he said. "People expect Bangladesh to improve from the first Test, but I expect us to improve more."

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KHALED MAHMUD



STEVE WAUGH

metres an hour on a lively deck on Queensland's tropical far north coast was a welcome opportunity for Bangladesh to discover just how many of their players were Test match quality.

"There's a chance we'll bowl on that wicket. There's a bit of grass there," Waugh told a news conference on Thursday.

Waugh said.

"I think that's what they need. You want to see your players put under the most possible pressure and see who puts their hand up and see who's a Test match player and who isn't a Test match player."

"There's certainly a bit of moisture in the pitch and it'll favour the quick bowlers."

# Tigers excite Aussie skipper

### Cricket

INTERNET SOURCE, Cairns

Australian Test skipper Steve Waugh poured cold water on skeptics who believed Bangladesh were incapable of competing against the world champions.

Writing in his column for News Ltd., Waugh said that the first Test against the youngest and newest team in the world was an eye-opener for the Australian players.

"The match itself was competitive and results both individually and collectively had to be achieved through hard work, skill and patience, rather than just turning up and going through the motions as some experts had suggested," said Waugh.

Waugh believed the tourists would gain invaluable experience from the series and get a clear idea of which areas they needed to work on.

"For Bangladesh, this tour will be a crash course in the subtleties of Test match cricket. With limited exposure and experience at the top level it is difficult to know when to

attack and when to back down or just go along with the flow.

Tempo, poise, purpose, intensity, body language, patience and self-belief are words that they need to use and put into practice. They have talent in all areas of the game,

individually in Darwin but picked out Mohammad Ashraful as the outstanding talent of the Tigers.

"The guy who looked the most promising was Test cricket's youngest centurion Ashraful who is short in stature, like many great players, and has a solid technique built around a solid defence."

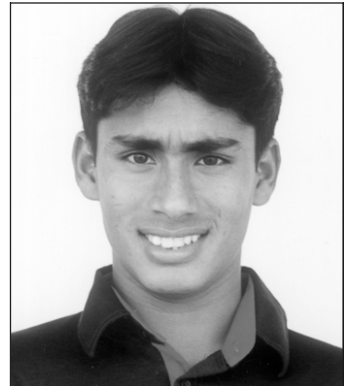
Waugh however felt that Ashraful really needed to work on his temperament, in other words -- make it more Waugh-like.

"To me he doesn't quite know how to compose an innings as yet which is understandable because I'm sure he was a schoolboy star with all the shots at his disposal."

"What he needs is to learn the value of patience as well as the right time to assert himself and when to dig in and fight hard. He has the world at his feet and the opportunity to be the hero and role model to all the youngsters in Bangladesh. It was great to see him and a few others come into our change room at the end of the match to talk cricket and learn from each other."

Waugh also promised Ashraful a 'present'.

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MOHAMMAD ASHRAFUL

which will develop as they acquire match practice in pressure situations."

Test cricket's most successful captain was very impressed by the promise Bangladesh showed

# SA openers go into tea

### Cricket

AFP, Birmingham

South Africa captain Graeme Smith and Herschelle Gibbs both scored their maiden Test hundreds against England as the Proteas moved into a commanding position on the first day of the first Test at Edgbaston here Thursday.

At tea, South Africa were 265

without loss, with left-hander Smith 107 not out off 167 balls, with 17 fours while Gibbs was on 143 not out, made from 184 balls with one six and 24 fours.

The Western Province duo's stand was a new first wicket record for South Africa against England, surpassing the 260 set by Bruce Mitchell and Jack Siedle at Cape Town in 1930-31.

But Gibbs was dropped on 94 and 125, England failing to take

precious chances as the opening pair backed up Smith's decision to bat first on a placid pitch.

Smith's innings, his third Test century, meant he had scored a Test hundred against England at his first attempt while Gibbs' hundred was his ninth at this level.

South Africa started the second session well-placed at 100 without loss, both Smith and Gibbs 47 not out.

Gibbs was first to his fifty, cutting Andrew Flintoff for four and bringing up his half-century in 96 balls including nine boundaries.

And when paceman Flintoff gave Gibbs width he steered a square drive behind point for another four. He followed that with an even better stroke, pulling a ball that was only fractionally short from fast bowler Darren Gough over deep mid-wicket for six.

Gibbs then eased Gough's next ball through cover point for four.

In the same over Smith reached his fifty with an on-driven four off Gough.

In all 17 runs came off the over as South Africa reached 141 for nought off 37 overs.

Gibbs also punished left-arm spinner Ashley Giles when he dropped short, cutting and pulling him for boundaries in successive balls.

He accelerated through the nineties but on 94 his checked drive went straight back to paceman James Anderson who failed to hold onto the left-handed caught and bowled chance.

Off Anderson's next two balls Gibbs cut fours to bring up his hundred.

It was a tough day for 20-year-old Anderson, the rising star of England's attack, whose 10 overs cost 62 runs.

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PHOTO: AFP

Although Herschelle Gibbs here plays one defensively, the South Africa opener was in sublime form as he was not out on 143 at the tea break of the first Test against England at Edgbaston yesterday.

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