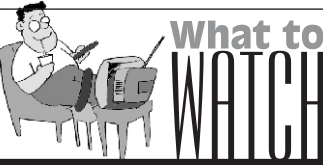




Did U Know?

Kiran More of India holds the record for most stumpings in a Test. He stumped six West Indian batsmen in Chennai during the 1987-88 series.



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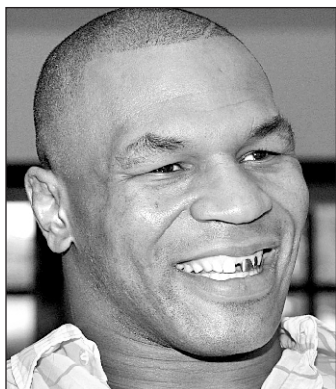
Nitol-Tata Nat'l Football League
Abahani vs Muktijoddha
Live at 4:00 pm

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Premier League Asia Cup
Chelsea vs Newcastle (Final)
Repeat at 7:30 am
England vs South Africa
First Test, Day Four
Same day Delay at 10:00 am
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm

STAR Sports

Gillette World Sports Special
Int'l Sports News
Taped Version at 8:00 am
England vs South Africa
First Test, Day Five
Live at 3:45 pm
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 11:00 pm



Mike Tyson

(Former world heavyweight champion)
"Maybe in my next life, I'll have a better life, I understand this society that I live in hates me."



1. Who clinched the Premier Division Hockey League title?
BDR Wari Eskaton

2. Who became Confederation Cup champions?
France Cameroon Brazil

3. Who won the Wimbledon women's singles crown?
Serena Venus Clijsters

4. Which country will host the Asia Youth Cup cricket tournament?

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Schools draw

SPORTS REPORTER

Both matches in the Dhaka Metropolis inter-school football competition ended in draws yesterday at the outer stadium.

In Group A, Kamarpara High School and Dakkhin Banashree Model High School failed to produce any goals.

While Dolaipar High School and Government Laboratory High School shared four goals in a Group B fixture.

Tigers making great strides

Cricket

AFP, Cairns

Bangladesh may be on the verge of another big hiding by Australia in the second cricket Test here, but Australian skipper Steve Waugh said Sunday the newest Test nation are showing huge improvement.

"Bangladesh won't realise how much they've improved until they play someone else after this series, because I think there's been massive improvement in all facets of their game," Waugh said after the third day of the second Test.

"I think they'll be very competitive after this. There's no way you'll find Bangladesh losing regularly by an innings after this they'll have a lot of self-belief."

Bangladesh finished the day with 106 for four wickets in their second innings, trailing Australia's massive first innings 556 for four wickets declared by 155 runs.

The world champion Australian side are a near certainty to win Monday, pushing Bangladesh's record to 20 defeats in their first 21 Tests.

But Waugh said he believed heavy losses will become a thing of the past as the young side learn quickly.

Praising the Bangladesh batting,

Waugh said his powerful Australian attack considered the best in the game had fired all their guns and still found it hard to take wickets.

"Our bowlers have given it everything," he said. "We have not held back. Bangladesh have batted very well."

Waugh said Bangladesh had uncovered an outstanding player in 20-year-old opener Hannan Sarkar, who completed a fine double with scores of 76 and 55.

"He has played superbly in both innings. Both were top quality knocks. He looks a very good player."

His wicket began a collapse of 3-3 to put Australia in control after Bangladesh had reached 87 for one wicket and started to frustrate the Australians.

"Even late in the day, the number six batsman (Alok Kapali) came in and took a few knocks on the body and didn't show any pain. He showed he's there for a battle, and that is good," Waugh said.

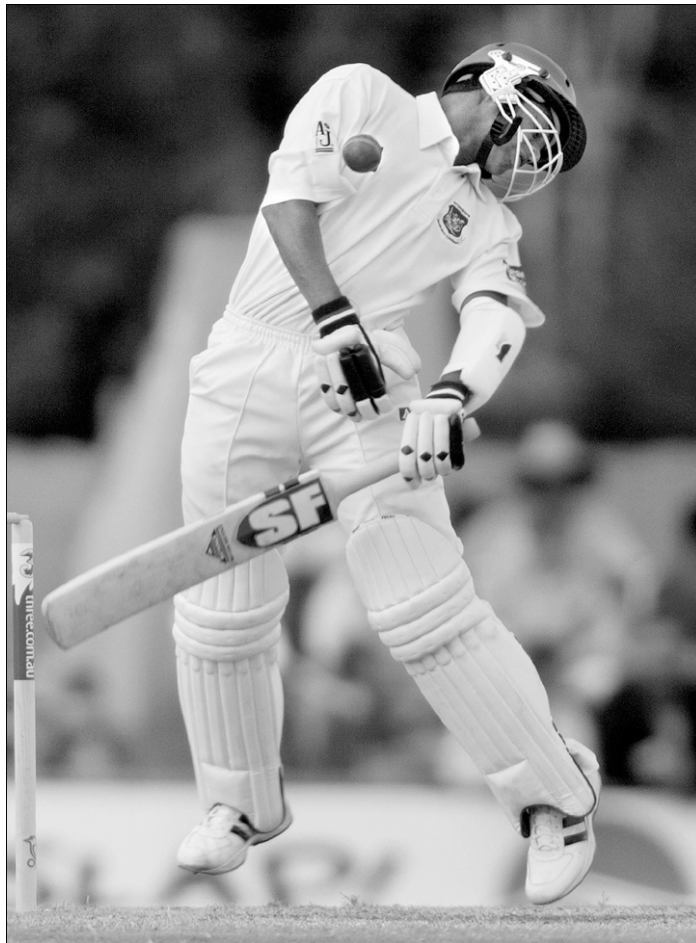
B'DESH-AUSTRALIA TEST SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on third day of the second Test between Australia and Bangladesh in Cairns on Sunday:

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BRAVE HEARTS: (L) Bangladesh opener Hannan Sarker acknowledges the crowd's applause on reaching his second half-century of the match while Alok Kapali (R) took a few blows on his body during the course of third day's play of the second and final Test against Australia in Cairns yesterday.



PHOTOS: AFP

Bankers blank BD Sporting

SPORTS REPORTER

Sonali Bank registered their second successive victory in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League when they trounced Bangladesh Sporting Club 6-0 at the Maulana Bhashani National Stadium yesterday.

Indian recruit Anil Ekka led the bankers with a hat-trick while Hosne Mubarak struck twice and another Indian Kishore Kujur scored the other goal.

Fresh from a brilliant 2-0 win over giants Mariner Young's Club, the youthful Sonali Bank extended their impressive run in the elite league. On the other hand Bangladesh Sporting suffered their second loss after going down 5-2 to Railway.

The winners took a comfortable 3-0 lead at the breather.

Kishore put the bankers ahead from a penalty-corner in the ninth minute and Anil scored two field goals in the 13th and 17th minute. He completed his treble from a penalty-corner just after the break.

WANDERERS-VICTORIA

In the First Division Super League, Dhaka Wanderers Club blanked Victoria Sporting Club 5-0 at the same venue.

Wanderers confirmed second

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Asian Youth Cup Nepal's

AFP, Karachi

Nepal took the Asian Youth Cup Sunday with a 30-run win over Malaysia in a rain-interrupted final at the National Stadium here, to augur a bright future for the country's cricket aspirations.

Nepal scored 155-5 in the reduced quota of 25 overs with man-of-the-match Sharad Veswaker top-scoring with 55 to qualify for next year's World Youth Cup in Bangladesh. Malaysia managed 155-6.

"Asian cricket is coming up and with Nepal's win, we are sure that we

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Ali finishes 8th

SPORTS REPORTER

Indians IM Magesh Chandran, S P. obesh Anand and Mokal Prathamesh were the joint winners of the 26th Asian Junior (Under-20) Chess Championship in Colombo on Saturday.

Each of them collected 8 points.

Bangladesh national junior champion Mohammad Ali secured the eighth position along with six others. All of them finished on 6.5 points apiece.

In the 11th and final round game Ali drew with Akshayraj Kore.

A total of 34 players from Asia and Australia participated in the event.

England reach 245/4 at tea

AFP, Birmingham

England were 245 for four in reply to South Africa's first innings 594 for five declared, a deficit of 349, at tea on the fourth day of the first Test at Edgbaston here on Sunday.

Michael Vaughan was 131 not out and Alec Stewart nine not out with England needing another 150 runs to avoid the follow-on total of 395.

Vaughan resists SA

Cricket

REUTERS, Birmingham

England, replying to South Africa's first innings of 594 for five declared, dug deep to reach 109 for one at lunch on the fourth day of the first Test on Sunday.

Marcus Trescothick, batting with a fractured right index finger, was the man to depart, for 31, as South Africa's quicks extracted unexpected life from the Edgbaston surface.

Michael Vaughan, who at one stage failed to score for 40 deliveries spanning more than an hour, mixed stubborn defence with the occasional classic boundary to make 49 not out, including eight fours. Mark Butcher was nine not out.

The pitch had resembled a docile featherbed during South Africa's rain-interrupted innings but England's wayward bowling perfor-

mance was put into context on Sunday.

Shaun Pollock, striving for pace, beat Vaughan with three deliveries in a row, nipping the ball away and back again off the seam, during a six-over burst costing him 10 runs.

Eight of those runs came from two shots in three deliveries as Vaughan, retaining his concentration, stroked him through the covers and then drove past mid-off.

Vaughan, dropped off a no-ball the previous evening, had one big scare but his edge off Makhaya Ntini dropped just short of second slip.

The opening pair had added 24 in the first 13 overs before Trescothick, getting in a tangle, was yorked by the whippy Ntini.

Vaughan picked up the rate just before lunch, hitting left-arm spinner Robin Peterson's first over for 14, including three boundaries.

Captain Graeme Smith had

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Smith dedicates it to mates

Cricket

AFP, Birmingham

South Africa captain Graeme Smith said his record-breaking 277 against England in the first Test at Edgbaston here Saturday had been for his teammates.

"I didn't even think about the record until lunch," explained Smith after posting the highest individual Test score by a South Africa cricketer.

"But the guys said they really wanted me to get it."

His innings was the cornerstone of South Africa's first innings 594 for five declared.

But rain, which washed out the whole of Friday's second day, also cut short Saturday's action as well

denying South Africa a chance to press home their advantage.

In the meantime Smith was struggling in to take in the enormity of his achievement in what was just his 11th Test.

"Eric Simons (South Africa coach) told me I didn't realise what I've done yet."

Smith's innings was watched by his parents, over in England for the first two Tests.

"They've been a great influence in my life. I owe a lot to them for being here today," the Western Province left-hander explained.

And despite the bad weather Smith insisted the game was not destined to end in a draw.

"If the rain stays away we must be disciplined and patient. We can still do it."

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The record which Mahmud wants to disregard

AFP, Cairns

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud has the unenviable record of being among the most expensive bowlers in Test cricket history after he failed to take a wicket while conceding 75 runs in the second Test against Australia here.

He sent down 19 overs (three maidens) without reward as Australia amassed a first innings 556 for four wickets declared.

That came after seven overs for 25 runs and no success in the first Test in Darwin a week earlier.

In seven Tests, he has career figures of 1-406.

Other bowlers who have found the going tough at the top level include: Rual Lewis (WI) 1-318 in three Tests.

Roger Wijesuriya (SL) 1-294 in four.

John Warr (Eng) 1-281 in two.

Sunil Gavaskar (Ind) 1-206 in 125.

Nirode Chowdury (Ind) 1-205 in two.

Andrew Jones (NZ) 1-194 in 39.

Mervyn Waite (Aus) 1-190 in two.

George Headley (WI) 0-230 in 22 Tests.

Zia stays on top

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Grand Master Ziaur Rahman and GM Paul Matwani of Scotland, with 5 points each, were jointly leading the Smith and Williamson British Chess Championship at the end of the sixth round in Edinburgh, Scotland on Saturday.

Zia, who was the lone leader in the previous round, drew with GM Joseph Gallagher of Switzerland. Indian GMs Harikrishna, Abhijit and Surya Sekhar and seven others were in the second position with 4.5 points each.

Bangladesh International Master Reefat-bin-Sattar was sharing the

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Waugh closes in on Gavaskar

Cricket

REUTERS, Cairns

Another Test match brought another bag full of records for Australia captain Steve Waugh on Sunday as the game's second-leading run-scorer.

"I know once I got a hundred today I was pretty focused on getting 150. I knew I wouldn't get another chance.

"I'm pleased with that. It's nice to have that record," added Waugh, the game's second-leading run-scorer.

Waugh, who has overcome a form

LEADING TONNERS		
Batsman	Country	100s
S Gavaskar	India	34
S Waugh	Australia	32
S Tendulkar	India	31
D Bradman	Australia	29
A Border	Australia	27
G Sobers	W Indies	26
G Chappell	Australia	24
V Richards	W Indies	24
J Miandad	Pakistan	23
M Azharuddin	India	22
G Boycott	England	22
C Cowdrey	England	22

against Bangladesh.

Waugh's 156 not out in Australia's 556 for four declared helped to put the home side within six wickets of a 2-0 series sweep against the visitors.

It also gave the 38-year-old Waugh the record of being the only player to score 150 against the other nine Test-playing nations, adding to his mark in last week's first Test of a world record 37 wins as skipper.

Waugh's second successive hundred put him outright second on the all-time list, behind only India's Sunil Gavaskar with 34 centuries.

Australia's total, boosted by Darren Lehmann's 177 and Martin Love's 100 not out, was the highest conceded by Bangladesh in their 21-Test history.

"There's always a chance (of making 35 hundreds). It doesn't really matter what I set, Sachin Tendulkar (with 31) is going to waltz past that one anyway," Waugh told a news conference on Sunday.



HPHOTO: AFP

HERCULEAN EFFORT: Australia captain Steve Waugh executes an exquisite cover-drive on way to scoring an unbeaten 156 on the third day of the Cairns Test yesterday.

Chelsea shootout Newcastle

AFP, Kuala Lumpur



Newly-rich Chelsea gave their fans a tantalising glimpse of the silverware that awaits them under billionaire Russian owner Roman Abramovich here on Sunday, winning the inaugural Premier League Asia Cup after a dramatic penalty shootout against

Newcastle United.

Chelsea won the shootout 5-4 in front of 41,500 screaming fans at the National Stadium after young Newcastle star Jermaine Jenas' cocky attempt from the spot to lob the ball over Blues keeper Carlo Cudicini sailed high and wide.

Newcastle captain Alan Shearer and midfielder Laurent Robert had earlier missed their spot-kicks.

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Big time football makes a welcome return to Barisal as spectators (L) fill up every inch of the riverside arena in the divisional town while the Nitol-Tata National Football League match between Jhenidah Mohammedan and Jamalpur Jagarani (R) is in progress yesterday.



PHOTO: STAR