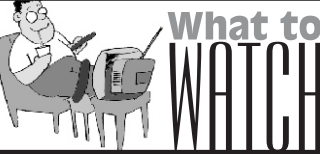




Did U Know?

David Boon of Australia was the first batsman to score a century in a floodlit match in the World Cup. Boon achieved this feat against the West Indies at Melbourne on March 18, 1992 by scoring 100 off 147 balls with eight fours.



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England vs South Africa
Third Test, Day Three
Live at 3:45 pm

Notice
Dear WHIZZ KIDS due to some technical difficulties the draw of Competition-197 could not take place last night. It will now be held on August 29.

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Uli Hoeness
(Bayern Munich manager)
"I would rather have paid five times as much for Roy (Makaay) than David Beckham."
After signing the Dutch international striker.

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1. How many runs did Bangladesh score in the first innings of the 2nd Test against Australia?	301	289	295
2. Who became Asian Youth Cup cricket champions?	Malaysia	Bangladesh	Nepal
3. Who won the Pepsi handball title?	Chittagong	Narsingdi	Bandarban
4. Who clinched the GONGAGAF Gold Cup?	Brazil	USA	Mexico
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Div II soccer

UNB, Dhaka

Dipali Juba Sangha blanked Purbanchal Parishad 2-0 in the Shahjalal Bank Metropolis Second Division Football League at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.
Ajo and William scored for the winners.
In the day's other match Kadamtala Sangshad defeated Jatrabari KC 2-1.
Motahar and Tota netted one goal each for the winners while Jani scored the lone goal for the losers.



GOOD LUCK AND GET SOME PARTNERSHIPS GOING! Al-Shariar (L), who has been dropped from the Pakistan bound Bangladesh squad, wishes Tigers' openers Hannan Sarker (C) and Javed Omar well during yesterday's practice at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Tigers head for Pakistan today

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh cricket team fly off to Karachi tonight for a five-week tour of Pakistan focusing on more individual improvement and hoping for atleast one win.

This will be the first time that Bangladesh play a three-Test and five-ODI series since gaining Test status in June 2000.

So far, Bangladesh have appeared in 21 Test matches losing 20 and drawing one.

"The target is same as it was in Australia -- individual improvement. That's where our focus will be because that's the only way to go," said national coach Dav Whatmore after his 15-member team's last practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Whatmore didn't rule out an upset or two against the Pakistanis but said that every individual had to play to their full potential on a given day to turn that dream into a reality.

"I agree that we might win a one-day match. But to actually win, you have to do things correctly on an individual level and more frequently. So, we are trying to follow the correct path.

"Winning is a result oriented statement, an outcome goal. But we are totally focusing on process oriented goals," said Whatmore.

When asked why he did not pick any specialist off-spinner knowing that the Pakistani pitches would turn, Whatmore said that all-rounder Sanwar Hossain was performing that role appreciably. He also seemed unperturbed with all the controversy surrounding Sanwar's bowling action, which was reported by the umpires during the Australia tour.

"I have read the umpires' report.

They just wanted his action to be investigated. We are doing that. We haven't got the official report yet but the preliminary report looks okay. I have spoken to Sanwar too and he'll just go out there and play keeping all these things out of his mind," said Whatmore.

The high-profile coach was

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Date	Match	Venue
Aug 20-24	1st Test	Karachi
Aug 27-31	2nd Test	Peshawar
Sep 3-7	3rd Test	Multan
Sep 9	1st ODI	Multan
Sep 12	2nd ODI	Faisalabad
Sep 15	3rd ODI	Lahore
Sep 18	4th ODI	Rawalpindi
Sep 21	5th ODI	Karachi

reminded about Bangladesh's last one day international win, which came against Pakistan in the 1999 World Cup, and asked whether expectations will be more against

the same opposition.

"I'm not focusing on the 1999 World Cup victory as a way of winning a match. The motivation should be the same against any opponent," said Whatmore.

The former Australian Test player also touched on the team's selection and thought that newcomer Rajin Saleh could be the perfect replacement for out of favour Al-Shahriar.

"I thought he (Rajin) batted extremely well in practice today. It was a very good net session for him. He has the technique, he certainly has the fitness. But like everybody else, he needs to show us that he has the temperament for the big matches.

"I have also spoken to Al-Shahriar and told him what he needs to do to get on track again. Number one, he needs to get fit because he has a minor injury on his left knee. And when he returns to play, he has to

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Fiat bails Sachin out

AFP, New Delhi

Italian automaker Fiat's Indian arm Thursday rescued cricket superstar Sachin Tendulkar by paying a whopping import duty on the luxury Ferrari car gifted to him by the company.

The car, presented to Tendulkar by racing king Michael Schumacher in England a year back, arrived in Bombay last Friday after the federal government waived the import duty worth 245,000 dollars on a request from the millionaire cricketer.

The decision to write off the 120 per cent duty normally levied on all foreign-made cars generated heated debate and dented Tendulkar's demi-god status in cricket-crazy India.

The Delhi High Court issued a notice to Tendulkar and the Indian government asking them to explain why the import duty was exempted.

"In light of recent developments, Fiat India Thursday announced that it would pay the import duty for Sachin's Ferrari, as the gift was meant to felicitate and honour him for his achievement," the automaker said in a statement.

"The Ferrari Modena was presented to Sachin by Fiat for equalising (late) Sir Donald Bradman's record of scoring 29 Test centuries. Fiat believes that this gesture on its part, of paying the import duty is in keeping with the spirit in which the gift was given."

Tendulkar, preparing for the Indian team's physical training camp starting in Bangalore later this week, declined to comment on the row.

The 30-year old is India's richest sportsman with multi-million dollar endorsements for a range of products that include cars, soft drinks, credit cards and motor cycles.

Tendulkar has scored 8,811 runs in 105 Tests with 31 centuries. Only compatriot Sunil Gavaskar (34) and Australia's Steve Waugh (32) have scored more hundreds.

He is also the most successful batsman in the history of limited-overs cricket with 12,219 runs from 314 games with 34 centuries.

Court allows Test in Karachi

AFP, Karachi

A Pakistani court on Friday cleared the national cricket board to host next week's Test match against Bangladesh in the southern port city of Karachi, court sources said.

Sindh High Court Judge Aatur Rehman ordered the parties to "maintain a status quo and set August 28 to hear the petition," they said.

The Karachi City Cricket Association (KCCA) on Tuesday challenged a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) decision to withdraw its rights to host Tests and one-day matches, which had put the Karachi Test against Bangladesh starting from August 20 in jeopardy.

KCCA filed the petition after the PCB last month decided to set up provincial cricket associations to organise cricket matches at district level, effectively ending the KCCA's rights to host Tests and one-day games.

It also announced that the Karachi Test against Bangladesh will be staged by the newly formed Sindh Cricket Association (SCA).

KCCA rejected the decision calling it "unconstitutional" and challenged it in the court.

Pakistan also host South Africa for three Tests and as many one-day games in September-October and New Zealand for five one-day games in November.

College b'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Four matches of the Europa College Basketball Championship were decided yesterday at the Dhanmondi Gymnasium.

In the day's opening match, Bangladesh Navy College beat BAF Shahan College 54-30 after leading the first session 24-12.

In the second match, St Joseph's College defeated Academia College 62-24 after dominating the first session 34-04.

In the day's other matches, Khulna College outplayed Dhaka Tutorial College 100-31 after leading the first half 44-17 while Notre Dame College overwhelmed Scholastica College 65-20 after dominating the first session 34-06.

England make 445

Cricket

AFP, Nottingham

Alec Stewart's 72 helped England to a first innings total of 445 all out at tea on the second day of the third Test against South Africa at Trent Bridge here Friday.

Stewart, England's most capped player, eventually fell driving left-arm spinner Paul Adams to South Africa captain Graeme Smith at mid-off, having faced 132 balls including 11 fours.

Stephen Harmison was last man out for 14, caught by first slip Shaun Pollock off Adams.

James Anderson was nought not out as England fought back from an innings and 92 run defeat in the second Test at Lord's that left South Africa 1-0 up in the five Test series

England started the second session on 370 for six with 40-year-

Ajax enter Super Five

Hockey

SPORTS REPORTER

Ajax Sporting Club completed their first round campaign of the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League by confirming a Super Five berth with a 2-1 victory over Sonali Bank at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Indian recruits Gopinath and Rajkumar scored for Ajax in the well-contested match.

Ajax finished with 16 points from nine matches to finish behind defending champions Abahani (24 from 8 matches) and Mohammedan Sporting Club (21 from 7 matches).

Ajax led the first half 1-0 with Gopinath scoring a field goal in the 12th minute.

The Bankers equalised the margin through Sohail in the 49th minute.

Rajkumar confirmed the Ajax

victory two minutes from time.

Despite the defeat, Sonali Bank also booked a Super Five ticket with a game in hand. They have 13 points from 8 matches and will take on Sadharan Bima in their last game.

Bima (10 points from eight games) can also reach the next phase but they have to win against the Bankers first and hope that Usha Kiria Chakra lose their last encounter against Mariner Young's.

Usha too are in a good position to secure a Super Five place with 12 points from eight matches. Mariner have a remote chance to move into the next round but have the daunting job of defeating Mohammedan in their fixture tomorrow and then Usha.

Mariner have collected eight points from seven matches.

Meanwhile, a Bangladesh Hockey Federation press release

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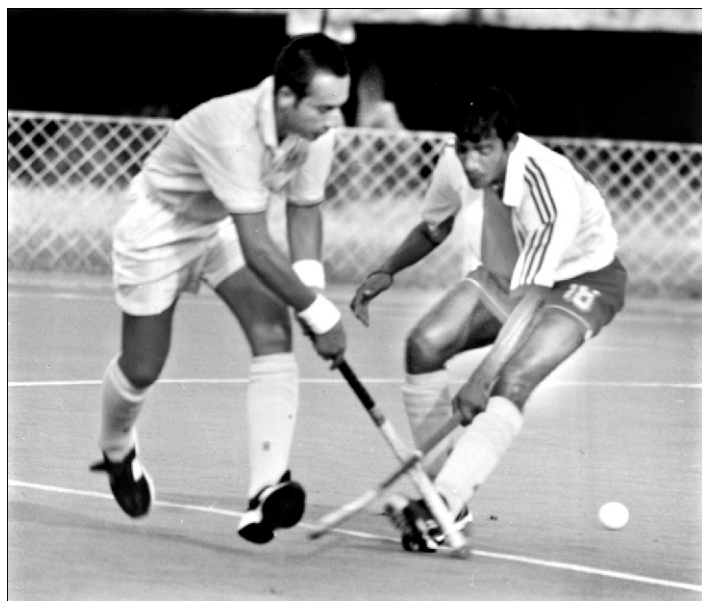


PHOTO: STAR

Action from the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League encounter between Ajax SC and Sonali Bank at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

legside he was caught at cover by Smith.

That left England 408 for eight. Harmison delighted the crowd by hitting Adams over Smith at mid-off for four and then pulling fast bowler Makhaya Ntini for another well-struck boundary.

Earlier former captain Nasser Hussain added just eight runs to his overnight 108 when he fell lbw shuffling across his stumps to Pollock for 116, two runs after ducking into an Ntini delivery that did not get up.

Test debutant Ed Smith, who shared a stand of 104 in 208 balls with Hussain, started Friday on 40 not out.

The 26-year-old Kent batsman reached his fifty in 93 balls including nine fours with a two through square leg off Pollock.

But on 64, Smith was caught behind by wicketkeeper Mark

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PHOTO: REUTERS

THE CENTURIONS ON A WALK: England batsmen Nasser Hussain (L) and Mark Butcher set off for a single during the third Test at Trent Bridge in Nottingham on Thursday.