



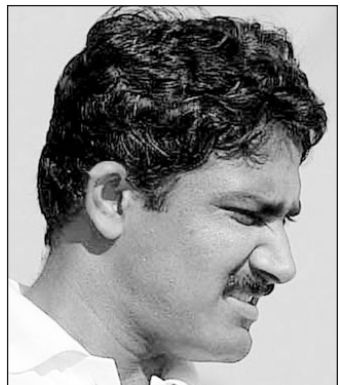
## Did U Know?

The first two twins to play in the same Test match were not Steve and Mark Waugh of Australia, but Rosemary and Elizabeth Signal of New Zealand, versus England in 1984; in women's cricket!



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Dream Team  
Soccer Soap  
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Sportsline Tonight  
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Dream Team  
Soccer Soap  
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Quarterfinals  
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**Anil Kumble**  
(Indian leg-spinner)  
"People look at spinners in terms of only ODIs. They then carry that opinion into Test matches. That is unfair."

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4. Who became man-of-the-match in the 4th Test between England and South Africa? Kirsten   Ntini   Flintoff
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## RU football

**OUR CORRESPONDENT**  
Library and Information Science defeated Genetics and Breeding 1-0 in the inter-department football tournament of the Rajshahi University at the Habibur Rahman Hall playground yesterday.  
Nazrul scored the lone goal for the winners.

# Banking on Bashar blitz



**HASAN MASOOD** from Multan

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud believes that the play to open the batting in the one-dayers with Habibul Bashar would add a new dimension to his team.

Mahmud also felt that Bashar, who scored highest 379 runs in the just concluded three-match Test series, would play much better as an opener than his customary position at number three in the first one-day international at the Multan Cricket Stadium today.

"Bashar is our best batsman. That's why we have decided to send him to open the innings," said the 33-year-old.

Bashar had previously opened the innings twice and both were against Pakistan in the Independence Cup in 1998 and in the Asia Cup in 2000.

The dashing right-hander has scored 650 runs in 35 ODIs with seven fifties.

"I have thought over it for a long time before deciding it. If you look behind you will find that our starts have never been good. And by the time Bashar goes out to bat at number three there was hardly any foundation to build on. On most of the occasions we managed to only

score 20 to 30 runs in the first ten to 15 overs. That's why I have asked the coach to promote him to open for the one-dayers and he has accepted the idea," said Mahmud while explaining the changes.

"The days of only blocking the ball and batting carefully are over. Now the game has changed so we have to be aggressive in ODIs. Both Bashar and Ashraf are stroke makers and aren't afraid of playing their shots. That's what we need now if we really want to win matches," said Mahmud.

Mahmud, the hero Bangladesh's famous victory against Pakistan in the 1999 World Cup in England, thought that a score of around 250 would be a good total against the hosts.

"Our target will be to get five runs per over so that we can throw a challenge to the opposition," he said.

"In Test matches you can win, lose or get a draw. But in one-day matches you will either win or lose and I'm sure you know what my choice would be," said Mahmud whose team has the longest losing streak in the history of one-day cricket.

Bangladesh have not won a single ODI in the last four years and during that period they have lost 37 of their 39 matches with the others being rained off.

"Definitely we will bat first if I won

the toss," he added.

Mahmud, who enjoyed a new lease of life during the Test series, believed batting at number six was still alright for him.

The hard-working Bangladesh captain explained that although all-rounder Musfiqur Rahman was destined to feature in the opening match but after seeing the track there was a chance that Sanwar Hossain's off-spinners might have to be considered.

"There is no grass on it and it looks perfect for batting and that's why we are considering playing Sanwar instead. A final decision will be made in the morning."

When asked if his team was expecting a relatively weaker Pakistan team in the absence of their regular captain and speedster Shoaib Akhtar, Mahmud said he was not thinking of that.

"Pakistan is always a good side on their home soil and I think they would also give their best to win the match," he added.

Meanwhile, coach Dav Whatmore, said that his team came here to do well and reverse their losing streak.

"It did not click for us in the Test matches although we came so close on two occasions. But that is behind us now and we are looking forward to winning this time," he said.



LEAVE YESTERDAY BEHIND: Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud bowls in the nets while batsman Hannan Sarker (L) and pace bowler Tapas Baisya look on during a practice session at the Multan Cricket Stadium yesterday. Bangladesh face the hosts in the first of five one-day internationals today.

## Sultan puts up a brave face

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) president SA Sultan assured that Bangladesh will take part in the World Cup qualifying round for the 2006 final to be held in Germany.

"You should understand that Bangladesh's entry was accepted once the FIFA president Sepp Blatter suggested that we should take part in the qualifiers. It is just a matter of time before we get the official letter," the BFF boss told a group of reporters yesterday.

Sultan admitted that they might have erred in deciding not to take part in the qualifiers in the first place despite the Federation's team management committee chief Kazi Salauddin's repeated insistence favouring participation.

"We earlier took the decision on the basis of our own study as well as the AFC's relaxed policy. But I finally realised that it was a wrong step following my talks with the FIFA

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## Latif blames Latif



**REUTERS, Multan**

Bangladesh team manager MA Latif Khan says a controversial catch by Pakistan captain Rashid Latif could have cost his team the chance of the first Test win in their history.

"We have no doubt that the catch was costly for us and had a bearing on the match which is why we felt strongly about the issue," Latif told this news agency on Monday.

Pakistan won the third and final Test in Multan on Saturday by one wicket to take the series 3-0, but match referee Mike Procter banned wicketkeeper Rashid Latif for five one-day internationals after a complaint by the Bangladesh manager.

Bangladesh await their first win after 24 Tests.

Latif claimed the controversial catch in the 28th over of the Bangladesh second innings on Friday when Alok Kapali got a big deflection to a ball from Yasir Ali.

He had scored 22 at the time.

Latif took the catch diving in front of first slip but after rolling over twice television replays showed the ball had popped out of his hand before he completed his motion of the catch.

But the Pakistan wicketkeeper told the hearing called by Procter on Saturday evening that he believed he had held the ball long enough to complete the catch which is why he did not call the batsmen back.

"We have no personal problems with Rashid, he is a fine and honest gentleman who has done a lot for cricket with his upright stand on many issues," said Latif Khan.

"But we strongly felt that as Pakistan captain he had more responsibility to call the batsman back."

"We filed a complaint with the referee because we felt Rashid had not acted according to his status but that does not mean we have anything against him," the Bangladesh manager said.

## Mahmud bites back

**SPORTS REPORTER** from Multan

Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud submitted his report to the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Sunday regarding the three-match Test series against Pakistan, according to a source close to team management.

It was learnt that the report came down hard on the two umpires who officiated the third Test in Multan - Ashoka de-Silva of Sri Lanka and Russell Tiffin of Zimbabwe, for making some terrible decisions against Bangladesh which eventually proved fatal as the tourists lost by the narrowest of margins.

The source also revealed that the Tigers have concluded that enough was enough. So far, they have been polite to everybody as the newest Test playing nation and have accepted everything in good grace. However, with the international media and now the umpires launching an anti-Bangladesh campaign, the Tigers have decided to start returning the salvo.

## A positive series



**MANUL HAQ**

Bangladesh came very close to their first ever Test victory in Multan. However, the eventual defeat was heart-breaking.

The Tigers deserve all the credit for the fighting spirit they showed despite their limited resources. Khaled Mahmud and his team can hold their heads high after what they have achieved in this Test series.

Although the results didn't go in their favour, the tourists dominated the last two Tests most of the time.

In Multan, the wicket was very lively and green and had a lot of bounce and swing. It was ideal for a fast bowler. Resting Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza in this match was a mistake.

Alok Kapali showed courage and determination when he came to bat the next day after he was hit on his right eye by a bouncer from Shabbir Ahmed.

Mohammad Rafique has become

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## Arman Miah, Biplob given 2-game bans

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra midfielder Arman Miah and goalkeeper Biplob Bhattacharyya were handed two-match suspensions for their misconduct during the Nitol-Tata National Football League final against Mohammedan on last Friday at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium.

The disciplinary committee of the league committee took the action in a meeting on Sunday night.

The players will have to miss either two Federation Cup matches or any BFF organised tournament.

Arman Miah rushed towards linesman Ramkrishna Gosh and was promptly shown a second yellow card in extra time. Biplob was found guilty of abusing the same official from the sidelines.

## BHF shortlists Asia Cup squad

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) has announced a 20-member squad for the upcoming sixth Men's Asia Cup to be held in Kuala Lumpur from September 21-28.

The selected players will attend the residential camp at BKSP today under the supervision of BKSP coach Bangus.

The BHF will announce a 16-member team next Saturday to fly to the Malaysian capital on September 17.

BHF general secretary Shamsul Bari said yesterday that their first target was to maintain sixth position in order to earn automatic qualification for the World Cup qualifying round.

The players are: goalkeeper; Russel Khan Bappi, Mahabubullah Chowdhury Shakil and Golam Alam, Mohammad Pearuzzaman, Uthowai Ching Roaza, Wahid Murad, Sultan Ali Biswas.

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# Marcus alone enough

## England level the series



**REUTERS, London**

Marcus Trescothick added an unbeaten half-century to his first-innings double century as England won the final Test by nine wickets at The Oval on Monday to level the series and deny South Africa a slice of history.

The left-hander cracked a quickfire 69 as England raced to their target of 110 after lunch on the final day at a near-capacity Oval.

Trescothick, dropped at third slip off Makhaya Ntini when on one, hammered 12 fours in his 66-ball exhibition. Captain Michael Vaughan was the one man out, for 13.

Victory came in a flurry of bound-

aries as the England opener and Mark Butcher put on 63 runs in 60 deliveries.

Trescothick, who made a career-best 219 in the first innings to keep England in the game, stole the headlines from bowlers Martin Bicknell and Steve Harmison.

Both took four wickets on an excellent batting track to skittle the South Africans for 229 during the first hour.

A win had seemed unthinkable on day one, after South Africa had reached 290 for one and then 345 for two in their first innings.

"This was the best victory since my time with England," said Vaughan. "To come back and show the character we did was a fantastic effort."

Graeme Smith's touring side, seeking their first series win in

England since 1965, had resumed the last day on 185 for six, just 60 ahead and praying for another extraordinary rear-guard action.

But Bicknell, aged 34 and recalled for the fourth Test after a decade on the sidelines, took two wickets in two balls in his second over to all but kill off South African dreams.

Harmison, finding a perfect length to go with his bounce, capped his best performance for England by removing Shaun Pollock for 43 and Ntini.

Harmison took four for 33 off 19.2 overs to Bicknell's four for 84 on his home ground.

No England side has won a home Test before after conceding s o m a n y

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## India under-19s allowed to go to Pakistan

**AFP, New Delhi**

The Indian government Monday cleared the national junior cricket team's tour of Pakistan in November, raising hopes of a revival of a cricket series between the arch-rivals at the senior level.

The foreign office okayed a visit to Pakistan by the Indian under-19 team to take part in a four-nation tournament also featuring Bangladesh and Sri Lanka from November 1 to 9, an official statement said.

The government also cleared the Pakistan second-string team's participation in a limited-overs tri-series in India from December 13 to 21 that includes Sri Lanka.

A tour by India's academy team to Sri Lanka this month to play matches against Pakistan and the

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# Red hot Roddick



**AFP, New York**

Andy Roddick blasted high-powered serves with pinpoint accuracy to capture his first Grand Slam tennis title, overwhelming world number one Juan Carlos Ferrero here Sunday to win the US Open.

Roddick fired 23 aces and 46 winners past the French Open champion for a 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 triumph, the 21-year-old American smashing fireballs that kept the third-seeded Spaniard off balance and under pressure the entire way.

"I took it to him. I was very aggressive," Roddick said.

"I think a lot of it had to do with me being pretty aggressive."

Ferrero never broke the powerful serve of Roddick, who connected on 63 per cent of his first serves and saved three break points, one in the third game of the match and two more

when Roddick held for a 4-3 lead in the final set.

"I knew he served well but this was better than I thought," Ferrero said. "It's very difficult to return his serve. It's very difficult to play him from the baseline. He served so hard all the time. I really didn't feel my rhythm."

"In my service games I had the pressure to win it because I knew it was very difficult, if not impossible, to break his serve."

Roddick extended his ATP Tour-best win streak to 19 matches, improving to 27-1 on hardcourts since Wimbledon and 37-2 since Brad Gilbert began coaching him, and calming him, after a first-round French Open exit.

"When he would get his emotions a little too high, too charged up, it would affect his concentration," Gilbert said. "He tended to go big and bigger."

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IT BELONGS TO ME: The new US Open champion Andy Roddick.

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