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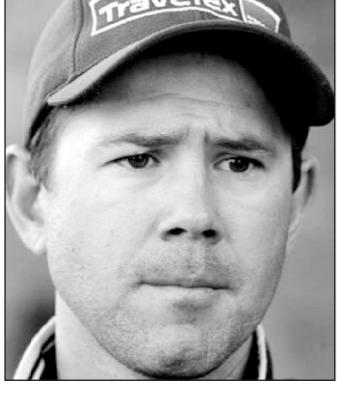
Volleyball was invented by William George Morgan of Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1895.

## What to WATCH

ESPN  
Australia vs Zimbabwe  
First Test, Day Five  
Live at 8:00 am  
English Premier Football League  
Liverpool vs Arsenal  
Repeat at 6:30 pm  
Sportscenter India  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
Western Union world Football  
Repeat at 9:30 pm

STAR Sports  
Futbol Mundial  
Repeat at 11:00 am  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm

## TALK TURKEY



### Ricky Ponting

(Australian batsman)

"It was an amazing performance, and one that I will never forget. It is a credit to Matt who has just worked so hard and I am thrilled for him."

On Matthew Hayden's world record 380.

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 19

Tick the correct answers, post

**The Daily Star**

Competition closes at 8 pm  
Oct 17, 2003 and draw shortly afterwards

1. Who won the Asia Cup hockey title?

Pakistan India Malaysia

2. Who was man-of-the-series in the Bangladesh and Pakistan one-day series?

Inzamam Youhana Bashir

3. Who became the Pepsi 16th nat'l men's handball champions?

Army BDR Navy

4. Who are the European Champions League holders?

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## Kamal Special chess champ

SPORTS REPORTER

Kamal Hossain became unbeaten champion in the fifth Special National Chess tournament with maximum nine points after the last round games at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the last round, Kamal beat Barek. Sawpan Chakider became runner-up with eight points.

David Fletcher, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh distributed prizes among the winners as chief guest.



PHOTO: STAR

England opener Marcus Trescothick hits one over long-on for six.

## Hosts let Eng enjoy

### Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The first three-day match between England and Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) President's Eleven got underway but not before wet ground conditions consumed five hours of the opening day's play.

The match eventually started at 2:30pm at the Bangabandhu National Stadium and by the close the formidable England side had scored 106 for one in 37 overs.

It was a perfect start for Michael Vaughan's men after being put in to bat by President's Eleven captain Hannan Sarker on a slow and low wicket.

The laid-back batting effort by the English opening pair of Vaughan and Marcus Trescothick produced 77 runs before the England captain walked back to the dressing room making 36. Eager to strike form ahead of the two Test series Vaughan struck six boundaries in his 108-minute stay before edging an attempted cut shot off right-arm paceman Anwar Hossain Munir on wicketkeeper Anwar.

That was the only success for the home side on a pitch offering little

assistance to the bowlers.

Trescothick ended the day on 49 not out while fellow left-hander Mark Butcher was on 11 when stumps were drawn.

Trescothick, the 28-year-old Somerset opener, hammered five boundaries and an effortless six against slow left-arm Enamul Haque over long-on. He also struck a magnificent cover drive against the same bowler in the final over and raised his bat towards the dressing room thinking he had reached his fifty, but later the official scoreboard found he was one run short of the mark.

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"My preparation was pretty good and I thought the opposition bowlers were pretty effective. But I think the pitch was at times rather slow and it did not help them," said Trescothick.

The southpaw was particularly impressed by the response of the crowd.

"The passion is absolutely thriving here. It is amazing when there was a rain delay the crowd stayed here while the players disappeared and that speaks of their love for the game."

But the youthful Bangladesh team could have brought more cheers from the home crowd had the fielders held on to three catches

offered by the English openers.

Mushfiqur Rahman, one of the senior members of the team, dropped Trescothick at first slip off Enamul while the left-hander was on 29.

Apart from that missed opportunity Mushfiq bowled his right-arm medium pacers quite effectively in his eight-over spell that cost only 17 runs.

Vaughan also had his share of luck on 23 when wicketkeeper Anwar Hossain dropped a sharp chance off Mushfiq.

"If we had held those catches we could have been happy with our day's work. But apart from those lapses our fielding generally good," said Hannan.

When asked why he chose to field first the national opener said it was a team decision.

"We were not sure how the wicket would behave and we thought there would be some moisture on the pitch because of the heavy rain over the last few days. Besides, our coach (Richard McInnes) was against batting first," said the right-hander.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard on the first day of the

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## SA restrict Pakistan

### Cricket

AFP, Rawalpindi

Upbeat South Africa came close to registering a series against Pakistan to 192 in 49.3 overs in the fifth and final day-night limited-overs international at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium Sunday.

All-rounder Abdul Razzaq made a fighting 38 and Rashid Latif notched 25 as the home team struggled after winning the toss and electing to bat on a slow paced wicket, much to the disappointment of a capacity holiday crowd of 18,000.

Razzaq, whose 51-ball knock claimed three boundaries, added 36 for the eighth wicket with Latif after Pakistan stuttering at 116-6 in the 32nd over.

Latif continued his fight with another 28-run stand for the ninth wicket with Mohammad Sami who made 22 as the last four wickets added 76 invaluable runs.

Shaun Pollock finished with 33.

Pakistan lost opener Mohammad Hafeez in the second over when Andre Nel hit the middle stump in a disastrous start to their

innings.

The in-form Younus Youhana survived 10 deliveries before he was trapped leg before by Shaun Pollock without scoring, leaving Pakistan 16-2 after five overs.

Nel, who took 2-36, then had Yasin Hameed caught at short mid-wicket off an uppish flick in the 10th over for a 39-ball 28 including two boundaries.

Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq, who missed the last two games due to injury, and Younis Khan added 40 for the fourth wicket before both fell within the space of five runs as stand-in captain Mark Boucher continued to apply pressure.

Inzamam, showing signs of discomfort due to injury, failed to beat Jacques Rudolph's direct throw from mid-on and was run out for 36th time in his 298-match career.

Younis missed a delivery from left-arm spinner Robin Peterson and was bowled for 13 as the home team lost half of the side for 80.

Pakistan brought in Inzamam, Razzaq and leg-spinner Danish Kaneria for Faisal Iqbal, Naved Latif and Shabbir Ahmed while the tourists were forced to induct Neil McKenzie and Alan Dawson for

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## One-day football to hit Dhaka

SPORTS REPORTER

The Clinic Plus one-day football tournament will be held at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur on October 25.

Organised by Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), four leading Dhaka clubs Moshamed Sporting, Abahani, Muktijoddha Sangsad Krira Chakra and Arambagh Krira Sanghawil take part in the first of its kind tournament in Bangladesh. One-day football is a new concept with each game lasting 60 minutes instead of the normal 90. There will be two semifinals followed by a final all on the same day.

Although the BFF originally wanted star-studded Brothers Union in the tournament, they had to turn to Arambagh when the Gopibagh club didn't show interest.

The draw for the semifinals will be held on October 23.

MAA, a syndicate of three leading event management companies, will hold the meet on behalf of the BFF.

Each participating team will get Taka 50,000 as appearance money while the winners of the final will receive Taka one lakh. The losing

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## AB Bank TT

UNB, Dhaka

Sheikh Russell KC, Ajax SC, Biman and Armanitola JS won their respective matches of the AB Bank Metropolis Senior Division Table Tennis League at the Wooden Floor Tennis League at the Wooden Floor Gymnasium yesterday.

Russell KC beat Brothers Union, Ajax SC defeated Engineers Club and Biman outplayed Wari Club, all by straight 3-0 sets while Armanitola JS managed a 3-2 victory over Mariner Youngs.

In the day's First Division League, New Colony outplayed Young Pegasus by straight 3-0 sets while Swamibagh Boys beat Reazul Smriti Sangha and Modhumita KC defeated Purbachal Parishad both by 3-1 sets.

Swamibagh TTS beat Management Net, North South University defeated Barna TT Club, Mansoor Sporting beat Cynthia SC and Durbar KSS beat Bangladesh Boys, all by 3-2 sets.

Each team will have three batting tracks.

The indoor complex at Dhaka will be built in between the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium and the National Swimming Complex in Mirpur.

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Monday.

Following on 496 runs behind, Zimbabwe nosedived to 126 for seven wickets before the lower-order showed commendable fight.

Australia dismissed the tourists for a first-innings 239.

Further rain is forecast for Monday.

Zimbabwe coach Geoff Marsh the former Australian Test opener has not given up hope that his young and inexperienced team can save the match with a bit of further help from the weather.

"We have already taken Australia to the fifth day and not many sides can do that," he said.

He was pleased with the spirit displayed by his players late in the day, but disappointed by the failure of the middle-order.

"But Heath Streak and Ray Price can both bat well, make no mistake. So we have certainly not given up hope of saving this."

The home team coasted to the brink of victory despite the absence of two front-line bowlers Jason

## Police nab ICC hero

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Mymensingh

Police on Saturday picked up former national pace bowler and hero of Bangladesh's victorious ICC Trophy campaign Saiful Islam when he was erecting a fence on a piece of land given to him as reward by the previous government.

Saiful and fellow teammate Sanwar Hossain, both of whom helped Bangladesh win the championship in Malaysia in 1997, were awarded with six decimal of land each near the local Eidgah by the then Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during a reception at the local Circuit House later in that year.

The land was however handed over to the player only last year, Saiful's family members said.

On the day of the incident, Saiful went to the spot to put up a fence at around 11 in the morning. As he and his workers were preparing the barrier, a town sub-inspector of the number two outpost rushed to the place and took Saiful to the police station.

Later he was taken to Kotwali Thana where he was confined for about five hours. He was mentally abused by police while in custody, his family members alleged.

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## Hardly first-class

### Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The England team finally stepped onto a cricket pitch on Sunday. Although it was a typically slow and low one at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS), Michael Vaughan's men still found batting relatively easy and passed two-and-a-half hours without suffering major losses.

Having seen the other face of Dhaka since their arrival on a wet Wednesday morning, the Englishmen were mighty relieved watching the sun shining in all its glory. But despite the mercury going up since morning it needed five hours to dry the saturated outfield at the BNS. By the time the England captain Vaughan and his left-handed opening partner Marcus Trescothick walked on the ground to bat, it was the post-tea session of a full day's play.

Vaughan might have been apprehensive about the conditions. It was natural for him to feel that way since it was a matter of acclimatisation with a place he had never been before. But for Trescothick the setting was not

unique as he was a member the England A team that toured Bangladesh a couple of seasons ago.

While the Somerset left-hander Trescothick applied himself with the easy-paced wicket to remain unbeaten his captain perished misjudging the bounce of an Anwar Hossain Munir delivery.

That was a brief description of on-field events. But there were more happenings off it too.

The most encouraging scene was the turnout of spectators for a three-day warm-up match and that too was not free of charge. The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) fixed Taka five as entrance fee, but as usual the ticket touts had to make a profit. So, they charged two taka extra.

The assembly of eight thousand fans on the morning after night-long prayers gave the tourists a feel of the heat they will surely encounter when the first Test starts at the same venue on October 21.

Although it was a first-class fixture but there was nothing first-class about the scoreboard. With the giant electronic scoreboard taking a nap, the BCB thought it was a good idea to go back to a manually

operated one instead.

But the peculiar size of the board made reading the numbers impossible. Besides, it hardly helped the observer to know who was who and what was what. It was so confusing that it led Trescothick to mistakenly raise his bat after he thought that he had had a half-century. But he was actually one run short of the mark.

The miniature scoreboard looked like one in operation in any school match.

It troubled the all the journalists especially the foreign sports writers who had to constantly take the assistance of their local counterparts.

Already there is a large English media contingent in town. But with little to write home about the England team most of them are now turning to other avenues like a rickshaw ride and why the team does not want to stay in Chittagong too long.

So far the English journalists are happy with the noisy pace of Dhaka