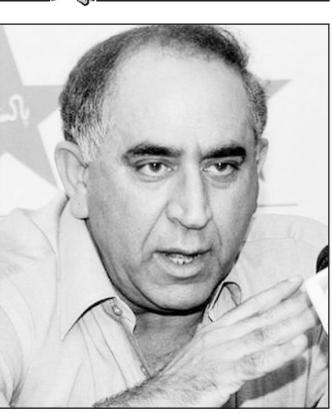




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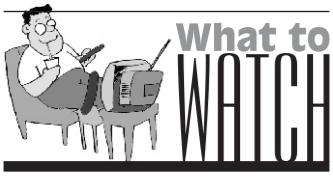
Chile managed to reach the semifinals of the soccer 1962 World Cup before losing 4-2 to Brazil. On their way they beat Switzerland, USSR and Italy. Players said they ate Swiss cheese to beat the Swiss, spaghetti to beat Italy, drank vodka to beat USSR, and tried coffee to beat Brazil - but coffee obviously didn't agree with them.



## Tauqir Zia

(Pakistan Cricket Board president)  
"It saddens me that such big names of cricket representing a responsible organisation have indulged in mud-slinging."

While blasting captain Inzamamul Haq, coach Javed Miandad and chief selector Aamir Sohail for their involvement in a selection row.



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3. Who became Asian Under-19 cricket champions?  
Pakistan Bangladesh India
4. Who clinched the women's title in the Asian Zonal Chess?

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## Nat'l cricketers restart training

### SPORTS REPORTER

After a three-day break Bangladesh cricket team had their first training session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday morning under the supervision of coach Dav Whatmore.

"This is only to keep our fitness level all right. Our today's session was also based mostly on fitness," said captain Khaled Mahmud in the evening adding that the camp would continue until November 23.

All the players who played in the Test and one-day series against England except injured left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique attended the training.

More than 100,000 fans are

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## Giants battle for final ticket

### SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani will be desperately hoping that their goal-shy forwards find their feet when they take on bitter rivals Moha-mmedan Sporting Club in the first semifinal of the Tibet Federation Cup today.

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TITANIC TRAINING! Rivals Abahani (L) and Mohammedian players during their practice sessions yesterday. An Abahani booter practise heading at their club ground in Dhanmondi while Mohammedian's five Cameroon recruits have a talk at their club premises before heading for their session.

PHOTOS: STAR

## Saber, Quader appalled

### SPORTS REPORTER

Saber Hossain Chowdhury has criticised the present cricket leadership for not properly handling the fund for the development of the game as designed during his reign as president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB).

Speaking at a press conference at the Hotel Turbani organised by the Awami League to highlight the present dismal state of the youth and sports arena yesterday, the former cricket supremo also was saddened by the fact that although he left behind Tk 200 crore in the BCB coffers, still the new cricket administrators had not made good use of it.

The briefing was chaired by Awami League general secretary Abdul Jalil. Former state minister for youth and sports Obaidul Quader read out the keynote paper.

Saber, who is an organising secretary of Awami League, believed that great strides were made in different age-

group cricket competitions because he worked on a particular development plan.

"To decentralise the game country-wide, we established regional cricket associations. But these are not functioning at the moment. We raised Taka 200 crore for the BCB fund. But I don't see any output of that fund. Just looking at how the under-19 development squad was all out for 34 against India recently tells the story," he said adding that instead officials now are spending too much time on things like changing the name and the constitution of the Board.

Quader, who listed a number of successes as sports boss including the ICC Trophy triumph in 1997, 1999 SAG Games football gold medal and also attaining ODI and Test status, said that although he left behind Tk 200 crore in the BCB coffers, still the new cricket administrators had not made good use of it.

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"We had success in almost every aspect of sport. But nowadays the sports arena is polluted. This is due to the government's inability to perform in any sector."

He urged the government to keep sports arena free from politics and party influence.

The briefing was also attended by former Bangladesh Football

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Awami League general secretary Abdul Jalil (3rd from L), former state minister for youth and sports Obaidul Quader (2nd from L), former BCB president Saber Hossain Chowdhury (L) during a press conference at a city hotel yesterday.

## Ganguly in doubt for TVS Cup final

### BBC ONLINE, undated

India captain Saurav Ganguly could miss the final of the TVS Cup tri-series against Australia with a groin injury.

Ganguly has only just returned after a month on the sidelines recovering from thigh surgery.

He played in Saturday's crucial 145-run win over New Zealand but complained of a sore groin.

The final is being played in Calcutta on Tuesday and Ganguly said: "I'll have to assess my condition on the morning of the final."

Ganguly conceded India would have to play much better if they are to beat Australia and lift the TVS Cup.

Ganguly said: "We played poorly until Saturday's game."

"We seem to be applying ourselves only in pressure situations."

"It's essential to apply ourselves and perform at the same time every day."

"It's easy to defend a 350-plus total, but the real test would be when we've got to defend scores around 260-270."

More than 100,000 fans are

easier it got.

"I am never going to be a massive blaster of the cricket ball, I accept that my game is based around working the ball into gaps and keeping the scoreboard ticking."

"We have got a lot of players in our

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## Impressed himself

### BBC Cricket

### BBC ONLINE, undated

Andrew Strauss was delighted to make the most of his opportunity in England's tour match against Sri Lanka President's XI in Moratuwa on Saturday.

The Middlesex captain smashed 83 in the tourists' 237-8 although rain thwarted a start.

Strauss' performance will put extra pressure on Vikram Solanki, who recorded a duck.

Strauss said: "This was my one opportunity to score runs and put pressure on the other guys."

Strauss and Ian Blackwell were impressive for England in their only warm-up match before Tuesday's first one-day international.

Strauss said: "I didn't feel any pressure at all, I had nothing to lose walking out there."

"I looked at it that way rather than thinking it would be my last knock on the door."

"My aim was just to spend some time in the middle and the longer I spent the

squad that can hit the ball over the ropes so hopefully at some stage there will be a role there for me."

"I know the role I am trying to

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