



Did U Know?

Early triple jump practitioners in Ireland used 2 hops and a jump before the event was standardized. The best distance achieved using this technique was 15.72m by Daniel Ahearn (3rd July 1910), Daniel also set the first IAAF record of 15.52 the next year (30th May 1911).



ESPN

NOVEMBER 25
Football Focus
Live at 6.30 pm
Sportscentre
Live at 8.30 pm
NOVEMBER 26
UEFA Champions League
Inter Milan v Arsenal
Live at 1.30 am (Wednesday)
UEFA Champions League
Celtic v Bayern Munich
Same day delay at 3.30 am
Sportscentre
Live at 8.30 pm
Goals
Taped at 9 pm
NOVEMBER 27
UEFA Champions League
Panathinaikos v Man United
Live at 1.30 am (Thursday)
Sportscentre
Live at 8.30 pm
NOVEMBER 28
UEFA Cup
Barcelona vs Panionios
Live 2 am (Friday)

STAR Sports

NOVEMBER 25
English Premier League
Fulham v Portsmouth
Live 1.55 am (Wednesday)
Sportsline
Live at 8 pm
NOVEMBER 26
UEFA Champions League
Monaco v Eindhoven
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Geoffrey Boycott

(Famed TV commentator)
"When I was playing the game we never had the benefit of TV or video to analyse our techniques or look at faults, we depended on other cricketers to watch us and then tell us what they thought we were doing wrong."



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Competition closes at 8 pm
Dec 5, 2003 and draw

- How many runs did Bangladesh score against England in the last ODI?
143 190 182
- Who is the International Cricket Council (ICC) president?
Malcolm Speed Ali Asghar Ehsan Mani
- Who became Asian Under-19 cricket champions?
Pakistan Bangladesh India
- Who clinched the women's title in the Asian Zonal Chess
Name
Class Roll No.
School Address
Phone: (If any)



Tajikistan footballers upon their arrival at Purbani Hotel in the city yesterday.

India open tour today

Ganguly still hopeful of getting Akram

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Indian captain Saurav Ganguly was hopeful Monday Pakistan cricket legend Wasim Akram would be able to help his left-arm pacemen during the tough Australian tour starting this week.

India begin preparations for their four-Test clash with world champions Australia when they meet the Victorian state side in a three-day game at the Melbourne Cricket Ground Tuesday.

Wasim, now retired from first-class cricket, will follow the tour as a commentator.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India last week strongly denied reports Wasim would be appointed the national team's fast-bowling coach.

Tensions remain high between the countries, and Ganguly agreed Monday it was not straightforward to have a high-profile former Pakistan player working with the Indian Test team.

"There are a lot of sentiments attached to Wasim ... it's a bit of a sensitive issue," Ganguly said.

"We would love to have help from

him because he's probably one of the best fast bowlers I've seen.

"We'd love to have him in the nets to look after the boys."

Zaheer Khan and Ashish Nehra, both chosen to play against Victoria, and fellow tourist Irfan Pathan are all left-armers who would benefit greatly from Wasim's tuition.

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble will miss the opening game because of 'flu, while Sarwan Ramesh and Deep Dasgupta will also sit out the match, along with Pathan.

Accepting the difficult nature of this series, Ganguly conceded India would lose matches but he was prepared to put up with setbacks if his side could upset the world's champion Test team in the big-O series result.

New Zealand are a competitive side. They may not have the best names around, but still they compete very hard.

"They play to a plan and I find Stephen Fleming a very good leader."

SQUADS

INDIA: Saurav Ganguly (captain), Ajit Agarkar, Akash Chopra, Rahul Dravid, Zaheer Khan, VVS Laxman, Ashish Nehra, Parthiv Patel, Harbhajan Singh, Virender Sehwag, Sachin Tendulkar (no 12th man named).

Tajiks predict tough time

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A 19-member Tajikistan football team arrived in the city yesterday to play their Asian pre-qualifying round for the 2006 FIFA World Cup finals that will be held in Germany.

The Central Asian side, which also has five officials, take on Bangladesh at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur tomorrow at 3pm.

Currently the former Soviet republic is ranked 180th on the FIFA listing compared to the hosts' 147th.

But the visiting team is not overly concerned at the rankings.

"We aren't bothered by the rankings. They are just a list and nothing else. We have come here to play good football like in the Asian qualifiers," said Tajikistan coach Nazarov Sharif during a press briefing at the Bangladesh Football Federation conference room in the afternoon.

And like Bangladesh, the visitors were also in dark about their opponents.

"I don't know much about Bangladesh except some basic information," Sharif said when asked if he had done any homework before coming to Dhaka.

However the Tajiks were full of confidence going into the big match although they narrowly failed to qualify

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"We started our campaign with a 1-0 win over Thailand in the first leg, then earned goalless draws against Hong Kong and Uzbekistan. We also lost to Uzbekistan 4-1, and 1-0 to Thailand. And only won against Hong Kong in the second leg," the Tajik coach said.

There are only seven Tajik players

for the 2004 Asian Cup.

Although the Tajiks might start as underdogs, Bangladesh were still not complacent.

"We must ensure that we take advantage of playing on home soil, otherwise I don't think we will be able to compete in the freezing conditions when we travel to Dushanbe for the second leg," said coach Golam Sarwar

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Bangladesh team leader Golam Rasul Mollah (2nd from R) briefs the press regarding the upcoming Asian pre-qualifying match against Tajikistan yesterday.

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Lara asks for consistency

BBC ONLINE, undated

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