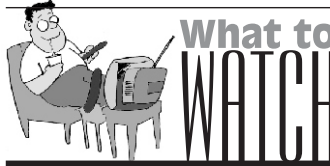




Did U Know?

Tennis fashions have changed over the years too. Bunny Austin was the first man to ever wear a pair of shorts on court at Wimbledon in 1933. Conversely, Yvon Petra was the last champion to ever wear long trousers on court in 1946.



What to Watch

ESPN
English Premier Football League
Bolton Wanderers vs Liverpool
Repeat at 5:30 pm
Primera Liga
Real Sociedad vs Bilbao
Live at 2:30 am (Sunday)
STAR Sports
New Zealand vs South Africa
First ODI
Repeat at 12:30 pm



Talk Turkey



Alex Ferguson
(Manchester United manager)
"It's interesting that the games in which we've dropped points are those where we've failed to score."
On his team's recent performance.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 2004
Tick the correct answers, Post to The Daily Star
Competition closes at 8 pm Feb 27, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

1. How many teams are taking part in the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup?	16	12	20
2. How many months was Shane Warne banned from cricket?	16	12	13
3. Who won the Pan-Pacific Open title?	Davenport	Clijsters	
4. Who won the Tokyo Marathon?	Njenga	Osaki	Sebastian
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Class	Roll No.		
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WHIZZ KID-205 correct answers
1. Who won the 25th National Women's Chess Championship title?
Ans. Rani Hamid
2. Who lifted the Hopman Cup tennis title?
Ans. America
3. Steve Waugh has played how many test matches?
Ans. 168
4. David Seaman quit football at the age of
Ans. 40
5. Who will lead Bangladesh's ICC Under-19 World Cup team?
Ans. Ashiqur

WHIZZ KID-205 winner
Anwarul Islam
(Kakoli High School, Dhaka)
Please produce your ID card and an attested passport size photograph while collecting the winner's prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7:30 pm on February 22.



PHOTO: STAR
Bangladesh U-19 captain Ashiqur Rahman looks behind anxiously after glancing the ball during the practice match against CCDDM Green at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Fawad star of the day

Hosts' batting concern

ICC U/19 CRICKET WORLD CUP BANGLADESH 2004
SPORTS REPORTER
The Bangladesh Under-19 cricket team ended their final warm-up match yesterday to complete five victories out of five but the brittle top order left coach Richard McInnes with some worries ahead of the opening 5th World Cup game tomorrow.
The U/19s dismissed their opponents CCDDM Green for 145 but lost six wickets to pass the paltry total at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.
Their opponents on Sunday New Zealand bounced back from the stunning loss to the spirited trainees of Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) on Thursday with a seven-wicket sail over Narayanjan DSA at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium.
Pakistan rode on a blistering century by Fawad Alam to thump Khulna Division U-19 selection by 190 runs while another tournament favourite England thrashed Chittagong District Team 'A' by 84 runs. Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe also cruised past their respective opponents in Bogra.

left-arm spinner Nadif Chowdhury grabbed three for 18 in 9.1 overs for Bangladesh.
At the Fatullah Stadium, one down Wilson hammered 75 as New Zealand outplayed Narayanjan DSA.
The local selection made 215 all out in 47.1 overs after being invited to bat first. New Zealand surpassed the score in 44.4 overs losing three wickets along the way.
CHITTAGONG ZONE WARM-UPS
Former champions England posted their second victory in their build-up campaign when they inflicted 84-run win against Chittagong District Team A.
The English boys amassed 274 in 50 overs and then restricted their opponents to 190-9.
In the another match, Uganda defeated Chittagong Divisional Team B by just one wicket. The tourists scored 118 for nine in 39.4 overs in reply to the local selection's 115 in 45.2 overs.
RAJSHAHI ZONE WARM-UPS
Sri Lanka Under-19 handed Rajshahi District Team a massive eight-wicket defeat at the Bogra Police Lines ground.
The islanders had little to do after the local side were shot out for 92.
At the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra, Zimbabwe bulldozed their way past Bogra District team by 137 runs.
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Big win for Maple Leaf

DHAKA ZONE WARM-UPS
Opens Nayeem Islam and Nafees Iqbal gave Bangladesh a solid start in their quest for 146 but for the second game running, the middle-order saw a collapse before win was secured in the 36th overs.
In-form Nafees returned to dressing room for 19 but not before putting on 62 with Nayeem who was the team's top scorer on 34.
Aftab Ahmed (19), Nazimuddin (1) and skipper Ashiqur Rahman (19) fell cheaply leaving Riyad (23) and wicket-keeper Dhiman Gosh (32 n.o.) to take their side to safety.
Earlier offie Riyad had captured three wickets for 34 in 9 overs and

24.3 overs.
Rezwan claimed three only for seven while Adnan and Adnan Sr captured two wickets each.
At the Mirpur Outer Stadium, AK High School handed a 105-run defeat to Paradise International School.
In the other match of the day, Wills Little Flower School defeated Sher-e-Bangla High School by seven wickets at the Residential Model School ground.
SCORES IN BRIEF
MAPLE LEAF INT: 263/8 in 35 overs (Sunny 75, Adnan 48, Adnan Sr 46, Avik 40, Jahangir 4-57)
PARAMOUNT KINDERGARTEN: 106/10 in 24.3 overs (Bappi 17, Sohan 16, Rezwan 3-7, Adnan 2-10)
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PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER
ICC president Ehsan Mani inspects the pitch at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

BD-Zim A 3-dayer from today

SPORTS REPORTER
The touring Bangladesh cricket team take on Zimbabwe A in their only three-day practice encounter in Harare today ahead of the first Test against the home side starting on February 19.
Habibul Bashar's men reached Harare on Tuesday after a 15-day conditioning camp in Namibia where they won all the three limited overs matches and drew a three-dayer.
The Tigers will play Two Tests and five one-day internationals in their second trip to the southern African nation.

Mani impressed by Ctg stadia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg
International Cricket Council president Ehsan Mani believed that Bangladesh cricket would enjoy success at the highest level in a short period of time.
"I'm sure that Bangladesh will become successful and establish themselves in the cricket world within two years," he said while addressing a press conference at the Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha (CJKS) auditorium yesterday.
"The government has spent a huge amount of money to develop their grounds," he said adding the passion for the game all over the country will inspire them to reach greater heights in the days to come.
Mani inspected the two venues in the port city - MA Aziz Stadium and the Chittagong Divisional Stadium - which are hosting 20 matches of the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup. He expressed satisfaction with what he seen during his first-ever visit.
"I can say without any doubt that both venues are comparable to the best cricket centres in the world," he said adding that the government was deserved praise for its effort to develop the game.
He was particularly happy with the hospitality boxes at the two arenas.
Advisor of BCB and general secretary of CJKS Shahed Asgar Chowdhury, vice president of BFF Dastagir Chowdhury, BCB deputy director Shafiqul Haque Hira were also present at the briefing.

Lancer Cup golf Yoon, Matiur clinch crowns
SPORTS REPORTER
KJ Yoon and Fatima Matiur emerged men's and ladies' champions of the Lancer Cup Golf Tournament that ended at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday.
The two-day premier tournament of the country sponsored by Rang Group, attracted 318 players including 24 lady golfers.
Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, the president of the club and Chief of Army Staff, inaugurated the tournament amid great fanfare.
On the final day he also gave away the prizes among the winners. A Rouf Chowdhury, the chairman of Rang Group, also attended the ceremony.
A large number of participants including diplomats, high civil and military officials attended the programme.
OTHER WINNERS
Senior Winner: Col Oli Ahmed, Junior Winner: Master Ishan, Best Gross: Mr Masud Ahmed, Ladies' Best Gross: Jung Sook Jung, Second Best Gross: J O Park, Runner-up: Brig Gen Md Ahsan Habib.
Second Runner-up: H N Han, Nearest to Pin: Brig Gen M Sakhawat Hussain (ret) and Longest drive: KY Chowdhury.

Pragoti lift title

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphaman
REUTERS, Auckland
Boeta Dippenaar's unbeaten 44 steered South Africa to a five-wicket win with two balls to spare in the first one-day international against New Zealand on Friday.
Dippenaar and Jacques Rudolph put on a stand of 60 after South Africa fell to 149-3 in their chase for 226 runs for victory.
But captain Graeme Smith, who had led from the front with a fine innings of 72, put his side's win down to their performance in the field as they restricted New Zealand to 225-8.
"Our fielding is something we've been improving on every game," Smith said. "We fielded really well in South Africa (against West Indies) and we did it again today."
Man-of-the-match Smith shared

Shantoo not amused

SAF Games' booters camp starts

Football
SPORTS REPORTER
Coach Shahidur Rahman Shantoo faced an awkward 'club versus country' situation when he started the Bangladesh U-23 team's training camp yesterday at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) in the upcoming 9th SAF Games in Pakistan's capital Islamabad.
"I was simply astonished when some players said that they were under instructions to return to their respective clubs just after reporting for the camp," said Shantoo.
The former national goalkeeper also criticised the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) for its indifferent attitude and delay in starting the camp. He will get a little over a month's time to prepare the team as the Games kick-off from March 29.
"The interest of the clubs can not be overlooked. But it was very much possible to begin the camp earlier and continue the training without hampering the schedule of the ongoing Premier Division league. Players could have joined practice between

matches as they will have to be doing from now on," said the coach.
"You have to work with a set of players for at least six months to strike a good combination. Some people believe that as the booters are in the middle of a league now, so there's no need for training together. This is a totally wrong concept," he added.
Bangladesh are the defending champions in SAF Games football as they won the gold in the last meet in Kathmandu, Nepal in 1999. They firmly established their superiority in regional football by lifting the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship in 2003. But Shantoo feels that retaining that prestige could be a tough proposition given the limited time in hand.
"This is turning out to be the hardest assignment I've ever taken. It was supposed to be a special event for us as we hold both the Games' and SAFF Championship titles. But unfortunately it is almost an impossible task for me to prepare the team properly within such short a timeframe," said Shantoo who has been given the responsibility of the U-23s in addition to his original role as the coach of the Bangladesh Under-17 team.
Shantoo also had to start training without eight of the 30 players called up as they failed to report yesterday. The eight, who all were apparently taking preparation for impending examinations, include Bangladesh internationals Monwar Hossain, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Titoo and Parvez Babu.
The following booters have been called up to join the SAF Games camp:
Masud Parvez Kaiser, Rashid Ahmed Pappu, Shahinur Rahman Rony, Ashrafur Kader Monju (Mohammedan), Abdullah Al Parvez, Mahmudul Hasan, Aminul Islam, Mehedi Hasan Ujjal (Abahani), Mostafa Anwar Parvez, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Titoo, Zahid Hasan Emilly, Monwar Hossain and Mohammad Sujon (Brothers), Rukunuzzaman Kanchan and Zia (Muktijoddha), Khaled Hossain, Atiqul Islam Tareq, Ashrafur Karim, Arman Aziz (Arambagh), Kamal Hossain and Haris (Sheikh Russell), Noor Islam Belal, Al Amin (Badda Jagarani), Zahidul Islam Dalim, Masud, Sabbir Ahmed Sohel, Yousuf Ali Khan (Wanderers), Akram Hossain (Prantik), Masud Alam Jahangir (Farashgani) and Shakil (Dipali).

Come on India

Cricket
AFP, Karachi
Former Pakistani cricket greats and fans alike called on the Indian government and cricketers not to postpone or curtail their historic tour of Pakistan next month, for which they have waited for so long.
"The whole world is waiting for the series and with just 20-25 days away, there are reports of the tour being put off, cancelled or curtailed," lamented former captain Zaheer Abbas, famous for his run riot against India in 1970s.
Added national cricket hero: "I sincerely hope the series goes ahead as planned."
Another former captain Imran Khan said the Indian government must take a positive stance on the series.

"It all depends on Indian government, they have revived the ties and they will decide on the tour and I hope for a positive decision," said Imran.
Media reports from India say there are growing doubts over whether India's first Test tour of Pakistan in almost 15 years will go ahead, with the Indian government wanting it postponed until after its general elections in April-May.
India is scheduled to play three Tests and five one-day internationals in Pakistan from March 3 to April 15.
Any delay would mean the tour would have to be pushed back for at least a year due to unsuitable weather and prior commitments of both teams.
The Economic Times of India reported in a front page story Friday that it had been told by deputy prime minister and home minister Lal Krishna Advani that his ministry was



PHOTO: COURTESY
Chief of Army Staff and president of Kurmitola Golf Club Lt Gen Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury (4th from right) is seen with the participants of the Lancer Cup golf tournament which he inaugurated at the KGC Course on February 12. A Rouf Chowdhury (3rd from left) Chairman, Rang Group is also seen.

Dippenaar drives SA

Cricket
an opening stand of 86 with Herschelle Gibbs (43) but the introduction of left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori in the 16th over slowed the scoring rate.
Vettori struck first when a well flighted delivery caught the edge of Gibbs' defensive bat and Brendon McCullum snapped up a fine catch behind the stumps.
Smith was bowled by Chris Cairns and Jacques Kallis (26) went in the next over lbw to Vettori bringing Dippenaar and Rudolph together.
The duo went through a torrid time against a rejuvenated New Zealand side, scoring just 10 runs in five overs.
But they weathered the storm until Rudolph was caught and bowled by Scott Styris for 24 when South Africa were 17 runs short of their target.
Mark Boucher came and went for his second nought of the tour to

bring in Shaun Pollock, who played and missed on numerous occasions before hitting the winning single with two balls to spare.
"We let it get a little bit close," Smith said.
"We don't like to get down to the last over."
"We'll go back and look at that and hopefully we can improve for the next game. New Zealand are going to come out and improve, I'm sure, so we'll have to improve another 20 per cent."
New Zealand had looked in trouble at 79-4 until a fifth-wicket stand of 91 from Styris (60) and Cairns (58).
"There was a feeling we had to pull off something special and it wasn't really the wicket to do it on," captain Stephen Fleming said.
"It wasn't conducive to stroke play. Eden Park is always a chasing