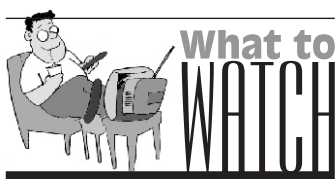


## Did U Know?

The only two Test cricketers to play Davis Cup tennis were Cota Ramaswami of India and West Indies wicketkeeper Ralph Legall.



## what to WATCH

### ESPN

**Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe**  
Second Test, Day Three  
**Live at 1:50 pm**


**English Premier Football League**  
Arsenal vs Charlton Athletic  
**Live at 9:00 pm**

**Primera Liga**  
Betis vs Sevilla  
**Live at 2:30 am (Sunday)**


### STAR Sports

**New Zealand vs South Africa**  
Fifth ODI  
**Live at 6:57 am**


**English Premier Football League**  
Fulham vs Man United



## TALK TURKEY



**Sourav Ganguly**  
(India cricket captain)  
*"Pakistan is a challenge, but I am sure it is not going to be as big as Australia."*  
**On their forthcoming tour to the neighbouring country.**



## WHIZZ KID OMPETITION 20

Tick the correct answers, **Post to The Daily Star**

**Competition closes at 8 pm March 12, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards**

- How many runs did Bangladesh score in the first innings of the first Test against Zimbabwe?  
331      400      390
- Who is the first Zimbabwe bowler to have claimed a hat-trick in a Test?  
Blignaut      Olunga      Hondo
- Who was man-of-the-match in the second ODI between Sri Lanka and Australia?  
Vaas
- Who clinched the Rotterdam World tennis title?  
Hewitt      Federer
- Who won the African Nations Cup final?

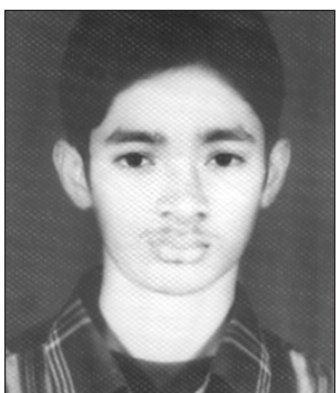
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## WHIZZ KID-205 winner



**Anwarul Islam**  
(Kakoli High School, Dhaka)

## Hosts confirm easier semi Bitter foes renew rivalry



SPORTS REPORTER

Hosts Bangladesh managed to prevent a pre-mature clash with fallen world champions Australia in the Plate Championship of the ICC U/19 Cricket World Cup after a commanding win over Ireland at the Chittagong Divisional Stadium yesterday.

In the Super League, England's narrow victory against Pakistan set up a mouth watering semifinal battle for Aaqib Javed's charges against eternal rivals India.

In two other inconsequential games, Zimbabwe outplayed New Zealand by 96 runs at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in the last Super League tie while in the Plate section, Uganda ended their torrid World Cup adventure with a smile by recording a five-wicket win against Canada at the MA Aziz Stadium.

**SUPER LEAGUE GROUP 2**  
England v Pakistan: England finished atop the group after Pakistan fell short by five runs at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium.

On a sluggish wicket, England were put in and laboured to 197 all out despite another fine knock by captain Alastair Cook. Coming off two consecutive hundreds, left-hander Cook looked on course for his third but on 87 (130 balls, 7 fours) became one of paceman Riaz Afridi's five victims. He had added 124 with Steven Davies (53) before a collapse that saw nine wickets go down for 65.

Afridi and new ball partner Ali Imran Pasha showed the value of having pace through the air by dismantling England with some full-length deliveries in the late overs. Afridi finished with 5 for 42 while Pasha claimed three for 45.

Pakistan made a hash of chasing the moderate total. Tim Bresnan, Liam Plunkett and Adam Harrison made early inroads to reduce Pakistan to 56 for 4. But Salman Hadir and Fawad Alam staged a recovery with a stand of 52.



PHOTO: AFP

**England captain Alistair Cook in action against Pakistan during their Fifth ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup match at the Fatullah Stadium in Narayanganj yesterday.**

But Mark Lawson picked up both batsmen to turn the game in England's favour again. Then Zulquarnain Haider threatened to win the match all by himself with a rapid 44 of 41 balls but Samit Patel had him caught and Pakistan were dismissed for 191 in 47.4 overs.

England will meet the West Indies in the second semifinal on March 2. Pakistan and India appear in the first on February 29. Both

games are day-nighters and will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

**Zimbabwe v New Zealand:**  
Already eliminated the two sides only had pride to play for. Zimbabwe posted an impressive 272 for eight after deciding to bat first in the day-night fixture. Opener Brendan Taylor cracked a 145-ball 127 with 8

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## Muktijoddha just can't win

SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijoddha Sangsad's dismal show in the Western Union Premier Division Football League continued yesterday when they dropped points to Arambagh Krira Sangsad in a one-all draw at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The deadlock gave the reds one point, which took them to second position along with surprise package Sheikh Russell. Both teams have now secured 26 points from 14 matches.

However, the outcome of the day helped leaders Brothers Union as the big-spending Gopibagh club stayed eight points clear from their nearest rivals with four matches in hand and a maiden Premiership title well within sight.

Shaken by a 0-2 defeat against Mohammedan in their previous match and 0-1 loss to Lebanese Nijmeh Club, Muktijoddha could create little chance against a spirited Arambagh side. Muktijoddha also failed to draw inspiration from their first-leg meeting which went 2-1 in favour of them.

After a barren first-half, Arambagh took the first lead when unmarked Walid headed the ball home from a Dominic cross in the 63rd minute.

However, it was Ghanaian Ghansa who spared Muktijoddha's blushes six minutes later. The tall defender salvaged his team when his back header kissed the net from a Lajuk free-kick.

By holding the giants, Arambagh increased their tally to 20 points from 14 matches to remain in number six position.

Yellow cards: Hasan Al Mamun (Muktijoddha) and Ashraful (Arambagh)

TEAMS

**MUKTIJODDHA SANGSAD:**  
Aminul, Hasan Al Mamun, Papel, Harry, Lajuk, Biddyt, Ghansa, Deen, Mohammad, Lulenti, Moni and Kanchan (Toe) (Belal).

**ARAMBAGH KRIRA SANGHA:**  
Tareq, Obaidur, Ashraful, Kaba, Ratan, Khaled, Jony, Asad, Dominic (Himu), Walid and Wino.

**Referee:** Tazul Islam

## 30 hurt after soccer fans go wild

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

At least 30 people were injured when supporters clashed during a football match at the Pilot High School ground in the district's Begumganj upazila yesterday.

Police later brought the situation under control by baton-charging and firing blanks.

The trouble began when some unruly supporters threw crackers on to the field following a foul in the Euro Cola Gold Cup final match between Chaomuhini Trackmalik Samiti and Laksam Sheikh Russell Krira Chakra.

Half of the injured supporters were admitted to the local health centre.

## B'baria cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Three Star Cricket Club and Provati Cricket Club each posted victories in the Shaheed Freedom Fighter Rangu Mia Cup Tournament at the Shahjadapur Junior High School in Brahmanbaria yesterday.

Three Star defeated Shapla Sporting Club by 35 runs.

Three Star won the toss and after batting first they made 140 with Imran hitting 57. Shapla replied with 105.

Provati defeated Jagorani CC by 40 runs.

Provati elected to bat and scored 150 all out. Atik was the main run-getter 52. Jagorani managed 110 in their chase.

## WHIZZ KID-206 winner

**Md Faisal Hossain**

(Rotary School, Khalishpur, Khulna)  
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 March 7.

## WHIZZ Kid-206 correct answers

- How many teams are taking part in the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup?  
Ans: 16
- How many months was Shane Warne banned from cricket?  
Ans: 12
- Who won the Pan Pacific Open title?  
Ans: Davenport
- Who won the Tokyo Marathon?  
Ans: Njenga
- Who was the man-of-the-match in the VB Series second final between Australia and India?  
Ans: Hayden

## Kanchan, Hasan dropped SAF Games probables named



SPORTS REPORTER

Rukunuzzaman Kanchan and Mahmudul Hasan were ignored when coach Shahidur Rahman Shantoo short-listed the national squad for the upcoming 9th SAF Games to be held in the Pakistani capital Islamabad from March 29 to April 7.

Kanchan, who plays for Muktijoddha, has been suffering from a goal drought in the Premier League. Abahani left-back Mahmudul, who has become an unlikely scorer for the Sky Blues this season, was overlooked by Shantoo since the coach believed that Mohammedan's Kaiser and Abahani's Parvez offered better options in that position.

"Kanchan only took part in one session since the camp started on February 13 and he was not in the best shape. Besides, he seemed

reluctant to play in the event," Shantoo told reporters last night after the Bangladesh Football Federation disclosed a 25-member preliminary squad after a list of 30 probable.

When asked why Hasan failed to find a place, Shantoo, a former Bangladesh goalkeeper, informed that he was looking for better options.

"Kaiser and Parvez Babu are better than Hasan. Kaiser is very comfortable on the ball and the same could be said of Parvez who possesses a lethal left foot," added Shantoo, who took over the national team after successful stint with the Under-17s.

Bangladesh will launch the defence of their crown in Pakistan, where they lost the final against the hosts in the Fourth SAF Games in 1989. They have been placed in Group A along with India, Maldives and Bhutan while Group B comprises Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and newcomers Afghanistan.

The residential camp began two

weeks ago, but Shantoo is facing problems having the full squad in training.

"So far, I have worked with half of the squad together," Shantoo complained. But he is unlikely to get the entire team together until the Premier Division was over.

**PRELIMINARY SQUAD**

Masud Parvez Kaiser, Rashid Ahmed Pappu, Ashraful Kader Monju and Shahinur Rahman Rony (Mohammedan), Abdullah Al Parvez Sala, Aminul Islam and Mehedi Hasan Ujjal (Abahani), Mustafa Anwar Parvez, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Titoo, Zahid Hasan Emilly, Monwar Hossain and Mohammad Sujon (Brothers), Ziaur Rahman (Muktijuddha), Atiqul Islam Tareq, Ashraful Karim and Arman Aziz (Arambagh), Kamal Hossain and Harisuzzaman Haris (Russell), Sabbir Ahmed, Zahidul Islam Dalim, Masud and Yousuf Ali Khan (Wanderers), Akram Hossain (Prantik), Shakil (Mohakhali Eleven) and Noor Islam Belal (Badda).

## Bulawayo Test might start today

AFP, Bulawayo

The second cricket Test due to start here Friday between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh has been re-scheduled for Saturday due to the prospect of further rain that had already delayed the match.

After consulting with the Queens Sports Club grounds superintendent Noel Pick, and listening to distant thunder, umpires David Orchard and Neil Mallender decided it was not possible to start.

A large area of the outfield remains unplayable in spite of long sunny periods and the efforts of ground staff.

The match, if it does eventually get under way Saturday, will be over three days, making a result unlikely, especially with more rain forecast.

The problem was caused by water running off the protected square in one slightly downhill direction and gathering in the area occupied by third man or long on. With nowhere else to go, the water settled and turned to mud.

Zimbabwe, having won the first Test in Harare by 183 runs, are one up in the series. Bangladesh were hoping for their first victory here against a Zimbabwe side which has injury problems. It would be their first at this level and would square the series.

An early start is planned for

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## Kasprowicz kills SL off



REUTERS/AFP, Colombo

Fast bowler Mike Kasprowicz destroyed Sri Lanka with five wickets as Australia won the fourth one-day international by 40 runs on Friday to take an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series.

Sri Lanka, set a 234 run win target, threatened to level the series as Kumar Sangakkara smashed a run-a-ball 101, but were bowled out for 193 in 43.4 overs after a dramatic late collapse.

Sri Lanka, cruising home on 143 for two in the 32nd over, lost eight wickets for 50 runs after paceman Jason Gillespie broke a 65-run stand for the third wicket between Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene (25).

Kasprowicz took five wickets for 45 runs in nine overs and Adam Gilchrist took six catches in the innings.

Earlier, ace off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan grabbed three crucial wickets as Sri Lanka restricted Australia to 233.

Australia were on course for a big total following impressive half-centuries from skipper Ricky Ponting (67) and Andrew Symonds (53) before slipping from 201-5 to 206-9.

Leg-spinner Upul Chandana (3-37) took the last three wickets as the world champions failed to bat their full quota of 50 overs after winning the toss on a slow pitch. They were all out in the 48th over.

Australia were strongly placed at 177-4 in the 37th over before collapsing against the Sri Lankan spin duo.

Michael Clarke alone defied the hosts' spin attack in the closing overs, scoring a 32-ball 36.

Muralitharan began the slide when he trapped Ponting leg-before on the backfoot with a big off-break



PHOTO: AFP

**Ace Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan (R) appeals successfully for an lbw decision against Australia captain Ricky Ponting in the fourth one-day international at the Premadasa Stadium yesterday.**