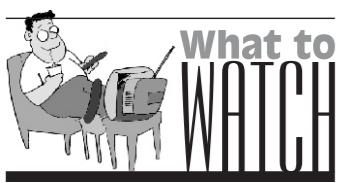


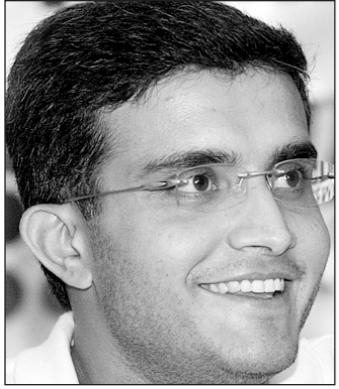


Did U Know?

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



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



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.

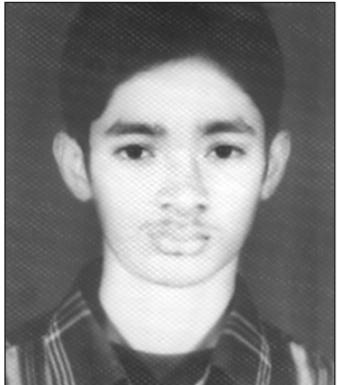


Tick the correct answers,
The Daily Star

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 Test?
Bitzmaul Olonga
Hondo
- Who was man-of-the-match in the second ODI between Sri Lanka and Australia?
Ponting
Vaas
- What clinched the Rotterdam World tennis title?
Hewitt/Pereira/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



ICC U/19 CRICKET
WORLD CUP
BANGLADESH 2004

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 Alastair 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 Zulqarnain 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

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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 1

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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 the field following a foul in the Euro Cola Gold Cup final match between Chaomuhini Trackmalik Samiti and Laksam Sheikh Russell Kira 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 Rangam Mia Cup Tournament at the Shahjadpur 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 Arman 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. 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

1. How many teams are taking part in the ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup?

Ans: 16

2. How many months was Shane Warne banned from cricket?

Ans: 12

3. Who won the Pan Pacific Open title?

Ans: Davenport

4. Who won the Tokyo Marathon?

Ans: Njenga

5. Who was the man-of-the-match in the VB Series second final between Australia and India?

Ans: Hayden



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh opener Nafees Iqbal follows through on a cover drive during the U-19 World Cup match against Ireland at the Divisional Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

Muktijoddha just can't win

SPORTS REPORTER

Muktijoddha Sangsads' dismal show in the Western Union Premier Division Football League continued yesterday when they dropped points to Arambagh Krira Sangsads 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 Mohammmedan in their previous match and 0-1 loss to Lebanese Nijmech 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 lead when unmarked Walid headed the ball home from a Dominic cross in the 63rd minute.

However, it was Ghanaian Ghana 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 Ashraf (Arambagh)

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Kanchan, Hasan dropped SAF Games probables named

Football

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 the best option in that position.

"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, Ashraf, 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 Emily, Monwar Hossain and Mohammad Sujon (Brothers), Ziaur Rahman (Muktijoddha), Atiqul Islam Tareq, Ashraf Karim and Arman Aziz (Arambagh), Kamal Hossain and Harisuzzaman Haris (Russell), Sabir Ahmed, Zahidul Islam Dalim, Masud and Younis Ali Khan (Wanderers), Akram Hossain (Prantik), Shakil (Mohakhal 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 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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SEE THIS: Bangladesh all-rounder Mashfiqur Rahman shows teammate Hannan Sarker how to damp the wicket at the Queens Sports Club in Bulawayo after rain prevented any play on Day Two of the second and final Test against Zimbabwe yesterday.

Kasprowicz kills SL off

Cricket

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 target, threatened to strike at regular intervals and did not allow Australia to make the most of the slow-overs.

Michael Bevan (14) offered a return catch to Muralitharan before Ian Harvey, Brad Hogg and Michael Kasprowicz fell in quick succession.

Sri Lankan spinners then continued to strike at regular intervals and did not allow Australia to make the most of the slow-overs.