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Monica Seles is a partner in the All-Star Café, a sports restaurant chain, with Andre Agassi, Tiger Woods and Joe Montana.



What to Watch

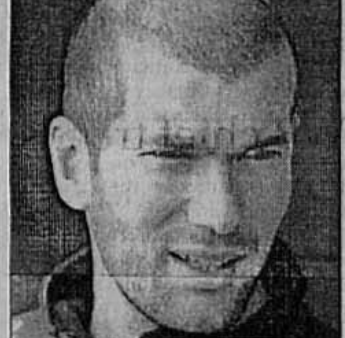
ESPN
Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe
Fifth ODI
Live at 1:20 pm
English Premier Football League
Southampton vs Liverpool
Live at 10:00 pm

STAR Sports
English Premier Football League
Man City vs Man United
Live at 7:55 pm
Primera Liga
Celta de Vigo vs Valencia
Live at 2:00 am (Monday)

TEN Sports
West Indies vs England
1st Test, Day 4
Live at 9:00 pm



Talk Turkey



Zinedine Zidane
(Real Madrid's French superstar)
"I'd like to carry on and I feel good in Madrid. I love it. I can only say good things about the club regarding the three years I have spent here already."

Star Whizz Kid COMPETITION 208

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March 27, 2004 and draw
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- How many runs did Bangladesh score against Zimbabwe in the third ODI?
230 242 238
 - Who clinched the First Division Football League title?
Farashganj Victoria Youngmen's
 - Who won the Qatar Open tennis title?
Hings Henin Myskina
 - Who won the four-day National Cricket League title?
Chittagong Sylhet Dhaka
 - Who became U-19 Cricket World Cup Plate champions?
Australia India Bangladesh
- Name
Class Roll No.
School Address
Phone: (if any)

NBL v'ball

SPORTS REPORTER
Police SC toppled water development board (WDB) from the top spot of the National Bank Premier Division Volleyball League when they handed them a 3-1 defeat at the outer stadium volleyball court yesterday.
Police SC maintained their all-win record to score 18 points from six matches while WDB followed them securing 17 points from seven matches.
In another match, Sonali Bank registered their third victory when they beat Dilkusha Club 3-1.
They increased their tally to 13 points from seven matches and Dilkusha have six points from five matches.

Tigers' last shot

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh will be sniffing a maiden series victory when Habibul Bashar's men take on Zimbabwe in the fifth and final one-day international at the Harare Sports Club ground today.
Satellite channel ESPN will telecast the match live from 1:20pm (BST).
After heavy showers in Bulawayo washed out any prospect of play in the first two matches, the series is surprisingly level at 1-1.

A brilliant all-round show by Zimbabwe skipper Heath Streak in the penultimate match on Friday snatched victory from the clutches of defeat at the same venue as the Tigers lost by just 14 runs.
The tourists, winless since the 1999 World Cup in England, stunned the cricket world on Wednesday when they pulled off a sensational eight-run win to take the lead. Their fourth victory in the abridged version of the game brought to an end a consecutive 47-match losing streak.
And the new-found confidence has lifted the players' morale ahead of the decider.

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Under-23s suffer batting blues

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh U-23 team were on the back foot after being bowled out for 157 against Zimbabwe A on the second day of three-day practice match at the Fatullah Stadium yesterday.
The home side conceded a 171-run lead to the visitors, who stretched it to 264 after finishing the day on 93-3 in their second innings.
Test cap Trevor Gripper once again led the way with an unbeaten 59 after the right-hander made 81 in

Zimbabwe's first innings total of 328.
After Under-23 captain Naeem Islam (28) and Imran Ahmed put on 31 runs for the first wicket, the home side then rapidly slide to 69-6 until bowling hero Arafat Sunny and Dhiman Gosh staged a salvage operation. The seven-wicket pair added 66 runs with wicketkeeper Gosh top-scoring with 35 off 44 balls that included four boundaries.
His partner Sunny, who destroyed the Zimbabweans with six for 76 on Friday, contributed a patient 23.
Wadding Mwayenga, Tinashe Panyangara, Gavin Ewine and Gripper claimed two wickets.

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COMMITMENT PERSONIFIED: Mohammad Kaif (L) is about to complete a magnificent catch after narrowly avoiding a collision with teammate Hamang Badani (R) to see the back of Pakistan batsman Shoaib Malik during the first one-day match at Karachi yesterday.

Cricket wins in Karachi

AFP, Karachi

Rival captains Sourav Ganguly and Inzamam-ul-Haq were unanimous in declaring cricket the winner after India pulled off a sensational five-run win over Pakistan here Saturday.
In a dramatic run feast befitting the resumption of cricketing ties between the two rival nations, Pakistan made 344-8 in reply to India's 349-7.
"It is difficult to remember a better one-dayer," Ganguly told a news conference after the match at the National stadium in the south-

ern Pakistani port city of Karachi.
"It is good to start the series with a win but it was too close for comfort."
"Frankly, keeping the runs down in the last three overs and the brilliant catch by Mohammad Kaif to remove Shoaib Malik did the trick for us," Ganguly said.
Kaif ran 20 yards and dived over Hemang Badani to clutch the ball, while Ashish Nehra conceded just three runs in the final over when Pakistan needed nine to win.
Asked if he feared a repeat of the Sharjah final in 1986 when Javed Miandad, the current Pakistan coach, hit the winning six off the final delivery from Chetan Sharma, the Indian captain said he did not believe in history.
"I don't believe in history and there was no Miandad at the

crease," he said.
Ganguly praised left-arm seamer Nehra who kept his cool while bowling the last over.
"He (Nehra) was asked not to give 10 runs and he did the job despite the pressure of an India-Pakistan match," he said.
Pakistan's Inzamam said he was not disappointed at losing the match.
"You can't be disappointed at a game like this," he said.
"As Sourav said, cricket was the ultimate winner. We fought till the end and the crowd had a lot to cheer the whole day," he said.
Inzamam defended his decision to ask India to bat first, but conceded his bowlers did not live up to expectations.

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Tushar named A team skipper

SPORTS REPORTER

Middle-order batsman Tushar Imran will lead the Bangladesh A team, which was announced by the Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday, for the first four-day match against the visiting Zimbabwe A at Rajshahi starting from March 17.
The Board announced the 13-member squad after short-listing a 25-member preliminary list.
The second-string southern African team will play another four-day match against their Bangladesh counterparts at Bogra from March 23-26. The two sides will later meet in a five-match limited-over series at different venues across the country.

TEAM

Tushar Imran (captain), Nafees Iqbal, Rashidul Haque, Ehsanul Haq, Mazharul Haque, Nasir Uddin Faruque, Mohammed Salim, Jamal Uddin, Alamgir Kabir, Enamul Haq Jr, Shahdat Hossain, Faisal Hossain, Gazi Alamgir.

INDIA-PAKISTAN SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the first one-day international between Pakistan and India at the National Stadium in Karachi on Saturday:

INDIA
Selhwag b Naveed 79
Tendulkar c Naveed b Akhtar 28
Ganguly c and b Naveed 45
Dravid b Akhtar 99
Yuvraj c Hameed b Naveed 3
Kaif lbw b Sami 46
Badani not out 8
Zaheer b Sami 0
Karik not out 3
Extras: (b-1, lb-7, nb-20, w-10) 38
Total: (For 7 wks in 50 overs) 349
Fall of wickets: 1-69, 2-142, 3-214, 4-220, 5-338, 6-344, 7-344
Did not bat: Nehra, Balaji

Bowler O M R W
Akhtar 10 0 55 2
Sami 10 0 74 2
Naveed 10 0 73 3
Razaq 9 0 83 0
Malik 10 0 50 0
Hameed 1 0 6 0

PAKISTAN
Hameed b Balaji 7
Farhat c Dravid b Zaheer 24
Younis c sub (Pathan) b Selhwag 73
Inzamam c Dravid b Kartik 122
Younis b Kartik 46
Razaq b Zaheer 27
Moin c Ganguly b Nehra 16
Malik c Kaif b Zaheer 7

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Sports befriends 'em

REUTERS, Karachi

Sitting among thousands of jubilant cricket fans at Karachi's National Stadium, it is hard to imagine that South Asian neighbours India and Pakistan were on the brink of war less than two years ago.
Hundreds of Indians have travelled to the southern Pakistani city for the opening game in a series

both countries hope will cement a fledgling peace process, and thousands more are expected when the tour reaches Lahore, close to the Indian border.
Unlike a typical European soccer tie, here the Indians sit among

the Pakistanis, exchanging chants and banter in the spirit of the gentlemen's game.
"India's cricketers have not been on a full tour of Pakistan since 1989, when the Soviet Union still existed and Benazir Bhutto was Prime Minister in Islamabad.
The nuclear rivals have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947, and came close to a fourth in 2002 when up to one million troops were amassed along their border.
Everyone at the packed arena in Pakistan's financial hub was aware that this was about more than just sport and akin to the "ping pong diplomacy" between China and America in 1971.

"After 15 years it is great to see the Indians here," said Fuad Hashmi, a Pakistani engineer sitting with his son Adeel.
"This should help to increase interaction between the countries and improve relations."
A few rows back, a crowd of Indians proudly waved a saffron, white and green flag, cheering on their batsmen.
"This is my first time to Pakistan," said Munir Ahmad, an Indian Muslim from Bangalore.
"We definitely got a different picture than the one we were expecting after we landed. We see the people here are very friendly and humble, and the atmosphere is great."

"The countries have begun a tentative rapprochement based on 'confidence building measures' including reviving air, road and rail links and calling a ceasefire along the heavily militarised Line of Control dividing the two armies in disputed Kashmir.
The Muslim-majority Himalayan region is at the root of tensions between the countries.
New Delhi blames Pakistan for fomenting a rebellion in Indian-held Kashmir that has killed tens of thousands of people since 1989. Pakistan calls the insurgency a "legitimate freedom struggle," but denies aiding the militants.
Both countries know that if India's tour passes without incident, it would be a huge boost for the chances of lasting peace, as hundreds of millions of cricket-mad fans tune in to the games on television across South Asia.
Security is tight, with more than 5,000 police deployed in Karachi for the first international.
Karachi is a volatile city of 14 million people, where Islamic militant groups bent on derailing the peace process have been active.
"The security is necessary, but it's a little overdone," said Faisal Anwar, a 28-year-old banker from Karachi.
"But the atmosphere is completely electric and it has always been like this between India and Pakistan."

If anyone doubted the level of goodwill between the fans, Priyanka, the grand-daughter of former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was given a rousing welcome when she joined the throng -- by both sets of fans.
The fierce sporting rivalry between the neighbours is still there, but losing for either side may be a little less painful than usual this time.

TOP 10 MATCH TOTALS

REUTERS, Karachi

Highest aggregate match run totals in one-day international history following India's five-run victory over Pakistan in their opening one-dayer on Saturday (tabulated under aggregate total, overs, match, venue and year):

Aggregate Total	Overs	Match	Venue	Year
693-15	100	India (349-7) v Pak (344-8)	Karachi	2004
664-19	99.4	S Lanka (349-9) v Pak (315)	Singapore	1995/96
662-17	99.3	W Indies (333-7) v S Lanka (329)	Sharjah	1995/96
660-19	99.5	Pak (371-9) v S Lanka (289)	Nairobi	1996/97
656-10	99.1	S Africa (326-3) v Aust (330-7)	Port Elizabeth	2001/02
655-19	97	N Zealand (349-9) v India (306)	Rajkot	1999/00
652-12	100	S Lanka (398-5) v Kenya (254-7)	Kandy	1995/96
651-13	99.3	England (325-5) v India (326-8)	Lord's	2002
650-15	100	Aus (349-6) v N Zealand (301-9)	Christchurch	1999/00
649-9	97.4	W Indies (324-4) v India (325-5)	Ahmedabad	2002/03



INZI SPECIAL: Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq looks towards the heavens after completing a sublime century in the first one-day international against India at the National Stadium in Karachi yesterday.



FAN TIME: Priyanka Gandhi (2nd from R), daughter of Indian opposition leader Sonia Gandhi, her brother Rahul Gandhi (2nd from R) and husband Robert Vadra (R) celebrate the exciting five-run victory of their national team against Pakistan at Karachi yesterday.

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DAY'S EVENT
Bangladesh U-23 vs Zimbabwe A (Day Three)
Three-Day Tour Match
Venue: Fatullah Cricket Stadium