



## Did U Know?

At the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games in North Carolina, USA, 1,363 athletes from 149 countries competed in the sport of athletics.



## Talk Turkey



### Shahid Afridi

(Pakistan all-rounder)  
"I had almost decided to give up cricket, but the affection I received from fans kept me going."



## What to Watch

### ESPN

English Premier Football League  
Arsenal vs Bolton Wanderers  
Live at 8:55 pm

Newcastle United vs Charlton Athletic  
Live at 11:25 pm

### STAR Sports

English Premier Football League  
Man United vs Tottenham Hotspur  
Live at 8:54 pm

New Zealand vs South Africa  
Second Test, Day Four  
Live at 4:27 am (Sunday)

### TEN Sports

Sri Lanka vs Australia  
Second Test, Day Five  
Live at 10:00 am

West Indies vs England  
Second Test, Day Two  
Live at 8:00 pm

## Star Whizz Kid COMPETITION 208

Tick the correct answers, post to  
The Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes

Competition closes at 8 pm  
March 27, 2004 and draw

1. How many runs did Bangladesh score against Zimbabwe in the third ODI?  
230    242    238

2. Who clinched the first Division Football League title?  
Farashganj Victoria  
Youngmen's

3. Who won the Qatar Open tennis title?  
Hings    Henin    Myskina

4. Who won the four-day National Cricket League title?  
Name .....  
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Phone: (if any) .....

## WI 110-3 at lunch

### SPORTS REPORTER

England fast bowler Stephen Harmison came back to silence a partying Trinidad crowd when he claimed three wickets in the space of 10 runs as the West Indies were left in all sorts of discomfort at 110 for three at lunch on the first day of the second Test at Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain yesterday.

Before Harmison's burst, West Indies had shown signs of recovering from the nightmare of Jamaica.

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## Test duo tame Zim A

### Cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Enamul Haque and Alamgir Kabir shared nine wickets as Bangladesh A pulled off a sensational five-run victory with a day to spare in their four-day fixture against their visiting Zimbabwean counterparts at the Rajshahi Divisional Stadium yesterday.

The home team took a 1-0 lead in the two-match series.

Zimbabwe A were asked to chase a modest 167 runs on day three, but Test caps Enamul and Alamgir shared nine wickets as the southern Africans ended up at 161 in 50.1 overs.

Right-arm pace bowler Alamgir, who bagged 4-63, began Zimbabwe's slide sending back opener Sibanda for 5.

His partner-in-crime Enamul, the leading bowler in the ICC U-19 World Cup, gave another example of his Test experience when the left-arm orthodox spinner returned with second innings figures of 19-9-24-5.

However, the chief Zimbabwe wicket -- experienced Test player Trevor Gripper (27) -- fell to young pace sensation Shahdat Hossain.

With half the side back in the dressing room for 97, the Bangladesh A players may have had premature thoughts of a post-match celebration. But nobody told that to Coventry (38 of 81 balls) and captain Maregwede (29 off 79 balls).

The pair added 49 valuable runs before Alamgir Kabir broke the sixth-wicket partnership clean bowling Coventry who hit three boundaries.

The same bowler also ended the Zimbabwe A innings trapping Bennett lbw. Alamgir's effort gave him the man-of-the-match award after finishing with a match-haul of eight wickets.

Earlier resuming the day on 156-6, Bangladesh A added 39 more runs before being bowled out for 195.

Gritty campaigner Jamaluddin, who started the day on 21, scored 33 off 73 balls that featured four boundaries while Enamul faced fifty deliveries to contribute an

unbeaten 15.

Zimbabwe A bowlers Thinashe Panyangara captured three for 41 in 16 overs and Mwayenga took three for 41.

The second four-day match takes place on March 23 at the new Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the third day of the four-day match between Bangladesh A and Zimbabwe A at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday:

**BANGLADESH A:** First innings all out for 200 in 57 overs (Tushar 103, Faisal 38; Panyangara 2-30, R. Bennett 2-23, Gripper 2-45)

**ZIMBABWE A:** First innings 229 all out in 78.4 overs (Sibanda 21, Gripper 59, Sims 43, Coventry 26, Ewing 27; Alamgir Kabir 4-76, Shahdat 3-43, Enamul, 1-30, Jamaluddin 1-31, Faisal 1-19)

**BANGLADESH A:** Second innings (overnight 156 for 4)

Rashedul run out 1  
Nafees b Panyangara 41  
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## Kandy Test nicely poised

### Cricket

#### AFP, Kandy

Jason Gillespie bagged three big wickets as Australia survived a Sanath Jayasuriya blitz to keep alive their hopes of winning the second Test and the series against Sri Lanka here on Friday.

Fast bowler Gillespie removed a free-stroking Jayasuriya just when the Sri Lankan batsman looked set to put his team in a winning position with his blistering 145-ball 131 which included two sixes and 17 fours.

Sri Lanka struggled a bit after Jayasuriya's dismissal as they reached 301-7 at stumps on the fourth day, chasing a record 352-run target. Chaminda Vaas was batting on 30 with Kaushal Lokurachchi (13).

Sri Lanka, not yet out of the match, now need 51 more runs to square the three-match series with three wickets in hand.

Damien Martyn had earlier slammed a career-best 161 to help Australia post 442 in the second innings despite off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan's 42nd haul of five or more wickets in a Test innings.

Sri Lanka, who have never chased more than 326 in the fourth innings to win a Test, were in a strong position as long as Jayasuriya was at the crease as the left-handed opener dominated the rival attack with his bold stroke-

play. Gillespie put Sri Lanka under pressure when he had Jayasuriya caught behind off a tired push at the total of 218 in his sharp 10-over second spell.

Leg-spinner Shane Warne then removed skipper Hashan Tillakaratne, superbly caught by diving Ricky Ponting at silly-point. Ponting reacted sharply to latch on to a low catch after the ball had struck the batsman's bat and boot.

Warne went on to dismiss well-set Tillakaratne Dilshan (43) to put his team back into the match.

Jayasuriya, dropped on 25 by Martyn at the third slip off Michael

Kasprovic, posed a big threat to Australia as he overcame form and fitness problems to hammer his 11th Test hundred, his first in nearly two years.

The hard-hitting opener, who received on-field medical attention for cramps when on 96, returned to form after contributing just 41 in his previous three innings against the tourists.

Sri Lanka, bundled out for 154 chasing the same target in the previous Test at Galle, nearly found a saviour this time in Jayasuriya after a poor start.

The hosts were 36-2 following  
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Sri Lankan master-blaster Sanath Jayasuriya raises his bat after reaching his century against Australia yesterday.

## U-15 squad named

### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced a 20-member Under-15 squad to take part in a tournament to be held in Shilliguri, India.

The selected players are: Mushfiqur Rahman, Azhar Uddin, Sakib Al Hasan, Sunon Kumar Shaha, Marshal Ayub, Saimon Ahmed, Ariful Haq, Shuvro, Humayun Kabir, Sirajullah Khadem, Rumman Islam, Saif Moazzem, Tamim Iqbal Khan, Rifat Anwar, Mehedi Hasan, Raihan Uddin, Ashraf Aziz, Prangon Gosh, Dollar Mahmud and Ahad Hossain.

The players were asked to report to coach Nazmul Abedin Fahim today at 3pm at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

## Men in the middle

### CRICINFO, undated



Amid all the excitement surrounding the historic series between Pakistan and India, one group of people have been largely forgotten -- the umpires.

Simon Taufel, the Australian who officiated in the first two matches, told the Sydney Morning Herald of the problems he encountered. The main difficulty is the noise and it's not only the umpires who struggle, as proved on Tuesday when Sourav Ganguly clearly edged the ball but such was the cacophony that neither bowler nor wicketkeeper appealed.

"From an umpiring perspective, it's very difficult and challenging," Taufel explained.

"Umpiring before 75,000 at the MCG is nothing like here. The fans go non-stop. When the person they love comes out the noise is immeasurable.

"That makes umpiring bloody difficult, especially when it comes to caught-behinds and communicating with other officials. It's very hard when you have one of your senses, hearing, taken away from you."

The fact that that the umpires have been ignored is probably a mark of the good work they have so far done -- the effect of any howlers  
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Pakistani opener Yasir Hameed pulls during the third one-day international against India at the Arbab Niaz stadium in Peshawar yesterday. He made a dazzling 98 and was later named man-of-the-match.

## 2nd four-dayer Test caps dominate A squad

### SPORTS REPORTER

The national selectors announced a strong 13-member Bangladesh A team to play the second four-day match against visiting Zimbabwe A at the Shaheed Chandu Stadium in Bogra from March 23-26.

Vice-captain of the Test side Rajin Saleh will lead the second string home selection that includes Test stars like Hannan Sarker, Mohammed Ashraf and Alok Kapali. Paceman Farez Aziz Khan, who had an impressive outing against Zimbabwe in the one-day international series earlier this month, is also in the side.

The selected players have been asked to report to the Bangladesh Cricket Board management office at Gulshan today at 5pm.

### SQUAD

Rajin Saleh (captain), Hannan Sarker, Nafees Iqbal, Mohammed Ashraf, Alok Kapali, Tushar Imran, Dhiman Gosh, Alamgir Kabir, Enamul Haq Jr, Gazi Alamgir, Tareq Aziz Khan, Jamaluddin Babu and Faisal Hossain.

### INDIA-PAKISTAN SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third one-day international between Pakistan and India at Arbab Niaz Stadium in Peshawar on Friday:

INDIA	O	M	R	W
Sehwag c Afridi b Shabbir	13			
Tendulkar c Moin b Shabbir	0			
Laxman b Shabbir	3			
Dravid c Moin b Malik	33			
Ganguly c Moin b Razzaq	39			
Yuvraj c Youhana b Sami	65			
Kaif lbw b Razzaq	1			
Powar lbw b Malik	14			
Pathan b Akhtar	16			
Balaji not out	21			
Zaheer not out	6			
Extras: (b-1, lb-5, nb-4, w-23)	33			
Total: (For nine wickets in 50 overs)	244			
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-30, 3-37, 4-105, 5-139, 6-140, 7-167, 8-198, 9-237.				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Akhtar	10	0	50	1
Shabbir	10	0	33	3
Sami	10	0	71	1
Razzaq	10	1	44	2
Malik	10	0	40	2
<b>PAKISTAN</b>				
Hameed c Yuvraj b Pathan	98			
Afridi b Pathan	6			
Youhana c Laxman b Pathan	2			
Younis Khan run out	18			
Malik c Sehwag b Zaheer	2			
Inzamam lbw b Tendulkar	28			
Moin Khan not out	53			
Razzaq not out	22			

## Cricket exodus!

### AFP, Lahore



About 1,000 Indian cricket fans will walk across the Pakistani border this weekend to watch the one-day

matches between the rivals, officials said.

"About 500 Indian spectators will cross the Wagah border on foot" on Friday, Sulej Rangers border force officer Alamzeb Khan said Thursday.

"They are coming to witness one-day international matches here."

A further 500 are expected on Saturday ahead of the two day-and-night matches being played in Lahore on March 21 and 24.

Lahore, the second largest Pakistani city and known as the country's cultural capital, is also the venue of a Test match starting on April 5.

Officials said some 8,000 Indian fans are expected to arrive in Lahore by air and trains for the one-dayers and the Test, as cricket frenzy grips the subcontinent for India's first Pakistan tour for 14 years.

The Pakistani government last week accepted an Indian request to run special trains and buses for the Indian sports fans

"We are also making arrange-

## SAF booters take on MSC today

### SPORTS REPORTER

The 9 SAF Games bound Bangladesh Under-23 football team will take on Mohammedan Sporting Club in a preparation match today.

The game kicks off at 5pm at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has already announced a 20-member squad for the competition.

Midfielder Monwar Hossain, the only surviving member of the 1999 SAF Games gold medalist team, will lead the Under-23 side in the eight-team competition in Pakistan.

Shahidur Rahman Shattoo's charges are expected to play some warm-up matches in Pakistan also  
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## Pakistan keep same team

### AFP, Peshawar

Pakistan kept faith in their winning 15-man squad for the last two one-day matches in Lahore, the selectors announced on Friday.

"We are happy that the team is gelling well and that's why we feel the same players should stay," said chief selector Wasim Bari.

Pakistan, who lost the first match in Karachi by five runs, hit back to win the second at Rawalpindi by 12 runs and the third at Peshawar on Friday by four wickets.

The 2-1 lead in the five-match series gave the hosts the edge going into the remaining two games under lights at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium on Sunday and Wednesday.

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## Shoaib case dropped

### AFP, Lahore



A Pakistani cricket fan has dropped a court case against fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar so that the paceman can concentrate on matches against arch-rivals India, a lawyer said on Friday.

"My client Syed Najmul Abbas dropped the case in the interest of the country so that Akhtar can give his best against India," said the petitioner's lawyer Ansar Mahmood Bajwa.

Abbas had filed a petition in Lahore's civil court last year seeking a public apology from Akhtar

over remarks against fellow players in an interview with British newspaper The Guardian.

The 27-year-old, nicknamed the Rawalpindi Express for his lightning pace, had told the paper: "Imagine if I was playing for Australia with Glenn McGrath and Jason Gillespie softening them up, then I come on, I'd have got more wickets than anyone ever, mate."

"Here in Pakistan, Wasim Akram and Waqar Younis are in decline. They were great but they are not match-winning bowlers any more. So I have to make it all happen on my own."

The petitioner had said that Akhtar's remarks tarnished the image of the country and filed a suit against him.

Abbas' lawyer said on Friday:

"My client realised the big role Akhtar will play against India and decided to drop the case."

"We hope that Akhtar wins us matches against India and will not make irresponsible statements in the future."

## U-13 cricket

### BSS, Dhaka

Discovery defeated Genius by 22 runs in the second Azim Group U-13 cricket tournament at the Kalabagan Club ground yesterday.

Batting first, Discovery scored 186-9 in the stipulated 25 overs. Shanto top-scored with 55.

In reply, Genius were all out for 164 despite a fighting 54 by Irfan.



Rajshahi Sports Association organised a colourful display at the district stadium for the Independence Cup football tournament scheduled to begin on March 21.



TIME TO GET ABSOLUTELY CRAZY! Brother Union players and fans clowning around on the last day of the two-day celebrations marking their Western Union Premier Division football league triumph yesterday.