



## Did U Know?

The World Chess Federation was founded in 1924.



## Talk Turkey



**Colin Powell**  
(US Secretary of State)

*"When people come together, go to each other's country, and watch a conflict being played out on the field of sport, as opposed to the field of battle... then why can't that same spirit, that same philosophy, infect other aspects of relations?"*

**Hoping that India and Pakistan will develop their relationship off the pitch.**



## What to WATCH

### ESPN

**Sportscentre**  
Sport News  
**Live at 8:30 pm**

### STAR Sports

**Sportsline**  
Sport News  
**Live at 8:00 pm**

**English Premier Football League**  
Leeds United vs Man City  
**Live at 1:55 am (Tuesday)**

### TEN Sports

**India vs Pakistan**  
Fourth ODI (D/N)  
**Live at 3:00 pm**

**West Indies vs England**  
Second Test, Day Four  
**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?			
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## U-13 cricket

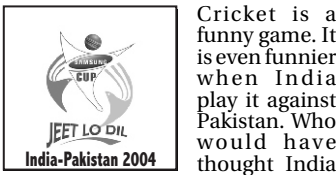
#### SPORTS REPORTER

An all-round performance by Sentu helped Guljarbagh Cricket Academy to record an eight-wicket victory over Kalabagan Cricket Academy in the Azim Group Second Under-13 Cricket Tournament at the Kalabagan Cricket ground yesterday.

Sentu hit 45 as Guljarbagh made 104 for two in reply to Balaban's 100 all out. Sentu picked up three wickets for 16 in 5 overs.

# Funny it remains

#### SPORTS REPORTER



Cricket is a funny game. It is even funnier when India play it against Pakistan. Who would have thought India could topple Pakistan's

huge 293 yesterday to square the series 2-2 at Lahore after Sachin Tendulkar was out for only seven.

All Indian hopes were pinned on the little master when he walked out with a dashing Virender Sehwag after a lazy giant Inzamamul Haq played his part with a majestic 129, his second century in the five-match series.

But Tendulkar broke millions of hearts, edging an inswinger off the 'Rawalpindi Express' Shoaib Akhtar. If that was the first shattering blow then the dismissals of Laxman, skipper Ganguly, Sehwag and Yuvraj Singh left India almost dead and buried at 162-5.

But for a puritan it was just a preview of a real drama that unfolded as the wall of India Rahul Dravid and livewire Mohammad Kaif took the game by the scruff of the neck, putting on a magnificent 132 runs for the undefeated sixth wicket.

Dravid scored a 76 off 92 balls and his younger partner Kaif

## Brett to have op on ankle

REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia's fastest bowler Brett Lee is due to have ankle surgery on Tuesday and will miss the two-Test tour of Zimbabwe in May.

Lee was sent home from Sri Lanka after breaking down with a sore ankle before the first Test earlier this month.

The 27-year-old will have surgery on his left ankle at a Sydney hospital, Cricket Australia (CA) said in a statement on Sunday.

"Lee will then undergo a lengthy rehabilitation process and it is not yet known how long he will be sidelined," CA said.

Lee said in the CA statement: "Obviously, I have been bowling with some discomfort for a little while now and, despite receiving plenty of treatment on the ankle, it was still causing me some trouble.

"Whilst it's disappointing not to be playing right now, I need to make sure the ankle is right so that I can look to be playing in the longer term rather than trying to apply a short-term fix.

"After the operation, I will be doing everything I can with rehabilitation to get back to 100 per cent fitness and hopefully playing for Australia as soon as I can."

The New South Welshman, who has taken 139 wickets in 37 matches, is also in doubt for Australia's two-Test series against Sri Lanka in Darwin and Cairns in July.

"Brett Lee is a player we regard as a long-term prospect for Australia and in that sense we need to make sure he is fully rehabilitated so that he can continue his career over a long period," Australia chairman of selectors Trevor Hohns said in the CA statement.

Australia team physiotherapist Errol Alcott was quoted as saying in the Sunday Herald Sun newspaper: "He won't be going to Zimbabwe and he's in serious doubt for that one (in July)."

## Satkhira cricket

#### OUR CORRESPONDENT

Town Sporting Club, Balaka Krira Chakra and United Club won their respective matches in the Satkhira First Division Cricket League at the Satkhira Government College ground in the last three days.

On Sunday, Town Sporting defeated Young Aryans Club by two wickets.

Winning the toss, Aryans batted first and collected 217 in 49.2 overs after being all out.

In reply, Town Sporting scored 218 for 8 in 44.1 overs.

On Saturday at the same ground, Balaka KC defeated Seba Sangha by two wickets.

Seba Sangha batted first and scored 194 all out in 48.1 overs.

In reply, Balaka made 195 for eight in 48.1 overs.

At the same ground on Friday, United Club recorded a four-wicket victory over Jubo Gano Mukhi.

Winning the toss, Jubo Gano Mukhi decided to bat first and scored 88 in 20.1 overs after being all out.

In reply, United Club made 91 for six in 17.2 overs.

blazed his way to 71 off 77 balls.

And who would have imagined the pair could finish the job with exactly five overs to spare against all odds. Maybe it was in keeping with the trend that even 300 runs is not considered safe.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the day-night fourth one-day international between India and Pakistan at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on Sunday:

**PAKISTAN**

Hameed st Dravid b Kartik	45
Afridi c Yuvraj b Pathan	3
Youhana lbw b Pathan	9
Inzamam b Balaji	123
Younis c Pathan b Kartik	36
Razzaq c Kaif b Tendulkar	32
Moin b Balaji	0
Malik c Kaif b Zaheer	13
Akhtar b Zaheer	2
Sami not out	0
Shabbir not out	0
Extras: (b-10, lb-9, nb-5, w-6)	30
Total: (For 9 wks in 50 overs)	293

Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-39, 3-89, 4-194, 5-264, 6-264, 7-283, 8-290, 9-292

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Pathan	10	1	53	2
Balaji	10	0	64	2
Zaheer	10	0	43	2

Kartik	10	1	48	2
Tendulkar	8	0	48	1
Yuvraj	2	0	18	0

<b>INDIA</b>	
Sehwag c Younis b Sami	26
Tendulkar c Moin b Akhtar	7
Laxman b Akhtar	20
Ganguly c Moin b Razzaq	21
Dravid not out	76
Yuvraj c Youhana b Sami	36
Kaif not out	71
Extras: (lb-9, w-19, nb-9)	37
Total: (For 5 wks in 45 overs)	294

Fall of wickets: 1-34, 2-69, 3-75, 4-94, 5-162

Did not bat: Kartik, Pathan, Balaji, Zaheer

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Akhtar	9	1	63	2
Shabbir	7	0	62	0
Sami	10	0	51	2
Razzaq	7	0	42	1
Malik	7	0	38	0
Afridi	5	0	30	0

**Result: India won by 5 wickets and level the series 2-2.**

**Man-of-the-match:** Inzamamul Haq.

**Fifth and final match:** March 24, Lahore.

**Toss:** Pakistan.

**Umpires:** Simon Taufel (Australia) and Asad Rauf (Pakistan).



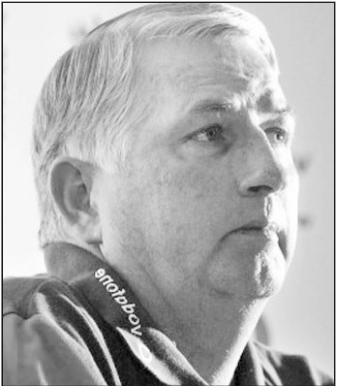
PHOTO: AFP  
India superstar Sachin Tendulkar trudges back to the dressing room after he was dismissed for 7 in the day-night fourth one-day international against Pakistan in Lahore yesterday.

# Fletcher stands by his openers



AFP, Port-of-Spain

England's misfiring opening batsmen Michael Vaughan and Marcus Trescothick earned the support of coach Duncan Fletcher after the duo endured another miserable day at the crease against the West Indies.



DUNCAN FLETCHER

Trescothick made just one while Vaughan was out for a duck as England began their chase of the home side's first innings 208 all out on a rain-affected second day of

the second Test at the Queen's Park Oval.

Their poor form followed equally unimpressive scores in the first Test at Kingston where Trescothick made seven and six not out while Vaughan's contribution was 15 and an unbeaten 11 in England's 10-wicket win.

"There is no doubt we have had some very good platforms to build from in the past, but it cannot always continue that way or else it would be a very easy game to play," said Fletcher.

"At this stage, they have struggled a little bit, but they have been there before and they have always come good. Both have Test averages in the 40s. As world-class batsmen, they'll be very proud to have those figures.

"They are just going through a bit of a period in which they have received some good balls and that's it."

Vaughan was deceived by an inswinging delivery from Pedro Collins and was adjudged lbw for nought in the third over of the innings.

Trescothick continued his wretched form on his first tour of the Caribbean when he miscued a hook at a short delivery from Tino Best and was caught at square leg by Adam Sanford.



PHOTO: AFP  
LEADING FROM THE FRONT: Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq follows through on an off drive on way to making 123 against India in the fourth one-day international at Lahore yesterday.

### SAF Games

## Advance party leaves today

#### SPORTS REPORTER

With hopes high for gold, the Bangladesh football team leaves for Islamabad today to take part in the ninth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games.

Shooting, swimming and weightlifting teams, which are all part of an advance party, will join them for the biggest regional gathering of sportsmen and women in the Pakistan capital from March 29-April 7.

As part of the Games, the Bangladesh Olympic Association (BOA) has decided to send a 138-member strong contingent to compete in 13 out of 15 disciplines. The eight-team football competition will however kick off two days before the official opening ceremony. Bangladesh are the defending champions after winning the elusive gold medal upsetting hosts Nepal six years ago.

They won't be the only ones feeling the pressure to succeed. The Bangladesh Shooting Federation is also aiming to hit the bull's eye in the air rifle team event with Commonwealth gold medalist Asif Hossain Khan and

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## Kallis so close, yet so far!

AFP, Auckland

The dream run of centuries in consecutive Tests by South African batsman Jacques Kallis came to an end here Sunday, 29 runs short of the six-successive Test record held by the great Don Bradman.

Kallis, who has scored a century in each of his past five Tests, was trapped leg before wicket by medium pacer Craig McMillan for 71 as South Africa fought to stay in the second Test against New Zealand.

Before coming to New Zealand, Kallis compiled scores of 158, 177, 130 not out and 130 not out again in consecutive Tests against the West Indies.

In the first Test against New Zealand he reached 92 in the first innings and 150 not out in the second innings, while posting scores of 40 and 71 in the second Test.

## U-15 cricket

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Dhaka Metro (Blues) and Chittagong Division won their respective matches in the Under-15 Age Group development cricket tournament yesterday.

Dhaka Metro (Blues) defeated Barisal Division by 89-run at the Faridpur Zila School ground.

Metro made 214 before being all out in 38.2 overs and Barisal, in reply, were bundled out for 125 in 24.1 overs.

Chittagong recorded an exciting five-run victory over Dhaka Metro (Green) at the Faridpur Stadium.

Dhaka Metro (Green) were bundled out for 95 in 30.2 overs in reply to Chittagong's 100 in 35 overs.

# Cricketers cry for leagues

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Hundreds of cricketers are set to suffer a massive financial blow this season following a deadlock over the start of Dhaka Leagues.

The age-old Dhaka leagues -- Premier and First Division -- have been regarded as the only source of income for majority of the cricketers of the country. The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has taken 11 top cricketers on its payroll only recently.

The Board also finances the National Cricket League, where players are provided a nominal sum as allowance. But the Dhaka leagues still remain the most lucrative event.

Roughly, some seven hundred players are solely dependent on the income from Dhaka cricket. But they have been thrown into the deep end after the Cricket Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan (CCDM) failed to convince the clubs to complete the players' transfer on schedule.

The inter-club cricketers' transfer was supposed to take place from March 20-23 according to the domestic calendar set out by the BCB six months ago.

But the CCDM, a standing committee of the BCB, has so far miserably failed to make headway despite having seven marathon meetings with representatives of the 28 clubs.

Funnily all those meetings turned into 'blame games' with the four leading clubs taking the stubborn stance of skipping the Premier league arguing that the months of April and May were not a suitable time to play cricket.

While the established clubs dictated the terms in the cosy confinement of the BCB office the hapless cricketers were feeling the pinch of an uncertain future.

"I'm fully dependent on the money from playing club cricket to run my family. I will be in deep trouble if the league is not played this season," said former national opener Jahangir Alam.

Young wicketkeeper Mohammed Salim meanwhile looked a perplexed man.

"It will be devastating if the league is not held this season because I am the lone bread winner of a family of five," Salim said while reacting to the bleak prospect of a year without the

most glamorous competition.

Young all-rounder Tamim Bashir, who played for First Division outfit Dhanmondi last year, was looking for a better deal this time after an impressive showing in the National League for Khulna.

"I am really frustrated because I was looking to break into a Premier Division team this season. You know cricket is a very expensive game and that's why financial support is extremely important for someone who wants to take it seriously," said the off-spinner.

Russell Parvez has come all the way from Jessore to start his career as a cricketer in Dhaka. But the 19-year-old batsman was baffled after officials of Sonargaon Cricketers, a First Division team, told him to return home.

"This is heart-breaking for someone coming from a remote district. Definitely I will not get a lot of money playing for a First Division team, but it would have come in handy to buy expensive gears," said Russell.

CCDM chairman Khondokar Jamil Uddin admitted that

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# Rain foils Eng, WI plans



AFP, Port-of-Spain

Unseasonal rain washed away a huge chunk of play and put a dent in the plans of England and West

Indies to make meaningful headway on the second day of the second Test at Queen's Park Oval on Saturday.

Nearly 4-1/2 hours of revised playing time was lost to bad weather and slowed down the progress of the two sides as

England reached 54 for two, replying to West Indies' first innings total of 208, when the second rain stoppage of the day prompted an early close.

Former England captain Nasser Hussain, with 20 not out, and left-hander Mark Butcher, with 25 not

### LATEST

#### STAR SPORT MONITOR

**England were 123-2 at lunch on the third day of the second Test at Port-of-Spain in Trinidad last night. Mark Butcher (61 not out) and Nasser Hussain were batting on 42 after the tourists lost both openers cheaply on Saturday.**

out, added 46 for the third wicket to steady the innings, after the early departure of skipper Michael Vaughan and opening partner Marcus Trescothick.

West Indies gained early success when Vaughan was deceived by an inswinging delivery from Pedro Collins and was adjudged lbw for nought in the third over of the innings.

Trescothick continued his wretched form on his first tour of the Caribbean when he miscued a hook at a short delivery from Tino Best and was caught at square leg by Adam Sanford for one to leave England eight for two when the first stoppage that lasted over three hours occurred.

Both sides would have suffered from the lost time.

England looking for a win that would secure a 2-0 lead in the four-Test series were denied the chance of making progress and, possibly,

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