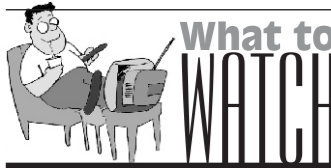




## Did U Know?

A chess game where there is no checkmate and the game is won by the player who is able to capture all his opponent's pieces, leaving the opponent with a bare King. This game was played as early as the 9th century and some think that the barring game was the original game of chess.



## What to WATCH

**ESPN**  
Sri Lanka vs Zimbabwe  
First Test, Day Four  
Live at 1:50 pm

**STAR Sports**  
English Premier Football League  
Fulham vs Arsenal  
Live at 9:00 pm  
Primera Liga  
Sevilla vs Valencia  
Live at 11:25 pm



## TALK TURKEY



**Darren Gough**  
(England fast bowler)  
"I'm not a politician and I don't run English cricket, so the decision is not up to me."  
On England's tour of Zimbabwe.

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 21

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- Who is Bangladesh's fastest woman?  
Iva Chumki Sabrina
- Who is Zimbabwe's cricket captain?  
Taibu Streak Olonga
- Name the man-of-the-series in the India-Pakistan Test series:  
Sehwag Dravid Kumble
- How many runs did Brian Lara score in the first innings of the final Test against England?  
400 388 380
- Who won the Singer 30th national

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## Seven lead IM chess

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
Seven players jointly shared the lead with two points each at the end of the second round games of the United Insurance and United Leasing Seventh IM Chess Tournament at the Chess Federation conference room yesterday.  
They are: Grand Master Ziaur Rahman, International Masters Enamul Hossain Rajib, Abdullah Al Rakib, Mahmood Lodhi of Pakistan, Roktim Bandyopadhyay, Saptarshi Roy of India and FM Abu Sufian Shakil.  
In the round Zia beat Suvrajit Saha of India, Rajib beat K Visweswaran of India, Rakib beat FM Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, Lodhi

## Inzi, Youhana can't fly

**SPORTS REPORTER**



The introduction of a mega star in the inaugural Grameen-Phone Corporate Cricket League seems a dis-tant prospect.  
Recently a lot of names came out of the hat after the Cup and Plate battle lines of the CCL were drawn. Pakistan captain Inzamam-ul-Haq and his deputy Yousuf Youhana were the two top cricketers set to add colour before the Cup phase gets underway tomorrow.  
But despite frantic efforts by Partex Group to capture Inzamam and Bangladesh Biman's hopes of flying in Youhana, it seems the Pakistan Cricket Board's refusal has upset both teams plans.  
"Inzamam was scheduled to arrive before our first match against GrameenPhone tomorrow. Youhana was also supposed to

accompany Inzamam and play for Biman. But the PCB didn't allow them permission to fly here despite making all necessary arrangements," said vice-chairman of Partex Group Aziz Al Kaiser.  
Kaiser, who is also a BCB advisor, said that Pakistan is likely to take part in a one-day tournament in Malaysia and for that reason the players have been called to attend a national camp.  
He however didn't rule out Inzamam's participation in the latter stages of the meet.  
"We will know exactly where we stand on Monday when the PCB will confirm whether Pakistan will go to Malaysia or not. If the trip is cancelled then we can expect Inzamam to arrive before our second match against Bashun-dhara on May 14," said Kaiser.  
While Partex's plan to net a big fish suffered a setback, their rivals GrameenPhone had little difficulty to confirm Indian all-rounder Sanjay

Bangar for their two group matches. "Bangar will arrive tonight," informed GrameenPhone coach Jalal Ahmed Chowdhury yesterday.  
Bashundhara, on the other hand, lured another Indian all-rounder Sandeep Sharma, who is now playing in Chittagong Premier Division League for City Corporation.  
ARAF Apparels, who are lined up with Biman and BEXIMCO in the other group, are confident that Indian player Nikhil Chopra will arrive before their first game against BEXIMCO on Thursday.  
BEXIMCO have pinned their hopes on Kenyan star batsman Steve Tikolo, who is no stranger to Dhaka cricket.  
Each team is allowed to field one foreign player per match in the group stages. However the four semifinalists can add another foreigner to their team.

## Ispahani, Aktel in Plate semis

**SPORTS REPORTER**

MM Ispahani Limited moved into the Plate semifinals of the first-ever GrameenPhone Corporate Cricket League (CCL) with a seven-wicket victory against BADC Krira Sangha at the Fatullah Stadium yesterday.  
The easy sail of Ispahani also confirmed Aktel's berth in the last four from Group X even before the teams meet in their final group league match at the same venue tomorrow.  
BADC, who had earlier conceded a five-wicket defeat against Aktel, hit another low in their final game when they were bundled out for 87 in 35.3 overs.  
Young paceman Sohail Pappu demolished a winless BADC with a four-wicket haul. Pakistani left-arm spinner Rashed Hanif, who came all the way from Chittagong to mark his first CCL appearance for Ispahani, made an immediate impact claiming two wickets for 14 runs in his 8.3 overs.  
Proshenjit fought a lone battle for BADC with a gritty 45 off 85 deliveries that included four boundaries.  
Ispahani raced to victory 89-3 in 25.2 overs with opener Masumudolla hitting an unbeaten 40.

**SCORES IN BRIEF**  
BADC: 87 all out in 35.3 overs (Joy 45, Zaker 12; Pappu 4-24, Rashed Hanif 2-14, Yasir Arafat 1-28, Raihaniuddin Arafat 2-10)  
ISPAHANI: 89 for 3 in 25.2 overs (Masum 40 not out, Rezaul Karim 13, Arif Ahmed 19 not out; Zaker 2-25, Rezaul 1-13).  
Result: Ispahani won by seven wickets.

## BKSP runaway winners

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh Krira Shikha Protishthan (BKSP) swept the medal table when the two-day Milk Vita 21st National Junior Athletics Championship ended at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday.  
The lone sports institute of the country bagged 27 gold, 10 silver and 2 bronze medals in 40 events while second-placed Pabna was far behind with 2 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze medals.  
On the final day, the students of BKSP grabbed all the glory in the fast lane.  
Israt Jahan Iva, who became fastest woman in the recently concluded senior championship, set a new national record on way to clinching the gold in the under-18 100m event. She clocked 12.26s to better the previous record of 12.49s.  
In the under-15 100m events, Imran Bhuiyan finished first in the boys' event with a timing of 11.10s and Rabeya Sultan clocked 13.10s to become first in the girls' event.  
Rajbari, Kishoreganj, Magura finished with two gold medals while Narail, Jessore, Chapainawabganj, Madaripur and Gazipur secured one gold each.  
A total of 397 athletes -- 247 boys and 150 girls -- from 42 districts and teams took part in the meet.

## Rajshahi best U-17s

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Rajshahi Division lifted the under-17 development cricket tournament title when they won the two-day final against Dhaka Metro Green by virtue of taking a first innings lead at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.  
The Dhaka boys, chasing a commanding Rajshahi first innings total of 300, ran close before being all out for 292 with two overs to spare.  
Sumon scored 60 and Raisul made 51 but it couldn't prevent the Greens from conceding an eight-run lead against the cricketers from the northern headquarters of the country.  
Farhad picked up four wickets for 56 and Saqlain took two for 95 for the winners.  
Rajshahi were struggling at 75 for five in their second innings before match was declared a draw.  
National selector Athar Ali Khan witnessed the absorbing final day's proceedings and distributed prizes among the winners.

## Sher-e-Bangla Cup Tiebreaker order of the day



**SPORTS REPORTER**

Feni, Comilla, Chuadanga, Naogaon Joypurhat and Rajbari booked their seats in the finals of the Sher-e-Bangla Cup 22nd National Football Championship yesterday.  
On the other hand Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) suffered another humiliating defeat when newcomers BKSP scored a massive 9-0 victory against them at the Kamalapur Stadium. BUET also lost their first match against Dhaka University by 12-0.  
Feni set up a group final clash

## Murali mark in big SL win



**REUTERS, Harare**

Muttiah Muralitharan broke the world record for Test match wickets as Sri Lanka wrapped up a crushing innings victory over a weakened Zimbabwe side on the third day of the first Test on Saturday.  
Sri Lanka won by an innings and 240 runs, with off-spinner Muralitharan taking two for 27 to reach 521 wickets and pass West Indies' Courtney Walsh, who took 519 wickets.  
It was Sri Lanka's biggest margin of victory in their 22-year Test history.  
The result exceeded their innings and 215-run win over England in Colombo last December and was achieved with two days to spare.  
Zimbabwe, needing 342 to make Sri Lanka bat again but fielding a line-up including five new caps following a player rebellion, were dismissed for 102 in their second innings.  
Muralitharan's record-breaking victim was Muleki Nkala, who was caught by Mahela Jayawardene at silly mid-off.  
He then caught and bowled Alester Maregwede with his next delivery but his chance of a hatrick was interrupted as he hurt the index finger on his right hand in taking the catch.  
Muralitharan left the field for treatment, and bowled with a banded finger on his return.  
Left-arm pace bowler Nuwan Zoysa maintained a disciplined line and obtained movement off the seam to take five for 30.  
The visitors resumed on 456 for seven and were dismissed an hour into the day's play with medium pacer Blessing Mahwire taking three for 97 and fast bowler Tinasho Panyangara three for 101.  
Zimbabwe were in trouble as early as the fourth over of their second innings when Stuart Matsikenyeri fended a delivery from Zoysa to Jayawardene at second slip to be dismissed for 11.  
Zoysa struck again with what became the last ball before lunch when Dion Ebrahim, on two, sent a looping catch off the back of his bat to wicketkeeper Prasanna Jayawardene.  
Five balls after lunch Zimbabwe were 17 for three when Brendan Taylor gloved a ball from left-arm fast bowler Chaminda Vaas to

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Jayasuriya c Hondo b Taibu	15	7	103	1
S'kara c Taibu b M'yeri	11	6	103	1
M'J'dene c Utseya b C'bura	37	2	101	3
Dilshan c Utseya b Mahwire	10	1	97	3
S'weera c Taibu b P'gara	6	1	97	3
P'J'dene b P'gara	4	1	97	3
Vaas c M'yeri b Mahwire	28	7	41	0
Maharof lbw b Mahwire	40	12	55	0
Zoysa not out	28	15	2	58
M'tharan c Maragwede b P'gara	26	15	2	58
Extras: (b-2, lb-13, nb-6, w-3)	24			
Total: (All out in 125.1 overs)	541			
Fall of wickets: 1-281, 2-312, 3-369, 4-387, 5-399, 6-403, 7-414, 8-457, 9-496				



Pakistan fast bowler Shoab Akhtar (2nd from L) spends some time with children undergoing cancer treatment during his visit to a hospital in Lahore yesterday.



ARCH FOR ACE: Sri Lanka bowler Muttiah Muralitharan leaves the field through an archway of cricket bats, held by his teammates, after his world record-breaking performance at Harare yesterday.

## Getting us all in a spin!



**AFP, Harare**

When world record-smashing Sri Lankan spinner Muttiah Muralitharan was reported for suspect bowling action two months ago, many believed he had fallen prey to his own tricks.  
Match-referee Chris Broad questioned the legality of Muralitharan's bowling action especially when the Sri Lankan bowled his new delivery called 'doosra', the one which spins away from the right-handers.  
In other words, an off-spinner's

wrong'un that does not come into the right-handers like a normal off-break but turns away from them.  
Former Indian batsman Broad said Muralitharan's 'doosra' (a Hindi word for the second or other one) needed more looking into after examining his action "closely" during the third Test against Australia at Colombo in March.  
The irony of it all was that there was nothing new about this so-called new delivery as Murali-haran had been bowling the 'doosra' for a couple of years before being reported.  
Nor was he the first to bowl it in international cricket.  
Pakistani off-spinner Saqlain

Mushtaq was the first to bowl the 'doosra' in the late 1990s in order to bring more variations into his bowling, but with mixed results.  
Off-spinners, especially in the sub-continent, began to follow Mushtaq but Muralitharan alone succeeded in turning the 'doosra' into a potent weapon.  
The Sri Lankan spinner nearly perfected it, especially during a home series against a hapless England last year when he grabbed 26 wickets in three Tests.  
Cricket experts believe that the pre-series hype had a lot to do with the latest controversy as many

## STATS SO FAR

**REUTERS, Harare**  
Factbox on Muttiah Muralitharan after he became Test cricket's highest wicket-taker on Saturday with 521 victims.  
**Born:** April 17, 1972; Kandy, Sri Lanka.  
**1992:** Makes Test debut against Australia.  
**1993:** Plays in his first one-day international against India.  
**1995:** Called for throwing by  
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## THE TOP TEN

**REUTERS, London**  
Leading Test wicket-takers after Muttiah Muralitharan set a world record in the first Test against Zimbabwe in Harare on Saturday:

Bowler	country	wkts	Tests	debut	last Test	best
M Muralitharan	S Lanka	521	89	1992	-	9-51
C Walsh	W Indies	519	132	1984	2001	7-37
S Warne	Australia	517	110	1992	-	8-71
K Dev	India	434	131	1978	1994	9-83
R Hadlee	N Zealand	431	86	1973	1990	9-52
G McGrath	Australia	430	95	1993	-	8-38
W Akram	Pakistan	414	104	1985	2002	7-119
C Ambrose	W Indies	405	98	1988	2000	8-45
A Kumble	India	397	84	1990	-	10-74
I Botham	England	383	102	1977	1992	8-34

## Peace process on?



**AFP/REUTERS, Harare**

Striking Zimbabwe white cricketers have reached agreement to accept mediation of their dispute with the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) in principle.  
The 12 players involved have agreed that they want to end the month-long impasse since their captain Heath Streak was sacked.  
The decision was taken after meetings Friday between their lawyer Chris Venturas and ZCU counterpart Alwyn Pichanick, along with Much Masunda, who runs an arbitration organisation.  
"It's going to go through mediation," one of the player told Reuters.  
"We met this morning and it was made clear to us that legally this should go through a mediation process first and hopefully that will

lead to arbitration.  
"That's where we're heading for now and the players will make themselves available now."  
Player Stuart Carlisle said, "We are almost agreed."  
"However, there is still need for further discussion amongst us and there are also other pertinent issues. We are hopeful of a resolution to this before long," he added.  
They will now almost certainly be available for the second Test match against Sri Lanka, which begins on Friday in Bulawayo.  
However, their preliminary decision needs to be finalised among them formally and they are to meet once again on Monday.  
Another player, Trevor Gripper, said: "We still want to go to arbitration, and mediation would be a means to that end. This decision of ours is not set in stone. We have not changed our stance on this issue at all. Arbitration is legal binding and

that's the objective and that's what we really want."  
ZCU chairman Peter Chingoka declined to comment, except to say that no letter had been received from the players' lawyer.  
Chief executive Vincent Hogg said: "Typically they have gone public without coming to us first. But let us hope we can now resolve this problem. I certainly look forward to that."  
The cause of the impasse was Streak's sacking on April 2 which followed his demand for changes to the selection panel.  
The players continued to demand his reinstatement as well as the changes he wanted. The ZCU insisted neither issue was open for discussion.  
The players had threatened to