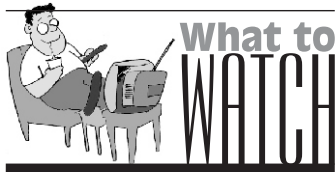


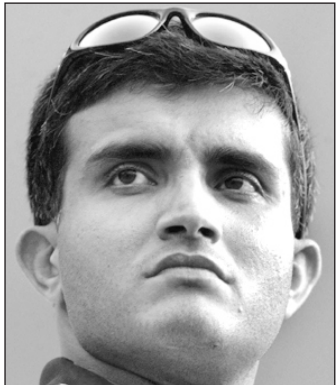
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## Singapore withdraw

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Singapore have pulled out of the six-nation international hockey tournament that begins in Dhaka from September 27.

To fill in the gap, Bangladesh Hockey Federation (BHF) has requested the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) to include Sri Lanka in the competition, informed BHF joint secretary Zahidur Rahman Pushkin yesterday.

"Singapore have withdrawn their name because their players will be busy for exams. That is why we decided to draft in another team and as Sri Lanka were interested to play in the meet. We requested the AHF to convince them to come here," added Pushkin.

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## Nat'l hockey final today

**SPORTS REPORTER**

New faces Faridpur and Bangladesh Army meet in the final of the ANAS Group National Hockey Championship today at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

The final will start at 4 pm.

Faridpur go into the final as favourites since they have as many as six national players in their arsenal. But the services side has also showed their mettle in the tournament by eliminating holders Dhaka and last year's runners-up Dhaka University.

The third-place play-off between Dhaka University and Bangladesh Navy will be played at the same venue this morning.

## BCB chooses 39 for camps

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday called up 23 batsmen and 16 bowlers to join the under-15 batting and under-13 pace bowling camps respectively.

The selected players have been asked to report at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday at 4:30 pm.

The selected under-15 players are Mitun Aly, Amit Majumdar, Mehmudul Hasan, Kawsar Hossain, Mahmudul Haque, Masud Rana, Fayes Ahmed, Ashiquzzaman, Hamidul Bashar, Kazi Atik Ahmed, Bayezid Hamid, Talha Tareq, Arpon Shikder, Sajib Hossain, Nadim Uddin, Biraj Chandra Dev, Sajib, Akidur Rahman, Ariful Haque, Tamim Iqbal, M y s u k u r R a h m a n

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# Big Sangakkara century

**Cricket**

**REUTERS, Colombo**

Kumar Sangakkara scored his sixth Test hundred as Sri Lanka posted 303 for three on the first day of the second Test against South Africa on Wednesday.

Sangakkara, playing as a specialist batsman in the series, was 157 not out after sharing in important partnerships with Sanath Jayasuriya (43) and Mahela Jayawardene.

Jayawardene, a double centurion in the first Test in Galle, provided the support role for Sangakkara with 82 before he was bowled late in the day by a Makhaya Ntini inswinger. Chaminda Vaas was not out on four at the close.

Sangakkara and Jayawardene shared a record 192-run third-wicket stand for Sri Lanka against South Africa, surpassing the 168 they scored at Durban in 2000.

Both were fortunate as Jacques Kallis missed Sangakkara at slip on 57 and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher dropped Jayawardene on 16 off a thick edge from Nicky Boje.

Sangakkara, who passed 3000 runs earlier in the day, stroked two bound-

## Champions Trophy Best, Jacobs out of Windies side

**REUTERS, St John's**

Pace bowler Tino Best and wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs were left out when West Indies named their 14-man squad on Tuesday for the ICC Champions Trophy in England next month.

Best was forced to quit the Test series against England earlier this month because of a back problem. Jacobs, however, is expected to be in the West Indies team for the third Test in Manchester which starts on Thursday.

Ravi Rampaul, Devon Smith, Carlton Baugh and Darren Sammy, who, like Best and Jacobs, were in the squad which played in the triangular one-day series involving hosts England and New Zealand in June and July, were also omitted for the Champions Trophy.

Brian Lara is leading the team on the current tour of England but West Indies will not name their Champions Trophy captain until Wednesday.

The skipper will be appointed following a meeting of the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) to ratify the recommendation of the selectors as is required by the board's constitution, the WICB said in a statement.

Joey Carew, the acting chairman of selectors, said paceman Mervyn Dillon had been recalled to add



PHOTO: STAR  
Bangladesh spinner Mohammad Rafique runs holding the medicine ball while Manjarul Islam follows him during a training session at the Maulana Bhasani Hockey Stadium yesterday.

aries in the penultimate over to carry Sri Lanka past 300 and himself past 150 for the third time. The previous two times he passed 150, he went on to score double centuries.

The 26-year-old left-hander came to the crease in the first over after captain Marvan Atapattu smashed one cover drive for four before nicking a Shaun Pollock outswinger to Boucher.

After a tricky half hour against the new ball, Sangakkara then counter-attacked with Jayasuriya, adding 95 for the second wicket, to push South Africa onto the defensive.

Jayasuriya, perilously close to being lbw on one and then fortunate when he slashed through the slips, was unlucky to be dubiously adjudged lbw shortly before lunch to Boje.

Pollock was South Africa's most threatening bowler, who finished with one for 49 from 16 overs.

Sri Lanka made two changes to the team that drew the first Test in Galle with record-breaking spinner Muttiah Muralitharan ruled out with an injured shoulder. He was replaced by left-arm spinner Rangana Herath while fast bowler Lasith Malinga replaced all-rounder Farveez Maharoof.

South Africa recalled Herschelle Gibbs after an ankle injury in place of all-



PHOTO: AFP  
SUPERB SANGAKKARA: Sri Lanka batsman Kumar Sangakkara acknowledges the crowd's applause on reaching century on the first day of the second and final Test against South Africa at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground in Colombo yesterday.

## Hildreth defies junior Tigers

**SPORTS REPORTER**

An unbeaten 151 by James Hildreth put England U-19 on course for a good first innings lead shortly after lunch on Day Two of the second Test against Bangladesh at Taunton in Somerset yesterday.

The home side who were overnight 33 without loss, reached 325-6 in reply to Bangladesh's 273 when this report was being filed. The lead is already 52.

Number four Hildreth added 177 runs for the sixth wicket with wicketkeeper SM Davies (71) after the young Tigers had tasted early success.

Fast bowler Shahadat Hossain Rajib sent back both openers and left-arm spinner Nadif Chowdhury took the next three as Bangladesh reduced the Englishmen to 142 for five before Hildreth and Davies' heroics.

Somerset's Hildreth, who dominated the first two sessions, had smashed 24 boundaries and one six in his strokeful 228-ball stay so far.

On the first day, 16-year-old wicketkeeper Mushfiqur Rahman top scored 88 in the Bangladesh innings with ten fours and three sixes in 147 balls. The number seven batsman also defied the rival attack during a 45-run stand for the last wicket with Shahadat.

England paceman Mark Turner captured the last five wickets for 57 to mop up the Bangladesh tail.

England lead the three-match series 1-0.

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the second Test between Bangladesh U-19 and England U-19 at the County Ground in Taunton on Tuesday:

**BANGLADESH U-19:** First innings  
Shahriar c Patel b Harrison 26  
Nafees c Denly b Harrison 27  
Aftab c Davies b Bopara 12  
Dhiman c Davies b Bopara 11  
Nazimuddin lbw b Bopara 35  
Nadif c Patel b Turner 36  
Mushfiqur lbw b Turner 88  
Nazmul c Davies b Turner 0

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# Four-star Moni

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna**

Saifur Rahman Moni slammed four goals as reigning champions Muktiyoddha Sangsad joined Abahani in the Super Six stage of the fourth Nitol-Tata National

Football League with a 7-1 thrashing of Panchagarh Brothers Union in the last match of Khulna-leg at the local stadium yesterday.

Rwandan forward Kabua also contributed two goals in the biggest win of the competition so far while Rokonuzzaman Kanchan added the other for the Dhaka giants who raised their tally to nine points from three games.

The Panchagarh boys, on four points after four outings, now must beat home side Chittagong Mohammedan in their last match to keep alive the hopes of booking a Super Six berth from Group A.

The first half of the match, however,

was not an embarrassingly one-sided affair like the second session.

The north-Bengal outfit fought hard on a muddy pitch, worsened by heavy downpour before the kickoff, and created a clear-cut chance within the first half an hour. An unmarked Jet spoiled the opportunity when he failed to capitalise on a defence blunder, shooting the ball wide of the near post from a handshaking distance.

But the mighty Muktis continued to press on and after Brothers keeper thwarted two good attempts, Moni's lone effort broke the 42-minute deadlock.

The floodgate then opened for Muktiyoddha who doubled the lead two minutes after the break when Moni headed home a cross by Kanchan.

Diminutive forward Kanchan,

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POINTS TABLE							
GROUP A							
Team	M	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Abahani	4	4	0	0	11	1	12
Muktiyoddha	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
Najirparapara KC	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
Panchagarh BU	4	1	1	2	7	12	4
Cig MSC	3	0	1	2	0	3	1
Karararchar KC	5	0	1	4	3	15	1
GROUP B							
Dhaka BU	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
Russel KC	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Dhaka MSC	3	2	1	0	9	2	7
Jhenidah MSC	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
Air Force	4	1	0	3	5	13	3
Unmochan	4	0	0	4	4	12	0

# From Gaza to Greece

**REUTERS, Athens**

Only a month or two ago, Sanaa Abu Bkheet was running across rough sand and through rutted streets in pursuit of a dream.

The determined teenager, who will become the first woman to compete for a Palestinian team at the Olympics, possessed just one pair of running shoes.

She had no proper track to train on and no sponsor.

Gunfire posed an ever-present danger and a temporary Israeli-

imposed ban on Palestinians aged 16 to 35 leaving the fenced-in Gaza Strip also cast a shadow of uncertainty over her preparations for the Athens Games.

The road from a refugee camp to Athens has been difficult and dangerous but now, with the dream about to come true, things are looking up.

The 19-year-old has several pairs of shoes for a start. And a sponsor, who helped facilitate a month's training on the Greek island of Kos, has also materialised.

Appearing with two team mates at a presentation in Athens on Tuesday, Abu Bkheet thanked those who had helped her battle against the odds to compete for a country which does not officially exist.

"In Gaza I trained in very different

conditions, usually running on the beach or in the streets in very bad conditions," she said, speaking through a translator.

"I know that other athletes here have had four years training for these Olympics. I have trained properly for one month and it was difficult after running on the sand to get used to the hard surface.

"It was so difficult to run on the sand by the sea, it's so soft and so deep that you can sink 10 centimetres. And it is so difficult to go from sand to the track."

Abu Bkheet last competed on a real track at the pan-Asian Games in Iran last February, finishing sixth, and her best times are way off the world's best.

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PHOTO: AFP  
A pedestrian walks past a giant Olympic banner in front of the world's largest luxury liner Queen Mary 2 after its arrival at the Port of Piraeus yesterday, two days before the opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in Athens.

## Queen Mary 2 in Athens

**AFP, Athens**

The world's largest luxury liner Queen Mary 2 arrived early Wednesday at the Athens port of Piraeus, where it will accommodate hundreds of high-ranking spectators of the Athens Olympics, including several heads of state.

"The Queen Mary docked at around 8:30 am," said Panayiotis Skalkos, spokesman of Greece's Merchant Marine ministry.

The 150,000-tonne ocean liner is part of an Olympic flotilla serving as floating hotels for around 10,000 people.

The Queen Mary 2 is the fifth cruise ship to arrive in Athens, Skalkos said. At least another three are expected to arrive before the Games start on Friday.

According to Games' organisers ATHOC, the Queen Mary 2 has a total 1,310 cabins, with an average daily cabin price, excluding suites, of nearly 600 euros (720 dollars). ATHOC had initially booked 30 percent of ship's cabins for Olympic officials. But on July 9, organisers turned over to the general public spare capacity on the ship left unbooked by Olympics officials at a cost of between 800 and 2,350 euros per night.

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# England favourites

**Cricket**

**REUTERS, London**

England will show no mercy to West Indies when they go into the third Test starting on Thursday at Old Trafford already 2-0 up in the series.

The hosts look set to name the same team that thrashed Brian Lara's side in the second Test after spinner Gareth Batty was released from the squad.

England, chasing their ninth win in 10 Tests, originally included Batty and fellow spinner Ashley Giles in the squad because of the chance of turn on the Old Trafford pitch.

Heavy rain in Manchester, however, has made the wicket less conducive to spin.

In the first two Tests, which England won by 210 runs and 256 runs, Giles was instrumental, taking nine wickets in each match as England retained the Wisden Trophy.

His form is in stark contrast to England's main strike bowler Steve Harmison, who will want to kickstart his series having only taken three wickets. He scooped 23 wickets in England's 3-0 series win in the Caribbean earlier this year, their first series victory there since 1988.

James Anderson, who bowled well in the second Test at Edgbaston, will expect to retain his place at the expense of paceman Simon Jones.

Lara must do without fast bowler Tino Best who has flown home with a back complaint. He has been replaced by slow left-arm Dave Mohammed and Lara will hope he can have similar success to Giles if selected.

Corey Collymore was rushed out to England during the first Test as a replacement and went straight into the second Test line-up. He failed to utilise English conditions as well as Lara had hoped but should still keep his place.

Bowler Fidel Edwards missed out at Edgbaston but could return at Old Trafford after taking 10 for 82 against Derbyshire last week and worrying the England batsmen with his distinctive slinging action in the Caribbean.

"It feels great, after coming to England and having a couple of bad performances, to get some wickets here, especially my first 10-wicket haul," the 22-year-old Edwards told the West Indies' official website after the Derbyshire match.

"I was struggling to adapt in the English conditions and the extra work in the nets paid off for me."

Shivnarine Chanderpaul scored an unbeaten century in the first Test and

was obstinate at the crease at Edgbaston where Ramnaresh Sarwan came into form after failing twice at Lord's.

A big innings from Lara may be due at Old Trafford but will not help keep his side in the series if the bowlers cannot restrict England's free-scoring batsmen.

The hosts' captain Michael Vaughan said after the second Test that a pleasing element of the victories was that the batsmen who failed at Lord's, Marcus Trescothick, Graham Thorpe and Andrew Flintoff, came good at Edgbaston while the first Test run-makers took a backseat.

Mark Butcher again misses out with a thigh injury but Vaughan's side will start as firm favourites to extend their winning run.

**TEAMS**

**ENGLAND** (from): Marcus Trescothick, Andrew Strauss, Robert Key, Michael Vaughan (captain), Graham Thorpe, Geraint Jones, Ashley Giles, Matthew Hoggard, Steve Harmison, James Anderson, Simon Jones.

**WEST INDIES** (from): Devon Smith, Chris Gayle, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Brian Lara (captain), Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Dwayne Bravo, Ridley Jacobs, Omari Banks, Pedro Collins, Jermaine Lawson, Corey Collymore,