



## Did U Know?

C B Fry not only captained the English cricket team, but also represented his country's football team. Fry as an athlete also equalled the world long jump record of his time.



**BTV**  
ICC Champions Trophy  
Pakistan vs West Indies  
Second Semifinal  
Live at 3:15 pm

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**ESPN**  
Sportscentre  
Live at 8:30 pm  
Primera Liga  
Deportivo vs Valencia  
Live at 1:30 am (Thursday)

**STAR Sports**  
English Premier Football League  
Man City vs Crystal Palace  
Taped Version at 12:30 pm  
Sportsline  
Live at 8:00 pm



Tick the correct answers, post  
**The Daily Star**

**Competition closes at 8 pm  
Sept 24, 2004 and draw  
shortly afterwards**

1. Who won the first gold medal in the Athens Olympics?	Galkina	Devers
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2. Who became Asia Cup cricket champs?	India	Pakistan Sri Lanka
3. Who clinched the Cincinnati Masters tennis title?	Federer	Henman Agassi
4. Who lifted the 25th nat'l hockey crown?	Usha	MSC Bangladesh Army
Name	.....	
Class	.....	Roll No. ....
School Address	.....	
Phone: (If any)	.....	



**John McEnroe**  
(American tennis legend)  
"I'm not a very religious person, but I believe in God, and for whatever reason, God wanted me to be a tennis player. But then I'm like, 'Why the hell did he want me to be a tennis player?' My personality and tennis just don't mesh."



PHOTO: AP

**WRONG TIME TO RUN:** Australian big hitter Andrew Symonds (L) is way out of his ground as England captain Michael Vaughan whips the bails off during the first semifinal of the ICC Champions Trophy at Edgbaston yesterday.

## Sumi sweeps it clean

SPORTS REPORTER

Sharmin Sultana Sumi swept all four gold medals in the women's competition of the 28th National Gymnastics Championships which concluded at the National Sports Council Gymnasium yesterday.

The Bangladesh Ansar gymnast won the floor, side horse, balance beam and uneven bars golds to emerge individual champion in the two-day event with 56.95 points.

Her teammate Mushfiqur Rahman won the men's title with two golds -- in horizontal bar and parallel bars -- and a silver in pommel horse. He totalled 93.70 points.

The competition would have been an all-Ansar affair but for Lalmonirhat's KM Barkatullah, who broke the monopoly grabbing the long horse gold. The remaining nine gold medals went to Ansars who bagged both the men's and women's team titles as well.

Ansars' Dulal Gomes, Tanvir Ahmed and Jahirul Islam won golds in men's floor, pommel horse and Roman rings respectively.

BKSP finished runners-up in both men's and women's competition.

A total of 65 gymnasts including 23 females representing 11 teams took part in the ten events.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman distributed prizes among the winners.

## Size Richards' concern



**BISHWAJIT ROY, from Birmingham**

These days a lot has been said and written on Bangladesh's continuing struggle in world cricket. But Barry



BARRY RICHARDS

Richards has offered a different view.

The South African great believed that the Tigers were not physically equipped to compete at the highest level of the game.

"Sorry to say Bangladeshi play-

ers are not well-built and their average physical strength is not good enough to compete at the international level. Specially you need to have power in the shorter-version of the game," said the 59-year-old Richards who is now working as a TV commentator.

Talking to a group of Bangladeshi journalists at the Edgbaston during the Australia-England match he branded the team led by Rajin Saleh for the ICC Champions Trophy as an age group side considering their physical appearance.

"They are very small in size and I found that they tried their best to hit the ball to the fence but they only managed to go midway. You also lack mental strength to handle the pressure of modern cricket although the players' overall technique was not bad," he explained.

"It is my suggestion that you should consider talent first when picking new players but don't forget their physical structure," said the former South African right-hander.

While recalling his visits to Bangladesh, Richards said he was frustrated by the lack of proper grounds in the country despite there

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## PCB steps in to resolve TV row

AFP, Lahore

Pakistan's cricket chief has intervened in bid to resolve a row over the television rights for next week's tri-series between Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe, officials said Tuesday.

"The chairman of the Pakistan Cricket Board, Shaharyar Khan, has intervened in the case and we will try to settle the matter out of court," PCB legal adviser Asghar Haider told AFP.

Shaharyar convened a meeting of two Dubai-based channels, Taj Entertainment Network (TEN Sports) and ARY on Tuesday to resolve the issue.

"We hope that differences between the two television companies would not disturb the broadcast of cricket matches," Haider said.

Pakistan is hosting the one-day tri-series tournament from September 30.

TEN Sports and ARY jointly won the broadcasting rights of international cricket played in Pakistan for

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## AUS-ENGLAND SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Australia innings against England in the ICC Champions Trophy semifinal at Edgbaston in Birmingham on Tuesday.

**AUSTRALIA**  
Gilchrist c Trescothick b Gough 37  
Hayden c Trescothick b Harmison 17

Ponting c Gough b Giles 29  
Martyn c Trescothick b Vaughan 65  
Lehmann b Vaughan 38  
Symonds run out 0  
Clarke b Flintoff 42  
Lee b Gough 15  
Gillespie b Gough 0  
Kasprowicz not out 0  
McGrath not out 0  
Extras: (b-3, lb-4, w-7, nb-2) 16  
Total: (For 9 wickets in 50 overs) 259  
Fall of wickets: 1-44, 2-69, 3-114, 4-189, 5-190, 6-210, 7-249, 8-249, 9-258

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Gough	7	1	48	3
Harmison	10	0	53	1
Flintoff	10	0	56	1
Giles	10	0	40	1
Wharf	3	0	13	0
Vaughan	10	0	42	2

**ENGLAND:** Trescothick, Solanki, Vaughan, Strauss, Flintoff, Collingwood, Jones, Giles, Wharf, Gough, Harmison

**Toss:** England.  
**Umpires:** Rudi Koertzen (South Africa) and Billy Bowden (New Zealand).

## Inzy edgy, Lara upbeat

### 2nd semifinal: Pakistan v West Indies



BBC ONLINE, undated

Coach Bob Woolmer is confident Pakistan will not let their joy at beating India ruin their chances against West Indies in the ICC Champions Trophy semifinal.

Three days after a three-wicket win over their arch-rivals, they face West Indies at the Rose Bowl on Wednesday.

"After games like that there is a tendency to come off the boil but we'll have to heat them up," said Woolmer.

"The players have the ethic of trying to get better every day so they'll be well tuned-in for this match."

West Indies are at the end of a tour which, apart from a brief break at home after the Test series against England, that has lasted three months.

But they are in an upbeat mood after gaining a last-four place with a five-wicket win over South Africa on Saturday.

Captain Brian Lara has called for a renewed effort from his side to take them into the final.

"We've got a break after this and

what we'd like to do is end on a high," he said.

"It's been a very long summer -- we suffered a lot during the Test series, although we got to the one-day NatWest Series finals.

"It would be really nice if we could get one step further and get to the ICC final."

Pakistan are at full strength, with batsman Yousuf Youhana recovered from cramps which afflicted



INZAMAMUL HAQ

him in the later stages of his match-winning innings against India on Sunday.

West Indies still have doubts over veteran bowler Merv Dillon, who missed the last match with a

shoulder injury.

"He's getting better," said Lara.

"The physiotherapist is going to try to get everybody as close as possible to full fitness."

The Rose Bowl wicket, which has favoured bowlers for much of the tournament, could be a significant factor in the outcome.

And West Indies have the advantage of having already played at the venue, beating Bangladesh last



BRIAN LARA

week.  
After looking at the pitch, Pakistan captain Inzamamul Haq was unimpressed.

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## TROPHY TREATS



**BISHWAJIT ROY, from Birmingham**

There was a huge campaign to bring English supporters to Edgbaston for the home team's crunch match against traditional rivals Australia in the first semifinal of the ICC Champions Trophy yesterday.

England captain Michael Vaughan also joined the campaign but to no avail as even half of the 21,000-capacity stadium was not full. It was a sad day for many who saw a houseful during the India-Pakistan match a few days earlier.

A peddler who was continuously requesting pedestrians outside the stadium saying "Come on England, please buy something," was upset with the turnout.

"I made a lot of items to sell today but it is frustrating. People don't bother about the tournament," said Perkins the street vendor.

**LUCKY FOR US**

"Thank God Australia didn't win the toss," commented an English jour-

nalist just before the start of the England-Australia match.

Later he explained that there was every chance to see a real short match if Australia had won the toss and decided to bowl first.

"Oh, it is too difficult to negotiate the Australian pace attack early in the morning. England have won their first battle by winning the toss," he joked.

**HARDLY INSPIRING**

A day in the stadium watching a one-day international might be a big attraction for Asian cricket fans but it is almost opposite to the English people.

While the sub-continent venues are packed with teenagers, the seats in England are mostly occupied by elderly supporters.

When an Asian journalist exclaimed his astonishment about it, an old Englishman made it clear to the reporter.

"I am not bothered about the

match at all. I just hope for sunshine and nothing else," said the supporter sitting just outside the press box, whose eyes were glued to the pages of a tabloid ignoring the game.

**DULL SALES**

There are a number of cricket shops in every venue in England and they always look for good sales during a tournament. But the ICC Champions Trophy has frustrated them so far.

"We have only sold merchandise in numbers during the India-Pakistan match but during the rest of the tournament it has been very dull. We are surprised that people don't want to buy anything when a big game like Australia and England is going on," said a shopkeeper.

"It is much better during county matches," he added.

## North South dump Daffodil

SPORTS REPORTER

Kasef and Miller each scored twice to help North South University brush aside Daffodil University 5-0 in yesterday's Stamford inter-private university football tournament at the Army Stadium.

Sayed added the other goal for the winners. Kasef was adjudged man-of-the-match.

The tournament saw its first walkover on the third day as Eastern University failed to appear for the day's second match against Stamford University.

Today Asian University play Manarat at 2 pm while Gono Bishwavidyalaya take on Royal University at 3.45 pm.

## JFA Cup from October 2

SPORTS REPORTER

The JFA Cup Under-16 football tournament will begin on October 2 at eight venues across the country.

Fifty-nine district teams and BKSP and Jessore Education Board will participate in the qualifying rounds at Jamalpur, Rajbari, Meherpur, Feni, Laxmipur, Barguna, Natore and Sirajganj.

Eight zonal champions will play in the final round in Dhaka, due to held at the Shaheed Mostafa Stadium in Kamlapur from October 20.



PHOTO: AFP

MARTYN SHOW: Australia's elegant right-hander Damien Martyn drives one through the covers on way to 65 against England at Edgbaston yesterday.