



## 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.

## What to WATCH

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



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 Moshfiqur 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

### Cricket

**BISHWAJIT ROY, from Birmingham**

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

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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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-

## 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 Asgher 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 Trescotchick b Gough	37
Hayden c Trescotchick b Harmison	17
Ponting c Gough b Giles	29
Martyn c Trescotchick 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 wkts 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:** Trescotchick, 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 and 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 Younis Youhana recovered from cramps which afflicted

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

week.

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

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**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

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 Maranat at 2 pm while Gono Bishwabidyalaya 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 be held at the Shaheed Mostafa Stadium in Kamalapur from October 20.

## 'God save India'

### Cricket

**AFP, New Delhi**

Indian cricket fans sought divine help Tuesday as the nation's favourite sport lurched from one crisis to another on and off the field ahead of next week's tour by world champions Australia.

The national team was in shambles, star batsman Sachin Tendulkar battled to get fit and officials raced against time to find a television network to telecast live one of the most keenly-awaited Test series in recent years.

Meanwhile, the cash-rich Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was in a state of limbo ahead of next Wednesday's elections with two political heavyweights reportedly eyeing the chair being vacated by president Jagmohan Dalmiya.

"Money can't save Indian cricket, only God can," said Shantanu Bose, a cricket fan in eastern Calcutta, the home of both the national captain Sourav Ganguly and Dalmiya.

Tendulkar, the most prolific contemporary batsman with 33 Test

and 37 one-day centuries, remains a doubtful starter for the first Test in Bangalore from October 6 after missing the last three tournaments with a tennis elbow injury.

India, who won the last two home series against Australia in 1998 and 2001 by identical 2-1 margins, need Tendulkar to prevent the tourists from securing their first Test series on Indian soil since 1969.

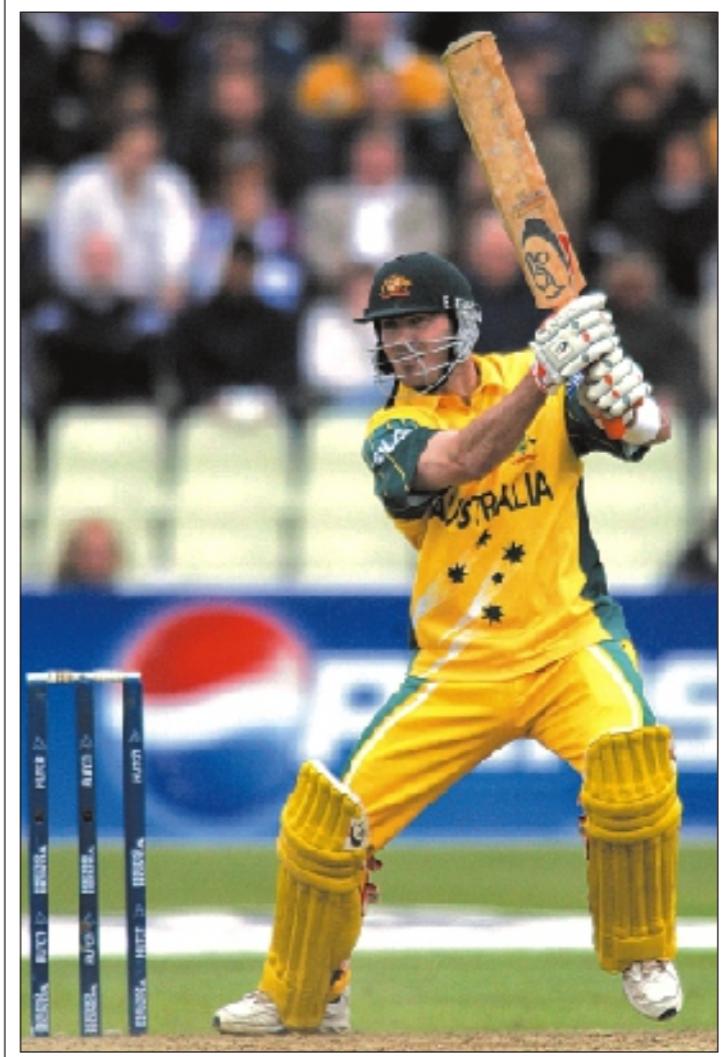
The BCCI, inexplicably, denied Ganguly and company an opportunity to run into form by scheduling the three-day Aussie tour opener, at Bombay from September 30, against Ranji Trophy champions Mumbai instead of a select team drawn from all over the country.

"Even my mum could bowl the Indians out," wrote former England opener Geoffrey Boycott on Tuesday as the seasoned line-up of Rahul Dravid, Venkatesh Lakshman, Virender Sehwag and Ganguly struggled to put bat to ball.

"We have to do a lot of soul-searching before the Australians come," said Ganguly. "If I knew what was going wrong I would not be asking."

Tendulkar, the most prolific contemporary batsman with 33 Test

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