



## Did U Know?

While players may strike the ball with any part of their body except their hands or arms, kicking is still the most



## Michael Owen

(Real Madrid's England int'l)

"I have a record of scoring in big games and big tournaments. I am not a kid. I am an experienced international."

Replying to criticism.



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1. West Indies defeated England in the ICC Champions Trophy final by:

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33 runs

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Serena Sharapova Hingis

3. How many times was Pavel Nedved capped before announcing his retirement?

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## JFA Cup

## Day belongs to host sides

### SPORTS REPORTER

It was a day for hosts in the JFA Cup under-16 football tournament at different venues across the country yesterday.

Dilip struck four goals as hosts Rajbari recorded a 5-2 victory against Faridpur at the Rajbari Stadium to move into the second round.

Jamalpur also registered a comfortable 3-1 victory against Gazipur

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# Australia prosper

REUTERS/AFP, Bangalore



Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble reached 400 Test wickets on the first day of the first Test against Australia on Wednesday, though the milestone failed to stop Simon Katich and debutant Michael Clarke hitting fighting half-centuries.

Katich top-scored with 81 and Clarke was 76 not out as they guided the tourists to 316 for five after being reduced to 149-4 in the afternoon. Adam Gilchrist was 35 not out at the close.

The 29-year-old Katich, batting in the number three position left vacant by injured captain Ricky Ponting, showed tremendous patience before getting on top of Kumble and off-spinner Harbhajan Singh on a powder-dry pitch, while the 23-year-old Clarke attacked the flagging Indian attack in the final session.

The pair shared in a 107-run fifth wicket stand after Katich had raised 74 runs for the second wicket with opener Justin Langer, who made 52.

The left-handed Katich dug in for almost four hours, facing 168 balls and looked set for a deserved century when he was bowled by Kumble, giving the Indian his 400th Test wicket.

Kumble, playing before his home crowd, threw up his arms in joy and was mobbed by his teammates. He became only the third spinner to reach 400 wickets, ninth overall, and the second Indian bowler after Kapil Dev's 434.

But India did not have too much else to cheer as Australia finished the day strongly.

Debutant Clarke never looked overawed, hitting 11 fours and lofting Kumble for two big sixes and joined Gilchrist to score freely as Australia raised 139 runs in the final session.

Australia, after winning the toss and choosing to bat, began cautiously and looked far from a safe total on a pitch that is already threatening to crumble after Kumble struck twice in quick succession in the afternoon.

The 33-year-old dismissed Damien Martyn to a bat-pad catch in close for three and then had an aggressive Darren Lehmann edging to slips for 17.

Kumble's double-strike came after Langer, who had completed his 21st Test fifty, was yorked by a brutish, swinging delivery from left-

arm paceman Irfan Pathan.

Earlier, Australia reached 70 for one at lunch after opener Matthew Hayden fell for 26 when, after initially curbing his aggression, he failed to keep a sweep down against Harbhajan to be caught at mid-wicket.

The first hour produced only 30 runs in 13 overs, mainly due to a fine opening spell by Pathan who conceded just five runs in seven overs.

India abandoned plans to play three spinners, preferring to go in with two seamers in Zaheer Khan and Pathan and two specialist slow bowlers.

Harbhajan, who took 32 wickets to spark India's 2-1 comeback victory over Australia in 2001, however, returned an expensive 1-105 while Kumble finished with 3-86.

The tourists picked three seamers, Glenn McGrath, Michael Kasprovic and Jason Gillespie, and a lone spinner Shane Warne on a wicket already aiding turn and bounce. Australia are eyeing their first Test series victory in India since 1969-70.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the first cricket Test between India and Australia at the Chinnaswamy stadium here on Wednesday:

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HEROES OF THE DAY: (L) Prolific India leg-spinner Anil Kumble (L) and his teammates successfully appeal for a catch at forward-short leg against Damien Martyn (not in picture) of Australia on the first day of the first Test in Bangalore yesterday. Kumble later scalped his 400th Test wicket. (R) Australia's Simon Katich, who scored 81, raises his bat on reaching his half-century on the day.



PHOTOS: AP/AFP

# Hosts stumble in rehearsal Bangladesh-India final today



### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh got a taste of what to expect in the virtual dress rehearsal for the final when they suffered a 1-3 defeat against India in their last robin league match of the Under-21 Challenge Cup hockey tournament at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

The two top seeds in the meet face off in the final of the five-nation competition today at the same venue at 3pm but on yesterday's evidence the hosts have to get show all-round improvement if they are to take the fight to the powerful Indians.

The home team did look the more enterprising in the beginning and were more pacy but they missed their early chances and allowed the experienced Indians to gradually take control. India led 1-0 at halftime thanks to a penalty

corner converted by Mayur Subbaiah in the 32nd minute.

Mamunur Rahman brought Bangladesh back in the match briefly also from a penalty corner in the 44th minute but India replied with two field goals in the 49th and 69th minutes through Bhagwant Singh and Vikas Toppo.

Despite the defeat, Bangladesh coach Qamar Ibrahim was pleased with the performance and said he will adopt a different strategy in the final.

"I was impressed by the way the boys played against their superior opponents. They missed a lot of good chances otherwise the result could have been different. I think experience made the difference," said the former Pakistani international who took over the team a month ago.

Ibrahim was a little concerned though with the side's failure to make the most of penalty corners.

"The boys are still struggling with penalty corners. They are not stopping the ball properly but in hockey you have to utilise even half oppor-

tunities."

India's coach Mukesh Kumar, a former Indian international and a popular figure in this country because of his association with Abahani in 1997, termed the match as a warm-up game and said results were of little significance.

"I wouldn't have minded even if we had lost the match but the win will inspire my side," said Mukesh who also praised the Bangladeshi lads.

"They had enough chances but just failed to capitalise them."

Mukesh also informed that the team that has come to Dhaka was not the original Indian Under-21 squad. Rather it was a combination of fringe players of the Under-18, 19 and 21 selections. "The original Under-21 side is going to Australia later this month."

In the other fixture of the day, Oman scored a solitary goal victory over Myanmar at the BKSP to finish third in the competition. Al-Shibli scored the all-important goal in the sixth minute.



PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh's Mamunur Rahman (2nd from R) challenges an Indian forward during their match in the Challenge Cup under-21 invitational hockey tournament at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

# BFF won't give in to threats



### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) has vowed to continue with promoting women's football in the country despite threats from a section of fundamentalist zealots.

The BFF launched the first-ever football competition for women at the Bir Shreshtha Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur on Monday. But on the following day a group of religious zealots under the banner of Islami Oikya Andolan renewed their hate campaign against the sport, terming it a 'nude exhibition'.

"There is nothing indecent in it and I think they are just trying to create an issue in the name of religion. We have full support from

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the government and we are determined to continue to promote women's football in the country," told chairman of the women's football committee Sirajul Islam Bachchu to reporters yesterday in the back drop of more protests by the fundamentalists who have announced a 'gherao' programme of National Sports Council for October 9.

Also a vice-president of BFF, Bachchu cited the example of more conservative countries who have

started encouraging women's football.

"Even Iran, Pakistan and other Islamic countries have introduced women's football. What's wrong if our women play football too?"

"It will tarnish our image internationally if we bow to the pressure from a handful of fundamentalists. Because then they will be encouraged to attack female participation in other sports. We are not ready to accept it," he added.

The veteran football organiser also informed that the government had assured them to provide full security for holding the tournament.

Meanwhile, the day's two scheduled matches were postponed yesterday following heavy rain and Bachchu informed the matches would be held today.

## National swimming Six more new nat'l records

### SPORTS REPORTER

The second day of the 20th National Swimming Championships was marked by six more new national records at the Army Swimming Complex yesterday.

Bangladesh Navy continued with their dominance securing five gold medals out of ten at stake on the day while BJMC and Bangladesh Ansar bagged two each and BKSP took the other.

Navy's star natant Rubel Rana, the SAF games gold medalist, set another new national record in the 50m backstroke after he had created a new record in the 200m individual medley on the first day.

He took 00:28.89sec, bettering the previous mark by .05sec, to win the gold and later contributed in his team's victory in the 4x200m freestyle relay. Munmun Ahmed, Kazi Monirul Islam and Jewel Ahmed were his partners in the team who won the gold clocking 8:33.51sec.

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## Kiwi security boss in city

### SPORTS REPORTER

Security manager of New Zealand Cricket Dave Woodman arrived in the capital on Tuesday night to assess the safety measures ahead of the Bangladesh-New Zealand series that begins with a three-day match at BKSP from October 14.

The Kiwis led by Stephan Fleming will embark on their first away series against the Tigers on October 12, the third revised date announced by the Bangladesh Cricket Board. The Board first announced that the Black Caps would be arriving on October 8 and then said on October 11.

Woodman yesterday visited the BKSP and the Bangabandhu National Stadium, which will host the first Test from October 19 and the last two one-day internationals.

The Kiwi security official will also go on a recce of Chittagong where the second Test and the first one-day match will take place.

Woodman is expected to meet with the home ministry officials today.

## Rain plays foul with Tigers

### SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh cricket team's net practice at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) was postponed yesterday due to heavy rain.

With the worrying news of more rain, the Tigers have already shifted to the BKSP and will train indoors there today. Bangladesh are preparing for the home series against New Zealand, who will arrive in Dhaka on October 12 for two Tests and three one-day internationals.

Desperately looking for an extensive batting practice, coach Dav Whatmore cancelled his charges' weekly rest day on Saturday in an effort to make best use of time available. The national team will get back to the BNS as soon as the outfield is fit for practice.

# Anil attains 400-mark

AFP, Bangalore



Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble became the ninth bowler in Test cricket to take 400 wickets, achieving the feat on the first day of the opening Test against Australia here. Following are the top 10 wicket-takers in Test cricket (bowler, country, matches, wickets, best performance, five wickets in an innings, 10 wickets in a match):

M Muralitharan S Lanka 91 532 9-51 44 13  
S Warne Australia 112 527 8-71 27 8  
C Walsh W Indies 132 519 7-37 22 3  
G McGrath Australia 97 440 8-38 24 3  
K Dev India 131 434 9-53 23 2  
R Hadlee N Zealand 86 431 9-52 36 9  
W Akram Pakistan 104 414 7-119 25 5  
C Ambrose W Indies 98 405 8-45 22 3  
A Kumble India 85 400 10-74 24 5  
I Botham England 102 383 8-34 27 4

Note: Records of McGrath and Warne are before the Bangalore Test as they have yet to bowl.

# Youhana powers Pakistan



AFP, Karachi

A cracking hundred by Yousuf Youhana and an all-round display by Shoaib Malik led Pakistan into the tri-series final with a comfortable eight-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the southern city of Karachi on Wednesday. Youhana finished on an un-

beaten 107 and Malik was 86 not out as Pakistan put their Asia Cup defeat against Sri Lanka two months ago behind them.

Sri Lanka, who won the toss, were derailed mid-way through their innings before reaching 232-9 in their allotted 50 overs, with 53 by Sanath Jayasuriya and 46 by skipper Marvan Atapattu.

"I think restricting Sri Lanka to 232 paved the way for our win and

the rest was done by Youhana and Malik who batted superbly," said Pakistani skipper Inzamamul Haq.

Atapattu said his side lost track in the middle overs.

"We were comfortably placed by the 35th over but we had a mid-innings collapse which didn't help our cause," Atapattu said.

"We batted first because the history of this ground tells that teams batting first won three of the last five matches and it was a good batting track."

Pakistan, who beat Zimbabwe in the previous two matches of the series, qualify for the October 16 final with 16 points while Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka have one point each.

Youhana and Malik joined forces to blunt the tourists' attack with an unbroken stand of exactly 200 after Pakistan lost Yasir Butt (13) and Salman Butt (17) inside 10 overs.

Youhana, when he reached 66, became the sixth Pakistani batsman to reach 6,000 one-day runs. He achieved the feat in his 178th match to join Inzamam, Javed Miandad, Saeed Anwar, Salim Malik and Ejaz Ahmed.

He hit seven boundaries and a six in his tenth one-day hundred, which came off 112 balls.

Malik, who earlier chipped in with 3-32, punched three boundaries and a six to help his vice captain demolish the tourists.

Sri Lanka looked set for a big score when Jayasuriya and Atapattu atoned for the early loss of Avishka Gunawardene with a second-wicket stand of 109 before Pakistan hit back.

Left-hander Jayasuriya was particularly severe on Malik, hitting him for a superb six in his first over which cost 14. But Malik, brought in as sixth bowler, swiftly ran out Jayasuriya during his follow-through to halt Sri Lanka.

Jayasuriya's 53 came off 85 balls with five boundaries and a six.

Malik's fourth over brought the dismissal of Atapattu, who hit a looping delivery straight to Inzamam after making 46.

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PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan's Yousuf Youhana is all set to have a go at a delivery on way to scoring a century against Sri Lanka in their tri-series match at Karachi yesterday.