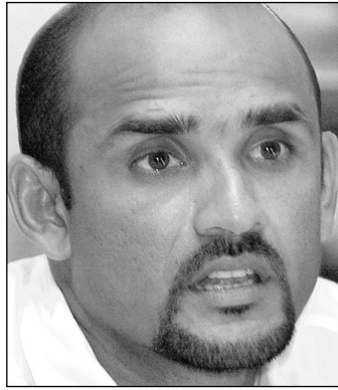


Surrey sign Pak pair

BBC ONLINE, undated
Surrey have signed up Pakistani duo Azhar Mahmood and Mohammad Akram for the 2005 season.

Marvan for improvement

BBC ONLINE, undated
Sri Lankan skipper Marvan Atapattu put the blame on his batsmen after their eight-wicket defeat by Pakistan.



MARVAN ATAPATTU

But Pakistan are now certain of a place in the final.
"Sri Lanka are a tough team, but our boys did the hard work by restricting them to 232 and then Shoaib and Yousuf did a wonderful job," skipper Inzamam-ul-Haq commented.

JFA Cup Contrasting wins for Sirajganj, Dhaka

SPORTS REPORTER
Hosts Sirajganj moved into the second round of the JFA Cup under-16 football tournament with a comfortable 4-1 victory against Panchaghar yesterday.

Sharapova breezes into semis

Tennis AFP, Tokyo
Former world number one Lleyton Hewitt eased into the third round of the Japan Open tennis tournament on Thursday while Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova booked her place in the women's semifinals.



PHOTO: AFP

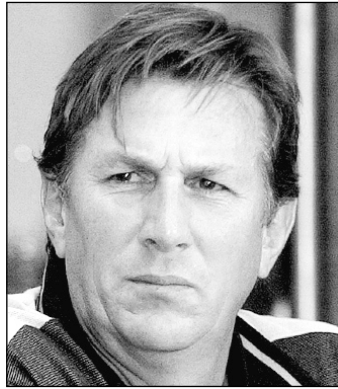
HI THERE: Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova blows a kiss to her fans after she won her quarterfinal game of the Japan Open in Tokyo yesterday.

beyond the semifinal.
"I definitely hope I can defend my title, that's for sure, but I have to take one match at a time, just think about my next match and I definitely want to win it, so I'll be looking forward to that," she said.

men's competition as he fell 6-7, 6-3, 4-6 to Gilles Muller of Luxembourg.
Women's second seed Tatiana Golovin of France went out to wild card entrant Nicole Pietrangola of the Czech Republic on Wednesday.

Simons seeks new talent

BBC ONLINE, undated
South Africa coach Eric Simons is on the lookout for players who show prolific form when the domestic Supersport Series starts on Thursday.



ERIC SIMONS

"Ideally the wickets should provide for every aspect of the game. By that I mean wickets should have something to offer to batsmen, pace bowlers and spinners," said Henry.

Kenyans want prize money

AFP, Nairobi
Rebel Kenyan cricket players have demanded their prize money from the 2003 World Cup and the ICC Champions Trophy in England be paid in full by the Kenya Cricket Association (KCA) before they agree to any new deal.

Reporter Monwar

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His namaz-e-janaza was held at Ziaur Rahman Hall in the morning. Later Monwar's body was sent to his village home in Kushtia for burial.

Tiger gets married

AFP, Sandy Lane Beach (Barbados)
Tiger Woods has tied the knot with Swedish model Elin Nordegren in a lavish sunset ceremony at a posh Caribbean resort, reports said on Tuesday.

Another photograph inside showed Woods wiping his brow as his bride watched under the headline "Tiger's Love Link." Three other male guests were visible in beige suits and two women wearing light green dresses were also pictured.

at what the Post reported was a cost of 140,000 dollars.
About 10,000 black roses adorned the resort banquet room, where champagne and caviar were enjoyed by guests following the vows, the Post reported.

Sparking Jewel

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Sabura Khatun of BJMC was other outstanding performer on the penultimate day of the four-day competition. She won three gold including two national records in 800m freestyle (11:17.33sec) and 200m freestyle (2:56.58 sec).

He is very proud

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"Once I found out I was selected in the game I organised to fly them over," Clarke added.

moment to be out there to see his reaction, with his family here.
India face an uphill struggle over the remaining three days to prevent Australia from taking the lead in the four-match series.

their first series on Indian soil since 1969 after losing 2-1 on each of the last two visits here in 1998 and 2001.

Vettori leads NZ

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Bangladesh, has been added to the one-day team.
Out of favour all rounder Andre Adams was recalled to the one-day squad after good recent performances for English county Essex, while batsman Peter Fulton was drafted in from the New Zealand A team.

Star Whizz Kid Competition 21. Tick the correct answers, post The Daily Star. Competition closes at 8 pm Oct 15, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards.

Table with 4 columns: Question, Answer 1, Answer 2, Answer 3. Includes questions about West Indies vs England, Serena Sharapova, Pavet Nedved, and Sarwan Flintoff.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution time of 24 mins and a cryptic clue: 'Saturday's Cryptic: THE ELECTRICIAN GOT DISQUALIFIED FROM THE RACE. HE'D MADE AN ILLEGAL SHORT CIRCUIT.'

Cryptoquip puzzle grid with letters and numbers. Clue: 'The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.'

Aussies assume control

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first induced the opener to flick to a mid-wicket trap before having Ganguly caught behind.
Warne then produced a beautiful delivery to remove Laxman, the ball drifting in from leg and leaving the batsman groping as it knocked back his off-stump.

Table with 4 columns: Bowler, O, M, R, W. Lists bowlers like Pathan, Zaheer, Harbhajan, Kumble, Sehwag, and Yuvraj with their statistics.