



## Did U Know?

Arthur Ashe became the first black male to win Wimbledon singles title defeating Jimmy Connors in the final in 1975.



**Wasim Akram**  
(Pakistan cricket legend)  
"In Pakistan if you have to become a cricketer you have to be a politician first."

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Mohonbagan vs MRFC (Myanmar)  
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- West Indies defeated England in the ICC Champions Trophy final by:
 

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- Who won the China Open tennis title?
 

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

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## Rafiqul replaces Manu

SPORTS REPORTER

Former national cricketers Tanjib Ahsan Saad and Rafiqul Alam have been included in the disciplinary and technical committee of the Premier Division Cricket League for the 2004-05 season.  
Rafiq, the former dashing right-hander, replaces Mahmudul Haque Manu, a former Board official who refused to sit on the five-member committee.  
The other members are league committee chairman Khondokar Jamiluddin, secretary Jamil A Sattar and umpire's committee secretary Saibul Hossain Tutul.

## Hockey transfer on MSC lure young guns

SPORTS REPORTER

Last year's runners-up Mohammedan Sporting Club roped in four players from archrivals Abahani on the first day of the three-day Premier and First Division Hockey League players' transfer.

The Black and Whites yesterday signed Under-21 hockey captain Rajan and teammates Tuhin, Habul and Shishu, who all played a vital role in Abahani's Premier League triumph last season.

The young bloods, also members of the national team, will boost Mohammedan's attack which already boasts the country's top forward Arifur Rahman Prince.

Mohammedan's other recruits were Turjo and Moshir from Azad and Usha's penalty-corner specialist Dinar, another member of the under-21 hockey team which lifted the Challenge Cup beating India in the final on Friday.

Mohammedan, however, let go of experienced players like defender Issa Mia and Rafiqul Islam Kamal -- the most successful striker in the history of domestic hockey -- to Mariner Youngs Club. Mariners also included Mohammedan goalkeeper Jahangir, Hassan from Ajax and Azad's BKSP lads Chandan and Afzal.

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HOWZZAT? Australia paceman Glenn McGrath (R) and teammate Darren Lehmann successfully appeals for an lbw decision against India opener Virender Sehwag (not in picture) in the second innings on the fourth day of the first Test in Bangalore yesterday.

## Back and bangs

BBC ONLINE, undated



Harbhajan Singh's six-wicket haul against Australia was all the more special in his first Test back from a long-term finger injury.  
"It's always great to get wickets, especially after I came back from my injury," said the off-spinner, who took 11 wickets in the match.  
"It was a big problem -- when I was bowling wrist spin it hurt a lot. I was not sure if it was going to heal properly but with the grace of God everything went well."  
Harbhajan's return of 6-78 was not enough to prevent Australia posting an unassailable target of 457 for India to win.

He claimed 5-146 as the tourists amassed 474 in their first innings.  
But the 24-year-old could at least celebrate his sixth successive five-for against Australia in India, and hope for better in the remaining Tests.  
"They're a very good side and they play very tough cricket -- it's always good to take wickets against them," he said.  
"I was bowling a much better line in the second innings.  
"In the first innings the wicket was very good to bat on.  
"There were some spots today [which were unpredictable] and I was concentrating on bowling on the right spots."  
Although Australia seem to be in an unassailable position, coach John Buchanan was not taking anything for granted as showers were forecast for Sunday.  
Buchanan said: "The match is not over yet. But I am very happy the

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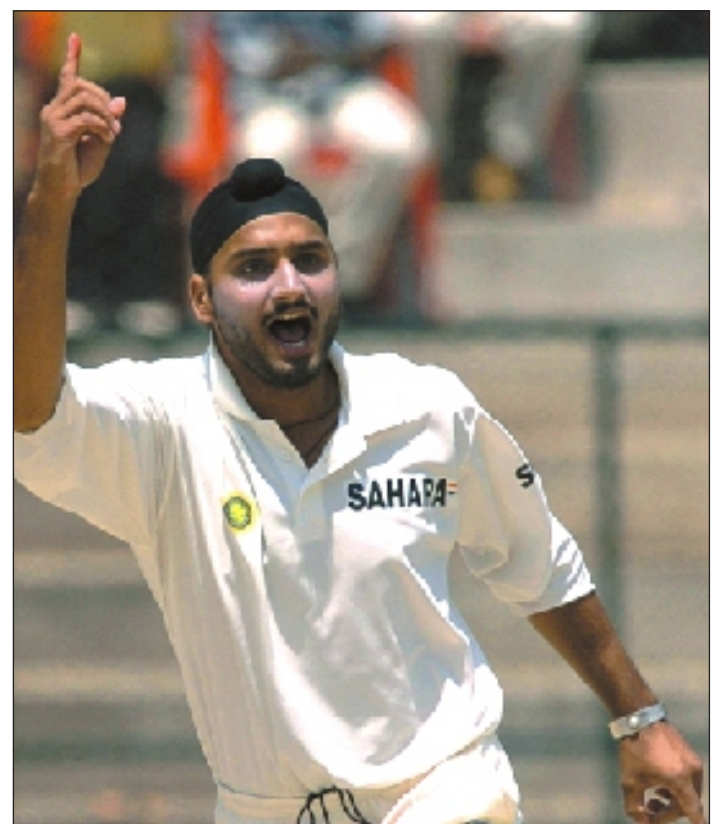


PHOTO: AFP

BHAJJI BACK TO BUSINESS: India off-spinner Harbhajan Singh, who has taken 11 wickets in the Bangalore Test, here celebrates scalping Australia's Glenn McGrath yesterday.

## Bashar back to captaincy

### Rajin his deputy again

SPORTS REPORTER

Habibul Bashar and Rajin Saleh have been retained captain and vice-captain for Bangladesh's home series against New Zealand this winter, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) advisor Reaz Al Mamun confirmed yesterday.

Bashar has just returned to training following an injury, which forced him out of the ICC Champions Trophy. Rajin led the Tigers in their two-match England

campaign.  
The decision was finalised after the Board's advisory committee meeting at its Gulshan office with president Ali Asghar in the chair.  
Mamun added that Manzarul Islam, Nafees Iqbal and Enamul Haque Jr would be included on the Board's national payroll.

Opening batsman Nafees has played four one-day internationals while left-arm spinner Enamul, recovering from an injury, has already made his Test debut. Manzarul, the senior of the trio, has already established his place in both one-day and Test teams.  
The BCB advisor added that the

## RC one-day series

SPORTS REPORTER

RC Cola will be the title sponsor of next month's three-match one-day series between Bangladesh and New Zealand.

The popular soft drink of Partex Beverage won the sponsorship right for a handsome amount worth 35,000 dollars. BCB's Zimbabwean CEO Macky Dudhia and Managing Director of Partex Beverage Rubel Aziz signed an agreement at a local hotel yesterday.

Dudhia told reporter afterwards that the Board had struck a package deal totalling more than 100,000 dollars with the beverage company, which is also interested to sponsor future one-day series in the country.

BCB's Commercial Committee chairman Aziz Al Kaiser, brother of Rubel Aziz, was also present.  
"Partex will also provide us a range of products during a 19-month deal which will cover supplying of mineral water for our national teams and the high profile training units whenever we have a camp," said Dudhia adding that the contract expires in April, 2006.

Partex will also award cash prizes for man of the match and man of the series for the one-day series.  
Meanwhile, the Board is expected to sign another agreement today with the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel as the title sponsor for the two-match Test series.

## Special chess Eleven lead the board

SPORTS REPORTER

Eleven players were leading the board after the end of the third round games on the opening day of the sixth Special National Chess Championship at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Auditorium yesterday.

A total of 108 players from different districts and organisations are taking part in the seven-round Swiss League meet which is organised by Bangladesh Braille Chess Association.

Barbro Hendrickson, adviser, Inter-Life Disability Programme, Bangladesh opened the game as chief guest.

Board is all set to appoint a physio for the national team and trainers for the high performance unit.

The Board is trying to bring back Australian physio Robbie Hunt, who worked with the team during the 1999 World Cup in England. The position fell vacant after Dean Woodford and Justin Cordy both quit recently.

The advisory committee also discussed its stand regarding a possible reduction of Bangladesh's away series, which will come up for talks during the ICC executive committee meeting in Lahore on October 15-16.

## Aussies need 4 wickets

REUTERS/AFP, Bangalore



AUSTRALIA INDIA 2004-05

Australia were poised to complete a crushing victory over India in the first Test after Glenn McGrath helped trigger another batting collapse on Saturday.

The world champions set an imposing fourth-innings target of 457 and then reduced India to 105 for six by the close on Day Four.  
Rahul Dravid, the only batsman to offer significant resistance, was not out after a stubborn 47 which delayed Australian celebrations as they prepared to go 1-0 up in the four-Test series.

The 34-year-old McGrath, who only returned to action in June after a 12-month layoff following ankle surgery, once again began the slide.  
He trapped opener Virender Sehwag leg before for a seven-ball duck before finishing the day with two for nine from 12 miserly overs.

The Indian top-order quickly crumbled on a powdery pitch of variable bounce, slumping to 19 for four after Leg-spinner Shane Warne struck first ball to trap Vangipurappu Laxman lbw for three.

India, 352 runs in arrears, are in danger of sinking lower than their biggest Test defeat by runs, by 329 against South Africa in Calcutta in 1996.

India's slight hopes of salvaging a draw were dented straightaway by the new ball pair of McGrath and Jason Gillespie.

McGrath, who took four for 55 in the first innings, trapped Sehwag in his second over, although TV replays suggested he had nicked the ball onto his pads.  
There was no such doubt when fellow opener Aakash Chopra, out for duck in the first innings, fell lbw to Gillespie for five.

Captain Sourav Ganguly then he ran himself out attempting a needless single to make it three for 12 before Warne got Laxman for the second time in the match.

Dravid and Yuvraj Singh (27) added 62 runs for the fifth wicket, but McGrath returned to have the left-hander caught behind.

Warne, aiming to stamp his class in India after struggling on two previous tours, extracted tremendous turn to keep the Indian batsmen under pressure at the other end.

The 35-year-old trapped Parthiv Patel lbw for four to claim his second wicket, leaving him one shy of Sri Lanka spinner Muttiah Muralitharan's world record Test haul of 532.

Earlier, Australia were 228 all out in their second innings after lunch, following another superb display by Harbhajan Singh.

The 24-year-old turbaned off spinner captured six for 78, taking five of the last six wickets after Australia resumed on their overnight 127 for four.

It was a magnificent comeback into Test cricket for the bowler who captured 32 wickets to spark India's amazing 2-1 comeback victory over Australia in 2001.

Harbhajan, who also took five for 146 in the first innings, claimed his third 10-wicket haul, all against Australia.

It was his fifth consecutive five-

## Sun shines on Tigers

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The national cricketers used the opportunity of brilliant sunshine yesterday to make up for lost training.

The camp for the home series against New Zealand has been seriously affected by three days of rain, but with clear sky replacing the gloomy weather over the Bangabandhu National Stadium, the boys of coach Dav Whatmore enjoyed a full day's nets.

It was also the first time Bangladesh captain Habibul Bashar took part in an extensive batting session since recovering from thumb surgery in Australia last month.

"I felt okay today. There was no pain in my right thumb but having it bandaged for a long time I could not bend my finger fully. I hope I can face the fast bowlers in the net shortly," Bashar said after practising against a bowling machine.

Bashar, who missed the ICC Champions Trophy, however said that he was relishing a return to the middle in the home series against

New Zealand.

The batsmen were singled out for the morning session when two of the coaches including batting specialist Owen Mottau took full use of the machine, giving each of the boys more than half an hour to hone their skills on the central pitch.

Whatmore after seeing his top-order under perform in two recent one-day tournaments notably the ICC Champions Trophy in England last month, has made batting, batting and more batting his top agenda ahead of the first Test against the Kiwis starting on October 19.

While Bashar was spared after attending the morning nets, the rest were again involved in batting in the afternoon and this time against real opposition.

The bowlers, who were given a break in the morning, had a good workout in the afternoon session.

The Tigers will however enjoy a rest day today before resuming training tomorrow.

New Zealand led by Stephen Fleming will arrive in Dhaka on October 12 for two Tests and three one-dayers. However Fleming will

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## Sehwag caught for misconduct

AFP, Bangalore

India's batsman Virender Sehwag was on Saturday summoned for a hearing by match referee Ranjan Madugalle for misconduct during the first Test against Australia here.

Sehwag was seen exchanging words with umpire Billy Bowden of New Zealand and the Australian players after being given out leg-before off Glenn McGrath in the post-lunch session of the fourth day.

The batsman was unlikely to be

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## Delta Life h'ball starts tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

The 10th Delta Life women's handball tournament begins tomorrow without defending champions Kuwait Mairi Hall of Dhaka University.

The holders were not invited as the other participants objected entry of a university hall in a competition meant school or college teams. Organisers informed at a press conference at the Bangladesh Handball Federation (BHF) office yesterday afternoon.

BHF vice-president Syed Lutfar Rahman, general secretary Asaduzzaman Kohinor, and tournament committee chairman and secretary Hamida Ali and Mousum Ali were present.

A total of 11 teams split into four groups will take part in the five-day meet to be held at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex.



PHOTO: STAR

BLINDNESS CAN'T BE A BARRIER: A visually-impaired chess player ponders his next move while two others are done with their boards on the opening day of the Sixth Special National Chess Championship at the Bangladesh Chess Federation Auditorium yesterday.