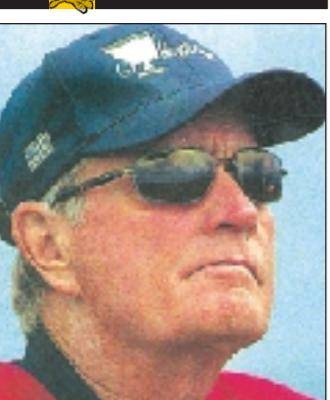




Did U Know?

The first international horse show was held at Turin in 1901 when German and Swiss army officers competed against the Italians.



Jack Nicklaus
(Golfflegend)
"There are some guys who play as a means to an end. They can be successful, but they don't last. Those who play for the love of the game will play as long as they're competitive."



What to WATCH
ESPN
English Premier Football League
Southampton vs Birmingham City
Live at 6:55 pm
Man United vs Arsenal
Live at 9:00 pm
TEN Sports
Pakistan vs Sri Lanka
First Test, Day Five
Live at 10:45 am
Serie A
AC Milan vs Inter Milan
Live at 12:00 am (Monday)
STAR Sports
Football Extra
Live at 9:00 am
English Premier Football League
Newcastle United vs Man City
Live at 7:55 pm



Tick the correct answers, post

The Daily Star

Competition closes at 8 pm
Oct 29, 2004 and draw shortly afterwards

1. West Indies defeated England in the ICC Champions Trophy final by:
2 wkt 50 runs 33 runs

2. Who won the China Open tennis title?
Serena Sharapova Hingis

3. How many times was Pavel Nedved capped before announcing his retirement?
83 84 81

4. Who became man-of-the-tournament in the ICC Champions Trophy?
Sarwan Flintoff Lara

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Chess Olympiad Wins for men and women

SPORTS REPORTER

International Master Abdullah Al Rakib won his board to enable Bangladesh men's team to beat Austria 2.5-1.5 in the seventh round game of the 36th Chess Olympiad at Calvia in Spain on Friday.

Rakib beat IM Georg Danner while teammates Grand Master

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BCB announces A team's England schedule

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) yesterday revealed that Bangladesh A team would play five three-day matches and four limited-overs games during their July-August tour of England next year.

The 34-day tour will start with a limited-over match against British Universities on July 18.

Presently, Bangladesh does not have a second string national side. The Board however will form an A team after the Sri Lanka Academy tours the country in the last week of November.

The Lankan Academy side will play one two-day match, two Tests (four-day) and three one-day matches against the BCB High Performance team.

BANGLADESH A TEAM'S ENGLAND ITINERAR

July 18: one-day match against British Universities

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Hostile welcome for Tigers in Ctg

CU CORRESPONDENT



Pan Pacific Sonarpongo Test Series 2004
Bangladesh vs. New Zealand

Amanat International Airport earlier in the morning.

Some curious cricket fans gathered at the airport used abusive language at the cricketers following their poor performance in the first Test in Dhaka, which they lost by an innings and 99 runs with one and a half-day's remaining.

After arriving at the airport at 11.30am by a GMG flight, the team went to the Agrabad Hotel, which will be the home of both the Tigers and the Black Caps for the next 12 days.

All the players looked as if they had just come from attending a funeral before flexing their muscles ahead of the second Test against New Zealand starting at the MA Aziz Stadium on October 26.

No one dared to smile during the team's one-and-a-half hour practice session. Probably they seemed rattled from the hostile reception they received on arrival at the Shah

Meanwhile, the Kiwis led by Stephen Fleming are expected to fly here today.



PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIDKER

Adjustable Astle

SPORTS REPORTER



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The priorities for batsmen touring the sub-continent are embracing the alien conditions and making adjustments accordingly, believes New Zealand star Nathan Astle.

Perhaps motivated by that theory, the Black Caps did not waste valuable time and trained yesterday on what would have been the fifth and final day of the first Test against Bangladesh.

Instead of resting in the comfort of their hotel rooms after thrashing the home side by an innings and 99 runs inside three and a half days, Stephen Fleming's men returned to the Bangabandhu National Stadium for a strenuous practice session in the morning.

"Coming to this part of the world from New Zealand, it is tough work to counter the heat and making adjustments. I've learned from my first tour to the sub-continent in 1995 that the key to success here is to play a lot of spin (bowling) and be cautious against pace bowlers who

can reverse swing the ball in these conditions," said the premier Kiwi batsman after a net session.

NATHAN ASTLE

"You have to take your time and can't rush," added Astle who has nine Test hundreds from 63 matches.

Astle, who has had many ups and downs in a career spanning nine years, believes that every cricketer has more bad days than good ones.

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"It is part of the game. My come back and playing for the side has given me the confidence about my place in the team."

Astle, who holds the record for the fastest double century in Test cricket said that 222 against England remains the highlight of his career.

"That was an innings of a lifetime. A century in my first World Cup match (in 1996) is also a memorable one for me."

The 33-year-old from Christchurch added that he never sets specific targets going into a match but he wants to achieve two more things before he calls it a day: To play in the 2007 Cricket World Cup and score some more runs for his country.

Astle started off as an opener but later established himself as a middle-order batsman. He was also a bowler but nowadays does not use his tortuous gentle medium pace anymore.

"That was in the good old days. But I have bad knees, which does not permit me to bowl," admitted Astle.

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Corporate cricket
Araf taste
first defeat

SPORTS REPORTER

Biman Bangladesh and Aktel maintained their winning run in the GrameenPhone Corporate Cricket League but defending champions Araf Apparels stumbled to their first defeat in four rounds yesterday.

Former national captain Khaled Mahmud's 34 helped GrameenPhone inflict a nine-run defeat on Araf at the BKSP ground in Savar in one of the day's six Twenty20 matches.

In reply to GrameenPhone's 118 all out, Araf reached 109-8 in their share of 20 overs.

Biman amassed 156 for four on way to a 63-run win, their fourth victory in as many matches, over Ispahani (93-8) at the Dhamondi Cricket Stadium.

Like Biman, Aktel (77-7) also moved into the super league with their fourth consecutive win when they beat Acme Laboratories (76) at the same venue.

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SL on road to victory

Cricket

AFP, Faisalabad

Master opener Sanath Jayasuriya hit an epic double hundred to put Sri Lanka on the winning road on the fourth day of the first Test against Pakistan at Iqbal Stadium here on Saturday.

Jayasuriya's magnificent 253 enabled Sri Lanka to post 438 in their second innings and give Pakistan a world record equalling 418-run target to win.

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match when they were set a target of 314 to win.

Pakistan got off to a positive start in their run chase with Yasir Hameed and Imran Farhat putting on 59 for the opening partnership in quick time.

But the 25-year-old Fernando put the brakes on when he trapped Hameed leg before wicket for 17 in his second over, then followed up by bowling Asim Kamal for one in his fourth.

He continued his destruction in his seventh over when he had Farhat trapped leg before for 53, then claimed the prized scalp of skipper Inzamamul Haq, bowling him with a low delivery for three runs.

After a relatively restrained performance on Friday when he was forced to subdue Pakistani paceman Shoaib Akhtar, 35-year-old Jayasuriya dominated the hosts' attack on Saturday.

His 348-ball innings lasted 490 minutes and included 33 fours and four sixes, one of which came when he pulled an Akhtar short delivery to register the third double century of his career.

He took Jayasuriya 446 minutes

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'Bangladesh needs to develop better home pitches'

Cricket

LENIN GANI

Life has certainly been kind to Danny Morrison.

Remembered as the small man who initially had to share the new ball with the great Sir Richard Hadlee before taking over himself as New Zealand's spearhead, a task he did for nine years with unselfish dedication before injuries reduced his international appearances, Morrison was quoted as once saying, "it's nice to be involved in the game, because it was such a big part of my life."

By the time his playing career came to an end, the Auckland and Lancashire right-arm fast bowler could look back with a lot of satisfaction at his achievements over the years.

Until being displaced by Daniel

Vettori, Morrison was third on New Zealand's all-time wicket-takers' list with 160 wickets from 48 matches, but he is still the only Kiwi with a one-day international hat-trick to his name (against India in 1994) and had appeared in three World Cups.

DANNY MORRISON

Not bad for a player who always bowled with a big heart especially in Trans-Tasman meetings. In fact his best figures of 7-89 are against Australia.

Batting was never something Morrison enjoyed particularly when for a short period the 38-year-old tail-ender held a dubious world record – most number of ducks in Tests (24). And even though his finest hour came against England at Auckland in 1996, when he contributed 14 runs to an unbeaten, record-breaking, match-saving tenth-wicket partnership of 106 with Nathan Astle, it proved to be his last Test match.

Now a successful television and radio broadcaster as well as a sports columnist, Morrison was part of the commentary team during the first Test between Bangladesh and New Zealand that finished on Saturday.

"Frankly speaking, the result was

to be expected," he replied when asked to give his opinion on the match that ended in four days at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

"The Bangladesh batters didn't apply themselves very well in this match. But the slow bowlers had their moments. In the end, I think New Zealand should be satisfied with their performance even though a number of their own established players under-performed."

He was also keen to point out where the Tigers' problems lay.

"It is only Bangladesh's 31st



A RARE MISS! Sri Lanka's star batsman Sanath Jayasuriya misses an attempted sweep during his double hundred against Pakistan at Faisalabad yesterday.

Sachin returns for third Test

AFP, New Delhi

Star Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar, who missed the first two matches against Australia due to an elbow injury, has been declared fit for the third Test starting at Nagpur on Tuesday.

Indian team physiotherapist Andrew Leipus said Saturday that Tendulkar had passed a fitness test and had been batting for long periods at practice sessions without any discomfort.

"He is fit to play the Test and will be on the plane to Nagpur," Leipus said.

Tendulkar, with 9,470 runs in 114 Tests, had been out of international cricket since playing the Asia Cup final in Sri Lanka in August because of tennis elbow.

The 31-year-old, who is just one Test century short of equaling compatriot Sunil Gavaskar's world record of 34, said he was feeling confident and comfortable ahead of the match.

Tendulkar's return for the crucial match augurs well for India, who are trying to square the four-Test series against Adam Gilchrist's Australians.

The hosts trail 1-0 following their 217-run defeat in the opening Test at Bangalore. The second match ended in a draw at Madras.

Australia are seeking their first Test series win in India since 1969.