



## Did U Know?

Anil Kumble is the first Indian and only the second person in the history of Test cricket to have taken 10 wickets in an innings, the first being Jim Laker of England who achieved the feat more than 5 decades ago.

## What to WATCH

**STAR Sports**  
Bangladesh vs New Zealand  
Second Test, Day Two  
Live at 9:20 am  
Sportsline  
Live at 8:00 pm  
**DD Sports**  
India vs Australia  
Third Test, Day Two  
Live at 10:00 am  
**ESPN**  
Sportscentre  
Live at 8:30 pm

## TALK TURKEY



**Arsene Wenger**  
(Arsenal manager)  
"I am proud of my players and we are still a great side. Now we just have to go on another unbeaten run."

### Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 21

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 wickets	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 Lara	Flintoff	

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## JFA Cup Feni race into final four

Feni stormed into the semifinal of the JFA Cup under-16 football tournament as Group B champions when they brushed aside Meherpur 7-0 at the Birshreshtha Shaheed Mostafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

Baten slammed a hatrick while Rezaul, Sharif, Sujon and Hassan scored one goal apiece for the winners who finished three matches on seven points.

Meherpur needed to win the match to qualify for the last four but failed miserably. Narsinghdi with six points were the other side to move into the last four from group B.

# Chittagong Fleming

RABEED IMAM from Chittagong



Sir Edmund Hillary is credited with the honour of being the first man to scale the Mount Everest. His countryman Stephen Fleming did something similar in terms of achievement in New Zealand's cricket at the relative flatness of the MA Aziz Stadium here yesterday.

Fleming in his 87th Test appearance, surpassed Sir Richard Hadlee's 86-Test record and also crossed Martin Crowe's collection of most Test runs (5,444). To top it all off, he chalked up his eighth Test hundred with a chanceless unbeaten 137 in the unfinished first innings of the Black Caps.

Fleming, who now has 5,501 runs to his name said he had the record in his mind all along and it meant a lot to have gone past someone of Crowe's stature.

"I'm obviously very proud. I know that he (Crowe) would have scored

some more runs if injury had not cut his career short and he would have done it at a better rate. We all speak about what a great player he was and he is an inspiration to me.

"It feels really good. It's a continuation of my form. I'm playing now in the way I want to play," said Fleming after the match.

So what are his next targets?  
"100 Tests would be something pretty special. But at the moment I want to get as many hundreds as I can and rewrite the records. If you see Martin's record and my record you'll see that he's got 17 hundreds and 18 fifties while I have eight and 35. So in the latter part of my career if I can make up for the lost ground, I

will be pretty pleased.  
"The great regret I have is that I did not have the skills to convert fifties into hundreds as a younger player. If I had turned even a third of those into hundreds, then I would have some pretty good numbers by my name," said Fleming.

For someone who was once infamous for the inability to score hundreds, Fleming thought his turnaround in career is something the struggling Bangladesh players can take inspiration from.

"I was a player who had the experience of not getting hundreds that much when I first played inter

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ALL-TIME KIWIS SCORERS										
Name	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	
S Fleming	87	150	11*	5501	274*	39.57	8	35	127	
M Crowe	77	131	11	5444	299	45.36	17	18	71	
J Wright	82	148	7	5334	185	37.82	12	23	38	
N Astle	63	108	9	3741	222	37.78	9	18	56	
B Congdon	61	114	7	3448	176	32.22	7	19	44	

\*not out.

# Naimur rejoins Abahani



SPORTS REPORTER

Abahani Krira Chakra finally made a brief appearance in the transfer market yesterday. But the popular giants frustrated their thousands of loyal supporters by signing a host of mediocre cricketers on the second day of the inter-club cricketers' transfer at Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The only significant signing for the Dhanmondi-based club was former national captain Naimur Rahman, who returned to his old club after playing for Mohammedan Sporting Club last season.

But the all-rounder is destined to lead a very weak local selection especially in absence of Abahani's long-time captain Akram Khan, who

has decided to leave after 16 years. Besides, Abahani's three stalwarts of last season -- opener Mehrab Hossain, Sajjad Ahmed Shipon and Sajjadul Hassan Setu have also deserted them.

They have signed up seven cricketers from different clubs but only three players could be identified by their names. They are -- Hasanuzzaman Rojel of City Club, wicketkeeper Shamimul Haque of Brothers Union and left-arm spinner Ahsanullah Hassan, who has decided to return to his previous club after a one-year stint with Bangladesh Biman.

While a cash-starved Abahani maintained a low profile in the three-day bourse, their arch-rivals Mohammedan continued a shopping spree.

Mohammedan signed opening batsman Shahriar Hossain, who was released from the national pool

a couple of days ago, Under-19 wicketkeeper Dhiman Ghosh, spinner Arafat Sunny and Victoria opener Parvez Ahmed.

Brothers also made their presence felt on Tuesday. The Gopibagh outfit, who broke the bank earlier this season to form a virtual national football team, also came to the cricket market with bags of money.

Brothers roped in ten cricketers including big names of local cricket like wicketkeeper-batsmen Jahangir Alam (Biman), Anwar Hossain (Mohammedan), off-spinner Fahim Muntasir, middle-order batsman Nasirul Alam Nahid (Kalabagan), opener Setu (Abahani) and Development Squad pace bowler Ziaur Rahman.

Last year's runners-up City Club also came alive with a collection of

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BIGGIES' BARGAIN: (Left photo) Arafat Sunny (L), Shahriar Hossain (C) and Parvez Ahmed joined Mohammedan while (R) former Bangladesh captain Naimur Rahman (R) returned to Abahani on the second day of the cricketers' transfer yesterday.

## Chess Olympiad Men draw with Spain

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh men's team drew with Spain's third-string team in the tenth round of the 36th Chess Olympiad at Calvia, Spain, on Monday.

Although International Master Abdullah Al Rakib beat Spain C team's Fide Master Roman Galiana and Grand Master Ziaur Rahman held rival GM Salvador Del Rio, Reefat bin Sattar had a disappointing show. The veteran Bangladeshi IM drew with his understrength opponent Pedro Mascaró.

Spain C finally picked another point when Antonio Ducros Salva defeated Bangladesh IM Enamul Hossain Rajib.

The men's team's collection rose to 20.5 points after winning two points from the tenth round.

There was good news for the women's team who beat Botswana 2.5-0.5 to increase their tally to 13.5 points.

IWM Rani Hamid beat Boikhuso Mudongo, Zakia Sultana beat Tsheoiso Lopang while Shabana Parveen Nipa drew split points with Boikhuso Reetsang.

# Kapil irate at BCCI president's remark



AFP, New Delhi

Legendary India all-rounder Kapil Dev on Tuesday blasted his country's beleaguered cricket board for 'insulting' the national team and players.

With the Supreme Court set to resume hearings into the Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) tangled affairs on Wednesday, the former India captain hit out at new president-elect Ranbir Singh Mahendra.

The BCCI chief argued last week that Indian Test and one-day teams play for the board and not the country.

"He's utterly and totally wrong... a disgrace," an outraged Kapil told this news agency.

"It's an insult. Twenty years of service going down the drain."

Kapil, 45, retired a hero in 1994 with the then record tally of 434 wickets in 131 Tests and 5,248 runs.

Mahendra's comments follow attempts by the board to extricate itself from a complex legal wrangle over multi-million dollar TV rights.

The status of the board -- independent or state-influenced -- is crucial to the argument. BCCI



KAPIL DEV

lawyers are pleading the board is totally independent and the team not a national side.

Kapil bemoaned the knock-on effect the wrangling has on the sport in a country where cricket is king.

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YOU'RE GONE: New Zealand opener Matthew Sinclair is clean bowled by a gem of a Mohammad Rafique, the most successful Bangladesh bowler, delivery on the opening day of the second Test at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

# Ganguly might miss 4th Test

BBC ONLINE, Nagpur

India captain Sourav Ganguly could miss the final Test against Australia with a continuing thigh injury.

Ganguly pulled out of the third Test in Nagpur shortly before the toss after failing a fitness test.

"Ganguly tried the usual running and sprinting, but was having problems in transferring weight, said physio Andrew Leipsu.

"Right now, I don't know if Ganguly can play in the next match. Your guess is as good as mine."

Ganguly was first bothered by the injury during India's loss in the first Test at Bangalore but he still played in the second match.

The batsman complained of pain two days ago, but the exact problem had not been diagnosed.

"The strain's in the high adductor muscle of the thigh, but we've not been able to pinpoint the problem," Leipsu explained.

After watching Australia make 362-7 against a side captained by Rahul Dravid, Ganguly said he said there was too much at stake for him to risk carrying the injury.

"Injuries are part of the game and I did not want to risk playing such an important game," he added.

"I am glad we fought back strongly towards the end and hopefully this fight will spill over to the next four days as well."

The fourth and final Test begins in Mumbai on November 3.

## BANGLADESH-NZ SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the opening day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and New Zealand at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Tuesday:

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings  
Richardson c Mushfiq b Enamul 28  
Sinclair b Rafique 23  
Fleming not out 137  
Styris c and b Rafique 89  
Astle not out 34  
Extras: (b-4, lb-9, w-1, nb-13) 27  
Total: (For 3 wickets in 92 overs) 338  
Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-61, 3-265  
To bat: Marshall, Oram, McCullum, Vettori, Franklin, Wiseman

**Bowler** O M R W  
Baisya 12 0 70 0  
Mushfiq 11 1 49 0  
Rafique 34 9 85 2  
Enamul 28 3 95 1  
Saleh 6 0 21 0  
Ashrafu 1 0 5 0

**BANGLADESH:** Mashud, Omar, Iqbal, Saleh, Ashrafu, Aftab, Kapali, Rafique, Mushfiq, Enamul, Aziz.  
**Toss:** New Zealand.  
**Umpires:** Mark Benson (England) and Daryl Harper (Australia).

## SERIES SALAD

SHAHIDUL ISLAM and ABDULLAH-AL MAHMUD, Chittagong

turnout. So we printed fewer tickets. This was a mistake," he said.

In an effort to overcome the crisis organisers initially released the tickets printed for the fifth day changing the date of issue by hand. And by 1 pm tickets for the fourth day were quickly snapped up.

Shamim said: "In addition to pavilion, VIP and complimentary tickets, we had arranged around 3,000 tickets for each day for both western and eastern gallery."

"But now have decided to release 7,000 tickets everyday from tomorrow," he added.

**CJKS TK 62,000 RICHER**  
Despite the initial ticket shortage, the CJKS said that it had made a profit of Tk 62,000 on the opening day, the CJKS treasurer informed.

Shamim believed the reason for the bumper sale was because most fans came to ground expecting to watch the Tigers bat.

**HAWK FLIES OVER STADIUM**  
At around 11.20 am when New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming and Scot Styris were at the crease, some hawks suddenly flew over MA Aziz Stadium.

The birds of prey are rarely seen in this part of the country. And so their appearance prompted a superstitious person among the crowd to utter: "Do the hawks appear as a sign of misfortune for Bangladesh team?"

"We didn't imagine such a good

# Soccer transfers in mid-season

SPORTS REPORTER

The Metropolitan Football League Committee (MFLC) will introduce a mid-season transfer for the first time in the history of local football.

Premier League clubs will now be able to buy new players between the two legs, informed MFLC secretary Mojammel Haque Mukta yesterday.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the MFLC at its Bangabandhu National Stadium office.

"We are going to introduce club-to-club transfer of footballers after the first leg. But a team will be eligible to take a maximum two players," Mukta explained.

The Premier Football League transfer will be held from December 17-20 and the MFLC will start distributing tokens to the players from December 1.

"The players can collect their tokens until December 20, the last day of the transfer," the MFLC secretary added.

Although Abahani and Sheikh Russel Krira Chakra opposed the reduction of foreign players' quota, the MFLC will stick to its decision of allowing the teams to register three foreigners. Only two players will be able to play per match.

The league is expected to begin in the middle of March 2005 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

# Club Cup hockey MSC, Usha on course

SPORTS REPORTER

Title contenders Mohammedan Sporting Club and Usha Krira Chakra stayed on course for semi-final berths in the Club Cup hockey tournament.

A better first-half display saw the black and whites hand Sadharan Bima a 5-2 defeat in the day's first match at the Maulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium yesterday.

The defending champions led 3-0 at the break with newcomers Rajan and Habul and skipper Prince finding the mark.

Bima, however, came back brightly with Mamun and Rashed converting two penalty corners inside five minutes of the second half.

But late goals by Chayan and Habul sealed all the points for Mohammedan who beat War Club 5-1 in their first match.

Usha, who inflicted a 5-2 defeat on Bima in their opener, blanked Sonali Bank 2-0 in the day's other game.

Yamin Hossain scored from a penalty-corner and Mazharul converted a penalty stroke nine minutes within the start but Usha failed to increase the margin in the remaining one hour despite dominating the show.

Meanwhile, Abahani Limited, who play their third-round match today against Bangladesh Railway, registered three Indian hockey players yesterday.

Club officials said that if defender Ronald Kiran, centre-half MB Ramarao and forward Prakash Calke -- all from Bangalore -- can impress them, the Sky Blues will keep them for the Premier League.

# Another Martyn ton

AFP, Nagpur



AUSTRALIA II INDIA 2004-05

Damien Martyn hit a second consecutive century as world champions Australia played injury-ravaged India on the opening day of the third cricket Test here on Tuesday.

The tourists, who will secure their first series win on Indian soil in 35 years if they win the match, revelled on a firm Aussie-like pitch to pile up 362-7 by stumps.

Martyn, who hit a match-saving 104 in the drawn second Test at Madras, led the way with a chanceless 114, his ninth century in 47 Tests.

The stylish West Australian put on 148 in 129 minutes for the fourth wicket with Darren Lehmann and 80 for the fifth with Michael Clarke after Australia were tottering at 86-3 before lunch.



PHOTO: AFP

AT IT AGAIN: Australia's Damien Martyn raises his arms on reaching his hundred on the first day of the third Test against India at Nagpur yesterday.

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