

## Dhaka Sports Carnival

SPORTS REPORTER

The four-day Prime Bank Dhaka Sports Carnival, organised by Dhaka Club, in association with Kurmitola Golf Club, Cadet College Club, Gulshan Club and Uttara Club, is concluding today.

It was the fifth edition of the carnival after its initiation in 2004. This year eight clubs from India apart from six local clubs participated in the meet. A total of 341 participants took part in seven disciplines over the four days. The disciplines are bridge, golf, six-a-side cricket, tennis, snooker, squash and swimming.

Apart from the sporting events, the host clubs will also organise social events in honour of the participants.

### O'Brien to retire

CRICINFO, undated

Iain O'Brien, the New Zealand fast bowler, will retire from international cricket at the end of the Test series against Pakistan to move to the UK to be with his wife and play for Middlesex.

O'Brien said the decision had been a tough one to make but that his personal circumstances were such that he could no longer keep his national commitments. "My wife lives and works in the UK and my immediate future is there," O'Brien said. "Since we married, two and a half years ago, we have spent only nine months together. I am 33 years old and my main focus now is becoming a 'proper' husband, starting a family, settling down and securing my future in that country. Cricket has been my number one; I've placed it in front of everything else. It's now time to put Rosie first and start a family. I intend to keep playing the game I love in the UK, and have an opportunity to finish my career with Middlesex county."

"I would like to thank New Zealand Cricket for supporting me in this decision. I would also like to acknowledge Dan Vettori for his support and confidence in me in recent years, plus the boys I've been on the park with and trained with for whom it has been a pleasure to represent my country with. I have had an opportunity to play with some New Zealand greats and I will only look back with fondness on my time spent with them on and off the park."

"This has been one very tough decision and I walk away with a heavy heart but I know, for certain, that I have made the right decision for me, my wife and my future."

### Telegraph

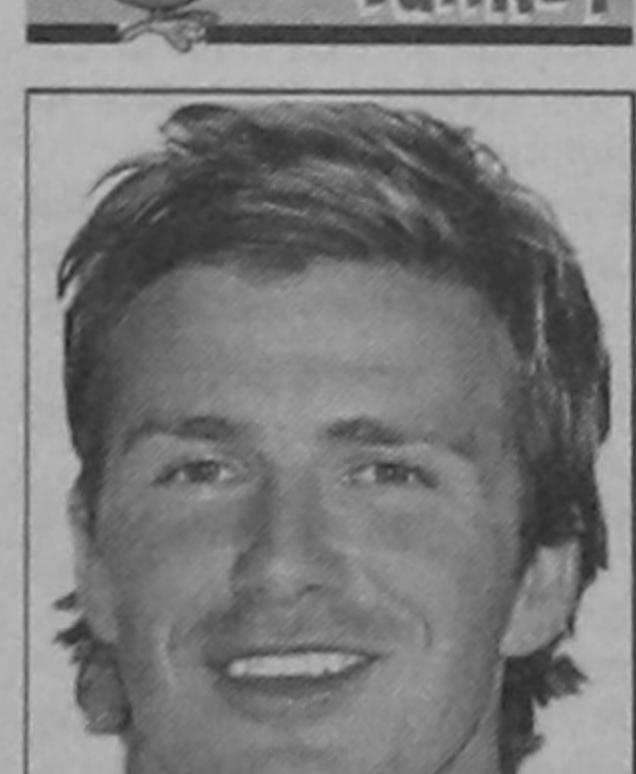
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In this round, Saif beat Arutra Acharya, Siam beat Rahul Kumar, Tani beat Raghav, Protiva drew with Ambarish Manna and Tisha lost against Saswanti Khuntia.



### Did U Know?

AC Milan goalkeeper Sebastian Rossi holds the Serie A record for the longest consecutive run without conceding a goal - 929 minutes in the 1993-94 season.



### David Beckham

(England soccer super star)  
"Football is in our culture, in our DNA, it's in us from the moment we are born and that's something we will always have."

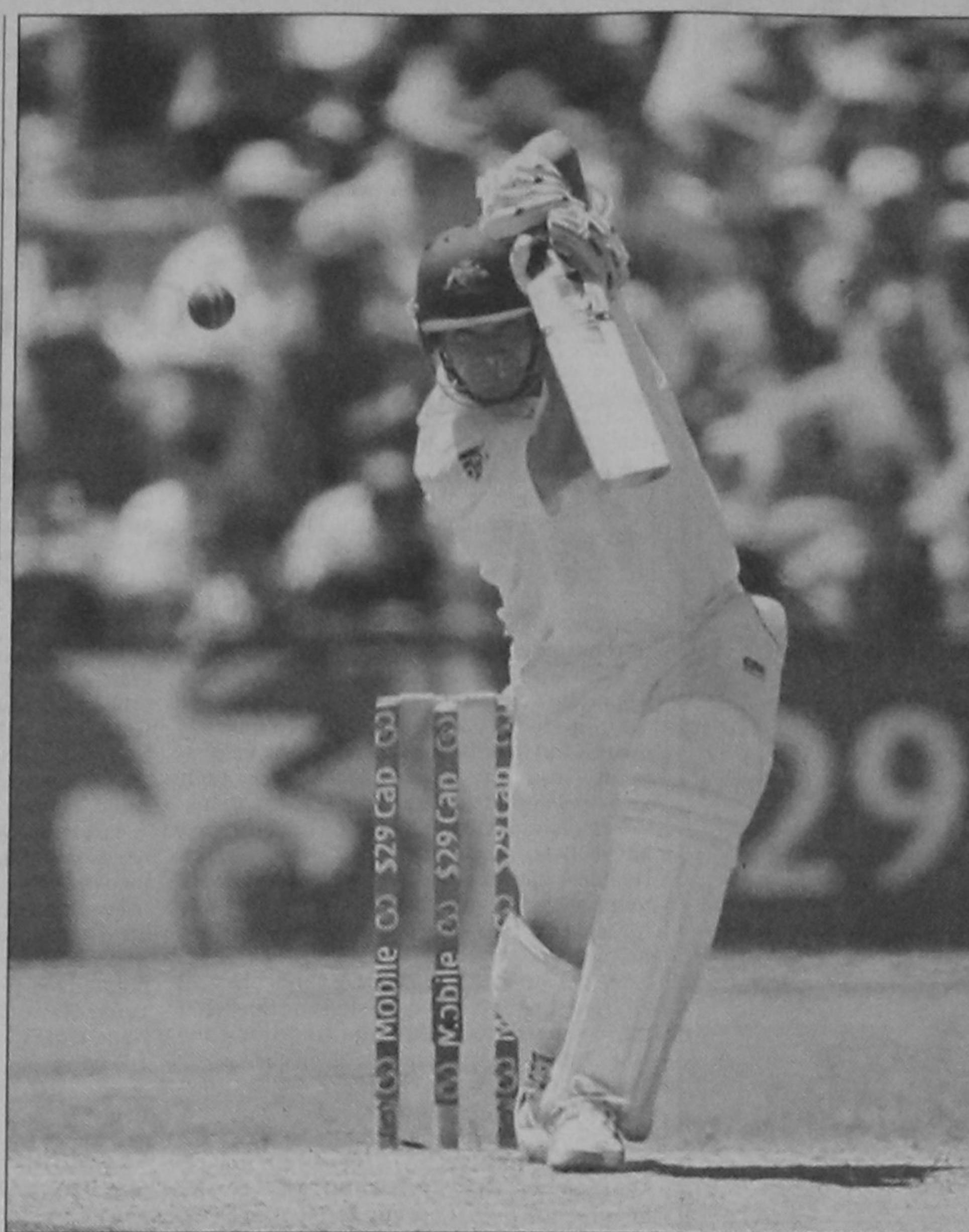


PHOTO: INTERNET  
Australia opener Shane Watson drives one straight during his unbeaten knock of 96 on the second day of the Adelaide Test on Saturday.

## Kiwis stare at defeat

### Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Two reasons emerged from the Basin Reserve for Test cricket to live long and live fruitful. Mohammad Yousuf first reminded, in this age of Virender Sehwag and Tillakaratne Dilshan, that there was once another way to bat in Test cricket, his patient, educated 83 enabling Pakistan to set New Zealand 405 for victory. And when the chase began, the genius of Mohammad Asif torpedoed it, in a typically cunning and persevering turn over new-ball spell of Test virtues. At the end of it all, Pakistan stood on the brink of their first Test win in 12 matches and nearly three years, New Zealand staggering at 70 for 3.

The fall of 11 wickets in prime conditions suggests another day of mediocre batting, hurrying the Test towards a swift conclusion. Perhaps it was, as Grant Elliott sparked a Pakistan collapse that saw them go from 197 for 3 to 239 all out and the New Zealand top order was ruthlessly shredded apart by Asif. But for nearly two full sessions, it was also an opportunity to see some old school Test batting, from the one solid rock in Pakistan's order, possibly on either side.

Daniel Vettori immediately settled into bowling maidens like he was Errol Flynn but Yousuf was unshaken, biding his time. A run of four scoreless overs was broken by a fine sweep for two, a skipped beat essentially, in the normal tempo of things. Misbahul Haq was a sturdy foil, as laidback and content to build run by run, minute by minute. Gradually, over the course of a sleepy hour and a half, he established a nice rhythm, picking off runs adroitly.

The real beauty of Yousuf's shone through, however, after Misbah's dismissal and the arrival of the young, fearless

and very modern Umar. He watched idly as Umar played a game different to the batsmen around him. In a blaze of daring, he stamped himself all over New Zealand and in the half hour to lunch, a traditional preserve of caution, he twice smote Vettori for massive sixes, cutting and pulling him for afters. Yousuf reached a sedate fifty in the over before lunch, by which time Umar was already on 39 and Test match batting, in all its wonderful shades, was in full bloom.

Soon after lunch, Umar was treating the whole thing like a net session, swinging away at Chris Martin like a scorned wife and bringing up his fifty off 32 balls. Impetuosity got him immediately after panic crept into Pakistan and breathed life into New Zealand. And as wickets began to fall, Yousuf continued to navigate a way through, picking up only three boundaries in the afternoon session. Elliott was thrown into the mix by Vettori and Shoaib Malik and Kamran Akmal, in successive balls, believed him to be Glenn McGrath; for the former there may not be many more chances. Where Elliott went, others followed taking cue from his fuller lengths. Martin benefitted the most and with new ball in hand, finally trapped Yousuf, ending four hours of solitude. Iain O'Brien, the pick of the bowlers, wrapped it up, and four wickets a just reward for bowling more intelligent lengths.

Chasing 405, instead of 500-plus, seemed to buoy up New Zealand, to such an extent that their openers even lasted the entire first over. Not the second, however; bluntly put, Asif has worked over better batsmen than New Zealand's top order. He was over them like a rash from the very start, working his way methodically through their chinks, with changes in length and the usual minimal cut, shining as brightly as the afternoon sun. Had Yousuf not dropped an

over, he would have been a absolute sitter to reward a fierce, fast spell from Umar Gul and Misbah not done likewise off Danish Kaneria, New Zealand would've been in greater strife; some old-school traits are clearly better than others.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second Test between New Zealand and Pakistan at Basin Reserve in Wellington on Saturday:

**PAKISTAN:** First innings 264 (Kamran 70, Umar 46, Farhat 32, Gul 31; Vettori 4-58, Tuffy 4-64, O'Brien 2-78)

**NEW ZEALAND:** First innings 99 (Taylor 30, Flynn 29; Asif 4-40, Kaneria 3-6, Gul 2-21)

**PAKISTAN:** Second innings (overnight 64-2)

Farhat c Fulton b O'Brien 35

Butt c Taylor b O'Brien 18

Yousuf lbw b Martin 83

Misbah c McCullum b O'Brien 33

Umar c Vettori b Martin 52

Malik c McCullum b Elliott 3

Kamran c McCullum b Elliott 0

Aamer c Guptill b Martin 9

Gul c Fulton b O'Brien 1

Kaneria c Taylor b Martin 0

Asif not out 0

Extras: (b-4, lb-1) 5

Total: (All out in 86.3 overs) 239

Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-54, 3-

131, 4-197, 5-210, 6-210, 7-230, 8-239, 9-239

**Bowler** O M R W

Martin 19 4 52 4

Tuffy 16 3 45 0

Vettori 25 11 63 0

O'Brien 21.3 4 66 4

Elliott 5 1 8 2

**NEW ZEALAND:** Second

innings

Guptill b Asif 15

McIntosh lbw b Asif 2

Flynn c Kamran b Asif 20

Taylor not out 15

Fulton not out 12

Extras: (b-5, lb-1) 6

Total: (For 3 wkts in 33 overs) 70

To bat: Elliott, McCullum, Vettori, Tuffy, O'Brien, Martin

Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-36, 3-37

**Bowler** O M R W

Aamer 6 1 19 0

Asif 11 5 19 3

Kaneria 9 3 8 0

Gul 7 2 18 0

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**INDIA:** First innings 726-9

declared (Sehwag 293, Dhoni 100 not out, Vijay 87, Dravid 74, Laxman 62, Tendulkar 53; Muralidaran 4-195, Herath 3-240)

**SRI LANKA:** Second innings (overnight 10-0)

Paranavitana lbw b Sreesanth 54

Dilshan lbw b Harbhajan 16

Sangakkara not out 133

M Jayawardene c Dohin b Zaheer 12

Samaraweera c Laxman b Zaheer 0

Mathews c Dohin b Ojha 5

P Jayawardene lbw b Ojha 32

Kulasekara not out 9

Extras: (b-8, lb-1, nb-3) 13

Total: (For 6 wkts in 93 overs) 274

Fall of wickets: 1-29, 2-119, 3-

135, 4-137, 5-144, 6-208

**Bowler** O M R W

Harbhajan 31 5 70 1

Ojha 23 4 84 2

Zaheer 17 4 51 2

Sreesanth 13 4 36 1

Sehwag 9 2 24 0

**SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the third and final Test between India and Sri Lanka at the Brabourne

**Victoria**

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**Result:** CCS won by three wickets.

**BKSP v PARTEX**

**Venue:** FATULLAH

**BKSP:** 182 all out in 49.4 overs (Ashiqul 29, Tanvir 74, extras 16; Niyamul 2-28, Azim 4-47, Rezaul 2-35).

**PARTEX:** 179 all out in 47.5 overs (Hanif 59, Tariq 31, Rezaul 38, extras 9; Mubarat 2-39, Masud 4-27).

**Result:** BKSP won by three runs.

**Div I chess**

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Dhaka Metropolitan Chess

Club, I2 Soft Solution Ltd,

Overseas School of Chess,

Farashganj Sporting Club,

Sultana Kamal Smriti

Pathagar, Dhaka University

Chess Club, Faith Chess Club,

Mohakhali Pradip Sangha,

Basir Memorial Chess Club

and JobsVender.

**Seeds:** The teams will

be held today evening.

## Watson leads Aussie reply

### Cricket

CRICINFO, undated

Shane Watson and Brendan Nash were teammates at Queensland three seasons ago. Now Test opponents, their contrasting ninety-something on the second day kept the century-old scoreboard at the Adelaide Oval whirling as both Australia and West Indies racked up hefty numbers that