



Did U Know?

Trevor Francis became Britain's first million-pound footballer when he moved from Second Division Birmingham City to First Division Nottingham Forest in the summer of 1978.



Andy Flower
"I have mixed feelings about whether this tour should take place. There will be demonstrations and I actually think that will be a positive thing because it will give the human rights activists a chance to highlight the problems in Zimbabwe. But I do not think that sporting sanctions against Zimbabwe will necessarily work. They did during the apartheid years in South Africa because of the importance South Africans attach to sport."
On Zimbabwe's tour of England starting in May.



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'Chinaman' Kuddus at Tigers' nets!

SPORTS REPORTER



The Bangladesh cricket team turned to their own 'chinaman' bowler in a bid to counter the mystery of South Africa's Paul Adams before going into the second Test, starting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium tomorrow.

Mohammad Kuddus, the 14-year-old ball boy of Mohammedan Sporting Club who has the uncanny ability of imitating the South African spinner, was called into action during the Tigers' net session at the BNS in the morning.

Affectionately called 'Paul Kuddus' for his similarity with Adams, the young lad bowled a variety of deliveries to each Bangladesh batsman.

"We called him especially to get our players accustomed to Paul Adams' unusual bowling action," said coach Sarwar Imran.

Adams baffled the Bangladesh

batsmen in the first Test at Chittagong and went on to claim a match-haul of ten wickets. His second innings effort of 5-37 gave the visitors an innings and 60-run victory.

Imran felt it was Adams' action rather than his turn that troubled the batsmen more in Chittagong. He was equally concerned about the lack of bite in the home team's bowling which could only claim two wickets at the MA Aziz Stadium as the Proteas plundered 470 runs.

"There is nothing in the wicket for the faster bowlers in Dhaka. So we are also thinking of using Alok Kapali's leg-spin more during the second Test," he said.

Bangladesh are likely to make one change for the second Test with left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique playing in place of Enamul Hoque who failed to make any impression in Chittagong.

Captain Khaled Mahmud wanted to put on an all round improved performance.

His South African counterpart Graeme Smith was also expecting a better effort from Bangladesh in the second Test.

"There were some flashes of individual brilliance but if they are to succeed they have to be more united in their effort," said Smith.

The youngest-ever South African captain said that the difference between the two sides was their tradition.

"We are both young sides. But South Africa enjoys a rich cricket heritage," said the 22-year-old after practice in the afternoon.

Although the witty Smith said that the team for the second Test would be announced 'half an hour before the match' but there was a strong possibility of the Proteas opting for a second spinner by dropping left-arm seamer Charl Willoughby. If that happens then left-arm spinner Robin Peterson might make his debut.



South Africa captain Graeme Smith bats in the nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.



YOU SHOULD BAT LIKE ME: Bangladesh opener Javed Omar Belim (R) takes a batting pose in front of teammate Akram Khan during a practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Victoria a whisker away

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club inched closer towards retaining the GrameenPhone Premier Division Cricket League title with a 68-run win over Abahani at the Fatullah Cricket Stadium yesterday.

On the fourth and final day, Abahani, given a winning target of 364 to win, kept Victoria sweating for most of the day before finally getting out for 295 in 78.1 overs despite a fine century from Pakistani opener Imran Nazir.

Nazir scored a whirlwind 140 in 102 balls. He hit eleven sixes and nine boundaries.

One-down Imran Ahmed was the other notable run getter with 88 off 156 balls that featured one six and ten boundaries.

Earlier, Victoria, resuming the day on 190 for four in their second innings, declared on 278 for nine with out of favour Bangladesh wicket-keeper Khaled Masud scoring a superb century.

Resuming the day on 82 not out, Masud, who has been dropped by the selectors for the ongoing GrameenPhone Test series against South Africa, completed his hundred off

99.2 overs (Sajjadul 90, Neeeyamur 41, Arman 30, Sabbir 4-67)

VICTORIA: Second innings (overnight 190 for 4 in 61 overs)

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| Wasim c Nazir b Alamgir | 4 |
| Rafiqul b Neeeyamur | 13 |
| Azam c Nazir b Suja | 59 |
| K Mashud a & b Hannan | 106 |
| Mushfiq run out | 45 |
| Anisur lbw b Neeeyamur | 24 |
| Manzarul c Hannan b Neeeyamur | 2 |
| Sabbir c Gazi b Suja | 4 |
| Masudur not out | 1 |
| Extras: (b-7, lb-2, nb-5, w-5) | 19 |
| Total: (For 9 wkts in 80.5 overs) | 278 |
| Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-17, 3-30, 4-126, 5-232, 6-251, 7-268, 8-274, 9-278. | |

Bowler

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|-----------|------|---|----|---|
| Neeeyamur | 12 | 1 | 37 | 4 |
| Alamgir | 10 | 1 | 35 | 1 |
| Arman | 18 | 1 | 41 | 0 |
| Suja | 21.5 | 3 | 75 | 2 |
| Sajjad | 5 | 1 | 20 | 0 |
| Hannan | 9 | 0 | 44 | 1 |
| Nazir | 5 | 0 | 17 | 0 |

ABAHANI: Second innings

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| Nazir c Masudur b Manzarul | 140 |
| Towhid c Manzarul b Mushfiq | 25 |
| Imran b Masudur | 88 |
| Hannan run out | 6 |
| Sajjadul run out | 8 |
| Sajjad run out | 6 |
| Neeeyamur b Razzak | 1 |
| Arman b Razzak | 0 |

VICTORIA: First innings 342 all out in 98.4 overs (Parvez 110, Wasim 73, K Mashud 49; Suja 3-104, Neeeyamur 2-38)

ABAHANI: First innings 257 all out in

175 balls in 247 minutes hammering a dozen of fours.

It was Victoria's 12th win in 15 matches. They have 72 points, ten more than second placed Mohammedan Sporting Club with both having two matches remaining to end this year's campaign. Two more points will ensure Victoria's second consecutive title.

In the other match of the day, City Club crushed Brothers Union by 227 runs at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium.

Facing a daunting task of scoring 406 runs in the second innings to win, Brothers Union were bundled out for 178 in 45.2 overs in the face of a devastating spell of pace bowling from right arm seamer Tareq Aziz Khan.

Tareq took seven wickets for 65 runs from 15.2 overs.

The win helped City Club raise their tally to 60 points from 15 matches.

SCOREBOARD
Scorecards on the final day of the two GrameenPhone Premier Super League matches played at different venues yesterday:
Victoria SC vs Abahani
Venue: FCS
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MacGill designs Australian win

Cricket
INTERNET, Bridgetown

Stuart MacGill claimed his second five-wicket haul of the game as Australia warmed up for the third Test with a decisive win.

Leg-spinner MacGill took 5-45 in the home side's second innings at the Three W's Oval to finish with match figures of 10-85.

Australia cleaned up the final eight wickets in just 24 overs after the students had resumed on 32-2, despite a defiant innings of 53 by Philo Wallace.

The tourists were left to score just 95 for victory and they did so without undue difficulty despite skipper Steve Waugh being dismissed for one after choosing to open the batting.

Michael Clarke top scored with 47 for Australia before being stumped off the bowling of Kenyan Collins Obuya, who was guesting for the Vice Chancellor's XI.

Wallace and Dary Balgobin shared a

stand of 65 for the home side at the start of play, but they lost their way after three wickets went down with the score on 113.

They were reduced to 126-8 with MacGill on a hat-trick at one point after dismissing Matthew Sinclair and Obuya. He also took a catch to dismiss David Bernard for 19 off Brad Hogg.

Tail-ender Andrew Richardson played some aggressive shots in an unbeaten 25, but Glenn McGrath brought the innings to a close by bowling Corey Collymore for nought.

Australia sent out Waugh and Andy Bichel to begin their reply but they only had five on the board when the former was caught by Sinclair off Chris Gayle.

Bichel (17) and Martin Love (15) followed but Clarke took them to within nine of their target before straying from his crease, leaving the formalities to be completed by Ashley Noffke and Hogg.

BRIEF SCORES
Australia 358-6 declared and 95-4 beat University of West Indies Vice Chancellor's XI 290 and 162 by six

Only Fleming is enough

Cricket
AFP, Colombo

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming defied the Sri Lankan bowlers for the second time in the match to ensure the first cricket Test ended in a draw here on Tuesday.

The left-hander, who hit a magnificent 274 not out in the first innings, battled for five hours in the second knock to remain unconquered on 69 and thwart Sri Lanka's late bid to force a result.

The Kiwis, leading by 32 runs on the first innings, slipped to 133-5 in the post-tea session of the fifth and final day's play before Fleming steered them to safety at 161-5 by close.

The docile wicket at the Tamil Union ground proved a bowlers' nightmare in stifling hot and humid conditions as New Zealand piled up 515-7 declared in their first innings and Sri Lanka replied with 483.

The second and final Test of the short series starts in the hill resort of Kandy on Saturday but heavy rains in the area over the past three days have raised doubts of a full match being played.

The first Test was dominated by the rival captains as Sri Lanka's newly-appointed skipper Hashan Tillakaratne responded to his counterpart's maiden double century with a dour 144 of his own.

Both captains blamed the draw on the easy-paced wicket.

"It was quite a flat track," Fleming said. "We were a bit nervous on the first day but we were also very positive that we would do well."

"I am very happy with the runs I got in this match. But a lot of hard work still remains to be done."

"The boys have got used to tackling the Sri Lankan spinners and that is a very positive sign. It is going to be a very tough match in Kandy."

Tillakaratne said it was tough to come back after New Zealand scored 515 in the first innings.

"Our first target was to avoid the follow-on and I am glad we did that."

"It was too good a batting wicket. The century I got is very pleasing but the others contributed as well."

"We want to come back strongly in Kandy."

In the morning session, left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori grabbed three wickets in five balls to help New Zealand secure a first innings lead.

Sri Lanka, who resumed their first

innings at the overnight score of 424-6, were bowled out for 483 an hour after the start of the final day's play.

Tillakaratne took his score from 126 to 144 when his marathon eight-hour knock ended, the left-hander playing Shane Bond on to his stumps.

Tillakaratne's 11th Test century contained 24 boundaries.

Vettori and Bond finished with three wickets each, while off-spinner Paul Wiseman claimed two on a wicket that eased out as the match progressed.

New Zealand went to lunch at 35-0 and moved to 71 when Matthew Horne and Mathew Sinclair were dismissed in quick succession to make it 76-2.

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Iraqis maul US Marines

Reuters, Najaf

US Marines may consider themselves an elite fighting force, but they were no match for an Iraqi soccer side who thrashed them 7-0 in the southern town of Najaf on Monday.

The Najaf Poets devastated a side drawn from 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, their yellow jerseys flashing past Americans who took to the field in combat boots and camouflaged trousers.

Marines said about 600 locals thronged an athletics ground in the town to watch the match, organised by US officers hoping to establish friendly relations with residents.

The Marines, who took control of the town from the US Army last week, said their underdog status even won them some sympathy from the home crowd.

"They were cheering for the Iraqi side, but they were also rooting for us, because we were getting beaten pretty bad," Major Mark DeVito told Reuters after the match. "They loved it, it was really cool."

The Marines had already begun to weaken by half-time, conceding three goals to the Iraqis before crumbling before the Poets' onslaught in the half, officers said.

DeVito said good sportsmanship prevailed throughout not one player was sent off by the Iraqi referee.

Marines were philosophical about their drubbing, admitting they had been outclassed by the locals who performed well-rehearsed warm ups before they trotted out onto the field.

"It's been three months since any of us got any regular exercise," said Captain Chris DeAntonio, explaining that war had interrupted the Marines' rigorous physical training regime.

Does anybody understand the D/L Method? - III

K Z ISLAM

Duckworth and Lewis realised after having undertaken an analysis of the rain interrupted matches since the introduction of the D/L Method that the tables needed amendment.

The table was revised as follows:
I emailed Frank Duckworth to

| Overs left | 0 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 9 |
|------------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 50 | 100 | 85.1 | 49 | 22 | 4.7 |
| 40 | 89.3 | 77.8 | 47.6 | 22 | 4.7 |
| 30 | 75.1 | 67.3 | 44.7 | 21.8 | 4.7 |
| 25 | 66.5 | 60.5 | 42.2 | 21.6 | 4.7 |
| 20 | 56.6 | 52.4 | 38.6 | 21.2 | 4.7 |
| 10 | 32.1 | 30.8 | 26.1 | 17.9 | 4.7 |
| 5 | 17.2 | 16.8 | 15.4 | 12.5 | 4.6 |

ascertain from when the changed tables would be effective and does he expect any changes to the table in the near future.

To quote from the email received from Duckworth 'The tables changed (the method did not change) in September 2002.

These reflected the changes in the way the game is played since 1996 when the method was introduced.'

'We shall keep the table under review to ensure that they continued to reflect the way the game is played. But there will definitely be no further change before September 1, 2004.'

I further emailed him to find out if he could recollect any amusing or interesting application of the D/L method. His reply: "I can't think of a particular single incident, but a statistic we find mildly amusing to present is the fact that in about 400 applications of the method worldwide since its introduction in 1996/7, although the great majority of these have been

due to rain or bad light, there have been six cases due to floodlight failure, three due to crowd disturbances, one due to a sandstorm (Rawalpindi 1998) and one due to a snowstorm! (Durham, 1998).

If I think of anything else, of my colleague, Tony Lewis, can think of anything suitable (he's in Australia at

couple of days cost both sides 16 overs and before the match, had grounds-men desperately struggling to dry the pitch in time, even resorting to using a helicopter.

With rain interruptions and slow out field the Australians managed to score 170 for two in 36 overs. Chasing an adjusted target of 198 in 36 overs, the Dutch side crumbled to 122 all out in 30.2 overs.

Duckworth reveals that Australia's belief that keeping wickets in hand late in its innings against Holland would further boost their total was incorrect.

"The television commentators and Ricky Ponting were under the illusion that when Australia resumed their innings after a disruption, they had to preserve wickets rather than score as many runs as they possibly could in the overs that remained," he said.

"The television people were

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present but will pick up his email messages), I'll let you know.'

One of the recent applications of the D/L method was in the World Cup 2003 match between Australia and Holland played on February 20, 2003.

Holland won the toss and elected to field. Persistent drizzle over the last



NO ONE IS A LOSER: Sri Lanka's Kaushal Lokurachchi (L) is being congratulated by Muttiah Muralitharan after he claimed the wicket of New Zealand's Scott Styris on the fifth and final day of the first Test in Colombo yesterday. The match ended in a draw.



When the umbrellas come out, so do the calculators.