



## Did U Know?

Just retired Pakistan legendary all-rounder holds the record of hitting most number of sixes in a Test innings. He struck 12 of those during his unbeaten 257, his highest innings in the longer version of the game, against Zimbabwe at Sheikhupura in 1996-97.



## What to WATCH

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Western Union World Football Magazine 9:00 am  
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England v Zimbabwe First Test, Day Four Live at 3:40 pm  
Malaga v Sociedad Primera Liga Live at 1:00 am (Monday)
- STAR Sports**  
Australia v West Indies Fourth ODI Highlights at 8:00 am & 11:00 am  
Futbol Mundial Football Magazine 10:30 am  
Australia v West Indies Fifth ODI Live at 7:30 pm



## TALK TURKEY



**Brian Lara**  
(West Indies cricket captain)  
"We're playing well, if we stick to the basics and keep doing them well we know we are going to be competitive in most games, so that's what we are focusing on."  
Said prior to the fourth one-day international against Australia in Trinidad on Saturday.

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## Sorenstam's near miss

**REUTERS, Fort Worth**  
Annika Sorenstam walked off the 18th green with tears in her eyes after returning a four-over-par 74 in the second round to miss the cut at the PGA's Colonial tournament on Friday.

## A launch pad for cricket

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The ICC Under-19 cricket World Cup can be a springboard for Bangladesh to develop the game in every sense.

The fifth edition will be staged across the country in February-March next year and the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is planning to utilise the 16-nation meet as an opportunity to spread the game in three divisional headquarters apart from Dhaka.

"The event will provide us an opportunity to take the game to every part of the country. Besides, by doing this we can also improve the two most important aspects of the game -- pitches and grounds," said former national captain Roquibul Hasan after a press briefing at a local hotel yesterday.

Roquibul, who is the co-ordinator of the event, also said that it was important for the Board to convince the two ICC officials of holding practice matches outside the main venues.

"We have planned to hold 32 practice matches. If we do this we

can take the game to different places and attract more people," he said after a successful meeting with Campbell Jamieson, the commercial manager of the event, and event manager Warren Deutrom.

The two ICC officials arrived in Dhaka on Thursday to work out the details of the competition, the biggest event Bangladesh will stage since the inaugural ICC Knockout tournament in 1998, and had a meeting with BCB officials on Saturday.

The ICC awarded Bangladesh the right to host the fifth Under-19 World Cup last year. But the details of event including the fixture will be finalised when the game's governing body meets in June at Lord's.

The ICC launched the youth tournament as part of a strategy to develop the game. But this is the first time it not only acknowledged it one of the three major events in its calendar after the World Cup and the ICC Champions Trophy, but also decided to finance the entire meet.

"The ICC Under-19 World Cup

is a development tournament. It generates a very small amount of revenue. But still we will cover all the costs," said Campbell at the press briefing.

Campbell, however, said that so far the event had proved to be the best platform for producing future players.

"The tournament will provide an opportunity for over two hundred of the world's best young cricketers to get together to represent their countries and test their skill against each other," he said while mentioning a long list of successful past cricketers.

The first four events have launched the careers of stars like Pakistan's Inzamamul Haq and Mushtaq Ahmed, present West Indies captain Brian Lara, former Sri Lanka skipper Sanath Jayasuriya, England Test captain Nasser Hussain, Zimbabwean vice-captain Tatenda Taibu. Add to this quite amazing statistic six players of the last Under-19 World Cup in New Zealand participated in the World Cup in South Africa.

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Campbell Jamieson (3rd from R) takes questions from reporters during the 'Meet the Press' session of Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday.

## BCE says sorry to Baptiste

**REUTERS, London**

Former West Indies paceman Eldine Baptiste has received an apology from Britain's Customs and Excise (BCE) service after he was held in custody for three to four days on suspicion of drug smuggling.

Baptiste, 43, was stopped by customs officers at Gatwick Airport on Sunday on his way to South Africa.

In a statement released on Friday, the Customs and Excise service said Baptiste had been cleared and a full investigation was being held.

"Tests on golf balls that were in Mr Baptiste's possession gave a positive reading for a controlled substance more than once," the statement said. "However, in-depth forensic tests later confirmed that no controlled substance was present."

Baptiste, a member of the West Indies side which won all five tests in England in 1984, said: "The way I have been treated is an absolute disgrace."

## Win sends Kiwis flying

**Cricket**

**REUTERS, Dambulla**

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming said his side had gained valuable experience and confidence ahead of their tour to India in September after winning a triangular one-day series in Sri Lanka on Friday.

New Zealand completed a comfortable four-wicket victory against a young Pakistan side to clinch their first major one-day tournament since the ICC Knockout tournament in 2000.

Man-of-the-match Fleming said: "We are very excited about winning the away tournament."

"We respect Pakistan as a one-day side, but we have experienced players and experience counts a lot in pressure game."

"I wanted to be the one to score most of the runs. I had to stand up."

"A final against any sub-continental side in these conditions is a major challenge and we are going to take a lot of confidence from this," said Fleming afterwards.

"As a young group we have

developed in the way we play spin and have stored some knowledge for our tour of India," he added.



STEPHEN FLEMING

Fleming led New Zealand to 200-6 with an authoritative 65 as they chased 199 for victory.

"I had worked hard on my game between the round robin games and this final, and I knew I had to contribute for us to win."

"We took early wickets in the morning which was a big advantage and with the bat we played the big shots at the right time. They

## Australia 204/3

**STAR SPORT MONITOR**

Australia were 204 for three in 40 overs in the fourth one-day international against West Indies at Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain, Trinidad yesterday.

Attacking opener Adam Gilchrist hammered a 103-ball 84 to set the pace after the world champions won the toss for the first time in this series.

Matthew Hayden struck 44 in a 78-run opening partnership with Gilchrist.

Andrew Symonds was batting on 20 with Michael Clark, who was on 1.

The tourists are already 3-0 up in the seven-match series.

The Australians made three changes to their team.

Adam Gilchrist, Brett Lee and Ian Harvey take their place at the expense of Jimmy Maher, Andy Bichel and Nathan Hauritz.

Barbados all-rounder Ryan Hurley will make his ODI debut for the West Indies at the expense of off-spinner Omari Banks, who is the Windies' leading wicket-taker in the series with four.

Opener Devon Smith lost his place to make way for the return of medium-pace Vashret Drakes and the experienced Ridley Jacobs reclaimed the wicketkeeping gloves from youngster Carlton Baugh.

The West Indies are looking to prevent Australia from winning their 21st consecutive ODI match and to end a losing 10-match run to the Australians.

The West Indies lost the opening double-header at Kingston's Sabina Park by two runs and eight wickets respectively, then fell to a 25-run defeat in the third match at Castries' Beausejour Stadium last Wednesday.

**TEAMS**  
**WEST INDIES:** Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Brian Lara, Marlon Samuels, Ricardo Powell, Ryan Hurley, Ridley Jacobs, Vashret Drakes, Mervyn Dillon, Corey Collymore.

**AUSTRALIA:** Matthew Hayden, Adam Gilchrist, Ricky Ponting, Michael Clarke, Andrew Symonds, Michael Bevan, Ian Harvey, Brad Hogg, Brett Lee, Jason Gillespie, Glenn McGrath.

Umpires: Eddie Nicholls (West Indies) Rudi Koertzen (South Africa)



England fast bowler James Anderson (2nd from L), who took five wickets, celebrates taking the wicket of Zimbabwe captain Heath Streak (L) on the third day of the first Test at Lord's yesterday.

## Anderson destroys Zim

**Cricket**

**REUTERS, London**

Debutant James Anderson ripped through the Zimbabwe bottom order to claim five wickets as England enforced the follow-on in the first Test at Lord's on Saturday.

The 20-year-old quick bowler took his last four wickets for five runs in 14 deliveries after lunch as the touring side, responding to England's 472, collapsed from 48 for one to 147 all out.

Facing a 325-run first innings deficit, Heath Streak's side then lost Dion Ebrahim early to Steve Harmison as they reached 75 for one at the tea break. Mark Vermeulen was four runs short of his half-century while Stuart Carlisle was batting on 21.

Anderson, still playing club cricket last year but who made his breakthrough as England's most successful bowler at the World Cup, just missed out on a hat-trick in front of a 20,000 crowd.

He dismissed Streak and Travis Friend with consecutive deliveries before Raymond Price missed the next ball as seven close catchers crowded the bat.

Anderson, who finished with five for 73, was the 13th England bowler to take five wickets on his debut and the first since Dominic Cork in 1995.

Zimbabwe had begun well enough on Friday to reach 48 for one and Saturday's sunny conditions suggested easier times for the batsmen after the first two days of damp, overcast weather.

The tourists looked reasonably well set on 64 without further loss before Matthew Hoggard, wobbling the ball about in the air, removed Stuart Carlisle and Grant Flower within 10 balls, then snapped up Sean Ervine's wicket to

reduce them to 120 for five at lunch.

Carlisle, on 11, had driven loosely to edge the ball straight to Marcus Trescothick at first slip.

Ebrahim, never looking convincing, reached 50 with a neat late glide for four off the front foot to third man but that was to be the last highlight for the batting side.

Flower, the key to the batting after his brother Andy's retirement, was caught at short leg for three off his glove and thigh pad by Robert Key before Ebrahim, overreaching after making 68, edged a drive off Mark Butcher straight to Anthony McGrath at gully.

That made it 104 for four and five runs later Ervine departed, trapped in front by Hoggard, who was to finish with three for 24 off 18 overs.

The innings unravelled even faster after lunch.

Wicketkeeper Tatenda Taibu, batting at five despite a test average of just over 16, got to 25 before he aimed towards mid-wicket and sent a leading edge off Harmison to third man's hands.

Anderson then bowled Streak (10) with a beautiful leg-stump delivery which swung back to hit middle. Next ball it was 133 for eight as Friend played across the line.

Anderson completed the finishing touches as Andy Blythe (3) looked to flick to leg but was well caught off a leading edge by Butcher. Douglas Hondo lasted two balls before losing his off stump.

## SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the third day of the first Test between England and Zimbabwe at Lord's on Saturday:

**ENGLAND:** First innings 472 (M Butcher 137, A McGrath 69, M Trescothick 59; A Blythe 3-96, H

Streak 3-99)

**ZIMBABWE:** First innings (over-

night 48-1)

Ebrahim c McGrath b Butcher 68

Vermeulen b Anderson 1

Carlisle c Trescothick b Hoggard 11

Flower c Key b Hoggard 3

Taibu c Hoggard b Harmison 25

Ervine lbw b Hoggard 4

Streak b Anderson 10

Blythe c Butcher b Anderson 3

Friend b Anderson 0

Price not out 7

Hondo b Anderson 0

Extras: (b-5, lb-1, w-1, nb-8) 15

Total: (All out in 55 overs) 147

Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-64, 3-79,

4-104, 5-109, 6-129, 7-133, 8-133, 9-

147

**Bowler O M R W**

Hoggard 18 8 24 3

Anderson 16 4 73 5

Harmison 16 5 36 1

Butcher 5 2 8 1

**ZIMBABWE:** Second innings

Ebrahim c Key b Harmison 6

Vermeulen not out 46

Carlisle not out 21

Extras: (b-1, w-1) 2

Total: (For 1 wkt in 23 overs) 75

Fall of wickets: 1-11

To bat: Flower, Taibu, Ervine,

Streak, Blythe, Friend, Price,

Hondo

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Harmison 4 1 12 1

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**Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West**

**Indies) and David Orchard (South**

**Africa)**

## Gaibandha football

**OUR CORRESPONDENT**

Jhanker Krira Chakka defeated Abahani Krira Chakka 1-0 goal in the Gaibandha Senior Division Soccer League match held at Islamia High School ground yesterday.

## Boycott may be back to commentary box

**Cricket**

**INTERNET, London**

Former Yorkshire and England batsman Geoff Boycott is considering a return to the commentary box following a lengthy battle against throat cancer.

He was well enough to attend the second day's play at Lord's, where England were taking on Zimbabwe.

And Boycott would have been delighted at fellow Yorkshireman Anthony McGrath, who played excellently on his Test debut.

Boycott's illness was first diagnosed last September and at one stage the 63-year-old had to be fed via a tube into his stomach.

He underwent chemotherapy and further tests have now shown the primary cancer has been contained.

Robin Smith, president of Yorkshire Cricket Club, told the Daily Telegraph newspaper: "Geoffrey's very much back to his old self."

"When I last spoke to him, the only difference I could notice is that his voice is a little gruffer, which is hardly surprising given what he has been through."

"He has to continue seeing his oncologist on a regular basis but the signs are that he may be able to return to work in a couple of months or so."

Boycott is one of England's greatest batsmen, scoring more than 48,000 first-class runs at an



GEOFF BOYCOTT

average of 56.83 during 24-year playing career which came to an end in 1986.

He once said: "Given the choice between Raquel Welch and a hundred at Lord's, I'd take the

## Dreamt of it

**Cricket**

**AFP, London**

Yorkshire batsman Anthony McGrath said it had been a "dream come true" to score 69 on his Test debut against Zimbabwe at Lord's here on Friday.

"It was the best day of my life. To get 69 was a dream come true," McGrath said.

But he was under no illusions about why he had at last made it into the Test team. "I realised I was only playing because (all-rounder) Andrew Flintoff was injured," said McGrath, who can bowl medium-pace seamers added.

"I had a few nerves but I just wanted to enjoy the experience. I didn't want to have any regrets. It was a no-lose situation so I just decided to play my natural game."

However, none of McGrath's friends saw his innings. "My mum and dad were here but most of my

McGrath, 27, was the first Englishman since Marcus Trescothick against the West Indies at Old Trafford in 2000 to make a fifty on debut.

And the Yorkshire captain's innings helped England post a commanding 472 on the second day of the first Test after Mark Butcher had led the way with 137.

"It was the best day of my life. To get 69 was a dream come true," McGrath said.

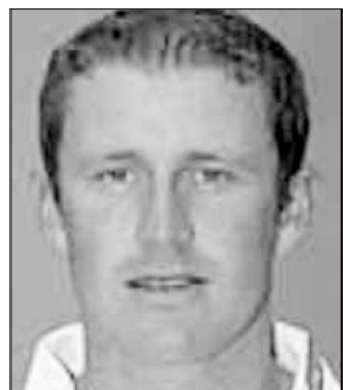
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TAKING UP SWIMMING? Bangladesh batsmen Habibul Bashar (foreground) and Sanwar Hossain cool off at the pool of Sonargaon Hotel yesterday.



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