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The record of the most economical bowling in a one-day international is held by Sunil Joshi of India, who took five wickets for six runs in 10 overs against South Africa at Nairobi on September 26, 1999.



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About Steve Waugh.

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The marks that Graeme leaves

REUTERS, London

List of records set by Graeme Smith while on tour in England:

- His 277 in the first innings at Edgbaston was a South Africa Test record, beating the 275 scored by both Gary Kirsten and Daryll Cullinan. He hit 85 in the second off 70 balls in the search for quick runs.
- His first run at Lord's in his 17th innings meant he became the fastest South African to 1,000 Test runs. Eddie Barlow had held the previous record.

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BD nowhere there



AFP, Cairns

Bangladesh wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud had a thumb shattered by match-winning paceman Brett Lee as world champions Australia handed out another lesson to the cricketing minnows here Saturday.

Mashud ruled out of the next two games in the three-match one-day series was struck by the world's one of the fastest bowlers as the international newcomers sank to an eight-wicket thrashing in the opening clash.

After routing Bangladesh for a mere 105 in only 34 of their allotted 50 overs, Australia smashed their winning runs in just 22.3 overs, finishing with 107 for two wickets at Bundaberg Stadium.

A sell-out crowd of 8,308 in the picturesque ground saw the home country maintain their dominance over the visitors after crushing them by an innings in each game of a two-match Test series over the past two weeks.

With Lee producing withering pace even though he claimed he was not aiming for exceptional speed, the match ended more than two and a half hours early, leaving sections of the crowd unhappy.

Some spectators, fearful of a Bangladesh batting failure, booed after Australian captain Ricky Ponting won the toss and sent Bangladesh in.

They had hoped the home team would bat first, giving them the opportunity to see the world's top side flexing their stroke-making muscles for a full 50 overs.

Spectators' concerns were justified as speedsters Lee and Jason Gillespie teamed up to destroy the Bangladesh innings.

Lee (4-25) and Gillespie (3-23) had too much pace and guile for the inexperienced tourists, who never threatened to make a competitive score.

Lee, although well short of the 160-kilometres (99-mile) an hour

pace he achieved earlier this year, was pleased with his form.

"It's a pretty good wicket, it had some bounce and carry and it was a pleasure to bowl on," he said.

"It felt like the rhythm was there and it felt like it all came together at once."

"I wasn't even trying to bowl fast, I was trying to get my action nice and high and get the ball through to wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist."

Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore had high praise for the quality of Lee's bowling.

"We saw some magnificent pace bowling," he said. "It was quite exceptional."

He agreed Bangladesh faced a challenge in regrouping for the second one-day encounter here Sunday.

"If we can weather that storm (Lee's opening assault) and have a few of our batters intact, we've got a chance of posting a reasonably competitive total," he said.

Chasing a small total Saturday,

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Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud pulls one during his unbeaten 25 against Australia in the first one-day international at Cairns yesterday.

Mashud injured

CRICINFO/AFP, Cairns

Bangladesh wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud had a thumb shattered by match-winning paceman Brett Lee in the opening one-day international against Australia here on Saturday.

He has been ruled out of the next two games in the three-match one-day series.

Mashud was struck by the world's one of the fastest bowlers as the international newcomers sank to an eight-wicket thrashing in the opening clash.

The wicketkeeper-batsman becomes the sixth player to be sidelined after being injured by the hostile Lee.

During World Cup matches earlier this year, Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya had a thumb fractured by the Australian and Kenya's Kennedy Obuya suffered a broken elbow.

Last summer Lee poleaxed England's Alex Tudor during the third Test of the Ashes series in Perth, sending the fast bowler to hospital for stitches above an eye.

During the 2001 Ashes tour in England, Lee struck Graham Thorpe, breaking a finger.

In 1999 he broke former Test fast bowler Jo Angel's arm with a thunderbolt at the WACA Ground in Perth during a Sheffield Shield game.

NFL group format decided

SPORTS REPORTER

The tournament committee of the Nitol-Tata National Football League finalised the groupings for the Super Sixes to be held in Dhaka.

The emergency meeting yesterday decided that each group would be headed by a top finisher of the first phase while other four teams will come via a lottery.

Six teams split into two groups will take part in the round robin league Super Six stage.

But the committee it was learnt could not fix the venue.

"The tournament committee was not interested to hold matches in Mirpur and instead try to stage it at the Bangabandhu National Stadium," tournament secretary Manjur Hossain Malu told The Daily Star Sport.

ICC official due today

SPORTS REPORTER

Andy Atkinson, International Cricket Council's (ICC) consultant of grounds for the Under-19 World Cup arrives in the capital today to inspect the tournament venues.

The official from the game's governing body will visit five proposed venues in Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Bogra.

Meanwhile, it was learnt that the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and CJKS have been involved in a dispute over the authority of MA Aziz Stadium. The BCB is yet to takeover the arena after the National Football League ended on July 15.



An Ajax player tries to keep possession of the ball against an Abahani defender during their Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League clash at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

Difficult wins for Abahani, MSC



SPORTS REPORTER

Squandering at least half a dozen easy chances, defending champions Abahani Kriya Chakra got past Ajax Sporting Club 2-0 to continue their winning spree in the Green Delta Premier Division Hockey League at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

The sky-blues' success was followed by their traditional rivals Mohammedan Sporting Club managing a hard-fought 2-1 victory over impressive Sonali Bank to register their fourth straight win.

Abahani's Indian forward Amor Ayamma made an uninspiring debut for the popular Dhanmondi outfit.

He missed three easy chances in

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Mohammedan's Pakistani recruit Kamran Ashraf (L) threatens the Sonali Bank goal during their Premier Division Hockey League encounter yesterday.

England get Lord's elite



AFP, London

England finally got South Africa captain Graeme Smith out here Saturday but not before the Proteas' captain had rewritten the record books once again as the tourists' one-sided domination of the second Test at Lord's continued.

At lunch, on the third day, South Africa were 516 for three after Smith had made 259 a lead of 343.

Boeta Dippenaar was 46 not out and Jacques Rudolph three not out. Smith's innings was the second-highest individual score in a Lord's Test behind Graham Gooch of England.

Gooch, who made 333 against India in 1990, had posted a bigger solo total in all the 106 Tests played at Lord's.

Smith's innings was the best by an overseas player in a Lord's Test, surpassing Australia great Don Bradman's 254 against England in

1930. Smith, at 22, South Africa's youngest ever captain, took his tally for the series to 621 from just three

SA declare at 682-6

AFP, London

South Africa declared at 682 for six after tea on the third day of the second Test against England at Lord's here Saturday.

That left England needing 510 to make South Africa bat again. South Africa's total was their best in Test cricket, surpassing the 622 for nine declared they made against Australia at Durban in 1969-70.

innings equalling Dudley Nourse's 56-year-old record for the most runs by a South African in a Test series against England.

He also surpassed West Indian great Gary Sobers all-time record for runs amassed in three successive Test innings. Sobers having made 599 against Pakistan in the 1957-58 series.

Battling with an injured hand, left-hander Smith was at the crease for nearly 10 hours before he played on to fast bowler James Anderson's third ball of the morning.

Western Province run machine Smith faced 370 balls including 34 fours, South Africa 516 for three.

As if that was not enough for England to worry about they lost 40-year-old wicketkeeper Alec Stewart, in the 16th over of the day with South Africa on 479 for two.

South Africa started Saturday on 412 for two, a lead of 239 after they had bowled England out for just 173 on Thursday.

The sunny conditions were ideal for batting compared to Friday's greyskies.

Smith, who on Friday became only the fourth batsman in history to

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PHENOMENAL PROTEA: South Africa captain Graeme Smith goes down the wicket to Ashley Giles (not in picture) during the third morning's play of the second Test at Lord's yesterday. He missed the ball which hit England Wicketkeeper Alec Stewart (back ground) in the face.

Team inspires him



AFP, London

South Africa captain Graeme Smith said on Friday the responsibility of leadership had inspired him to score successive Test match double hundreds.

Smith, at 22, South Africa's youngest ever captain, was 214 not out at stumps on the second day of the second Test at Lord's, his team on 412 for two a lead of 239 after they bowled England out for 173.

"At the moment it's the team," said Western Province left-hander Smith, one of only four men in cricket history to have made successive Test double hundreds after posting a South African record 277 in the drawn series opener at Edgbaston.

"I said before this Test series that our motto is that we are never satisfied. I look at the scoreboard and I think to myself it's not enough, I haven't taken enough responsibility."

"The extra responsibility of captaincy makes you knuckle down," added Smith who had to have pain killing injections in his hand after being injured batting Thursday.

The individual world Test record is 375, held by West Indies captain Brian Lara.

"That's a little too far away. I'm not sure we've got enough time,"

said opening batsman Smith, whose innings so far has lasted nearly eight hours.

Instead he has another record in his sights.

"I want us to get a really big lead. Ideally I don't want us to bat again. I'd like us to break the South African record."

That stands at 622 for nine declared set against Australia at Durban in 1969-70.

Smith was involved in a brief on-field flare up with England quick James Anderson after the fast bowler delivered the ball closer to on-strike batsman Gary Kirsten's head than the stumps.

"Each time something is said in the middle, it makes you knuckle down, especially if it is the bowler. You want to make him pay," said the skipper.

Smith showed an unusual amount of emotion when he reached his double century, leaping up and punching his fist in the air.

"That's the most emotional I've been so far. It was the most magnificent feeling I've ever had," Smith said.

During the course of his innings Smith put on 257 with fellow Western Province left-hander Gary Kirsten, who himself made 108.

"We all knew he was destined for greatness," Kirsten, South Africa's most capped player in his 90th Test, said.

"He put his hand up to say I'm

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David Beckham (L) vies for the ball with Liu Yue during the game between Real Madrid and Chinese Dragons at the Workers Stadium in Beijing yesterday.

Debut like Beckham

AFP, Beijing

David Beckham put his celebrity aside to help steer Real Madrid to a 4-0 victory against a Chinese eleven in his long-awaited debut for the Spanish champions Saturday.

In a match that was potentially the most widely watched sporting event China has ever hosted, attracting up to one billion television viewers, the England captain hardly put a foot wrong, and showed some magical touches.

Wearing the number 23 shirt, Beckham started on his favoured right flank with Portuguese playmaker Figo forced into left midfield for the second match in a row.

And in another sign that he has assumed a leading role in a side jammed with world class players, he was handed the only two set pieces of the game, bending his trademark freekicks towards goal on each occasion.

In a sauna-hot Workers Stadium, Beckham, 28, could have been forgiven for feeling the heat with 72,000 pairs of eyes boring into him.

The team were given a rapturous welcome, complete with lion dances and nurses in white uniforms, in a nod to the job done by China's medical profession during the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome crisis that crippled the country.

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