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David Beckham played up front at the start of his Manchester United career. And that Ruud van Nistelrooy started out as a sweeper for his local village side, Nooit Gedacht.

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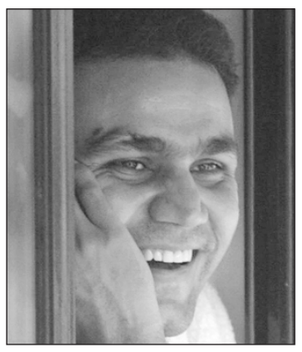

Virender Sehwag
(India's star batsman)
"I'm looking forward to the New Zealand series. They beat us 2-0 in Tests and I hope we beat them

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1. How many runs did Bangladesh score in the first innings of the 2nd Test against Australia?
301 289 295

2. Who became Asian Youth Cup cricket champions?
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3. Who won the Pepsi handball title?
Chittagong Narsingdi Bandarban

4. Who clinched the CONCACAF Gold Cup?
Brazil USA Mexico

5. How many Test tons has Steve

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Hats off to Hameed

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD, *from Karachi*

Yasir Hameed became the ninth Pakistani batsman to score a century on debut when he made 170 against Bangladesh on the second day of the first Test at the Karachi Stadium yesterday.

The 25-year old right-hander from the North Western Province, who has already played five ODIs, also joined Taufeeq Umar in the Pakistan record books to have completed the milestone against the Test newcomers.

Hameed's score is the highest by Pakistan debutant. And interestingly all of them have come on home soil.

Umar compiled 104 during the Asian Test Championship at Multan in August 2001. That was also the first-ever time Bangladesh had played Pakistan in the longer-version.

Talking to reporters after the day's play, Hameed, who scored 450 runs in eight innings in first-class cricket last season at a fantastic average of 75.00, owed his success to coach Javed Miandad. He also remembered his late father on this auspicious occasion.

"I dedicate this hundred to my late father who had predicted that I will score a century in my first match for Pakistan," said Hameed.

"My father was a lawyer but he always wanted me to play cricket and make a name for myself in international cricket. Had he been alive he would have felt so proud of me.

"I was initially a bit nervous as it was my first Test innings. The pressure was more on me after Inzamam was out for a duck. But I stayed calm and got a respectable score."

The young batsman said that the wicket was a perfect for batting and he faced no trouble from any Bangladesh bowler except Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza.

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Following is the list of Pakistani batsmen to score hundreds on their Test debuts:

Khalid Ibadulla	166	v Australia at Karachi	1964-65
Javed Miandad	163	v New Zealand at Lahore	1976-77
Saleem Malik	100	v Sri Lanka at Karachi	1981-82
Mohammad Wasim	109	v New Zealand at Lahore	1996-97
Ali Nagvi	115	v South Africa at Rawalpindi	1997-98
Azhar Mahmood	128	v South Africa at Rawalpindi	1997-98
Younis Khan	107	v Sri Lanka at Rawalpindi	1999-2000
Taufiq Umar	104	v Bangladesh at Multan	2001-2002
Yasir Hameed	170	v Bangladesh at Karachi	2003

PHOTO: AFP

Pakistan debutant Yasir Hameed follows through on a cracking cover-drive on way to scoring a century at Karachi yesterday.

PAKISTAN DIARY

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD, *from Karachi*

Pakistan captain Rashid Latif on Wednesday was very impressed by Bangladesh's first innings performance. He thought it was nothing like what he had seen in their previous three meetings.

"Bangladesh have really surprised me. Watching them bat from behind the stumps they looked more confident than what I saw in January 2002. I'm quite excited seeing a fourth Test-playing team from the sub-continent become so competitive," said the local hero who became Pakistan captain for the second time earlier this year.

Speaking at the Karachi Sheraton Hotel, the 34-year-old wicketkeeper believed Bangladesh coach Dav Whatmore deserved full credit for injecting a newfound confidence into the Test babes in such a short period of time.

"I don't want to comment on Habibul Bashar because he is the only consistent performer in your team. But the way Hannan (Sarker) and Alok (Kapali) batted, it gave me the impression that Bangladesh are following the correct path," he said.

Latif obviously knows what he is talking about since he is running a cricket academy in Karachi, which has produced players like Younis Khan, Farhan Adil and pacer Mohammad Sami for the national team.

RAMEEZ SPEAKS OUT

Rameez Raja is unhappy at the way Mohsin Kamal was dumped as coach by the Bangladesh Cricket Board.

"Let me make one point very clear the BCB didn't do justice to Mohsin Kamal. I didn't like the way he was ousted. The Bangladesh cricket authorities opted for Kamal and Ali Zia after interviewing them. The PCB didn't have a thing to do about it," said Raja at the Karachi National Stadium during the second day's play.

But when this correspondent reminded him of Bangladesh's worst performances under Kamal, the PCB chief executive changed his tune.

"I guess because of the disastrous performance in the World Cup, the axe had to fall on somebody and it was the captain and the coach I think," said Raja.

However, none of the Pakistani journalists were convinced by the former Pakistan opener's words. According to them, the BCB made the worst possible choice by appointing Kamal as the national coach. They also said that Kamal was Raja's best fried and it was Raja who forwarded his name to the Bangladesh board from the PCB.

Raja agreed that the present Bangladesh team under Whatmore looked much more focused, organised and they were playing with a purpose.

"I think they have got certain goals. Like on the first day they wanted to occupy the crease and make sure they batted out until the end," he added.

GOTTA GO HOME

Mohammad Yasin is taking care of the Bangladeshi reporters at the Karachi National Stadium. He is working as a waiter in the La-Rosh Restaurant, which is providing catering services for the media centre as well as VIPs.

The 37-year-old from Chagalnaiya, Noakhali, came to Pakistan in search of a job in 1990. Since then he has been employed at the famous restaurant located in north Nazimabad.

Yasin, who is married and has two daughters, managed to enter the country through India and now even has a Pakistan passport.

"I had no choice. Getting work in Bangladesh was impossible so I came to Pakistan. Now I'm sending 5,000 rupees every month to my family," narrated Yasin yesterday.

But he knows nothing can make up for not being with his two young girls aged three and 18 months.

"I get very emotional whenever I talk to my eldest daughter she always asks, "Father when will you come home."

Yasin plans to go back home sometime next year and spend the rest of his days with his young family.

Zia, Niaz level

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Grand Masters Ziaur Rahman and Niaz Murshed both collected three points each after end of the fifth round of the Masters Tournament of the Abu Dhabi Chess Festival on Wednesday.

Niaz beat Monthan Choksi and Zia lost to GM Gabriel Sargissian of Armenia.

Kirsten resists Eng

Cricket

AFP, *Leeds*

Gary Kirsten's stubborn 44 not out took South Africa to 142 for six at tea on the first day of the fourth Test against England at Headingley here Thursday.

But to the last ball before the interval South Africa lost Mark Boucher for 16 when the wicketkeeper, trying to pull a 90 mph Andrew Flintoff delivery, top-edged and holed out to England captain Michael Vaughan at mid-off.

Kirsten remained unbeaten having faced 169 balls in an innings lasting nearly four hours and including six fours.

But he had two lucky breaks. On 28 he was caught off a Flintoff no-ball and on 42 he saw Nasser Hussain at third slip drop a fast chance above his head after the left-hander cut the all-rounder.

Jacques Rudolph, 26 not out at lunch, shared a fifth-wicket stand of 95 with Kirsten which rescued South Africa from the depths of 21 for four.

Rudolph brought up his second Test fifty in 94 balls with 10 fours when he cut debutant Kabir Ali to the third man boundary.

Kirsten, back in the side after missing England's series-levelling third Test win at Trent Bridge with an arm injury, dropped anchor.

South Africa's most-capped player, 35-year-old Kirsten, playing his 92nd Test, scored just six runs in the first hour after lunch.

But England countered any lingering frustration with a wicket.

Worcestershire pace bowler Kabir, 22, brought one back into Rudolph's pads, and the left-hander was lbw for 55, leaving South Africa 116 for five.

Earlier the tourists' collapse started when South Africa captain Graeme Smith fell fourth ball of the innings after winning the toss.

James Kirtley, who took six for 34 on his debut at Trent Bridge, had left-hander Smith (two) chasing a wide delivery, caught behind by wicketkeeper Alec Stewart.

Then, in the second over two for one became two for two.

Martin Bicknell, 34, marked his return to Test cricket after a ten-year absence when his full-length second ball had Herschelle Gibbs edging to the bowler's Surrey team-mate Stewart for nought.

Bicknell struck again when Jacques Kallis (six) failed to keep a drive down and was caught by Vaughan at short extra-cover.

Then 16 for three became 21 for four when Kabir - given his one-day international bow at Headingley against Zimbabwe earlier this season although rain meant he never took the field got into the action.

Kabir, who was called up with Bicknell after Durham quick

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PHOTO: AFP

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE: Bangladesh pacer Tapas Baisya (2nd from R) is the toast of teammates after he took the wicket of Inzamamul Haq (L) for a duck on the second day of the first Test at Karachi yesterday.

BCCI wants WC money

Cricket

REUTERS, *New Delhi*

India's cricket board has demanded the International Cricket Council (ICC) pay them 6.5 million dollars World Cup appearance money withheld due to a player contracts dispute.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) had launched an inquiry into what it described as "inadequate marketing" by the Global Cricket Corporation (GCC), the ICC's commercial partner for the tournament held this year in South Africa.

The GCC had asked the ICC to pay 47 million dollars to compensate for loss of revenue after Indian players, many of whom enjoy lucrative personal endorsements, only signed altered agreements for this year's World Cup to protect their individual deals.

It also withheld money from England and New Zealand who boycotted matches over security fears and Sri Lanka whose players signed their contracts late.

The GCC has a 550 million dollars rights deal for ICC events until 2007.

India's share of 2003 World Cup revenue would have been between around 8-9 million dollars but they say they are still owed 6.5 million dollars of that which the ICC are withholding until their dispute with GCC is settled.

"We have asked the ICC to release the money due to us since we have concluded that the claim made by GCC was exaggerated and based on flimsy ground," BCCI president Jagmohan Dalmiya said in Madras on Wednesday.

The BCCI, which has been in regular communication with the ICC over the issue, found support from the world body.

"The ICC is standing firm against the 47-million-dollar claim by its commercial partner, GCC, after its

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PHOTO: STAR

Bangladesh Football Federation president SA Sultan speaks to reporters during a press conference at a city hotel yesterday.

Now Nitol's NFL buses for fans

BSS, *Dhaka*

Nitol Group, sponsor of the Nitol-Tata National Football League, will provide 50 buses to carry football fans to Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium to watch the Super Six matches beginning on August 25.

Buses will travel from Bangabandhu National Stadium, which the Bangladesh Football Federation failed to arrange.

Abdul Matlub Ahmed, chairman of the Nitol Group of Industries, said this at Meet the Press programme, organised by the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), at Purbani Hotel yesterday.

"The buses will only carry the football fans free of cost to the stadium at Mirpur and bring back without any stoppage," he added.

BFF president SA Sultan, acting

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College b'ball

BSS, *Dhaka*

Mastermind College posted an easy 83-45 win over Aga Khan College in the Europa College Basketball Championship at Dhanmondi Basketball Gymnasium yesterday.

The winners led the first half 38-23.

Nabil scored the highest 42 points for Mastermind. Oyon with 15 points and Muntasir with 12 were the other scorers.

Ibrahim with 17 points was the leading scorer for Aga Khan College.

In the day's other match, BAF Shaheen College came from behind to beat Academia 45-39.

The winners trailed the first half 14-21 in a grueling battle.

Sabbir caged 22 while Niloy added 13 to the winners' total, but Nahid of Academia with 25 was the top scorer. Golam also chipped in with 10 points for Academia.

First win for Nipa

SPORTS REPORTER

National women's champion FIDE Master Syeda Shabana Parveen Nipa won her first game in the Asian Women's Chess Championship at Calicut in India yesterday.

She beat WFM Malinicheva Lidiya of Uzbekistan in the fifth round.

'He can score ton of tons'

Cricket

AFP, *Madras*

Australian Test captain Steve Waugh lavished generous praise on Sachin Tendulkar on Thursday, saying the Indian great was capable of smashing all batting records in the world.

"He (Tendulkar) can even score hundred international centuries," Waugh told reporters during a business trip to this southern Indian city.

The star Indian batsman already holds a double world record in one-day internationals, having amassed 12,219 runs with 34 hundreds.

Tendulkar also has 31 Test centuries, surpassed only by compatriot Sunil Gavaskar (34) and Waugh himself (32).

Waugh said he would soon be surpassed by Tendulkar as the Indian had plenty of cricket left in him.

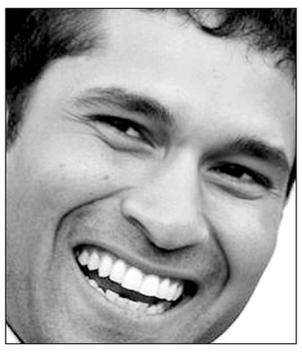
"He already has an amazing record," said the 38-year-old Australian, who is eight years older than Tendulkar.

"He has a lot of cricket left in him and a lot of such performances will come from him. He can set all records in the world and his records will last a long time," said Waugh.

Tendulkar had already played down the rivalry with Waugh, saying he was not competing with any batsman to score more Test centuries.

"There's no race between Steve and me, nor is there any rivalry," said Tendulkar, the sixth-highest scorer in Test cricket with 8,811 runs.

Only five others have scored



SACHIN TENDULKAR

more: Australians Allan Border (11,174) and Waugh (10,521), Gavaskar (10,122), Englishman Graham Gooch (8,900) and

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B'DESH-PAK SCORECARD

AFP, *Karachi*

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the first Test between Pakistan and Bangladesh at Karachi's National Stadium on Thursday:

BANGLADESH: First innings (overnight 278-9)

Hannan c Latif b Shabbir	41
Javed b Gul	1
Bashar c Hafeez b Akhtar	71
Sanwar lbw b Akhtar	15
Saleh c Gul b Kaneria	26
Kapali c Shabbir b Kaneria	46
Mashud lbw b Gul	19
Mahmud c Yasir b Kaneria	14
Baisya c Taufeeq b Shabbir	10
Rafique c Latif b Shabbir	14
Mashrafee not out	9
Extras: (b-3, lb-5, nb-14)	22
Total: (All out in 86.3 overs)	288

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-123, 3-123, 4-146, 5-176, 6-231, 7-251, 8-252, 9-273

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Akhtar	18	4	56	2
Gul	20	5	91	2
Shabbir	20.3	3	61	3
Kaneria	21	6	58	3
Hafeez	7	2	14	0

PAKISTAN: First innings

Hafeez c Javed b Mashrafee	2
Umar c Javed b Rafique	38
Hameed c Rafique b Mashrafee	170
Inzamam c Saleh b Baisya	0
Youhana c and b Saleh	46
Misbah not out	12
Latif not out	27
Extras: (lb-2, nb-4)	6

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Hockey Super League today

BSS, *Dhaka*

Defending champions Abahani face Usha Krira Chakra as the Super League of Green Delta Insurance Premier Division Hockey League begins today.

The match kicks off at 4:00pm at Maulana Bhasani National Hockey Stadium.

Five teams have qualified for the phase. The other teams are Mohammedan Sporting Club, Sonali Bank Sports and Recreation Club and Ajax Sporting Club.

Mohammedan Sporting Club will play their first match against Sonali Bank on Saturday.