



Fri Lanka once scored 951 for 6 versus India, in 1997 - the highest ever team-total in Test cricket



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Javier Clemente

(Espanyol coach) "Sometimes you don't get a drop of water when you are thirsty." Ruing the missed chances against Real Madrid during their Primera Liga match on Sunday.



SPORTS REPORTER Chief selector Faruque Ahmed said

there is no room for a new face in the first Test starting on October 21. But at the same time the former national captain did not rule out to think beyond the list of 20 probables for the reminder of the series especially for the three one-dayers. Michael Vaughan's men arrive

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FARUQUE AHMED

Despite the loss of Flintoff

Stewart's retirement and the

discarding of Darren Gough,

England are determined to build on

the positives from the South Africa

series as they face the minnows of

Bandladesh before moving onto Sri

Lanka for a more formidable

they are a learning team. I fully

expect us to go there and win but I

don't underestimate the task we've

England will face a Bangladesh

"We are hopeful of winning

team buoyed by an improved

display on their recent tour of

against England," said their

Australian-born coach Dav

Whatmore despite his men being

blanked in both the Test and one-

day series at their Asian neighbours.

VIP- Tk 1000 (per day), Executive

Enclosure- Tk 500 (per day), VIP

day), Special Enclosures- Tk 100

(per day), Western Gallery Tk 40

(per day), Eastern Gallery- Tk 30

VIP- Tk 200 (per day) and Package for five-day Tk 700, Executive Enclosure- Tk 400

(package for five-day), VIP (com-

plementary stand, west)- Tk 150

(per day), Club-house (East)- Tk

70 (per day) and package for five-

day Tk 250, International

Enclosure (East)- Tk 70 (per day)

and Package for five-day Tk 275,

Special Enclosures- Tk 25 (per day) and Package for five-day Tk

100, Western Gallery Tk 20 (per

day) and Package for five-day Tk

75, Eastern Gallery- Tk 15 (per

day) and package for five-day Tk

A total of 5000 tickets will be

distribute to the school boys free of

Club House (East)- Tk 20 (per

day) and Western Gallery- Tk 5

cost at the Eastern Gallery

complete a 117-run thrashing.

final over of the reduced 37-over a

Chasing Shariyatpur's 109,

Rajbari kept their nerves to reach

110 in 36.1 overs and booked a

other games, star-studded

Chittagong heaved a big sigh of

relief as they made the right call

against tiny Cox's Bazar at the

It would have been a tragedy for

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With the flip of the coin deciding

PRACTICE MATCH

got ahead of us." said Vaughan.

"Bangladesh will be a tough test.

England arrive today

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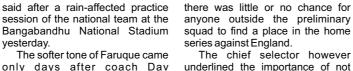
opponent.

this morning on a maiden 37-day tour, which includes two Tests and three one-day internationals in Dhaka and Chittagong. "We are not rigid about picking

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one-dayer series but the late

players from only the preliminary Whatmore stated that he would list. We also do not rule out considprefer a wider net before making the ering three new faces for the onefinal selection. day series. But there will be no Faruque had initially said that experiment in the Tests," Faruque



underlined the importance of not hurrying into making judgements based on one-off performances during the tour matches.

"Before giving a chance to any player we should count his previous record, ability to withstand the pressure at the highest level as well as his natural talent. I have no intention to give chance to anyone for one or two good matches," Faruque said.

Faruque said that he would only bend the rules if he found someone as 'very extraordinary' talent. "But right at the moment I don't

see anyone who has everything we are looking for."

Regarding the selection process Faruque said that they would definitely take the home advantage and announce match-by-match squads. But unlike previous occasions, where the Board used to announce

15 players, this time it would a 13member team for each game. Faruque will sit with his two

colleagues and the coach today to finalise the BCB President's Eleven for the tour opener against England on October 12. The selectors will name the

squad fore the first Test on October 17. But he dismissed having Mahmud in the meeting of selectors since the Board, which reserves the right to name a captain, is yet to make it official Faruque also got involved in the

pitch argument, which has been a talking point for the last few days. "If you ask me we need as flat a

wicket as possible. On the other hand the Bangla-

desh skipper is very excited to learn that two leading English bowlers James Anderson and Andrew Flintoff will be absent from the Testlea of the tour They are firebrand bowlers and

we always considered them the main threat. So, it's a relief to some extent," said Mahmud.

Kyrgyzstan U-17



SA snap Pak streak

"But we will try to find a solution to this in the remaining two matches. If bad light had not stopped play we probably would have won the match "he said

South Africa's victory was built around a second wicket stand of 100 in 111 balls between skipper Graeme Smith (51 from 55 eight fours) and Jacques Kallis (62 from 80 balls, eight fours, one six).

Jacques Rudolph (46 from 82 balls) then combined with Mark Boucher (24 from 32 balls) to add 49 valuable runs after South Africa lost three quick wickets.

Tickets brewing hot Bangabandhu National Stadium will

branches from October 17.

June on

The upward performance graph of

the Bangladesh cricket team is

The Ticket & Seating Committee

of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)

buoyed by the Tigers' tour of

sell for only three days but this time

they are hot cakes. We are now

expecting each day of the first Test

to be a sell-out. However, we real-

ised that tickets prices could be

increased as our boys did so well in

Pakistan," said chairman of the

Ticket & Seating Committee and

BCB advisor Khandakar Jamil

Uddin at a press conference vester-

But BCB chief executive officer

Magbul Hussein Dudhia was quick

to point out that they were very

cheap when compared to other

For the third series running

Prime Bank has been designated to

sell the tickets under a one-year

agreement with the Board reached

The tickets for first Test and two

one-day internationals at the

nternational venues.

n November 11, 2002.

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"We had thought tickets would

Pakistan has had to revise its policy.

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inspiring others to act.

The branches are: Motijheel be available at 14 different city Foreign Exchange branch (Motijheel), Islami Banking Branch (Motijheel), Bangshal, Moulvibazar, New Eskaton, Mouchak, Karwan RATES OF TICKETS Bazar, Mohakhali, Gulshan, Banani,

Pakistan." he said.

Test at Multan.

tional for 44 matches.

Johnson

rain-hit match against Zimbabwe.

not won a limited-overs interna-

The South Asian nation has also

England go into the series, which

starts with the first Test in Dhaka on

October 21, without pace

spearhead James Anderson who

was forced out because of a knee

injury to be replaced by Richard

had already been named in

The Somerset pace bowler, who

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due today SPORTS REPORTER "We were very close to victory ir A 20-member Kyrgyzstan under-17

The Test minnows put up a tough football team will arrive in Dhaka fight against Pakistan and came today afternoon to play both legs of within one wicket of registering their their Asian Under-17 Group 8 qualifying match against Bangladesh. first ever Test victory during the third The matches will be held at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in

Bangladesh, granted Test status in 2000, have lost 23 of their 24 Mirpur on October 11 and 13. Tests, the only draw coming in a The winners of the qualifying

matches will get a berth in the final round to be held in Japan next year. Bangladesh under-17 team is now in their final stages of preparation at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) under the supervision of former national

Meanwhile, the three-nation Group 5 qualifying round of Asian Under-20 football championship, that was scheduled to be held in Dhaka from October 19 to 23, has been deferred by six weeks.

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Niaz earned six points out of

The tournament began from

October 2 and it will be held up to

hen play

Paceman search in Faridpur

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A three-day long pace talent hunt programme will be held at the Faridpur Stadium from October 12 to 14.

National fast bowling coach Sarwar Imran will conduct the trial. Interest young fast bowlers have

been asked to report to Imran at the Faridpur Stadium at 9 am on October 12 with proper cricketing gears, a bio-data and a passport size photograph. The BCB development commit-

tee will conduct similar programmes in Dhaka and several other districts. The selected cricketers will get a two-week scholarship at the famous MRF Pace Foundation in Madras, India. The course at MRF Foundation will be conducted by TA Sekar of India and famous Australian fast bowling consultant Dennis Lillie.

19th Nat'l Swimming Rana, Akhter rule day one SPORTS REPORTER

Rubel Rana of Bangladesh Navy and Chameli Akhter of Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) won the gold medals on offer on the first day of the four-day 19th National Swimming Championship at the Swimming Complex in Mirpur.

Rana clinched the 200-metre individual medley gold with a new national record of 2 minutes 17.51 seconds. Wasiul Islam of BKSP won the silver also setting a record time (2 minutes 20.66 seconds). Shahjahan Ali of BKSP bagged the bronze.

In the women's 200m butterfly, Chameli broke the national record with a timing of 3 minutes 04.36 seconds to win the gold followed by Lubna Akhter Jui of Ansars who captured the silver. Merina Akhter of BJMC got the bronze.

However, the records will not be made official as they were manual timings A total of 500 swimmers from 43

Hossain pair clinched the doubles

title of the Table Tennis Champion-

Club, beating their rivals at the club

Faisal and Rownak pair beat

Yousuf Pasha beat M Anwar

Hossain in the first semifinal while Faisal defeated Kazi Rownak in the

second semifinal match at the same

hall room yesterday.

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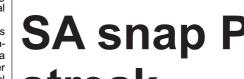
different districts and other services organisations are taking part in the meet. JPC table

tennis UNB, Dhaka

South Africa ended Pakistan's winning streak to capture the third one-day international by 13 runs on

Tuesday. Chasing a target of 244, South Africa won the match under the upgraded Duckworth-Lewis formula after Pakistan failed to complete their 50 overs in the stipulated time of three-and-a-half hours and bad light was offered to the batsmen

was stopped, Sc



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REUTERS, Faisalabad

goalkeeper Shahidur Rahman Shantoo.

The qualifying round, involving Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh will now be held in the city from December 1 to 5.

Niaz shares 3rd position

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eight games.

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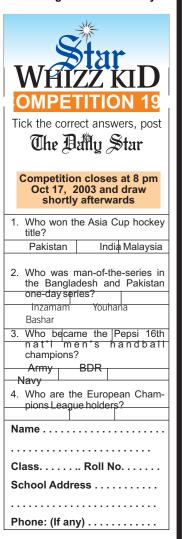
October 10.

seven points each.

Grand Master Niaz Murshed jointly

AHARA





Zia Gold Cup football

UNB. Dhaka

Arambagh Krira Sangha started their Zia Gold Cup campaign in style as they blanked Dipali Juba Sangha 3-0 in the inaugural match at the Birshrestha Shaheed Mohammad Mostafa Stadium vesterday.

Walid Khan scored a fantastic hattrick for the winners. Later he was adjudged man of the match.

The match between Sadharan Bima KS and Prantic KC, scheduled for today, has been shifted on Thursday

A total of 12 teams, split into two groups, are taking part in the knockout meet

The coin controlled the fate of teams as rain upset the second day of the Emirates 27th National Cricket Championship qualifying round esterday. There was no play in six matches

at different venues across the country and the team that won the toss were declared winners in accordance with the competition's bylaws.

However, the fixtures at Sirajganj and Comilla were thankfully not defeated by the weather and the fans were treated to some exhilarat-

ng cricket. At Sirajganj, the host side's ceman Mamun produced an

astonishing burst of eight for eleven. His effort included a hattrick and enabled Sirajganj to skittle out Natore for 35 in just 10.1 overs to

Elephant Road, Dhanmondi and Uttara.

But due to renovation of the (complementary stand, west)- Tk 900 (per day), Club-house (East)-Tk 300 (per day), International Enclosure (East)- Tk 200 (per multi-purpose venue, the committee has decided not to sell tickets for the International Enclosure (West) and reduced the number of tickets for the Western gallery to 15,000 from 20,000.

Member-secretary of the committee Tariq Chowdhury said that the AC and non-AC boxes were already sold and they were expecting to earn in total Tk 35 lakh from the coming matches in Dhaka.

"We are expected 100 to 150 English fans and a special VIP area will be reserved for the 'Barmy Armv'." he said.

Tarig however expressed disap pointment at the poor response by former national cricketers to obtain entry cards.

"So far only 15 cricketers have applied for the complimentary card," he said.

The BCB has also decided to donate gate money of the practice matches between England and BCB President's XI and Bangladesh "A" to the cricketers' welfare fund.

Managing director of Prime Bank Shah M Nurul Alam and its additional managing director Shajahan Bhuiyan were also present.

The twist of toss

AFP, London

Earlier, Sirajganj had made a not Duncan Fletcher has agreed to an too convincing 152 for nine in 50 overs with Maruf topscoring with 35. extension to his contract which would make him England's longest-In Comilla, Rajbari beat serving coach. Shariyatpur by just one wicket in the

The Zimbabwean's previous deal ran to September 2004, but the

"We believe that the new arrangement removes the scope for distracting annual speculation," said ECB Director of Cricket Operations John Carr.

"The decision to move Duncan from a fixed-term contract to a staff own commitment to him and his own commitment to the England cause."

Chittagong if luck didn't smile on players for Bangladesh on Tuesday. them against the mismatched Following Bangladesh, England At the Dhanmondi Cricket will be in Sri Lanka until Christmas Stadium, BUET made an unfortuand in the West Indies in early nate early exit after losing the toss to spring

batting practice in Ahmedabad vesterday. SEE PAGE 14 COL 5

shared the third position with other Africa needed to have scored 208 five players after the end of the under the Duckworth-Lewis scoring eighth round games in the method. They had made 221 for six Parsynath International Rating in 45 overs and were declared chess tournament in Delhi yesterwinners.

South Africa's victory ensured Pakistan's lead in the five-match series was reduced to 2-1.

In this round Niaz drew with Pakistan's stand-in skipper Indian International Master Yousuf Youhana promised to find a Russian Grand Master solution to the problem of his side's Alexander Fominyh and Indian slow over rate that possibly cost International Master RB Ramesh them the game. jointly led in the points table with

"We have a problem with the over rate. Maybe we are slow in the field and also because Shoaib (Akhtar) takes time to complete his over," Youhana told this news

Although paceman Akhtar Faisal Mokammel and Kazi Rownak threatened to prevent the South African win with hostile bowling which won him figures of three wickets for 31 runs, in the end South Africa came through with Shaun Pollock (4) and Andrew Hall (10) at

Yousuf Pasah and M Anwar Uddin duo by 21-8, 21-11. the crease. Earlier, Yasir Hameed (72) and Faisal Mokammel and Yousuf Razzak (46) helped Pakistan to a Pasha moved into the singles final. competitive total.

South Africa, trailing 2-0 in the five-match series, produced a much improved performance before another big crowd.

Security was tight after South Africa nearly cancelled the tour due SEE PAGE 14 COL 2

event will be held today. A three-day spade trump compe tition begins today at 9am.

The final match of the singles

Ahmedabad Test starts today

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AFP, Ahmedabad

India skipper Saurav Ganguly on Tuesday sounded a warning to New Zealand ahead of a two-Test series, saving his team was determined to maintain its superb home record.

India have not lost a home Test series since Ganguly took over the captaincy from Sachin Tendulkar three years ago. Their victims include Australia, England, the West Indies and Zimbabwe.

New Zealand, yet to clinch a series in India, have won just two of their 24 Tests in this country. Their last victory came at Bombay in 1988

"We've been winning every home Test series for the last three years. We always play well at home. We also want to win this series and we'll play to win," Ganguly said ahead of Wednesday's opening Test.

The second and last match will begin at Mohali on October 16.

The Indian captain said his team had enough resources to put pressure on New Zealand despite missing pacemen Javagal Srinath and Ashish Nehra due to iniuries. India named two specialist fast

PHOTO: AFF bowlers and as many spinners in ROBO-CRICKETER? India captain Saurav Ganguly is equipped with his gears to go on their playing eleven, but Ganguly said he did not believe his team

would miss a fifth regular bowler. "The fifth bowler's duties will be shared by Tendulkar, Virender Sehwag and myself," said Ganguly who is one Test win short of equalling former captain Mohammad Azharuddin's Indian record of 14 victories.

Fast bowler Laxmipathy Balaji is all set to make his Test debut. He will share the new ball with Zaheer Khan, while the spin bowling will be handled by veteran Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh.

New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming said he was confident his team would overcome the Indian heat and spin to extend their recent impressive run in the sub-continent

Fleming led his side remarkably well in Sri Lanka in April when New Zealand drew a two-Test series and then went on to win a triangular oneday tournament also involving Pakistan.

He slammed an unbeaten double-century in the opening Test at Colombo to neutralise off-spin wizard Muttiah Muralitharan's threat and then scored a solid 65 in the triseries final against Pakistan at Dambulla.

"I'd like to be the top-scorer against India also. We've the technique to negotiate their spin," said Fleming.

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new one has no fixed time limit.

contract demonstrates the board's

The 55-year-old leaves with his