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The first bowler to take 10 wickets in a Test innings was Jim Laker of England in 1956.

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Marcus Trescothick
(England batsman)
"The passion is absolutely thriving here. It is amazing when there was a rain delay the crowd stayed here while the players disappeared and that speaks of their love for the game."
On Bangladesh's cricket fans.

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Div I kabadi

UNB, Dhaka

Brothers Union Club outplayed Sriyani Sangha 132-20 in the Metropolis First Division Kabadi League at the Outer Stadium kabadi court yesterday.

The Gopibagh outfit, who earned twelve creditable lonas, dominated the first session by 60-15 points.

In the day's other match, Haji Suruzzamal team beat Imarat Sporting Club 90-81 with four lonas after leading the first half 41-37 at the same venue.

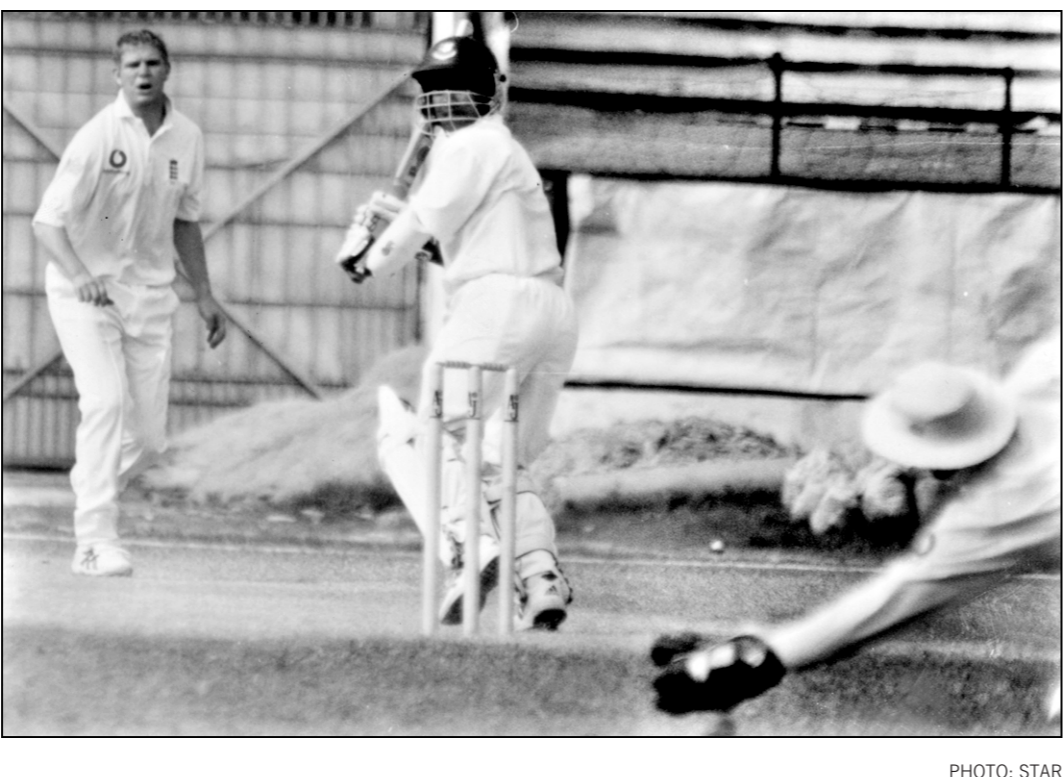


PHOTO: STAR
England's strike bowler Matthew Hoggard and Board President's XI opener Hannan Sarker look on as wicketkeeper Chris Read tries to gather a delivery down the leg side at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Batsmen ruin bowlers' day

It was a tale of two contrasting halves for the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) President's Eleven on day two of the three-day practice match against a full strength England side at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The first half belonged to the youthful Bangladesh bowlers, who were not intimidated by the big names in Michael Vaughan's England line-up and shot their opponents out for 253 shortly after tea.

But the excellent exploits of slow left-armed Enamul Haque and paceman Anwar Hossain Munir were overshadowed by a dramatic batting collapse in the final hours of the day that saw the home side stuttering at 46 for six at stumps.

The day began so well for the hosts after right-arm pacer Gazi Alamgir had Mark Butcher (21) caught at mid-wicket. He also claimed the prize wicket of Nasser Hussein. The former England captain was trapped leg before for a scratchy 17.

The visitors had to rely on the antics of wicketkeeper Chris Read to get out of jail.

The feisty right-hander hammered 43 which included two huge sixes. His enterprising seventh wicket partnership with Gareth Batty produced 55 runs before Munir returned to send Read back to the bowlers.

The President's Eleven team made a brisk start when national opener Hannan cracked a scorching square-driven boundary off Stephen Harmison in the second

over of the innings. But then the wheels fell off their cart. That was the first of two four in the Bangladesh innings.

The inexperience of the batsmen was cruelly exposed by Hoggard and Martin Saggars who forced them to play every ball that swung outside the off-stump.

Wrecker-in-chief Hoggard picked up three wickets for 11 runs in six overs and Saggars took two for six.

At the close all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman was batting on six while Nadif Chowdhury was not out on five.

The home side will be anxiously waiting to hear if Moniruzzaman can bat today. The young opener got a cut on his left eye while trying to

Enamul and Munir shared seven wickets as the Englishmen resuming the day on 106-1 could not build a score big enough for their frontline batsmen to get a much-needed batting practice ahead of the first Test starting on October 21.

The tourists capitulated after Marcus Trescothick fell ten runs short of his century. The Somerset left-hander helped himself to seven fours and four sixes during his 276-minute stay at the crease before he prodded an Enamul delivery to Aftab at forward short-leg.

His dismissal in the very first ball after the lunch break heralded England's slide that saw eight wickets falling for just 72 runs.

Amazingly three key batsmen apart from Trescothick fell in 14 deliveries with the score on 181.

Enamul snared three of them with a probing line and intelligent use of flight.

The 19-year-old bowler from Sylhet also ended the English innings by dismissing Matthew Hoggard to finish with 4-59 in 27.1 overs.



PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN
BRIGHT LIGHTS! Board President's XI heroes Enamul Haque Jr. (L) and Anwar Hossain Munir, who shared seven England wickets, return to the dressing room after the fall of the last wicket at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Finally Zim give in

The Australian juggernaut finally overcame a gallant Zimbabwe to go one up in the first Test of a two-match series Monday.

But skipper Steve Waugh said after his team had won the first Test in this country between the sides by an innings and 175 runs that he had feared the combination of flinty Zimbabwe resolve and threatening weather could combine to thwart his team.

"The rain was menacing and there was a thought that we would never get there," he said.

While outplayed for most of the WACA Ground game, the inexperienced Zimbabwe showed great depths of character at the bottom of their order as a second innings score of 126 for seven wickets swelled to 321.

It was the highest second innings score by Zimbabwe in their 11-year history in Test ranks.

Zimbabwe's brave resistance was finally broken after the last-wicket pair, skipper Heath Streak and Ray Price, had kept vigil for just over two hours, adding 74 runs the biggest last-wicket Test stand in Perth.

They were skittled for 239 in their first innings in reply to Australia's mammoth 735 for six wickets declared.

Waugh said he considered the Perth wicket renowned as one of the liveliest in the world was the easiest-paced he had ever seen it.

"It was very hard to get guys out on that," he said.

Play started on time Monday

after heavy rain had washed out play late Sunday.

Streak and Price defied the depleted Australian attack for 53 minutes before further rain caused an 18-minute delay.

The pair held firm for another 25 minutes after the resumption before Australia finally broke through shortly before lunch when persistent fast bowler Andy Bichel trapped Price for 36 his highest score in 23 Test innings.

Streak was unbeaten with a gritty four and a half hour 71 his ninth Test half-century. He has yet to complete a century at this level, his best score being 87.

Bichel grabbed the bowling honours with a commendable 4-63 from 28.2 overs. Streak said Australia thoroughly deserved their

AUSTRALIA: First innings 735 for six declared (M Hayden 380, A Gilchrist 113 not out, S Waugh 78, D Martyn 53, R Ponting 37, D Lehmann 30; S Ervine 4-146, T Gripper 2-142)

ZIMBABWE: First innings 239 (T Gripper 53, C Wishart 46, M Vermeulen 38, D Ebrahim 29; B Lee 3-48, J Gillespie 3-52, A Bichel 2-62, S MacGill 2-54)

ZIMBABWE: Second innings (overnight 272-9)

Ebrahim b Gillespie 4
Lee c Gilchrist b Gillespie 0
Vermeulen c Gilchrist b Lee 63
MacGill c Bichel b Lehmann 35
Wishart lb Bichel 8
Evans b Lehmann 5
Taibu c Gilchrist b Bichel 3
Ervine b Bichel 53
Streak not out 71
Blignaut st Gilchrist b Lehmann 22
Price c Waugh b Bichel 36
Extras: (lb-6, b-4, w-5, nb-6) 21
Total: (All out in 127.2 overs) 321
Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-11, 3-110, 4-112, 5-118, 6-126, 7-126, 8-209, 9-247



victory.
SCOREBOARD
Final scorecard on the fifth and final day of the first Test between Australia and Zimbabwe at the WACA Ground on Monday:

Result: Australia won by an innings and 175 runs.
Man-of-the-match: Matthew Hayden.
Umpires: Sri Venkataraghavan (India) and Peter Willey (England).

The 'Army' is here!

RABEEB IMAM

The Barmy Army is already in Dhaka.

Although they are still not in the large numbers as is expected, a few members of the famous traveling band of England cricket team's supporters were present at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) yesterday cheering on their boys.

And their presence seemed to work as England bowled with the aggression resembling their Lions logo to send the Board President's XI reeling at the close of play on day two of the first practice match.

However, the possibility of more members of the colourful group joining in later for the Test and one day international series appears bleak.

"I don't think there will be the 100-odd Barmy fans assembling here as some have suggested. 30 to 40 is a more realistic number," said one of the English fans.

"You see, the Barmy Army members travel separately and then gather for the games. We scatter around and stay in different hotels. But usually we mix with other traveling English fans while watching the cricket. They are not really Barmy. But together, we look like a large group and the whole bunch is sometimes mistaken for the Barmy Army," he added.

About their Bangladesh experience so far, the 'Army' men appeared largely satisfied except for a significant craving.

"It has been better than we expected. The people are very friendly. But the only thing we miss is the drinking. It's rather dry cricket and you know how much the Barmy Army love to drink," lamented one cheerful member.

The authorities have barred any alcoholic beverage inside the BNS during the series.

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Bangladesh, needing only a draw yesterday, made a shaky start

Akram accorded fitting farewell

AFP, Rawalpindi

Former Pakistan cricket brilliant all-rounder Wasim Akram stepped out in the field but neither bowled nor batted as sponsors gifted him a shining new car to mark a farewell before his home crowd.

"I am moved by the gesture and reception by Pepsi, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) and all the fans who made me feel moved," Wasim said during the ceremony.

Pepsi Cola International and PCB befittingly organised the farewell ceremony for the former captain and record holder left-arm fast bowler after the fifth one-day match between Pakistan and South Africa played in the garrison city of Rawalpindi near capital Islamabad.

AB Bank TT

UNB, Dhaka

The AB Bank Metropolis Women's Table Tennis League begins today at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium.

Nine teams-Azimpur Young Star, Bangladesh Biman (Red), Bangladesh Biman (Green), Swamibagh Girls, Surf Kitting, Abahani, Blue Birds TT Club, Dhaka Women's TT Club and Brothers Union-will compete in the meet.

Meanwhile, eight matches of the AB Bank Metropolis First Division Table Tennis League were decided at the NSC wooden floor gymnasium yesterday.

Khelaghar SKS beat Orka, Angles Club defeated New Colony (Red), North South University beat Khawja Printing, Swamibagh Boys' outplayed Young Pegasus and Bama TT Club beat Reazul Smriti Sangha by 3-0 sets each in the day's one-sided match.

In the day's other matches, Dhaka TT Club beat Sports World, Mohammadpur Boys defeated Swamibagh TTS both by 3-1 sets while Management Net beat Modhumita KS by 3-2 sets.

SL stick to 2 captains

REUTERS, Colombo

Hashan Tillakaratne has been confirmed as Sri Lanka Test captain and Marvan Atapattu will skipper the one-day team for England's six-week tour starting next month.

The decision to continue with the shared captaincy was reached following discussions in Colombo between a four-man selection committee and new coach John Dyson and ratified on Monday by the sports ministry.

The announcement ended speculation that Tillakaratne, 35, would be axed after failing to win a Test in four attempts, as Sri Lanka drew a two-Test home series 0-0 against New Zealand and lost 1-0 to West Indies in the Caribbean.

Asian Under-17 C'ships Bangladesh in finals

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

A second half goal from Hiraq Joarder against Kyrgyzstan took Bangladesh to the final round of the Asian Under-17 championships yesterday.

The 1-0 result over the central Asian opponents in their second leg match of the qualifiers at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium yesterday evening gave Bangladesh a 3-0 aggregate victory. The home side won the first leg encounter 2-0 at the same venue on Saturday.

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Former national captain resigns from DSA

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphaman

Former captain of Bangladesh national football team Arif Hossain Moon has resigned from his assistant secretary's post of Nilphamari District Sports Association in protest against alleged irregularities and corruption by DSA officials especially its secretary Joyal Abedin.

In a media conference at the local press club yesterday, Moon explained his decision and cited different instances of corruption. He also demanded an inquiry in this regard.

Moon alleged that the DSA has become a hub for earning illegal money. "In the name of sports development, the DSA officials have turned the Nilphamari Stadium premises into a secured gambling area," he said.

He claimed that he was removed from the football sub committee's post recently as he opposed the irregularities. Moon blasted DSA secretary Jinal Abedin, who is a former Awami League leader and now with the Jatiya Party.

Protesting the police act

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

There was widespread resentment in the country yesterday following the police harassment of former national cricketer Saiful Islam in Mymensingh on Saturday.

Saiful, one of the hero of Bangladesh's triumph in the ICC Trophy in 1997, was handcuffed by the police when he went to fence a piece of land that he received as a reward from the government for brining glory to the nation. Police also reportedly physically abused the former pace bowler.

"This is intolerable that police slapped a cricketer who has brought glory to the country and was also handcuffed although he repeatedly gave his identity. He was treated like a criminal. This was really a shameful act," said national captain Khaled Mahmud while expressing his deep concern at the incident during the three-day match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium



yesterday.

"I have spoken to all my colleagues in the national camp and everybody was shocked. We demand severe punishment for those who have insulted a national hero. What police did was simply a crime."

However, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) was yet to come up with any official statement about the sad incident since its

president Ali Asghar was not aware of the happenings in Mymensingh until last night.

But the BCB boss condemned the police act and said he would try his best so that the culprits did not go unpunished.

"I will take this matter to higher level so that we can do something against this. I will try to ensure a proper investigation into the matter and hope action would be taken against those who insulted a national hero," said Asghar, also a ruling party lawmaker, while talking to The Daily Star Sport over his cell phone last night.

Chief Selector Faruque Ahmed also condemned the incident terming it as a disgraceful incident.

"I'm sure Saiful earned that piece of land from the government for his heroics in the ICC Trophy. So, whatever has happened is not good. I want an immediate inquiry. We demand exemplary punishment to those who have intentionally insulted a national hero," said the former national captain.

SA seek to cash in on it

Cricket

AFP, Rawalpindi

South Africa is hoping to capitalise on the momentum from their spectacular come-from-behind victory in the one-day series for the upcoming Tests against hosts Pakistan, coach Eric Simons said.

"Obviously Test cricket is very different from the one-day cricket but it's nice to take the winning momentum into the Test," said Simons, whose side pocketed the one-day series 3-2 on Sunday after losing the first two games.

"Going into Tests having won the one-day rather than losing it is very good."

The first of two Tests starts in Lahore on Friday.

"We have to get up and start again which is very important and

keep the winning momentum," Simons said.

The Proteas' one-day series victory capped a winning week for South African sport. Their athletes won 50 gold medals in the All Africa Games in Nigeria, their footballers beat Costa Rica 2-1 in preparation for the African Nations' Cup and their rugby team thrashed Uruguay in their opening match of the Rugby World Cup in Australia.

Ever since the Proteas arrived last month they have been swamped by heavy security and the different climatic conditions made it difficult for them to adjust on the field.

The tour was originally cancelled over security fears following a bomb blast in southern port city of Karachi three days before the South Africa were due to arrive.

It was only after Pakistan eliminated Karachi and Peshawar, the two venues where South Africa

showed concerns over playing, that the tour was rescheduled.

Simons said the heat was a factor in his team's early losses.

"We spoke a lot in the first week about adapting to the climate and the guys weren't quite up to the kind of standard required, but once we adapted to the conditions the team started to win," he said.

South Africa came back strongly to win the last three games in a row by 13 runs at Faisalabad and by six and seven wickets respectively in the last two at Rawalpindi.

"I am very proud (of) the way the team played," Simons said.

Stand-in captain Mark Boucher said the suspensions of captain Graeme Smith and all-rounder Andrew Hall made things tougher.

"Obviously we were under pressure losing our captain and a player like Hall but we believed that we

Saurav backs bowlers

Cricket

AFP, Ahmedabad

India skipper Saurav Ganguly on Sunday defended his bowlers despite their failure to take their team to victory in the drawn opening cricket Test here.

The hosts were in a winning position after spinners Anil Kumble (4-95) and Harbhajan Singh (2-65) had reduced New Zealand to 86-4 and then 169-6 in pursuit of a 370-run target, but failed to complete the job.

New Zealand middle-order batsman Craig McMillan (83 not out) and Nathan Astle (51 not out) put on 103 for the unfinished seventh wicket to save the match.

"No, I don't think our bowlers are not good enough to bowl the opposition out twice. They bowled well on a pitch which did not favour them. They tried very hard," said Ganguly.

"It's up to the people who have the responsibility to see how they prepare wickets in the country."

The Sardar Patel Stadium track here offered only slow turn even on the fifth day which was not good enough for the Indian spinners to complete the victory.

Fleming praised his batsmen for drawing the match from a difficult position.

"Drawing the match required a phenomenal effort," he said.

"We had to tackle the conditions (hot and humid) as well as the Indian spinners. Since the target was beyond our reach, we are happy to come out with a draw. Astle's was a gallant effort."

New Zealand required 370 to win in a minimum of 108 overs, but aimed at saving the game after losing three wickets in the morning session.

Middle-order batsman Astle, coming at number eight due to a stomach upset, provided valuable support to McMillan to deny India the victory.

New Zealand opener Lou Vincent, who scored a defiant 67, said his side was satisfied with the draw.

"We lost only five wickets on the last day to two world-class spinners, so we are happy with the result."

"It was tough in the morning and it was important for somebody to hang in there. If we had a couple of good sessions we could have set up a good chase, but things did not turn out that way."

New Zealand skipper Stephen

