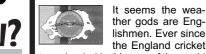




# **Rain and Englishmen**

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team landed in this part of the world to play their maiden series in Bandladesh rain has been their constant companion. Michael Vaughan's men were given a wet reception when they arrived at the Zia International Airport on October 8 They were hardly allowed to train

outdoors. Their two practice matches lost precious time thanks to rain. But what happened on first morning of the first Test at the Bangabandhu National Stadium was stunning to say the least. With only four overs bowled, a

rain whatsoever along the way.

ESPN Sportscentre India Sport News Live at 8:30 pm UEFA Champions League Real Madrid vs Partizan Live at 12:30 am (Thursday) STAR Sports

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First Test, Day Two

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**Oliver Kahn** (German int'l goalkeeper)

during the War of Liberation was not The Bangladesh Cricket Board "I accept one per cent of the critifar away from her. Speaker BCB) at long last has arranged his cism but I will not take the remaining Jamiruddin Sircar graced the ceretreatment following the advice of 99 per cent because it comes from monv team physio John Gloster. people who have no idea what goalkeeping is about. Sharif will have his first session with Dr. Young on October 28. He playing the national anthems of the two countries. Fortunately, it was will have to stay at least ten days in not a disaster like what happened at Australia after the operation. the Commonwealth Parliamentary The promising cricketer from Association (CPA) conference in the Narayanganj has played eight Tests city exactly two weeks ago where and as many one-day internationals.



PHOTO: STAR There is more bad news for the IT RAINS NOW, SUN SHINES THEN! The groundsmen at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (L) cover the pitches after it started raining heavily after only four overs' play on the first morning of the first Test between Bangladesh and England yesterday. (Top right) Bangladesh openers SEE PAGE 14 COL 5 Javed Omar (L) and Hannan Sarker scurry for shelter. A super sopper (bottom right) drains out water from the outfield of the BNS

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the national anthem of Bangladesh could not be played.

While England's national anthem was played with the help of an audio tape, the rhythm was certainly upset when lady singer crooned our national anthem. The striking aspect was a guitarist playing the background music, which is very uncommon and doesn't fit with the sprit of the occasion.

Besides, there was frustration on the faces of media people as logistical support like fax and computers and even Internet facilities were not available until the afternoon.

#### **BRAVO CRICKET FANS**

Despite Tuesday being a working day the turnout was very encourag-There were about 10,000

PHOTO: STAR

of play. When play finally resumed at 4.15 pm they roared as the Tigers

scored their second run. While Test attendances these days are not large in numbers, the Dhaka crowd can be an exception as they showed equal passion for the longer version of game.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) officials felt that the figure would have been doubled if play wasn't suspended due to rain after only four overs.

"I haven't yet got the exact number of tickets sold by the bank. It appears to me there was a good crowd. But again rain has stopped many more from coming to the stadium," said BCB ticket commit-

brated Pakistani fast bowler was in a jovial mood in his new role after terrorising batsmen world over for 17 years.

The finest left-arm bowler the world has ever seen has recently joined ESPN-STAR Sports team after announcing his retirement following the 2003 World Cup.

"It is a pleasure for me to become TV commentator and that will definitely help me to stay involved with the game that I love so much, said the 'sultan of swing' while give his first reaction at the Bangaban dhu National Stadium yesterday.

Akram also offered a lot of encour agement for Bangladesh, which he thought, would become a strong Test playing nation sooner or later.

"I know Bangladesh cricket since

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1986. Last time I was here in 2001. I

also know coach Dav Whatmore

because we worked together at

# Harmison all smiles!

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England fast bowler Stephen Harmison has already started to fall in love with the Bangabandhu National Stadium pitch

The 25-year-old, regarded as England's fastest bowler removed two Bangladeshi top order batsmen in his seven over spell on a rainshortened opening day of the first Test vesterday.

Harmison, who made his debut for England in April 2002 against India at Trent Bridge, first got rid of

opener Javed Omar with a short ball

and then sent back Bangladesh's

top batsman Habibul Bashar to put

his side on top.

"I used my height to exploit the bounce in the pitch and that got me my first wicket," said Harmison after the day's play.

"It's a brilliant wicket. There is a lot of bounce and it helped me a great deal." said Harmison who has taken 34 Test wickets

When asked how he had prepared for the match, Harmison revealed that he had sessions with coach Duncan Fletcher and former England captain Bob Willis before the start of the play. But the fast bowler insisted that he has his very

own way of going about things. "I always like to bowl the way

want and not in the manner others

want me to bowl," said Harmison

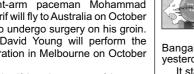
adding that his aim was to cement

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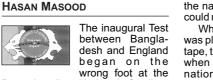
26 to undergo surgery on his groin. Dr. David Young will perform the operation in Melbourne on October

suffered the groin injury.



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Sharif has been out of internaonal cricket since January 2002 when he played his last Test series against Pakistan at home and



Bangabandhu National Stadium It started with the lady presenter

of the brief opening ceremony repeatedly calling the Bangabandhu National Stadium as Dhaka Stadium although the mural of country's undisputed leader

Then, there was no uniformity in

Bangabandhu National Stadium vesterdav

The Barmy Army was very notice-

able at the Bangabandhu National

Stadium yesterday judging by the

number of flags and banners

inscribed with an array of messages

best known to them. Some were

Around hundred supporters

have flown from all over the United

Kingdom and some had crossed the

Indian border checkpoint with one

mission to stand by the English

Lions in thick and thin, in good times

They were located in three

This correspondent endeavored

separate areas of the stadium -- the

VIP Gallery, non-AC hospitality

boxes and the International Gallery.

to find out what they were up to

during their stay in Bangladesh

Cricket

singing and cheering.

LENIN GANI

and in bad.

Vibrant Barmy

when rain stopped play.

Lanka, Pakistan and India.

recently became a Barmy.

state of the English game

Mike whose favourite dish is dal.

own stories.

"It's been okay so far but could

somebody tell me where's the

nearest pub." said the blond Nicky

from Kent. A member for the past

five years, she has traveled to Sri

"I have been here for nearly two

weeks and whenever I get a chance

I've done some window-shopping in

Gulshan. Hopefully I'll buy some-

Her companions all had their

Mike, is self-employed and only

"I haven't been to many countries

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thing nice before leaving Dhaka."



## Zia shares 6th spot

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Grand Master Ziaur Rahman jointly finished sixth with other five players in the Tata International Open Chess tournament at Tata Sports Complex in Jamshedpur. India on Monday.

Zia earned eight points after the last round games.

Grand Master Niaz Murshed and Saifuddin Lovlu got 7.5 points each.

In this round Zia beat Viswaswaran of India, Niaz beat Arghydip Das of India, Lovlu beat IM Rahul Shetty of India.

Indian Grand Master Dibyendu Barua and Grand Master Alexander Fominyh became joint champions with 9 points each.

### Inzamam in, Yousuf out AFP/REUTERS, Lahore

Pakistan's injury problems continued Tuesday as stand-in captain Yousuf Youhana was ruled out of the second Test against South Africa. However the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced that team captain Inzamamul Haq would return after missing the first Test, which ended Tuesday in Lahore with an eight wicket victory for Pakistan.

"Youhana will miss the second Test starting from Friday at Faisalabad because of a hamstring injury and he could aggravate it if he continues to play," PCB spokesman Samiul Hasan told reporters. Inzamam, who missed the first BARMY ARMY IN TOWN: A group of English fans enjoy their time at the VIP Gallery of the Test because of a hamstring injury, has regained full fitness and will lead the Pakistan side, Hasan said. Pakistan however have added a 19-year-old rookie leg-spinner in Mansoor Amjad and all-rounder Abdul Razzaq have been included in the 18-Army man squad for the second Test.

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#### AB Bank TT UNB, Dhaka

Azimpur Young Star, Dhaka Women's TTS and Biman (Green) won their respective matches in the AB Bank Metropolis Women's Table Tennis League at the Wooden-floor Gymnasium yesterday. Azimpur defeated Swamibagh

Girls and Women's TTS outplayed Brothers Union by straight 3-0 sets while Biman (Green) defeated Surf Knitting by 3-1

In the day's Senior Division Leaque matches, Russell KC registered a 3-0 victory over Ajax SC while Brothers Union defeated Armanitola JS by 3-2 sets at the same venue

In the First Division Super League matches, Modhumita KS outplayed Dhaka TT Club and Swamibagh Boys beat North South University both by straight 3-0 sets while Mohammadpur Boys registered a 3l victory over Swamibagh TTS.

cricket fans at the big bowl. Rain may have almost spoilt the whole day, but that did not deter those brave fans that never left their seats during the five-and-a-half hour loss

tee secretary Tarig Chowdhury. WELCOME WASIM

AKRAM Wasim Akram moved into the com-

mentary box with ease. The cele-

#### **BD-ENG SCOREBOARD**

Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the first Test between Bangladesh and England at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday BANGLADESH: First innings R В Hannan Sarker not out 50 0 Jave Hab Raji Extr Tota Fall To I Rafi Boy Mat Ste ENC Nas Batt Tos

PHOTO: STAR

### National cricket Dhaka University reach zonal final

a massive 142-run win over Chittagong University at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium Gaddafi stadium on Tuesday.

yesterday. Put into bat, Dhaka University piled up a huge 259 for six in the allotted 50 overs with Anisul Hakim

Ehsanul Haque was the other notable scorer with 71.

yet but what I can say is that the Away in Chuadanga, Jessore had an easy outing against Narail as they recorded a ten-wicket victory while Mymensingh narrowly hotels here are pretty cheap," said defeated Manikganj by nine runs at the Comilla Stadium in a rain

In the other match of the day,

Left-handed opener Taufeeq Umar added 63 to his first-innings 111 as Pakistan completed an eight-wicket Test victory over South Africa at

Needing just 24 for victory on the final day for their first home Test victory over the tourists, Pakistan completed the formality in 6.5 overs with Shoaib Malik hitting the winning boundary off Graeme Smith.

"We started the match on the wrong foot with our captain Inzamamul Haq ruled out due to injury but the young boys did tremendously well," said stand-in captain Yousuf Youhana.

The victory gives Pakistan a 1-0 lead in the two-match series with the second Test starting at Faisalabad from Friday.

Pakistan added four runs after resuming at 137-1 before losing

Umar to a low delivery from Paul Adams which beat the batsman and hit the middle stump.

Adams, who took a career best 7-128 in the first innings, finished with 1-57 in the second.

Umer capped a successful comeback from a knee injury with his nine-boundary 63 compiled over 155 minutes. He was named man-of-the-

match along with leg-spinner Danish Kaneria, who took seven wickets.

"I was under pressure because this was my comeback match and the pitch too was not that good for batsmen, but I played with a positive approach and that paid off," said Umar, who missed the Multan Test against Bangladesh last month and one-day series against Bangladesh and South Africa.

Pakistan also found a dependable batsman in Asim Kamal who made 99 on his Test debut and justified his selection ahead of the experienced Younis Khan

Maiden Pak home win South Africa had made 320 in their first innings and Pakistan

replied with 401, taking a crucial first-innings lead of 81. Leg-spinner Danish Kaneria and

Shoaib Akhtar shared nine wickets between them on the fourth day to sink the tourists hopes.

The win is Pakistan's first against South Africa on home ground after losing 1-0 to South Africa in the previous series between the two

nations in 1997-98. SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard on the fifth day of the first cricket Test between Pakistan and South Africa at the Gaddafi Stadium on Tuesday: SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 320

(M Boucher 72, G Kirsten 53 retired hurt: S Malik 4-42)

PAKISTAN: First innings 401 (T Umar 111, A Kamal 99; P Adams 7-128)

SOUTH AFRICA: Second innings 241 (H Gibbs 59, G Kirsten 46; D Kaneria 5-46, SAkhtar 4-36)

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SPORTS REPORTER Dhaka University moved into the Seba Zone final of the Emirates 27th National Cricket Championship with

scoring highest 89. Discarded Bangladesh opener

In reply, Chittagong University were shot out for 117 in 39.5 overs.

It would be wrong to presume they appear like holidaymakers. They are very serious about the interrupted match. "England needs to find world-

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Cricket AFP, Lahore

Javed Omar c Rikky Clarke b Stephe	en Harmis	on 3	27	0	0				
Habibul Bashar c Marcus Trescothick b	Stephen	Harmison	2	10	00				
Rajin Saleh not out		0	3	0	0				
Extras: (b-1)		1							
Total: (For 2 wkts in 15 overs)		24							
Fall of wickets: 1-12 (Javed), 2-24 (Bashar)									
To bat: Alok Kapali, Khaled Masl	hud, Kha	led Mahr	nud,	Mohar	nmad				
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NEW WASIM AKRAM: The celebrated former Pakistan fast bowler, who has taken up a career in TV commentary on Monday, makes a point to fellow commentator Athar Ali Khan (L) during a break yesterday.