



Did U Know?

Carl Rackemann missed the last delivery when Australia needed two to beat England in 1989, but the batsman scrambled a bye and the game was tied.



Javed Miandad
(Pakistan cricket coach)
"He reminds me of former South African great batsman Graeme Pollock, but I think he still needs to establish himself."
On Graeme Smith.



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Raja summons Rafique

SPORTS REPORTER from Chittagong

Bangladesh's left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique has been summoned by the match referee Wasim Raja for showing excessive aggression on the first day of the second Test match against England.

Rafique pointed towards the dressing room after clean bowling England opener Marcus Trescothick and Raja of Pakistan thought the spinner was clearly trying to taunt the Somerset south-paw.

The Bangladesh team management was informed of the observation of Raja after close of play. The time for the hearing has been set for 5pm today.

Tour over for Harmison?

SPORTS REPORTER from Chittagong

England pace bowler Stephen Harmison's Bangladesh trip is likely over.

The lanky paceman, who became the man-of-the-match in the first Test in Dhaka with a nine-wicket haul, flew out of Chittagong yesterday on way to the capital after a hip and side injury forced him to pull out of the second Test.

It appears that the injury is much serious than initially thought and according to sources, the tall Durham fast bowler will be sent home. So, he will miss the three-match one-day international series against the Tigers.

The injury also casts a big question mark over the possibility of Harmison getting fit before England's tour of Sri Lanka next month.

Mahmud defends fielding first

RABEED IMAM from Chittagong



Bangladesh captain Khaled Mahmud defended his decision of fielding first

in the second Test against England that began yesterday.

The tourists lost only four wickets throughout the day but Mahmud said that there was something in the pitch for the pace bowlers to exploit in the morning.

"I thought there was some moisture early on. But unfortunately we didn't get the breakthrough we were hoping for with the new ball in the first session. That happens in Test cricket and England really batted

very well. But I was happy with the way we came back after lunch" said Mahmud after the first day.

England lost four wickets for ten runs at one stage in the post lunch session.

The skipper was asked why he didn't consider playing a specialist seamer to support firebrand Mashrafe bin-Mortuza by sacrificing one of the two left-arm spinners, especially since he himself had suggested ahead of the game that the wicket might not turn that much.

"Well, Mushfiqur Rahman bowled very well with the new ball in hand in the last game. So I didn't think it was necessary as we already had three pace bowlers in the side

including myself. Regarding the spinners, when I looked at the wicket today, it appeared as if it might start taking some turn from the third day onwards. So we stuck to the same combination," said Mahmud.

The spin duo of Mohammad Rafique and Enamul Haque combined to bowl 41 overs in the day but while Rafique got some purchase out of the pitch, Enamul was hit out of the attack by Marcus Trescothick and Michael Vaughan. The 18-year-old, after his promising start in Dhaka, conceded 66 runs from his 14 overs.

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SERIES SALAD

SHAHIDUL ISLAM, Chittagong



Surprise, surprise the rain gods were busy somewhere else. And the second Test between Bangladesh and England got off to a picture perfect start at MA Aziz Stadium here yesterday.

It was a clear blue sky over the port city which only 24 hours earlier had been dreading the worst. And once again who should they blame but the weathermen for getting the prediction wrong.

To everybody's relief the match started on time under brilliant sunshine and there was not a drop of rain till stumps. Obviously the organisers must be smiling now at the way the game progressed without a hitch.

The deep depression ominously centering at the Bay had moved away and gradually weakened in the pro-

cess. So, there is no chance of any major thunderstorm in the next few days.

"Even if the rain falls it might not be enough to disrupt the game for the next couple of days," said a spokesman for the local met office.

Interestingly, this is the first time that the rain, which followed England ever since their arrival in Dhaka on October 8, spared them here.

TEST ESCAPES OUTAGE

While England may have left behind the rain, nobody could have predicted that another mishap was in the pipeline.

Cricket followers of the country woke to watch Khaled Mahmud's men in action against England at the

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The most successful Bangladesh bowler Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza in his delivery stride yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

Federation Cup starts today

SPORTS REPORTER

Pre-tournament favourites Brothers Union Club will begin their much awaited football campaign today when they take on Dipali Jubo Sangha in the inaugural match of the Tibet 19th Federation Cup football tournament at the newly built Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur afternoon.

The first match of the season's curtain raiser is scheduled to kick off at 2:15 pm.

Brothers, the Gopibagh-based club who have never won the Premier League title, stole the limelight last month when they signed up the bulk of the national team players including captain Rajani Kanta Barman for this season from three major clubs Mohammedan SC, Abahani KC and Mukti-jodha Sangsad.

The club also boasts star players like Mohammad Sujon, Nazrul Islam, Alfaz Ahmed, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Titoo, Monwar Hossain, Iqbal Hossain, Parvez Babu and Lito.

Following the formation of the team that cost around seven to eight million taka, the club had a residential training camp at BKSP before coming into the Federation Cup.

In contrast, Dipali Jubo Sangha are new comers on the big boys' stage thanks to their runners-up showing in the Second Division last year.

A total of 21 teams are taking part in the preliminary round in two groups.

The champions and runners-up teams from each group will join four semifinalists of last year Mohammedan SC, Abahani KC, Mukti-jodha Sangsad and Dhanmondi

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TOON TIME! Barmy Army members, in the guise of famous cartoon characters, make their presence felt at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday. PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER

Of Sylvester & Prince Harry!

RABEED IMAM from Chittagong



Believe it or not, Sylvester, Pink Panther and Bugs Bunny are in Chittagong watching and cheering the England cricketers!

If that is blowing your mind away, just wait till you hear the next news -- 'Prince Harry' is here too!

The three cartoon icons are a part of Barmy Army tradition and travel everywhere with the English team. They were not visible in Dhaka during the first Test but in

Chittagong, they really made their presence felt by encouraging their countrymen throughout the day from the special enclosure reserved for the Barmy Army.

"There are three very devoted Barmy members who wear the suits of those cartoon characters and cheer England all around the globe," informed another fiercely proud 'Army' fan who introduced himself as 'Prince Harry'.

So why Sylvester, Pink Panther and Bugs Bunny?

"Well I guess that's because they are popular world over," said Prince

Harry who himself is quite a character and is a prime example of a die-hard fan.

"I now live in Brisbane, Australia but is always there when England calls," said the middle-aged man who is a staunch supporter of Everton in the English Premiership.

Apart from having fun, the Barmy Army also keenly observes cricket and are not shy of expressing their opinion.

"Bangladesh have surprised us. We never expected them to be this good. In another two year's time, they'll be up there," predicted Prince Harry.

Waugh would have ended...

REUTERS, Melbourne

Australia Test captain Steve Waugh said his Test career could have ended had he not scored any runs in the fifth Ashes Test against England earlier this year.

Test cricket's most capped player and second-leading runscore recalled at the launch of his 11th book on Wednesday a dramatic century in Sydney in January that saved his career.

"It could have been my last match. If I didn't score runs my Test career was over," Waugh said.

Indians atop chess table

SPORTS REPORTER

Indian Grand Masters Surya Shekhar Ganguly and Pentala Harikrishna were leading the Asian Zonal Chess Championship men's group table with 4.5 points apiece after the end of fifth round at the NSC conference room yesterday.

In the round yesterday, Harikrishna beat Pakistan's Amir Karim while Ganguly defeated compatriot Bakre.

In the day's other matches, Indian GM Avijit Kunte beat Bangladesh GM Ziaur Rahman,

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BD-ENG SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the first day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and England at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Wednesday.

ENGLAND: First innings	R	M	B	4	6
Marcus Trescothick c Mushfiqur Rahman b Khaled Mahmud	60	150	115	53	
Michael Vaughan c Khaled Mahmud b Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza	54	167	1	2	4
Mark Butcher b Mohammad Rafique	6	10	11	1	0
Nasser Hussain not out	47	155	3	0	
Graham Thorpe b Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza	0	2	2	0	0
Rikki Clarke not out	53	137	8	0	
Extras: (b-6, lb-2, w-5, nb-4)	17				
Total: (For 4 wks in 90 overs)	237				
Fall of wickets: 1-126 (Trescothick), 2-133 (Butcher), 3-134 (Vaughan), 4-134 (Thorpe)					
To bat: Chris Read, Ashley Giles, Martin Sagggers, Richard Johnson,					

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Bangladesh Grand Master Ziaur Rahman (L) and his Indian counterpart Avijit Kunte are engaged in a cerebral warfare during their fifth round game in the Asian Zonal Chess Championship at the NSC yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

Zoysa, Arnold return to SL

REUTERS, Colombo

Fast bowler Nuwan Zoysa and middle-order batsman Russell Arnold have been recalled into Sri Lanka's 22-man training squad for England's tour of the island next month.

Zoysa, who last played for Sri Lanka in July 2002, caught the eye of the selectors with an impressive all-round performance during Sri Lanka's recent tour of South Africa and Kenya.

The 25-year-old made history in 1999 when he grabbed a hat-trick with his first three deliveries of a Test match against Zimbabwe in Harare.

Arnold, who was discarded after a poor World Cup, showed signs of a return to form on the same tour and was also highly praised by the team management for his leadership of the A-side.

SQUAD

Hashan Tillakaratne, Marvan Atapattu, Sanath Jayasuriya, Mahela Jayawardene, Kumar Sangakkara, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Lanka de Silva, Upul Chandana, Kumar Dharmasena, Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralitharan, Dinusha Fernando, Nuwan Zoysa, Nuwan Kulasekera, Chamara Silva, Thilan Samaraweera, Dilhara Fernando, Michael Vandort, Rangana Herath, Lasith Malinga, Russel Arnold



England opener Marcus Trescothick follows through on a pull on way to his half-century on the opening day of the second Test against Bangladesh yesterday. PHOTO: STAR