



## Did U Know?

Joao Havelange was the president for the FIFA for 25 years and his original sport was swimming.



**Eric Simons**  
(South Africa cricket coach)  
"My role for him mentor will be too strong a word to use is being a good coach."  
His relationship with captain Graeme Smith.



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## Trescothick may not bat again

REUTERS, Chittagong

England opener Marcus Trescothick may be unable to bat in the second innings of the second and final Test against Bangladesh after injuring his thumb while going for a slip catch on Thursday.

The 27-year-old hurt his left thumb as he dived to hold on to an edge from Mushfiqur Rahman in the final session of the second day of the match, but X-rays have ruled out a fracture, the England team's media manager said.

The left-hander, who scored 60 of England's first innings total of 326, went off the field immediately and did not return until stumps were drawn.

"He has sprained the base of his left thumb," Andrew Walpole told Reuters.

"There is no decision yet if he will be able to bat in the second innings. But it's good news that he's not."

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## U-19 cricket meet from today

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh under-19 team take on hosts Pakistan under-19 team in one of the two opening day matches of the four-nation Asian Under-19 Cricket Tournament at the National Stadium in Karachi today.

The other match of the quadrangular meet pits India and Sri Lanka at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.

After the robin league first round, top two teams will play in the November 6 final.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh team, led by young opener Nafees Iqbal, reached Karachi on Wednesday morning.

**SQUADS**  
**BANGLADESH** (from): Nafees Iqbal (captain), Shahriar Nafees Ahmed (vice-captain), Nazimuddin, Aftab Ahmed, Naeem Islam, Abul Bashir, Arifat Sunny, Sagor Hossain, Nadif Chowdhury, Iftikharul Islam, Runaiyat Haq, Kamrul Islam, Ziaur Rahman and Shahadat Hussain.

**PAKISTAN** (from): Khalid Latif (captain), Wahab Riaz (vice-captain), Sohail Ahmad, Khuram

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## Fletcher believes his bowlers

BBC ONLINE, Chittagong



England coach Duncan Fletcher believes his bowlers will prove too strong as Bangladesh try to save the second Test.

The hosts struggled to 93-4 at stumps on Thursday in reply to England's lacklustre 326 on the second day in Chittagong.

"We still hope to push for a win because there is life on the wicket if you bowl a lively pace," said Fletcher.

"We've got the bowlers to exploit the conditions."

He added: "We should have got a bigger first innings score, but we lost wickets suddenly."

England slumped from 313-5

as Chris Read (37), Nasser Hussain (76), Richard Johnson (6), Martin Suggers (1) and Ashley Giles (6) fell in quick succession.

Bangladesh pace man Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza claimed a career-best 4-60.

"It was my best day in Test cricket," Mashrafe said.

"I had the satisfaction of bringing my team back into the match when things were drifting away."

Bangladesh trail England by 233 runs after batsmen Rajin Saleh and Mushfiqur Rahman added a defiant 30-run unbeaten partnership.

The home side earlier lurched to 63-4 as England medium-pace Rikki Clarke, playing only his second match, took two wickets off successive balls.

## SERIES SALAD

SHAHIDUL ISLAM, Chittagong



At least 25 journalists of different international media mostly based in England are now in Bangladesh to cover the ongoing Test and one-day series. The strong media contingent from England also made their presence felt in the port city.

The turnout of foreign reporters during the second Test in Chittagong is arguably the biggest assembly of the fourth estate since the commercial city hosted its first-ever Test in November 2001.

Chittagong had previously held four Test matches over the last two years but there were hardly any foreign reporters when Zimbabwe, Pakistan, West Indies and South Africa came here.

The local sports organisers however were aware of the fact that the media contingent would be bigger this time.

"We were aware that English media is more or less big in numbers especially when their national team travels anywhere in the world," said a CJKS official.

He also informed this correspondent that they have taken prior initiatives to accommodate more journalists in the press box.

"We have refurbished the media centre of the MA Aziz Stadium with an extension of another room on the top floor. The extended room with new furniture was built exclusively for the foreign journalists."

### MISSING A LOCAL HERO

College and university students always make up the bulk of the audience during any international cricket match in Chittagong. It is no exception this time when the Tigers are facing the Lions of Michael Vaughan. And it is no wonder that they are untiringly vibrant and enthusiastic with every shot, ball or a catch.

But still they crave for something else. For the first time a Test in Chittagong missed a local hero. "There has been a gap created after Akram Khan and Nannu (Minhajul Abedin) departed from the international scene," lamented three students who had the national colours painted on their faces.

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PHOTO: AFP  
Nasser Hussain of England attempts a hook and misses on the second day of the second Test in Chittagong yesterday.



PHOTO: ZOBAER HOSSAIN SIKDER  
WELL DONE: Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza (L) is being congratulated by teammates after the quickie had dismissed Nasser Hussain yesterday.

## Rafique fined

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammad Rafique was fined half of his match fee for showing excessive aggression against England batsman Mark Butcher during the first day's play of the second Test at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong yesterday.

After bowling the Surrey south-paw, the Bangladesh left-arm spinner was seen on television pointing Butcher towards the dressing room.

Match referee Wasim Raja of Pakistan summoned Rafique after second day's play and found him guilty of violating the code of conduct. The leading Bangladesh wicket-taker was fined fifty percent of his match fee.

This is the second time in the series a player has been fined after England all-rounder Rikki Clarke. The Surrey cricketer was charged with verbally abusing Mushfiqur Rahman in the first Test at Dhaka.

## Alfaz back in contention

SPORTS REPORTER

Ace striker Alfaz Ahmed was recalled to the national team camp when Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) yesterday named a preliminary list of 28 players for the World Cup Qualifying preparations.

The marksman was ignored by the selectors for the Asia Cup Qualifiers held in March in Hong Kong.

The selected booters have been instructed to report to Sayed Hasan Kanan, general secretary of management committee, at the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Saturday at 9am.

Bangladesh will play both their home and away matches in Dhaka against Tajikistan.

The selected players are Aminul Haq, Biplob Bhattacharya, Tarekul Islam Tareq, Rajani Kanta Barman, Mohammad Sujon, Nazrul Islam, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Titoo, Papal Mahmud, Hasan Al Mamun, Prodig Poddar, Mahamudul Hasan, Amit Khan Shuvro, Shamser Alam, Arif Khan Joy, Arman Miah, Mustafa Anwar Parvez, Rezaul Karim Liton, Monwar Hossain, Matiur Rahman Munna, Azmol Hossain Biddut, Saiful Islam, Faisal Mahmud, Alfaz Ahmed, Ariful Kabir Farhad, Rukunuzzaman Kanchan, Saifur Rahman Moni, Mehedi Hasan Ujjal and Abul Hossain.

## BD-ENG SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second and final Test between Bangladesh and England at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Thursday:

ENGLAND: First innings (overnight 237-4)	R	M	B	4	6
M Trescothick c Mushfiqur Rahman b K Mahmud	60	150	115	5	3
M Vaughan c K Mashud b Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza	54	167	124	10	0
Mark Butcher b Mohammad Rafique	6	10	11	1	0
Nasser Hussain c K Mashud b Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza	76	349	266	50	
Graham Thorpe b Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza	0	2	2	0	0
R Clarke c Hannan Sarker b Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza	37	55	214	144	80
Chris Read c Rajin Saleh b Enamul Haque	37	119	78	6	0
Ashley Giles lbw b Mushfiqur Rahman	6	6	41	0	0
Richard Johnson c K Mashud b Mushfiqur Rahman	6	6	30	23	10
Martin Suggers lbw b Mohammad Rafique	1	17	12	0	0
Matthew Hoggard not out	0	0	2	0	0
Extras: (b-8, lb-5, w-7, nb-5)	25				
Total: (All out in 135.3 overs)	326				

Fall of wickets: 1-126 (Trescothick), 2-133 (Butcher), 3-134 (Vaughan), 4-134 (Thorpe), 5-250 (Clarke), 6-313 (Read), 7-313 (Hussain), 8-321 (Johnson), 9-326 (Suggers), 10-326 (Giles)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza	28	11	60	4
Mushfiqur Rahman	18.3	6	50	2
Khaled Mahmud	23	8	46	1
Mohammad Rafique	37	15	63	2
Enamul Haque jr.	23	4	81	1
Alok Kapali	4	0	12	0
Rajin Saleh	2	1	1	0

  

BANGLADESH: First innings	R	M	B	4	6
Hannan Sarker lbw b Rikki Clarke	28	98	78	2	0
Javed Omar c Michael Vaughan b Richard Johnson	2	14	5	00	
Habibul Bashir c Mark Butcher b Matthew Hoggard	18	38	26	30	
Rajin Saleh not out	24		87	0	0

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## Unimpressive Brothers



SPORTS REPORTER

Alfaz Ahmed struck twice as the season's sensation Brothers Union launched their Tibet Federation Cup campaign with a 3-0 victory over Dipali Juba Sangha in the opening match at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur yesterday.

But the soreline deceived to flatter a couple of thousand football fans at the newly built stadium. True that the bumpy ground was not ideal for flowing football, but that was no excuse for the band of Brothers not to play the way they should have.

After a month-long training at the BKSP ground in Savar the Gopibagh faithful expected nothing less than a flood of goals from the star-studded team. But a double strike by national marksman Alfaz in a space of nine minutes relieved the jittery Brothers bench.

Rikta however opened the

scoring in the 16th minute for the orange men.

The big-spending Brothers Union basically fielded a full strength team with only number one custodian Biplob Bhattacharya and playmaker Arman Miah missing due to two-match suspensions.

"It was impossible to play our normal game on such a small and bad ground. Still, we were happy with the result," said Brothers manager Amir Khan.

Rikta put the Gopibagh giants ahead with a simple tap in after receiving a cross from right-wing back Titu.

Dipali Juba Sangha missed a chance to equalize ten minutes later when lanky Shaheen misfired the ball from a hand shaking distance.

Brothers took it easy before Alfaz doubled the margin when he was allowed to score from an apparently offside position.

But there was nothing controversial when the veteran marksman fired the net with a left-foot volley

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