
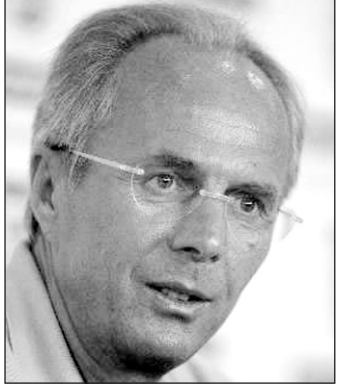


### Did U Know?

That in 1937, the then superstar of English football, Sir Stanley Matthews, earned just 8 pounds sterling a week.



### TALK TURKEY



**Sven Goran Eriksson**  
(England soccer coach)  
*"I'm a little bit fed up that every time there are these rumours that I have to say that nothing has changed."*  
**On rumours that he planned to quit for a club job.**



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### White wallops Queensland

AFP, Brisbane

Twenty-year-old captain Cameron White led by example as Victoria bowled Queensland out for 277 on the first day of the Sheffield Shield clash at the 'Gabba ground here Sunday.

Leg-spinner White claimed four for 27 to help bundle Queensland out in their first innings late in the day.

Victoria went to stumps with 31 for one wicket.

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# Ctg wicket an eye-opener

RABEEB IMAM from Chittagong



After an exceptional run of consistent fighting performances for four Tests in a row, Bangladesh came down with a thump against England in the second Test here on Sunday.

To say that the 329-run defeat with a day to spare was disappointing would be an understatement. It was heart-breaking.

When the Tigers reached the port city, there was anxious anticipation everywhere. You could actually feel a buzz that something was waiting to happen. Some people were even bold enough to suggest that Bangladesh were going to record their elusive first Test victory in Chittagong. It was a hope that had built up because of the spirit and never say die attitude of Dav Whatmore's 'New Bangladesh.'

However the Chittagong experience was a big letdown for fans and all concerned. More than anything, it was their weakness and unpreparedness against the bouncing ball that was exposed here.

Honestly speaking, Chittagong was as much a home game for Bangladesh as it was for the tourists, and maybe less. The wicket at the MA Aziz Stadium was a revelation as it had bounce and seam movement. Interestingly enough, it got livelier as the match progressed and England bowlers could extract more purchase out of it because of their superior height and pace and of course, the experience of regularly bowling on similar tracks.

Losing the exciting fast bowler Mashrafe bin-Mortuza to an unfortunate knee injury on the third day also couldn't come at a worst possible time. It meant that the Tigers had no one in the side left to threaten the English batsmen.

England went into the match with four seamers in Matthew Hoggard, Richard Johnson, Martin Saggers and Rizki Clarke. It can be argued that the visitors actually read the pitch better than the home side. Wouldn't the untiring quick Tapas Baisya have been a better option in place of the rookie left-arm spinner Enamul Haque who despite all his talent, needs a favourable pitch to make an impact, especially at this early stage of his career?

For all his heart and effort, Mushfiqur Rahman can never be seriously considered as a new ball bowler and could never compliment a fired-up Mashrafe at the other end. Bowlingwise, it seemed on a number of occasions that Whatmore didn't get his composition right.

But the coach can be given the benefit of the doubt as it was his first venture in Chittagong and he didn't have too many choices to work with. Maybe staying rigid on a 13-man squad wasn't too wise an idea.

When Bangladesh batted, there was a distinct lack of the doggedness in their approach.

Opening batting has always been the Tigers' Achilles' heel. While Hannan Sarkar looks classy, he leaves his leg stump exposed far too many times for comfort and has been dismissed often

for that flaw.

Javed Omar doesn't exude the confidence desired of someone of his experience and has been a consistent prey to short-pitched bowling. The manner in which he ran out Bashar on the fourth day of the second Test and then got out to a poor shot is bound to put pressure on the selectors to try someone new like Moniruzzaman or Nafees Iqbal.

Habibul Bashar may be the best batsman statistically in the country but the casualness with which he has got himself out repeatedly in the series after looking a million dollars, doesn't auger well for a team that is desperate to end its losing streak. It is also not setting a bright example.

Just look at Alok Kapali, tons of talent but delivering little or nothing. For the fifth Test match running, Kapali bowler and could never compliment a fired-up Mashrafe at the other end. Bowlingwise, it seemed on a number of occasions that Whatmore didn't get his composition right.

Everything said and done, there's still room to talk about the pitch.

Although the batsmen found it tough going, wickets like this can only benefit Bangladesh in the long run. It was a true wicket and curators of the Bangabandhu National Stadium in Dhaka should take a leaf out of the grounds staff in Chittagong on how to prepare

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PHOTO: STAR

James Anderson honing his bowling skills in the nets yesterday.

## Fed Cup football Under-20 team move forward

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Under-20 football team celebrated their inclusion in the Tibet 19th Federation Cup football tournament qualifiers with a 2-0 win over Mahakhali Ekadash at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

The win ensured them a place in the next round of the competition. Forward Jahed Parvez put the youth team ahead in the 12th minute while Akbar sealed the fate of the Mahakhali boys with the second goal in the 25th minute.

The winners will now face Sheikh Russell KC in the next match of the knockout round at the same venue on November 5.

In the other match of the day, Sadharan Bima beat Bangladesh Navy in tiebreaker (5-3) after the regulation 90 minutes was locked 1-1 at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur.

Bima will face either Sheikh Russell or Under-20 team in their next match at Kamalapur on November 7.

## Minakshee, Ganguly champs

SPORTS REPORTER

Indian Grand Master Surya Shekhar Ganguly emerged unbeaten champion in the Asian Zonal Chess Championship men's group with a win over Sri Lankan Svothayan in the 11th and final round in the NSC conference room yesterday.

With the win, Ganguly, the Calcutta-based player who frequently visits Bangladesh since his school days, finished the championship with highest 9.5 points, one point clear than compatriot Pentala Harikrishna, also a GM.

Harikrishna was also in the lead before yesterday's round. But a defeat to Bangladesh GM Ziaur Rahman in the last round kept him glued to 8.5 points.

Another Indian GM Avijit Kunte finished third with 7.5 points. Bangladesh IM Reefat-bin-Sattar was fourth with seven points followed by Zia and Indian Bakre who finished on equal six points.

India also dominated the women's department with IWM S Minakshee winning the title with maximum eleven points.

In the final round, Minakshee drew with compatriot Esha Karabade. Indian WGM Nisha Mohta finished second with ten points while her teammate IWM Swati Ghate got the third spot also with ten points.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman later gave away the prizes among the winners.



PHOTO: STAR

Indian Grand Master Surya Shekhar Ganguly (L) and fellow International Women's Master S Minakshee, who became champions in the Asian Zonal Chess Championship, pose for photographers at the NSC yesterday.

# Much ado about Ashraful



SPORTS REPORTER

Mystery shrouds Mohammad Ashraful's inclusion in the playing eleven of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Development Squad for the limited-overs practice match against visiting England at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on November 5.

The 19-year-old has been named vice-captain of the juvenile selection. The youngest Test centurion on debut was all set to take on the English attack for the first time after being dropped from the national team for a miserable tour of Pakistan.

But in a late twist it was learnt that the talented right-hander might not be considered in the 50-over contest before the first ODI at Chittagong on November 7.

The coach of the Development squad Sarwar Imran made the sensational revelation during the team's practice at the BNS yesterday.

"Selector Aminul Islam informed me that there was a restriction about his (Ashraful) inclusion in the in the final eleven," said Imran without elaborating.

The former national coach was understandably unhappy at the development.

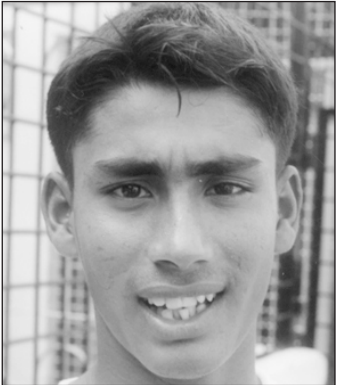
"Actually I can't understand why this has happened. I'm also upset with other things like the way we are preparing with little facilities available," said the former BKS coach.

"Ashraful is training hard in the nets for last two days to correct his mistakes and I have little doubt about his talent,"

Imran said.

While Imran expressed his frustration chairman of the junior selection committee Jahangir Shah Badsha tried to sound confused over the Ashraful issue.

"Actually Carlton Bernardus selected the squad and we have just endorsed it. I also learnt that the Board was not interested to give him another chance at the moment. But frankly speaking I'm also in the dark just



MOHAMMAD ASHRAFUL

like you," said Badsha. The former national all-rounder, who is no stranger to controversy, made headlines by ignoring paceman Talha Jubair for the Under-19 tour of Pakistan.

His colleague and former Bangladesh captain Aminul Islam also expressed his ignorance about it.

But the experienced cricketer said that there is no scope to play any game with the gifted batsman and branded Ashraful as a rare

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# BD U-19s lose again



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh succumbed to their second successive defeat in the four-nation Videocon Asian Under-19 Cricket Tournament when high flying Sri Lanka beat them by eight wickets at the National Stadium in Karachi yesterday.

Chasing a not-so-impressive Bangladesh total of 166 in 50 overs, the Lankans, who defeated India in their first match by four wickets on Friday, scored 167 in 43.5 overs with eight wickets in hand to register their second successive win in the tournament.

The win also kept Sri Lanka atop the table with ten points from two matches, four points ahead of both hosts Pakistan and India. On the other hand, Bangladesh, who are scheduled to meet India tomorrow in their last match, are

at the bottom of the table with only a point from two outings.

In the other match yesterday, India beat arch-rivals Pakistan by ten runs at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore to keep their hopes alive for a place in the final.

Back to Karachi, Bangladesh were earlier shot out for 166 in 44.5 overs after Sri Lanka won the toss and decided to bat.

Opener Naeem Islam top scored with 33 followed by number nine Rubaiyat Haq who chipped in with 30. Middle-order Aftab Ahmed (22) was the only other Bangladesh batsman to have gone past twenty runs.

Sri Lanka opener Kularatne hammered an unbeaten 75. Together with his opening partner Vithana, Kularatne shared a 105-run partnership before the former was out on 50.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the one-day match between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in

the Asian Under-19 Cricket Tournament in Karachi yesterday:

<b>BANGLADESH UNDER-19S</b>				
Nafis c Dezoysa b Maharoof		4		
Naeem c Desilva b Mathews		33		
Najim c Desilva b Maharoof		7		
Kamrul b Mathews		11		
Aftab c Mathews b Ratnayake		22		
Bashar c and b Dezoysa		9		
Saghir c and b Dezoysa		6		
Nadif c Kulasekara b Chanaka		19		
Rubaiyat run out (Kularatne)		30		
Ifthikharul c Desilva b Ratnayake		6		
Shahadat not out		1		
Extras: (lb-5, w-11, nb-2)		18		
Total: (All out in 44.5 overs)		166		
Fall of wickets: 1-18, 2-30, 3-60, 4-69, 5-87, 6-99, 7-111, 8-137, 9-165				
<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Maharoof	7	2	22	2
Chanaka	5	0	30	1
Mathews	10	0	36	2
Kulasekara	6	0	21	0
Dezoysa	10	0	32	2
Ratnayake	6.5	1	20	2

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PHOTO: STAR

Action from yesterday's Tibet Federation Cup football encounter between Sadharan Bima and Bangladesh Navy at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur.

# Cairns boost for Kiwis



REUTERS, Pune

Chris Cairns returns for New Zealand on Monday as they aim to avenge a crushing loss to Australia in the fifth game of the TVS Cup one-day tri-series.

The 33-year-old all-rounder was passed fit after a hamstring injury kept him out of Wednesday's eight-wicket drubbing in which New Zealand were bowled out for 97, their fifth lowest one-day total.

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming, meanwhile, admitted concern about his poor batting form.

"I feel I really haven't yet arrived," he said on Sunday. "It has been a frustrating tour so far. I need to put all the training into some currency tomorrow."

Fleming, 32, arrived in India with high hopes having smashed a career-best 274 during the drawn Test series in Sri Lanka this year.

New Zealand also drew their Test series in India, but Fleming made scores of one, eight and 30.

"I am feeling under pressure, but

that's good because I like being under pressure and I want to lead from the front," he said.

He said removing opener Adam Gilchrist early would be key to beating the world champions, who have dominated their last two games after a 37-run loss to India in their opening game.

Gilchrist smashed 83 from 76 balls in Gwalior and produced cameos of 29 and 41 to give his side terrific starts.

"He is obviously in form and is dangerous with Matt Hayden at the top," Fleming said. "You have to be very exact with what you do."

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