



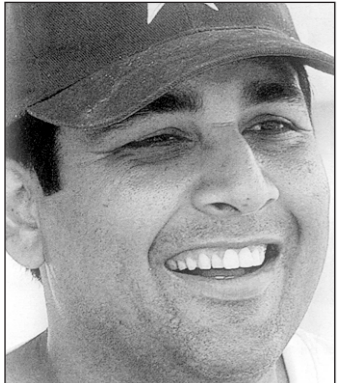
Did U Know?

Boris Becker is another tennis record breaker. In 1985 he became the youngest, the first German and the first unseeded player to ever win Wimbledon.



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Inzamamul Haq
(Pakistan cricket captain)
"I know how much you need to concentrate and have the hunger for runs to play such a big innings. I'm not surprised this world record has now gone to an Australian."
On Matthew Hayden's world record 380 runs.

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1. What was Nafis Iqbal's score against England in the first innings of the second practice match?

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2. What was Matthew Hayden's world record score in Test cricket?

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3. Who won the Women's World Cup football title?

USA Germany Sweden

4. Who became nat'l kabaddi champions?

Army BDR Navy

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Div II hockey

UNB, Dhaka
The super league of the Green Delta Insurance Metropolitan Second Division Hockey League begins at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium today.
Shantinagar SC will take on Dhikusha SC in the opener.
Six teams -- Shantinagar SC, Combined SC, Dhaka Police AC, PWD, Uttara Hockey Club and Dhikusha SC -- will take part in this league.

Soldiers burst BU bubble

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

It seems money does not buy success. Had that been true then Brothers Union should not have lost their Tibet Federation Cup encounter against Bangladesh Army at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur yesterday.

The million-taka outfit suffered an embarrassing solitary goal defeat and with this made a premature exit from the traditional competition.

Army striker Ripon Biswas delivered the knockout punch with a brilliant left footer that smashed into the net with only six minutes left on the clock. Ripon is no stranger to producing giant-killing feats. The nimble attacker stunned Abahani Krira Chakra with arguably the quickest goal in the recent National League in Chittagong.

But his latest goal is most expensive considering the amount of money Brothers spent hiring the top names of

the country.

The star-studded Gopibagh outfit could consider themselves lucky not to have conceded more than one goal. The energetic soldiers came close to taking a 74th minute lead when Nasiruddin fired a rasping shot from the top of the box that struck the post.

Although the season's sensation Brothers won their first match against Dipali Jubo Sangha by 3-0 at the newly-built Kamalapur Stadium, the margin of victory was hardly convincing given all the hype surrounding their title aspirations.

They might have argued that the pitch at Kamalapur was not conducive for playing attractive football but the way the orange men approached their task on a better surface at Mirpur was disappointing to say the least.

It seemed from the start that the 'band of brothers' were horribly out of sorts. Not only could they string a few passes together even ball control was a tall task against a physically superior side.

Even veteran marksman Alfaz Ahmed, whose double strike rescued Brothers against lowly Dipali in the previous game, was off colour.

The upset of the tournament now puts Army into a showdown against Arambagh Krira Sangha in the group semifinal at the same venue tomorrow.

The defeat baffled the promoters of a rejuvenated Brothers Union. Their exit also robs much of the gloss from the tournament since there will be hardly any star names left in the hat.

Putting a brave face on the defeat Brothers manager Amer Khan blamed the absence another quality striker to partner Alfaz.

"They are national players and the ball was under their possession for most of the time. But all the possession in the world could not produce any goal which is really heart breaking. I don't know what else I can say," said a frustrated Amer after the game.

The Brothers manager said that it was beyond his comprehension that this side would bow out without showing his

real potential.

Coach Abu Noman Nannu said that he was constantly hammering club officials for bringing in a striker from abroad to give the side a balanced look.

"We need foreign strikers and I had been telling that to the club officials for a long time. Without a good striker, this team can't click," lamented Nannu.

Meanwhile, in the other match of the day, Dhaka Wanderers Club advanced to the Group A semifinals with 1-0 win over Wari Club at the Kamalapur stadium.

Monir Hossain scored the all-important goal for Wanderers in the 41st minute.

The winners will now face Victoria Sporting Club at the same venue tomorrow.

TEAMS

BANGLADESH ARMY: Ashraf (Mamun), Kabirul, Tutul, Nasir, Sahidul, Ripon (Anwar), Ashish, Rashedul, Didarul, Nayeem and Masum.

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National team discard Mohammad Ashraf (Centre) waiting for his turn during a catching practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Mahmud stars in practice game

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The national team styled as BCB Eleven posted a comfortable 41-run win over a Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha (CJS) selection in a practice match at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

Apart from skipper Khaled Mahmud, who had an extended time in the middle for a change to top-score with 61, the other senior batsmen found run making difficult in their allotted 40-overs.

Batting first, the Board side managed a modest 197 for seven with contributions coming from Habibur Bashar (33 not out), Rajin Saleh (23) and opening batsman Hannan Sarker (22) apart from the captain. Saleh and Sarker retired to give others a go.

However, newcomers Moniruz-zaman (6) and Jamal Uddin (7) couldn't shine as well as Test all-rounder Mushfiqur Rahman (8).

Rashed and Masum of the local team shared five wickets.

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Ashraf gets his chance

Development Squad take on England today

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Mohammad Ashraf's anxious wait ended when Test cricket's youngest centurion was selected in the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)'s Development Squad to face touring England in a one-day practice match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) today.

Mystery had shrouded the gifted right-hander's inclusion in the Development side. There were talks in the air that the team management was under pressure not to play him against England. But the exciting batsman was named vice-captain when the team was announced yesterday thus putting to rest all the rumors.

Ashraf will open the innings with left-hander Humayun Kabir.

Meanwhile, England have decided to rest captain Michael Vaughan and dashing opener Marcus Trescothick who have been involved in the two-Test

series that ended on November 2.

In their absence, star all-rounder Andrew Flintoff will lead the side.

The game will be played on a newly laid pitch which the home team's coach Sarwar Imran believes will favour the batsmen.

Imran is expecting a fighting performance against the formidable Englishmen and is relying on his four international caps middle-order batsman Mazharul Haq, fast bowler Talha Jubair, captain Ehsanul Haque and Ashraf.

"We have some experienced campaigners. There are also talented youngsters in the squad and it would be a good opportunity for them to prove their potential," said Imran.

However Imran's youthful charges will have their work cut out against the fiery Flintoff and new sensation James Anderson. But Ehsanul was relishing the challenge.

"We are not scared of our opponents despite the vast gap in experience. We will go out there in the middle in a

positive frame of mind and try to make the game competitive," said Ehsanul who has been out of favour since playing in the World Cup in South Africa.

"If we can score two hundred odd batting first, then it might become interesting," added Ehsanul.

The match begins at 9am (0300 GMT).

TEAMS

ENGLAND: Andrew Flintoff (captain), Andrew Strauss, Vikram Solanki, Paul Collingwood, Anthony McGrath, Ian Blackwell, Chris Read, Gareth Batty, Ashley Giles, James Kirtley and James Anderson.

BCB DEVELOPMENT SQUAD: Ehsanul Haq (captain), Mohammad Ashraf (vice-captain), Humayun Kabir, Mazharul Haq, Dhiman Gosh (wicketkeeper), Nasiruddin Faruque, Ashiqur Rahman, Manjarul Islam Rana, Ali Arman, Nazmul Hossain, Talha Jubair and Arif Hossain (12th man).

Umpires: Jahangir Alam and Mohammad Asghar.

Third Umpire: Mahfuzur Rahman.



PHOTO: STAR

Action from yesterday's Tibet Federation Cup football encounter between Dhaka Wanderers Club and Wari Club at the Bir Shreshtha Shaheed Mustafa Kamal Stadium in Kamalapur.

Kumble opts out of Kiwi tie for father's death

AFP, New Delhi

Veteran Indian leg-spinner Anil Kumble will not be available for Thursday's TVS Cup triangular one-day series match against New Zealand due to the death of his father, a top cricket official has said.

Board secretary Karunakaran Nair said Tuesday the cricketer had informed them of his unavailability for the day-night clash at Cuttack due to the sudden demise of his father in Bangalore on Monday.

He said Bombay spinner Sairaj Bahutule was likely to replace Kumble, who has so far bagged 310 wickets in 244 one-dayers.

Kumble would join the team for the November 12 match against Australia at Bangalore, the secretary said.

World champions Australia currently lead the tri-series league table with three victories from four matches, followed by India and New Zealand.

Flemo fumes at fixtures

Cricket

AFP, New Delhi

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming on Tuesday lashed out at the scheduling of the TVS Cup limited-overs series being played in India, saying it favoured the hosts.

The tourists are critical that all matches between Australia and New Zealand have early morning starts, where seaming conditions favour the team bowling first, while India play only day-night games.

Fleming, whose hopes of making the final nose-dived after losing two day games against Australia, alleged the schedule was fixed to suit India.

"It's a case of two competitions going on," he said.

"Australia and us play one competition where it seems around and it's tough to bat, and India play another one where it gets slower and slower and

turns. "They've got it wrong, you can't start this early with wickets like this, there's no point.

"We've been on the wrong side of it twice and it makes the next game a lottery as well," an angry Kiwi captain said.

New Zealand's top order slumped twice against Australia after the 9 am (local time) starts, reduced to 21-5 after electing to take first strike in Faridabad last week and 21-4 after being sent to bat in Pune on Monday.

The third league match between the two at Guwahati on Sunday will start half-an-hour earlier at 8.30 am due to the early sunset in north-eastern parts of India.

Fleming revealed that both he and Australian captain Ricky Ponting were unhappy at the scheduling, but decided against making an official complaint to the Board of

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Wanna be 2nd time lucky

Cricket

REUTERS, Dhaka

Jan Blackwell missed out during his first chance for England last season, but the hard-hitting all-rounder wants to make his second coming count.

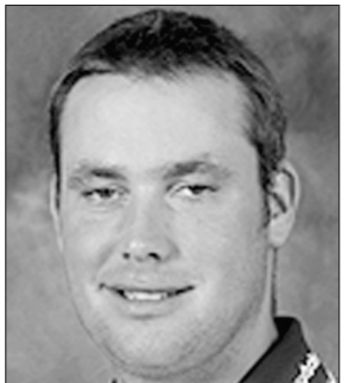
The 25-year-old, who celebrated his England recall by smashing a career-best 247, including 27 fours and 11 sixes, for Somerset against his old county Derbyshire earlier this year, said on Tuesday he had learnt from his mistakes.

"I was very disappointed at being left out after the World Cup," Blackwell told reporters ahead of the one-day international series against Bangladesh starting on Friday.

"I feel very lucky that I've got another chance. This time, I want to make sure I rectify what I did wrong earlier and stay in the side for 10 years."

The left-handed batsman, who bowls useful spin to back his explosive batting, had an encouraging entry into

international cricket last year with an 82 against India in only his second match at the ICC Champions Trophy at Colombo.



IAN BLACKWELL

But he did not get a single half-century in his next 12 games for England to finish his first international stint with just 252 runs from 14 matches at an average of 19.18.

It was not lack of ability, however,

that was regarded as the sole reason for his omission.

"There were more issues, like fitness and lifestyle," Blackwell said. "People thought I did not work hard enough.

"I've always been a thickest guy. If I have to go down to 12 stone or something, I'll probably have to cut off one leg," he joked.

"But I've set myself goals and I'm working towards them."

The big-built player, who tips the scales at 108 kg, says his target is set below 100.

Blackwell finished the county season with three centuries and added another ton in the Sunday league, but things were bad earlier in the summer when he got a letter of warning from the Somerset team management.

"Some of the players were told in writing to pull up our socks, which was very frustrating," he said.

"All the cricketers who got the letters were pretty senior guys and it wasn't that we wanted the team to

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Disgraceful Under-19s

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh youth team as expected crashed out of the Videocon Asian Under-19s cricket tournament but not before hitting a new low in their final match against India yesterday.

Chasing a fighting Indian total of 223, the team led by Nafees Iqbal were shot out for 34 in 14.5 overs at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore.

Earlier, Karthik provided the momentum in the Indian innings scoring a fine 77 off 101 balls with the help of eleven boundaries.

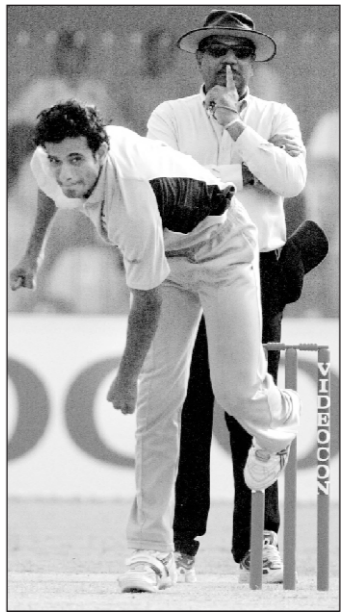
It was a one-man demolition job done by Indian left-arm pacesman Irfan Pathan, who took nine wickets for 16 runs in his explosive eight overs.

None of the Bangladeshi batsman could handle the swing and seam from the muscular Indian youngster, whose incredible feat confirmed his team's berth in the final of the four-nation tournament.

India will take on Sri Lanka in tomorrow's final at the Karachi National Stadium. The Lankans upset hosts Pakistan by 14 runs in another match.

With Pathan breathing fire it was no

surprise that five of the Bangladeshi batters returned to the dressing room without troubling the scorers.



IRFAN PATHAN ... 9-16

Nafees was the only batsman tantalizingly close to reaching double figures. The opener, who has recently

been called up for the one-day series against England, fell after making just nine. It was the second highest score in the Bangladesh innings behind Mr. Sundries with 10.

The tour ended bitterly for the talented Chittagodian, who went to Pakistan on the back of a brilliant hundred against England in a three-day practice match last month but could score only 35 runs in three games.

The nephew of former national captain Akram Khan, who is scheduled to reach Dhaka this morning, will have little time to reflect on the disappointing time with the bat before joining the national team in Chittagong.

Like Nafees his uncle Akram will also try to forget his first assignment as manager of a Bangladesh team. The Indian drubbing completed a hat-trick of defeats for the Under-19 team. They lost to Pakistan by 117 runs and suffered an eight-wicket thrashing at the hands of finalists Sri Lanka.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Videocon Asian Under-19 Cricket Tournament match between Bangladesh and India at the Gaddafi Stadium in

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Bangladesh national team's Rajin Saleh sweeps one for four during a limited-overs match against a Chittagong selection at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday.

PHOTO: ZOAER HOSSAIN SIDDER