

Glenn, Steve top the rankings

LONDON, Dec 6: Australian fast bowler Glenn McGrath's performance in the current Test series against the West Indies has shot him to the top of the international bowling rankings, reports AFP.

He has jumped up from 10th, while previous number one Curtly Ambrose of the West Indies has dropped to fourth, his lowest position for five years.

Pakistan leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed is second and South African fast bowler Allan Donald third.

Dominic Cork who is missing the current tour of Zimbabwe, is England's top bowler in 15th place.

Australia's Steve Waugh still heads the batting rankings but South Africa's Gary Kirsten has climbed from 11th to second.

England's top batsman is skipper Michael Atherton in 10th place.

Bowling: 1. G McGrath (Aus) 841 pts; 2. Mushtaq Ahmed (Pak) 817; 3. A Donald (SA) 813; 4. C Ambrose (WI) 808; 5. S Waugh (Aus) 804; 6. Wasim Akram (Pak) 793; 7. I Bishop (WI) 783; 8. H Streak (Zim) 766; 9. P Reiffel (Aus) 766; 10. A Kumble (Ind) 743.

Batting: 1. S Waugh (Aus) 919; 2. G Kirsten (SA) 795; 3. B Lara (WI) 785; 4. M Waugh (Aus) 779; 5. Saeed Anwar (Pak) 747; 6. D Cullinan (SA) 743; 7. H Tillekeratne (SL) 731; 8. Inzamamul Haq (Pak) 729; 9. S Campbell (WI) 711; 10. M Atherton (Eng) 708.

Pakistan win one-day series Anwar Kiwis' nightmare



SIALKOT, Pakistan, Dec 6: Pakistan, helped by splendid knocks from openers Saeed Anwar and Zahoor Elahi, won the second one-day match against New Zealand by 46 runs here today to clinch the three-match series, reports AFP.

Anwar, who was declared man-of-the-match, hit a stylish 91 while Elahi notched up his first half-century in a one-day international scoring 86 runs off as many balls.

Ijaz Ahmed, one of Pakistan's most dependable bats, delighted his home city crowd of more than 20,000 with a brilliant stroke play. He notched up 59 runs in 53 balls with four hits to the rope and two towering sixes.

Pakistan piled up 277 in the allotted 47 overs. New Zealand could only reach 231 despite a fighting 88 by Stephen Fleming studied with 10 fours.

A third wicket 125-run partnership between Fleming and Parore, who made 37, was the highlight of the New Zealand innings.

The pair lifted New Zealand's hopes after the tourists lost two quick wickets.

Opener Craig Spearman was caught for a duck by keeper Moin Khan off pacer Wasim Akram with New Zealand on three.

Only four runs later Bryan Young was caught by Moin for five while attempting to hit Waqar Younis through the cover without moving his feet.

After Fleming was out, when

New Zealand were on 146, no other Kiwi batsman could stand up to the Pakistani attack.



SAEED ANWAR ... m-o-m

Pakistani skipper Wasim Akram took three wickets while Waqar Younis, Saqlain Mushtaq and Shahid Afridi captured two each.

The number of overs was reduced from 50 after a delayed start due to wet conditions at the Jinnah Stadium.

Later, during the New Zealand innings, play was suspended for 10 minutes as the Pakistani team walked out in anger over the behaviour of a section of the crowd throwing bottles onto the field.

The suspension visibly displeased the Kiwi skipper Lee Germon because it came at a stage when Fleming was in great form.

The victory put Pakistan two up in the three-match series after the two-Test series was drawn 1-1.

The last and final one-day match is to be played at Karachi on Sunday.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the second one-day international between Pakistan and New Zealand today:

PAKISTAN				
Anwar run out	91			
Elahi b Cairns	86			
Ijaz c Spearman b Vaughan	59			
Inzamam st Germon b Astle	24			
Akram b Harris	4			
Afridi b Harris	2			
Moin c Astle b Harris	1			
Waqar st Germon b Harris	0			
Saqlain b Harris	2			
Mushtaq not out	5			
Malik not out	1			
Extras (lb-8, nb-2, w-14)	24			
Total (for 9 wickets in 47 overs)	277			
Fall of wicket: 1-177; 2-225; 3-240; 4-247; 5-252; 6-260; 7-261; 8-269; 9-276.				
NEW ZEALAND				
Young c Moin b Waqar	5			
Spearman c Moin b Wasim	0			
Parore c Ijaz b Saqlain	37			
Fleming c and b Afridi	88			
Cairns b Saqlain	10			
Astle c Ijaz b Malik	20			
Harris lbw Wasim	22			
Germon lbw Afridi	2			
Vaughan c Moin b Wasim	13			
Douill c M Wasim b Waqar	1			
Kennedy not out	7			
Extras (lb-9, nb-3, w-12, nb-2)	26			
Total (all out in 42.1 overs)	231			
Fall of wickets: 1-2; 2-7; 3-125; 4-146; 5-170; 6-190; 7-195; 8-213; 9-216; 10-231.				
Bowling:				
Wasim	8.1	0	43	3
Waqar	6	0	32	2
Saqlain	8	0	54	2
Mushtaq	10	0	42	0
Afridi	7	0	40	2
Malik	2.5	0	8	1
Ijaz	1	0	0	0
Result: Pakistan won by 46 runs.				
Man-of-the-match: Saeed Anwar.				

Uzbeks, Japs off the mark

Uzbekistan kicked off their Asian cup campaign on a promising note beating China by two goals to nil, according to Star Sports monitored here last night.

After a barren first half, striker Shkhyrin Igor put the former Soviet Republic ahead in the 80th minute while Shaikhikh Oleg doubled the margin in the last minute of the Group C encounter.

AFP adds: Japan's defence of their title got off to a rocky start when they beat Syria 2-1 in the day's first match.

Only two goals in the final five minutes saved them from an embarrassing defeat against a team they should have beaten easily.

Victoria, R'ganj split points

Leaders Victoria Sporting Club and Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society shared points in the Danish First Division football league after their return leg engagement ended in a 2-2 draw at the Mirpur Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Chanchal and Suhan scored one goal each for Victoria while Babu Zaman netted both the goals for Rahmatganj.

With the draw, Victoria maintained their lead in the table with 29 points from 16 matches while Rahmatganj remained in the second place with 24 points from as many outings.

BADDA BEAT PWD
In the day's other match at the Army Stadium, Badda Jagarani beat PWD Sports Club by a solitary goal.

Shiraj scored the all-important match-winner for Badda in the 20th minute to help his side join Rahmatganj in the second place as they raised their tally to 24 points from 16 matches.

The margin could have been 2-0 had Badda been allowed to take the spot kick awarded in the 50th minute.

WHIZZ KID - 58 Correct answers

1. Who won the Sharjah Champions' Trophy?
Ans: Pakistan

2. Who currently holds the WBA heavyweight title?
Ans: Holyfield.

3. Which country will stage the 2002 World Cup football final?
Ans: Japan.

4. Who scored the Danish Premier Division football league second hat-trick?
Ans: Alfaz.

5. Which team has won the SMAH kabaddi league this year?
Ans: Dhakusa SC.

WHIZZ KID - 58 winner

MD Touhid Ahmed Russell Jamurki NSAG High School, Mirzapur, Tangail.

(Remember to bring a passport size photograph and your ID card while collecting the winners' prize from the Sports Desk of The Daily Star at 7.30 pm on Dec 11.)

Lara's lean patch continues Aussies abase Windies



MELBOURNE, Dec 6: Australia gave Brian Lara another reason to be miserable when they beat West Indies by five wickets in the opening World Series limited overs match today, report agencies.

Lara, disciplined for misconduct on Wednesday, was dismissed for five to extend a disappointing run of form on tour.

Australia, who hold a 2-0 lead in the five-match Test series, overhauled West Indies' total of 172 all out with eight balls to spare to end a run of six successive one-day defeats.

All-rounder Greg Blewett steered his side to a comfortable victory with an unbeaten 57 in 90 balls to the delight of the 42,442 crowd.

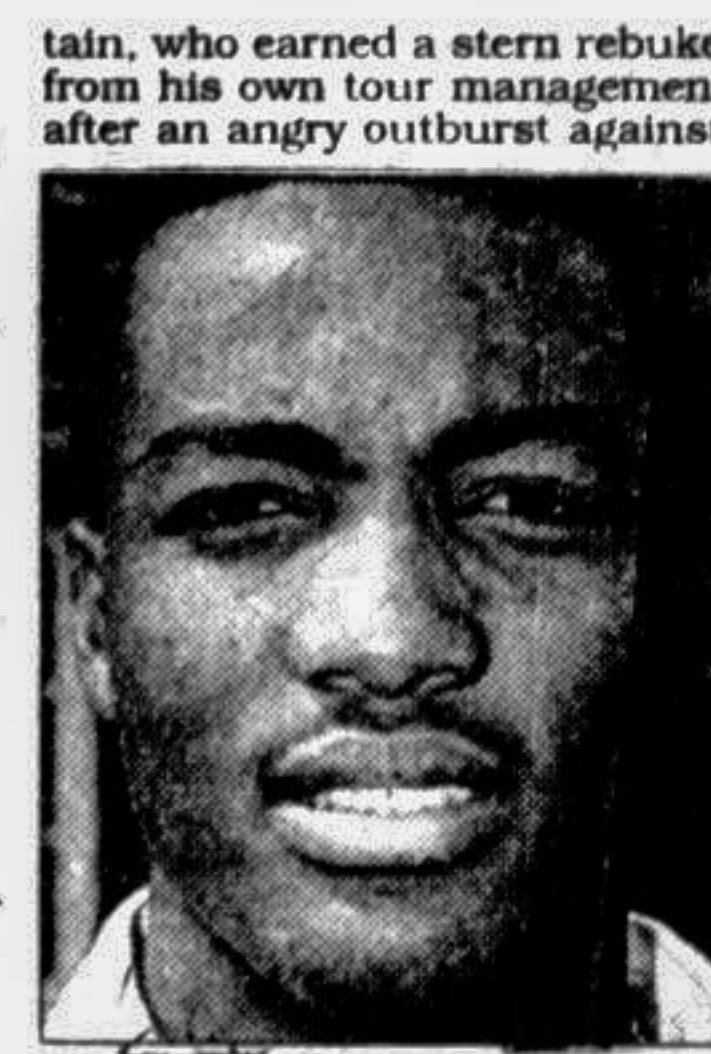
Man-of-the-match Blewett came to the wicket with the total on 70 for two and hit three fours during an untroubled innings lasting 129 minutes.

His crucial fifth-wicket partnership with fellow all-rounder Stuart Law, who scored 21, added 71 off 85 balls.

Lara's outburst three days ago has clearly turned some of the Australian public against him. As he walked to the wicket he was greeted by loud jeers from sections of the crowd.

On several occasions during his innings, the crowd joined together in a series of obscene chants against him.

The West Indies vice-cap-



BRIAN LARA

Australia wicketkeeper Ian Healy, struggled for timing during his 36-minute innings before chipping a ball from medium pacer Tom Moody straight to Shane Warne at mid-wicket.

Tour manager Clive Lloyd on Wednesday apologised for Lara's behaviour in confronting Australia coach Geoff Marsh in the opposition dressing room to protest against his dismissal in the second Test on Tuesday.

Lloyd did not say what form the discipline would take.

The 27-year-old left-hander stormed into the Australian dressing rooms after being caught behind and told Aus-

tralian coach Geoff Marsh that wicketkeeper Ian Healy would not be welcome in the West Indies' locker rooms.

Television replays suggested there was some doubt over the legality of Healy's catch.

West Indies management apologised to the Australians for Lara's outburst, but the batsman clearly hasn't been forgiven by the Melbourne public.

Lara made 26 and 44 in Brisbane, the 2 and 1 in Sydney as West Indies lost both Tests.

He was taunted about his form by several banners waved by fans at the MCG and was quickly apt himself out.

It was left to fellow left-hander Shivnarine Chanderpaul to lead the innings together with a gritty 54 despite the handicap of an injured groin.

Chanderpaul was forced to rely on a runner for most of his innings after hurting himself as he scurried back to his crease to avoid being run out.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the World Series limited-overs match between Australia and West Indies today:

WEST INDIES				
Campbell c Healy b Gillespie	31			
Samuels c M Waugh b Gillespie	7			
Lara c Warne b Moody	5			
Chanderpaul c Healy b Blewett	54			
Hooper run out	7			
Adams lbw b Moody	5			
Murray c Blewett b Warne	24			
McLean c and b M Waugh	7			
K Benjamin b Warne	8			
Ambrose run out	2			
Walsh not out	8			
Extras (lb-10, w-1, nb-3)	14			
Total (all out 49.2 overs)	172			
Fall of wickets: 1-11; 2-38; 3-64; 4-73; 5-81; 6-120; 7-135; 8-150; 9-153.				
Bowling				
Reiffel	10	2	26	0
Gillespie	10	0	39	2
Moody	10	1	25	2
Blewett	6.2	0	27	1
Warne	10	0	34	2
M Waugh	3	0	11	1
AUSTRALIA				
Taylor b McLean	29			
M Waugh c Murray b Benjamin	27			
Ponting lbw McLean	5			
Blewett not out	57			
Bevan st Murray b Hooper	3			
Law b Hooper	21			
Moody not out	3			
Extras (lb-17, nb-8, w-3)	28			
Total (for 5 wickets, 48.4 overs)	173			
Fall of wickets: 1-59; 2-70; 3-78; 4-90; 5-160.				
Did not bat: I Healy, P Reiffel, S Warne, J Gillespie.				
Bowling				
Ambrose	10	3	19	0
Walsh	9	0	34	0
Benjamin	9.4	0	43	1
Hooper	10	0	27	2
McLean	10	1	33	2
Result: Australia won by five wickets.				
Man-of-the-match: Greg Blewett.				

WORLD SERIES SCHEDULE

The exciting World Series Cup limited-over triangular tourney got underway at the lush green of the Melbourne Cricket Ground yesterday with Australia and West Indies locking horns in the opener.

Pakistan, the third team in the month-long series, are expected to arrive Down next week. The former world champions with Wasim Akram at the helm take on Australia in their opening match of the series on Dec 15.

FIXTURES

Date	Match	Venue
Dec 6	Australia vs West Indies (day/night)	Melbourne
Dec 8	West Indies vs Australia (day/night)	Sydney
Dec 15	Australia vs Pakistan (day/night)	Adelaide
Dec 17	Pakistan vs West Indies (day/night)	Adelaide
Jan 1	Pakistan vs Australia (day/night)	Sydney
Jan 3	West Indies vs Pakistan (day/night)	Brisbane
Jan 5	West Indies vs Australia (day/night)	Brisbane
Jan 7	Australia vs Pakistan (day/night)	Hobart
Jan 10	West Indies vs Pakistan (day/night)	Perth
Jan 12	West Indies vs Australia (day/night)	Perth
Jan 14	Pakistan vs West Indies (day/night)	Sydney
Jan 16	Australia vs Pakistan (day/night)	Melbourne
Jan 18	First final (day/night)	Sydney
Jan 20	Second final (day/night)	Melbourne
Jan 22	Third final (day/night)	Melbourne

Road Division, Gaibandha Notice Inviting Tender

Sealed Tenders in Bangladesh Form No: 2911 are hereby invited.

1. Tender Notice No: 07-EE/GRD/1996-97

2. Name of work: Construction & Repair of diff KM of diff road under Road Division, Gaibandha during the year 1996-97 (in 08/Eight) Groups.

3. Name of office where tender documents will be available for sale: 1. Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi (only for Group No: 1, 2, 4, 6 & 7). 2. Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Rangpur/Bogra/Kurigram/Planning & Design Division, Rangpur/Planning (Road & Bridge) Division Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. 3. Sub-Divisional Engineer (RHD), Road Sub-Division, Palashbari, Gaibandha.

4. Name of office where tender will be received: 1. Addl Chief Engineer (RHD), Rangpur Zone, Rangpur. 2. Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi. 3. Superintending Engineer (RHD), Rangpur Road Circle, Rangpur/Monitoring & Evaluation (Road & Bridges) Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka. 4. Executive Engineer (RHD), Roads Division, Rangpur/Bogra/Kurigram/Gaibandha (old DC's office).

5. Last date of selling tender (For all Groups): Up to 14-12-1996 during office hours.

6. Last date & time for receiving tender (For all Groups): On 15-12-1996 at 12-30 PM.

7. Date & time for opening of tender box (For all Groups) by other receiving officers: On 15-12-1996 at 12-45 PM.

8. Date & time for opening of all tenders (For all Groups) by this office (For all Groups): On 15-12-1996 at 12-30 PM.

9. Date & time of lottery if required: At 1-00 PM on 21-12-1996.

10. Head of accounts (For all Groups): As given below.

Group No	Name of work with location	Estimated cost (In Tk)	Earnest money (In Tk)	Time allowed for completion of work	Eligibility of contractor
I (one)	Repairing the existing pavement by providing Tk 13,50,095/- kha consolidation (Part) carpeting seal coat & leveling course at 1st & 2nd (P) KM of Gobindaganj-Mohimaganj Road under Road Division, Gaibandha during the year 1996-97. H/A 266 Dev	Tk 13,50,095/-	Tk 27,002/-	60 (sixty) days from the date of issue of work order	'A' to 'D' general category contractor of RHD
II (two)	Re-construction of flexible pavement by providing sub-base, base course & premixed bituminous seal coat at 1st(P) KM of Tulshighat-Ramchandrapur (Health Center) Trinoheri Road under Road Divn, Gaibandha during the year 1996-97. H/A 266 Dev	Tk 13,88,526/-	Tk 27,771/-	-do-	-do-
III (three)	Construction of flexible pavement at 26th KM of Gaibandha-Nakaihat-Gobindaganj Road under Road Divn, Gaibandha during the year 1996-97. H/A/C 266 Dev	Tk 5,57,144/-	Tk 11,143/-	35 (thirty-five) days from the date of issue of work order	'A' to 'E' general category contractor of RHD
IV (four)	Repairing the hard shoulder by providing kha consolidation & seal coat at diff KM 53rd (P) to 70th (P) KM of Rangpur-Bogra National Highways under Road Divn, Gaibandha during the year 1996-97. H/A/C 168 RBF	Tk 22,10,752/-	Tk 44,216/-	60 (sixty) days from the date of issue of work order	'A' to 'D' general category contractor of RHD
V (five)	Construction of brick pavement at 23rd KM of Gaibandha-Nakaihat-Gobindaganj Road under Road Divn, Gaibandha during the year 1996-97. H/A/C 266 Dev	Tk 7,94,735/-	Tk 15,895/-	35 (thirty-five) days from the date of issue of work order	'A' to 'E' general category contractor of RHD
VI (six)	Construction of brick pavement at 1st KM & 2nd KM (P) of Jumerghat-Talukkanpur-Nakaihat Road under Road Divn, Gaibandha during the year 1996-97. H/A/C 266 Dev	Tk 14,33,291/-	Tk 28,666/-	60 (sixty) days from the date of issue of work order	'A' to 'D' general category contractor of RHD
VII (seven)	Earth work in Road Embankment at 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th(P) KM of Danapur-Kamarianj road under Road Division, Gaibandha during the year 1996-97. H/A/C 266 Dev	Tk 13,49,581/-	Tk 26,992/-	-do-	-do-
VIII (eight)	Earth work in road embankment at 4th(P), 5th, 6th & 7th(P) KM of Gaibandha-Palashbari Road under Road Division, Gaibandha during the year 1996-97. H/A/C 168 RBF	Tk 5,50,311/-	Tk 11,007/-	35 (thirty-five) days from the date of issue of work order	'A' to 'E' general category contractor of RHD

NB: Group No: 03 (three), 05 (five) & 08 (eight) will not be received and sold in the office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi Division, Rajshahi.

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Indian junior women's cricket

GUWAHATI, Dec 6: The 16th junior national women's cricket championship will begin here from December 15, reports PTT.



Boris Becker of Germany plays a backhand during his quarterfinal engagement against Swiss Jakob Hlasek in the Munich Grand Slam Cup on Dec 5. Becker won 6-4, 6-1.

Becker ends Jakob's run

MUNICH, Dec 6: Henman blasted 20 aces in dispatching Mali'Vali Washington 7-6, 6-3 at the Grand Slam Cup Thursday.

Britain has not had a men's singles champion since Fred Perry in 1936, and in his home country Henman is considered a potential winner. He reached the quarterfinals this summer.

"I play Boris Becker in his hometown over five sets. I don't think it can get much better than that. Maybe to play him at Wimbledon on Center Court, but that's probably his home as well," Henman said.