

Column One

DID U' KNOW?

(The Professor does)

THAT the human range of hearing is from twenty to twenty million micro-Pascals, a range of a million. If Micro-Pascals were used as the unit of sound level, there would be the need for a scale as versatile as one that could weigh a human hair as well as a 20-storeyed building.

No, I am not in the wrong column. Nor am I deliberating on the wrong subject. The acoustic-heavy prelude was necessary to highlight the achievement of one Bangalee during the Pak-amol. The early 1950s, to be more precise.

Knt Shakkor, an about-to-be Shibpur engineer turned building materials entrepreneur, was the East Pakistan chess champion. If that was one end of the scale what was the other? Well, believe it or not, he was simultaneously an East Pakistan champion in pugilistic encounters, boxing to be exact.

It is not known whether he ever played a rook with his boxing gloves, on but a two-in-one that of that quality these days would mean one less athlete to the Asian Games.



Mark Edward Waugh (Star Australian batsman)

"I must emphasise that I have never been involved in match fixing or bribery on cricket matches in any stage of my career."

While denying charges brought against him.

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1. National cricket team captain Aminul Islam will play this season for

Biman | Mohammedan | Surjo Tarun

2. Who won the Premier league cricket title last season?

Mohammedan | Kalabagan | Abahani

3. How many teams play in the Premier league?

10 | 8 | 12

4. How many overs will be played per side in the Premier league this season?

50 | 80 | 100

5. How many venues will be used for the Premier league this year?

One | Two | Three

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Lilly not all-white

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa, Dec 13 (Reuters/Internet): Five non-white players have been named in the South Africa A squad to play the West Indies in a four-day match, starting in Pietermaritzburg next Saturday.

They are: batsman Ashwell Prince, off-spinner Shafilek Abrahams, left-arm wrist spinner Paul Adams and fast bowlers Makhaya Ntini and Victor Mpsang, the 12th-man.

"The team contains rising young players we are interested in having a look at," said selection convenor Peter Pollock.

South Africa's senior team selection for the first Test against the West Indies last month caused a storm in political circles because it was composed entirely of white players with Adams as 12th-man.

Aminul's unbeaten 44 carries Biman home

Ajax no match for Tarun

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Biman and Surjo Tarun got off to a sound start in the Janakantha Premier Division Cricket League when they defeated their respective opponents in a convincing fashion at different venues yesterday.

With the whole nation coming to a grinding halt due to a dawn-to-dusk hartal, Biman were hardly troubled as they conjured up a five-wicket win over a lowly-rated Agrani Bank at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The national airline outfit, resting on 45 for no loss in reply to a modest Agrani Bank total of 174, reached the victory target in 72.1 overs, but were losing half of their wickets.

National captain Aminul Islam, who joined Biman this year after ending a long stint with Mohammedan Sporting, celebrated his return to his former club with an unbeaten 44.

The right-hander held the innings together after overnight batsman Ziaur Rashid departed for a gritty 44 off 125 balls.

Ziaur Rashid, who opened the Biman innings with Javed Omar, added another 40 runs to their overnight total before being adjudged leg before to Ruseel.

The young left-arm spinner gave a sensational twist to the match when he had Biman captain Faruque for a first-ball duck. But Javed and Aminul took Biman close to victory putting on 43 runs for the third wicket. Javed scored a painstaking 38 off 165 balls.

Aminul hammered five fours in his 100-ball vigil at the crease.

Away at the BKSP ground in Savar, Ajax caved in meekly in their chase of Surjo Tarun's impressive total of 285.

mediocre outfit could muster only 146 before being bundled out in 63.4 overs, thanks to a virtuoso all-round performance from Enamul Haq.

The national slow left-arm, who hammered a breezy 45 on Saturday, mopped up the Ajax tail to finish with three for 13 runs in his 13 overs.

The highlight of the Ajax



innings was a threatening 70-run partnership between opener Ronok and Nayan. But, it came to naught.

But once leg-spinner Al-Shahriar had Ronok for 28, Ajax suffered a sudden slide from where they never recovered.

Surjo Tarun's Pakistani recruit Nadim Nazir then destroyed the Ajax middle-order to finish with three for 21 runs in his 16 overs. He captured the prized scalp of Nayan, who scored 40 off 99 balls. Al-Shahriar got another wicket to finish with two for 31 in his four overs.

SCOREBOARDS

Bangladesh Biman vs Agrani Bank
(Venue: Bangabandhu National Stadium)

AGRANI BANK: Overnight 174 all out in 53.5 overs (Ziauddin Ahmed 23, Extras 79; Saifullah Khan 4/22)

BANGLADESH BIMAN: (Overnight 45 for no loss in 25 overs)

Javed c Sajjad b Rajin 38

Ziaur Rashid lbw b Ruseel	44
Faruque c Sajjad b Ruseel	0
Aminul not out	44
Habibul st Sajjad b Suja	4
Attar c & b Rajin	12
N Shawkat not out	5
Extras: (lb-1, nb-9, w-18)	28
Total: (For five wks in 72.1 overs)	175
Fall of wks: 1-95; 2-95; 3-138; 4-144; 5-169	

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Mofizur Rahman	3	0	15	0
Champak	1	0	8	0
Shaheen Malik	16	6	33	0
Ruseel Khan	16	4	27	2
Suja Erfan	16	2	35	1
Sayed Azad	9.1	2	24	0
Jamal Faisal	8	1	17	0
Rajin Saleh	3	0	15	2

Result: Bangladesh Biman won by five wickets.

Surjo Tarun Club vs Ajax Sporting Club
(Venue: BKSP)

SURJO TARUN: Overnight 285 for nine wickets in 80 overs (Minhazul Abedin 87, Enamul Haq 46, Athar 45; Aminul Islam 2-69, Nayan 2-39)

AJAX SC:

Ronok c Athar b Al-Shahriar	28
Tomal c Parvez b Anis	1
Nayan c Al-Shahriar b Nazir	40
Sanchay b Nazir	1
Imran c Nazir b Al-Shahriar	0
Dola c Minhaz b Enamul	18
Soab c sub b Enamul	0
Sumon c K Masood b Nazir	14
Lahnu c Minhaz b Zia	24
Aminul Islam c Athar b Enamul	0
Ripon not out	0
Extras: (b-2, lb-3, nb-3, w-12)	20
Total: (All out in 63.4 overs)	146
Fall of wks: 1-3; 2-73; 3-74; 4-75; 5-94; 6-103; 7-106; 8-134; 9-142	

Result: Surjo Tarun won by 139 runs.



China's Zhou Xiaojing performing her ribbon routine during the final of the Asiad gymnastics individual final on December 12.

ACB didn't get Pak summons

ADELAIDE, Dec 13 (Reuters/ AP/Internet): The Australian Cricket Board said on Sunday it had not received a summons from a Pakistani judge for book-making scandal players Mark Waugh and Shane Warne to appear before an inquiry into betting and match-fixing.

A spokesman for the board said during the third Ashes Test against England in Adelaide that the board had not been notified of any summons and would not comment until it had.

Justice Malik Mohammad Qayyum issued a summons directing Waugh and Warne to appear before the inquiry in Pakistan on December 19, a spokesman for the Pakistan Cricket Board told Reuters on Saturday.

The ACB (Australian Cricket Board) has nothing to say until we get it," a spokesman told reporters at the Adelaide Oval. "We have not got it yet."

Waugh testified before the government-ordered hearing in October, but the judge has said his credibility was damaged by the admission this week that he and Warne took money from an Indian bookmaker.

The judge wants Mark to appear again so he can be re-examined," the spokesman said.

On Wednesday, Waugh and Warne said they took money from a bookmaker to provide pitch and weather information during Australia's 1994 tour of Sri Lanka.

The pair was secretly fined by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) in early 1995 but the incident was not publicised until Australian newspapers broke the news earlier this week.

In October, during Australia's last tour of Pakistan, Waugh testified that former national captain Salim Malik had offered him a bribe during the

Australia tour of Pakistan in 1994.

Malik has denied the allegations, and says the admissions by the two Australians prove his innocence.

Spokesmen for Warne and Waugh were not available for comment, but neither is expected to agree to the summons and travel to Pakistan.

Both are scheduled to be playing in a Sheffield Shield match in Sydney starting on December 19 and Warne has not travelled to Pakistan since the 1994 tour. Warne declined an earlier request to appear before the inquiry.

The book-making scandal has rocked the cricketing world and triggered calls for Waugh and Warne to be banned.

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper reported unnamed ACB sources saying Warne was likely to be dropped as the vice-captain of Australia's one-day team because of the scandal.

On Friday and Saturday Warne was dumped as a columnist by England's The Daily Mail and Melbourne's The Age. Waugh was booed and jeered by the Adelaide crowd on Friday when he walked out to bat.

Meanwhile, a Hobart newspaper claimed Sunday that an Australia-Pakistan one-day international in Hobart last year might have been a fixed match that went wrong.

The Sunday Tasmanian based its front-page report on an alleged conversation between an Australian and Pakistani player after the match.

Pakistan won the low-scoring match at Bellerive Oval on January 7 last year by 29 runs. The tourists had been dismissed for 149, but then bowled out Australia for 120.

of Hobart's Grand Chancellor Hotel.

"What are you looking glum about, you won the match?" The Australian was said to have asked.

"That's the problem," the Pakistani allegedly replied, "we are supposed lose and it's caused a lot of friction because the bookmakers have lost a lot of money."

ACB chairman Dennis Rogers refused to comment to the report.

Hollooake refused to be a millionaire

LONDON, Dec 13 (Reuters/Internet): Bookmakers offered to make Adam Hollooake a millionaire when he captained England's cricketers to their Champions Cup triumph in Sharjah last year, the Mail on Sunday reported.

The newspaper said Hollooake was contacted twice by bookmakers who were seeking information about weather, pitch conditions, team line-ups and tactics. In exchange for the information, he was told: "We will make you rich. We will make you a millionaire."

The Mail story said Hollooake rejected the offer, but both times and informed the sport's governing body in his country, the England and Wales Cricket Board, through chairman of selectors David Graveney.

The experiences and realisation that bookmakers and fixers were at work in Sharjah left him with a sour taste, and he believes the mere suspicion of match-fixing has devalued the achievement of his team, the Mail report added.

England won the limited overs competition in which India, Pakistan and West Indies also competed last December.

The Mail story was published only three days after Australian Test pair Shane Warne and Mark Waugh admitted they took money from an Indian bookmaker to provide pitch and weather information during a tournament in Sri Lanka four years ago.

Warne and Waugh were both fined by the Australian Cricket Board, which kept the incident secret until earlier this week when it confirmed the fines following media revelations in Australia.

Bangladeshis at the Asiad

BANGKOK, Dec 13 (UNB/BSS): Two times silver medalists Bangladesh saw a mixed result on the opening day of the four-day Kabaddi competition of the Asian Games today at the Sirdindom Sports Complex in Nakhon Nayok Province, 78 kms from the Thai capital.

Bangladesh started their campaign on an impressive note beating Japan by 25-8 points with two creditable lonas in the morning. But they conceded a frustrating 10-36 defeat against holders India in the afternoon.

Looking for a third consecutive Asiad silver, Bangladesh will have to beat another strong contender, Pakistan, tomorrow at 8 am (BST).

ATHLETICS

Mahbub Alam reached the semifinals of 100m sprint on the first day of athletics competition here today.

Mahbub took 10.66 seconds to finish fourth and qualified for the semifinals. But he became last in the semifinal with a time 10.82 seconds.

Another Bangladesh sprinter Mohammad Islam, who took 10.79 seconds in the heat to get the fourth position, could not qualify for the semifinals.

HOCKEY

Bangladesh today completed their preliminary round matches conceding highest 26 goals against one in four matches.

They, in the last encounter today, drew 1-1 with lowly Singapore.

Europa Cup b'ball final today

Defending champions Bangladesh Navy romped into the final of the 21st Europa Cup national basketball tournament, beating Bangladesh Army yesterday, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Navy won the second semifinal against current runners-up Bangladesh Army by 88-65 points at the Dhamond gymnasium.

Navy led the first half by 38-32 points.

Youhana hits maiden hundred

Result unlikely in Lahore



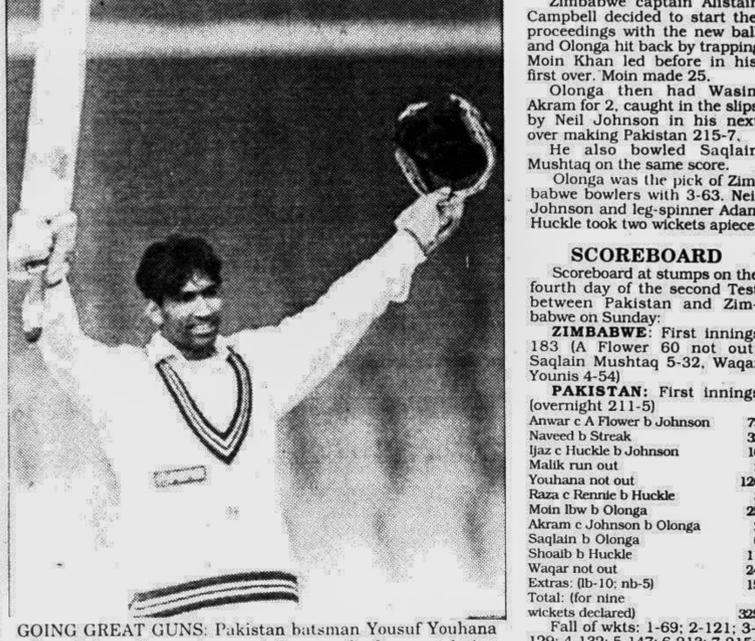
LAHORE, Dec 13 (AFP/Reuters/AP): A magnificent maiden century by Yousuf Youhana helped Pakistan gain a 142-run lead, but bad weather foiled home team's bid to win the second cricket Test against Zimbabwe here today.

Zimbabwe made 48 without losing any second innings wicket to raise their hopes of a

some hostile but erratic bowling from Wasim Akram and Shoaib Akhtar. Waqar Younis did not bowl in the second innings as he was running a temperature.

Pakistan, resuming at 211-5, declared their first innings closed at 325-9, with Youhana hitting a scintillating unbeaten 120.

Pakistan lost three early wickets in the day but succeeded in getting a worthy lead of 142



GOING GREAT GUNS: Pakistan batsman Yousuf Youhana acknowledges the applause of the crowd after completing his maiden Test hundred on the fourth day of the second Test against Zimbabwe yesterday.

Internet photo

draw.

Heavy fog and overcast conditions again marred the Test, with 171 minutes play lost and only 45 overs bowled on the fourth day.

No play was possible after tea because of poor visibility. Zimbabwe, 1-0 up following their seven-wicket win in the first Test at Peshawar, could be content if the weather remains the same and they go to play the third Test in Faisalabad starting December 17 with no fear of a series loss.

Gavin Rennie and Grant Flower survived confidently

because of Youhana.

Play was disrupted on Saturday and the morning fog again delayed the start by 75 minutes today.

Youhana put on 60 invaluable runs for the ninth wicket with Shoaib Akhtar and a record 50 in 48 minutes for an unbroken tenth wicket with Waqar Younis, who made 24 not out.

They beat the previous tenth wicket stand of 27 against Zimbabwe by Inzamam-ul-Haq and Shahid Nazir in Harare in 1994-95.

Youhana completed his

maiden hundred in 277 minutes off 186 balls laced with 14 fours.

"I was told to stay at the wicket and that I did. I am happy that I have scored my first century in my own city and after Salim Malik's run out on my call the onus was on me," said Youhana, 24.

Waqar's 24 included four fours off 32 balls.

Zimbabwe pacer Henry Olonga dented Pakistan's efforts to score some quick runs by grabbing three wickets off 20 balls.

Zimbabwe captain Alistair Campbell decided to start the proceedings with the new ball and Olonga hit back by trapping Moin Khan led before in his first over. Moin made 25.

Olonga then had Wasim Akram for 2, caught in the slips by Neil Johnson in his next over making Pakistan 215-7.

He also bowled Saqlain Mushtaq on the same score.

Olonga was the pick of Zimbabwe bowlers with 3-63. Neil Johnson and leg-spinner Adam Huckle took two wickets apiece.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the second Test between Pakistan and Zimbabwe on Sunday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 183 (A Flower 60 not out; Saqlain Mushtaq 5-32, Waqar Younis 4-54)

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 211-5)

Anwar c A Flower b Johnson 75
Naved b Streak 32
Ijaz c Huckle b Johnson 16
Malik run out 2
Youhana not out 120
Raza c Rennie b Huckle 3
Moin lbw b Olonga 25
Akram c Johnson b Olonga 2
Saqlain b Olonga 0
Shoaib b Huckle 11
Waqar not out 24
Extras: (lb-10, nb-5) 15
Total: (for nine wickets declared) 325

Fall of wks: 1-69; 2-121; 3-129; 4-132; 5-147; 6-213; 7-215; 8-215; 9-275.

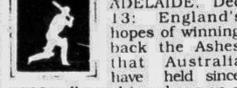
Bowler O M R W
Streak 33 8 75 1
Olonga 25 9 63 3
Mbangwa 24 4 66 0
Johnson 24 2 71 2
Huckle 7 0 40 2

ZIMBABWE: Second innings
Rennie not out 16
G Flower not out 17
Extras: (lb-5, nb-10) 15
Total: (for no loss in 12 overs) 48

To bat: Murray Goodwin, Alistair Campbell, Andy Flower, Neil Johnson, Craig Wishart, Heath Streak, Henry Olonga, Adam Huckle, Mpumelelo Mbangwa.

Bowler O M R W
Akram 6 0 23 0
Shoaib 5 1 15 0
Saqlain 1 0 5 0

England design their fall



ADELAIDE, Dec 13: England's hopes of winning back the Ashes that Australia have held since 1989 collapsed in a heap on a crumbling Adelaide Oval pitch today, reports Reuters.

Another sickeningly familiar English batting collapse in the hour before lunch put Australia in a commanding position and by the close of the third day they had built up an overall lead of 314.

Australia's batsmen's brushed aside an accurate but less than threatening English attack to be 150 for one in their second innings by the close, with Michael Slater on 74 not out.

The only wicket to fall was that of captain Mark Taylor, who was rather controversially adjudged leg before offering no shot to off-spinner Peter Such.

But it was the English batting collapse in the morning session that seems certain to have handed Australia victory in this third Test and allowed

the home team to retain the Ashes for the sixth consecutive series.

England's middle and lower order disintegrated in the face of Stuart MacGill's often vicious leg spinners and the sustained pace of Glenn McGrath.

Only a gritty 89 not out by Nasser Hussain kept the collapse from turning into complete capitulation.

As his last batting partner walked back to the dressing room, Hussain stood downcast on his own for some time at the wicket.

"It's disappointing when you're stranded and you've lost seven wickets in an hour... and it had undone all the good work," Hussain said later of his reluctance to leave.

The visitors lost seven wickets for just 40 runs in the last hour before lunch to be all out for 227, extending a depressingly familiar run of batting collapses on this tour.

In the first Test in Brisbane, England lost their last six wickets for 60 runs in the first innings and their last five wickets for 65 in the second.

MacGill was the destroyer in that second innings and only a tropical thunderstorm that flooded the ground on the last day saved England from defeat.

But in the second Test in Perth England showed they could do even worse when they lost their last seven first innings wickets in the first innings for 50 runs.

A second innings collapse of five wickets for 33 runs sealed their fate and they lost the Perth Test inside three days by seven wickets.

England will need a miracle to avoid defeat in this Test, especially with the frightening amount of bite, bounce and turn MacGill is extracting from the pitch.

But Hussain at least was determined to fight on.

MacGill took four for 53 in England's first innings, including one spell of three for eight runs off eight balls.

with his five runs here taking his total in three innings on tour to 24.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First innings 391 (Justin Langer 179 not out; Dean Headley 4 for 97).

ENGLAND: