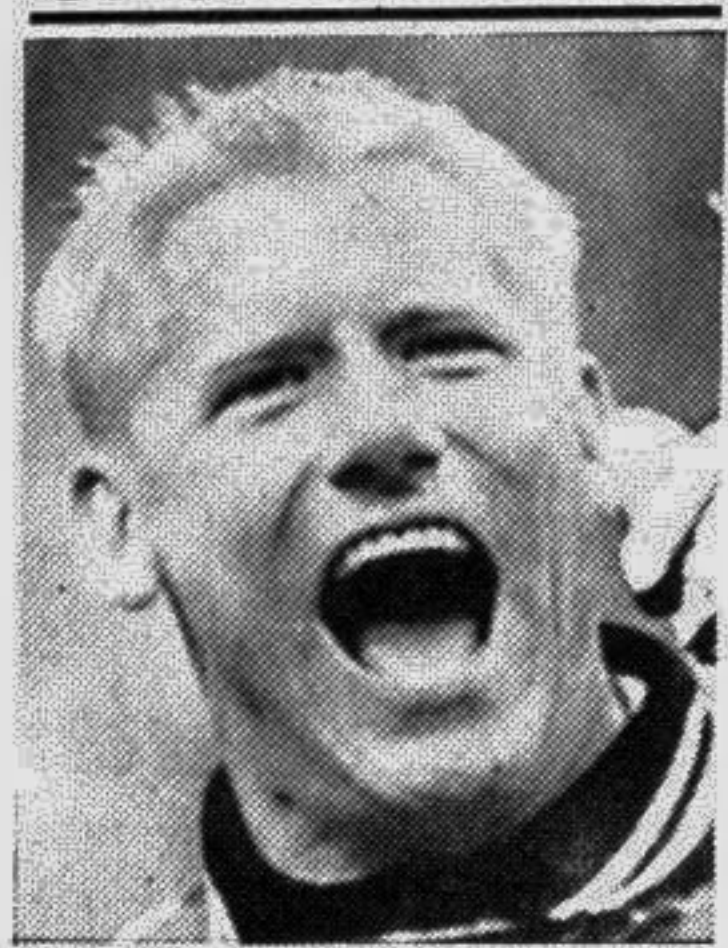


Column One

SPORTS TALK



Peter Schmeichel
(Ex-Man United goalkeeper)
"Liverpool's home ground is arguably the place where we most like to win, mainly because Anfield is where Manchester United are most unpopular — not to say hated."

Boost sports

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Nothing stops "Bad boy" Brad

PERTH, Oct 17: Explosive fast bowler Brad Williams captured the best figures of his first-class career here Saturday — immediately after being fined for misconduct, reports AFP.

Williams, 24, in his first game for Western Australia, was fined 300 Australian dollars (200 US) for his part in an on-field exchange with his former teammate batsman Laurie Harper on the opening day of the match against Victoria Friday.

An official statement said Williams had been reported by on-field umpires Randolph Woolridge and Ross Emerson and television umpire Terry Prue after they had viewed a video tape of the incident. The statement did not give details, but it is known the umpires were concerned about Williams' action in spitting at Harper during a heated verbal exchange.

The incident was seen by thousands of TV viewers. Australian Cricket Board Commissioner Harry Goringe imposed the fine after hearing the evidence just before play Saturday morning.

A fired-up Williams immediately ran out to the field to destroy the Victorian first innings, taking 5-32 from 9.5 overs as Victoria plummeted from 3-254 to 295 all out.

Having taken one wicket on the first day, he finished with 6-74, bettering the 6-98 he achieved when playing for Victoria against South Australia in Adelaide four seasons ago.

Western Australia replied with 189-4 to stumps as opener Michael Hussey hit 80 and Michael Dight made 55 not out.

Olympic qualifying Thai head coach confident

TOKYO, Oct 17: Thailand are expected to face a tough game against Japan, but their head coach said Saturday he is "confident" on the eve of the qualifying round football match for the Sydney Olympic Games, reports AFP.

"I'd like to say as a coach that I'm confident in every single game," said Thai coach Peter Withe of Britain.

English test for Bangladesh

Sports Reporter

The 15-member England A cricket team arrives in the capital today. The second string England side, led by Mark Alleyne, is scheduled to fly into the city at around 3.30pm.

The visitors, managed by former England captain Mike Gatting, will play a series of matches against different local selections during their 19-day tour of Bangladesh.

This is the second visit by an England A side to Bangladesh following their previous trip in 1996.

The tourists, who will feature in two one-day matches, a three-day and a four-day affair, will start the tour with a limited-over practice match against the Bangladesh Youth team on October 22. The warm-up match will be held at the BKSP in Savar.

England A will, however, play their first competitive match, a 50-over-a-side contest, against the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) XI on the following day. The match will be held at the Bangabandhu National Stadium.

The tourists will then travel to Chittagong where they will play a three-day match against the Bangladesh national team, starting on October 25.

England A will also play a day-night limited-over match against Bangladesh at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on October 29.

The England A tour will end with a four-day match against Bangladesh. The match will start on November 1.

The visitors will leave the capital for New Zealand on November 5. Bangladesh Television will cover both the limited-over matches at the Bangabandhu

National Stadium live. Besides, the state-run media will also provide live coverage of the three-day match from the port city.

The England A tour will be very significant as far as Bangladesh's bid for Test status is concerned. Especially, the performance of our cricketers in the longer-version matches will be under serious scrutiny by the International Cricket Council (ICC), who are closely monitoring Bangladesh's plea for a Test status.

England A squad: Mark Alleyne (captain), Rob Turner, Michael Davies, Paul Franks, Michael Gough, Stephen Harrison, Aftab Habib, Ronnie Irani, David Sales, Chris Schofield, Alamgir Sherier, Chris Silverwood, Vikram Solanki, Marcus Trescothick and Ian Ward.

Manager: Mike Gatting
Coach: Martyn Moxon

Fleming keeps Kiwis afloat

BANGALORE, Oct 17: New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming hit an unbeaten hundred to take his team out of trouble here today, the first day of a three-day match, against Ranji trophy champions Karnataka.

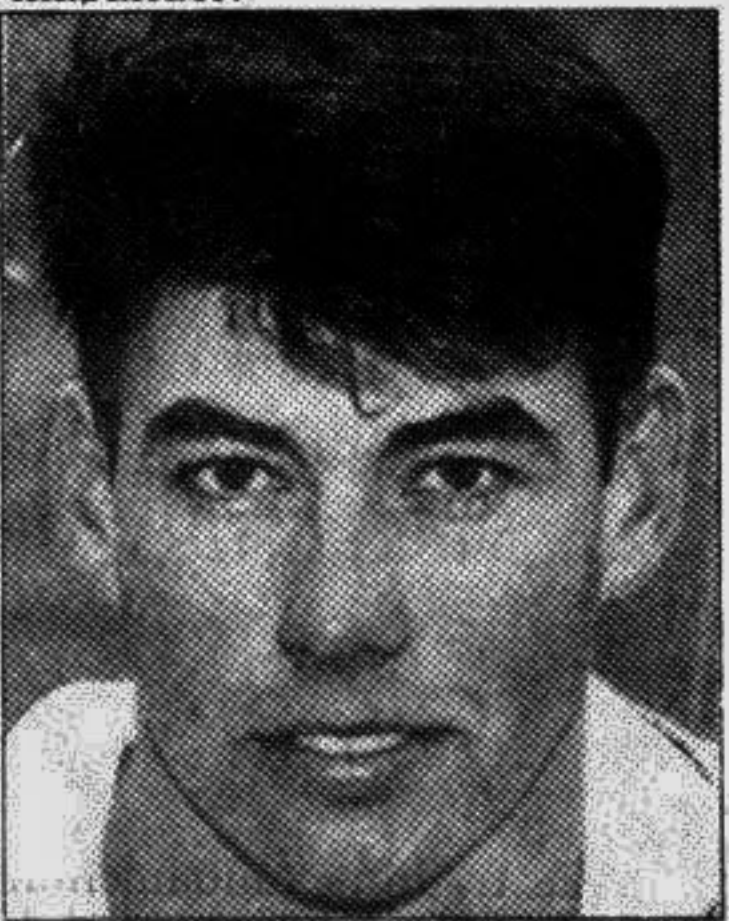
When stumps were drawn for the day, New Zealand were 249/6 from 90 overs with Fleming on 115 and Parore on 27. In his 253-ball vigil at the crease, Fleming laced his elegant knock with 14 fours and a sixer.

Karnataka captain Anil Kumble won the toss on a cloudy morning and chose to field. Karnataka bowlers soon vindicated their captain's decision as the tourists slumped to 27 for 4 in the tenth over.

Fleming then marshalled a wonderful recovery act for the fifth wicket pairing with Nathan Aslie, who scored 58 of 114 balls. Riding on the century stand between the two New Zealanders reached 132 before Aslie ran himself out in the 4 over.

Fleming made his intentions clear after lunch by helping himself to two fours in the first over bowled by Yalvigi. He showed elegant footwork to step out and dispatch him to the cover fence and punished him again with an uppish straight drive.

Fleming pulled Yalvigi over square leg for four to take him into the nineties, but in sight of the three-figure mark the elegant stroke-maker suddenly slowed down his play. After spending 14 balls on 98, Fleming got the well deserved hundred with an on-drive off Somasunder.



FLEMING ... 115 n.o.

Pacer Monsur Khan was the most successful bowler for Karnataka. He finished the day with figures of 18-5-56-3. Play was interrupted at one point by an invasion of toddlers who for some unfathomable reason all made a beeline towards Sunil Joshi at first slip for his autograph.

Karnataka included four of

their Mohali stars in their final eleven with new-ball bowlers Srinath and Prasad being rested.

On the other hand New Zealand left out Nash, McMillan, Vettori and made O'Connor 12th man.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day match between New Zealand and Karnataka on Sunday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings
Horne c Vijay b Khan 7
Bell lbw b Ganesh 0
Harris b Khan 7
Spearman b Khan 4
Fleming not out 115
Aslie ran out (Yalvigi) 58
Cairns c & b Yalvigi 14
Parore not out 27
Extras: (b-3, lb-6, w-1, nb-7) 17
Total: (For 6 wickets in 90 overs) 249
To bat: A Penn, P Wiseman, C Drum.

Fall of wickets: 1-8; 2-17; 3-18; 4-27; 5-132; 6-182.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Ganesh	21	4	46	1
Khan	18	5	56	3
Kumble	9	1	20	0
Yalvigi	17	5	54	1
Joshi	10	4	28	0
Bhardwaj	11	1	31	0
Somasunder	4	2	5	0

Karnataka team: S Somasunder, J Arun Kumar, R Dravid, VR Bhardwaj, A Vijay, A Kumble, S Joshi, D Ganesh, A Yalvigi, V Naidu, M Khan.

West Indies 145

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 17: Sri Lanka, needing a win to stay in contention for the Sharjah Cup, shot the West Indies out for 145 in a key match here today, reports AFP.

Sanath Jayasuriya's men shrugged off the embarrassment of allowing Pakistan to snatch a tie on Friday after being on the doorstep of victory, with a dazzling display in the field.

Off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan claimed three for 22 and part-timer Russel Arnold two for 32 after the West Indies won the toss and elected to bat in the day-night international.

Steady bowling by seamers Chaminda Vaas and Nuwan Zoysa restricted the West Indies to 18-1 in the first 10 overs.

By the time the 40-over mark was reached, the West Indies had managed just 121-3 on the board as the three-pronged spin attack kept the run-rate in check.

Sri Lanka were once again served well by brilliant fielding which resulted in the run out of skipper Brian Lara and rising star Ricardo Powell.

Lara looked in fine touch making 29 when he failed to beat Muralitharan's direct throw from mid-on.

Young Wavell Hinds was the major contributor in the top order, hitting two sixes off leg-spinner Upul Chandana in an attractive 58.

Chandana, playing for the first time in the tournament, began the downfall by holding a skier at extra cover as Ridley Jacobs top-edged a pull off Vaas in the third over.

Chandana's safe hands also caught the other opener Sherwin Campbell, holding a full-blooded pull of Zoysa at square leg.

Lara began with a flick off Vaas for four and then smote Arnold over long-on for six, but ran himself out in the 23rd over to make the West Indies 62-3.

The West Indies, who beat Sri Lanka in the opening match of the tournament, lost their last seven wickets in the space of 19 runs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the West Indies innings in the Sharjah Cup one-day international against Sri Lanka on Sunday:

WEST INDIES:
Campbell c Chandana b Zoysa 6
Jacobs c Chandana b Vaas 1
Hinds c and b De Silva 58
Lara run out 29
Chanderpaul c Kaluwitharana b Arnold 31
Gayle c Jayawardena b Muralitharan 7
Powell run out 0
Slye c Jayawardena b Muralitharan 0
Perry b Arnold 0
Ambrose st Kaluwitharana b Muralitharan 4
Dillon c De Silva b Muralitharan 0
King not out 0
Extras: (lb-6, w-2, nb-1) 9
Total: (All out in 49.3 overs) 145
Fall of wickets: 1-3; 2-21; 3-62; 4-126; 5-127; 6-134; 7-134; 8-142; 9-145

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Vaas	7	3	15	1
Zoysa	7	3	14	1
Arnold	10	1	32	2
Muralitharan	9.3	0	22	3
Chandana	6	0	28	0
De Silva	10	3	28	1

Gripper reached 25 not out in

Three-day match CJKS expresses doubts

From CU Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 17: Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha (CJKS) is in a spot of bother over holding the three-day cricket match between Bangladesh and England A at the M A Aziz Stadium from October 25.

The CJKS estimated organising the match would involve Tk 22 lakh. But, so far, they have failed to realise the projected amount from either the government or sponsors.

The organisers also informed the cricket board they had initially spent two lakh taka on improving the stadium facilities.

However, work on the pitch remained.

Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury on a visit to the venue yesterday, urged the organisation not to lose heart and assured it of assistance.

Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury will meet 28 leading local businessmen tomorrow to discuss financial strat-

egy. In another development, CJKS general secretary Shahed Asgar told this correspondent that both galleries will be reserved for schoolchildren.

Inter-service swimming

The inter-service swimming and water-polo championships began at the BN Central Swimming Pool, Naval Headquarters Complex, Banani under the arrangement of Bangladesh Navy yesterday, reports BSS.

The opening day was marked by the improvement of national records in 200 metres breaststroke and 4x100 metres freestyle relay.

K S Islam of the Bangladesh Navy bettered the national mark in 200 metres breaststroke.

He took 2 minute 29.40 seconds, which is 2.84 seconds less than the SAF Games record in the event.

Majestic Steve Waugh Hosts' daunting task

HARARE, Oct 17: Australia captain Steve Waugh hit a superb unbeaten 151 to leave Zimbabwe facing an uphill battle to save the one-off Test on Saturday, reports Reuters.

Waugh's 20th Test century — only the 17th player to achieve the feat — boosted Australia from 253 for five to 422 all out and left Zimbabwe needing a daunting 228 just to make their opponents bat again.

Debutant opener Trevor Gripper, Perth-raised Murray Goodwin and Grant Flower set about the task resolutely and took Zimbabwe to 80 for one with two days left.

But the first part of the day belonged to Waugh even though he presented a simple chance to Grant Flower at cover point while on 94. His 230-ball century included 16 boundaries and took four hours 41 minutes.

By the time last man Glenn McGrath was caught at slip for 13 Waugh had occupied the crease for a mammoth seven hours 14 minutes and had dealt with 353 deliveries. He struck 18 boundaries in total.

Precisely half his centuries have been in excess of 150. Number nine Damien Fleming thrashed a 10-four second Test half century off 55 balls then calmed down to reach 65.

Heath Streak finally trapped him lbw on his way to deserved figures of five for 93 from 34 overs of hard toil.

Gripper reached 25 not out in



S WAUGH ... 151 n.o

LATEST

HARARE, Oct 17 (Reuters): Australia beat Zimbabwe by 10 wickets on the fourth day of the one-off Test at the Harare Sports Club today.

Scores: Zimbabwe 194 and 232.

Australia 422 and 5-0.

an obstinate two hours 45 minutes while Goodwin progressed to 11 not out at the close.

Flower's two-hour vigil of 32 ended leg before to McGrath who conceded just two runs off the bat in remarkable figures of 12-8-5-1.

Premier soccer Thailand trio to regulate 3-way battle

Sports Reporter

Three foreign referees, most likely from Thailand, are scheduled to arrive in the capital on October 20 to conduct the remaining six matches of the Keya Premier Division Football League.

The Premier League, suspended on August 23 for the Bangabandhu Cup Invitational Football Tournament and the SAF Games, will resume at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur from October 22.

League leaders Mohammedan Sporting will take on no-hopers Arambagh in the opening match at 3.30 pm. The other two serious contenders — Abahani and holders Mukti-joddha — in the three-way battle for the title will appear in the second match of the day at 5.30 pm.

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SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at end of play on the third day of the Test match between Zimbabwe and Australia on Saturday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings

194
AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 275 for five)
Slater c A Flower b Strang 4
Blewett c Campbell b Streak 1
Langer run out (Olonga) 44
M Waugh c & b G Flower 90
S Waugh not out 151
Ponting c Johnson b Streak 31
Healy c A Flower b Strang 5
Warne c A Flower b Streak 6
Fleming lbw b Streak 66
Miller c Johnson b Streak 2
McGrath c Johnson b Whittall 13
Extras: (lb-5, w-4, nb-1) 10
Total: (All out in 139.4 overs) 422
Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-7; 3-96; 4-174; 5-253; 6-275; 7-282; 8-396; 9-398; 10-422

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Olonga	17	1	83	0
Streak	34	8	93	5
Strang	44	14	96	2
Johnson	2	0	14	0
Whittall	21.4	3	74	1
C Flower	18	3	38	1
Gripper	3	0	19	0

ZIMBABWE: Second innings

Gripper not out 25
G Flower lbw b McGrath 32
Goodwin not out 11
Extras: (lb-9, nb-3) 12
Total: (For one wkt) 80
Fall of wkt: 1-56

Bowler	O	M	R	W
McGrath	12	8	5	1
Fleming	10	3	15	0
Miller	8	2	25	0
Ponting	1	1	0	0
Warne	13	7	26	0

Primera Liga

Numancia surprise Barca

MADRID, Oct 17: Leaders Barcelona slipped up to only earn a 3-3 draw at Numancia in the Spanish league on Saturday.

Barcelona, 2-0 up through Luis Figo and Finland's Jari Litmanen with seven minutes to go, amazingly let that lead slip during a goal frenzy in the final minutes.

In 1996, Barcelona could only draw 2-2 at Numancia, then in the third division, in quarter-finals of the Spanish Cup, and this time yet again they could not manage to win the match.

Making matters more difficult, Barcelona only finished the match with 10 men after Holland's Winston Bogarde was sent off.

Numancia pulled back a goal by Ojeda in the 83rd minute then equalized with a goal by Navarro, set up by Ojeda.

A minute before the end, Dani scored a spectacular headed goal from azenden centre and it looked as though Barcelona had sneaked an away victory.

But Pacheta made matters level once more in the second seconds of injury time.

Meanwhile Barcelona's rivals Real Madrid also could only draw 2-2 at home to an inferior Real Oviedo side. It was Real's sixth draw of the season and not the kind of performance for supposedly perennial title challengers.

Celta Vigo meanwhile me-

ssed up their chance to go top of the championship losing 3-0 to Racing Santander. Vigo were

pushed out from third place by Deportivo La Coruna who easily won 4-1 at home to Malaga.

STANDINGS

Primera Liga table after Saturday's matches (played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against, points):

Barcelona	8	5	2	1	19	9	17
Rayo Vallecano	7	5	1	1	10	5	16
Deportivo La Coruna	7	4	3	1	16	9	15
Celta Vigo	8	5	0	3	9	8	15
Racing Santander	8	4	2	2	16	11	14
Espanyol	7	4	0	3	11	11	12
Real Zaragoza	7	3	2	2	9	5	11
Real Madrid	8	2	5	1	16	13	11
Athletic Bilbao	8	3	2	3	12	12	11
Alaves	7	3	1	3	7	8	10
Numancia	8	2	3	3	9	16	9
Valladolid	7	2	2	3	6	8	8
Malaga	8	2	2	4	13	16	8
Oviedo	8	2	2	4	7	12	8
Seville	7	1	4	2	9	8	7
Real Mallorca	7	2	1	4	10	10	7
Valencia	8	2	1	5	10	11	7
Real Sociedad	7	2	1	4	11	15	7
Athletic Madrid	7	2	1	4	7	12	7
Real Betis	7	2	1	4	3	11	7



Oviedo's veteran Russian international Victor Onopko (R) keeping Real Madrid's Nicolas Anelka in check.

Strachan psyches up England

LONDON, Oct 17: Coventry City's Scottish manager Gordon Strachan has stoked up the war of words between England and Scotland ahead of next month's Euro 2000 play-offs with a tongue-in-cheek blast at the English.

Strachan captained Scotland the last time they beat England back in 1985 and feels it is time the bragging rights went back north of the border.

"There is no chip on my shoulder, but the Scots owe England big time," Strachan was quoted as saying in The Mirror on Saturday.

Haunted by Qaayum report

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct 17 (AFP): Pakistani cricketers wore a nervous look on Sunday as they awaited their selection for the Australian tour amidst reports that the match-fixing inquiry at home may have implicated some players.

The selectors are scheduled to meet here on Monday to pick the touring squad on the sidelines of the ongoing Sharjah Cup one-day tournament featuring Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the West Indies.