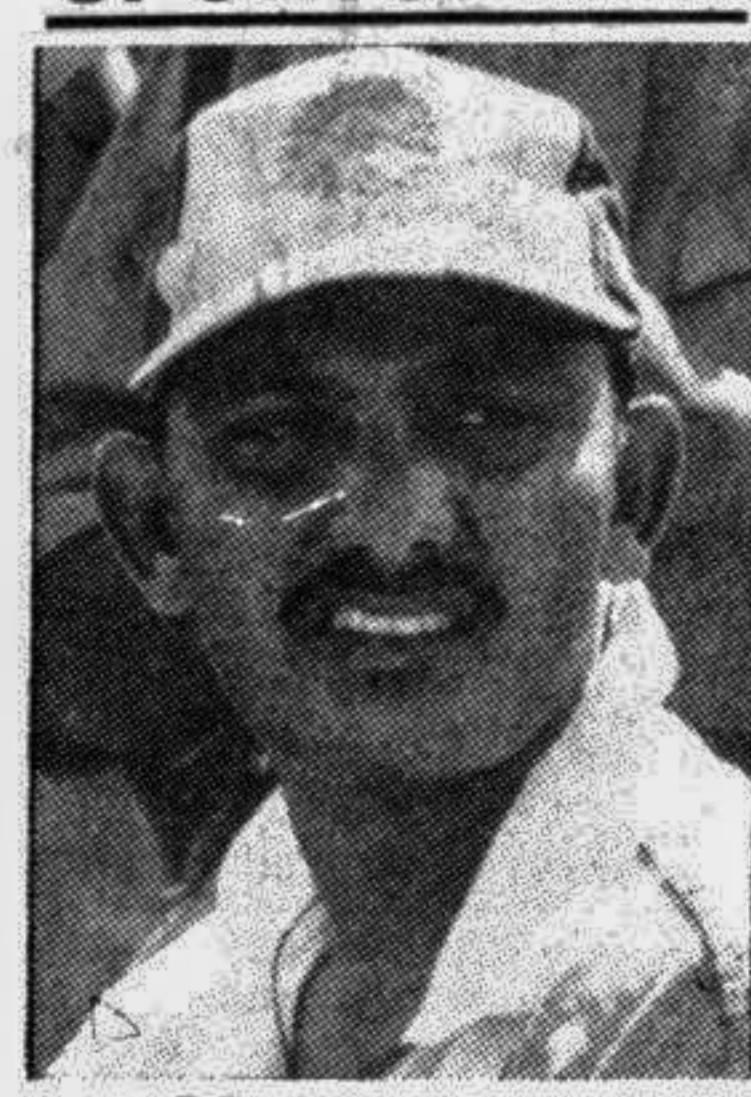


# Star Sport

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## Column One

### SPORTS TALK



Mohammad Azharuddin

(Former Indian captain)  
"I am very optimistic that I will be back into the Indian team. I have confidence in my ability and I do not see why I should not get a chance to play for India again."

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3 How many Test hundreds has Mark Waugh scored to date?

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### Fletcher defends England pace

JOHANNESBURG, Dec 27 (Internet report): Duncan Fletcher today defended England's cautious approach in the Third Test and insisted their tactics were forced on them by South Africa's negative bowling and field placing.

The tourists were booted off the pitch yesterday having crawled to 135 for two in 85.1 overs when bad light ended play 30 minutes early - after they had hit just 12 boundaries all day.

Their painstakingly slow progress almost broke the South Africans' first class record for fewest runs scored in a full days play - 138 for five recorded by South Africa against England at Port Elizabeth in 1956-7.

Captain Nasser Hussain's 281-minute half-century was only two minutes faster than the fifth slowest in this country by Doug Watson for Natal against Border at the same ground three years ago.

But coach Fletcher insisted England's methods were a direct result of South Africa's safety first approach, despite the fact they had dropped local favourite Jonty Rhodes to accommodate the inclusion of spinner Paul Adams along side a five-strong seam attack.

Fletcher conceded: "It must have been frustrating for the public, but the important thing is to have only been two down. England have been accused of not valuing their wickets before and we didn't plan to go out there and just ride it out - it just developed."

**Even traffic jam couldn't stop him**

LONDON, Dec 27 (Reuters/Internet): Ian Moore was dropped after being delayed by a traffic jam on Sunday, but he came on to score an injury time winner in Stockport's 3-2 defeat of Wolverhampton.

Moore was held up for 50 minutes after a motorway pile-up and was put on the substitute's bench. But the striker came on at halftime, equalised within six minutes and hit the winner in injury time of the First Division game.

## Third win for third-placed Dhaka

Sports Reporter

**An 88-run third wicket partnership between opener Javed Omar and Al-Shahriar steered Dhaka to a comprehensive 7-wicket win over Khulna at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore yesterday, the final day of their eighth round match.**

Dhaka, needing 101 runs for their third win in the League, was struggling with 22 for two when number four batsman Al-Shahriar joined Javed at the crease in the 7th over.

The duo then collected the required one run to complete the formality. The aggressive right-hander faced 74 balls and smote three fours to remain unbeaten on 45.

Earlier, Khulna, resuming their second innings at 68 for 4, scored 262 before being all out in 110.1 overs.

Khulna's lower middle-order Asadullah Khan hit a brilliant 84 to give his team total some respectability. He added 99 runs for the seventh wicket combining with Masudul Hasan, who scored 41 runs in his 125-ball innings. Asadullah hit a six and nine boundaries. Masudul smashed five fours off 87 balls to score 41.

Besides, opener Sajid Hasan, with 41, was the other notable run-getter for Khulna.

Dhaka off-spinner Fahim Muntasir, who took 6 wickets in the first innings, captured another four wickets for 43 runs to finish with a match haul of 10 wickets for 72 runs. He was later adjudged man-of-the-match.

It was third win from eight matches for the star-studded Dhaka, who with a collection of 14 points remained glued to

their third place in the six-team meet. On the other hand, non-hoppers Khulna could manage six points on completion of their 8th round outing for their distant fourth position.

Dhaka will now travel to Rangpur to take on Rajshahi in

their ninth round clash starting on December 29. Khulna will meet second-placed Sylhet in Jessore on the same day.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day National League match between Dhaka and Khulna at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore yesterday.

**KHULNA:** First innings 118 all out in 60.3 overs (Sajid 32, Salim 20, Al-Amin 19 n.o., Fahim 6/29, Saiful 2/12).

**DHAKA:** First innings 280 all out in 88 overs (Saiful 47 n.o., K Mahmud 40, Atiar 37,

Salauddin 5/76, Jamaluddin 5/29).

**KHULNA:** Second innings overnight 68 for 4 in 43 overs)

Sajid b Naimur 42

Salim c Morsed b Naimur 6

Jewel b Fahim 4

Mofizul b Fahim 3

Jamaluddin c Al-Shahriar

b Aminal 18

Al-Amin b K Mahmud 23

Asadullah lbw b Saiful 84

Masudul c Sanwar b Fahim 41

Khatruzzaman c Saiful b Fahim 13

Ahmed not out 6

Salauddin lbw b Saiful 0

Extras: (b-6, lb-11, nb-3, w-2) 22

Total: (All out in 110.1 overs) 262

Fall of wickets: 1-16; 2-25; 3-

35; 4-56; 5-107; 6-126; 7-225; 8-

253; 9-253.

**Bowler** O M R W

K Mahmud 21 7 40 1

Morsed 8 2 20 0

Naimur 33 14 45 2

Fahim 21 5 43 4

Sanwar 4 1 17 0

Saiful 10.1 2 32 2

Aminal 5 3 12 1

Javed Omar 4 0 14 0

Shahriar 3 1 3 0

Sajid 1 0 5 0

**DHAKA:** Second innings

Sajid run out 4

Javed Omar & b Salauddin 46

Sanwar b Ahmed 1

Al-Shahriar not out 45

Aminal not out 0

Extras: (b-1, lb-2, nb-1, w-1) 5

Total: (For 2 wickets in 25 overs) 101

Fall of wickets: 1/12; 2/22;

3/100

**Bowler** O M R W

Khatruzzaman 9 1 28 0

Al-Amin 7 0 31 1

Monju 2 0 11 0

Salauddin 5 0 16 1

Rajshahi 2 0 12 0

**Result: Dhaka won by 7 wickets.**

**Man-of-the-match: Fahim Muntasir (Dhaka).**

### NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

Team	M	W	D/2pts	D/0 pts	L	Points
Chittagong	8	6	1	1	0	26
Sylhet	8	3	3	0	2	18
Dhaka	8	3	1	3	1	14
Khulna	8	0	3	3	2	6
Rajshahi	8	0	2	4	2	4
Barisal	8	0	2	3	3	0

**Result: Dhaka won by 7 wickets.**

**Man-of-the-match: Fahim Muntasir (Dhaka).**

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day National League match between Barisal and Sylhet at the Abdur Rab Serniabat Stadium in Barisal yesterday.

**BARISAL:** First innings 111 all out in 45.5 overs (Monju 33, Mofizur 26, Hasibul 6/37, Rafiq 4/18).

**SYLHET:** First innings 173 all out in 67.2 overs (Hasibul 25, Neeyamur 25, Iqbal 24, Rajin 20, Saleh 5/37, Totam 2/42).

**BARISAL:** Second innings 108 all out in 45.5 overs (Saleh 24, Monju 21, Rafiq 5/25, Hasibul 4/60).

**SYLHET:** Second innings (overnight 19 for 2 in 12.5 overs) 19 for 2 in 12.5 overs) 280

Parvez not out 28

Rafique c Saleh b Faruque 6

S Shahed c Nayan b Saleh 4

Rajin not out 0

Extras: (b-7, lb-2) 9

Total: (For 2 wickets in 25.1 overs) 280

Fall of wickets: 1/12; 2/19

**Bowler** O M R W

Ashfaqe 2 0 11 0

Rafique 1 0 1 0

Faruque 4 1 3 0

Monju 1 0 4 0

Saleh 8 6 6 1

Moin 3 2 1 0

Totam 1 0 5 0

Monju 3 1 3 0

Barisal 2 0 0 0

Mofizur 0.1 0 6 0

**Result: Sylhet won by 8 wickets.**

**Man-of-the-match: Hasibul Hossain (Sylhet).**

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Scoreboard on the final day of the three-day National

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