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### SPORTS TALK



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On Brian Lara resignation.

### 5th ODI today

NAPIER, New Zealand, Feb 29 (Reuters/Internet): Wellington wicketkeeper Chris Nevin fully expects to hear laughter when he walks out to confront Australia in the fifth one-day international, the biggest moment of his cricket career.

Nevin will make his international one-day debut in the day-night clash in Napier and the short gloveman has chosen a comical theme song to mark his first day in New Zealand colours.

Every Black Caps player must choose a song to play over the loudspeakers when they walk out to bat and Nevin, the shortest man of the field, has chosen the Seven Dwarfs' famous tune. "Hi-ho, hi-ho, it's off to work we go."

It's a far cry from the motivational tunes which accompany his teammates to the wicket, including the stirring theme from the movie Braveheart played when teammate Roger Twoose walks out.

Meanwhile reports from Sydney say, Australia's cricketers have been warned about their on-field behaviour for the remainder of their current tour of New Zealand.

The warning came from the team management after Australia's victory over the Kiwis in last week's third one-day international in Dunedin was soured by crowd trouble, the Sydney-based Daily Telegraph reported on Tuesday.

Quoting sources close to the team, the newspaper said the players had been given a "firm" warning to be on their best behaviour throughout the remainder of the series to avoid a repeat of the disturbances.

The Australian's tour bus was vandalised and the players jeered after the match was disrupted for more than 10 minutes when supporters began throwing rubbish onto the pitch following the controversial dismissal of New Zealand batsman Adam Parore.



A goalmouth action during yesterday's Shah Sports Office Hockey League encounter between Bangladesh Army and Blue Berry Travels at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium. —Star photo

## Wari haunted by Hussain

Sports Reporter



win over a lowly Wari Club in their second match of the Premier Division cricket league at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Chasing a paltry 83 in 50 overs, Abahani lost four wickets and exhausted 22 overs to reach 87 for their second win in the League.

The popular Dhanmondi outfit began their chase 20 minutes before the lunch break, thanks to a brilliant work by their bowlers in the morning. Abahani went to lunch with their two openers— Mehrah Hossain and Azam Iqbal— scoring 25 runs in 6 overs. But a careless batting by the top order had left Abahani at four for 69 in the next ten overs.

Mehrah, on nine before the lunch, was the first to go in the third ball after the break. The rusty opener offered a simple catch to Hossain at cover point while trying to square cut former Pakistan fast bowler Ataur Rahman.

One-down Naimur Rahman then combined with Azam to make a recovery by putting on 38 runs. But once Naimur, who scored a run-a-ball 23 with the help of one six and four fours, edged off-spinner Monirul to Masudur Rehman at gully Abahani lost two quick wickets at the cost of only six runs.

Ataur then clean-bowled his compatriot Iqbal Ahmed Junior for a duck. Azam, who scored 27 off 48 balls, was trapped leg before wicket by Monirul while he was on 27.

After the fall of Azam, Asadullah Khan and Mohammad Hussain guided the initially complacent Abahani home without further loss. Asadullah was unbeaten on 9 while Hossain, the discarded one-day all-rounder of Pakistan, scored an undefeated 11.

Opting to bat first, the world of Wari Club soon saved in for only 83, with all of their bats-

men acting like a cat on hot bricks against the pace and spin attack of Hasibul Hossain and Mohammad Hossain.

Right-arm seamer Hasibul dealt two early blows that left Wari with three for eight in only the fifth over. After the good job by the seamers, Abahani captain Akram Khan invited Hussain to conduct a spin test for the Wari batsmen. The left-arm twirler lived up to more than his captain's expectation as he mopped up the Wari tail with a haul of wickets. He ended up with an amazing figures of 5-2-3-2-4.

Sri Lankan recruit Carman Mapatuna contributed highest 34 runs to the Wari account while middle orders Mahubur Rahman (14 not out) and Halim Shah (13) were the other batsmen who could reach double figure mark.

### Premier League

#### Abahani v Wari



M HUSSAIN ... 4 for 2

M Hussain ... 4 for 2

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Division cricket league match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Wari Club played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Tuesday:

**WARI CLUB**  
Anup lbw b Hasibul 0  
Masud b Hasibul 5  
Ataur c Iqbal b Iqbal 34  
Carman run out 13  
Halim Shah b Hasibul 13  
Mahub not out 14  
Sajib b Wasim 3  
Hossain c Naimur b Hossain 0  
Monirul c Mizan b Hossain 3  
Zakir c Asadullah b Hossain 0  
Lovlu c Mehrah b Hossain 1  
Extras: (lb-3, nb-4, w-3) 10  
Total: (All out in 40.2 overs) 83  
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-1, 3-8, 4-57, 5-58, 6-70, 7-74, 8-75, 9-80

**Bowler** O M R W  
Hasibul 9 1 18 3  
Iqbal 6 1 21 1  
Amir Wasim 10 3 17 1  
Naimur 10 4 22 0  
M Hussain 5.2 3 2 4

**ABAHANI KC**  
Mehrah c Hossain b Ataur 9  
Azam lbw b Monirul 27  
Naimur c Masud b Monirul 23  
Iqbal b Ataur 0  
Asadullah not out 9  
M Hussain not out 11  
Extras: (lb-1, nb-1, w-6) 8  
Total: (For 4 wks in 22 overs) 87

Did not bat: Akram Khan, Mizanur Rahman, Amir Wasim, Iqbal Hossain and Hasibul Hossain.

Fall of wickets: 1-25, 2-63, 3-64, 4-69

**Bowler** O M R W  
Ataur 10 0 40 2  
Zakir 1 0 7 0  
Hossain 5 1 11 0  
Monirul 6 3 28 2

Result: Abahani KC won by 6 wickets.

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Surjo Tarun club v Sadharan Bima (BKSP)  
Brothers Union v Victoria SC  
[Bangabandhu National Stadium]

**Jahangir** 8 1 17 0  
**Saifullah** 10 0 27 1  
**Shariful** 10 1 20 3  
**M Akhtar** 10 0 31 2  
**Aminul** 4 0 10 1

**BIMAN**  
Javed Omar not out 70  
Faruque c Raja b S Shahed 50  
Habibul not out 32  
Extras: (lb-2, nb-1, 2-4) 7  
Total: (For 1 wkt in 39.1 overs) 159

Did not bat: Atiar Rahman, Aminul Islam, Manzoor Akhtar, Hasanuzzaman, Jahangir Talukdar, Aminul Islam Junior, Shariful Haque and Saifullah Khan.

Fall of wicket: 1-93

**Bowler** O M R W  
Sajal 5 2 25 0  
Raja 6 1 0 25 0  
Ripon 10 2 26 0  
Shamsul 4 0 24 0  
S Shahed 8 1 30 1  
Sohel 6 0 25 0

Result: Biman won by 9 wickets.

### NBL v'ball

Defending champions Bangladesh Rifles took a solo lead in the National Bank Metropolitan Premier Division Volleyball League beating Water Development Board 25-17, 25-20, 25-18 at the court adjacent to the Bangabandhu National Stadium, reports UNB.

Bangladesh Police pulled up their sixth win in the league beating Diluksha SC 25-23, 25-16, 20-25, 25-22.

On Monday, Azad Sporting Club beat Wat Club by 3-2 sets in the Premier League.

### Harrison may be named national coach today

Sports Reporter

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) is all set to appoint Mark Harrison, the Englishman who is now in the city, as coach of the national football team.

The official declaration is likely to come in a press briefing at the BFF office at 4pm today, where Harrison will address the journalists.

"We are working out the details of the agreement. I think we will strike a contract with Harrison tonight", said Badal Roy, the joint-secretary of the BFF yesterday.

If everything goes according to plan the former Southampton custodian will replace temperamental Iraqi coach Shamir Shakir at the helm of the national team.

### TWI to film league moments

Sports Reporter

A two-member Trans World International (TWI) team will arrive in Dhaka on March 3 to record highlights of the exciting Premier Division Cricket League.

The crew of the renowned sports channel are coming here as part of the extended programme of the International Cricket Council (ICC), who will observe the World Cricket Week in first week of April.

They will record parts of a league match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium which will be later shown during a special programme of the Cricket Week.

### Pak umpires due tomorrow

Sports Reporter

Four Pakistani umpires will arrive in the city on Thursday to conduct the Premier Cricket League matches.

They are Firoze Uddin, Salim Badar, Islam Khan and Khaled Mehmud.

The Pakistani quartet will officiate along with the local umpires.

### Dharmasena joins MSC

Sports Reporter

Out of favour Sri Lankan Test all rounder Kumara Dharmasena arrived in the city yesterday to play for Mohammedan Sporting Club in the ongoing Premier League.

The lanky off-spinner who is also an useful lower-middle order batsman, is the third Sri Lankan recruit of the popular Motijheel outfit, who had earlier brought in Hashan Tilak-eratne and Ruwan Kalpage.

Tilak-eratne made an instant impact in his first appearance for Mohammedan, who survived a scare to pull off an exciting seven run win over Victoria SC in their opening league match on Sunday.

In that game, the southpaw scored 55, captured three wickets and took three magnificent catches to almost single-handedly guide Mohammedan to safety.

The arrival of Dharmasena will certainly bolster the Mohammedan spin attack as well as their vulnerable batting lineup.

Dharmasena is likely to make his Dhaka debut in the crucial match against Kalabagan on Thursday.

### Blue Berry, Army jointly lead

The vital match of the Shah Sports Metropolis Office Hockey League between two joint leaders Blue Berry Travels & Tours and Bangladesh Army ended in a goalless draw at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday, reports UNB.

Despite the draw, the two teams still topped the league table jointly with unbeaten records securing ten points each from four outings.

In the other match, Sadharan Bima KS registered a facile 6-1 victory over holders Sonali Bank Club after leading the first half 3-0 at the same venue in the afternoon.

### Jamaica add Busta Cup

KINGSTON, Feb 29: Jamaica won the Busta Cup cricket tournament as the final match against the Leeward Islands in Kingston ended in a draw, reports AP.

The Jamaicans earned victory by taking first innings points over their opponents on Sunday.

Scores in the match were Jamaica 333 and 161 for nine declared; Leeward Islands 142 and 113 for two.

## Young Younis makes his mark



RA WALPINDI, Pakistan, Feb 29 (AFP): Younis Khan hit a gritty century on his Test debut to lead Pakistan's fightback on the fourth day of the first cricket Test against Sri Lanka here Tuesday.

Pakistan's second innings was finally wrapped up 390, giving Sri Lanka a victory target of 220.

At stumps the visitors were 11 without loss, 209 runs away from victory.

Younis, who made 107, was involved in a match-saving ninth wicket record stand of 145 with injured all-rounder Wasim Akram.

Wasim made an enterprising 79, batting with a runner due to a groin injury.

Younis, a 22-year-old from

Karachi, played adventurously from the outset and benefited from two chances and two leg before shouts during his 322-minute stay, hitting 12 boundaries.

He was finally out for 107 when his drive was deflected off silly point fielder to Aravinda de Silva off Muttiah Muralitharan.

At 236-8, with defeat staring Pakistan in the face, the young man found a pugnacious companion in Wasim who tried to hit the team out of trouble with a fortune-turning stand and took the match into the last day.

Younis became the seventh Pakistani and 66th batsman in Test cricket to hit a ton in his first Test when he took a couple off Pramodya Wickremasinghe to wide mid-off.

He took 294 minutes, faced

224 balls and carted 11 boundaries to pass the century mark.

Wasim, whose contribution in the match had been a mere 13 deliveries on day one before walking off with injury, hit 10 boundaries during his 195-minute innings lasting 146 balls.

Sri Lankan bowlers bowled short and will rue the fielding lapses that allowed the home team to escape defeat.

Wasim was dismissed with nine overs to go when he was caught at silly point by Mahela Jayawardene off Muralitharan.

Khalid Ibadullah, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Mohammad Wasim, Ali Naqvi and Azhar Mahmood had previously scored hundreds on debuts for Pakistan.

Both Naqvi and Mahmood achieved the record on this same ground in the same Test against South Africa three years ago.

Younis completed his maiden half-century in 129 minutes with a hooked boundary off Chaminda Vaas.

He was left off at 42 by De Silva in the first slip off Vaas and by Jayawardene at silly point off Muralitharan when 56.

But that did not deter Younis from playing daring hook shots, lofted drives and cuts square of the wicket.

Wasim reached his sixth Test 50 off 72 balls, spiced with six boundaries.

They posted the 100 of their partnership in 130 minutes off 194 balls.

Pakistan's previous best stand for the ninth wicket against Sri Lanka was 127 put on by Haroon Rasheed and Rashid Khan in the Karachi Test.

Resuming at 154-4, Pakistan lost nightwatchman Waqar Younis while still two runs short of avoiding an innings defeat.

Vaas took a fine low return catch on his own bowling to dismiss Waqar Younis for 8. Vaas struck again with the second new ball when he trapped Moin Khan leg before wicket for 10.

Pakistan were 53 ahead when they lost their seventh wicket. The stand by Moin Khan and Younis Khan for the seventh wicket yielded 35 runs.

Pakistan were 230-7 at lunch.

Nuwan Zoysa had all-rounder Abdul Razzak caught behind for 3, further tightening the visitors' grip on the match.

Pakistan were 327-8 at tea, just 156 ahead.

Younis Khan came into the reckoning after making more than 1,100 runs in the past domestic season with two double centuries.



THE DEBUTANT DELIVERS: Pakistan batsman Younis Khan drives during his hundred at Rawalpindi yesterday. —AFP photo

## Akram aims at critics



RA WALPINDI, Feb 29: Pakistan's ace pacer Wasim Akram on Tuesday showed a steeley resolve to take

the world record for wickets in Test cricket and insisted his performance would silence his detractors.

"I have silenced my critics before and I will do it again. They were themselves dragged out of the Tests so they think I will meet the same fate," Wasim said in an interview with AFP.

"I have a different fate and I am confident that I will set a new record of most wickets in Test cricket," he said.

Former Pakistan cricketers Sarfraz Nawaz, Haroon Rasheed and Taslim Arif Sunday advised Wasim to call it a day gracefully, saying he was no longer a match winner.

Wasim pulled a groin muscle on the first day of the ongoing Rawalpindi Test and team doctor Riaz Ahmed said he might miss the rest of the series against Sri Lanka.

"I have motivated the team to so many successes, we played the final of the World Cup and just a 3-0 blank in Australia can't spoil the good work," Wasim said.

"The people of Pakistan are

behind me and they want me to complete the record. I am feeling better because initially we thought it was serious but it is healing quickly," he said.

Akram is 17 wickets away from completing 400 Test wickets and needs just another 52 to

complete the record.

Wasim refuted reports he has withdrawn from Pakistan's future assignments.

"I am taking every match as it comes and as challenge and my target is to get

435 wickets and for that I will continue playing," he said.

Wasim did little work during team training session on Tuesday and promised that he would bat to save the Test for Pakistan. And, he did it by making an enterprising 79, batting with a runner. The left-hander hit 10 boundaries during his 195-minute innings lasting 146 balls today.

Wasim Akram

cross Indian pacer Kapil Dev's record of 434 wickets in Test cricket.

"People have said it before and have targeted me but I have been performing well both as player and as captain," he said.

Wasim is the only bowler to take more than 300 wickets in both forms of the game.

"I look forward to playing for Pakistan and geared up to beat the West Indies in the West Indies which we have not achieved in the past," he said.

"Even my diabetic problem is not a hindrance in my play-

ing,"

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### Anwar awaits good times

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Feb 29: Pakistan cricket captain Saeed Anwar Monday said he was hopeful his team would emerge from a current spell of "hard times" and bad luck, reports AFP.

"I think nature and Almighty Allah are testing us but I am hanging on and am confident that hard times come for good times," said Anwar, who hit a pugnacious 84 in the first Test against Sri Lanka.

"We have been unlucky in recent days and once luck starts favouring us we will be back in the saddles," he said.

Pakistan were blanked 3-0 in the Test series in Australia last year and lost 3-0 to Sri Lanka in the one-day series.

"We have been plagued by injuries. I played with three bowlers in one-dayers and Wasim Akram broke down in this match, so luck is not on our side," he said.

Anwar said he still hoped Younis Khan, Younis Khan and Moin Khan would save Pakistan from defeat in the Test.

## Bangladeshi player may be in Asian XI



At least one player from Bangladesh is likely to be included in the Asian Eleven against Rest of the World

Eleven, one-day match during the maiden Cricket Week of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on April 2-9, a top official of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) said yesterday.

The day-night game will take place at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on April 8.

"We will approach ICC to include one of our cricketers in the Asian eleven considering us as the host nation," BCB president Saher Hossain Chowdhury told BSS.

"I am hopeful that someone

will represent Bangladesh and that will enhance local interest to the match," he said without giving details.

BCB selectors are expected to nominate someone within a few days, he noted.

The board has been working to hold the match successfully after organising the newly introduced Mini-World Cup and the final of Asian Test championship.

"ICC has confidence in us as we proved our worth earlier in organising the world cricket body's event and this time we will definitely display our success for the match between the cricket stars of Asia and rest of the world," Chowdhury said.