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## SPORTS TALK



**Dav Whatmore**  
(Sri Lanka cricket coach)  
The recent showings are an indication that the Sri Lankan team is on the rise and with performance comes recognition.

After winning the first Test against Pakistan in Rawalpindi.

**Stoke bids Sir Stanley its farewell**

STOKE-ON-TRENT, England, Mar 3: Tens of thousands of mourners lined the streets of Stoke today in an emotional tribute to England soccer great Sir Stanley Matthews who died last week aged 85, reports Reuters.

The city in central England was awash with red and white - Stoke City's colours - in memory of one of England's most famous and best-loved footballers.

The funeral cortege began at Stoke City's Britannia Stadium and completed a circuit of the pitch to applause from fans, before heading towards the city and a funeral service.

The car bearing Matthews' coffin was adorned with red and white flowers and a wreath spelling out "SCFC" - Stoke City Football Club - was displayed in a window.

The car also carried a floral display depicting the number seven shirt worn by right-winger Matthews.

Matthews played league soccer for 33 years until shortly after his 50th birthday, turning out for just two clubs, unfashionable Stoke and Blackpool.

He won 54 international caps and was the first man to be named European footballer of the year at the age of 41. He also became Britain's first football knight.

The cortege was to weave a 14-mile (22-km) route past landmarks including Sir Stanley's old school, St Luke's, his statue in Hanley town centre and the now derelict site of the club's old Victoria Ground, before reaching St Peter's Church.

Some of the biggest names in English soccer will attend the service including Sir Bobby Charlton, Sir Tom Finney, Jack Charlton, Gordon Banks and Nat Lofthouse.

Former England teammate Jimmy Armfield said: "This is a sad day but we have so many happy memories to cherish."

Stan was a one-off... he was the first soccer superstar.

## Hasibul hunts Bima down

Sports Reporter  
**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the Premier

### AKC vs S Bima

National seamer Hasibul Hossain became the season's first five-wicket taker as Abahani Krira

Chakra completed their third successive win in the Premier Division cricket league.

They recorded a comprehensive 91-run win over Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The tall right-arm bowler, captured five for 35 to bundle out Bima, chasing a modest Abahani total of 222 in 50 overs, for 131 in 41.2 overs.

Hasibul struck in his second over removing opener Moin with Bima on 2. The batsman had just got off the mark with a single but was brilliantly taken by Naimur Rahman at gully, missing an attempted square

The Abahani seamer dismissed Bima's middle-order batsman Garry and Shafiqul Islam in the space of four balls and wrapped up the tail with the scalps of Tashriq (17) and Mahubul of successive balls.

Hasibul was assisted by off-spinner Naimur Rahman and left-arm Pakistani spinner Mohammad Hussain. They took two wickets each.

Bima's Indian recruits all-rounder Rajindar Singh and Kamal Chopra top-scored with 23 and 22 respectively.

Earlier, preferring to bat, Abahani started solidly with openers Mehrah Hossain and Azam Iqbal sharing a 76-run partnership.

Their stand ended in the 19th over when Mehrah tried to cut slow medium-pace Tashriq Islam but only succeeded to nick the ball to wicketkeeper Selim.

Mehrah smashed one six and five boundaries in his 70-ball 45.

Tashriq who was best bowler with 4-52 dismissed Azam in a similar fashion with the scoreboard on 103.

Azam's 34 contained a six and two fours off 63 balls.

When off-spinner Rajindar removed Naimur (28), captain Akram Khan (10) and Mohammad Hussain (2) in four balls Abahani were reeling at 133 for five in the 34th over.

The bearded Indian was denied a hat-trick by left-handed Hussain. But the Pakistani was snapped up off the next ball which he drove into the safe hands of Kamal Chopra at cover.

In the remaining 16.3 overs, Abahani rattled up 89 runs, thanks to a 55-run seventh wicket partnership between Asadullah Khan and Amir Wasim.

Asadullah was unbeaten on a run-a-ball 48 which included a six and six fours while Amir chipped in with 26 off 34 balls with two fours.

For those not in the know, the CCDM, short for Cricket Development Committee of Dhaka Metropolitan, is a body comprising representatives of all the clubs which take part in Dhaka's cricket leagues.

With the Dhaka cricket league long being a major sporting attraction, with it being run by Bangladesh cricketers' Who's Who, and with the top hundred or more players of national reckoning (and beckoning) engaged, needless to say any decision of the CCDM, be it club-based, has a national impact. And, ahem, now international, too.

The following little inference should not turn anyone's head; but the CCDM could be considered the *de facto* parliament of Bangladesh cricket provided BCB regards itself as the 32-member cabinet. Or is it 31? But these are not on the agenda of this piece. On hand is CCDM's increasing inclination to everything alien.

First, the CCDM increased the number of foreign players in this year's Premier League from two to three. Not a major change, some may argue, but it deprives twelve more local lads from premier exposure and experience, others retorted. But CCDM stood its ground.

Now there is more disturbing news: that the 'masters' will conduct all the CCDM matches with foreign umpires. This could lead to a calamitous trend of funneling little green men to replace anything local that is not to their liking.

So they were unhappy with the asking rate of the native players and found the 'higher standard' foreigners going



HASIBUL ... 5/35

**TODAY'S MATCHES**  
Brothers Union v Kalabagan KC  
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)  
Surjo Tarun v Victoria SC (BKSP)

## Biman overcome Wari

Sports Reporter  
**Premier League**

### Wari Club vs Biman

Holders Biman beat Wari Club by four wickets in a Premier Division cricket league clash at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday.

In a low-scoring match, which was reduced to 45-over-a-side due to fog, Wari Club were all out for 148 in 43.4 overs with skipper Halim Shah scoring the highest 55 (103 balls).

Halim apart, lower middle-order Nasim Ahmed (29) and middle order Sajib Das (26) were the other notable contributors for Wari.

Biman's new-ball bowler Aminul Islam junior took three wickets for 18 runs from 8.3 overs.

In reply, Biman had lost six batsmen before reaching their target in 41.3 overs.

One-down Habibul Bashir top scored for Biman with 39 off 68 balls inclusive of five boundaries while national skipper Aminul Islam chipped in with 27 off 58 balls. Middle order Atiar Rahman was unbeaten on 20.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Division Cricket League match between Biman and Wari Club played at the BKSP ground in Savar yesterday:

### WARI CLUB

Hasan run out 3  
Masud c Atiar b Aminul Jr 1

Division Cricket League match between Abahani Krira Chakra and Sadharan Bima Krira Sangstha played at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

### ABAHANI KC

Mehrah c Selim b Tashriq 45  
Azam c Selim b Tashriq 38  
Naimur c Ismail b Rajindar 28  
Akram c Garry b Rajindar 10  
Ijaz run out 9  
M Hossain c Chopra b Rajindar 2  
Asadullah not out 48  
Amir c Rajindar b Tashriq 26  
Hasibul run out 0  
Mizan run out 0  
Iqbal c Ismail b Tashriq 2  
Extras: (lb-4, nb-2, w-8) 18  
Total: (All out in 49.5 overs) 222

Fall of wickets: 1-76; 2-103; 3-129; 4-129; 5-133; 6-144; 7-193; 8-201; 9-201

### Bowler

O M R W  
Mahubul 8 1 30 0  
Shafiqul 2 1 12 0  
Moin 10 0 38 0  
Tashriq 9.5 0 52 4  
Rajindar 10 1 40 3  
Ahsan 5 1 19 0  
Rezwan 5 0 23 0

### SADHARAN BIMA KS

Moin c Naimur b Hasibul 1  
Ismail c Mehrah b Amir 14  
K Chopra c Ijaz b Naimur 22  
Selim b Naimur 19  
Rajindar b M Hossain 23  
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## Latif caught at Karachi

Sports Reporter  
Pakistani wicketkeeper Rashid Latif did not arrive in the capital yesterday.

The former Pakistan captain was scheduled to make his Premier League debut for Brothers Union against Kalabagan today.

Latif was stopped by immigration officials at the Karachi Airport after his club Allied Bank complained he did not get proper clearance, said a top Brothers official who preferred anonymity.

No further details were available.

## Adams next WI captain?

BRIDGETOWN, Mar 3: Middle order batsman Jimmy Adams is heavily tipped to be named West Indies cricket captain for the forthcoming home series against Zimbabwe it was reported here on Friday, reports AFP.

The Barbados Advocate newspaper reported that an informed source in Kingston said Adams is likely to be the new captain after Brian Lara resigned from the post last week and the announcement would come by this weekend.

"Jimmy is the overwhelming favourite of the selectors," the source told the Barbados Advocate.

The source added that the West Indies selection panel of chairman Mike Findlay, Joey Carey, former fastbowling legend Joel Garner and new coach Roger Harper had already forwarded its recommendation to the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB).

Andrew Sealy, executive secretary of the WICB, confirmed on Thursday night that there will soon be an announcement of the new captain.

"The captain is expected to be named within 48 hours," said Sealy, who is currently in Barbados.

Since ace batsman Lara, 30, announced his decision to step down a week ago after a chequered and at times turbulent two-year reign, there has been widespread debate over his likely successor.

The 32-year-old Adams, who was vice-captain for the home series against Australia last year as well as the disastrous 1999-2000 tour to New Zealand, led Jamaica to this year's West Indies first-class championship.

A veteran of 48 Tests and 104 limited-overs internationals since he made his Test debut eight years ago, Adams' batting has come under the microscope of late, a slide that coincided when he had his jaw shattered on a tour of England.

Some observers have even argued that he would be hard-pressed to find a place in the current Test side.

The unassuming Adams is, however, regarded as a player who can earn the respect of team-mates.

He led the West Indies in the last three of the seven-match limited-overs series against Australia in the Caribbean last year when Lara was sidelined by a wrist injury.

Adams has scored 2,326 Test runs including five centuries at an average of 45.60, and 1,797 runs (average 30.45) in limited-overs cricket.

Findlay revealed that the 13-man squad for the first of two Tests against Zimbabwe at Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain, Trinidad, will be chosen on March 10 at the end of a brief training camp in Jamaica.

**WC 2006**  
**FIFA, CAF boss' to tour Morocco**

RABAT, March 3: Sepp Blatter, president of world football's governing body FIFA, and Issa Hayatou, president of the African Football Confederation (CAF), are to visit Morocco on March 24 to meet with those responsible for the bid to win the right to host the 2006 World Cup finals, reports AFP.

Blatter and Hayatou will meet with among others the president of the Moroccan Football Federation, Hosni Benslimane, and Driss Benhima, head of the bidding committee.

Morocco, who have lost out on two previous bids, received the thumbs up from a six-man FIFA delegation led by American Alan Rothenberg earlier this week.

"Compared to the two previous inspection missions: by FIFA in 1994 and 1998, Morocco has made great progress in the area of sports infrastructure and roads and has also plans for numerous other projects," said Rothenberg.

The dossier presented by Morocco is professional and very complete in the sense of what we could establish on the ground," he added.

Morocco along with Brazil are considered outsiders to win with South Africa, Germany, who last hosted it in 1974, and England, who won it when they were hosts in 1966, vying for favouritism to get the nod in early July from FIFA.

## Abahani, Mukti draw

## Troubled start to NFL Khulna leg

From Staff Correspondent



National Football League got underway at the local stadium this afternoon.

In the first game of the four-match Khulna phase, Dhaka's Abahani Krira Chakra and Muktiyoddha Sangsard shared points in a one-all draw.

Muktiyoddha led the first half 1-0 after Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib scored in the sixth minute.

Abahani's foreign recruit Kennedy drew level 38 minutes into the second half.

Meanwhile, several persons were injured during a clash between fans and police outside the stadium. The troubled erupted when hundreds of fans tried to storm into the stadium

after failing to buy tickets due to unavailability. They threw bricks and some which landed on the pitch and caused interruption to the proceedings. Police then started baton charging and lobbed tear-gas shells to bring the situation under control.

The match was also stopped for about 45 minutes after Muktiyoddha protested the penalty decision that went against them.

Earlier, State Minister for Disaster Management and Relief Talukder Abdul Khaleque inaugurated the meet in a simple ceremony at 3:30 pm.

Bangladesh Football Federation general secretary Harunur Rashid, MP, was present at the function. A 21-minute display was the main attraction of the ceremony.

**TODAY'S MATCH:** Khulna Abahani vs Chittagong Abahani.



Action from the Shah Sports Office Hockey League game between Bangladesh Navy and Railway at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium yesterday.

—Star photo

## Nicky watches night turn into day

## SA assert themselves



BANGALORE, India, Mar 3: South Africa looked poised to run away with the second Test here Friday, as they

crushed to 254 for three at stumps on the second day in reply to India's dismal first innings total of 158, reports AFP.

Resuming at their overnight score of 11 for one, the tourists frustrated India's attempts for an early breakthrough, with nightwatchman Nicky Boje the star of the show.

Boje, sent in after opener Herschelle Gibbs was trapped leg before by Anil Kumble just before stumps on Thursday, played with the swagger of a regular top-order batsman, stroking nine fours in an innings of 85 before he was finally bowled by the ever-dependable Kumble after lunch.

His dismissal ended an entertaining second wicket partnership of 161 with opener Gary Kirsten.

Kirsten, playing his 60th Test, reached a personal milestone when he became the first South African to cross the 4000-run mark in Test cricket with a single off spinner Nikhil Chopra.

Kirsten went on to make 79, including seven fours, before he was smartly caught at short leg by Wasim Jaffer to become Kumble's third scalp of the innings.

India, expecting the track to turn sharply, had chosen three spinners, Kumble, Chopra and youngster Murali Kartik, but only Kumble troubled the bats-

man with his fast leg breaks. Indian captain Sachin Tendulkar appeared to run out of ideas after Chopra's four overs before lunch went for 18 runs, while Kartik's six overs added 20 to South Africa's total.

The final session after tea brought more misery for the home side as Daryll Cullinan and Jacques Kallis put on a breezy 68 runs for the unbroken fourth wicket stand.

Towards the close of play Cullinan, who made a quickfire 46 runs of 67 balls, hit Kumble over long-off for the first six of the day. Kallis was not out 21 at stumps.

The comfort of the South African batsmen provided a marked contrast to India's display the day before, when the home batting line-up was ripped apart by South Africa's pace attack.

With seven wickets in hand, the tourists, who are hoping to end India's 13-year unbeaten record in a home series, looked set to build a commanding lead that would leave the home side with a daunting target just to avoid an innings defeat.

South Africa won the first of the two-Test series in Bombay in just three days.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the second and final cricket Test between India and South Africa at the Chinnaswamy stadium Friday:

**INDIA:** First Innings 158 all out in 82.3 overs (A Kumble 36 n.o., S Tendulkar 21; N Boje 2/10, S Pollock 2/26, N Hayward 2/40)

**SOUTH AFRICA:** First Innings (overnight 11-1)



South Africa's Nicky Boje attempts to sweep on the second day of the second Test at Bangalore yesterday.

—AFP photo

## Enamul propels Y Cricketers

Sports Reporter

### BRIEF SCORES

**LALMATIA CLUB:** 167 all out in 48.1 overs (Shaon 48, Alam 26, Raju 18, Ekram 14, Enamul 4/29, Rajan 3/29)

**YOUNG CRICKETERS:** 170 for 3 in 43.2 overs (Enamul 57 n.o., Adil 48 n.o., Rezaul 40)

**Result:** Young Cricketers won by 7 wickets.

An all-round performance by Enamul Haque guided Young Cricketers to an impressive seven-wicket win over Lalmatia Club in their opening super league match of the First Division league at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium yesterday.

The Pakistani all-rounder captured four for 28 as Lalmatia were dismissed for 167 in 48.1 overs in the morning session.

The middle-order batsman later scored an unbeaten 57 to propel his side to 170 for three in 43.2 overs.

Other notable contributions came from Adil who hit an undefeated 48 while opener Reza made 40.

## Sheffield Shield Victoria book place in final

MELBOURNE, Mar 3: Victoria reached their first Sheffield Shield cricket final for nine years after feasting on an inexperienced New South Wales bowling line-up here Friday, reports AFP.

Victoria began Day Two at Punt Road at 85 for two, chasing the Blues' total of 148 and knowing that points for a first innings lead would be enough to secure a berth in the final against Queensland later this month.

That task was achieved before lunch (thanks to Laurie Harper (92) and Matthew Mott (65) before the celebrations really kicked into full swing with Darren Berry and Matthew Elliott both smashing centuries.

The Victorians eventually declared at 410 for eight, an overall lead of 262.

By stumps the Blues were 24 without loss in their second innings after rain forced play to end four overs early.

An outright win here would keep alive Victoria's hopes of hosting the final.

But Queensland only need first innings points in either of their last two matches to ensure the final is played in Brisbane from March 17 to 21.

In Adelaide, Tasmania were 204 for three in reply to South Australia's declared first innings of 502 for five after the second day of their match at Adelaide Oval.

At the close, Daniel Marsh was unbeaten on 57 while Scott Kremerskothen was 12.

Test paceman Jason Gillespie went unrewarded in an encouraging return to four-day cricket since breaking his leg in an on-field collision last year in a Test against Sri Lanka in Kandy.

Earlier, SA skipper Darren Lehmann top scored with 149.