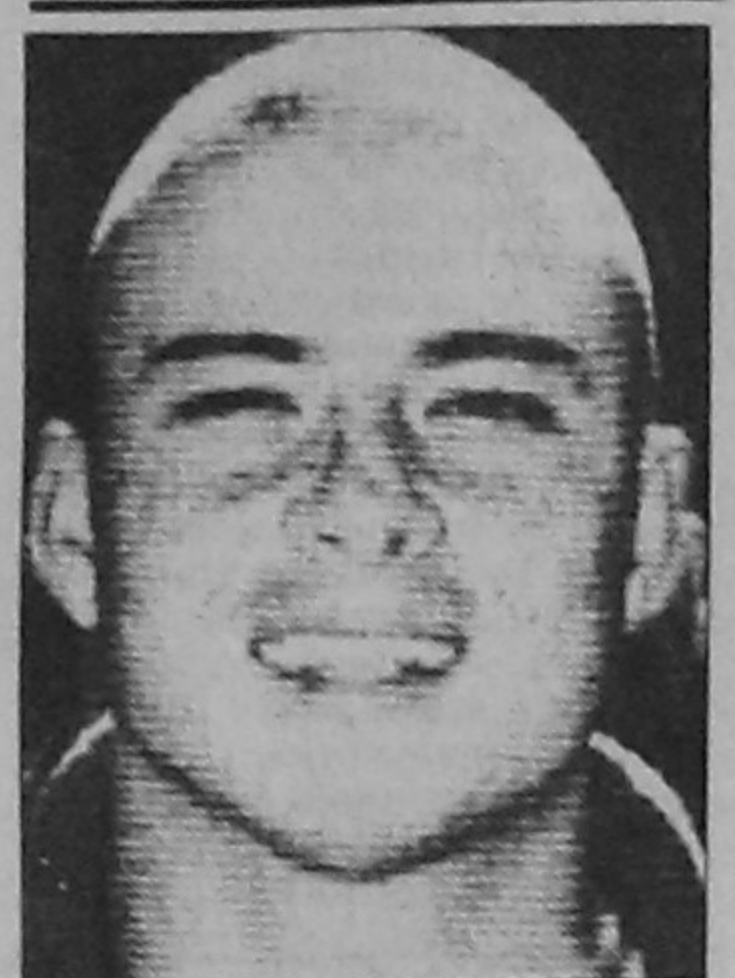


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Fatullah ready for action



A new national stadium, reported to have been built exclusively for cricket, is all set to be declared open in the first week of August.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is likely to inaugurate the venue at Fatullah. Although the stadium is located at about 15 kilometres from the city, sports fans might find it a tough ride down there due to the routine ordeals of traffic jam and hazardous communication system.

The 25,000 capacity stadium will be named after Khan Shaheb Osman Ali, says a report of BSS.

State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Quader yesterday visited the third national stadium to see progress of the work at the stadium.

The minister was informed that gallery, playing ground, fencing, drainage system, car parking, VIP lounge and umpires room have been completed.

It costs taka 24.85 crore. Finishing touches are being given for the formal opening of the stadium, said officials of the National Sports Council (NSC) the apex body of Bangladesh sports.

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BCB general secretary meanwhile expressed his satisfaction over facilities made in the stadium and hoped that the domestic cricket matches could be held in this stadium this year.

NSC started the construction works of the stadium in 1996 on 25 acres of land at Fatullah under Narayanganj district.

The minister was informed that the capacity of the stadium would be increased up to 80,000 along with flood-light facilities on completion of the second phase of the Khan Shaheb Osman Ali Stadium at an estimated cost of Taka 30 crore.

The two existing national stadiums are Bangabandhu National Stadium and Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium at Mirpur.

The present government took up decisions to construct stadium and grounds following growing demand of venues for different disciplines, football and cricket in particular.

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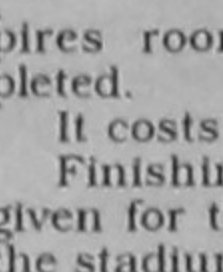
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Moin the 100000-mile man



COLOMBO, July 13 (Internet report): Pakistan's wicketkeeper and captain Moin Khan has travelled more than 100,000 miles in the last year to represent his country.

Moin's six figure air miles total was unearthed in a survey conducted by Wisden Cricket Monthly magazine - the first time in the survey's four-year history that anyone has broken the 100,000 barrier.

Between September 1999 and July 1 2000, Pakistan played 12 Tests and 37 one-day internationals, and Moin played in every one of them, bar one - the second Test against Sri Lanka at Peshawar in March. Moin was at the ground but had picked up a viral fever and couldn't play.

By the end of their Sri Lankan tour, which finished Wednesday with the Singer Cup, defeat by South Africa, Pakistan had clocked up 60,061 miles, well ahead of India.

Last year's winners England languished in last place: their tour to South Africa and Zimbabwe amounted to only 18,788 miles.

Five Pakistan players went on all their tours, but the others (Wasim Akram, Abdur Razaq, Inzamam-ul-Haq and Yousuf Youhana) all missed more matches than Moin did.

The Rest of the World - a round trip of 19,414 miles which lifted Moin to 99,475. It looked as if he'd be stuck just short of six figures, but Moin made one round trip from his home in Karachi to appear before the Qayyum enquiry into match-fixing in Lahore - 654 miles each way. He also did that trip three more times for national training camps. That's a grand total of 104,707 miles.

"I don't feel tired when I'm travelling to matches. But I do when I am coming home after completing assignments," he told Wisden in Sri Lanka.

"Since September, I've spent less than a month at home. I'm looking forward to holidays after the Sri Lanka tour because I am missing the food, my friends and above all my family."

Pakistan's globetrotting included two trips to Sharjah and one to Toronto, plus a long tour of Australia, where the big distances between the cities always helps rack up those miles. They even nipped home briefly in December - 5069 miles each way - while Australia were playing their Test series against India.

MOIN KHAN
To find the individual winner's total, Wisden added in the special match at Dhaka during ICC's Cricket Week. Moin, Wasim and Razaq all interrupted Pakistan's tour of West Indies to play for Asia against

South Africa in Cape Town in April, while Alan Mullally and Craig White both took two for 13.

Marcus Trescothick, bowling at international level for the first time, took two for seven to wrap up the innings.

It was Zimbabwe's lowest one-day score against England, undercutting their 131 against them in Bulawayo in February. Zimbabwe's record low in one-dayers is 94, against Pakistan in Sharjah in April, 1997.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the Zimbabwe innings in their triangular series one-day international against England here at Old Trafford on Thursday:

ZIMBABWE
Johnston c Stewart b Caddick 7
Whitall c Stewart b Gough 15
Goodwin b Ealham 21
Campbell run out 10
Flower c Stewart b White 28
B. Strang b Mullally 1
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South Africa
P. Strang lbw b Trescothick 0
Extras (b1, lb4, nb8) 14
Total: (10wickets in 38.4 overs) 114
Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-38, 3-55, 4-64, 5-65, 6-65, 7-114, 8-114, 9-114, 10-114

Bowling
Caddick 8 2 26 1
Gough 8 1 31 1
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Ealham 10 4 19 1
White 3 0 13 2
Trescothick 14 0 7 2

Toss: Zimbabwe
Umpires: J Holder and G Sharp (both Eng) (Third umpire: R Palmer (Eng))
Match referee: Ranjan Madugalle (Sri Lanka)

Malik fed-up
LAHORE, Pakistan, July 13: Former Pakistan cricket captain Salim Malik said Wednesday he was "fed up" being called a match-fixer and accused former teammate Rashid Latif of "destroying" him.

"I demand Pakistan Cricket Board to immediately initiate an inquiry and take action against Latif for his frequent outbursts designed to bring a bad name to Pakistani cricket," Malik told AFP.

He was reacting to Latif's reported comments to a British newspaper that Malik had offered him 100,000 rupees (1,920 dollars) to throw Pakistan's one-day match against New Zealand in Christchurch in 1995.

"I told him I will give you an answer tomorrow morning, but we did not speak. When I took two catches, he said, 'What are you doing? We must lose this game.' A local news agency quoted Latif as telling the Sunday Telegraph.

Malik accused Latif, also a former captain, of profiting from the allegations.

A Pakistani judicial commission inquiry into match-fixing imposed a life ban on Malik in May and fined six other players including current all-rounder Wasim Akram.

Malik denies the charges and calls the ban unjust.

"I was keeping quiet but frankly I am fed up now because this man (Latif) is destroying me," he said.

"I am forced to speak out because Latif has started issuing statements every alternate day against one player or the other."

The board must take notice of his immature and childish utterance.

Earlier this week Latif said Pakistani fast bowler Waqar Younis should be punished for ball tampering during the current one-day series in Sri Lanka.

U-17s second in a row

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Bangladesh Under-17 team recorded a comprehensive seven-wicket win over AO Academy team in their second warm-up match in Karachi yesterday, according to a faxed message received here last night.

Skinner Nafis Iqbal scored an unbeaten 60 as the Colts, chasing a paltry AO Academy total of 99 in 50 overs, scored 103 for three in 32.1 overs.

The right-handed middle-order batsman, faced 83 balls for his undefeated captain's knock. Nasiruddin contributed 17 runs.

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COLOMBO, July 13 (Internet report): South Africa are in buoyant mood for Friday's Singer Cup day-night final at the Premadasa stadium against hosts Sri Lanka after the emphatic victory over Pakistan.

Sri Lanka will start as favourites after winning both their league matches against South Africa, but Pollock said his team was peaking at the right time.

"We are settling down now after learning some hard lessons early on the tour," said South African captain said.

With a four-wicket burst on Wednesday to send Pakistan crashing out of the series.

Terbrugge more than made up for the poor form of Mortantau "Wayward" Hayward, and will not only be a certain starter on Friday but also a strong contender for the three-Test series to follow.

Sri Lanka will bring back seasoned left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas, who was rested for the last league match on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's cricket chief has ordered an investigation into his team's dismal Singer Cup campaign.

"We certainly want to know what went wrong," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman, General Tauqir Zia, told AFP before the team left for home on Thursday morning.

Pakistan, the pre-tournament favourites to win their fourth successive one-day title, lost all their four league matches in the three-nation series.

The dramatic slump in form blotted an arduous, but fairly successful four-month tour which saw Pakistan win one-day titles in Sharjah, the West Indies and Bangladesh, besides an impressive 2-0 victory over Sri Lanka in the Test series.

Team coach Javed Miandad, however, brushed aside suggestions that the long tour took its toll on the players.

"The players were not physically tired, it's just that nothing went right for us in this tournament," he said.

"We could not get enough runs on the board for the bowlers to have a chance."

Pakistan slumped to 19-6 within the first hour of the do-or-die clash against South Africa on Wednesday, allowing

Shaun Pollock's men to enter the final with a seven-wicket victory.

Pakistan's bowling lacked sting in the absence of leading all-rounder Wasim Akram, who opted out of the tournament for personal reasons.

Worse still, veteran fast bowler Waqar Younis was given a one-match suspension by match referee John Reid of New Zealand for tampering with the ball, the first cricketer to be banned for the offence.

Waqar missed the return clash against Sri Lanka on Sunday because of the ban, and was reportedly not picked for Wednesday's game on disciplinary grounds.

"It was a form of punishment for bringing Pakistan's image a bad name," a team source said, adding that Waqar would be investigated further after the team returned home.

"The PCB is determined to clean up the game in Pakistan and will go to any length to ensure that," the source said.

Office b'ball
AK Khan & Co Limited defeated New Classic Sports 65-59 in the inaugural match of the Office basketball tournament at the Dharmadoni basketball gymnasium yesterday, reports UNB.

The winners led the first half 39-34. Fazle scored 19 and Majib 13 for the winners while Ruhul 18 for the losers.

Earlier, secretary of the National Sports Council Mahmudul Karim inaugurated the first ever tournament, organised by Bangladesh Amateur Basketball Federation.

Middlesex penalised
LONDON, July 12 (AFP): Middlesex have been deducted eight points by the English Cricket Board's pitch panel after 17 wickets fell on the first day of their County Championship Division Two game with Glamorgan at Southgate Wednesday.

The ECB said in a statement: "The ECB's pitch panel rated the pitch for the County Championship match at Southgate between Middlesex and Glamorgan as poor."

The pitch panel decided that there were no extenuating circumstances with respect to the preparation of the pitch and consequently Middlesex have been deducted eight points.

Middlesex have already indicated that they intend to appeal against the decision.

Middlesex were bowled out for 164 Wednesday and Glamorgan were 144 for seven in reply at the close of play.

The ECB introduced new regulations relating to the condition of pitches before the current season began. If more than 15 wickets fall in a day action is taken against the host county.

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