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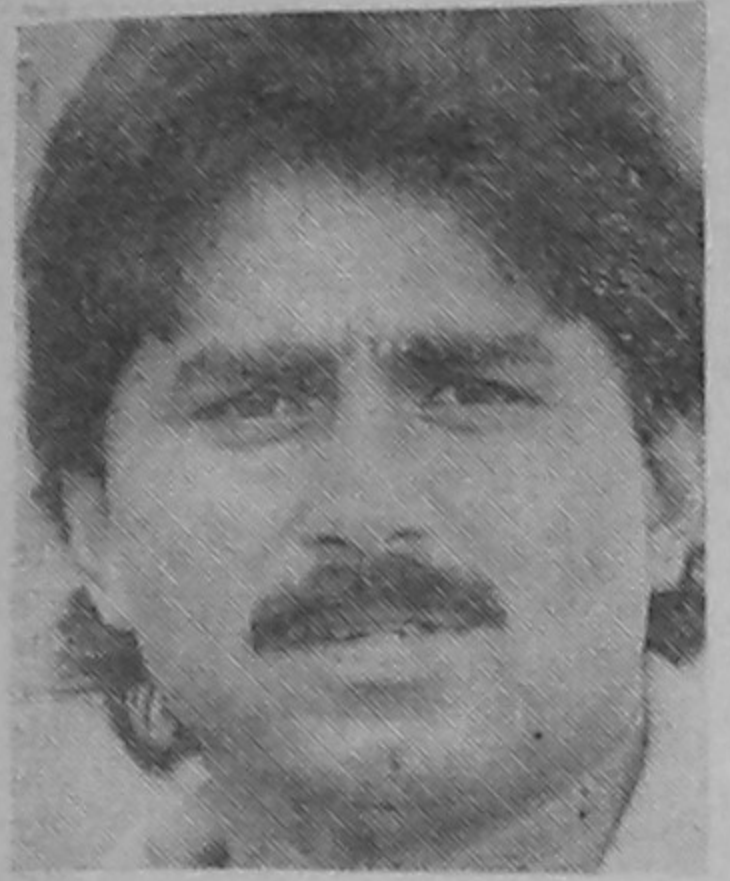
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## JU soccer

From JU Correspondent  
Government and Politics emerged champions for the fifth consecutive time in the inter-department football tournament of Jahangirnagar University beating Archaeology 3-1 in the tie-breaker yesterday.

## CRICKET

Meanwhile, the inter-department cricket of JU begins today at the same ground. Economics will take on Botany in the opener.

## Rajshahi soccer

From Our Correspondent  
RAJSHAHI, Oct 21: Mohanpur Krira Sangstha and Godagari Krira Sangstha split points after their match ended in a 1-1 draw in the second round of the Rajshahi inter-pazilla football tournament at the Rajshahi Stadium today.

## Ctg Sr Div soccer begins

Oct 29  
Defending champions Abahani KC will play Satadal Club in the inaugural match of the Star Ship Chittagong Senior Division football league beginning on October 29 at the M A Aziz Stadium, reports UNB.

## Oct 29

Ten Premier and Ten First Division teams will compete in the single league basis tournament competition, expected to be completed by 45 days. Three matches will be held daily - in the morning, afternoon and evening.

# BD to get Asian slot

## Two home-away Test series next year

Sports Reporter



Test newcomers Bangladesh are expected to play two home and away Test series next year, but they may not need to travel beyond Asia.

Although president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Sabir Hossain Chowdhury did not disclose names of the opponents he proposed in the two-day meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) in Kenya, it is understood that their opponents should be finalised out of the three Asian cricketing giants.

"We've planned to play two Test series in the year 2001. Each series will also include three one-day internationals. The idea is to complete each series within 26-28 days," said Sabir on his return from Nairobi yesterday.

About the likely opponents, the BCB president said that it would be premature to say since the whole calendar is yet to be endorsed by all ten Test-playing nations.

The ICC has adopted a

revolutionary plan in the Nairobi meeting on October 16-17 and asked the member nations to play each other on home and away basis within a five-year cycle starting from January 1, 2001.

The ruling body of world cricket will however release the details on November 30 after all countries consider the proposed dates of tours to and by Bangladesh.

Bangladesh will play their historic first Test against India at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on November 10-14.

In yet another landmark decision, the ICC, in its Nairobi meeting, has decided to exempt the guarantee money for any touring side involved in Test matches.

"The hosts will only bear the visitors' tour expenses including food, accommodation and transport. But the visiting team would not be entitled to receive any guarantee fee," said Sabir.

Although the BCB boss looked very happy at the prospect of hectic international calendar, the national team now

touring in South Africa remained a source of disappointment.

The team led by Naimur Rahman lost their first two games. And to make matters worse, the team management appeared to be more focused on off-the-pitch issues like the present state of Eddie Barlow, the South African director of development of BCB.

Barlow, now accompanying the team in a wheelchair, had even been branded as physically and mentally handicapped in a report of a Bengali daily. Mahmud-ul Haq is accompanying the team as assistant manager.

Saber said that the Board would review the whole situation once the team returns home later this month.

"I have read some remarks in the newspaper. But I'm not in a position at the moment to make any comments. But we will definitely go through the whole affair after they return home," said Saber, adding that the next Board meeting would be held on October 30.

# Zim flower under Andy



SHARJAH, Oct 21 (AFP) - Andy Flower hit an unbeaten 120 off 141 balls to lift depleted Zimbabwe to 225-4 from 50 overs in the Sharjah tri-series match against Sri Lanka here on Saturday.

The left-hander made up for the absence of long-time regulars Neil Johnson, Murray Goodwin and Alistair Campbell with eight fours and a six in his second one-day hundred.

While Johnson and Goodwin quit Zimbabwe cricket to seek greener pastures elsewhere, Campbell sat out a one-match suspension for showing dissent during the quarterfinal of the recent ICC knock-out tournament in Kenya.

Flower was aided in the revival by Dirk Viljoen, who made 63 not out in a fifth-wicket stand of 153 after Zimbabwe were tottering at 72-4.

Viljoen, a hard-hitting left-hander, smashed three sixes and a boundary as Zimbabwe sent to bat in the day-night match, plundered 86 runs in the last 10 overs.

Sri Lanka, who beat India by five wickets in Friday's opener, face a target of 4.5 runs an over for their second successive win in the series.

The new opening pair of Douglas Marillier and Mark Vermeulen lasted together for just six overs, while Stuart Carlisle was run out after facing just one delivery.

Vermeulen made 22 in his first international before falling to a breathtaking catch at mid-off by Sri Lankan captain Sanath Jayasuriya, who lunged back to hold the ball one-handed.

Zimbabwe's top order was gone by the 24th over when vice-captain Guy Whittall gave a low return catch to off-spinner Muralitharan.

Flower and Viljoen, however, came together to help their team score one run more than



ANDY FLOWER... 120 n.o

what India managed against Sri Lanka on Friday

**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard of the Zimbabwe innings against Sri Lanka on Saturday.

**ZIMBABWE**  
Marillier c Kaluwitharana b Zoysa 7  
Vermeulen c Jayasuriya 22  
Carlisle run out 0  
A Flower not out 120

Whittall c b Muralitharan 8  
Viljoen not out 63  
Extras (lb-1, lb-1, w-3) 25  
Total (for 4 wickets) 225  
Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-13, 3-56, 4-72

**Bowler** O M R W  
Zoysa 8 0 40 0  
Vaas 10 1 30 1  
Weeraratne 8 0 33 1  
Muralitharan 9 0 45 1  
Jayasuriya 6 0 31 0  
Arnold 9 0 44 0

**SQUADS**  
Sri Lanka: Sanath Jayasuriya (capt), Marvan Atapattu, Avishka Gunawardena, Mahela Jayawardena, Kumar Sangakkara, Russel Arnold, Romesh Kaluwitharana, Kaushalya Weeraratne, Chaminda Vaas, Nuwan Zoysa, Muthiah Muralitharan  
Zimbabwe: Heath Streak (capt), Stuart Carlisle, Andy Flower, Travis Friend, Guy Whittall, Douglas Marillier, Muteki Nkala, Bryan Strang, Paul Strang, Dirk Viljoen, Mark Vermeulen  
Umpires: George Sharp (England) and Daryl Harper (Australia)  
Match referee: Denis Lindsay (South Africa)  
**Next match: India versus Zimbabwe on Sunday**

## READERS' ZONE

### Our virtual non-event

Do you have any observation regarding sports and its management in Bangladesh? Do you feel certain issues need to be addressed before time runs out? Then, hurry up and send us your burning questions, critical views and thoughtful suggestions not in excess of 400 words. You may be the next contributor of our READERS' ZONE.

---Sports Editor

that entails human resources.

Yes, to produce an Olympic class athlete requires a large investment.

The long and medium distance runners of Morocco, Algeria and Kenya have shown that the constraints of funds can be overcome by the zeal of everybody involved. The media has also played a dubious role in all this. It seems to have accepted this failure, and thus it can be said that media has in a way approved the handling of our sports bodies. Seldom do we see in the media a comprehensive debate on the shortcomings of the organisations. Just before the Olympics started there was a storm in the Indian media centring the decision to send a big contingent down under. It continually highlighted the poor performances of Indian participants in previous meets and the gloomy prospect this time around. It was repeatedly asked why a nation of a billion people couldn't produce an individual Olympic champion till to date.

We could ask ourselves the same thing and if it is all because of monetary crisis then we seem to have thoroughly confused our priorities. Millions of dollars are being spent to host the NAM summit, which in the words of its leading member states has lost its relevance in the post-communist world. I also recalled the Daily Star editorial stating how the Speaker and his sycophants had spent five million takas of the people on a tour, which was financed by the organiser, so that the Speaker and his stooges could travel first class to London and stay in presidential suites.

Indeed we have our priorities confused, very confused; and it's about time something was done about it. But the big question is who will bell the cat? Who? Of course, it should be the Media?

---Asif Hadi, Dhaka

## Rose, Gayle paying for attitude

BARBADOS, Oct 21 (Internet report): Fast bowler Franklyn Rose and promising left-hand batsman Chris Gayle were reportedly omitted from the West Indies squad to tour Australia later this year because of attitude problems.

Speaking to the Barbados Nation on Thursday, selection chairman Mike Findlay remained tight-lipped about the problem surrounding the two Jamaicans, but insisted that action had to be taken since there had been a problem over the years with players with an attitude which is not in the best interest of West Indies cricket.

Gayle, 21, topped the 2000 Busta Cup batting averages this year but played just one Test match in England.

"It was difficult to get him in among those seven batsmen," said Findlay. "He himself didn't perform as well as he ought to have performed (in England) and we detected a bit of attitude problem with Christopher, which we need to speak to him about."

The former West Indies wicket-keeper had a similar complaint about Rose, who also had a poor tour of England, taking just four wickets in three Tests.

"Franklyn Rose's main problem has been his attitude."

"Over the next couple of days, I will be trying to reach out to those players who have not been selected, to discuss with them, what we see as their problems arising out of the tour of England out of reports, and hope that they could take corrective measures over the next few years," Findlay said.

## Kilian dies

DORTMUND, Oct 20: Gustav Kilian, a German cycling legend, died Thursday of natural causes at age 92, reports AP.

Kilian passed away in his sleep in his house in Dortmund, Germany.

He was known in Germany as the "Kaiser" of the six-day races, winning 34 of them before and after World War II.

## Second match rained out

Sports Reporter  
The second limited-overs match of Bangladesh against South Africa President's Eleven was rained out yesterday.

The match at the Pietermaritzburg was called off without a ball being bowled. Weather permitting, the game will now be held at the same venue today.

The visitors, led by Naimur Rahman, conceded a 7-wicket defeat in the first one-day match at Blomfontein on Wednesday.

Bangladesh are scheduled to play their third and final one-day against the host side, led by Dale Benkenstein, at Durban on Monday.

The Test babes had earlier suffered an 82-run defeat in their lone first class match at the hands of Griqualand West.

## Wasim inclined to Glocs offer

LAHORE, Oct 21 (Internet report): Wasim Akram is planning to accept an offer from Gloucestershire to act as their bowling coach next season.

With Pakistan touring England in the first half of next season, the former skipper said that the position would be ideal, also allowing him to play some league cricket.

"I have got other offers from some counties also but my priority now is to concentrate completely on Pakistan cricket."

However, the Gloucestershire offer allows me the luxury of planning my own schedule as they don't need me full time.

"I played league cricket few months back also in Birmingham. It is not taxing, they pay well and it allows me to remain fit."

And the 34-year-old also revealed that he is considering winding down his 16 year career, settling on a programme of picking and choosing his matches to maintain his fitness.

"I am not at a stage where I can play throughout the year now. Stop. Today if I am to play for Pakistan for next few years, I have to train very hard individually and pick my matches. God willing, if I remain fit I see myself playing easily until the next World Cup."

Wasim also insisted that he is enjoying his cricket more since handing over the captaincy reigns to wicket-keeper Moin Khan.

"I am very relaxed now. I go back to the hotel after the match and train for another one to two hours because there is no pressure of having team meetings, thinking about who to play tomorrow. The match strategy and so on."

"Moin Khan is doing a wonderful job and I am just happy to be there for him and give my best on the field."

# Manoj the main fixer?

## Report reveals identity of four musketeers



NEW DELHI, Oct 21 (AFP): Indian detectives probing corruption in cricket have reportedly charged four national players, including whistle-blower Manoj Prabhakar, with match-fixing.

The allegations coincided with comments by tax officials that they have listed 13 cricketers and game officials as having undeclared wealth found during raids at their homes and banks across the country in July.

The Indian Express and The Statesman said the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) named former skipper Mohanmad Azharuddin, Ajay Jadeja and Ajay Sharma in its 210-page match-fixing report, as well as Prabhakar.

None of the four are part of the Indian squad currently in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, for a triangular tournament with Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

The CBI report, however, has not levelled any charges against former coach and Indian cricket icon Kapil Dev.

Meanwhile Indian tax officials said 13 players and officials listed by them would now be asked to give details, or pay taxes on their income of the last 10 years.

"Most of them concealed their income and are liable to pay all the taxes," one official said on Saturday, adding 17 bookmakers would also be asked to pay up.

It was Prabhakar who in June kicked off a storm in India with his claims that Kapil Dev offered him 2.5 million rupees (56,000 dollars) to underplay in a 1994 clash with rival Pakistan.

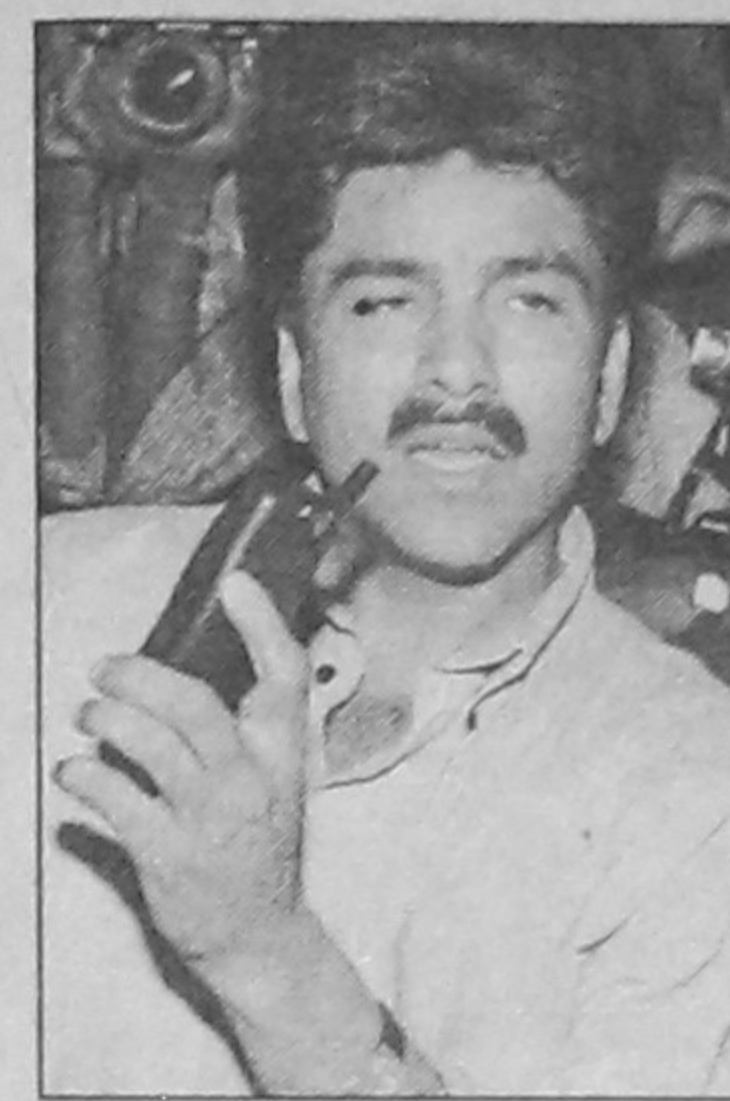
Kapil denied the allegation and later stepped down as national coach saying he was fed up with the game.

CBI spokesman SM Khan declined to comment on the two newspaper reports.

"We will be submitting our report in the middle of next week to the sports ministry," he said, adding a delay in handing over the papers was caused by "legal whetting of the findings."

Commenting on the names of the four players reported by the newspapers, the official said: "These names have been in circulation in any case for some time now."

The Express said around a



MANOJ PRABHAKAR

dozen bookmakers who were questioned by the CBI in New Delhi and Bombay were found to be in "regular touch with these four Indian cricketers."

"The report says that Ajay Sharma and Manoj Prabhakar were the key players in the most shameful saga in India's cricketing history," The Express said.

While Sharma handled local bookmakers, Prabhakar was in touch with overseas syndicates and corrupt players, the report

alleged, according to The Express.

The daily said the CBI linked the named players to the scam by screening the calls they had allegedly made to bookmakers on their mobile telephones.

"If Azharuddin made 60-odd calls in a single day to a bookie from his cellphone, Ajay Jadeja was found to have made 50 phone calls from his mobile phone to another bookie on another day," The Express said.

The Statesman also named the four national players and added that the CBI report had also pointed fingers at officials of the Board for the Control of Cricket in India (BCCI).

"The CBI report focuses on some BCCI officials manipulating betting conditions to suit bookies. Investigators have looked carefully at matches decided by a narrow margin," The Statesman said on its front page.

Former International Cricket Council president Jagmohan Dalmiya and cricket board treasurer Kishore Rungta were among the administrators questioned by the CBI during its six-month probe.

"Bribes in cash and kind were paid both in India and abroad to the players and their family members," The Statesman quoted an unnamed CBI official as saying.

The matches allegedly fixed include India's fixtures against Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia and New Zealand, the daily said.

New Delhi police in April charged then South African captain Hansie Cronje and four of his teammates with match-fixing in March during South Africa's tour of India, opening a Pandora's box of allegations of cheating in cricket.

Cronje later told a South African commission Azharuddin was one of the players involved.

# A city waits to be refreshed



KARACHI, Oct 21 (Reuters): Faisalabad is a dusty city of two million that was just another spot on a map of Pakistan until Mike Gatting and his England cricket team arrived 13 years ago.

Now it is part of cricketing folklore, a sign of the rocky sporting relations between the countries that helped keep England from touring Pakistan until they returned this week to start a visit that includes three one-day internationals and three Tests.

Like the famous "Bodyline series" in Australia in 1932 when England's bowlers at-

tacked the body of batting great Donald Bradman, relations on all levels between the countries were affected by the finger-wagging rift between England captain Gatting and Pakistan captain Shahoor Khan. The row in the second Test of the three-match series at Faisalabad, Pakistan's textile capital, soured relations and although England did tour England twice after that in 1992 and 1996, England stayed away from Pakistan for 13 years.

The scene for the finger-wagging controversy was first set during Pakistan's tour of England earlier in 1987 when after a few debatable umpiring decisions, Pakistan manager

Haseeb Ahsan asked the then Test and County Cricket Board to change umpire David Constant for the Lord's Test, which was rejected.

That created a lot of uneasiness between the countries' cricket boards and when Pakistan umpire Shakeel Khan gave a few controversial decisions on England's visit to Pakistan in the first Test at Lahore, the mood was bleak as the teams set off for Faisalabad in the middle of Punjab province.

In the last over of the second day's play with three deliveries left by off-spinner Eddie Hemmings, the umpiring controversy erupted again.

Rana stopped Hemmings in his bowling stride by calling a "dead ball" after suspecting that Gatting had moved a fielder behind Salim Malik without the batsman's knowledge, what is called "inconveniencing the batsman" or "inconveniencing him, according to the laws of the game.

Gatting disputed the call and he and Rana started shouting and wagging their fingers at each other, stunning their teammates, the crowd and the media.

Both later also accused the other of using bad language.

Rana refused to start the test on the third day unless Gatting apologised in writing, while Gatting demanded that Rana do the same.

Pakistan were in dire straits, on 105 for five, when play was stopped as officials of the two cricket boards struggled for a solution.

Finally, England cricket chief Raman Subba Row told Gatting to write an apology, but by then his team had lost its grip on the game and the Test petered out in a draw.

Pakistan won the Lahore Test and took the series 1-0 after the last Test in Karachi was a draw.

Rana and Gatting both say now the incident should not overshadow cricket relations between the countries.

"When I look back at it I think I was wrong," Gatting told the BBC in a recent interview.

But Gatting, who left Pakistan vowing never to return, has so far kept his promise.

Rana was also contrite.

"It was all in the past, I have forgotten everything. I have healthy respect for Mike Gatting and if he visits Pakistan I will accept him as my guest."

"I welcome the England team to Pakistan and hope they have a good series here," Rana said.

Current England captain, Nasser Hussain refused to be drawn into the controversy.

"What happened in 1987? I was still at school then. So it has got nothing to do with me. I am looking forward to a flat good wicket at Faisalabad," he said on his arrival in Karachi earlier this week.

The second Test on the current tour will be played in Faisalabad.

# England at home



KARACHI, Oct 21: Marcus Trescothick hit a century and Graeme Hick 82 to inspire England to a comfortable 81-run victory over a Governor's XI in their day/night opener to the tour of Pakistan on Friday, reports Reuters.

Somerset's Trescothick struck a fluent 102 while Worcestershire's Hick hammered his runs off 60 balls to steer England to an imposing 323 for seven from 50 overs.

The hosts failed to capitalise on a 168-run second wicket partnership between Asim Kamal and Saleem Elahi and fell for 242 in 46.4 overs. They lost their last nine wickets for just 73 runs.

Discarded Test opener Elahi slammed an electrifying 103-ball 120 that was punctuated with 16 boundaries and a six. He was bowled by Hick who finished with two for 26.

But it was Darren Gough who broke the back of the Governor's XI by picking up three wickets in 19 balls for a haul of 32.

Trescothick's 93-ball innings was speiced with 12 boundaries and three sixes. Hick blasted nine fours and two sixes as England collected 94 from their last 10 overs to destroy an all-internationals attack.

Trescothick dominated a 126-run second wicket partnership with skipper Nasser Hussain who chipped in with a useful 44.

But there was no impressive opening to the 57-day tour for Surrey team mates Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe. Stewart scored a flashy 17 and Thorpe contributed 23.

England play Pakistan A in their last warm-up one-day on Sunday before facing Pakistan in the first one-day international here on Tuesday.

**ENGLAND**

Trescothick c Faisal Iqbal b Shoaib Malik 102  
Stewart c Younis Khan b Shabbir Ahmed 17  
Hussain c Asim Kamal b Shahid Afridi 44  
Hick c Kabir Khan b Shoaib Malik 82  
Thorpe c Saleem Elahi b Yasir Arafat 23  
Flintoff c Rashid Latif b Mohammad Akram 13  
White not out 21  
Eallham c Shahid Afridi b Shoaib Malik 4  
Grayson not out 0  
Extras: (lb-2, w-2, nb-13) 17  
Total: (For seven wickets in 50 overs) 323  
Did not bat A Caddick, D Gough

Fall of wickets: 1-41; 2-167; 3-180; 4-243; 5-296; 6-297; 7-321.

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Akram 9 0 52 1  
Kabir 5 0 26 0  
Malik 10 0 59 3  
Shabbir 9 0 70 1  
Afridi 10 0 58 1  
Arafat 7 0 56 1

**GOVERNOR'S XI**

Asim Kamal c Trescothick b Hick 44  
Afridi c Stewart b Caddick 0  
Elahi b Hick 120  
Younis b Gough 2  
Faisal lbw b Gough 2  
Latif lbw b Gough 7  
Arafat c White b Grayson 27  
Kabir c Flintoff b Eallham 2  
M Akram b Gough 9  
Shabbir b Gough 0  
Extras: (b-1; lb-5; w-14; nb-3) 23  
Total: (All out in 46.4 overs) 242

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-169; 3-177; 4-179; 5-182; 6-200; 7-201; 8-210; 9-242

**Bowler:** O M R W  
Caddick 8 0 46 1  
Gough 8.4 0 32 5  
Eallham 7 0 31 1  
White 6 0 37 0  
Grayson 7 1 28 1  
Trescothick 5 0 36 0  
Hick 5 0 26 2

**Result: England won by 81 runs.**