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Bangladesh's star middle-order batsman Aminul Islam receives a cheque of 2,000 dollars for getting the highest number of runs from a Grameen Phone official yesterday. --Star photo

Post match parley

Sports Reporter

Reckless batting yesterday cost Bangladesh the chance of earning a memorable draw in the inaugural Test believes coach Sarwar Imran.

Imran was talking to the reporters after Bangladesh lost the match by nine wickets. "I think everybody was a bit relaxed. Even though the batsmen were told to stay at the wicket, they still got carried away. Perhaps my message didn't reach their heads," said Imran.

"Some of the batsmen played in one-day manner while some had difficulty in negotiating the new ball. It was a collective failure.

"We needed to bat for three days. Unfortunately that did not happen," Imran added.

When asked why Al-Shahriar was sent ahead of Akram Khan, Imran explained that he did it to shield the burly veteran.

"I did not want Akram to face the new ball," said Imran. On the inclusion of Mehrab Hossain instead of in-form Javed Omar, Imran said that Mehrab was there for his stroke playing ability.

"But he (Mehrab) has still a disappointing outing. He lacks match temperament."

Skinner Naimur Rahman said that he was aware of what the Indian spinners could do on the fourth day pitch but never thought his batsmen would succumb so quickly.

"We played too many loose shots and threw our wickets away. I think they (the batsmen) were a bit over-confident having made 400 in the first innings," said the Bangladesh captain.

"The batsmen were properly briefed on how to approach the second innings but everything doesn't always go to plan."

Indian captain Saurav Ganguly was satisfied with the win specially because this was his first assignment.

"I was very confident of winning because the wicket was turning," said Saurav after the match.

"We have two spinners of high quality which I felt was our advantage. But the important thing was to get the lead," added Saurav.

When asked what target he would have preferred to chase, Saurav said bluntly: "Honestly speaking, with their quality of bowling, I never thought of that."

About man-of-the-match Joshi, Saurav termed him as an excellent all-rounder.

"He helped a lot in winning this match. I would love to get the same service from him in our coming home series against Zimbabwe," Saurav said.

The Indian captain finally had few words on his Bangladeshi opponents.

"They have to remember that they won't get wickets like this anywhere in the world. They have to improve their batting ability which I think they will be because I think they played very well in the first innings considering that it was their debut Test."

BANGLADESH-INDIA SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the Dutch Bangladesh Bank Inaugural Test match between Bangladesh and India that ended on the fourth day at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 400 all out in 153.3 overs (Aminul 145, Bashir 71, Akram 35, K Masood 32, Joshi 5/142, Agarkar 2/68, Zaheer 2/49)

INDIA: First innings (overnight 366 for 7 in 116 overs)

	R	B	Min	4s	6s
Das b Naimur	12	50	83	4	-
Ramesh b Bikash	48	92	135	6	-
Kartik c sub (Rajin) b Naimur	43	119	167	5	-
Dravid c Al-Shahriar b Rafique	28	48	71	5	-
Tendulkar c sub (Rajin) b Naimur	18	41	63	1	-
Ganguly c Al-Shahriar b Naimur	84	153	214	5	-
Karim st Shahriar b Naimur	15	46	59	2	-
Joshi c Al-Shahriar b Rafique	92	180	241	9	-
Agarkar c Bikash b Naimur	34	88	128	5	-
Srinath c & b Rafique	2	2	6	-	-
Zaheer not out	7	12	14	-	-
Extras: (b-13, lb-4, w-2)	19	-	-	-	-
Total: (all out in 141.3 overs)	429	-	-	-	-
Fall of wickets: 1/66; 2/104; 3/155; 4/175; 5/190; 6/236; 7/357; 8/413; 9/421.	-	-	-	-	-

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Hasibul Hossain	19	2	60	1
Bikash Ranjan	19	3	64	1
Naimur Rahman	44	9	132	6
Rafique	51	12	117	3
Habibul Bashir	8	0	39	0

BANGLADESH: Second innings: R B Min 4s 6s

Shahriar lbw b Joshi	7	32	41	-	-
Mehrab c Kartik b Zaheer	2	12	29	-	-
Bashir c Zaheer b Agarkar	30	63	100	4	-
Aminul lbw b Agarkar	6	21	39	1	-
Al-Shahriar c & b Joshi	6	16	20	1	-
Akram c Das b Joshi	2	24	33	-	-
K Masood not out	21	68	92	1	-
Naimur c Ganguly b Srinath	3	32	36	-	-
Rafique c Ganguly b Srinath	4	6	7	-	-
Hasibul lbw b Srinath	0	2	0	-	-
Bikash c Das b Kartik	0	5	19	-	-
Extras: (b-7, lb-1, nb-2)	10	5	19	-	-
Total: (all out in 46.3 overs)	91	-	-	-	-
Fall of wickets: 1/11, 2/32, 3/43, 4/53, 5/53, 6/69, 7/70, 8/81, 9/81.	-	-	-	-	-

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Srinath	11	3	19	3
Zaheer Khan	5	0	20	1
Agarkar	11	4	16	2
Sunil Joshi	18	3	27	3
Murali Kartik	1.3	0	1	1

INDIA: Second innings: R B Min 4s 6s

SS Das not out	22	38	60	3	-
Ramesh b Hasibul	1	3	11	-	-
Dravid not out	41	49	50	5	1
Extras: (for 1 wkts in 15 overs)	64	-	-	-	-
Fall of wkt: 1/11.	-	-	-	-	-

Bowler

	O	M	R	W
Hasibul	6	0	31	1
Bikash	3	0	8	0
Naimur	4	0	22	0
Rafique	2	0	3	0

Result: India won by 9 wickets.

Man-of-the-match: Sunil Joshi (India).

Umpires: David Shepherd (England), Steve Bucknor (West Indies).

Match Referee: Raman Subba Row (England).

Third Umpire: Mahabubur Rahman (Bangladesh).

Toss: Bangladesh.

Chess Olympiad Women improve, men decline

Sports Reporter

Bangladesh men's chess team finished 55th out of 130 teams from 129 countries. They earned 29 points from 14 rounds, according to an e-mail message from Istanbul.

In the 14th round, they crushed Albania 4-0. IM Reefat bin-Sattar beat Grandmaster E Dervishi, IM Ziaur Rahman beat FM L Rama, IM Abdullah Al Rakib beat FM Z Sula and FM Enamul Hossain Razib beat D Mehmet.

In the last Olympiad in Russia in 1998, Bangladesh clinched the 53rd position.

In the women's group, Bangladesh earned the 37th place, collecting 21.5 points. In the 14th round, they beat Norway 2-1.

Rani Hamid beat Hage-saether and Nazrana Khan beat S Johnsen and Zakia Sultana lost to S. Bernsen.

Gray comes to Lahore Friday

LAHORE, Nov 13: International Cricket Council (ICC) chairman Malcolm Gray is to arrive here Friday to chair the ICC finance committee's bi-annual meeting, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said Monday, reports AFP.

"Mr Gray will arrive in Pakistan on November 17 as the ICC has scheduled its finance committee meeting in Lahore," PCB director of operations Yawar Saeed said.

The ICC finance committee, which meets twice a year, will discuss next year's budget.

Gray, an Australian, took over in June and this will be his first visit to Asia as ICC chief.

Kumble out of Zimbabwe Tests

FARIDABAD, India, Nov 13: India's strike bowler Anil Kumble will miss the two Test matches against Zimbabwe later this month because of a shoulder injury, a cricket official said on Monday, reports AFP.

The leg-spinner had not produced a fitness certificate ahead of Tuesday's selection for the first Test in New Delhi, Board of Control for Cricket in India secretary Jaywant Lele said.

"The selectors will not consider anyone whose fitness is in doubt," Lele said.

Kumble, who complained of shoulder pain soon after the International Cricket Council Knockout tournament in Kenya last month, was forced to miss four matches in the Sharjah tri-series against Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

He was also dropped from the Inaugural Test match against Bangladesh in Dhaka.

Kumble's fitness will be determined after his check-up with noted South African orthopaedic surgeon Mark Ferguson, who is visiting Madras later this month for a medical conference.

Flintoff coming back to Pakistan

LODNON, Nov 13: All-rounder Andrew Flintoff has been called back to Pakistan to provide back-up to England's injury-hit squad, reports Reuters.

Flintoff, sent home after completing his role in the recent three-match limited-overs series, may be needed as a specialist batsman, though a continuing back problem is preventing him from bowling.

England have been hit by injury problems ahead of the first Test against Pakistan starting in Lahore on Wednesday, with captain Nasser Hussain, Michael Vaughan, Craig White and Dominic Cork on the casualty list.

Pakistan all-rounder Wasim Akram, who used to captain Flintoff at Lancashire, aid on Monday he could not understand why his ex-county teammate had been sent back home in the first place.

Akram told England's radio Five Live from Pakistan: "He must have been enjoying himself (at home) but he should have been here practising and getting used to the conditions."

Khokan clinches billiards title

Sports Reporter

M A Muttalee (Khokan) clinched the billiards title of Gulshan Club.

In the two-day (Nov 9-10) competition that also included snooker, he defeated Syed Masud in the final.

The snooker title was won by Asif Rahman. Mostaqur Rahman became runner-up.

TASTY TEST TREATS

Hasan Masood

Who could have thought that Bangladesh's inaugural Test match would come to such an abrupt end after three days of glorious play by the home team? The sponsor - Dutch-Bangla Bank was also no exception.

The employees of the bank were at a loss in the afternoon when India galloped to win the one-off Test with a day to spare, as they could not get their promotional background screen ready for the presentation ceremony.

Finding no other alternatives, the bank officials finally rushed out of the stadium and managed to collect a banner displayed outside. Then few bank employees and scouts stood in line behind the presentation party to display the banner.

starting in the capital city from November 18.

Indian team management was quick to cancel their November 14 flight, and they managed to hop in British Airways later in the night.

"It has given us an additional day before the first Test begins in three days' time," said Indian captain Saurav Ganguly after the match.

When asked what the Indian team would do if its government does not allow them to tour Pakistan early next year, an smiling Saurav said they would go for a much-needed rest.

NEW FEAT

The 56-run stand between Sunil Joshi and Ajit Agarkar in the India first innings yesterday set a new eighth wicket partnership record on this ground.

The previous highest eighth wicket stand (40) at this venue was shared by Englishmen and Sri Lankans.

England's controversial cricketer Basil D'Oliveira (114*) and John Snow (9) set the mark against Pakistan in 1968-69 while Sri Lanka's Hashan Til-



Sunil Joshi receives the man-of-the-match's cheque. --Star photo

New CBI blitz across India

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Indian detectives on Monday conducted nationwide raids on homes and offices of people believed to be linked to an alleged scam involving TV broadcasts of cricket played in the country, reports AFP.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which earlier this month named five domestic cricketers in a huge match-fixing scandal, raided 25 premises in the cities of Bombay, Bangalore, Calcutta, Lucknow and New Delhi.

CBI detectives also searched the home of S.K. Sarma, who headed the national Doordarshan television station during the 1996 cricket World Cup, which was jointly hosted by India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, officials said.

Premises of five other senior Doordarshan officials were also searched and sealed by a CBI team, they said.

"Events under scrutiny include the 1996 Cricket World Cup, French Open Tennis tournament of 1997 and the 1998 ICC knock-out tournament in Dhaka," an official told AFP, adding the CBI suspected huge bungling in handing out the broadcasting rights.

Following the raids the CBI lodged five cases under India's stern Prevention of Corruption Act against six Doordarshan officials and the three private firms.

It also registered cases of criminal conspiracy against them.

The CBI says it suspects some Doordarshan executives sold several television rights to private firms despite having the infrastructure to broadcast the events itself and illegally earned huge kickbacks.

The investigation will deal with the allotment of such rights from 1996 onwards and zero in on middlemen, event managers and Doordarshan officials, an official said.

The CBI will also scrutinise the sale of broadcast rights for the 1999 cricket World Cup hosted by England, the officials said.

The premises of privately-owned WorldTel, United Television Network and Messers Stracon were also raided.

The Calcutta home of former International Cricket Council (ICC) president Jagmohan Dalmiya was also raided, witnesses in the eastern Indian city said.

Dalmiya, who was also subjected to an intense scrutiny by revenue officials during nationwide raids in July in the homes of cricketers and board officials, appeared visibly disturbed but said he co-operated with the CBI.

"The CBI team wanted to see various papers related to correspondence of Doordarshan with various other marketing and broadcasting companies," Dalmiya told reporters.

"I do not have those papers since it deals with Doordarshan's correspondence with other companies. But I offered to provide them all assistance as former ICC president," he said.

Dalmiya said the CBI demanded documents related to Doordarshan correspondence on telecast rights of Wimbledon 1997 and the ICC Knockout tournament.

The CBI on November 1 released a report following a six-month-long inquiry into match-fixing charges, which named former skipper Mohammad Azharuddin - whistle-blower Manoj Prabhakar, Ajay Jadhava, Navan Mongia and Ajay Sharma as having being involved.

The CBI absolved Indian cricket icon Kapil Dev but national cricket board officials on Sunday said the player would be questioned by a separate investigation team set up by the game's authorities.

Except for Azharuddin, who led India for a decade in his 16-year career, the four other tainted players were quizzed by the board's anti-corruption chief, K. Madhavan, last weekend.

The CBI has also named nine overseas players, a dozen bookmakers and said some Indian cricket officials were involved in the scandal which has rocked the cricketing world to its core.

The board, after banning the five players from playing in international and domestic matches, named Madhavan last week as commissioner of its own inquiry.

The CBI has also taken the national cricket board to task for its operating style, selection policies and alleged lack of accountability in selling television broadcasting rights for matches played in India.

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