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Martin Crowe
 (Former New Zealand cricket captain)

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- Who was declared man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh-India inaugural Test?
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NBL football 'Super Three' starts tomorrow

Sports Reporter
 The 'Super Three' phase of the National Bank Premier Division football league begins tomorrow at the Bangabandhu National Stadium with leaders Muktioddha Sangsad taking on holders Mohammedan Sporting Club in the opening match at 4:30 pm.

Muktioddha finished the 'Super Four' with highest 35 points from 15 matches while Mohammedan and Abahani qualified with 33 points each from same outings.

The second match of the 'Super Three' will be between Abahani and Mohammedan at 2:45 pm on November 28 while the third match between Abahani and Muktioddha Sangsad will be held on November 30 at 2:45 pm.

Pakistan could make changes

FAISALABAD, Nov 24 (Internet report): Pakistan are contemplating changes to their team for the second Test against England, which starts next Wednesday in Faisalabad. Chairman of selectors Wasim Bari has hinted that fast bowler Waqar Younis may be recalled to the side, and there could be a first cap for teenage leg-spinner Danish Kaneria. They are expected to name a 14-man squad for the game late on Friday.

POSSIBLE SQUAD

Moin Khan (captain), Saeed Anwar, Shahid Afridi, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Younis, Youhana, Salim Elahi, Imran Nazir, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Abdur Razaq, Azhar Mahmood, Saqlain Murtaza, Mushiq Ahmed, Danish Kaneria.

Court stays ban on Malik until December 7

LAHORE, Nov 24 A Pakistani court has granted an interim stay to former cricket captain Salim Malik against a life ban for match-fixing, his lawyer said Friday, reports AFP. Malik filed a suit before civil judge Abdul Qayyum last week seeking a permanent injunction against a life ban on playing cricket and a fine of one million rupees (16,700 dollars) imposed in July. Shahid Hamid said. The court heard the case on Thursday and granted an 'interim stay' until December 7. Hamid, a former governor of the Pakistani province of Punjab, told this news agency.

Rajshahi dump Dhaka

Draws dominate the rest

Sports Reporter

Hosts Rajshahi pulled off a sensational 212-run win over powerful Dhaka in their Green Delta National League opener at the Rajshahi Stadium yesterday. In the other matches Biman, Dhaka Metropolitan and Khulna who all drew their fixtures, ran away with four points each by virtue of their first innings lead over defending champions Chittagong, Sylhet and Barisal respectively. The teams switch to limited-overs games today.

DHAKA-RAJSHAHI

On the final day of their three-day match, Dhaka, needing a mammoth 304 in the second innings for victory, were shut out for 92. Rajshahi's Mushfiqur Rahman, Aminul Islam Junior and Imran Farveez evened shared nine wickets. Mushfiq, the national all-rounder who captured three wickets in the first innings for 54 runs, was the wrecker-in-chief as he conceded only 11 runs in his seven-over spell. Aminul and Imran gave away 23 and 33 runs respectively for their three-wicket hauls.

Dhaka opener Shahriar Hossain top-scored with 20. Harunur Rashid (15), Sajjad Kadir (16) and Biplob Sarkar (15) were the other batsmen to reach double figures.

Earlier in the morning, Rajshahi, resuming their second innings on 95 for one in 29 overs, added another 186 runs in 31 overs before they declared on 281 for eight at lunch. Opener Rafiqul Islam com-

pleted 85 off 177 balls while Mushfiq added 71 off 135 balls. It followed his superb 67 in the first innings. Nuruzzaman and Anisur Rahman collected 42 and 34 respectively.

BIMAN V CHITTAGONG

At the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) ground in Savar, Biman's young right-arm seamer Mohammad Sharif denied the holders a well-deserved first innings lead.

Chittagong, resuming their first innings on 294 for 3 in 75.4 overs and needing another 117 runs to overhaul Biman's massive first innings total of 411, fell 13 runs short being bowled out for 397.

Sharif captured four out of the remaining seven Chittagong wickets to help his side collect four valuable points.

The 17-year-old, wicketless on Thursday, however was in devastating form on Friday. Among his scalps included Chittagong master batsman Minhalul Abedin.

The Chittagong captain along with Akram Khan kept the port city team's hopes alive, only added another four runs to his overnight 70 before becoming Sharif's first victim. Jahangir Alam (13), Enamul (8) and Pakistani low middle-order batsman Shahed Mehmood (34) joined their skipper in the dressing room.

Biman were 170 for three in 45.4 overs in their second innings when both captains called it a day.

DHAKA METRO V SYLHET

Dhaka Metropolitan picked

up four first innings points against Sylhet at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium. Dhaka Metropolitan, who amassed 302 in the first innings, resumed their second innings on 60 for two and rattled up another 124 runs in 40 overs before they declared on 184 for eight.

Middle-order batsman Halim Shah contributed 71 off 135 balls with six boundaries followed by opener Al-Shahriar who added 50 off 86 balls with seven fours.

In reply, Sylhet, who managed 153 in the first innings, were 203 for three in 57 overs when the match was concluded.

Opener Parvez scored highest 91 off 145 balls with a dozen fours. One-down Rajin Saleh was unbeaten on 78 off 154 balls. He also hammered 12 boundaries in his three-hour vigil at the crease.

KHULNA V BARISAL

Away at the Jessore Stadium, the Khulna-Barisal match ended tamely. Khulna, however, earned four valuable points.

On the last day, Barisal after scoring 179 in the first innings, reached 186 for eight in 97 overs in their second innings at stumps after resuming the day on 11 for no loss.

Khulna made 292 for seven in 100 overs in their first innings.

Khulna opener Asadullah Khan with a brilliant 90 was later adjudged man-of-the-match.

(Scoreboards of these matches are on Page 15)

India include Zaheer

Second Test starts today

NAGPUR, India, Nov 24 India have recalled left-arm seamer Zaheer Khan for the second Test against Zimbabwe as they bid to complete a 2-0 rout of the tourists, reports AFP.

Zaheer, a surprise inclusion for the first Test, and rookie off-spinner Sharandeep Singh have been included in the eleven for

match," the Indian captain said. "He's just come back from injury and needs adequate rest."

Ganguly was criticised in the Indian media for keeping out Zaheer, the team's bowling find of the season, to play an additional batsman in Venkatesh Laxman on the placid Feroz Shahi Kotla wicket.

Laxman now makes way for Zaheer, while Sharandeep makes his debut replacing left-

arm spinner Murali Kartik, who claimed just two second innings wickets in the Delhi Test.

The 21-year-old Sharandeep claimed 37 first-class wickets last season, but failed to take any during Zimbabwe's three-day tour opener against the National Cricket Academy in Indore.

Ganguly said he expected both batsmen and bowlers to prosper on the grassless, but hard Nagpur wicket which will afford more bounce than the one at the Kotla.

Channel i will show the match live from 10:00am (BST).



SAURAV GANGULY

the second Test starting at the Vidharbha Cricket Association ground here on Saturday.

Indian captain Saurav Ganguly admitted he made a mistake not playing a fifth bowler in the Delhi Test, even though the home team cruised to a seven-wicket win.

"We put too much workload on Javagal Srinath by going in with just four bowlers," Ganguly said on Friday. "It was a mistake."

Srinath, India's main strike bowler in the absence of the injured Anil Kumble, sent down 35 overs in the first innings and 24.1 in the second for a haul of nine wickets in the match.

"I don't want to see Srinath bowl 50 overs again in a

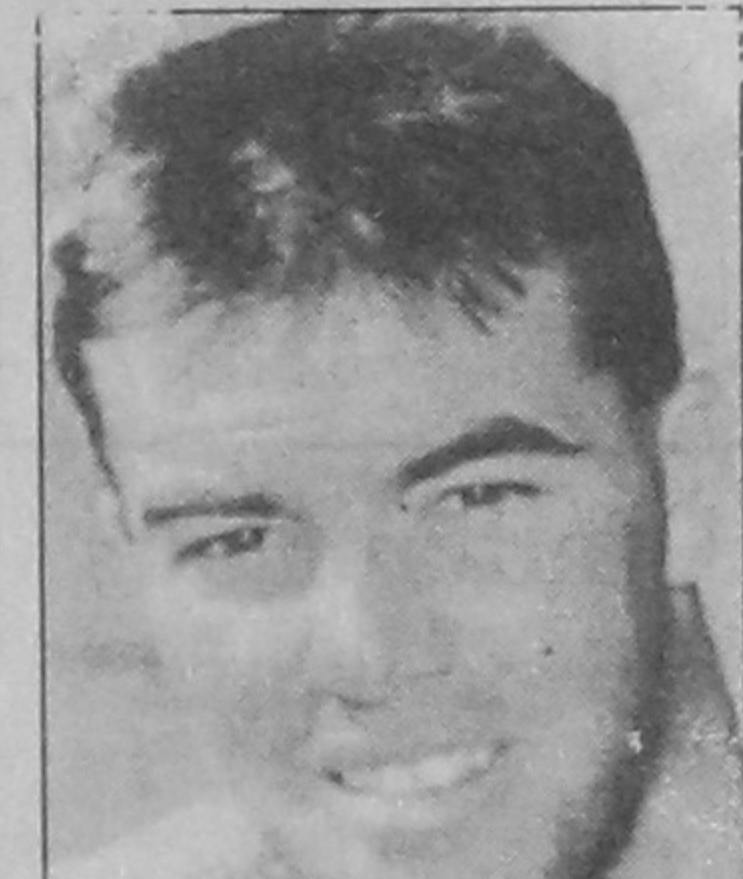
turn, but there is little one can do at this late stage," said Ganguly, who hopes to complete a hat-trick of wins in his first three Tests as captain.

He led India to victory against Bangladesh in the inaugural Test in Dhaka earlier this month before winning the first of two back-to-back Tests against Zimbabwe.

"I am not after records, but any victory is welcome. India has lacked consistency in the past, and hope we will rectify that," he said.

Zimbabwean captain Heath Streak was, meanwhile, confident of matching India's all-round superiority, despite the heavy defeat in the first Test.

"We gave it away in the second innings after making 422 in



HEATH STREAK

missed the first Test with a shoulder injury.

Zimbabwe's hopes of thwarting the Indians rest on seasoned left-hander Andy Flower, who made an unbeaten 183 and 70 in Delhi.

PROBABLE TEAMS

INDIA: Saurav Ganguly (captain), Shiv Das, Sadagopan Ramesh, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Vijay Dahiya, Sunil Joshi, Sharandeep Singh, Javagal Srinath, Ajit Agarkar, Zaheer Khan.

ZIMBABWE: Heath Streak (captain), Grant Flower, Douglas Marillier, Stuart Carlisle, Alistair Campbell, Andy Flower, Guy Whittall, Paul Strang, Bryan Strang, Travis Friend, Henry Olonga.

56. Khaliq was not perturbed as he finished the match in sweeping fashion, hitting off-spinner Alex French for three sixes to post his side's victory.

"I was not worried when wickets were falling. I knew we had the depth in batting to win the match," said Al Saffar.

Hong Kong's innings was built around a patient 78 from their star batsman, Rahul Sharma, who fought single-handedly to give his team a respectable total to defend.

Sharma, who hit an unbeaten 145 in the semi-final against Nepal, came in to bat in the fourth over with the score on 15 for one. Wickets fell at regular intervals at the other end and Sharma was forced to take a watchful approach as he UAE bowlers kept a tight line and length.



Grand Master Niaz Murshed (L) makes a move against Shahadat Hossain during their fifth round engagement of the First Division Chess League at the NSC yesterday.

Titus, Biman share lead

Sports Reporter

Titus Club joined holders Biman at the top of the First Division League table after defeating Anushilan Daba Krira Chakra 4-0 in the fifth round held at the NSC chess room yesterday.

In the day's matches, Titus' Enamul Hossain Rajib, Khandkar Aminul Islam, Syed Ruhul Kabir Shiplu and Kaves Hasan won their respective boards against Anushilan's Ahmed Hossain, Amir Hossain, Sohel Chowdhury and Mustafizur Rahman to close their one-point gap with high flying Biman who beat Nakhla para Jubo Sangha 3-1.

Biman's IM Ziaur Rahman, IM Abdullah Al-Rakib and Syed Tahmidur Rahman won their respective boards while Rezaul Haque lost to Moniruzzaman.

Both Biman and Titus now have 17.5 points. Grand Master-studded Loeline Chess Club are in the third spot with 16.5 points. They registered a 3-1 win over Mahakkhal Prodeep Sangha.

GM Niaz Murshed won his board against Sahadat Hossain, GM Igor Roussis of Lithuania beat Yanur Rahman Royal while Indian IM Sankar Roy earned a walk over against Badaruddin. Taibur Rahman lost the only board for Loeline when he was checkmated by Mahakkhal's Ashrafur Rahman.

The sixth round will start at the same venue at 2:30 pm today.

Brothers post victory

Sports Reporter

Brothers Union Club recorded a 4-3 win over Victoria Sporting Club in a relegation play-off match of the National Bank Premier Division football league at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday. The winners led the first half 2-1.

Zahid and Anwar netted two goals each for the Gopibagh boys while Rahel, Sohel and Ripon scored one apiece for the losers.

Victoria have already confirmed their demotion along with Badda Jagarani Club having finished the two-tier league at the bottom of the table.

With yesterday's win, Brothers raised their tally to 23 points from 16 matches while Victoria remained at the bottom with only two points. Badda have 12 points from 15 matches.

Transcom Cup golf

Sports Reporter

Omar Wasiuddin and S W Lee won the individual titles in the Transcom Cup held at the Kurmitola Golf Club yesterday. Wasiuddin clinched the men's crown and Lee became ladies' champion respectively.

A total of 263 golfers from across the country took part in the prestigious tournament.

Chief of Army Staff and the club president M Mustafizur Rahman inaugurated the meet in the morning and later distributed prizes in the evening at the Club House.

OTHER WINNERS

Senior Winner: Syed Aziz Ahmed. **Junior Winner:** Syed Faisal Hossain. **Best Gross:** Daryl James Crooks. **Ladies' Best Gross:** Hiroko Kosaka.

Second Best Gross: Shawkat uz Zaman. **Runner-up:** A K Fazle Rabbi. **Ladies Runner-up:** S N Lee. **Second Runner-up:** Maj Gen M Kamaluddin.

Front Nine Winner: Rear Admiral A A Mustafa. **Back Nine Winner:** Alok Azem.

Nearest to Pin: Ho Won Chung. **Longest Drive:** Daryl James Crooks.

Assertive Australia



BRISBANE, Nov 24 Brett Lee's free-spirited hitting and demon strike bowler Glenn McGrath Friday left Australia poised to win the first Test against the West Indies inside three days at the Gabba here, reports AFP.

Fast bowler Lee clubbed seven boundaries, a five and a straight-hit six in his highest Test score of 62 not out off 80 balls to be the unlikely top-scorer of Australia's first innings of 332.

That gave the rampant Australians a formidable 250-run lead over the tourists with three scheduled days still to play and fine weather forecast.

McGrath, who captured 6-17 in the West Indies' abysmal first innings of 82, further weakened the Caribbean team's resolve by taking the demoralising wickets of leading batsmen opener Sherwin Campbell and Brian Lara in the 13 overs left to stumps.

It was the 12th time McGrath had captured Lara's prized wicket in Tests and his 296th in Tests.

At the close, first innings topscorer Darren Ganga was not out eight with Shivnarine Chanderpaul on seven and the West Indies 25 for two - trailing by 225 runs.

Campbell lasted just four balls before McGrath had him caught behind for a duck and Lara extravagantly attempted to hook the Australian spearhead only to dolly a catch to the waiting wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist for four. The West Indies were groggy at 10 for two.

The last rites are expected to be carried out during Saturday's third day with the West Indies going through a crisis of confidence after plummeting to their fifth sub-one hundred total in two years in Thursday's diabolical first innings.

Victory will give Australia their 11th consecutive Test win, which would equal the West Indies' record set back in 1984.

But earlier in the day the tourists stalled the Australian run advance with Test debutant Marlon Black claiming four wickets.

Black, a strapping 25-year-old tyro, removed Michael Slater (54), nightwatchman Andy Bichel (8) and Justin Langer (3) in an inspired opening spell. He later grabbed the wicket of in-form Ricky Ponting for 20 to finish with 4-83 off 28 overs.

Black, who was well supported by fellow Trinidadian Mervyn Dillon (3-79), had Australia restricted to 186 for six and a deficit of 104 runs near the third hour of play, but their hopes were blown away by pugnacious knocks by Lee and Gilchrist.

Gilchrist, coming in at No.8, slammed a belligerent 48 off 66 balls while Lee made merry surpassing his previous highest Test score of 27 last summer against India.

Lee brought up his first Test half-century when he scampered off for a single, dived to make his ground only for Shivnarine Chanderpaul's throw at the stumps to go for four overthrows.

Lee frustrated the tiring West Indians with partnerships of 61 with Gilchrist and 50 with leg-spinner Stuart MacGill (19) before last man in McGrath gave world record-holder Courtney Walsh his first wicket of the innings and 484th in Tests.

Up until Lee's boisterous hitting, the Australian innings had been pinned down by a much-improved West Indian attack.

After Slater, Bichel and Langer went to Black, Mark Waugh, who has been mentioned in an Indian cricket corruption report, struggled in his 149-minute stay for 24 before he was caught ankle-high by Dillon in his follow-through.

Steve Waugh was out for 41 to a blinding bullet two-handed catch at second slip by Campbell off Dillon.

Ponting, who has been in slashing form in domestic cricket this season, looked in ominous touch before he edged Black to wicketkeeper Ridley Jacobs.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close of play on the second day of the first cricket Test between Australia and West Indies on Friday.

WEST INDIES: First innings 82 (G McGrath 6-17)

AUSTRALIA: First innings (overnight 107-1)

Slater c Campbell b Black 54

Hayden run out 44

Bichel c Jacobs b Black 8

Langer c Jacobs b Black 3

M Waugh c and b Dillon 24

S Waugh c Campbell b Dillon 41

Ponting c Jacobs b Black 20

Gilchrist c Jacobs b Dillon 48

Lee not out 62

MacGill run out 19

McGrath b Walsh 9

Extras (nb-4, lb-5) 9

Total (All out 114.4 overs) 332

Fall of wickets: 1-101; 2-111; 3-112; 4-117; 5-179; 6-186; 7-220; 8-281; 9-331; 10-332

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**

Walsh 31.4 7 78 1

Black 28 5 83 4

Dillon 25 8 79 3

McLean 25 5 79 0

Adams 5 2 8 0

WEST INDIES: Second innings

Campbell c Gilchrist b McGrath 0

Ganga not out 8

Lara c Gilchrist b McGrath 4

Chanderpaul not out 7

Extras (b-4, lb-1, nb-1) 6

Total (For two wickets in 13 overs) 25

Fall of wickets: 1-1; 2-10

Bowler **O** **M** **R** **W**

McGrath 5 3 7 2

Lee 4 2 12 0

MacGill 2 1 1 0

Bichel 2 2 0 0

Black light for Windies



UNDATED, Nov 24 (Internet report): The search has been long and frustrating, but finally - perhaps - the West Indies have found a fast bowler capable of leading their attack in the post-Walsh and Ambrose era.

Marlon Black's highly impressive entry into Test cricket in Brisbane is timely with Walsh seemingly ready to pass on the torch at the end of the tour of Australia after 16 years of dedicated service.

The search for a pacesman with speed, stamina and accuracy has been one of the chief concerns for the West Indies selectors in recent seasons.

Nixon McLean, Franklyn Rose, Reon King and Mervyn Dillon have all been given plenty of opportunities to establish themselves as the team's premier strike bowler.

Others such as Pedro Collins, Corey Collymore and Patterson Thompson had only a brief flirtation with the Test squad before injuries and loss of form put them out of contention.

All had potential, but none possessed one of the key ingredients in a fast bowler's armoury - consistency.

Walsh and Curtly Ambrose, who retired at the end of the tour of England earlier this

year, wheeled away for over after over, series after series, year after year and such was their ability that batsmen could never afford to let their concentration waver.

Only time will tell whether Black possesses the consistency to build on his early success Down Under.

The 25-year-old took four wickets for Trinidad and Tobago in the final of the 1999-2000 Busta Cup, but it proved an unhappy experience as they lost to Barbados.

He was, however, chosen to play in two representative matches against Zimbabwe in March and proved he did not lack perseverance by sending down 34 overs in one innings for the President's XI at Pointe-a-Pierre for figures of four for 87.

His tireless effort helped him secure a place in the West Indies A