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Herschelle Gibbs

(South African Test crick-

"It is a fresh start (to my career) and hopefully a much more professional and better

After his return from the six-month ban.

# Booters off to Chittagong

Sports Reporter The national football team

left for Chittagong yesterday to play two warm-up matches at the Chittagong Stadium as part of their preparation for the Millennium Cup in India.

But skipper Alfaz Ahmed missed the bus sustaining an injury at his right ankle during a practice session at the BKSP on Tuesday.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport over phone last night, Alfaz said that the injury was not serious, and he would be leaving with the team for India next week.

The team will meet Chittagong Abahani in their first match at the Abdul Aziz Stadium this afternoon and take on Chittagong Mohammedan at the same venue tomorrow.

### Kasprowicz's fiery return

HOBART. Australia. Jan 3: Australia's storehouse of fast bowlers continues to bulge with Michael Kasprowicz returning from serious injury to bag five wickets here on Wednesday. reports AFP.

The former Test bowler took 5-29 from 16 overs in his first match after major shoulder reconstruction as Queensland destroyed Tasmania on the first day of their Sheffield Shield match.

By stumps, Queensland had already taken first innings points, being 121 for one after

bowling Tasmania out for 112. Kasprowicz said he had wondered if he would ever play again after surgery last May left him unable to move his shoul-

# Another Lara

claimed his 100" Test catch when he helped dismiss Australian opener Matthew Hayden before lunch on the second day of the fifth and final Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground today. reports Reuters.

Hayden departed for three with the Australian total on 17 when Lara held a sharp catch at first slip after Courtney Walsh found the edge.

Lara joined Vivian Richards and Garfield Sobers as the only West Indian fielders to take at least 100 Test catches while Walsh extended his world record tally of wickets to 493, seven short of the magical 500

mark. Earlier in the day. West Indies were bowled out for 272 in their first innings after resuming at 256-9.



National captain Naimur Rahman fends a delivery from Biman's left-arm spinner Saifullah to wicketkeeper Sujon during their Green Delta National Cricket League fixture yesterday. ---- Star photo by Anisur Rahman

# Biman stay in front

Sports Reporter

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE Biman v Dhaka Metro

Bangladesh Biman gained a crucial first innings advantage against Dhaka Metropolis on the second day of their Green Delta National League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium vesterday.

The national airline outfit, who put on 354 in their first essay, bowled Dhaka Metropolis out for 314 in the final hours of The man behind Biman's

success on the day was their Pakistani all-rounder Manzoor Akhter, who took five wickets to send the hosts packing in 83.5 Although the wicket was

tailor-made for the batsmen. Dhaka have only themselves to blame for failing to capitalise on

National opener Mehrab Hossain however lived up to his reputation with a fluent 70 off 118 balls. Just as he was looking good for a hundred, his concentration let him down as he offered a tame return catch to Manzoor, the leg-spinner. The former Pakistan Test cap playing his first National League game, was also responsible for Biman's spectacular recovery operation in company with Sanwar with a superb 95 on the first day.

Sanwar, not out on 111 on the first day, could add five runs to his total before being out in the second over of the morning.

For Dhaka, Khaled Mahmud played a captain knock of 71 with the help of six fours and a

CAPE TOWN, Sou-th

Africa. Jan 3: Dar-

vll Cullinan hit

his fourth century

in successive Tes-

is at Newlands

and put South Africa in a

commanding position on the

second day of the second Test

against Sri Lanka here on

Cullinan, who hit 10 fours

and three sixes to reach his

century, made 112 before being

run out by a direct hit from

Chaminda Vaas shortly before

South Africa had scored 323

for five at the interval, a lead of

228, after bowling out the Sri

Cullinan shared stands of

101 with Neil McKenzie (47)

and 86 with Mark Boucher (43)

His minings again put Culli-

It was his 12th Test hundred

nan in front of teammate Gara

Kirsten as South Africa's lead-

Lankans for 95 in the first three

hours of the match.

mg century-maker.

Wednesday, reports AFP.

six over extra-cover against Haved c Al-Shahrlar b Ashraful 37 slow-left armer Saifullah but he had little support. Mahmud was caught brilliantly by Faruque Ahmed in the slips. The onehanded diving catch from the former national captain suggested that he might have lost the power with bat but is still a superb fielder as he was during

his hay days. The most disheartening aspect was that almost all the Dhaka batsmen got off to a good start but then threw their wickets playing rash shots.

Leading the irresponsible pack was Al-Shahriar, who after making a 17-ball 14 deposited his wicket. National captain Naimur Rahman made 27 but paid the price of playing too many shots. Neeyamur might claim him-

self a bit unlucky as a ball that

never bounced from Saifullah

undid him. Young wicket-keeper Anwar threw caution to the wind when he hammered four sweetly timed fours in one prodigal over of Manzoor. But his promising innings of 20 came to an abrupt end when his partner at the other end Saikat had his off- 'K Mahmud c Faruque b Manzoor 71

delivery from Sharif. Sharif, the sensational discovery of Biman this year, took three wickets for 80 runs.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day Green Delta National Cricket League match between Bangladesh Biman and Dhaka Metropolis at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium

BIMAN (overnight 349 for in 106 overs)

305 and Cullinan had passed

his century when the new ball

some anxious moments, how-

ever, beating him with a top-

spinner when Cullinan was on

87 and having him dropped by

Kumar Sangakkara for four

he played Vaas to mid-wicket

and the bowler moved quickly

to pick up the ball and hit the

Culhuan went for a single.

Cullinan was run out when

Sri Lanka made a good start

Kallis drove at an out-

to the day when fast bowler

Dilhara Fernando dismissed

Jacques Kallis with his second

ball without addition to the

swinger and edged the ball to

Mahela Jayawardene at first

slip. Kallis made 49 off 150

ished the first day at 130 for

two with Kallis unbeaten on 49

and Cullinan on 17. Opener

the South African team after a

six-month ban for conspiring in

match fixing, was out second

Herschelle Gibbs, recalled to

Gary Kirsten earlier made 52.

The hosts had earlier fin-

balls with six fours.

ball for nought.

overnight total of 130 for three.

soon after reaching his century.

Muralitharan gave Cullinan

bowled in tandem.

was eventually taken.

mid-off on 89.

Farugue b K Mahinud Bashar c Mehrab b Neeyamur Aminul b Naimur Manzoor st. Anwar b Saikat Sanwar c Mehrab b Neevamur 116 Hasamuzzaman c Anwar b Neeya-

Sujon c Anwar b Saikat Sharif b Naimur Jahangir lbw b K Mahmud Saifullah not out Extras: (b-4, lb-17, w-1) Total: (All out in 107.4 overs) Fall of wickets: 1/7, 2/8, 3/31, 4/85, 5/193, 6/279,

7/313, 8/324, 9/354 R Bowler O M K Mahmud Neeyamur \* Naimur Ashraful Saikat Naveem Al-Shahriar · 1 0

DHAKA METROPOLIS Ashraful b Sharif

Mehrab c & b Manzoor Al-Shahriar c Sanwar b Manzoor 14 Sajjad c Faruque b Manzoor Naveem c & b Sharif Naimur e Sujon b Saifullah Halim c Sanwar b Manzoor stump uprooted by a very fast Neevamur Ibw b Saifullah Anwar not out Saikat b Sharif Extras: (b-26, lb-8, nb-2, w-1)

Total: (All out in 83.5 overs) Fall of wickets: 1/25, 2/43 3/126 4/131 5/153 6/180

Bowler	0	M	R	1
Sharif	20.5	1	80	
Jahangir	13	6	25	
Manzoor	29	5	104	
Saifullah	15	2	49	
Bashar	1	0	2	
Aminul	5	0	20	(

Cullinan cruise continues Cullinan run out (Vaas)

The total had advanced to McKenzie c and b Arnold Boucher not out

M. Ntini, M. Ngam. Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-97, 3-130, 4-231, 5-317 OMRW

## for India boys Sports Reporter

Second defeat

An all-round performance by skipper Mahmudullah guided Dhaka Metropolis Blues to an exciting 17-run win over touring All-India Cricket Research Institute (AICRI) in an exhibition match at the Dhanmondi

Club ground yesterday. He scored a run-a-ball 57 to help his side post a fighting 198 for nine in the stipulated 40

overs after being put into bat. Mahmudullah, who smote one six and eight boundaries in his 70-minute vigil at the crease, then went on to capture four wickets for 23 runs, skit-

tling the visitors out for 181 Mahinud was ably supported by medium pacer Nazmul Hossain, who took two wickets for

For AICRI, middle-order Abhijit Dutta fought a lost battle with a defiant 66.

lost to Ankur Cricketers by 85 runs on Tuesday. They will take on Dhaka Metropolis Greens in the next match at the same venue today.

## **BOA** polls on Feb 1

Sports Reporter

The first-ever election o Bangladesh Olympic Associa tion (BOA) will be held on Feb-

The polls process will officially begin on January 14 with the publication of a draft list of voters, revealed the schedule of Election Commissioner Brig Gen Ahsan Habib yesterday. Any objection on voters will go for a hearing on the following day and the final list will be published on January 16.

BOA will issue nomination papers on January 17, 18 and 19 from 10 am to 4 pm.

The date of submitting the nomination papers is on January 21 while the scrutiny will be done on the next day.

The last date of withdrawal is on January 25. The final list of candidates with their ballot numbers will be announced of January 27.

## PCB paying fortune for Boycott

KARACHI, Jan 3 (Internet report): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has hired the services of former England opener Geoffrey Boycott to coach its up and coming crick-

Boycott will be employed for a fifteen-day stint, coaching budding youngsters at Lahore's National Cricket Academy from February 5. according to Karachi-based newspaper Dawn.

Alongside business class travel facilities and accommodation in a five-star hotel. Dawn reports that Boycott will be paid an astonishing 30.000 pounds for his troubles.

It has also been reported that the PCB has been negotiating with former South African off-spinner Pat Symcox to take up a position at the Academy as

"If Symcox agrees, he will be awarded a handsome contract though the amount may not be as high as that of Boycott. sources said.

Following the recent pitch debacle in the series against England it has also been revealed that a South African curator is in contact with the PCB to prepare pitches coun-

# Advantage for Khulna

GREEN DELTA NAT'L CRICKET LEAGUE Khulna v Ctg

Hosts Khulna were 16 runs behind of what could be a deserving first innings lead against holders Chittagong at close of second day's play at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore vesterday.

In their opening four-day match of the second phase of Green Delta National Cricket League, Khulna were comfortably placed at 222 for seven in 85 overs. Replying to Chittagong's 238, none of the Khulna batsmen could score a fifty but chip in with useful

Asadullah Khan and Tushar It was the second successive | Imran came close to scoring a defeat for the visiting side, who half-century. Both of them played like one-day style, with Asadullah taking 45 balls to score highest 47 and Tushar facing 63 balls for 45.

contributions.

Among others. Nahidul Haque scored 27 while his opening partner Sagad made 24. Khulna will be looking up to Jamaluddin and Manzarul Islam, who were batting on 20 and 16 respectively, for a lead when play

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resumes today. For Chittagong, leg-spinner Shahed Mehmud returned with four for 84 while left-arm slow bowler Enamul Hoque captured two wickets for 53 runs.

ing the day on 222 for eight. could add 16 more runs before being all out. Their Tuesday's hero Enamul was bowled by medium pacer Al-Amin with the addition of only four runs to his overnight score of 77. Wicketkeeper Mortuza scored 33.

Khulna tormentor Al-Amin. with Enamul's prized wicket, finished with five for 39.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the Green Delta National Only middle-order batsmen Cricket League match between Khulna and Chittagong at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore vesterday:

CHITTAGONG: First innings (Overnight 222 for 8 in 96 overs) Azam c Selim b Monjurul

Nafees e Selim b Al-Amin Ehsanul c Selim b Sohel Rezaul c Selim b Al-Amin Minhazul c Selim b Al-Amin Akram c Nahidul b Al-Amin Sabbir e Sajjadul b Manzarul S Mehmud c Al-Amin b Jamaluddin

Mortuza c Raju b Jamaluddi Shaffiddin not out Total: (all out in 101.1 overs)

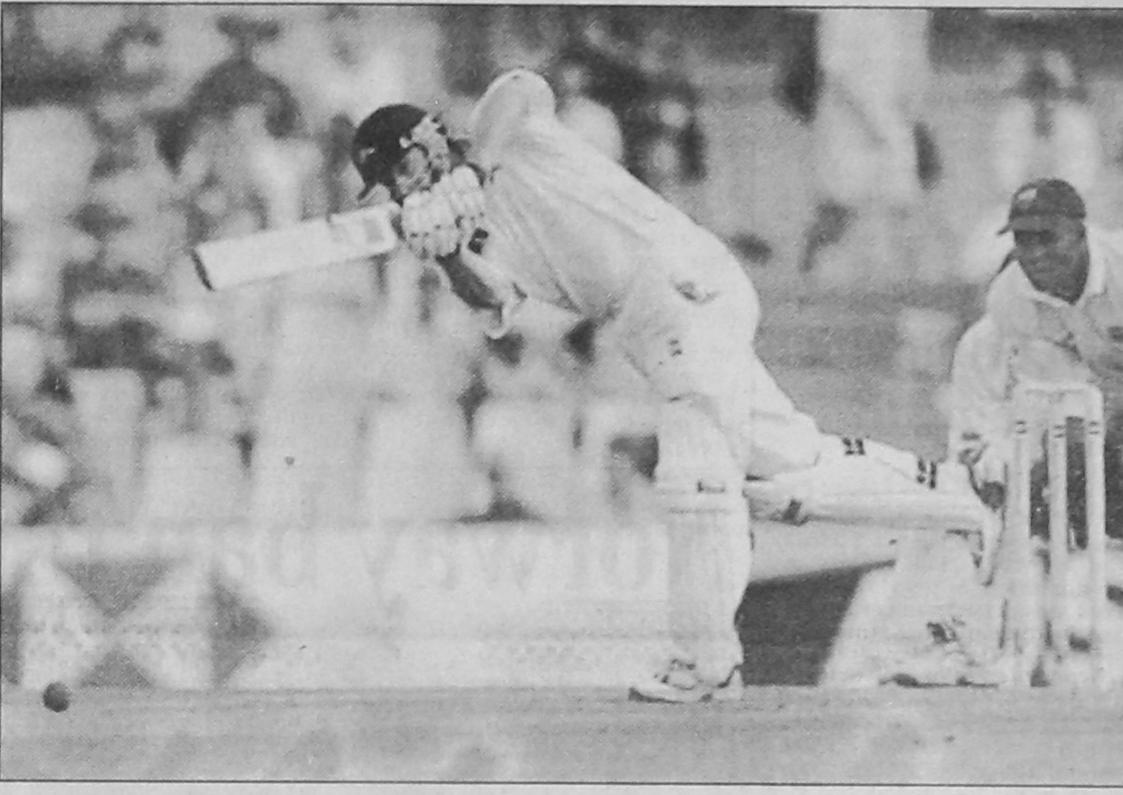
Enamul b Al-Anim

Fall of wickets; 1/0. Earlier, Chittagong, resum- 3/6, 4/16, 5/24, 6/44. 8/100, 9/229 Bowler Monjurul Al-Amin Manzarul Jamaluddin Sohel

Nahidul KHULNA: First innings

Nahidul c & b Enamul Sajjad c Azam b S Mehmud Raju b Shafiuddin Selim c Azam b 5 Mchmud Asadullah e Rezaul b Enamul Tushar c Akram b S Mehmud Jamaluddin not out Soliel Ibw b S Mehmud Manzarul not out Extras: (b-2, lb-2, nb-14) Total: (for 7 wkts in 85 overs) 222

Fall of wickets: 1/48, 2/66 3/71, 4/128, 5/145, 6/187 7/190 Bowler Shafinddin Ehsamul Enamul Sabbir



Australian skipper Steve Waugh on-drives on the second day of the Sydney Test yesterday. --- AFP photo

# Steve steadies Aussies



Steve Waugh broke the West Indies' hearts while Michael Slater once again crashed out

in the nervous nineties as Australia took charge of the fifth cricket Test here on Wednesday, reports AFP. Caribbean hopes of putting the Australians under pressure

were at first unhinged by another gung-ho Slater cameo and then dashed by the remorseless Australian skipper and Ricky Ponting late in the

their 15th successive Test victory and an unprecedented 5-0 series whitewash, had the Mahendra Nagamootoo for six tourists again on the ropes at on to the SCG Hill. the end of the second day's play and led by 12 runs with six his 24th career Test hundred. wickets in hand.

this pitch is worth two the way the wicket is deteriorating and the fact that Magilla (Stuart MacGill) and Funky (Colin

Miller) are bowling so well." said

Waugh followed up his unbeaten 121 in the fourth Test in Melbourne to be unbeaten on 82 at stumps, with Ponting not out 51. The pair had put on 127 runs in 147 minutes for do a double-take. Waugh could the unbroken fifth wicket.

are doubtless heartily sick of the sight of 35-year-old Waugh. It was his 10th half-century against them and he is on course for his sixth century on Thursday's third day. Waugh, playing in his 132nd

Test, survived a confident lbw The Australians, pursuing appeal off Courtney Walsh when on seven and went on to make them pay dearly, slogging While Waugh has visions of

Slater endured another of his "I think every run now on unfulfilled days when he scorched to 96 off 142 balls only to perish going after the tourists' tyro leg-spinner Nagamootoo. It was the ninth time in 67

Tests Slater had been out in the

Slater was crestfallen when he saw Marlon Samuels positioning himself to take the catch at point, ending his typically swashbuckling innings of 13 boundaries and one all-run four in 174 minutes at the

He was closing in on his opening over. 15th Test century, but such is his sequence of dismissals that there was a noticeable anxiety among his home crowd as he approached the target. To me that was a full lofted delivery that deserved to go to the boundary and that's what I tried to do," said Slater.

"It was there to go and I had been playing good positive cricket all day, I probably hadn't played a shot like that, but I thought it was a delivery with four written all over it.

"In terms of personal milestones it would be nice to have nine 90s and 14 hundreds, that would be 23 hundreds, but to me it's all about the team orientation and I believe my innings was valuable and getting out in that fashion was just keeping the scoreboard ticking

If Slater was disappointed to be out four runs short of 100. Mark Waugh was equally so when he was run out during the third hour of play.

152, 3-174, 4-210, 5-210, 6-

But Slater, on 63, hesitated and called out forcing Waugh to not beat Sherwin Campbell's West Indies cricket teams throw to keeper Ridley Jacobs to be out for 22 when he looked

partnership between Slater and

over at 109 for two when

Waugh hit behind point and

was called for a run by Slater.

Waugh and it came in the 30th

The finger has been pointed at Slater throughout the series for his indecisive running between wickets. His opening partner Matthew Hayden has been run out twice, in the first and third Tests. There was controversy in the

set for a big score

Langer, on seven, refused to walk when he edged to Brian Lara at first slip off Walsh. The umpires called on the third umpire in the stand to make a decision on whether Lara had his fingers under the

hour before lunch when Justin

ball to claim a clean catch. But after several minutes television umpire Simon Taufel could not be certain from replays that Lara had taken the catch and Langer batted on to

Lara's chagrin. Lara argued with the umpires over the decision minutes later at the drinks break, but his dark mood lasted another 20 minutes until Langer was finally out for 20 caught by Jacobs in Nixon McLean's

Hayden was out for three in the third over of the innings when he was snapped up by Lara at slip for his 100th Test catch, giving Walsh his 493rd Test wicket.

### SCORECARD

Scorecard at the end of the second day's play of the fifth and final cricket Test between Australia and West Indies at Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday:

WEST INDIES: First innings

70

Lara c M Waugh b MacGill 35 Samuels c Langer b MacGill 28 Sarwan Ibw b MacGill Jacobs st Gilchrist b MacGill 12 Nagamootoo c Slater b Miller 12

Campbell c and b MacGill

Adams lbw b McGrath

(256/9 overnight)

Hinds b MacGill

McLean Ibw b MacGill 12 Stuart not out Walsh c Hayden b Miller Extras: (lb-4, b-4, nb-2) 10 Total (All out in 102 1 overs) Fall of wickets: 1-147, 2-

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It was going to take an error --- AFP photo to break up the blossoming

and fifth against Sri Lanka. Cullinan made centuries against Sri Lanka. West Indies century and England in his previous SYDNEY, Jan 3: Brian Lara three Tests at Newlands He reached his hundred off

212 balls when he punched offspinner Russel Arnold through the covers for his 10th four. Sri Lanka's tactics were puzzling. The second new ball was

due immediately after lunch when South Africa's total was 214 for three off 80 overs. But skipper Sanath Jayasuriya started the post-lunch period by giving Arnold his first over of the match. Arnold had an early success

from McKenzie, who hit five

wickets fell during 28 overs in

which Arnold and star off-

fours and a six in his innings.

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the second Test between South Africa and Sri Lanka at Newlands on Wednesday:

SRI LANKA: First innings when he held a return catch 95 (S Pollock 6/30, M Ngam

SOUTH AFRICA: First inin his third over but no further nings (overnight 130/2) Kirsten c Dilshan b M'tharan 52 Gibbs c Sangakkara b Vaas 0 spinner Muttiali Muralitharan Kallis c Jwardene b Fernando

Klusener not out Extras: (lb-2, nb-15) Total: (For 5 wkts in 113 overs) To bat: N. Boje. S. Pollock

6 63 18 5 57 16 2 42

Tillerkeratne Dilshan at silly Bowler Vaas Zovsa Cullinan edged another top-Fernando spinner past wicketkeeper M'tharan 40 10 89 J'suriva 1 15 Arnold 14 2 55 stumps at the bowler's end as

Sri Lanka's star spinner Muttiah Muralitharan appeals for a LBW against South Africa's Darryl Cullinan on the second day of the second Test yesterday.