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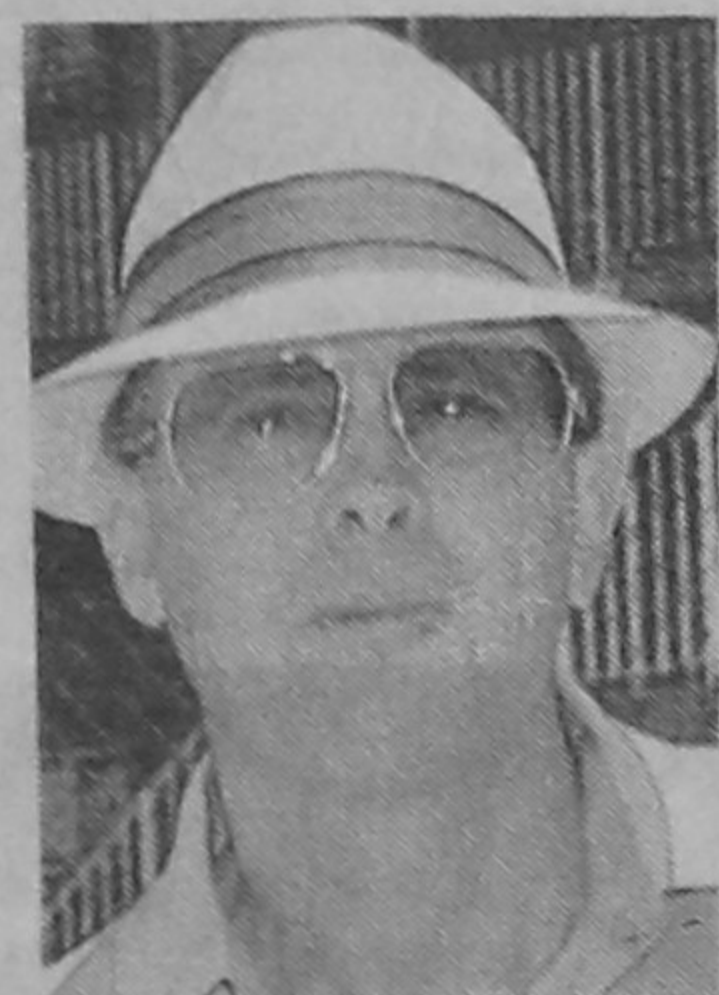


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The tradition of lighting an Olympic Flame comes from the ancient Greeks. During the Ancient Olympic Games, a sacred flame was lit from the sun's rays at Olympia, and stayed lit until the Games were completed. This flame represented the "endeavour for protection and struggle for victory." It was first introduced into our Modern Olympics at the 1928 Amsterdam Games. Since then, the flame has come to symbolise "the light of spirit, knowledge, and life."



Geoff Boycott
(Cricket commentator)
"I have been a great admirer of the natural flair and talent in Pakistani players and only that prompted me to take this coaching."
After arriving in the country for a 15-day special coaching stint.



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Carlton World Series
2:00 pm (1hr highlights)
Cricket Talk Show
Harsha Online
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8:30 am

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3:00 pm

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- Who lifted the Australian open men's title?
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Magura cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura
Shaheed Mintu Sangha recorded a three-wicket victory over Renaissance Cricket Club in the Continental Courier cricket tournament at the Magura Stadium yesterday.
Winning the toss, Renaissance batted first and collected 138 runs for eight in the stipulated 30 overs.
In reply, Mintu Sangha reached the target of 139 runs losing seven wickets in 27.2 overs.

Babes given Test fixture

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER
The International Cricket Council yesterday announced a new 10-year Test calendar, outlining when series will be played between all 10 Test playing nations.
The decisions were announced after a two-day ICC Executive Board meeting in Melbourne on February 10 and 11.
Earlier, Saber Hossain Chowdhury, president of the Bangladesh Cricket Board said that the newest Test-playing country would play 36 Tests and 54 one-day internationals during the next five years.
"We have chalked out plans to play Test and one-dayers with the other Test-playing countries, who would also visit Bangladesh," Saber said to the AFP prior to his departure for Melbourne to attend the meeting of ICC.
Bangladesh will leave for Harare on April 1 to play their first Test series against Zimbabwe.

During their month long tour they will play two Tests and three one-day matches.
Zimbabwe will reciprocate the tour in October. Bangladesh will play another Test series this year against New Zealand in December.
The Test-babes will have to wait till 2003 to face Australia. The top ranked cricket nation will visit Bangladesh in October.
Bangladesh, who played their inaugural one-off Test match against India, will host their nearest neighbours in a series in April 2004.
The Melbourne meeting also agreed to introduce an official ICC Test Championship commencing with England's forthcoming home series against Pakistan.
ICC President, Malcolm Gray, said the decisions were the start of a new era in international cricket.
Following is the Test calendar of Bangladesh for the next five years:
2001
April: to Zimbabwe
October: host Zimbabwe
December: to New Zealand
2002
January: host Pakistan
April: to South Africa
June: to Sri Lanka
December: host West Indies
2003
January: World Cup in South Africa
April: host India
September: to Pakistan
October: host Australia
December: host England
2004
January: host Zimbabwe
April: host India
May: to West Indies
October: host New Zealand
November: host Sri Lanka
2005
April: to India
May: to England
September: to Australia
2006-11: no tours planned as yet
* Each Test series will be a minimum of two matches but the length of each series and dates of individual Tests are still to be determined by individual cricket boards.

Test C'ship a reality

Cricket

REUTERS, Melbourne
The 10 Test-playing nations will compete for world supremacy under a new ranking system. International Cricket Council (ICC) president Malcolm Gray said on Sunday.
Under the new system, starting on May 1, all 10 countries would play home and away series against each other within a five-year period as part of a 10-year Test and limited-overs programme, Gray told a news conference in Melbourne.
But icon series such as Australia v England, Australia v West Indies, England v West Indies and India v Pakistan, would be permitted to use four-year cycles instead of five.
"We're also bringing in a new ICC Test Championship which will start with the Pakistan tour of England this coming English season," Gray told.
"Again that will bring a great amount of context to Test cricket. We hope it will add interest to Test cricket in that as you know, cricket is a statistical game in many ways and we would hope that a lot of supporters of the game would be interested in constantly monitoring who is on top of that ladder."
"There is a feeling at times that

"This will be the first time a coordinated calendar of international cricket has been adopted, giving the opportunity for long-term planning and preparation."
"It will provide newer Test-playing nations such as Zimbabwe and Bangladesh with regular fixtures against all other teams."
ICC chief executive David Richards said all 10 Test-match countries had taken a cooperative attitude to the programme.
"Some countries will be playing a little out of season from time to time but that's all part of the new cooperative approach that we're seeing around the table at ICC," Richards told a news conference.
"I think it represents a very big change from the period in the past when countries tended to look after their own interests and the strong were strong and the weak hardly got a fair amount of cricket."
Gray praised the work of New Zealand cricket chief Chris Doig in formulating the 10-year programme.
The ICC also announced it would conduct a review of playing conditions in May, which would include discussion of the use of television replays in umpiring decisions, while a high-performance manager would be appointed to assist lesser nations to prepare for the 2003 World Cup.
"The one-day internationals maybe have taken over the limelight a bit, away from the Test matches," Gray said, adding that a trophy would be awarded to the winners.
"The final details of it haven't been decided upon as yet. We're working with Wisden to finalise that Test Championship."
"The system used for calculating the rankings will be based on the results of latest series, home and away, between each of the teams... (with) two points allocated for winning a series and one for a drawn rubber," Gray said.
When a country wins a Test series, it will earn two points under the rankings system and a new list would be released detailing the 10 Test-playing nations' relative positions.
One point will be allocated for a tied or drawn series and none for a loss. Gray said the system would take into account the results of the past five years.
The first league table would include results from the past five years of Test cricket.
Gray said the plan for the four years to prepare and two versions were considered, one of which included the top two nations playing in a championship final.
He said with the demands of tours, it was impossible to schedule a separate playing championship.

Captains for pay equity

Cricket

REUTERS, Melbourne
Steve Waugh and Jimmy Adams will air their concerns about the gap between the rich and poor cricketing nations at Monday's International Cricket Council (ICC) captains' meeting in Melbourne.
The ICC indicated on Sunday that it would look to give a greater slice of the pie to struggling Test nations.
"There's been a lot of discussion about development both in the associate countries, the affiliate countries and Test-match playing countries," ICC president Malcolm Gray told a news conference.
"We're spending about 7 million dollars a year on development at the moment and that will grow."
"Part of that money in the future will go to Test-match playing countries whereas in the past our development money went very much to the grass roots, spreading the message."
Eight of the 10 Test-playing nations are expected to be represented at the captains' meeting. England's Nasser Hussain and India's Sourav Ganguly were unable to attend.
Waugh, who has led Australia

to a world-record Test-match winning streak of 15 including a 5-0 sweep of West Indies this southern summer, said some developing nations were hurting.
"It's happening now already. That's why Zimbabwe lost their good players," Waugh told a news conference in Melbourne on Friday after Australia won the Carlton limited-overs series finals 2-0 against West Indies.
"You can't afford to have countries like Zimbabwe lose players like Murray Goodwin (who returned to Western Australia) and Neil Johnson (who went to South Africa)."
"They are two quality players and they both left because they weren't getting paid enough to make a living out of the game."
West Indies captain Adams said he was concerned about the vast difference in earnings between international players.
"Cricket earns a lot of money



Bangladesh Under-17 cricket team captain Nafis Iqbal practises batting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

U-17 Asia Cup BCB names 14-man squad

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday named a 14-member squad for the GrameenPhone Second Under-17 Asia Cup. The ten-nation meet will start in the city from February 15.
Nafees Iqbal, who led Bangladesh in the first edition held in Pakistan last year, has been retained as the captain while Mohammad Ashraful has been named as his deputy.
Pencilled in Group B for the first round, Bangladesh will take on Nepal in the opening match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium. Last year's runners-up Pakistan, Kuwait and Singapore make up the group.
Defending champions Sri Lanka head the other group which also features India, Oman, UAE and Malaysia.
Six players have been kept as reserves.
SQUAD
Nafees Iqbal (captain), Mohammad Ashraful (vice-captain), Kazi Hasibul Haque (wicketkeeper), Saiful Alam Sabui, Junaid Siddique, Shariful Islam, Shafaq Al-Zahar, Talha Zuabair, Masree-bim-Mortuza Kowshik, Murad Khan, Manzoorul Islam Rana, Mohammad Sharif, Johurul Islam Omi and Arif Hossain.
Reserves: Imtiaz Hossain Tanna, Towhidur Rahman, Mohammad Shaheen, SK Russell, Shakil Hossain and Mohammad Sayad.

Schools cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Noor Islam scored an unbeaten half-century to propel Hammadia High to an emphatic four-wicket win over Saint Joseph's High in one of the three Dhaka Metropolitan qualifying round matches of the Standard Chartered Grindlays Bank 19th National Schools Cricket Championship at the Mirpur Outer Stadium yesterday.
Noor Islam hammered 64 not out off 98 balls with five fours, as Hammadia High, chasing a fighting Saint Joseph's total of 201 in 35 overs, reached home with only three balls to spare.
One down Noor put on a quickfire 67 runs for the second wicket with opener Robin in just 8.2 overs.
Robin, in his 28-ball knock, scored 40 with nine boundaries.
Middle-order Ashraf chipped in with 38 not out. His 29-ball knock included two sixes and three boundaries.
Earlier, electing to bat, St Joseph's scored a commanding 201 for five in the stipulated 35 overs with one down Imon hammering highest 77 not out.
At the Dhanmondi Club ground, Motijheel Government Boys High recorded an identical win against Kazi Zafar High.
Chasing Kazi Zafar's 172 in a reduced 30-over-match, the winners scored 177 for six in 28.5 overs with opener Anando and middle-order Mithun scoring 41 runs each.

Umpires have to be fully fit

Cricket

REUTERS, Melbourne
Umpires will get eye and hearing tests from next year, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on Sunday.
ICC president Malcolm Gray said the move had caused some mirth in cricketing circles but the tests were part of a policy to make umpires more professional in line with the increasing professionalism of cricket's players and administrators.
Gray said the ICC was looking at using two independent umpires for all the Tests around the world from April 2002 but there were scheduling and financial difficulties.
"There was a feeling that the regulation of the game on the ground was the one area of the game that wasn't completely professional," Gray told a news conference in Melbourne.
Gray said the ICC hoped to introduce a new system of appointing umpires and match referees from April next year and had plans for a panel of up to eight full-time match referees.
An elite group of up to eight full-time umpires would be contracted to the ICC while a second group of emerging talent would include some 30 umpires.
Each member country would be asked to appoint an umpires' manager and six had already done so.
ICC chief executive David Richards said the council expected to spend more than 2 million dollars next year on the new umpiring system and was close to securing a sponsor for the umpires.



Saudi Arabia's Talal Al-Mishaal outwits Bangladesh custodian Aminul Haque to score one of his two goals during their World Cup qualifier in Dammam on February 10. Al-Mishaal was later named man-of-the-match.

Saudis repeat act BD play Mongolia today



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh conceded a 3-0 defeat against hosts Saudi Arabia in their second match of the Group Ten 2002 World Cup qualifying round at Mohammad Bin Fahad Stadium in Riyadh on Saturday.
Incidentally, four years ago Bangladesh lost to their superior opponents by the same margin in the France World Cup qualifiers.
The defeat after an inspiring start against Vietnam on Thursday, left the national booters of George Kottan with much to do in order to finish as runner-up in the group. Before they can achieve that they first must beat the Central Asian side Mongolia by a convincing margin today. Bangladesh's last first leg match against Mongolia will kick off at 9:30 pm (BST).
The fancied hosts, who had

earlier made two World Cup finals, led the fledgling South Asian nation by a solitary goal at the breather.
But the result hardly reflected the supreme dominance of the fast-moving Saudis over the pan-stricken Bangladesh players, who were caught up in a desert storm as soon as the match started under lights.
And had not custodian Aminul made a string of stunning saves in the first quarter of the match, it could have been even a bigger margin victory for the Saudis.
The flamboyant goalkeeper became the sole source of cheers for nearly 5,000 expatriates, who thronged at the spectacular venue and waving the red and green national flags.
In a stunning display of heroics Aminul foiled at least six sure attempts by the goal-hungry Saudi attackers. The tall custodian, who played for Muktiyoddha in the Premier League last year, gripped a point blank header on the line diving to his left in the seventh minute. A couple of minutes later his athleticism came into play again when he had to fist away a fierce shot that kept on moving away from him.
However, Aminul made the most courageous save four minutes before the inevitable happened.
He snatched the ball away in a one-on-one situation with striker Al Meshal, who eventually broke the deadlock in the 30th minute.
Aminul, whose superb showing under the bar gave Bangladesh a

Black Caps win finally

Cricket

REUTERS, Christchurch
New Zealand won the fifth and final one-day international against Sri Lanka in Christchurch by 13 runs on Sunday and ended Sri Lanka's chances of making a clean sweep.
The final tally was 4-1 and it was a fitting finale to a low-scoring

series, with New Zealand scoring 292 and Sri Lanka falling short on 269.
Sri Lanka had to score 14 off the last over with just one wicket remaining and Muttiah Muralitharan hobbling and using Russel Arnold as a runner.
The tourists were rocked by a fine opening spell from James Franklin and Daryl Tuffey and within seven overs had lost three wickets, with the dangerous Sanath Jayasuriya and Aravinda de Silva victims of left-armers Franklin and Kumar Sangakkara falling lbw to Tuffey.
But a 99-run partnership between Marvan Atapattu and Mahela Jayawardene put Sri Lanka back on the path and after those two went Kumar Dharmasena and Russel Arnold took over with a 59-run stand.
Nuwan Zoysa provided the final push with some big hitting, but he fell to a catch on the long-on boundary in the penultimate over.
New Zealand's heroes were Jacob Oram, Man of the Match, with his big-hitting 59, Chris Harris (52no) and Lou Vincent's (31no) sixth wicket partnership of 85 in 63 balls to push the home side to easily their biggest score of the series and set Sri Lanka a much sterner task than they had managed to date.



New Zealand players celebrate the fall of a Sri Lanka wicket during the fifth and final one-day international in Christchurch yesterday.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the fifth and final one-day cricket match between New Zealand and Sri Lanka on Sunday:

Team	Player	Runs
NEW ZEALAND	Parore b Gallage	45
	Spearman c Jayasuriya b Gallage	5
	Fleming c Sangakkara	5
	b Fernando	40
	Twose c Sangakkara b Fernando	5
SRI LANKA	Oram c Atapattu b Muralitharan	55
	McMillan run out	2
	Harris not out	5
	Vincent not out	3