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## Did U Know?

Andrew Hudson, South Africa's former opening batsman, thought that he had picked up a superb memento when he ran back to the pavilion with an uprooted stump, after the Proteas beat the West Indies in their 1992 World Cup clash at Christchurch. Hardly had he reached the gate when he realised to his horror that his cherished souvenir was the stump vision camera-along with 10 metres of cable which he pulled along during his joyous sprint to the pavilion.



## What to WATCH

- SET Max**  
 Pakistan vs New Zealand  
 Sharjah Cup tri-series  
 Live at 4:50 pm
- ESPN**  
 South Africa vs West Indies  
 Fourth Test, Day One  
 Highlights at 10:30 am
- Boycott's Best**  
 Cricket Classics  
 England vs Australia  
 Second Test 1981  
 at 7:00 pm
- English Premiership  
 at 3:00 pm
- English Premiership  
 Highlights at 12:00 pm
- Star Sports**  
 Cricket Magazine India's  
 Greatest Cricket Moments  
 India vs Australia  
 1998 Coca-Cola Cup Final  
 Highlights at 11:00 pm



## TALK TURKEY



**Moin Khan**  
 (Injured Pakistan cricket captain)  
 "I was looking forward to this Test and perhaps leading Pakistan to a series victory, but it is not to be."  
 After pulling out of the third Test against New Zealand.

**Sports WHIZZ KID**  
 Competition 147  
 Tick the Correct Answers  
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 Win attractive prizes  
 Competition closes at 8 pm  
 April 20, 2001 and draw shortly afterwards

- Who became Active Chess champion?  
 Ziaur Rezaat Rakib
- What was the result of the Sri Lanka and England one-day series?  
 2-1 3-0 2-0
- Who clinched the ATP Masters Series?  
 Sampras Agassi Safin
- Who became Dhaka Reponers' Unity cricket champion?  
 Inqilab BanglarBami Sangbad
- How many one-day matches did Tendulkar play to score 10,000 runs?  
 238 266 283

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Zimbabwe opener Alistair Campbell (L) despairingly looks back only to see Bangladesh wicketkeeper Khaled Masood (not in picture) taking the catch off paceman Monjurul Islam during the third and last one-day international at Bulawayo on Wednesday.

## A point to ponder

**Cricket**  
**AL-AMIN, Bulawayo**

There should be a reason behind every action. But, in case of Bangladesh, this universal practice simply does not exist.

If one goes through Tuesday's midnight drama over the team selection of Bangladesh, he or she would experience with a horror how fickle and funny a tour management could be while taking a decision and reversing it the very next moment.

In the first one-day match, skipper Naimur Rahman strongly defended his decision to bat first, but he then ate his own words the very next day by deciding to chase on the same pitch in Harare.

Manager Mahabubul Anam took his first major step when he told Aminul Islam that he was going to be dropped for the second one-day. The bearded manager then said that they were taking the harsh decision for building a one-day team of future. His courageous idea was strongly supported by Naimur and new Australian coach Trevor Chappell.

On the eve of third and final match, Bangladesh think-tank once again decided to gamble big by sacrificing the experience of Akram Khan in their pursuit of a best possible fielding side. The two former captains -- Aminul and Akram -- had been the backbone of Bangladesh cricket for nearly a decade. Manager however said, "I talked to them for quite some time and only took the decision after their approval."

Naimur defended the decision by saying that it was the high time for Bangladesh to think about the next World Cup, to be played South Africa in 2003. "It is important for us to understand that one-day cricket demands more physical and mental involvement. Besides, nobody could go on forever and sacrifices of seniors have to be made to build a team for future," said Naimur philosophically before going for the morning training session at Bulawayo Athletic Club on Tuesday.

the 23-year-old stroke maker standing at the wrong end of his age. Has he committed a crime by complying with the team decision to open the innings on difficult wickets at Harare?

A grim-faced manager was short of words while justifying the whole comedy of selection.

**INDIANS THE CROWD-PULLERS**  
 There were not many people around at the Queen's Sports Club to watch the one-day match between hosts Zimbabwe and Bang-

**MORE CRICKET MORE PEPSI**

Coach Trevor also shared his sentiment. "I'm ready to sacrifice experience for the sake of sending in the best possible fielding side."

But the decision of the team management took a U-turn late in the night upon receiving red signal from Dhaka. They hurriedly included Akram, but dropped Al-Shahriar to pave the way for Mohammad Ashraf's debut.

Now it was Al-Shahriar's turn to ponder over his surprising exclusion. The perennial scapegoat however kept his thoughts to himself because of the code of conduct.

Is Al-Shahriar a bad fielder? Is

## Black Caps blown away

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Sharjah**

Sanath Jayasuriya matched his own world record of 30 runs in one over as Sri Lanka trounced New Zealand by 106 runs in the Sharjah tri-series here on Tuesday.

The Sri Lankan captain smashed four consecutive sixes, a boundary and a two off Chris Harris to race from 76 to 106 in the space of six balls.

Jayasuriya was dismissed for 107 and Mahela Jayawardena hit an equally fluent 116 to lift the Sri Lankans to 269-9 from 50 overs after taking first strike in the day-night international.

New Zealand, missing eight top stars including captain Stephen Fleming, were shot out for 163 despite a rollicking opening stand of 82 in just 16 overs.

Matthew Sinclair top-scored with 60, but the other batsmen had no answer to the Sri Lankan spinners led by Muthiah Muralitharan's 3-12 and Jayasuriya's 2-37.

Jayasuriya, whose previous 30-run effort was off Pakistani Aamir Sohail at Singapore in 1996, struck three fours and six sixes in his 11th one-day century.

He put on 185 for the third wicket with Jayawardena to help Sri Lanka survive a two-wicket burst by Daryl Tufley in the first over of the match.

Tufley trapped Marvan Atapattu leg-before with the second ball and had Kumar Sangakkara caught behind off the fourth to give the depleted Kiwis a perfect start.

The Black Caps, however had to wait till the 37th over for their next success as Jayasuriya and Jayawardena tore into the inexperienced attack.

New Zealand, last-minute replacements for India, made a brisk reply as wicketkeeper Chris Nevin smashed 48 off 50 balls at the top of the order.

But Sri Lanka hit back by claiming all 10 wickets in the space of 81 runs to make amends for the 16-run defeat against Pakistan in Sunday's opening match.

Jayawardena outscored the usually aggressive Jayasuriya at the start, making 80 to his captain's 29 as Sri Lanka reached 112-2 by the half-way stage of the in-



Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya (L) swapping the high-five with wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara after bowling Jacob Oram of New Zealand during their match in the Sharjah tri-series on Tuesday.

## BD-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard in the third and final one-day international between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh in Bulawayo on Wednesday:

**ZIMBABWE**

A Campbell c Masood b Monjurul	0
G Whittall b Mushfiqur	26
D Ebrahim c Akram b Monjurul	5
A Flower c Sharif b Ashraf	81
G Flower not out	142
S Carlisle not out	42
Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-7)	12
Total: (For four wickets in 50 overs)	308

Did not bat: A Blignaut, D Viljoen, H Streak, B Strang, D Mutendera.

Fall of wickets: 1-0; 2-21; 3-39; 4-187.

**Bowler**

O	M	R	W	
Monjurul	10	1	50	2
Sharif	10	0	77	0
Mushfiqur	8	0	47	1
Rafique	8	0	46	0
Naimur	10	0	60	0
Ashraf	4	0	24	1

**BANGLADESH**

Javed Omar run out	69
Mehrab b Blignaut	13
Ashraf c Ebrahim b Strang	9
Bashar c A Flower b Strang	74
Akram c Campbell b Blignaut	25
Naimur run out	25
Rafique c G Flower b Strang	2
Mashud c Blignaut b Mutendera	8
Mushfiqur not out	17
Sharif not out	9
Extras: (b-1, lb-6, nb-3, w-11)	21
Total: (for 8 wks, 50 overs)	272

Did not bat: Monjurul Islam

Fall of wickets: 1-46, 2-55, 3-139, 4-205, 5-205, 6-213, 7-235, 8-242.

**Bowler**

O	M	R	W	
Streak	9	0	58	0
Strang	10	0	56	3
Blignaut	10	0	41	2
Mutendera	8	0	44	2
Viljoen	7	0	39	0
G Flower	6	0	27	0

**Result: Zimbabwe won by 36 runs**  
 Man-of-the-match: Grant Flower (Zimbabwe)  
 Man-of-the-series: Grant Flower  
 First match: Harare - Zimbabwe won by seven wickets  
 Second match: Harare - Zimbabwe won by 127 runs

## BFF move to start season

**Football**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF), in a desperate bid to start the local football season from early May, has invited the presidents and the general secretaries of twenty Senior Division Football League clubs on Friday evening for an open discussion.

The local football's governing body in its meeting last week, asked the Dhaka Mahanagari Football League Committee (DMFLC) to have the inter-club transfers completed by the end of April as they would get back the Bangabandhu National Stadium from the first of May. They also suggested that the DMFLC hold

the transfers between April 22 to 25.

But so far DMFLC, a standing committee of BFF composed of club representatives, have failed to confirm the date of the players' burs making the start of the Premier and First Division leagues uncertain.

It was learnt that the leading clubs of the Premier Division league want to have the transfers in the first week of May and then play the league from the third week of the same month. However, in that case, 21 days from BFF's five-month ownership of the BNS, will go to waste.

"We have invited the club officials to have a free discussion regarding their problems. If we can reach a solution, we might declare a date for the start of the league," said BFF Assistant General Secre-

tary Sirajul Islam Bachchu on Wednesday.

"BFF can not dictate the clubs on when they would play the league. But we can always have discussions," Bachchu added.

It was also learnt that the BFF would announce a national pool of 20 booters after the meeting. Each club would not be allowed to register more than four players from the pool during the transfers.

Meanwhile, sources inform that the clubs were planning for a 'gentleman's agreement'.

Under the deal, each club will mark their top five booters whom the other clubs will not try to sign during the transfers.

This unholy practice is designed to restrict the players' freedom as they will not be able to change teams or have a healthy contract.

## City's third on the trot

**Cricket**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

City Club cruised to their third successive win in the Premier Division Cricket League with a facile 59-run victory over Victoria Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday.

Opener Moni hammered a patient 76 to steer City Club to a lightening 257 for six in the stipulated 50 overs after being invited to bat first.

Moni, the right hander, faced 126 balls for his innings which included half a dozen boundaries.

Moni apart, his opening partner Wasim Nayeem chipped in with a 51-ball 39 followed by a quickfire 34 off 29 balls from lower order Khokon.

Among others, Ujjal and Rehan Rafique added 33 and 28 runs respectively.

In reply, Victoria were all out for 198 in 46 overs with left handed middle order Rashed Hanif scoring highest 81 off 79 balls with a six and nine boundaries.

**SCOREBOARD**  
 Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket League match between City Club and Victoria Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday:

**CITY CLUB**

Wasim c Sajib b Biplab	39
Moni obstructing the field	76
R Rafique run out	28
Ujjal c Lovelu b Biplab	33
Raihan c Kapali b Biplab	3
Tutul not out	18
Lipu run out	0
Khokon not out	34
Extras: (b-9, lb-2, nb-2, w-13)	26
Total: (For 6 wks in 50 overs)	257
Fall of wickets: 1/66, 2/118, 3/188, 4/195, 5/203, 6/203.	

**Bowler**

O	M	R	W	
Khair	10	1	22	0
Palash	10	3	38	2
R Rafique	10	0	38	3
Wasim	6	0	20	0
Khokon	3	0	29	0
Ujjal	7	1	42	2

**Result: City Club won by 59 runs.**

Shafayet (40) and Nayan (35) were the other notable run getters. Rehan Rafique took three wickets for 38 runs followed by Palash and Ujjal who had two each.

With yesterday's win, City Club raised their tally to six points from ten matches while Victoria remained glued to their previous collection of eight points on completion of their tenth match.

## SA's maiden series win

**Cricket**  
**AFP, St John's**

For West India it was mission accomplished as the tourists sealed a series victory by beating the West Indies by 82 runs on the fifth and final day of the fourth Test at the Antigua Recreation Ground Tuesday.

It gave South Africa a winning 2-0 lead in the five-match series.

"To come here as a South African side, never having won in the West Indies, and to win it away from home has been a great effort by the guys," said South African captain Shaun Pollock.

"It was our goal to play consistent cricket and we have achieved it."

For West Indian captain Carl Hooper, there were recriminations to be faced as only the second man in 28 years to lead a losing West Indian side in a home series.

Hooper faced a barrage of questions about his decision to send South Africa in after winning the toss, especially after picking two specialist spinners for a pitch which was under-prepared and deteriorated markedly.

Hooper defended his decision. "We bowled them out for 247 but we then batted poorly when batting conditions were at their best. If we had a lead of 75 runs instead of trailing by 107 it would have

been a totally different game."

Although Pollock gave credit to his players, it was the South African captain himself who was named man of the match.

He played crucial unbeaten innings of 48 and 41 and took five wickets, three of them in the second innings when it seemed West Indies might play themselves back into the game.

Brian Lara, who made a thrilling 91, and Ramnaresh Sarwan put on 49 for the fifth wicket before Pollock brought himself on and had Sarwan caught behind with his 13th delivery.

Ridley Jacobs skied a catch three balls later and Lara found himself playing a lone hand on a pitch of uneven bounce.

The previous side to win in the West Indies were Australia, who won a four-match series 2-1 in 1994/95. Before that the West Indies had been unbeaten at home since Australia, captained by Ian Chappell, beat them 2-0 in a five-match series in 1972/73.

The South African players were joined by their reserves and team management in a huddle in the middle of the field after completing the most significant triumph since Pollock took over the captaincy from Hansie Cronje as a result of the cricket bribery scandal.

Pollock said his team would remain motivated for the fifth and final Test starting in Kingston on April 19. "We have to look at our injury situation," he said. "But a Test match is a Test match and we will be going all out to win."

Hooper and West Indian coach Roger Harper called for patience from the West Indian public as the team struggle to end a long slump. The side had lost 18 of their last 20 Test matches overseas but had managed to keep a solid home record before the current series.

"We have a lot of talent but it is going to take time to get consistency. It is not going to happen overnight," said Hooper.

Hooper admitted the West Indians had problems at the top of their batting order. "The openers are struggling and South Africa are getting into our middle order when the ball is still fresh."

He paid tribute to South Africa. "They are very disciplined, very professional and have played consistent cricket."

Harper said: "We have to play with a lot more determination and concentration. We've got to learn a lot quicker and play a lot smarter."



South Africa captain Shaun Pollock, later named man-of-the-match, celebrates after having Ramnaresh Sarwan caught behind on the final day of the fourth Test in St. John's, Antigua, on Tuesday.

**DAY'S EVENT**

Premier Division Cricket League  
 Abahani v Biman  
 (Bangabandhu National Stadium)

Agrani Bank v Brothers Union  
 (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

Prof. A Razzak National Chess Round Six  
 (NSC Chess Room)