

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.



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#### 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

After pulling out of the third Test against New Zealand.

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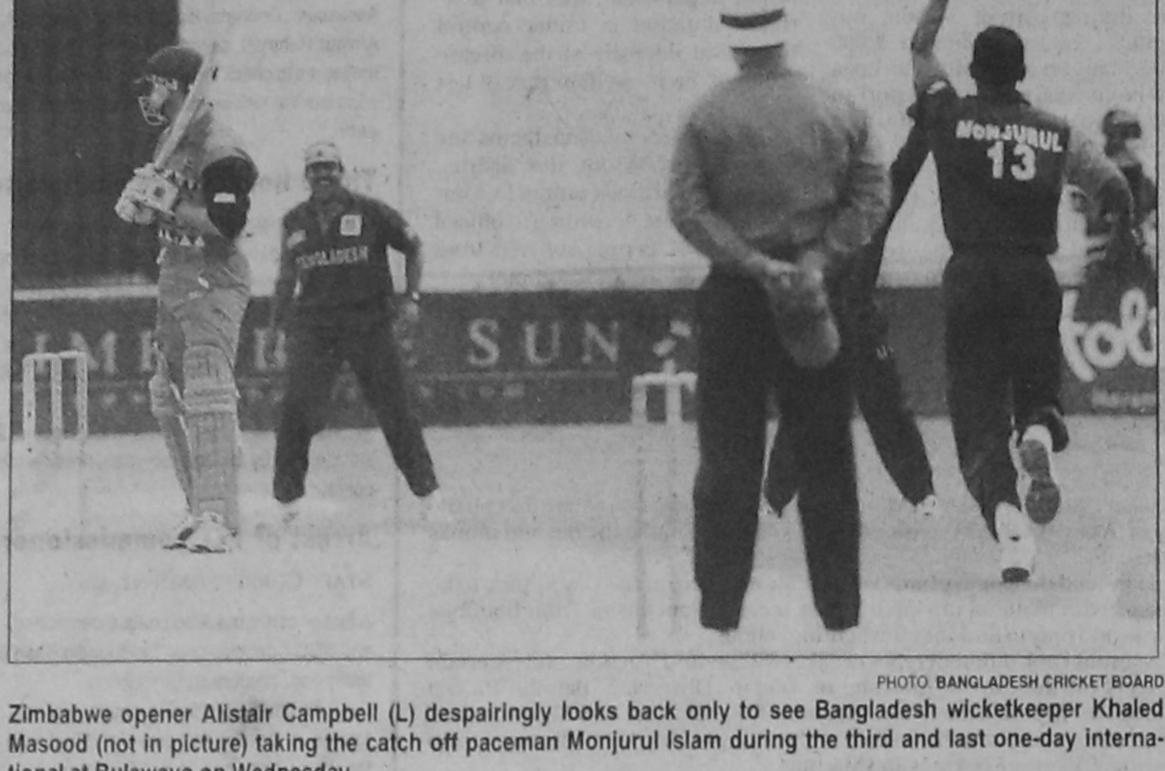
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Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya (L) swapping the high-five with wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara after bowling Jacob Oram of New Zealand during their match in the Sharjah tri-series on Tuesday.



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, Bulawaya

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 mach, 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 one-day team of future. His courageous idea was strongly supported by Naimur and new Australian coach Trevor Chappell.

match, Bangladesh think-tank once again decided to gamble big by sacrificing the experience of Akram Khan in their pursuit of a hammad Ashraful's debut. best possible fielding side. The two talked to them for quite some time duct. and only took the decision after

their approval.

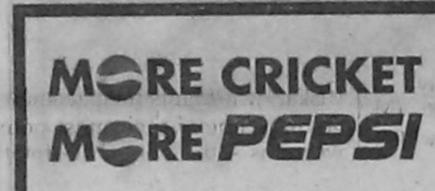
South Africa in 2003. "It is important for us to understand that oneday cricket demands more physical and mental involvement. Besides, nobody could go on forever and sacrifices of seniors have to be made to build a team for future, said Naimur philosophically before going for the morning training session at Bulawayo Athlétic Club on Tuesday.

the 23-year-old stroke maker Naimur defended the decision standing at the wrong end of hi by saying that it was the high time age. Has he committed a crime by for Bangladesh to think about the complying with the team decision next World Cup, to be played 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-





Coach Trevor also shared his ladesh. sentiment. "I'm ready to sacrifice in the best possible fielding side.'

But the decision of the team management took a U-turn late in On the eve of third and final the night upon receiving red signal from Dhaka. They hurriedly included Akram, but dropped Al-Shahriar to pave the way for Mo-

Now it was Al-Shahriar's turn former captains -- Aminul and to ponder over his surprising ex-Akram -- had been the backbone clusion. The perennial scapegoat of Bangladesh cricket for nearly a however kept his thoughts to himdecade. Manager however said, "I self because of the code of con-

Is Al-Shariar a bad fielder? Is

experience for the sake of sending venue is famously known as batting paradise, only a couple of thousand cricket lovers turned up to watch the ball-bashing contest.

Rob Waller, secretary of Matabeleland Cricket Association, said that people show up in good numbers only when India play

"We can only expect a full house when India visit here. South Africa, Australia and New Zealand also draw a good number of crowds. But we experienced the lowest crowd when Sri Lankans came here last time."

# Black Caps blown away

#### Cricket

AFP, Sharjah

look New Zealand by 106 runs in the Sharjah tri-series here on

Sanath Javasuriya matched his smashed four consecutive sixes, a own world record of 30 runs in one boundary and a two off Chris Harover as Sri Lanka trounced new- ris to race from 76 to 106 in the

The Sri Lankan captain

of 82 in just 16 overs.



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 cap-

tain's 29 as Sri Lanka reached 112-

2 by the half-way stage of the in-

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### **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 G Whittall b Mushfigur D Ebrahim c Akram b Monjurul A Flower c Sharif b Ashraful G Flower not out S Carlisle not out Extras: (lb-4, nb-1, w-7)

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:

Bowler	0	M	R	W
Monjurul	10	1	50	2
Sharif	10	0	77	0
Mushfigur	8	0	47	1
Rafique	8	0	46	0
Naimur	10	0	60	0
Ashraful	4	0	24	1
BANGLADESI	1			
Javed Omar ru			69	
Moheab & Dlie			12	

Mehrab b Blignaut Ashraful c Ebrahim b Strang Bashar c A Flower b Strang Akram c Campbell

b Blignaut Naimur run out Rafique c G Flower b Strang Mashud c Blignaut b Mutendera Mushfigur not out Sharif not out Extras: (b-1, lb-6,

nb-3, w-11) . Total: (for 8 wkts, 50 overs) Did not bat: Monjurul Islam Fall of wickets: 1-46, 2-55, 3 139, 4-205, 5-205, 6-213, 7-235, 8-

Bowler Streak Strang Blignaut Mutendera Viljoen 6 .0 27 G Flower 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

### Biman Cup soccer Although the spectacular Hosts blank Natore

UNB, Moulvibazar

Hosts Moulvibazar recorded huge 12-0 victory over Natore in the final round of the Biman Cup Under-14 National Football Championship here yesterday.

Rony netted five goals, Tony and Emran three each while Amin scored another goal for the win-

In the day's other match between Narayanganj and Laxmipur ended in a 1-1 draw. Mahbub put Narayangani ahead in the early fourth minute while Swapan equalised in the 51" minute.

### Abdur Razzak Chess resumes today

the opposition called hartal, the Professor Abdur Razzak 27th Na-Matthew Sinclair top-scored tional Chess Championship resumes with its sixth round at the NSC chess'room on Thursday

> dullah Al-Rakib, who is leading the table with full five points, will take on Syed Mahfuzur Rahman Imon in today's round.

Master Rani Hamid.



Premier Division Cricket League Abahani v Biman

(Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium) Prof. A Razzak National Chess. Round Six

## 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 from the first of May. They also suggested that the DMFLC hold said BFF Assistant General Secre- contract.

But so far DMFLC, a standing committee of BFF composed of club representatives, have failed to confirm the date of the players' burse making the start of the Preuncertain.

clubs of the Premier Division league want to have the transfers from the pool during 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 BNS, will go to waste.

"We have invited the club officials to have a free discussion regarding their problems. If we can a date for the start of the league,"

the transfers between April 22 to 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 mier and First Division leagues would announce a national pool of 20 booters after the meeting. It was learnt that the leading Each clubs would not be allowed to register more than four players

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

Under the deal, each club will BFF's five-month ownership of the 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' free-Bangabandhu National Stadium reach a solution, we might declare dom as they will not be able to change teams or have a healthy

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## 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 fighting 257 for six in the stipulated 50 overs after being invited to bat first.

126 balls for his innings which tween City Club and Victoria included half a dozen boundaries. Moni apart, his opening partner Wasim Nayeem chipped in

0 order Khokon. Among others, Ujjal and Rehan Ujjal c Lovelu b Biplab Rafique added 33 and 28 runs Raihan c Kapali b Biplab

respectively. In reply, Victoria were all out Lipu run out for 198 in 46 overs with left handed middle order Rashed Extras: (b-9, lb-2, nb-2, w-13) Hanif scoring highest 81 off 79 Total: (For 6 wkts in 50 overs) 257 balls with a six and nine bounda-

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

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.

#### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Premier Divi-Moni, the right hander, faced sion Cricket League match be-Sporting Club at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday:

CITY CLUB with a 51-ball 39 followed by a Wasim c Sajib b Biplab quickfire 34 off 29 balls from lower Moni obstructing the field R Rafique run out Tutul not out Khokon not out

4/195, 5/203, 6/203.

R Hanif Navan VICTORIA SC Omar b Palash Fahad run out Nayan b R Rafique Shafayet b Palash R Hanif c Khokon b R Rafique 81 Sajib c & b Ujjal Kapali run out Lovelu c Wasim b Ujjal Mustafa run out Biplab c Raihan b R Rafique Zakir not out Extras: (lb-9, w-12) Total: (All out in 46 overs) Fall of wickets: 1/1, 2/2, 3/51,

4/134, 5/150, 6/160, 7/164, 8/186, 9/187. Bowler Khair Palash R Rafique Wasim 1026 Ujjal 7 - 1 - 42 2

Result: City Club won by 59 runs.

# SA's maiden series win

Fall of wickets: 1/66, 2/118, 3/188,

### Cricket

AFP, St John's For South Africa 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.

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 ting conditions were at their best.

captain Shaun Pollock. "It was our goal to play consis- of trailing by 107 it would have

tent cricket and we have achieved been a totally different game."

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 It gave South Africa a winning 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 bat-If we had a lead of 75 runs instead

Although Pollock gave credit to For West Indian captain Carl 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

> ond 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

wickets, three of them in the sec-

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 fivematch 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 scan-

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.

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

"They are very disciplined, very

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space of six balls. Javasuriya 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

with 60; but the other batsmen had no answer to the Sri Lankan spinners led by Muthiah Murlitharan's 3-12 and Jayasuriya's 2-

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 Tuffey in the first

Jayasuriya, whose previous 30

run effort was off Pakistani Aamir

over of the match. Tuffey 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

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 re-

placements for India, made a brisk

reply as wicketkeeper Chris Nevin

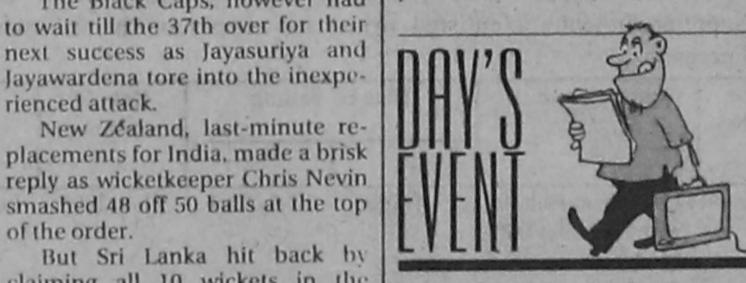
of the order. But Sri Lanka hit back by claiming all 10 wickets in the

SPORTS REPORTER After a three-day break because of

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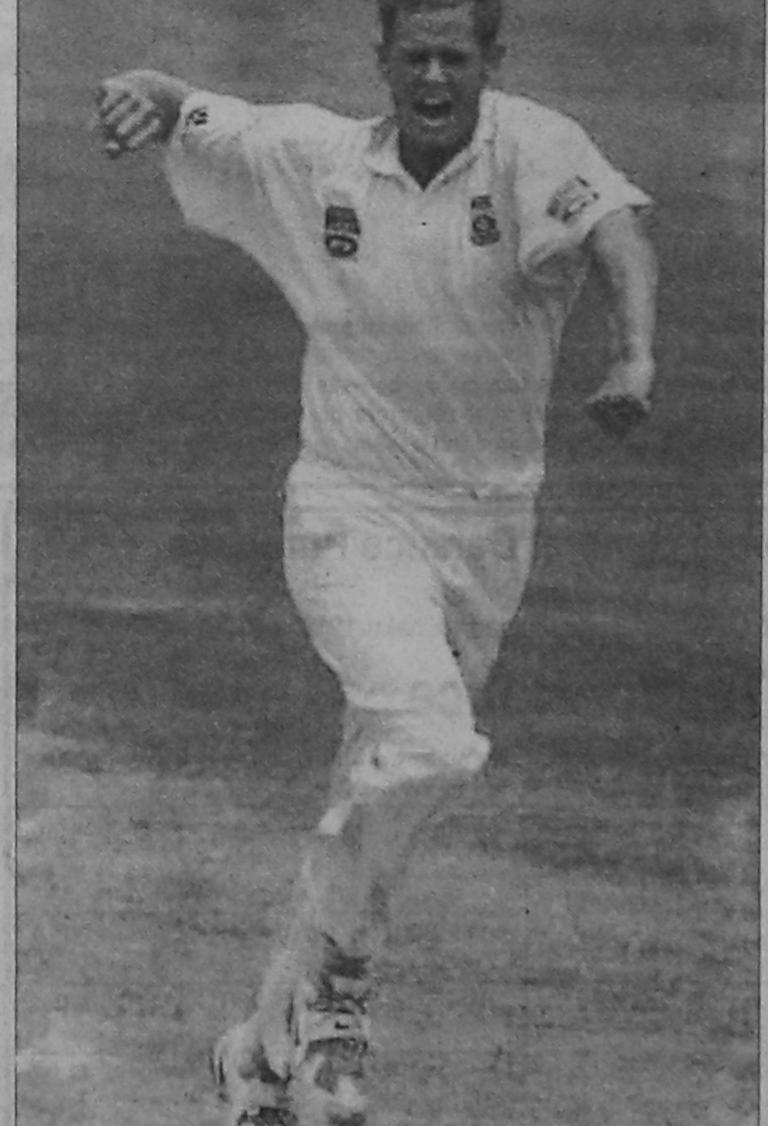
In the other matches, Grand Master Niaz Murshed will face Sheikh Nasir Ahmed, IM Ziaur Rahman will meet FIDE Master Enamul Hossain Rajib, Tayebur Rahman Sumon will take on Abu Sufian Shakil, Khandkar Aminul Islam will encounter Abdul Maleque while defending champion IM Reefat-bin-Sattar is scheduled to play against International Women

The matches will start at 2:30



(Bangabandhu National Sta-Agrani Bank v Brothers Union

(NSC Chess Room)



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.