



Sir Garfield Sobers

(West Indian cricket great) Players these days put too

much pressure on umpires. I have seen bowlers appeal for things that make me sick. When a bowler appeals for a big edge - a ball that is four or five inches from the bat - it really disgusts me."



The greatest recorded crowd at any soccer

match was 199,854, for the Brazil v. Uruguay World Cup final in the Maracana Municipal Stadium, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on July 16, 1950. Brazil has more giant stadiums than any other soccer-playing nation in the world. By 1978, there were already 27 stadiums with a capacity of over 45,000 and another five holding 100,000 or more. Although 'Maracana' is the popular nickname of the Rio de Janeiro stadium, it was officially named the Estadio Municipal on its opening, on June 16, 1950. In 1964. it was named after Mario Filho, founder of the Jornal Dos Sports newspaper. The Maracaná was built entirely in reinforced concrete as a massive oval of two tiers. divided by a smaller intermediate level of open boxes. It officially held 125,000 seated and 30,000 standing places, but many more were fitted in for the famous final against Uruguay. The underground dressing rooms were regarded as the most luxurious of their time, even providing oxygen masks for the players. The luxurious VIP section had its own elevators - a real novelty at the time - and there was also a fully equipped hospital, several restaurants, a hostel, and a children's playing area.



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	2-1	3-0	2-0		
3.	Who clinched the ATP Masters Series?				
	Sampras Agassi Sa				
4.	Who became Dhaka Reporters Unity cricket champions				
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Ingilab BanglarBani Sangbad 5. How many one-day matches did Tendulkar play to score 10,000 runs?

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League

(Bangabandhu National Stadium) Premier Division Cricket Relega-

(Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium) Biman Cup Under-14 National | scorer of the league phase with 38. Football

Final

Bulawayo bubbles

Cricket

AL-AMIN, from Bulawayo

President of the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), Saber Hossain Chowdhury, reached here on Wednesday after a long 25-hour journey from Dhaka. He looked very upset, as his luggage did not arrive with him. The BCB boss believes that the Bangladesh Biman probably lived up to its trademark 'reputation' and forgot to put his luggage on board.

Saber was carrying new caps and some other necessary gears for the national team. He was expecting to receive his suitcase in Bulawayo on Wednesday after-

Thanks to Biman, Bangladesh cricketers would now have to begin their historic first away Test match against Zimbabwe on Thursday putting on their old

ZIM TO AMBUSH IN THE GRASS

Zimbabwe looked desperate to win their first Test at the Queen's previous engagements, in which the one-day series. they suffered defeat twice against five draws.

ground to leave a lot of grass on Zimbabwe, Carl Rackemann. the wicket. "Normally, I get instruction from the team on most heartening discovery in the whether they want more grass on National League. He had more the wicket or not. But the rest to- than justified his selection in the tally depends on me, said Noel national team by claiming five Peck, the curator of the spectacu- wickets in the first match of the lar ground.

"This wicket will offer bounce st the Academy team on April 4. and movement, and, I think, the

old groundsman.

such a lively wicket after 1995 ball. during the tour of Pakistan.

hosts of making such wicket weakest aspect also encouraged turned into a nightmare. "I can his fellow seamers. still remember Wasim Akram devastating the home side on this simple. "I'm not afraid of bowling wicket," recalled Peck.

three days, scoring 146 runs in the to get them out as quickly as possecond innings.

have been inspired to prepare his debut Test. such green wicket after observing the visitors' inability to cope on a seaming pitch.

ager of the Bangladesh team, looked quite disturbed after seeing the wicket in the morning. "The wicket has more grass than what I have in my lawn in Dhaka."

SHARIF RARING TO GO

debut at the Queen's Sports Club on Thursday. The 17-year-old right-arm pacer has already made Sports Club in Bulawayo after a his grade with his deceptive late disappointing run of their seven swing and disciplined bowling in

members of your team who im-Their determination to end the pressed me. He gave our batsman drought was evident as the hosts a lot of trouble in the one-day instructed the curator of the matches," said Australian coach of

The young paceman was the tour, a limited-overs outing again-

But he came under the spotmoisture underneath the wicket light by dismissing Zimbabwe would help the bowlers a lot early opener Alistair Campbell with a

on the first day," said the 55-year- superb delivery in the first oneday match at Harare. The young-In charge of the ground since ster, who is also a good lower-1994. Peck said that this was for order bat, made it a habit of initithe second time he was preparing ating breakthroughs with the new

His success in a team where But the last experience of the bowling is considered as the

His secret to success is quite to anybody. The job of a batsman Zimbabwe lost that Test inside is to hit the bowlers. And my job is sible," said Sharif, who was raring But this time around the hosts to go and make an impression on

ANOTHER INNINGS FOR AMINUL

Mahabubul Anam, the man- Aminul Islam has a history of coming up with his best when odds are heavily against him. The former national captain was under tremendous pressure to perform when he walked in to the middle during Bangladesh's inaugural Sharif is all set to make his Test Test against India last November.

And he rallied back magnificently, with a historic 145 on his debut Test. The experienced righthander would definitely be the centre of attraction when he plays his second Test at the Queen's "Sharif was one of the few Sports Club on Thursday.

Pressure mounts on Aminu once again. But this time the former captain would be up in a different condition and against more versatile pace attack.

"The pressure would be there. But I think what I have done at home is past. This is a different condition and different wicket, and I only know that I will have to start another innings," said Aminul.

Although Aminul was a bit up set with his performance in the three-day match, where he scored

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Biman Cup soccer final today

UNB, Dhaka

Hosts Moulvibazar take on Naray anganj in the final of the Biman Cup Under-14 Football Championship at Moulvibazar Stadium at 3:30 pm today.

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad and General Secretary of Bangladesh Football Federation Harunur Rashid, MP will be present in the final match.

Rain the spoiler

SPORTS REPORTER

under-13 cricket team against SP Roy Memorial Club in the CBG-KCR Memorial Under-13 Cricket tournament was washed out in Shiliguri, West Bengal on Wednesday, according to a fax received

Bangladesh, who have already confirmed their berth in the final winning the first four matches in the four-team double round robin league tournament, will take on hosts Agragamee Sangha in their last robin league match on Thursday. Baghajatin Club is the other team featuring in the meet.

Div I cricket

Khelaghar SKS and Gopibagh Friends Association won their respective matches in the Metropolis Division Cricket League at different city venues yesterday.

ground, Khelaghar earned a 41-Gopibagh managed a narrow fiverun victory against Indira Road KC

scored 161 for seven in a raincurtailed 32-over innings with opener Shamsul Alam contribut-

In reply, Wari were all out for 120 in 28.1 overs with two-down Manish Arora scoring highest 54 in 66 deliveries with four boundaries and one six.

Gopibagh opened their innings first after losing the toss and were all out for 183 in 45 overs and later they booked Indira Road at 178 for 8 in 45 overs. JU Correspondent adds: Azad

cricket match at Jahangirnagar University central playground vesterday. Sent in to bat, Azad Sporting

In reply, Lalmatia were all out for 138 in 44.1 overs.

Sheetal h'ball

UNB, Dhaka

Madaripur Handball Training Centre, Usha Krira Chakra and Dilkusha SC won their respective matches in the Sheetal Women's Handball League at Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Women's Sports Complex vesterday.

Madaripur Handball Training Centre outplayed Rangamati Mukul Fouz 15-1 with Rozina making six while Naznin and Afroza three goals each. Babli netted lone goal for the losers.

In the day's second match, Usha Krira Chakra defeated Rangamati Mukul Fouz 17-8 with Sharmin netting five and Dolan two goals.

In the day's third and last match, Dilkusha Sporting Club beat Jatrabari Krira Chakra 22-18 with Irina and Shahina making six each while Akherun four goals. Saleha scored nine and Setara four for the losers.



Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe First Test, Day One Live at 2:00 pm

ESPN Repeat at 9:30 am

England vs India Third Test-1982 11:30 am Third Test-1984 7:00 pm

> Same day delayed 5:00 pm Star Sports South Africa vs West Indies

Super League from today

Cricket

The fifth match of the Bangladesh

UNB, Dhaka

At the Mirpur City Club run victory over Wari Club while at the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University.

Sent into bat first, Khelaghar

At the Jagannath Hall ground,

Sporting Club defeated Lalmatia Club by 68 runs in a First Division

scored 206 for nine in 45 overs.



Ekushey TV

UEFA Champions' League Galataşaray vs Real Madrid Bayern Munich vs Man United Repeat at 9:00 pm Cricket Classics Boycott's Best

England vs West Indies Parma vs Lazio Serie A

Fourth Test, Day Three Highlights at 11:00 pm

flight this season from First Divi- runs in ten innings, easily the

SPORTS REPORTER

The Super League of the Premier Division cricket starts at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday with co-leaders Mohammedan Sporting Club taking on Dhanmondi Club in the opening fixture.

Top six teams from the first round--Mohammedan, Abahani, Biman, Kalabagan, Surjo Tarun and Dhanmondi Club-- will take part in the Super League to decide the championship while the bottom six teams will fight in the Relegation League.

Mohammedan, the popular Motijheel outfit, vying for their first title after four fruitless seasons, finished the opening round on 18 points along with their perennial foes Abahani.

Mohammedan performed credibly against all the top teams but two shock defeats at the hands of their today's opponents and lowly City Club denied them a solo

Dhanmondi, promoted to top

Odumbe in Dhaka

SPORTS REPORTER

Former Kenya captain Maurice Odumbe arrived in Dhaka on Wednesday to play in the Premier Division Cricket League for title aspirants Mohammedan Sporting

He will be renewing his partnership with compatriot Steve Tikolo who has already played ten SEE PAGE 15

Mohammedan and third placed 378 runs inclusive of a hundred.

have depended only on home- defeats, have also seen their seagrown talents in a competition son revolve around the batting that has already been termed as a exploits of Pakistani recruits Mo-'foreign players' league'.

Dhanmondi finished their first Tareq Javed (468 runs). leg campaign with six wins against five defeats, same as big guns Ka-Tarun Club.

how a club can survive with the fifties. service of only two foreign players. The last year's runners up have scored 2493 runs in ten matches out of which Pakistani brothers Ziaur Rehman and Tareque Me-

Zia, the younger brother of Tareque, have so far amassed 710 experienced Maurice Odumbe.

PREMIER LEAGUE CENTURIONS

hmud have made 1088 runs.

sion, had an impressive first round highest in the league, with three with two fantastic wins against centuries while Tareque has made

Abahani who finished the first They are the only club who round with nine wins against two hammad Hussain (490 runs) and

Mohammedan middle order Steve Tikolo is the second top run labagan Krira Chakra and Surjo getter in the first round. The Kenyan ace's 676 runs in ten innings Kalabagan are an example of includes two centuries and four

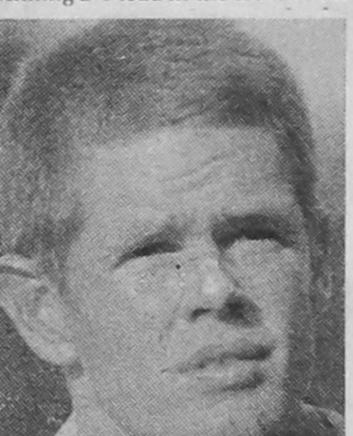
Mohammedan's other foreign recruit Javed Havat of Pakistan could not however blossom like his compatriots and has been sent back to his country after the first round. He has been replaced by Former Kenyan skipper, the highly

Score	Batsman	Team	Against	Date		
202	Ziaur Rehman	Kalabagan	Dhanmondi	March 15		
100	Mofizul Islam	S Bima	Biman	March 17		
111*	Majed Sayeed	Biman	City Club	March 20		
164	Fahadullah	Victoria	Surjo Tarun	March 20		
129	Rashedul Haq	MSC	Brothers	March 21		
143	T Mehmud	Kalabagan	City Club	March 22		
116*	Minhazul Abedin	MSC	Surjo Tarun	March 23		
110	M Masroor	Brothers	Surjo Tarun	March 28		
139	Wasim Nayeem	City Club	Agrani Bank	April 4		
112*	Moniruzzaman	City Club	Agrani Bank	April 4		
148	S Tikolo	MSC	Abahani	April 4		
102*	T Javed	Abahani	MSC	April 4		
131	Tushar Imran	Dhanmondi	MSC	April 7		
108*	Nuruzzaman	Victoria	S Bima	April 7		
103	Wasim Nayeem	City Club	Y Cricketers	April 8		
110*	Ziaur Rehman	Kalabagan	Biman	April 8		
103	M Masroor	Brothers	Agrani Bank	April 12		
184*	STikolo	MSC	S Bima	April 13		
102	Harunur Rashid	MSC	S Bima	April 13		
124	Ziaur Rehman	Kalabagan	Y Cricketers	April 13		
103*	Iqbal Sheikh	Surjo Tarun	Dhanmondi	April 16		
* denotes not out.						

SA aim to keep it up

South Africa plan to maintain their supremacy over the West Indies when they meet in the fifth and final Test which starts at Sabina Park Thursday.

Although South Africa took a Justin Kemp. winning 2-0 lead in the fourth Test



allow their level of performance to

South Africa will be boosted by the return of fast bowler Allan Donald, who missed the fourth Test because of a hamstring in-Donald said he was delighted

with his fitness after playing in a one-day match in Montserrat last Thursday and a two-day match against Jamaica in Montego Bay at the weekend.

Donald worked up to full pace and said afterwards: "I haven't felt this good about my bowling for quite a long time."

All-rounder Jacques Kallis, who

heading in the right direction," plays in his 50th Test Thursday, summed up the feeling in the South African camp. "From a team had been a lot of pressure on the point of view we would like to win the series 3-0. We have dominated team. "Were expecting quite a lot the West Indies sufficiently to have from these young guys," he said. a better scoreline than 2-0."

Donald's return is likely to be at the expense of all-rounder

But the poor form of left-arm spinner Paul Adams is a concern for the tourists. With fellow leftarmer Nicky Boje having returned home because of injury, Adams is the only specialist spinner in the squad but he bowled poorly against Jamaica, taking no wickets for 81 runs in 24 overs.

offer more help to fast bowlers than other pitches in the Caribbean, Kemp may stay in the side if it is felt Lance Klusener's offcutters will give the side enough of a slow bowling option. The West Indies selectors decided to stay with the same 13 players who were picked for the

Antigua Test, despite the claims of Jamaican opening batsman Leon Garrick, who made an unbeaten 174 against the tourists in Montego Bay. specialist spinners in Antigua having backfired, it seems likely that fast bowler Cameron Cuffy will be in the final line-up at the

Dinanath Ramnarine, the two spinners who played in Antigua. West Indies captain Carl Hooper said he was looking for a steady improvement in his teams performance as they seek to end a lengthening slump which has finally transferred from disastrous results on away tours to a losing performance in a series at home.

expense of either Neil McGarrell or

through the pressure periods."

TEAMS With their decision to field two WEST INDIES (from): Carl Hooper (captain), Chris Gayle, Wavell Hinds, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Brian Lara, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Ridley Jacobs, Neil McGarrell, Dinanath Ramnarine, Mervyn

> Samuels and Cameron Cuffy. SOUTH AFRICA (from): Shaun Pollock (captain), Gary Kirsten, Herschelle Gibbs, Jacques Kallis, Daryll Cullinan, Neil McKenzie, Mark Boucher, Lance Klusener,

> Dillon, Courtney Walsh, Marlon

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Srinivas Venkata-



PHOTO: STAR

Action from yesterday's Sheetal Women's Handball League encounter between Dilkusha Sporting Club and Jatrabari Krira Chakra at Dhanmondi Sultana Kamal Sports Complex.

Premier Division Cricket Super tion League Victoria SC v Sadharan Bima

Moulvibazar v Narayanganj Venue: Moulvibazar Stadium.



PHOTO: STAR

National football coach George Cottan (L) sharing a light moment with his players during a training session of the national team at the BUET ground on Wednesday.

NZ's meaningless win

Cricket

AFP, Sharjah Matthew Sinclair and Kyle Mills fashioned New Zealand's remarkable 79-run win over Sri Lanka on Tuesday, but failed to lift the Black

Caps into the Sharjah tri-series

Sinclair carried his bat for an unbeaten 118, his second century in the tournament, to steer the Kiwis to 248-6 from 50 overs after they were sent to bat in the last sailing for a six. league match.

Mills then ripped through the

top order with a three-wicket burst

at long-on as the lethargic Sri simple return catch after making Lankans were restricted to 169-8. Sri Lanka, however, qualified

missing eight top stars including wicket after in-form Chris Nevin captain Stephen Fleming, were so was caught behind from the first much behind in the calculations delivery of the match by Vaas. that they needed to bowl the Sri Lankans out for less than 86 runs over, but New Zealand failed to to qualify.

But they salvaged some pride collapsing to 227-6 in the 49th Mohammedan SC v Dhanmondi | with a stirring display that won over. them warm applause from a paltry crowd of 750 at the Sharjah Cricket from 10 overs to lift his tally to 199 Stadium. Sinclair, who hit 117 against

> 304 runs from four innings. But it was Mills, the 20-year- double centuries to his credit, Pak old seamer, who dented Sri reached the three-figure mark in SL Lanka's reputation with a deadly the 46th over, driving Vaas to mid- NZ

opening spell of seven overs in on for two runs. which he claimed three wickets for

witharana for zero, had Marvan balls in the end to boost the score. Atapattu caught behind for five and then removed captain Sanath Jayasuriya to a diving catch at mid-wicket by substitute Brooke series match between New Zea-

The tall lad also jumped high at

long-on to pluck the ball in mid-

air just when a lofted shot from Indika de Saram appeared to be Sri Lanka slipped to 97-7 by the 30th over, their resistance effectively ending when Mahela Javaand picked up a spectacular catch wardena offered Grant Bradburn a

Chaminda Vaas and Thilan for Friday's final against Pakistan Samaraweera delayed the end by due to a superior net run-rate over adding 41 for the eighth wicket New Zealand after both teams even as the required rate climbed ended the league with one win to 30 runs an over by the 45th. Earlier, Sinclair, and Mathew

The experimental Kiwi team, Bell (66) put on 141 for the second The pair batted till the 30th

one-day wickets. Versatile off-spinner Muttiah Pakistan last week, batted through Muralitharan, celebrating his 29th the 50 overs to emerge the highest birthday on Tuesday, took one for He lofted the same bowler for a

six over the sight-screen, before Mills bowled Romesh Kalu- Andre Adams smashed 13 off nine SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the Sharjah tri-

land and Sri Lanka on Tuesday:

Sinclair 118 not out, M Bell 66; 5

NEW ZEALAND: 248 for six (M

Jayasuriya 2/47, R Arnold 1/25) SRILANKA J'suriya c sub (Walker) b Mills 25 Kaluwitharana b Mills Atapattu c Nevin b Mills I wardena c and b Bradburn De Saram c Mills b Bradburn Sangakkara Ibw b Harris Arnold run out Vaas not out Samaraweera run out Zoysa not out Extras: (lb-3, w-4, nb-3) 10 Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 169

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-23, 3-37,

OMRW

0 25 0

10 2 30 3 Mills 0 20 0 Oram Bradburn 22 Harris 10 0 27 build on the massive stand by 0 12 0 Adams McMillan 4 0 30 0 Result: New Zealand won by Jayasuriya finished with 2-47 79 runs.

Sinclair and Kyle Mills.

FINAL STANDINGS

4-78, 5-87, 6-91, 7-97, 8-138

Bowler

(played, won, lost, points, net run-Sinclair, who has two Test rate): 4 4 0 8 +1.17 4 1 3 2 -0.08

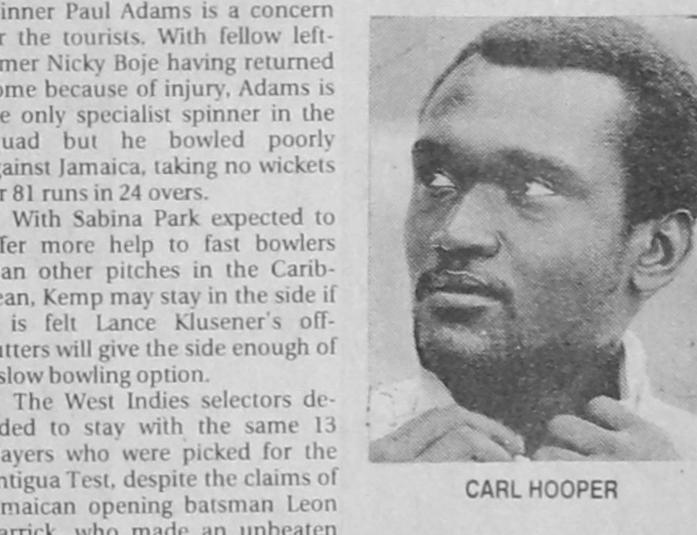
Men-of-the-match: Matthew

Cricket AFP, Kingston



SHAUN POLLOCK in Antigua earlier this month, the tourists are determined not to

"Over the next two years we've



said Hooper.

Coach Roger Harper said there

"They have been thrown in at

the deep end and they have to

learn more about applying them-

selves, concentration and getting

young players in the West Indies

Justin Kemp, Allan Donald, Makhaya Ntini and Paul Adams.

got to play solid cricket. Were raghavan (India).