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## Did U Know?

Australia cricket captain Steve Waugh is the only batsman in the history of the game to have scored a hundred against each and every Test playing nation. Of course this is excluding Bangladesh as they have just been granted Test status.



## TALK TURKEY



### Carl Hooper

(West Indies cricket captain)  
"It's not something that's going to work overnight. It's something which will only work over time and I'm sure we'll get an improvement, especially on the soft dismissals."  
On the West Indies Cricket Board decision to implement a system of fines on players guilty of playing rash shots.



## What to WATCH

- Ekushey TV**  
Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe  
First Test, Day Four  
Live at 2:00 pm
- ESPN**  
Cricket Classics Boycott's Best  
England vs India  
Second Test 1986  
11:30 am
- Cricket Classics Boycott's Best  
England vs New Zealand  
Third Test 1986  
7:00 pm
- Serie A**  
Fiorentina vs Inter Milan  
9:30 am
- UEFA Champions League**  
Weekly Highlights  
8:00 pm
- Star Sports**  
Boys & Sunny Masterclass  
Cricket Talk Show  
12:30 pm
- Primera Liga**  
Deportivo vs Celta Vigo  
8:00 pm
- Primera Liga**  
Real Madrid vs Zaragoza  
Live at 11:00 pm

## Sports WHIZZ KID

**Competition 148**  
Tick the Correct Answers  
Post to Star Daily Star  
Win attractive prizes  
Competition closes at 8 pm  
May 4, 2001 and draw  
shortly afterwards

- Who clinched the Biman Cup Under-14 national football title?  
Moulvibazar | Narayanganj | Madanpur
- Who became Professor Abdur Razzak National chess champion?  
Niaz Murshed | Ziaur Rahman | Enamul Hossain
- Who lifted the Estonian Open title?  
Felix Mantilla | Carlos Ferrero | Andre Agassi
- Who won the English Premiership?  
Newcastle | Man United | Leeds
- What was the result of the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe one-day series?  
2-1 | 3-0 | 2-0

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## Masood's Zim tour over

### Tourists for makeshift management

#### Cricket

By AI-AMIN, Bulawayo

Bangladesh suffered a crucial injury blow on Saturday when wicketkeeper Khaled Masood was ruled out from rest of the tour with a hairline fracture on his right ankle.

Masood hurt himself in an unlikely moment when the vice-captain slipped on the ground during a warm-up session before the start of the third day's play.

A pall of gloom engulfed the visitors with Masood being hauled out of the ground for medical check up. He wobbled back in to the dressing room an hour later with a plastered leg and a crutch under his arms. Masood, who had been advised to take at least five-week's rest, watched the proceedings with opener Mehrab Hossain standing behind the wicket.

Never missed a match since he made his debut in 1985 Asia Cup in Sharjah, the jovial gloveman was also seen weeping at that time. Time and again he said that he would have avoided the misfortune had he not sported boots without spikes.

The injury of Masood means Bangladesh would have to bat with ten men in the second innings and more importantly miss an experienced campaigner in the second Test at Harare.

Meanwhile, team manager Mahabubul Anam said that they would not ask for a replacement, and Masood would be sent home as soon as possible.

"The team management had a meeting after Masood suffered the injury. We felt that it would be very tough for a replacement to get accustomed to the conditions here and play a reasonable cricket right away," said the bearded manager.

Bangladesh Cricket Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury, who is now in Bulawayo to see the first Test, also endorsed the view of the team management.

"It would not be wise to fly in another player because he would not be able to adjust with this condition straightaway. I think we should continue with Mehrab and include another batsman in the team," said Saber, who is also one of the two selectors for an interim period.

Interestingly, the Board is yet to concentrate on grooming a possible second wicketkeeper for the national team. It had never included any additional wicket-

keeper in the selection trial. And, except for Masood, there is also no one on the Board's pay-roll list of 20 cricketers.

This was not for the first time Bangladesh had to take the trouble of fielding a makeshift wicketkeeper. Shahriar Hossain had to put on the gloves for a while in the inaugural Test against India after Masood got a blow on his face.

Apart from dropping vital catches and missing stumping chances, makeshift wicketkeeper might invite a lot of troubles for his team. Mehrab looked a bit more tired after performing the arduous job of standing behind the wicket for nearly four hours and was eventually out for a duck when he walked to open the second innings with Javed Omar.



**TOUR OVER!** Bangladesh vice-captain and wicketkeeper and Khaled Masood walks on crutches as his right leg is in plaster on Saturday.

## SL saved the best for final

#### Cricket

By AFP, Sharjah

Sri Lanka threw the form book out of the window to win the Ary Gold Cup Sharjah tri-series with a 77-run romp over favourites Pakistan on Friday.

The Sri Lankans took advantage of Pakistan's shoddy catching to pile up 297-7 from 50 overs, the highest score of the tournament, and then bowled out their rivals for 220 in the day-night final.

As Pakistan faltered at the last hurdle after winning all four league matches, Sri Lanka bagged the winner's purse of 50,000 dollars with only their second victory in five games.

Captain Sanath Jayasuriya made 70, Marvan Atapattu hit timely form with 89 and Mahela Jayawardena scored 67 off 58 balls after Sri Lanka elected to bat first. The Sri Lankans smashed 100

in the last 10 overs, including a last-ball six by Nuwan Zoysa off Saqlain Mushtaq, to set Pakistan a still target of six runs an over under lights.

A sell-out crowd of 24,000 at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium watched Pakistan disintegrate after a glorious start of 86 in the first 10 overs.

Sri Lanka grabbed wickets at regular intervals, their breathtaking catching providing a sharp contrast to Pakistan's indifferent work earlier in the day.

Muttiah Muralitharan leapt to his right at point to catch Humayun Farhat, who smashed 39 off 34 balls in a quickfire 100-wicket stand of 69 with Saeed Anwar.

Russel Arnold took a one-handed overhead catch at short mid-wicket to get rid of the dangerous Inzamam-ul-Haq for three and Dilhara Fernando dived to hold a difficult return catch off Abdur Razaq.

From 86-2 in the 10th over, Pakistan slipped to 108-6 five overs later and their challenge ended when Anwar was caught and bowled by Jayasuriya after making 62.

It was the Sri Lankan captain's 200th one-day wicket. Chaminda Vaas claimed three for 36, while Zoysa, Muralitharan and Fernando took two each.

"It was not a particularly good tournament for us, but what is important is that we delivered when it mattered most," Jayasuriya said.

"The batting was top class and so was the catching. It was great to see the team fight back after the setbacks in the league."

Pakistani captain Waqar Younis said Sri Lanka played better cricket in the final, but commended his young team for doing well over the last two weeks.

#### SCOREBOARD

Full scoreboard of the Sharjah tri-series. SEE PAGE 15

## BD-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Close of play scoreboard on the third day of the first Test between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh in Bulawayo on Saturday.

#### BANGLADESH: First innings

ZIMBABWE: First innings (287-5 overnight)				
G Whittall	c Sharif	b Hasibul	119	
D Ebrahim	c Masood	b Monjurul	2	
S Carlisle	b Monjurul		3	
A Campbell	c Masood	b Sharif	19	
A Flower	c Naimur	b Monjurul	73	
G Flower	c Sharif	b Hasibul	68	
H Streak	c sub (Mohammad Rafique)	b Monjurul	67	
A Hignaut	c and b Monjurul		0	
M Nkala	c Mehrab	b Monjurul	46	
B Murphy	c Bashir	b Naimur	30	
B Watambwa	not out		4	
Extras: (b-2, lb-10, nb-12, w-1)			25	
Total: (All out in 138.4 overs)			457	
Fall of wickets: 1-18; 2-27; 3-66; 4-215; 5-233; 6-353; 7-353; 8-389; 9-445.				

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Hasibul	30	7	125	2
Monjurul	35	13	81	6
Sharif	29	3	112	1
Mushfiqur	20	4	53	0
Naimur	24.4	7	74	1

#### BANGLADESH: Second innings

Javed Omar	not out	47		
Mehrab	b Streak	0		
Bashir	c Murphy	b Watambwa	24	
Aminul	not out	10		
Extras: (lb-1, w-5, nb-4)			10	
Total: (For 2 wks in 26 overs)			91	
Fall of wickets: 1-6; 2-61				

<b>Bowler</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>W</b>
Streak	7	1	24	1
Blignaut	4	0	21	0
Nkala	5	0	21	0
Watambwa	6	2	15	1
Murphy	4	1	9	0

## School cricket roundup

#### SPORTS REPORTER

Latif Municipal Missionary High School of Patuakhali registered a 21-run win over Barguna Zila School in a first round match of the Standard Chartered 19th National School Cricket Championship at the Jhalakathi Stadium on Saturday.

Electing to bat first, Patuakhali scored 168 before being all out in 30.4 overs. Opener Tapan scored highest 40 off 41 balls while middle-order Shipon who added 24.

In reply, Barguna were all out

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## BCB meeting uncertain

#### SPORTS REPORTER

The first meeting of the newly-elected board of directors of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) may not be held on April 27 as earlier stated.

According to sources inside the BCB on Saturday, the proposed meeting has been deferred until the first week of January.

When contacted, Syed Ashrafur Huq, BCB director-elect, declined to comment on the matter.

Earlier, on April 13 Board president Saber Hossain Chowdhury said that the meeting would be held on April 27.

## India stick with Ganguly

By AP, New Delhi

Selectors on Saturday have decided to retain left-handed batsman Saurav Ganguly as India's cricket captain for the tour of Zimbabwe beginning in June. United News of India news agency reported.

Though lacking in form, Ganguly led India to 2-1 victory in the recent three-Test series against Australia. India, however, lost the one-day series 2-3 against the world champions.

The Indian selectors met in Baroda, a western Indian city. They are expected to name members for the Indian team on Sunday.

In Zimbabwe, India will play a two-Test series, followed by a triangular one-day series that will also include the West Indies.

The first Test begins June 7. The triangular series will end in mid-July.



**Premier Division Cricket Super League**  
Mohammedan SC v Surjo Tarun Club  
(Bangabandhu National Stadium)  
**Premier Division Cricket Relegation League**  
Victoria SC v Young Cricketers (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)



**MARVELLOUS MONJURUL:** Bangladesh debutant pacesman Monjurul Islam (R), who captured six Zimbabwe wickets, is on cloud nine after having Heath Streak as his fifth victim on the third day of the first Test in Bulawayo on Saturday.

## Biman crush Kalabagan

#### Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Biman began their Super League campaign of the Premier Division Cricket League with a facile seven-wicket win over Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

Chasing a modest Kalabagan total of 202 in 50 overs, Athar Ali, Halim Shah and Majed Sayeed scored fifties as the national airmen lost only three wickets to reach 203 in 41.2 overs.

Athar, the former national opener, gave Biman a steady start putting on 64 off 16.1 overs with



Three Biman half-centurions - (L-R) Halim Shah, Athar Ali Khan and Majed Sayeed.

## WI find light finally

#### Cricket

By AFP, Kingston

Courtney Walsh, playing in his last Test, inspired the West Indies to a commanding position on the second day of the fifth and final Test against South Africa at Sabina Park on Friday.

The 38-year-old, playing in his 132nd Test and in front of his home crowd, took three for 31 as the West Indies bowled out South Africa — who have an unassailable 2-0 series lead — for 141 and took an 84-run first innings lead.

Openers Leon Garrick and Chris Gayle stretched the advantage to 118 by putting on 34 for no wicket before the close of play with Garrick, who on Thursday

makeshift opener Shaheen. The first wicket stand was broken when Shaheen, gave a catch in-between point and gully while trying to cut leg-spinner Mosaddek on 29.

The right-hander hit six boundaries.

Athar joined by Halim Shah, added 58 runs before the former was caught behind off left-arm spinner Manzarul Islam.

In his 83-ball innings, Athar scored 58 with eight fours.

Pakistani middle-order Majed Sayeed (50) shared 66 runs for the third wicket with Halim.

Sayeed's a run-a-ball knock, which contained two sixes and eight boundaries, came to an end

in the 41st over when he was caught behind off Tareq Mehmud and Biman on 188.

Halim Shah and Hasanuzzaman picked up the remaining 15 runs without any further loss.

Halim was not out on 50 off 70 balls while Hasanuzzaman was unbeaten on eight.

Earlier, electing to bat, Kalabagan's total was built around two half-centuries from opener Rafique Islam and middle-order Tareq Mehmud.

Rafique, the right-hander, scored 50 off 59 balls with eight fours while Tareq added 55 off 98 balls with a flurry of boundaries.

Biman captain and right arm medium pacer Khaled Mahmud and off-spinner Ziaur Rashid shared six wickets conceding 43 and 36 runs respectively.

It was Biman's eighth win in 12 matches, which raised their tally to 16 points, four adrift of co-leaders Abahani and Mohammedian Sporting Club. On the other hand, the defeat kept Kalabagan in fourth spot in the six-team Super League with 12 points from as many matches.

#### SCOREBOARD

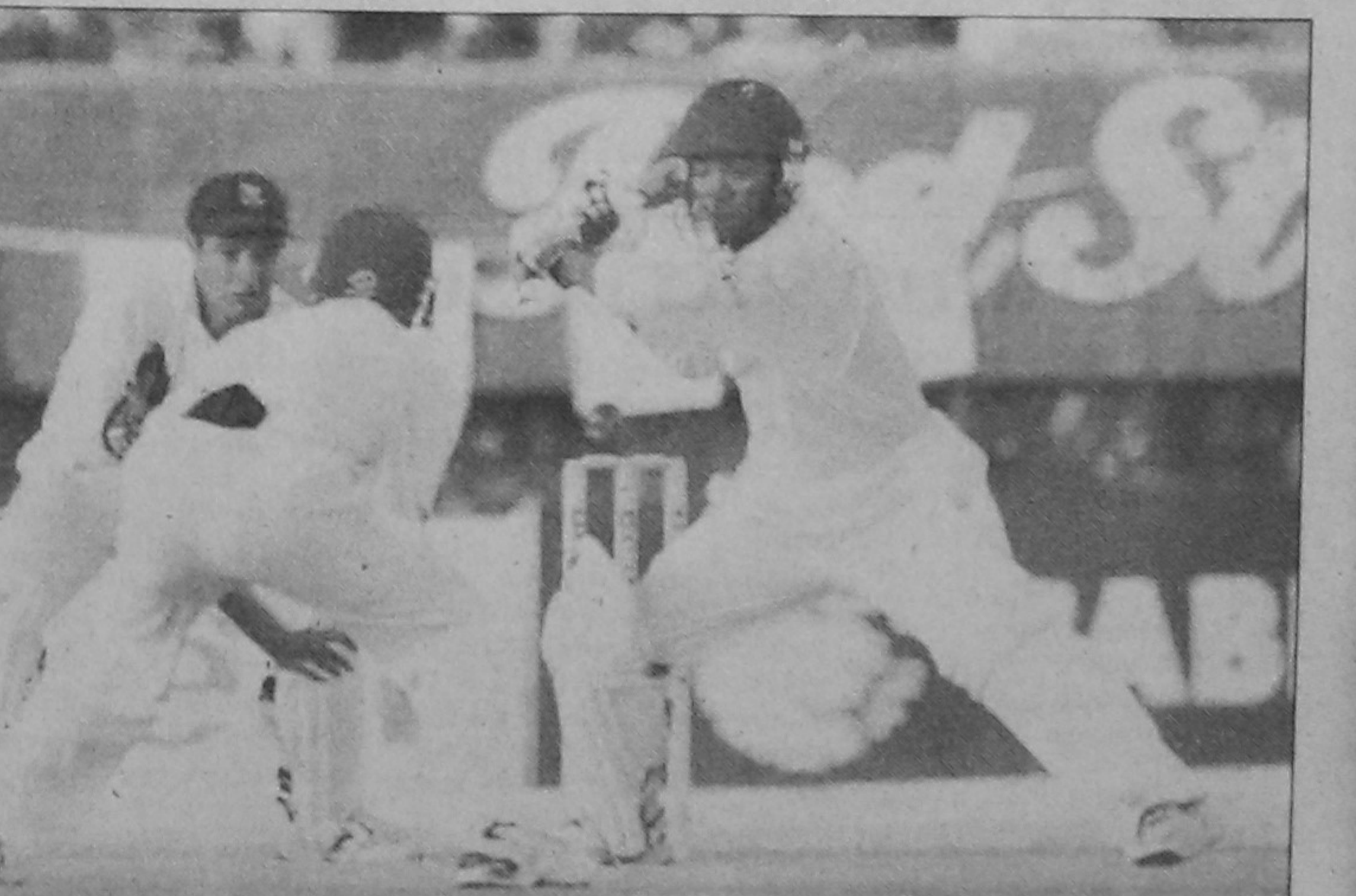
Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket Super League match between Biman and Kalabagan Krira Chakra at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday:

<b>KALABAGAN KC</b>	
Rafique b K Mahmud	50
Nahid c K Mahmud b Anis	3
T Mehmud c Athar b Zia	55
Rehman c Humayun	

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Sri Lanka cricketers celebrate with the Ary Gold Cup after they won the final against Pakistan in Sharjah on Friday.



Debutant West Indies opener Leon Garrick is about to play a cut shot on the second day of the fifth and final Test against South Africa in Kingston on Friday.