

Zimbabwe cricket captain Heath Streak keeps himself fit by playing football with his childhood friends, the farm labourers. He is also an expert hunter on his father's cattle farm. His mother calls him 'a child of the African bush.



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Mark Waugh

(Australian cricket superstar) "I reckon he'll play another eight to 10 years and I would be surprised if he doesn't get more than 40 centuries."

While wishing Indian maestro Sachin Tendulkar on his 28th birthday Tuesday.

Sirajganj cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Strafganj Rahmatganj Boys Club recorded a 16-run victory over Dhangara Boys Club in the Bhasani Smriti cricket tournament at local stadium yesterday. Winning the toss, Rahmatgani decided to bat and scored 176 sent the national sentiment." all out in 40 overs.

losing all wickets in 38.2 overs.

Hello from Harare

Cricket

AL-AMIN, Harare

Bangladesh captain Naimur Rahman must be a worried man as he goes in to the second Test at Harare on Thursday.

Naimur, who takes extreme pride in his ability, is the kind of person who relishes leading by example, However, his exploits in the tour so far have been anything

The right-hander made 22 and 6 in the first Test while his off-spin bowling was treated with disdain by the home batsmen.

Although Naimur was by far the best Bangladeshi bowler in the country's inaugural Test against India at Dhaka in November, where he recorded a six wicket haul in the Indian first innings, here in Zimbabwe however, he has failed to make any impact on seam-friendly pitches.

Whether the dip in form is affecting Naimur mentally was not

A brilliant half-century from Rony

guided Sher-e-Bangla High School

of Natore to a emphatic 73-run

win over Nawabganj High School

their zonal match of the Standard

Chartered 19th National School

Cricket Championship at the Na-

Rony scored 63 as Sher-e-

In reply, Nawabganj High were

Away at the Maijdee Stadium,

AC High of Noakhali beat Samad

Academy of Laxmipur by two

High of Kurigram beat Hajipara

High of Thakurgaon by nine wick-

ets at the Kurigram Stadium, Mo-

In the other matches, Ulipur

restricted to 131 for nine in the

Bangla High, batting first, scored a

commanding 204 in 34:3 overs.

stipulated 35 overs.

wickets.

tore Stadium on Wednesday.

SPORTS REPORTER

clear, but he looked short on moti- which prompted speculations that vation during the Bulawayo Test all was not well inside the squad. and so was the team.



NAIMUR RAHMAN

bini Mohan Bidyapith of Kushtia

recorded a two-wicket win over

Keramat Ali Pilot High of Bager-

hat, Sarnakali High of Gopalganj

beat Narayanganj High by four

wickets at the Gopalganj Stadium

while Jhalakathi Government High

defeated Latif Municipal School of

Patuakhali by five wickets at the

Hajipara High School (Thakur-

gaon): 75 all out in 26.3 overs

(Rony 15, Ranjit 5/10, Krishnando

gram): 76 for 1 in 21.2 overs

Ulipur High School (Kuri-

Result: Ulipur High School

Samad Academy (Laxmipur):

110 all-out in 28.4 overs (Sadat 20,

AC High School (Noakhali);

112 for 8 in 27.1 overs (Pauline 25,

Result: AC High School won by won by five wickets.

Jhalakathi Stadium.

SCORES IN BRIEF

(Umon 28 n.o., Palash 21)

won by nine wickets.

Ali 3/19, Faruq 3/22)

Sohel 3/24)

Sher-e-Bangla coast

Now the best way out of these And there was a distinct lack of negatives for Naimur would be if communication between the he makes a worthy contribution to skipper and his senior teammates his team's cause in the second

That would be on the 26-yearold's mind because he knows, 'a captain who leads from the front, is the best captain.'

TIGERS IN LION'S DEN!

The national cricketers met the King of Africa on Wednesday.

The players travelled to the Lion's Park, which is 22km away from the capital, in the morning where they came face to face with Africa's pride, the lions.

the big cats, the excited team enjoyed a brief safari watching birds and visiting the Snake's World. Two members of the squad -

Javed Omar and Habibul Bashar-did not make the trip, as they had been there the previous day.

Sher-e-Bangla High School

Nawabganj High School: 131

Result: Sher-e-Bangla High

Keramat Ali Pilot School (Ba-

Mohini Mohan Bidyapith (Ku-

Result: Mohini Mohan Bidy-

Narayanganj High School: 17

Sarnakali High School (Gopal-

Result: Sarnakali High School

Latif Municipal School

Jhalakathi High School: 123 for

Result: Jhalakathi High School

(Patuakhali): 122 all out in 32,4

(Natore): 204 all out in 34.3 overs

(Rony 63, Baki 47, Raju 2/39)

for 9 in 35 overs (Towfig 25)

gerhat): 115 all out in 32.3 overs

shtia): 117 for 8 in 29.2 overs

apith won by two wickets.

ganj): 178 for 6 in 32 overs

won by four wickets.

for 9 in 40 overs

5 in 20 overs

School won by 73 runs.

Ctg Div I cricket starts tomorrow

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Rising Star Club and Andorkilla Krira Ekadosh play in the opening match of the CJKS-Ispahani First Division Cricket League at the MA Aziz Stadium on Friday.

Chittagong City Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury is expected to open the 21-team league as the chief guest.

The Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha held a press conference at the CJKS gymnasium on Wednesday. CJKS vice-president Dastagir Chowdhury presided.

It was revealed that the sponsors MM Ispahani Limited have agreed to pay Tk.4.41 lakh.

Each team will be allowed to register two players, including a Following the adventure with foreigner, from either the Dhaka Premier and First Division Leagues.

Cricket committee secretary Sved Abul Bashar, CJKS general secretary Shahed Asgar Chowdhury, managing director of Isphani Minhaz Uddin and former national cricketer Nurul Abedin Nobel were also present.

Shoaib cleared?

REUTERS, Lahore

Pace bowler Shoaib Akhtar has been cleared following concerns over the legality of his action, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) said on Tuesday.

It said a "final report" from the University of West Australia showed that the bowler, dubbed the "Rawalpindi Express", was not guilty of throwing.

It added in a statement that the report would be forwarded to the International Cricket Council (ICC), the sport's governing body. Shoaib has twice been cited

over his action. The first time was in Perth in the third Test against Australia in December 1999, throwing his career into doubt.

New Zealand umpires Doug Cowie and Steve Dunne then reported him during a one-day international against New Zealand in Dunedin at the end of February.

Shoaib, who rivals Australia's Brett Lee for the title of the world's fastest bowler, has since been working on his bowling at the university in Perth. under the guidance of former Australian Test bowler Dennis Lillee and other experts, to make sure his arm does not straighten during delivery.

Earlier on Tuesday he was included in Pakistan's squad to tour England next month after recovering from the latest in a string of injuries.

One of the sport's most exciting players, he has featured in 15 Tests, taking 45 wickets, and was also in the Pakistan team which reached the 1999 World Cup final.

If he is reported again, the ICC will appoint an official to help him improve his action.

Victoria beat Agrani Bank

SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club earne their seventh win in the Premier Division Cricket League defeating Agrani Bank by two wickets in Relegation League match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Wednesday.

top-scored with 69, as Victoria, chasing Bank's 211 in 50 overs, cruised to the target with more than six overs to spare. , Omar faced 49 balls for his 69

Pakistani opener Rezwan Omar

which included one six and I fours. He was well-supported by compatriot Rashed Hanif who chipped in with a 44-ball 34. Earlier, electing to bat, Agrani

Bank scored 211 all out in 50 Skipper Selim Shahed hit 63 off 77 balls with three boundaries and

Sajjad Kadir added 38. Agrani Bank: 211 all out in 50

overs (S Shahed 63, Sajjad 38, Sohag 33, R Hanif 6/59) Victoria SC: 215 for 8 in 43.1 overs (Omar 69, R Hanif 34, Kapali

27, Bappy 3/47) Result: Victoria SC won by two wickets.



Premier Division Cricket Super

Abahani v Bangladesh Biman (Bangabandhu National Stadium) Premier Division Cricket Relegation League Brothers Union v City Club



Bangladesh's Javed Omar (L), Al-Shahriar (M) and Habibul Bashar stretching during practice in Harare on Wednesday morning. Al-Shahriar will be keeping wicket in the second Test beginning today after Khaled Masood fractured his right ankle during the first match in Bulawayo last week.

Tikolo inspires MSC

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Steve Tikolo steered Moham medan Sporting Club to a sevenwicket victory over Kalabagan Krira Chakra in the Premier Division Cricket Super League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday.

The prolific Kenyan right hander scored 64 off just 50 balls, as the league leaders, chasing a modest Kalabagan total of 199 in 50 overs, reached 201 for three in 36.4 overs.

After Mohammedan lost two wickets on 54 in 11.1 overs, Tikolo put on 87 runs in a match-winning third wicket stand with in-form right-hander Parvez Ahmed. Tikolo, who reached his sev-

balls, fell trying to cut a wide dethe safe hands of Shahin at point. and ten boundaries. The league's Stadium on Wednesday:

leading run-getter (887 runs in 13 KALABAGAN KC innings) has also scored two hun- Mosaddek c Rashed b Ashiq

Middle-order Sanwar joined Rafiqul b Ashiq Parvez to guide Mohammedan to Rehman lbw b Ashiq victory without any further loss.

Parvez, reached his second Manzar c Sanwar b Mustadir successive hall-century (54 not Kalim c Mortuza b Odumbe

out) off 84 balls with nine boundaries while Sanwar was unbeaten Earlier, a superb 81 from one Ashfaq not out

down Rafigul Islam built Kalabagan's total. The right hander faced Total: (All out in 49.2 overs) 199 122 balls and slammed nine fours. Unfortunately, he did not receive adequate support.

Mohammedan's 12th win in 14 Bowler matches, earned them a temporary two-point lead in the six-team Super League. Moreover, they having raised their tally to 24 points, two more than holders Abahani.

On the other hand, it was the third successive defeat for Kalabagan, which kept them on 12 points after playing their 11th league

SCOREBOARD

enth fifty of the league off just 42 Scoreboard of the Premier Division Cricket Super League match livery of medium-pacer Robin into between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Kalabagan Krira Chakra The Kenyan smote two sixes at the Bangabandhu National

Nahid c Minhaz b Taposh

Mehmud c Tikolo b Odumbe 18 Nahid

Shahin run out Imran b Taposh Robin c Harun b Tikolo

Extras: (b-5, lb-4, nb-2, w-11) 22 Fall of wickets: 1/8, 2/23, 3/40, 4/84, 5/101, 6/119, 7/154, 8/163,

> 9/182. Parvez Odumbe

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Mustadir 9.2 0 32 Tikolo MOHAMMEDAN SC Rashed c Ashfaq b Imran Harun c & b Manzar

Parvez not out 54 Tikolo s Shahin b Robin Sanwar not out Extras: (nb-8, w-15)

Total: (For 3 wkts in 36.4 overs) 201. Fall of wickets: 1/47, 2/54, 3/141. Bowler Robin 7 1 32 Ashfaq 4.4 0 36 0 Mehmud

Imran Mosaddek Result: Mohammedan SC won by seven wickets.

Latif owes it to kids

Cricket

AFP, karachi

Former Pakistani captain and match-fixing whistle blower Rashid Latif thanks young students at his cricket academy for motivating him to regain his place in the team due to tour England.

"I owe this to the 100 young players trained in the Rashid Latif Academy since last year who kept urging me to stage a comeback," Latif said following the announcement of his inclusion in the touring squad. Latif played the last of his 22

Tests in March 1998 when he led over match-fixing allegations. "My inclusion has strength-

included merely on my perform- match-fixing," he said. ance," said the 32-year-old.

He was the first who blew the gentlemen's game." whistle on match-fixing, accusing former captain Salim Malik and several other teammates of wrongdoings on the 1994-95 tour also involving Australia.

of South Africa and Zimbabwe. Latif. along with fellow bats-

man Basit Ali, resigned in protest in 1995 but returned to lead Pakistan in four Tests in 1998. The Pakistan Cricket Board

(PCB) banned Malik for life last year after a judicial inquiry found him guilty of match-fixing. The PCB also banned fast

bowler Ataur Rehman and fined

senior players including Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis, Saeed Anwar, Inzamamul Haq and Mushtag Ahmed. Latif, who provided crucial evidence against Malik in the shape

of audio cassettes, said he would Pakistan to a win in Zimbabwe not face any problems playing before falling out with colleagues with colleagues whom he had accused of match-fixing. "I will report to the Pakistan

ened my belief in justice as I am board if, God forbid. I see any

"Cricket should be played like a

Pakistan will play two Tests against England next month and a limited-overs tri-nations series

Iraq advance

RITTERS, Almaty

Iraq advanced to the last round of the World Cup Asian Zone qualifiers after a hard-fought 1-1 draw against nine-man Kazakhstan in their final Group Six match on Wednesday.

The two sides, who between them had three players sent off in the final three minutes, had also drawn 1-1 in their first meeting in Baghdad a week ago.

Iraq edged Kazakhstan on goal difference after scoring 28 and conceding five in six matches in a group which also included minnows Nepal and Macao. The Kazakhs finished with a 20-2 goals

Kazakhstan had to win their last match in order to advance and they led 1-0 after Oleg Litvinenko surprised Iraqi keeper Amer Hussain with a powerful 25-metre blast into the top corner in the 32nd minute.

But Haidar Majid equalised with a well-taken volley inside the box 10 minutes later.

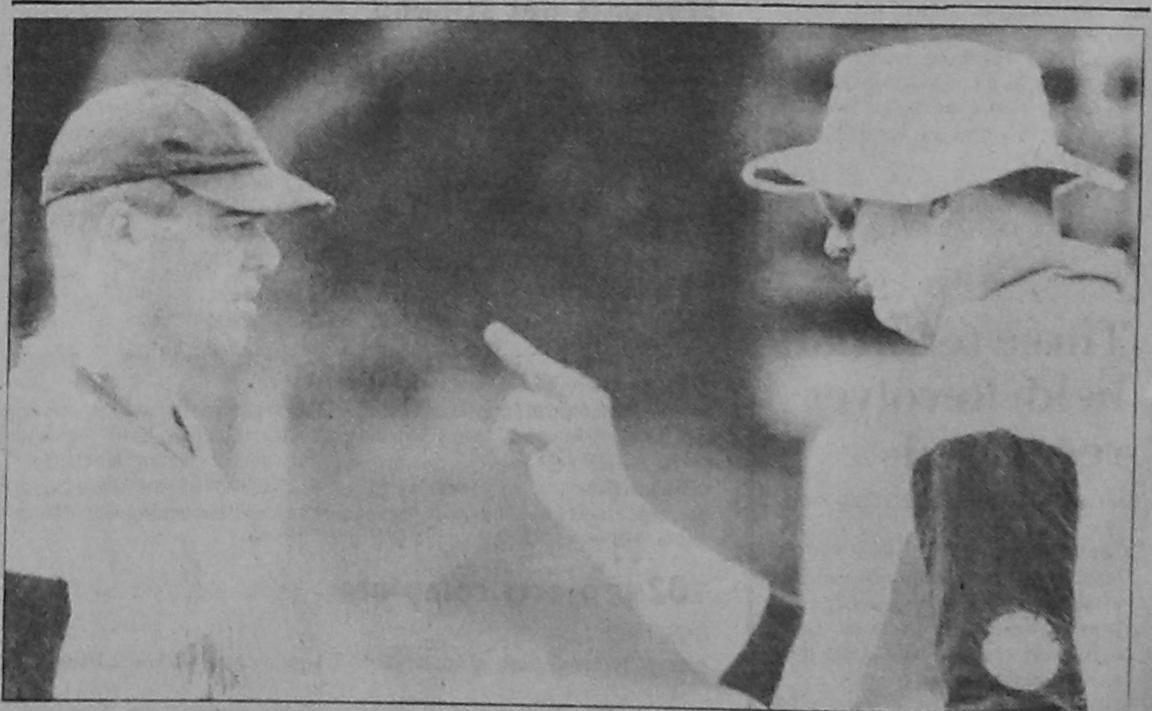


PHOTO BANGLADESH CRICKET BOARD Zimbabwe coach Carl Rackemann (R) explains something to his captain Heath Streak during a practice session in Harare on Wednesday.

CRICKET CONNECTS: Two Zimbabwean girls get their faces painted in the Bangladesh (R) and Zimbabwe national colours. No only to cricket

AGENCIES, New Delhi

angrily Wednesday to a threat by part of a multinational event. the national cricket board to pull out of major tournaments, including the 2003 World Cup, unless New Delhi clarifies its stand on playing Pakistan.

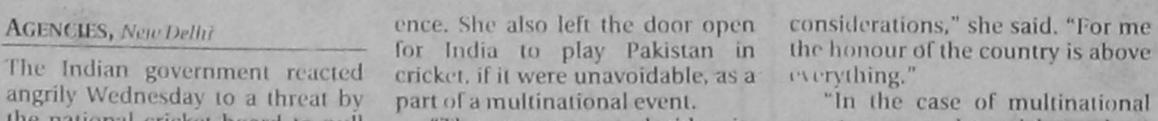
"The government's policy of not playing Pakistan in the present circumstances is a final one." Sports Minister Uma Bharti told reporters.

'India's self-respect and prestige, which are more important than everything else, will not be compromised," she said. "The government takes foreign

policy decisions keeping in mind national interests. The board has no business to dictate policies to "The government is very, very

firm not to have bilateral cricket matches against Pakistan in the prevailing circumstances," Rharti said. "Cricket has come to repre-Indian teams in other sports

In reply, Dhangara made 160 | will be allowed to play against Pakistan, she told a news confer-



policy on the basis of national might be an unavoidable situa interest and not on extraneous tion," she said, adding that there



for India to play Pakistan in the honour of the country is above "In the case of multinational | SCORES IN BRIEF "The government decides its events, even in cricket, there

dia," she said.

was a difference for bilateral tours. "We've just cleared the junior Indian volleyball team to play a tournament in Pakistan and we gave sanction to the Pakistan table tennis team to play in the Com-

PHOTO: BANGLADESH CRICKET BOARD

"We'll also be inviting Pakistan for the Afro-Asian Games in New Delhi in November." India's sporting links with Pakistan have been severely curtailed since the two countries were

monwealth championship in In-

the border state of Kashmir in Government clearance is mandatory in India for any international sports event - at home or

involved in an armed conflict in

The Indian government stopped its cricket team from playing a Test series in Pakistan SEE PAGE 9 (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)



UMA BHARTI