



Did U Know?

In the final of the first World Cup of Cricket, West Indies piped Australia by 13 runs in a closely fought battle. 59 runs were still needed when Lillie and Thomson got together for the last wicket. The two started a famous fight back. When 21 runs were still needed off just 12 balls, Thomson skied a catch to Roy Fredericks at cover. He was caught but it was a no-ball. Fredericks threw to the bowler's end and the result was overthrows. The crowd hadn't noted the no-ball signal and rushed on to the field. In the chaos that resulted Thomson and Lillie kept running up and down the wicket until the umpire Tom Spencer asked the two batsmen to stop. Thomson then asked the umpire how many runs would be given for their efforts? The umpire answered two. "Take a jump in the pond," said Thomson and added, "We've been running around here all afternoon and all you give us is two, you must be kidding?"



What to WATCH

- Ekushey TV**
Bangladesh vs Zimbabwe
Second & Final Test Day Four
Live at 2:00 pm
- ESPN**
English Premiership
Chelsea vs Leeds
7:00 am
- Liverpool vs Coventry
9:00 am
- Cricket Classics Boycott's Best
England vs India
1990 Second ODI
11:30 am
- UEFA Champions League
Highlights at 8:00 pm
- English Premiership
West Ham vs Man City
9:00 pm
- Star Sports**
South Africa vs West Indies
First ODI Highlights
8:30 am
- Primera Liga
Celta De Vigo vs Barcelona
Live at 12:00 am (Monday)



TALK TURKEY



Shoaib Akhtar
(Pakistan fast bowler)
"Now my every wicket will be dedicated to Pakistan and all my well wishers."
After his bowling action was cleared and he was included in the primary Pakistan team that would tour England next month.

Sports WHIZZ KID

Competition 148
Tick the Correct Answers
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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
- Wholited the Estoni 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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Hello from Harare

Cricket

AI-AMIN, from Harare

Former England all-rounder Ian Botham was generous enough to impart a 30-minute training on fast bowling to the four Bangladeshi numbers after the second day's play on Friday.

But he must have been shocked at watching the indiscipline bowling from seamers Monjurul Islam and Mohammed Sharif in the next morning.

Monjurul went for 18 runs in the first over on the third day. Sharif also bowled badly and together they conceded 66 runs in the first ten overs of the day.

Feeble Four

Coach Trevor Chappell has reportedly bracketed four players who are not good fielders. Interestingly, skipper Naimur Rahman was also one of them. But the worst among the quartet is Habibul Bashar. He is very reluctant to run after the ball and even if he chases it, there is always an additional run on the cards. His pathetic presence on the field however belies his aggression with the bat.

Big man Akram Khan is another weak fielder in the side. "If you want to locate Akram on the field just fix your eyes in the slips," quipped a journalist once.

Over the years Aminul Islam had been considered one of the quickest fielders in the side, but age seemed to have caught up with him. He dropped a simple catch at mid-on Saturday and filled the fourth place on Trevor's list of sloppy-doers.

Andy Left with Weeks

Andy Flower was only 27 runs shy of creating a world record of eight successive half-centuries in Test cricket when Javed Omar got in the way.

His parents were present on the field and a host of his admirers were eagerly waiting for him to achieve the unique feat Saturday.

But the expectation got shattered by a brilliant piece of fielding from Javed, who picked up the ball on the dive at point and in a flash hurled a perfect throw at the bowler's end that left the class left-hander short of his crease. "I was really disappointed for not making the record. It is painful but then it is the way life goes on," said the Zimbabwean run-machine after being run out for 23. The southpaw equalled Weeks' record of seven successive half-centuries when he scored 73 in the first Test at Bulawayo.



THAT'S OUT: Bangladesh captain Naimur Rahman dislodges the balls to get rid of Andy Flower on the third day of the second Test against Zimbabwe in Harare on Saturday.

BD-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at the close on the third day of the second and final Test between Zimbabwe and Bangladesh on Saturday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 254 (Mehrab 71, Bashar 64)

ZIMBABWE: First innings (overnight 144-2)
G. Whittall run out (Sharif) 59
Ebrahim c Akram b Naimur 39
Carlisle c Bashar b Sharif 21
Campbell c Mushfiq b Naimur 73
A. Flower run out (Javed Omar) 23
G. Flower c Sharif b Enamul 84
H. Streak not out 65
Extras: (b-7, lb-6) 13
Total: (For six wickets) 377
Fall of wickets: 1-90; 2-104; 3-164; 4-210; 5-244; 6-377
To bat: A Blignaut, R Price, M Nkala, B Watamba

Bowler (to date)	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	31	9	99	0
Sharif	26	6	93	1
Enamul	40.5	13	79	1
Mushfiq	11	1	33	0
Naimur	28	12	60	2

Narail Govt High enter final round

SPORTS REPORTER



Narail Government High School moved into the final round of the Standard Chartered 19th National School Cricket Championship with a facile 73-run win over Mohini Mohan Biddiyapith of Kushtia in the Khulna zonal final at the Narail Stadium on Saturday.

Batting first, Narail scored 224 for eight in the stipulated 35 overs with Helal hammering highest 50. Wadud (28), Biswas (26) were the other scorers.

In reply, Mohini Mohan Biddiyapith were all out for 151 in 27.2 overs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Narail Govt High School: 224 for 8 in 35 overs (Helal 50, Wadud 28, Biswas 26, Firoz 3/18, Maruf 2/33, Anwar 2/40)

Victory for Victoria

SPORTS REPORTER

Victoria Sporting Club beat City Club by 46 runs in a Relegation League match of the Premier Division Cricket League at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Saturday.

Opener Rezwan Omar scored 126 as Victoria reached 295 for four in the stipulated 50 overs after being invited to bat. Middle order Sajib Das, who scored an unbeaten 50, was the other notable run-getter.

In reply, City Club, despite a brilliant 102 from opener Wasim Nayeem, were all out for 249 in 48.3 overs. Wasim faced only 54 balls to reach his third hundred of the league.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Victoria SC: 295 for 4 in 50 overs (Rezwan 126, Sajib 50 n.o., Kapali 31 n.o., R Hanif 30, Khokon 2/37)
City Club: 249 all out in 48.3 overs (Wasim 102, R Rafique 48, Kapali 2/25)
Result: Victoria SC won by 46 runs.

Ministry rejects BCB proposal

SPORTS REPORTER

The Ministry of Sports has turned down a proposal by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to rename the head of the body from president to chairman.

The Ministry took the decision on Thursday after National Sports Council (NSC) sent the proposal, which was passed by the AGM of BCB last October.

The Ministry has already prepared a letter stating their position and it will be sent to the NSC today.



Premier Division Cricket Super League
Abahani v Dhanmondi Club (Bangabandhu National Stadium)
Premier Division Cricket Relegation League
Brothers Union v Sadharan Bima (Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium)

Tikolo toys with Biman

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Steve Tikolo was at his marauding best as Mohammedan Sporting Club took another step to regain

the Premier Division Cricket League title after four seasons. The popular Motijheel club thumped a 108-run victory over potential rivals Bangladesh Biman in their penultimate Super League clash at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

The Kenyan right hander slammed 185, his third century of the league, as Mohammedan amassed 344 for seven in the stipulated 50 overs.

In reply, Biman, who defeated holders Abahani convincingly by four wickets in their previous match, were dismissed for 236 in 50 overs. It was the national flag-carrier's fifth defeat of the season.

Mohammedan, with their 13th win, consolidated their position in the six-team Super League. They have collected 26 points from 15 matches, four more than arch rivals Abahani, who have 22 points from 14 matches.

The perennial foes will clash on May 4.

Biman, remained third in the table on 20 points.

Back to the match, Mohammedan, electing to bat, got off to a terrible start losing two wickets for 38 runs in 8.2 overs.

However, it did not stop Tikolo playing perhaps one of the best innings in the Dhaka league's history.

With already two centuries and seven fifties to his credit, the Kenyan master-batsman took exactly 50 balls to reach fifty and another 42 balls to reach the magical three figures. He then faced another 35 balls to reach 150.

Tikolo fell in the final over of their innings after he failed to read a slower delivery from Khaled Mahmud and was caught by Pakistani Manzoor Akhter at backward point.

In his 140-ball knock, Tikolo smote a quartet of sixes and 18 boundaries.

Tikolo also set a new record of most runs (1072) in the League. He eclipsed the 1017 runs scored by former Bangladesh captain Gazi Ashraf Hossain Lipu in 1986-87 season.

"This was one of the best knocks of my career," said the Mohammedan star after the



THUNDEROUS TIKOLO: Mohammedan's Kenyan recruit Steve Tikolo executes a blazing off-drive during his match-winning knock of 185 against Bangladesh Biman in the Premier Division Cricket Super League at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

'Let's not forget him'

Cricket

INTERNET, undated

West Indies legend Clive Lloyd has urged Caribbean officials to ensure that Courtney Walsh is not lost to the game following the end of his playing days.

Walsh bowed out of international cricket in style as the Windies wrapped up a 130-run victory over South Africa in the fifth and final Test at Sabina Park on Monday.

And Lloyd, who was captain when Walsh made his debut in 1984, is convinced that a new role

must be found for the Jamaican paceman.

"He has had a glorious career, he is a great cricketer and a great person," said Lloyd.

"He has lasted much longer than most, he has kept himself fit and endured more than most fast bowlers. He is a great ambassador for the sport."

"I don't think you'll find another Courtney Walsh around and if I was a young fast bowler I'd want to emulate him."

"The West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) and the Jamaican Cricket Board would do well to use his experience."

In a 17-year career, Walsh passed every landmark possible and achieved every feat a fast-bowler can.

He took a hat-trick against Australia in 1988, enjoyed three 10-wicket matches and, in taking 519 Test wickets, Walsh set a new world record.

He raised the bar from Kapil Dev's 434 to a mark that many believe will never be beaten.

"I said before the game that I was going to come out and enjoy five days of good cricket and a win would be a nice send off for me," said Walsh.

"The team played unbelievable cricket and I'm grateful for that. "I'd like to thank everyone in-

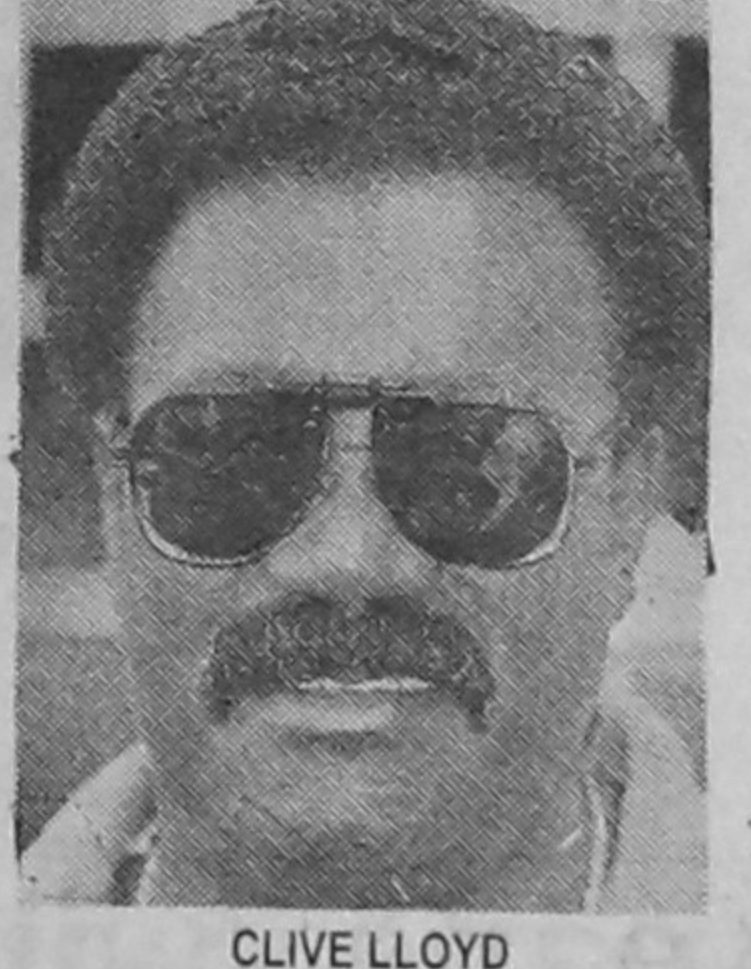
olved with West Indian cricket, from the very top to the very bottom, but most importantly the fans who have stuck by me and supported me."

Walsh paid tribute to South Africa for their sportsmanship in his last series and added: "In my last series in England they did the same thing, and in Australia too."

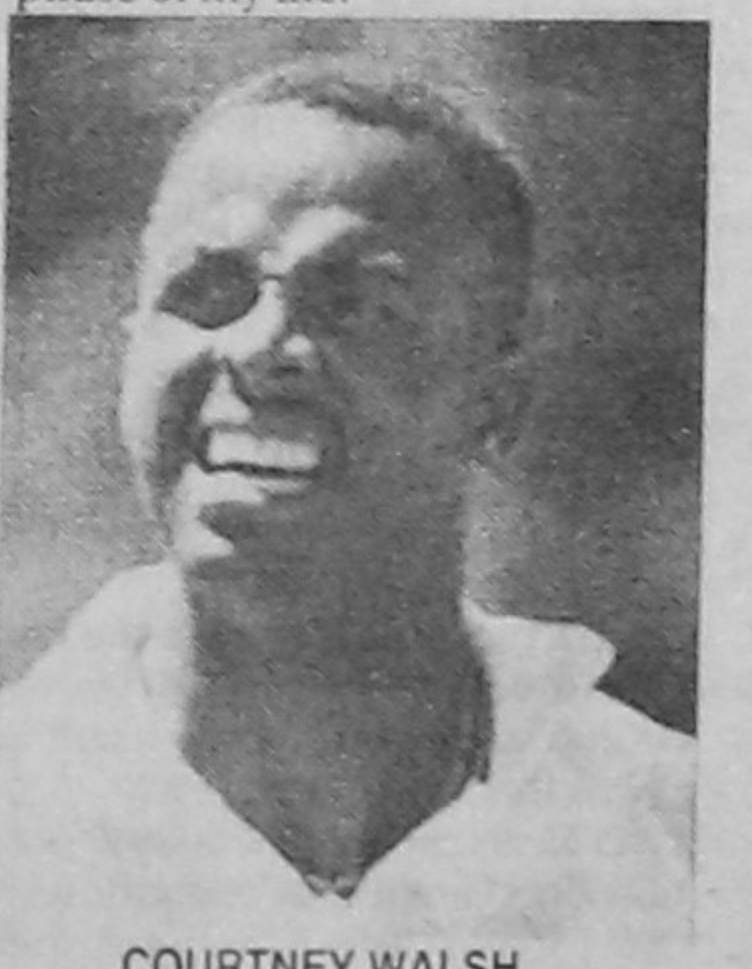
"All the opposition teams I have played against have treated me with the utmost respect and I'm very grateful for that."

"Now I'll have a rest for six months, feet up, a bit of golf and spend some time with my family."

"I will concentrate on a new phase of my life."



CLIVE LLOYD



COURTNEY WALSH

Rhodes relief for Proteas

Cricket

REUTERS, Kingston

South Africa's expectations ahead of the seven match one-day series against the West Indies have received a boost with the arrival of ebullient batsman Jonty Rhodes.

Rhodes, 31, who retired from Test cricket to concentrate on the abbreviated game, said on Friday he was bursting to get out on the field and play in the first match at Sabina Park, Jamaica on Saturday.

"I must confess I've been looking forward to playing. It's been pretty hard sitting at home watching the guys play in the Tests," Rhodes said.

"I look at the way Daryll (Cullinan) contributed so heavily to the batting in the Test side and I know I've got to fill some pretty big shoes but I'm really looking forward to the seven matches."

However Rhodes, who is known for his athletic brilliance in the field, dogged batting and lightning running between the wickets, hoped his infectious enthusiasm did not wear on his teammates.

"I just have to be careful that

I'm not too enthusiastic because the other guys have been here for eight weeks already and they're pretty tired.

"I need to temper my enthusiasm a bit and try not to irritate them with my 'over-zestfulness'."

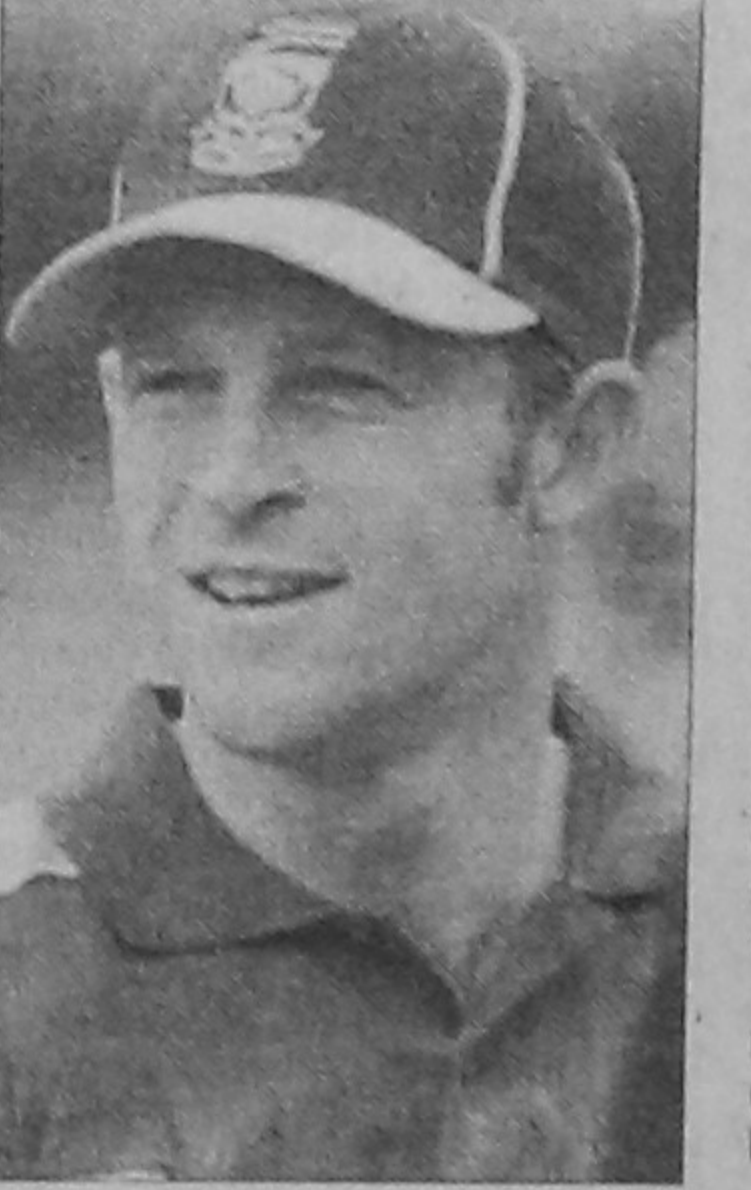
Rhodes, who made his debut in 1992, said he was starting to feel his age.

"I have a 14-month old daughter in the house so there isn't too much 'down time'."

"I spent ten years on the road and I haven't given my wife enough time. It's now a really important time of our lives and it's good to be a part of that."

Rhodes does not expect the one-day series to be high-scoring and he had spent time watching the Test matches to determine his role in the team.

"Scoring was really difficult during the Test series so I don't think we'll be expecting scores in excess of 250 in the one-dayers, that's for sure."



JONTY RHODES



Bangladesh paceman Mohammad Sharif is the toast of his teammates after he claimed the wicket of Zimbabwe's Stuart Carlisle on Saturday.