



Did U Know?

The US Major League Baseball teams use about 850,000 balls per season. And each of those balls has exactly 108 stitches. A cricket ball has between 65 and 70 stitches. A soccer ball is made up of 32 leather panels, held together by 642 stitches, all stitched by hand. Baskets and rugby balls are made from synthetic material. Earlier this century, pigs' bladders were used as rugby balls.



ESPN
 South Africa vs West Indies
 First ODI Highlights
 7:30 am
 South Africa vs West Indies
 Second ODI Highlights
 3:00 pm
 South Africa vs West Indies
 Third ODI Highlights
 9:00 pm
 English Premiership
 Highlights 1:00 pm
Series A
 12:00 am (Saturday)
Star Sports
 South Africa vs West Indies
 Third ODI Highlights
 11:00 pm
 Asian Football Show
 8:30 pm



Jacques Kallis
 (South African all-rounder)
 "We have a young side, which is
 fantastic when you look at a few
 teams around the world, especially
 the Australians."

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1. Who clinched the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters Series?	Agassi	Arazi	Kuerten
2. Who lifted the Ayr Gold Cup Sharjah tri-series cricket trophy?	New Zealand	Pakistan	Sri Lanka
3. What was the result of the South Africa and West Indies Test series?	4-1	3-2	2-1
4. Who was the man-of-the-match in the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe first test?	Heath Streak	K. Masood	Javed Omar
5. How many Test wickets did Courtney Walsh capture when he retired?	536	520	519

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CMCC cricket

BSS, Chittagong
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Trading ends



SPORTS REPORTER

The three-day inter-club booters transfer concluded at the Dhaka Mahanagar Football League Committee (DMFLC) office at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday night.

A total of 18 Premier and First Division Club participated in the market where a total of 270 players switched their allegiance in this season.

The final day passed quietly as the top three teams -- Abahani, Mohammedan Sporting Club and Mukti Joddha Sangsad Krira Chakra -- had completed their business on the first day.

However, Saifur Rahman Moni, Kingshuk Chakma and Kamruzzaman Selim -- were the prominent players from the pool, who

took part on Thursday.

Moni and Kingshuk decided to stay at Rahmatganj Muslim Friends Society while Kamruzzaman Selim also joined Rahmatganj from Mohammedan Sporting Club.

With these three, all the 26 pool players have finally confirmed their destinations.

Midfielder Zulfiqar Mahmud Mintu is the only unfortunate booter to have registered with a First Division Club. The remaining 25 players found places in the Premier Division.

The season kicks off with the Federation Cup on May 20 while the Premier Division League is likely to start from the middle of June.

Following is the final list of pool players:

Mukti Joddha Sangsad: Aminul Haq, Rajani Kanta Barman, Hasan Al-Mamun, Matiur Rahman

Abahani: Mohammad Sujon, Iqbal Hossain, Rokonuzzaman Khan, Firoz Mahmud Hossain Tito and Kazi Nazrul Islam.

Karishagang SC: Biplob Bhattacharya and Maksudul Amin Rana.

Arambagh KS: Rezaul Karim Liton and Saiful Islam Khokon.

Dhamondi Club: Sourav Majumder Raju and Abdul Qayum Senu.

Brothers Union: Mustafa Anwar Parvez.

Rahmatganj MFS: Saifur Rahman Moni, Kingshuk Chakma and Kamruzzaman Selim.

Badda Jagarani: Zulfiqar Mahmud Mintu.

New Model: Munna and Prodeep Kumar Poddar.

Mohammedan SC: Alfaz Ahmed, Abu Faisal Ahmed, Sajedul Karim Tushar, Monwar Hossain and Papel Mahmud.

FC Bayern Munich 2
Real Madrid 1

Standard Chartered 19th National School Cricket Championship: Sylhet.

SCORING IN BRIEF: New Model High School: 85 for 6 in 15 overs (Ashiq 28, Raihan 24, Ramzan 17).

Mohini Mohan Biddyapith: 85 for 9 in 15 overs (Sanjoy 23, Anwar 20, Sohel 1/8).

Result: New Model won for losing less number of wickets.

Narail Govt. High School: 123 for 4 in 15 overs (Payel 36, Tanvir 28, Sabur 20).

Green Herald: 83 for 8 in 15 overs (Tanzim 20, Tawfiq 17, Payel 3/21, Sabur 2/17).

Result: Narail Govt. High School won by 40 runs.

TODAY'S MATCHES (Quarterfinals): Mymensingh Zila School v BKSP (Medical College Ground).

Blue Bird (Sylhet) v Rajshahi Collegiate School (Sylhet Stadium).

Waqar feels upbeat

INTERNET, London

The West Indies won a thrilling first match by three wickets off the last ball in Kingston, Jamaica, but South Africa won the next three games by eight wickets, 132 runs and eight wickets.

Wednesday's match followed a depressingly familiar pattern for the West Indian spectators, many of whom left the ground early when it became obvious their team was headed for a big defeat.

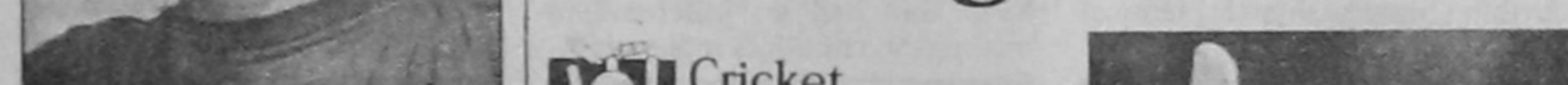
South Africa's bowling and fielding was again too good for the West Indian batsmen.

Lara played virtually a lone hand for his struggling side as he made the highest score and only the fifth half-century for the West Indies in the five matches.

The little left-hander faced 125 balls and hit nine boundaries before stepping away to force Jacques Kallis to the offside and being bowled.

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Gibbs gives SA the series



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Herschelle Gibbs hit his second century of the series as South Africa swept to a seven-wicket victory in the fifth one-day international at Kensington Oval on Wednesday.

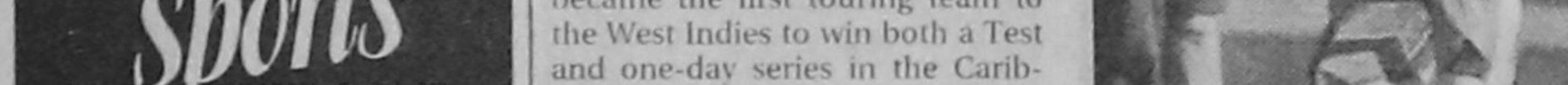
South Africa clinched the series, taking a winning 4-1 lead with two matches still to be played, and became the first touring team to the West Indies to win both a Test and one-day series in the Caribbean.

West Indies were seldom in the game despite a fine innings of 92 by star batsman Brian Lara, who lacked support as the West Indies were bowled out for 199 after being sent in on a good batting pitch.

It was the fourth comprehensive win in a row for South Africa.

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Buchanan's power cut



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Australia have axed team coach John Buchanan as a selector on the Ashes tour of England which starts next month.

"He'll be consulted by the captain, the vice-captain and the chairman of selectors," Speed said.

Captain Steve Waugh said he was disappointed with the decision.

"I respect the decision that everyone has made but from a

personal point of view, I would have liked to have seen him stay," Waugh told reporters.

"I just think he does a good job and he comes from a bit of a different perspective. The coaches ... they're watching things from off the field and seeing how each individual operates."

Asked if he believed there was a conflict between the roles of coach and selector, Waugh said: "I hope not, because it means (the players) won't be coming to me because I'm still a selector and I'm the captain. I want players to come to me."

"I think we've got a pretty open and honest side and I would expect that that shouldn't be a problem, and I don't really think it has been a problem in the past."

He added that the loss of Buchanan as a selector put extra pressure on him and Gilchrist.

"But that's why we are there ... you're expected to make decisions," he added.

Waugh said Buchanan's role in the team would not be diminished.

"His primary role is as a coach, a selector was only on tour anyway."

"It's something he would have liked to have done, but it's not there anymore and his role is as the coach and he will continue to do that well."

Responding to a question, he said he believed if he stayed fit he could last till the 2003 World Cup in South Africa, if not beyond that.

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