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New Zealander Bruce Taylor is the only player to score a century and claim five wickets on his debut in Tests. Taylor made 105 and took 5 for 86 against India at Calcutta in 1964-65.



Monica Seles
(American tennis star)
"It was terrific and almost like being on vacation. But of course I had to work hard."
After defeating Jelena Dokic in the Brazil Open final.



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1. How many runs did Herschelle Gibbs score in the first ODI against Zimbabwe?	115	125
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4. What was the result of the South Africa and Zimbabwe Test series?	2-0	1-0
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Bangladesh umpires graduate

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladeshi umpires will stand in a Test match for the first time when the newcomers in international cricket play their maiden home series against Zimbabwe.

The Southern African nation will arrive in Dhaka in November 5 to play two Tests and three one-day internationals.

The ICC (International Cricket Council) made the historic decision on Saturday naming AFM Akhtaruddin Shaheen and Shawkatur Rahman Chinu in the panel of four umpires for the two Tests.

Shaheen, a banker, will walk alongside fellow Pakistani umpire Mian Aslam for the first Test, beginning at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on November 8.

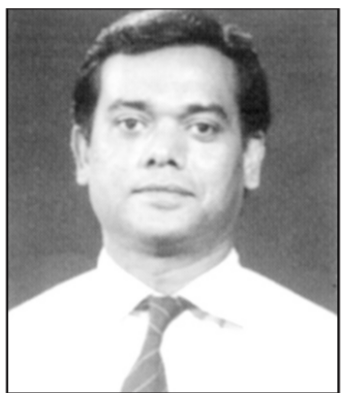
Shawkatur Rahman, a deputy director of Physical Education Department of the Dhaka University, on the other hand will stand in the second Test with former Sri Lankan cricketer Ashoka de Silva. The Test will commence in Chittagong on November 15.

Besides, the ICC also inducted two more local officials Jahangir Alam and Sailab Hossain were upgraded to international umpires.

Jahangir will act as third umpire for the first Test while Sailab will be in charge of the electronic eye in the second Test at the MA Aziz Stadium.

However, the duo will get the opportunity to stand in the middle during the three-match one-day series. There will be no neutral umpires during the one-day games.

This is also going to be the first



AKHTARUDDIN SHAHEEN

time that our local umpires will conduct an international limited-over game.

"It's the biggest achievement since we gained the Test status. It will definitely open up new avenues for our ex-players," said BCB director Syed Ashrafur Huq to journalists the Board's Bangabandhu Stadium

office yesterday.

The Board had earlier sent a list of ten umpires recommended by West Indian Steve Bucknor and Australian Daryl Harper.

Bucknor conducted a week-long course after officiating in Bangladesh inaugural Test against India in November last year. Harper visited Bangladesh earlier this year to see the standard of umpiring in the National League, the country's first-class competition.

"We have got the conformation from Clive Hitchcock who is the ICC's operations manager."

But the approval came after a meeting with the ICC Cricket Committee chairman Sunil Gavaskar.

BACK-TO-BACK ODIs

Meanwhile, in another development the Board revised the itinerary of the home series.

"The two day-night matches in Dhaka on November 25 and 27 will now be played back-to-back."

The slight change has been done to fulfill the sponsors wish.

"We have made the change basically to comply with the satellite time," said the Ashrafur adding that the adjustment would also curtail our expenses.

Zimbabwe will play the first one-day in Chittagong on November 23.

National team too strong

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh team ambled to a 66-run victory over Under-19 side in a limited-overs practice match at the BKSP ground in Savar on Saturday.

Batting first, the Test team led by Naimur Rahman, scored 213 all out in 47.1 overs.

Ashrafur, Test cricket's youngest centurion, notched up highest 66 off 81 balls. Opener Javed Omar returned among the runs with 48 and one-down Habibul Bashar made 43.

The Youth team, appearing in their last match before leaving for Australia for a month-long tour, was bundled out for 147 runs in 42.3 overs. Only captain Nafees Iqbal offered some resistance with a patient 48.

Experienced right-arm paceman Hasibul Hossain and slow left-arter Enamul Hoque claimed three wickets apiece for the national team.

Although the youths lost the match without any fight, young off-spinner Ali Arman Rajon returned with outstanding figures of 10-0-27-4.

SL feel sorry

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka Saturday pulled out of a tour of Pakistan because of concerns over security in the event of US attacks against neighbouring Afghanistan.

The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka (BCCSL), which had agreed to send a team to play three one-day internationals in Pakistan after New Zealand cancelled its tour, said it had changed its mind.

"We regret that we will not be able to go ahead with the tour," a spokesman for the BCCSL said.

He said Sri Lanka had also stepped in with the offer of a three-match tour to be held here as a goodwill gesture to Pakistan for sending a team to Sri Lanka in 1996 when Australia and West Indies boycotted their World Cup qualifiers.

Australia and West Indies stayed away after a suicide bomb attack against the Central Bank here killed 91 people and wounded more than 1,400 others.

However, Pakistan and India sent teams to play friendly matches as a sign of their solidarity with Sri Lanka, which went on to win the World Cup that year.

"We requested the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) to make arrangements to evacuate our players by air, should the need have arisen," BCCSL chairman Vijaya Malalasekara said.

"However, despite the efforts of the PCB, it was not possible to arrange the logistics for this (emergency air evacuation)."

Malalasekara said the BCCSL had security concerns for both the Sri Lankan players and their Pakistani counterparts as well as spectators during the proposed tour.

The BCCSL said the Sri Lankan team would meet Pakistan and Zimbabwe in the Sharjah one-day tournament in the United Arab Emirates from October 26.

More bad news for Donald

INTERNET, Johannesburg

South African fast bowler Allan Donald has hit an extra obstacle in his mission to return to fitness after picking up a stomach strain.

Donald missed the national side's trip to Zimbabwe last month because of influenza.

He was left out of the squad for the opening matches of the one-day series against India and Kenya in order to regain his match fitness at domestic level.

However, the veteran now faces a fitness test on his stomach before playing for provincial side Free State against Northern this weekend.

Donald stressed that the injury was, "a little stomach strain; nothing torn or seriously damaged," but said that if there were any concern over the injury he would sit out the season-opener and return to action the following weekend.

"It's so frustrating, but I suppose these things happen for a reason and I'm just going to have to be very patient," Donald said in his internet column.

"In fact I've ordered three guys in the Free State team to tell me every day to be patient!" Donald said that while Australia was the main target now, the tri-series against India and Kenya, and the subsequent Test series against India, were crucial for building confidence.

"We badly want to be the best Test team in the world, and every win improves your standing in the ICC Test Championship," he said.

"Shaun [Pollock] will be looking for 3-0 against India, and with that behind them, South Africa can take on Australia with confidence sky-high."

The hosts open the series against India at the Wanderers in Johannesburg on Friday and then travel to Benoni to take on Kenya two days later.

MA Aziz Stadium awaits ICC inspection

Cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

The MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong is expected to be ready for inspection at least seven days ahead of the scheduled visit by ICC team. The fact-finders will visit the port city in the first week of November, according to officials of the BCB and CJKS here in the evening yesterday.

Chittagong will host the second Test as well as the first one-day international when Zimbabwe visit Bangladesh in November.

The tourists, who arrive here on November 12, will be the first team to play a five-day match outside Dhaka. It will be a dream come true for the cricket-loving people of Chittagong when the second Test starts on November 15.

The Bangladesh Cricket Board and Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha told journalists at the CJKS office that all the necessary development and expansion work of the stadium is nearing completion well ahead of schedule. The renovation involves a cost of Taka one crore.

The organisers hope that the venue would be comparable to any stadium or cricket ground in the world.

For the Test they have already received a good response from the local sponsors who have provided

nearly Taka 1.12 crore.

It will be a 'small green wicket' like ones in Sri Lanka. Two separate wickets have been prepared for Test and the one-day international. The grass behind the wicket, however, may not be so green as they hoped for.

Also, the facilities for the media are in place. Air-coolers have been installed in the commentary box, match referee and third umpire's boxes, Radio and ETV room, TV control room. A media centre equipped with all modern facilities has already been set up.

Besides, separate players' watching room and VIP box will also be there.

However, the scoreboard will be manually operated and lanterns will be used by the third umpire. The unique lights resemble the tradition of the port city.

The CJKS authority hope that the required funds would be raised from sale of tickets, renting out of scoreboard, sight screens, third umpire box and souvenir for advertisements.

The chief co-ordinator of BCB & CJKS and general secretary of Chittagong Divisional Krira Sangstha Selim Abedin addressed the meeting. CJKS general secretary Shahed Asgar, joint-secretary Shaheen Aftabur Reza and CJKS cricket committee general secretary Abul Basher were also present.

BCB president Akmal Hossain and director Syed Ashrafur Huq are likely to visit Chittagong on Wednesday or Thursday to see the progress.

Less problem for England

Cricket

REUTERS, Harare

Half-centuries from Nick Knight and Nasser Hussain steered England to a comfortable eight-wicket win over Zimbabwe in the second match of their one-day international series.

The two put on 112 for the second wicket as England cruised to their target of 196 in 37.3 overs.

Knight scored an unbeaten 82 while skipper Hussain added 50.

Knight's runs came off 82 balls and included eight boundaries, with Marcus Trescothick giving the innings impetus with 46 from 36 balls in a 72-run opening stand.

England captain Hussain contributed 50 but rode his luck.

He survived a confident appeal for caught behind off slow left-arm Dirk Viljoen in the 24th over when he had 28.

Zimbabwe umpire Kevin Barbour gave him not out, but replays clearly showed that the ball had touched his glove before going through to wicketkeeper Andy Flower who made a diving catch.

Hussain was also dropped by Heath Streak in the covers six overs earlier when he had 21.

It was Knight's 16th half-century in 62 matches and Hussain's 11th in 52, but his fifth in the last seven games.

England lead 2-0 after the first two games of the five-match series.

Trescothick fell when he slashed a delivery from right-arm seamer Gary Brent to point where Dion Ebrahim took a sharp chance.

Earlier Zimbabwe, who have now lost their last nine one-dayers, were bowled out for 195 in 49.1 overs after choosing to bat.

Fast bowler Matthew Hoggard, playing in only his second match, took three for 37 in 10 overs and received good support from Ben Hollis (two for 37) and off-spinner Jeremy Snape (two for 38). Hoggard earned the man of the match award.

Alistair Campbell top scored for the hosts with 49 off 69 balls.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the second one-day international between England and Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club on Saturday:

ZIMBABWE
Campbell c Hussain b Hollis 49
Whittall bowled Hoggard 7
A Flower bowled Hoggard 6
Carlisle c Trescothick b Rampakash 40
Wishart c Thorpe b Hoggard 34
Brent c Kirtley b Snape 11
G Flower c Knight b Snape 2
Ebrahim c Foster b Flintoff 10

Streak bowled Hollis 3
Viljoen bowled Kirtley 18
Nkala not out 6
Extras: (lb-3, w-6) 9
Total: (All out in 49.1 overs) 195
Fall of wickets: 1-27, 2-40, 3-83, 4-128, 5-152, 6-152, 7-158, 8-165, 9-171

Bowler O M R W
Hoggard 10 0 37 3
Kirtley 8 1 0 37 1
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England bowler Matthew Hoggard, later named man-of-the-match, is exultant after bowling star Zimbabwean Andy Flower during the second one-day international in Harare yesterday.

Lara charge leads T & T

Cricket

INTERNET/AP, Kingston

Brian Lara helped himself to 129 as Trinidad and Tobago made the second highest total in a one-day match.

Lara's side made 409 for six in their 50 overs in their Red Stripe Bowl game against Northern Windwards, which they eventually won by 176 runs and reached the semifinals.

It was only four runs short of the record score of 413 for four achieved by English county side Somerset against Devon in 1990, but that was in a 60-overs game.

Jamaica also qualified for the semifinals of the one-day cricket tournament with easy victory over the Leeward Islands.

Both winning teams -- who meet on Sunday -- have eight points.

Lara was only recently cleared to start playing again following a lengthy lay-off caused by a persistent hamstring problem.

The left-hander first suffered the injury last year and after numerous

forms of treatment had been tried, it was eventually decided that rest was the only answer, forcing him to pull out of the West Indies squad for a tour to Zimbabwe and Kenya.

He showed no sign of rust as he hit three sixes and 14 fours in his 88-ball innings and shared a fourth wicket stand of 199 with Richard Smith, who made 102.

But the most brutal strokeplay came from opener Andy Jackson, who took just 53 deliveries to reach 112, an innings which included six sixes and 14 fours.

Northern Windwards were never likely to mount a serious challenge against a Trinidad and Tobago attack featuring three bowlers with Test experience for West Indies and they were soon in trouble on 40 for three.

Kirsten Casimir scored 83 but they could only reach 233 for six, with leg-spinner Dinanath Ramnarine taking two for 40.

At Sabina Park, Jamaica won by 60 runs.

Jamaica, electing to bat first, had prolific opener Chris Gayle to thank for their win. The left-hander hit 122, his second century in successive

matches, in his team's moderate total of 209 in 50 overs.

The Leeward Islands were restricted to 149 for seven in 50 overs.

The home team were rocked early in their innings by fast bowler Lesroy Irish who captured two wickets to put Jamaica under pressure.

He removed Leon Garrick without scoring in the opening over. Off-spinner Ronald Powell then had Wavell Hinds caught behind for three by wicketkeeper Jason Williams with the score on 22.

Five runs later, Irish dismissed Marlon Samuels for one. But Gayle played solidly as his colleagues fell around him. He shared in partnerships with Ricardo Powell (15), Keith Hibbert (18) and Bryan Murphy (17).

Gayle hit one six and eight fours in his century before he was ninth out in the 48th over.

Irish, fellow fastbowlers Runako Morton and Sheldon Jeffers and Powell each captured two wickets.

The Leewards also started badly,

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IN WITH THE NEW, OUT WITH THE OLD: The Bangabandhu National Stadium is getting ready to play host to Zimbabwe when the Africans come here in November on a 25-day tour. As part of preparation workers here are seen removing the broken chairs of the International Enclosure out of the big bowl.

Kirsten outshines 'em

Cricket

AFP, Johannesburg

Saurav Ganguly and Sachin Tendulkar hit centuries but it was not enough to stop South Africa from making a winning start to a tri-nation limited-overs tournament at the Wanderers Stadium here Friday.

A masterly 133 by Gary Kirsten enabled South Africa to win by six wickets despite India making an imposing 279 for five after being sent in on a good batting pitch.

South African captain Shaun Pollock admitted he made a mistake by sending India in. "I thought there would be more life in the pitch than there was. Fortunately our batters did really well to chase the target."

Ganguly, the Indian captain, made 127 off 125 balls, while Tendulkar scored 101 off 130 deliveries. Their stand of 193 was the highest opening partnership for any country against South Africa and the total was a new record for the Wanderers.

"It was big total on the board but

they never looked in any trouble," said Ganguly. "All credit to the South Africans. They batted really well. We bowled a bit short and our bowlers have got to be a bit more accurate."



KIRSTEN...m-o-m

Tendulkar was content to play a supporting role, making only 55 while Ganguly was batting.

Out of action at top level since receiving treatment for a stress fracture of his right foot in August, he struggled with his timing early on but went on to play some fluent strokes

as he reached his 30th one-day century in the 48th over before skying a catch off the next ball.

India were pegged back, however, after Ganguly was out in the 36th over and South Africa were always on target in reply after Herschelle Gibbs hit two fours in the first over of their innings off Venkatesh Prasad.

South Africa, though, were fortunate that match referee Ahmed Ebrahim of Zimbabwe did not penalise them any overs in their innings after it took them 15 minutes longer than scheduled to bowl their 50 overs.

Ebrahim probably took into account a change of boots and pads by Ganguly -- and a warning by umpire Rudi Koertzen to the Indian captain for wasting time by not being ready when the bowlers were ready to start their run-up.

Kirsten and Gibbs scored even faster than India's champion pair as they put on 114 for the first wicket in 17.4 overs, with Gibbs making 48 off 45 covers with 10 fours before being caught behind off Javagal Srinath.

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Pollock misread pitch

Cricket

REUTERS, Johannesburg

South African captain Shaun Pollock admitted misjudging the pitch after his team beat India by six wickets in their first one-day international.

India totalled 279 for five, to which South Africa replied with 280 for four win with 10 balls to spare in the opening match of the triangular series that will also feature Kenya.

Pollock, who won the toss and sent India in to bat, told reporters he expected the pitch to be less favourable for batting.

"We misjudged the wicket," Pollock said. "We thought there would be a lot more bounce and nip in it, that's why we elected to bowl first. But after the first few overs we realised it was a good wicket."

Man of the match Gary Kirsten, who carried his bat for an undefeated 133 off 153 balls with 13 fours, and Herschelle Gibbs, who scored 48, laid the foundation for South Africa's win with an opening stand of 114 off 108 balls.

"They're in superb form and they're doing a great job for us," Pollock said of his opening pair.

Kirsten told reporters: "They posted a good total, so we had to get off to a fast start. We got that, and

tough games this season, but hopefully we can maintain our momentum," Kirsten said.

Indian captain Saurav Ganguly credited the South Africans for their clinical performance.

"There was a big total on the board, but they played very well and they never looked in any trouble at any stage of the game," Ganguly told reporters. "All credit to the South Africans."

Ganguly said his team would not lose heart after their defeat in the first match of the triangular series.

"I thought we could have bowled a bit better but it's the first game of the series and there's a lot of cricket ahead, so we've got to learn from this," Ganguly said.

"We bowled too short on this wicket -- we've got to learn to be more accurate."

The Indian skipper scored 127 in an opening stand of 193 with Sachin Tendulkar, who made 101. It was the biggest partnership for any wicket by India against South Africa.

"I'm pretty happy with the way I hit the ball, and I hope I continue to do so throughout the series," Ganguly said.

"We're going to get into some



SHAUN POLLOCK

then it was a question of keeping up with the rate."

However, he warned that South Africa would not have it all their own way during a summer in which their other opponents would be Kenya and Australia.

"We're going to get