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- Live at 2:00 pm
- India vs South Africa
First Test, Day One
Live at 2:30 pm
- English Premier Football League
Sunderland vs Leicester City
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- Tennis Masters Series, Paris
Day Four
7:00 am
- Futbol Mundial
2:00 am
- World Cup Soccer Mix
3:00 pm
- Primera Liga
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Test squad to be named today



SPORTS REPORTER

Chief selector of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) Mainul Haq will name a 14-member Bangladesh squad this afternoon for the first Test against Zimbabwe starting at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on November 8.

Among the likely players to be considered for the maiden home series will be five members of the Bangladesh A team in India. They are national opener Mehrab Hossain, batting prodigy Mohammad Ashraful, former vice-captain Khaled Mahmud, Fahim Muntasir and speed merchant Masrafe-bin-Mortuza Kowshik.

The quintet returned home on Friday.

Except for off-spinner Fahim, it is expected that the others including discarded national all-rounder Khaled Mahmud, who was skipping the second string side in western India, before selectors

called them back would be drafted.

Meanwhile on Thursday, State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman met BCB directors Syed Ashraful Haq and Ahmed Sajjadul Alam at his NSC office to learn about the latest developments regarding the live telecast of the two-Test series. And after having discussions with them, the minister then called BTV's Abdul Mannan Syed and asked him to take necessary steps to cover the matches live.

However, it was still undecided which channel would telecast the matches since the Board has an agreement with Ekushey Television (ETV) allowing them the right to broadcast any international matches played in Bangladesh.

Moreover, the state-owned Bangladesh Television will also not be able to show the matches in full because of the current session of the Jatiya Sangsad.

The state minister has invited all three parties BCB, BTV and ETV for further talks at the Secretariat on Sunday morning.

Zimbabwe come on Monday

SPORTS REPORTER

Newly-appointed Zimbabwe captain Brian Murphy will be arriving with a 14-member squad in Bangladesh on Monday straight from Sharjah to play two Test matches and three one-day internationals.

Murphy, a leg-spinner, took over from Heath Streak who resigned the captaincy prior to the triangular limited-overs tournament at the desert venue. The southern Africans had a miserable time there losing all their preliminary games against Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

The first Test is on November 8 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium and the second takes place at Chittagong's MA Aziz Stadium from November 15, which will also host the first one-day international.

The first ODI is on November 23. The remaining two limited-overs matches in Dhaka on November 25 and 26 are day-night affairs.

This is going to be a return tour for the Zimbabweans. It follows Bangladesh's visit last April where they lost the Tests in Harare and Bulawayo and suffered a 3-0 whitewash in the ODIs.

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WC underway!



INTERNET, Soweto

The 2003 Cricket World Cup was officially launched in Soweto on Thursday with unity put forward as the main theme of the event to be hosted by South Africa.

Malcolm Speed, the International Cricket Council's (ICC) chief executive officer, was present at the unveiling of the official zebra mascot named 'Dazzler' followed by a school clinic featuring 100 Soweto cricket children.

"The ICC is very excited about working with the United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCB) and the government, and together we will create a spectacular sporting event that will delight cricket fans around the world," Speed said.

At the launching ceremony held at the Soweto Oval, the executive director of the Cricket World Cup Ali Bacher urged all South Africans to embrace it.

"Everyone should feel that this

is his or her game," Bacher said.

"We want to leave a legacy with this event," he said. "The beneficiaries of the tournament must be all disadvantaged black and white South Africans. I hope that after this Cricket World Cup, thousands of South Africans will be better off."



DAZZLER

He said one of the aims of the tournament was to develop 50 ovals in the country's previously disadvantaged areas to promote the sport.

Percy Sonn, the president of the

UCB, said Soweto was chosen as the venue of the launch because of the role the township played in the liberation of South Africa.

"In 1976, the youth of Soweto stood up and indicated their displeasure with the circumstances they were living under," said Sonn.

"The whole world took note of that and a new era has dawned. This Cricket World Cup will be a time when the whole international community will be working with us."

South African Sports Minister Ngconde Balfour raised the 2003 World Cup flag.

The tournament begins on February 9 when South Africa are due to play West Indies in Cape Town and continues until the March 23 final in Johannesburg.

The competition entails 54 games at 15 venues in three countries: South Africa, Zimbabwe and Kenya.

Some 800,000 spectators are expected at the grounds while organisers claim a global audience in excess of one billion will view the tournament on television.

Mahmud's men go down



SPORTS REPORTER

Khaled Mahmud's Bangladesh A team suffered their first defeat on their tour of India. They went down by exactly 100 runs to the Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Eleven in a limited-overs match in Pune on Thursday.

Chasing a not too difficult MCA total of 220 in 50 overs, the visitors were shot out for 120 in 40.4 overs. Wicketkeeper Anwar Hossain top-scored with 41 not out.

Middle-order batsman Rajin Saleh (21) and opener Tushar Imran, who cracked a double century against the same opponents in a drawn three-day game, made 16. Hasanuzzaman also managed to get into double figures with ten.

MCA's Suyash Burkul led the home side attack and finished with five for 18 from 9.4 overs while Bhagat took two wickets for 23.

Earlier, the home side rode on a superb run-a-ball 81 from one down Rajin Saleh. His fireworks contained eight fours and a couple of sixes.

Kapil Laghate scored 43 off 96 balls while lower middle-order Patil chipped in with an unbeaten 33.

Left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique was the most successful

Bangladesh bowler taking four wickets for 29 runs. Seamer Alamgir and occasional off-spinner Sanwar Hossain claimed two wickets each.

The tourists will play one more three-day and a limited-over match against current Ranji Trophy champions Baroda in Baroda before returning home. The three-day match begins on November 4 to 6 while the one-day match is on November 7.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard of the one-day match between Bangladesh A and Maharashtra Cricket Association (MCA) Eleven played in Pune, India, on Thursday.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Munir	8	0	26	1
Alamgir	7.2	0	30	2
Mushfiq	7	0	42	0
Neyamur	3	0	26	0
Rafique	10	0	29	4
Sanwar	9	0	22	2

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hannanlbw b Khirid	7			
Tushar c Khirid b Suyash	16			
Sanwar c Kalahar b Suyash	2			
Hasanuzzaman lbw b Sane	10			
Mushfiq b Suyash	0			
Rajin c & b Parag	21			
Neyamur c Bhosle b Bhagwat	1			
Gupta c Anwar b Alamgir	12			
Kalahar b Munir	8			
Khirid st Anwar b Sanwar	81			
Kapil c Hannan b Sanwar	43			
Dinesh b Rafique	1			
Bhosle run out	5			
Bhagwat lbw b Rafique	33			
Parag b Rafique	4			
Sane lbw b Rafique	0			
Suyash c Anwar b Alamgir	8			
Extras: (lb-5, nb-5, w-10)	20			
Total: (All out in 44.2 overs)	220			
Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-31, 3-157, 4-161, 5-163, 6-169, 7-175, 8-187, 9-187.				

Lanka amass 272

Jayasuriya joins 7,000-run club now



AFP, Sharjah

Sanath Jayasuriya became the third Sri Lanka to pass 7,000 one-day runs as his team made 272-9 from 50 overs against Pakistan in the Champions' Trophy here on Friday.

The left-hander, who was wrongly credited with the landmark on Tuesday because of a statistical oversight when still 29 runs short, ensured he was not left red-faced again by making 36.

The 246-match veteran joins his former World Cup-winning colleagues, Aravinda De Silva (8,430 runs) and Arjuna Ranatunga (7,456), as the three Sri Lankans in the coveted club.

Jayasuriya, who elected to bat after winning the toss, put on 95 for the first wicket with Avishka Gunawardena.

Gunawardena hit seven boundaries in his 57, while Mahela Jayawardena built on the bright start with a superb 84 off 83 balls.

Jayawardena smashed six fours, besides a towering six off Waqar Younis, before he holed out at mid-wicket off Shoaib Akhtar in the 48th over.

Akhtar, working up the pace that has made him one of the fastest bowlers in the world, finished with three wickets, including one off the final delivery of the innings.

The last league match of the tournament holds only academic interest as both Sri Lanka and Pakistan have ensured their place in Sunday's final at Zimbabwe's expense.

Both teams rested star players from their respective sides ahead of the final. Sri Lanka dropper paceman Dilhara Fernando.

Fernando, who underwent bone scans on Thursday after recurring pain in the back, is unlikely to be available for the final.

A fourth-wicket stand of 66 between Jayawardena and Russel Arnold lifted Sri Lanka to 224-3 in the 42nd over, when Pakistani captain Waqar Younis hit back with two wickets in three balls.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the Sri Lanka innings against Pakistan in the Champions'

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Waqar	10	0	51	2
Akhtar	10	1	45	3
Mahmood	9	0	51	1
Afridi	10	0	46	1
Razzaq	8	0	53	1
Malik	3	0	14	0

PAKISTAN: Waqar Younis, Shahid Afridi, Younis Khan, Inzamamul Haq, Yousuf Youhana, Naveed Latif, Abdur Razaq, Azhar Mahmood, Rashid Latif, Shoaib Akhtar, Shoaib Malik.

Umpires: Eddie Nichols (West Indies) and George Sharp (England).



Sri Lanka's Avishka Gunawardena executes a powerful sweep-shot on way to scoring the half-century against Pakistan at Sharjah yesterday.

Match-fixing terrorist

INTERNET, London

A suspected terrorist, wanted in connection with 20 cases of murder and extortion, has been arrested in Sharjah as investigations continue into allegations that money raised on the back of the cricket tournament is being siphoned off and used to finance terrorist activities on the subcontinent.

The Daily Telegraph has reported that Abu Salem was picked up last week in Sharjah after FBI investigators traced calls he made while on a visit to America, which made reference to Sharjah cricket.

The FBI bugged several calls made from New Jersey and, in one to Bombay, Salem said he was going to watch the Sharjah Champions Trophy involving Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Zimbabwe which is under way. The FBI informed Indian police who arrested him.

The allegations of sharing in profits made in Sharjah and large-scale betting and match-fixing are of great concern to beleaguered cricketing authorities.

"If this intelligence assessment is true then it would have to be looked at very carefully," an ICC spokesman said.

The Telegraph further reported that Salem has also been associated with Chhotu Shakeel, another Indian gang leader who, according to the Indian Central Bureau of Investigation, has allegedly been involved in illegal bookmaking.

Salem's arrest is the first break the Indians have had as they have long suspected that Sharjah cricket provides opportunities for alleged criminal activity.

Campbell cautioned

AFP, Harare

Zimbabwe opening batsman Alistair Campbell has been disciplined by the Zimbabwe Cricket Union after giving an interview to the London-based Daily Telegraph newspaper about racism in Zimbabwe cricket.

A statement issued Friday by the ZCU said Campbell, a former captain of the national side, had breached the International Cricket Conference code of conduct by making comments "detrimental to the game of cricket."

India's South Africa Test

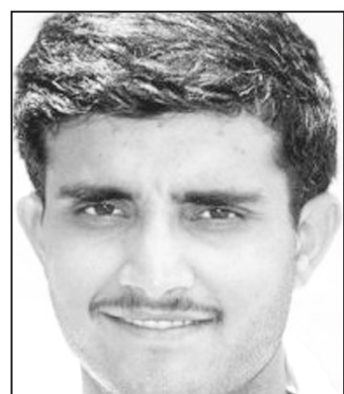


AFP, Bloemfontein

India, frustrated by rain and lack of match-practice, face an uphill

struggle when they take on South Africa in the first Test at Springbok Park here on Saturday.

The Indians arrived in the cen-



SAURAV GANGULY



SHAUN POLLOCK

of three Tests with at least two players who have not played a match in South Africa.

Opening batsman Connor Williams, wicketkeeper Sameer

They will have to go into the first

Dighe and left-arm fast bowlers Zaheer Khan and Ashish Nehra arrived in South Africa last week to bolster the squad that played in a triangular one-day series.

Williams and at least one of the new fast bowlers are likely to be picked for the Test.

Besides, star batsman Rahul Dravid, whose participation in the Test series was in doubt because of a shoulder injury, has been declared fit by medical officials.

Indian cricket board president Jagmohan Dalmiya made the announcement to reporters here on New Delhi Thursday after receiving a detailed medical report from the team management.

"We have got the medical report and Rahul has been cleared for the three Test series," Dalmiya said.

"He does not have a rotator cuff injury as was being feared."

India have not played a first-class match since their Test series in Sri Lanka in September, with South Africa in a similar position, having played against Zimbabwe, also in September.

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Akram helps Pak win



AFP, Sharjah

Champion left-arm seamer Wasim Akram produced a lively burst to hand Pakistan a 29-run victory over Zimbabwe in the Champions' Trophy here on Wednesday.

Zimbabwe were in sight of the 262-run target when a record third-wicket stand of 146 between the Flower brothers, Grant and Andy, lifted them to 159 for two in the 33rd over.

Akram, however, turned the game around with a stunning return catch off Andy Flower (48), and three balls later had new batsman Dion Ebrahim caught behind by a diving Rashid Latif to make it 159-4.

Zimbabwe lost their last eight wickets for 73 runs to be bowled out for 222 as Akram finished with 3-19 and skipper Waqar Younis with 3-41.

The match held only academic interest in the three-nation event as Zimbabwe had already bowed out of contention by losing their three previous matches.

Zimbabwe's 16th consecutive

one-day defeat since June leaves them just two short of their previous losing streak of 18 between 1983 and 1992.

But they went out fighting as Grant Flower made 91 before he was unfortunate to be run out when Douglas Marillier's drive was deflected on to the non-striker's end by the bowler.

The partnership between the Flower brothers was Zimbabwe's best against Pakistan for the third wicket, surpassing the 102 by Alistair Campbell and Dave Houghton at Rawalpindi in 1993.

Earlier, Shahid Afridi and Younis Khan hit fluent half-centuries as Pakistan scored 261 for nine from 50 overs after electing to take first strike.

Afridi smashed six sixes and two fours in a belligerent 58 off 36 balls at the top of the order, while Younis shored up the middle with 59.

Zimbabwe, who failed to win any of their four tosses, were once again made to toil under a hot sun.

Naveed Latif, who came in for the rested Saad Anwar, fell cheaply for seven, but Afridi and Younis Youhana put on 58 for the second wicket in quick time.

Afridi went for the bowling from

Green cruise to victory

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Green inflicted a crushing seven-wicket defeat against Bangladesh Red on the final day of their four-day practice match at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Friday.

The Naimur Rahman-led Greens, batting a second time, lost three early wickets before scoring the required 15 runs for victory.

Earlier, the Khaled Masood's Reds, following on after being bowled out for just 166 in their first innings, managed to put a relatively better batting display as they made 254 at the second attempt.

The Reds scored 406 in the first innings on Wednesday.

The Reds second innings was indebted to another sterling knock by Akram Khan.

The burly Chittagonian who held the first innings together with a fighting 63, completed back-to-back fifties with unbeaten 75. He was ably supported by Habibul Bashar's 74.

Although the Greens lost three wickets with only four runs on the board but Sajjad Kadiq and Sharif eventually guided their side to safety in 5.1 overs.

SCOREBOARD

Final scoreboard of the four-day practice match between Bangladesh Green and Bangladesh Red at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Friday:

BANGLADESH GREEN: First innings 406 all out in 130.3 overs (Aminul 140, Naimur 133, Sajjad 50, Ashim 4/53)

BANGLADESH RED: First innings 166 all out in 65.3 overs (Akram 63, K masood 58, Ehsanul 21, Sharif 4/44, Monjurul 4/45)

BANGLADESH RED: Second innings

Ehsanul b Sharif	1
Nafis c Sajjad b Monjurul	0
Bashar c & b Enamul	74
Dhiman c Sharif b Enamul	47
Akram not out	75
K Masood c Monjurul b Enamul	0
hasibul st Sajjad b Arafat	36
Manzarul b Naimur	10
Taposh lbw b Sharif	4
Tareq run out	5
Ashim c Sharif b Naimur	0
Extras	