



Since the start of the modern Olympics, the

countries that have taken part in all the

Games are France, Switzerland, the UK,

Greece and Australia

Stage set for cricket

BTV, ETV to telecast series live

SPORTS REPORTER

Things are finally shaping up for the forthcoming Coca-Cola Series between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe as Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) reaches the final stage of its preparation.

Zimbabwe, who are scheduled to arrive in the city this morning, will play two Tests and a three-match one-day international series during their over three-week's return tour of Bangladesh.

After days of uncertainty over the live telecast of the series following the pullout of WorldTel at the eleventh hour, it was finally decided in the morning yesterday that both Bangladesh Television (BTV) and Ekushey Television (ETV) will simultaneously air the matches.

The decision was taken in an emergency meeting between the Sports Ministry, BCB, BTV and ETV at the Bangladesh Secretariat.

WorldTel, which owns the TV rights of Bangladesh's all international matches at home up to 2005, threw BCB in deep trouble by informing only last week that it would not be coming over because of 'lack of safety' for Afghan

Cricket-lovers and organisers here became furious when they came to know that the TV production com-pany reportedly made up this Afghan story to hide the actual reason for not coming. An ongoing legal battle with its broadcaster Sony Entertainment Television actually prompted the WorldTel back-out, which deprived Bangladesh of sizeable revenue earnings and nternational exposure.

Its owner Mark Mascarenhas of India arrives in the city with a small team today in a bid to pacify the Board as well as sports connoisseurs.

However, according to the decision yesterday, BTV will produce all the five matches -- two Tests and three ODIs, which will be broadcast through both the local channels. But the state-run BTV will broadcast the matches only when there is no Jatiya Sangsad session.

ETV, which has agreed to share the revenue with the Board equally, will provide uninterrupted coverage. But BTV, knowing well that it is in a position to bargain hard, declined to share the revenue. Instead, it has offered the Board to pay Taka 60,000 per day (total 13 days).

Chaired by State Minister Youth and Sports Fazlur Chaired by State Minister Youth and Sports Fazur Rahman Patal, the meeting was attended by Information secretary Anisul Haq Chowdhury, Sports Secretary Maniklal Samaddar, Board president and energy secretary Akmal Hossain, BTV MD Nazmul Siddique, ETV MD Simon Dring and Board directors --Syed Ashraful Huq, Ahmed Sajjadul Alam and Mahashar Hossain Íobassher Hossain.

Meanwhile, the preparation of ground at the Bangabandhu National Stadium for the first Test is going in full swing under the supervision of Board direca n d

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CRICKETERS' RIGHT TO CHOOSE! Khaled Mahmud carefully reads the sports page of The Daily Star while skipper Naimur Rahman (C) and Aminul Islam (L) finds something interesting in the news of the day at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Sunday

Chappell, Gloster in action

Cricket

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The last practice of Naimur Rahman Test side at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium on Sunday will be best remembered for a couple of off the field incidents rather than the actual result. The Reds led by Naimur won the

limited-overs contest by 44 runs against Mehrab Hossain's Greens.

But it was the Australian coach Trevor Chappell and his compa-triot John Gloster, the team physio, who actually stole the show when they unnecessarily engaged themselves in altercations with the media and a section of the crowd.

Gloster was seen manhandling photojournalist of the Bengali daily Prothom Alo once he tried to enter the players' dressing room. The heated exchange of words between Gloster, who is known for

having apathy towards the media, and the poor photographer continsuch games. The match itself was lowued for some time before the physio, who also works for English

scoring with the Reds making 185 for eight before being all out in 45.4 county club Surrey, ultimately gave overs.

Habibul Bashar top-scored with 67 and Khaled Mahmud celebrated Trevor, the youngest of the Chappell brothers, however, went a step further by chasing members his recall to the senior team with an enterprising 39. of crowd with his trusty bat

Bangladesh skipper Naimur, who is under pressure to perform, made a two-ball duck. He flashed at a wide delivery of Taposh and was caught behind.

Off-spinner Fahim Muntasir, who was called up by the selectors for the first Test, was the most successful bowler with for four for

The Greens' chase never took off and eventually ended at 141 in 44.2 overs.

New-ball bowler Monjurul was the wrecker-in-chief with three for took three wickets for 17 runs.

Tearaway Shoaib Akhtar and captain Waqar Younis led the Pakistani assault with three wickets each, while Wasim Akram and Shahid Afridi picked up two apiece. The top four Sri Lankan batsmen gifted their wickets by attempting to cut balls outside the off-stump,

ESPN

India vs South Africa First Test, Day Two Highlights at 10:00 am **English Premier Football League** Charlton Athletic vs Arsenal 12:00 pm India vs South Africa First Test, Day Three Preview Live at 2:00 pm India vs South Africa First Test, Day Three Live at 2:30 pm Sportscentre Hindi

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final here on Sunday.

wicket.

in the Champions Trophy one-day

Wicketkeeper Rashid Latif

gloved four catches as Pakistan were set a moderate target of 3.5 runs an

(Australian tennis star) "I just want to step back and see AFP, Sharjah what life is. Just sort of live of life You live in an unreal world. I just Pakistan took advantage of Sri Lanka's reckless batting to bowl their rivals out for 173 in 44.2 overs want to touch down a bit.

After losing to Pete Sampras at the US Open, on why he plans to take six months off after the 2001

Patrick Rafter



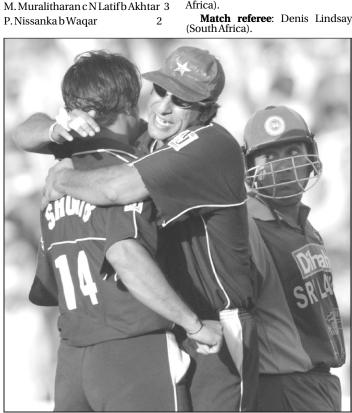
over to bag the 120,000-dollar title. Russel Arnold top-scored for Sri Lanka with 47 off 51 balls, but his promising knock was cut short by South African umpire Rudi Koertzen, who declared him leg-before off Akram even though the ball appeared to be going down the

Chamara Silva, who put on 40 with Arnold, also had reason to feel peeved after being given out leg-before by George Sharp of England. But the rest of the Sri Lankan batting had themselves to blame for the poor total. Pakistan's seasoned new ball attack of Akram and Waqar removed Marvan Atapattu and Avishka Gunawardena cheaply to reduce Sri Lanka to 21-2 in the ninth over. Sanath Jayasuriya and Mahela Jayawardena put on 58 for the third wicket, but undid the good work by throwing away their wickets with rash shots

SCOREBOARD	Fall of wick 5-112; 6-152
Scoreboard of the Sri Lankan innings in the Champions Trophy one-day final between Pakistan and Sri Lanka here on Sunday. SRI LANKA	Bowler Wasim Waqar Akhtar
S. Jayasuriya c R Latif b Afridi 34 A. Gunawardena c Mahmood b Waqar 2 M. Atapattu c R Latif b Wasim 0	Razzaq Afridi Mahmood
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C. Vaas not out 10 C. Buddhika lbwb Waqar 3 M. Muralitharan c. N. Latifb Akhtar 3	Umpire land) and Africa).

learn from Jayasuriya's dismissal,

trying to cut Afridi, only to see the edge land in Latif's safe gloves.



Hanumant the **SPORTS REPORTER**



The 62-year-old Rajastan born

MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong, which was awaiting an ICC approval to become Bangladesh's

Earlier, former Sri Lanka cap-

tain Ranjan Madugalle was sup-posed to come here to referee the

Kumble off the bottom edge as he swept firmly across the line. Kirsten made 73, hitting 12 fours in a partnership of 189 for the first

Kirsten took 26 balls to score a run after lunch, but was quite content to play the supporting role as Gibbs broke the shackles ini-

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runs. Mushfiqur Rahman bagged two for 34. SCOREBOARD Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day match between Bangladesh A and Baroda at the TPCL ground in Baroda, India, on SEE PAGE 15 SEE PAGE 15

Solid start

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in 90 overs at stumps.

Sunday.

from Baroda



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petween Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

cricketer will arrive in the city today to officiate in his eighth Test series. Hanumant will also inspect the

Cricket second Test venue.

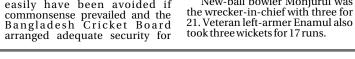
REUTERS. Bloemfontein

because the over-enthusiastic spectators were blocking his view of the afternoon session's proceed-After repeated requests to stay

clear of the area, Trevor lost his composure and decided to take matters into his own hand. Earlier, the Australian fixed a notice asking unauthorised per-

Gibbs, Kirsten plunder India

sons not to enter and leave the 'restricted' zone. This unsavory episode could so easily have been avoided if commonsense prevailed and the Bangladesh Cricket Board



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Jayasuriya, who made 34, edged a slash outside the off-stump against Afridi to be caught behind, one ball after flicking his fifth boundary to the fine-leg fence.

hooking Shoaib Akhtar for six, fell to the same bowler for 43, nibbling at a ball pitched outside the off-stump that would have been called a wide. Kumar Sangakkara too did not

Jaywardena, who began by

Sunday.

As good as new

Waugh said after his innings.

know I can make runs.

"There were no signs of any-

concentrate. If I concentrate I

with his fitness though he experi-

enced some stiffness and soreness

after being checked out by

Australian team physiotherapist

STEVE WAUGH

came down and we had a bit of a work-over and it feels good,"

but that was to be expected, so I'm

happy with the way it (the calf)

"I saw Errol this morning and he

"I was a little bit stiff and sore

ErrolAlcott.

Waugh said.

He pronounced himself happy

Cricket

INTERNET, Sydney

Steve Waugh had only one chance to regain his touch ahead of this week's Test against New Zealand. But as he has done relentlessly throughout his career, the Australian captain made the most of his opportunity.

Waugh returned to his grassroots at Bankstown Oval to make his first appearance on a cricket field during a two-day Sydney club game since a double tear to his left calf muscle on the recent Ashes tour evolved into a case of deep vein thrombosis.

The injury kept Waugh sidelined during NSW's opening two domestic one-day matches, as well as two Pura Cup games, leaving him only this weekend to prepare for Thursday's first Test. But the 139-Test batsman

dispelled any fears about his fitness, occupying the crease for 163 minutes against Belvidere Cup front-runners Fairfield-Liverpool, who boast an attack featuring Blues squad bowlers Don Nash Grant Lambert and off spinner Anthony Clark.

By the time Clark got a quicker ball through Waugh's defence the skipper of the world's best cricket team returned to the Stephen and Mark Waugh Pavilion with 84 runs to his name from 113 balls, including 12 boundaries. "You always feel a little apprePHOTO: AFP

A rejuvenated Pakistan paceman Wasim Akram (R) celebrates the fall of another Sri Lankan wicket with fellow guickie Shoaib Akhtar at Sharjah on

hensive after a long lay-off," went through the game. Waugh said it was good to have

played a game and he was now looking forward to a summer thing untoward. I had a couple of good net sessions during the week featuring home Tests and one-day and in England I thought my form matches against New Zealand and was good. So it was just a matter of South Africa switching back on and trying to

"They are going to be good competition, it's going to be a good Test match.

Waugh spent the early part of his innings flicking balls off his pads and working on his defence. His first truly attacking shot came almost an hour into the knock when he cover drove Clark for three, stretching out the left leg which had troubled him for the past two months.

Waugh worked away tentatively, reaching 50 from 77 balls, but cut loose after the tea break and displayed some trademark shots notably straight drives.

"I don't think I did a lot wrong. I probably played one or two false strokes," Waugh said.

"I wasn't tired. I felt fine. I could have batted six or 10 hours if I had to, no problem.

Waugh was forced to miss an Ashes Test in August after being injured during the third Test at Trent Bridge. He returned less than three weeks later but aggravated the injury in the fifth Test at The Oval

Yet, in a memorable performance, the 36-year-old battled his SEE PAGE 15

two Tests and three one-day matches

Hanumant, who scored a century on debut in the fourth Test against England at Delhi in 1963-64, played 14 Tests before being forced into retirement in 1969.

The right-hander is making his first visit to Dhaka.

Nafees fashions

U-19 victory SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh under-19 team maintained their all-win record on tour when they defeated Port Adelaide Cricket Club by 59 runs in their third limited-overs match in Adelaide, Australia on Sunday.

Skipper Nafees Iqbal scored a magnificent 71 as the tourists, electing to bat first, scored a fight-ing 267 in 50 overs for the loss of eight wickets.

Nafees faced 84 balls and clobbered one six and seven fours. He was ably supported by middleorder Shariful Islam who scored 62 off only 50 deliveries with the help of one six and seven fours.

Kamrul Islam (29) and Aftab Ahmed (28) were the other notable run-getters.

In reply, the home side was bundled out for 208 in 49.5 overs with Weeks hammering highest 64. Murad Khan finished with four for 25 while Wasseluddin took three wickets for 41 runs.

SCORES IN BRIEF

Bangladesh Under-19: 267 for 8 in 50 overs (Nafees 71, Shariful 62, Kamrul 29, Aftab 28, Hondo 3/37) Port Adelaide CC: 208 all out in 49.5 overs (Weeks 64, Shepherdson 61, Murad 4/25, Wasseluddin 3/41. Result: Bangladesh under-19 won

Indian cricket captain Saurav Ganguly became a father on Saturday when his wife Dona gave birth to a baby girl in the eastern Indian city of Calcutta.

Ganguly was told the news by telephone in South Africa, where he is on tour with the Indian national team.

"I am very happy on becoming a grandfather. I telephoned Sourav after the baby was born," Saurav's father, Chandi Ganguly told AFP.

"Saurav wanted a girl child. He was delighted when he heard the news.

Herschelle Gibbs scored his fourth Test hundred and his first on home soil as South Africa made rapid progress on day two of the first Test against India.

After taking just 22 minutes to claim the three wickets they needed to dismiss India for 379 in the morning, South Africa closed at 327 for three wickets on Sunday, with Jacques Kallis 49 not out.

Neil McKenzie was lbw to an Anil Kumble googly off which proved to be the last delivery of the day after a paitent 68.

Gibbs, whose previous test hundreds came in New Zealand (twice) and Zimbabwe, reached his century with a towering six struck dismissively over midwicket off Zaheer Khan.

A richly entertaining innings came to an end shortly before tea when Gibbs drove Javagal Srinath straight to Zaheer at mid off. His knock lasted a little over three hours, during which he faced 145 balls and struck 16 fours and two

sixes. Gibbs (107) was out in the over after Gary Kirsten was dismissed, the left-hander bowled by Anil

wicket with Gibbs

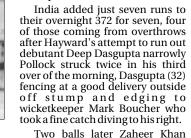


HERSCHELLE GIBBS

It was the third successive innings and the fourth in total that Gibbs and Kirsten have put on a hundred or more for the first wicket in Tests, and they did so at a good rate on a pitch offering less and less to the bowlers as the match wore

tially imposed after the interval by leg-spinner Anil Kumble. Any stranglehold was effectively broken when 17 runs came from Ashish Nehra's 10th over, including three scintillating boundaries from Gibbs.

In the morning, South Africa needed just five overs and one ball to wrap up the Indian innings, Shaun Pollock and Mornantau Hayward claiming the three wickets required.



flashed wildly at Pollock and edged to Boucher for a duck, and the Indian innings ended with the first delivery of Hayward's next over when Javagal Srinath could only fend a rising delivery towards point where Gibbs swooped to claim a SEE PAGE 15

``I was feeling good. I thought

``The ball was doing a bit ini-

tially, we had lost early wickets and

Virender and I were the last estab-

lished pair. Deep (Dasgupta) was

playing his first game so it was

important that we got into a big

partnership and put our team into

score a century on debut since his

captain Saurav Ganguly's hundred

ment, he was short on words to

describe it, but admitted that

Despite the scale of the achieve-

against England at Lords in 1996.

Sehwag was the first Indian to

about it.

a good position.

Praise from the maestro

Cricket

REUTERS, Bloemfontein

Sachin Tendulkar talked up the achievement of teammate Virender Sehwag rather than dwell on his own performance after his blistering century helped India take control on day one of the first Test against South Africa on Saturday.

Tendulkar scored 155 from just 184 balls and shared a partnership of 220 for the fifth wicket with debutant Sehwag after India had been reduced to 68 for four in the morning session.

Sehwag went on to score a hundred himself, dismissed just before the close for 105, as India reached 372 for seven at stumps.

``My first line (to Sehwag) was 'Yeh, I know you're tense', but it's very natural to feel that way,' Tendulkar said.

`I was tense on my first game and I told him that he was never going to be so tense in his life again so he should get on and enjoy the moment. Make it a day to remember.

``I was sure he would do a good

job. He batted very well, but I don't want to talk too much about it was nicely balanced. I've batted because there's a lot more to come like this on other occasions and as I've always said, I hate to compare in the future.

my hundreds to one another. But `But he's shown that he can it's always a great feeling to score a play shots, that he can leave the ball hundred - a test hundred is a test and defend. He's got a good temhundred - and I'm very happy



VIRENDER SEHWAG

perament and combined every thing really well in this innings.

Although several former test layers watching in Bloemfontein felt Tendulkar's hundred was amongst his best, the player himself was loathe to draw any comparisons.



Tendulkar had been a great help to him, allowing him to focus on what he had drummed into his own head

on the eve of the match. ``I prepared myself for today last night," Sehwag said. ``I said to myself 'watch the ball and play straight and play a long innings over and over again before I went to sleep.

