



Did U Know?

When Paul Scholes scored for England against Tunisia in the World Cup in France, he was the first United player to score in the World Cup since Jesper Olsen scored for Denmark in 1996.



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India vs South Africa First Test, Day Four Live at 2:30 pm
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Futbol Mundial 7:00 am
Sportsline Today Sport News 7:30 am
Sportsline Today Sport News 12:30 pm
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English Premier Football League Highlights at 7:00 pm
Sportsline Tonight Sport News Live at 8:00 pm
Primera Liga Ca Osasuna vs La Coruna 8:30 pm



Talk Turkey



Sachin Tendulkar

(Indian cricket maestro) "But he's shown that he can play shots, that he can leave the ball and defend. He's got a good temperament and combined everything really well in this innings."

After Virender Sehwag's debut century on Saturday.



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- Who won the Kremlin Cup?
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 - England won the first ODI against Zimbabwe by
5-wkts 20-runs 3-wkts
 - Who won the Hong Kong Open tennis tournament?
Rios... Sehuettner... Agassi
- Who became Japan's Open champion?
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Zim on a healing mission

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Zimbabwe cricketers flew in the capital from Sharjah yesterday with a mission to get their game back on track following a miserable losing streak over the past six months.

During their three-week tour of Bangladesh, the Zimbabweans, dogged by defeats and discontent recently, will feature in two Tests and three one-day internationals against the home side.

Brian Murphy, who had a dreadful debut as captain in the recently concluded Sharjah Cup where his team was thrashed by Sri Lanka and Pakistan, said that they are considering this Coca-Cola Series as a 'comeback' trip for Zimbabwe.

After defeating Bangladesh both in Test and one-day series at home last May, Zimbabwe lost four successive home series against South Africa, India, West Indies and England.

But Murphy is confident that this series against the international newcomers would be a fruitful one for his men who are hungry for wins.

The leg-spinner, who was hurriedly made captain just before the Sharjah Cup after Heath Streak stepped down all of a sudden, wished to taste success from here after a series of defeats.

"It is an important tour for us because our team needs win. My team is a blend of youth and experience, and we are also in a process of getting a right combination for the 2003 World Cup. Hope this tour will give my players as much confidence as they need for future," Murphy said to a group of reporters on his arrival at hotel from the Zia International Airport.

He said that the absence of his two experienced batsmen—Alistair Campbell and Guy Whittall—would not do any harm to his team's performance as the replacements were also equally talented.

He also considered himself

lucky for having so many former captains in his side. "It helps me because they always come forward with advice on the ground."

Terming the home side as a good opponent, Murphy observed that Bangladesh do have a good batting line-up in presence of Habibul Bashar, Aminul Islam, Akram Khan and Mohammad Ashraf.

Coach Geoff Marsh has however no first hand knowledge about the Bangladesh team.

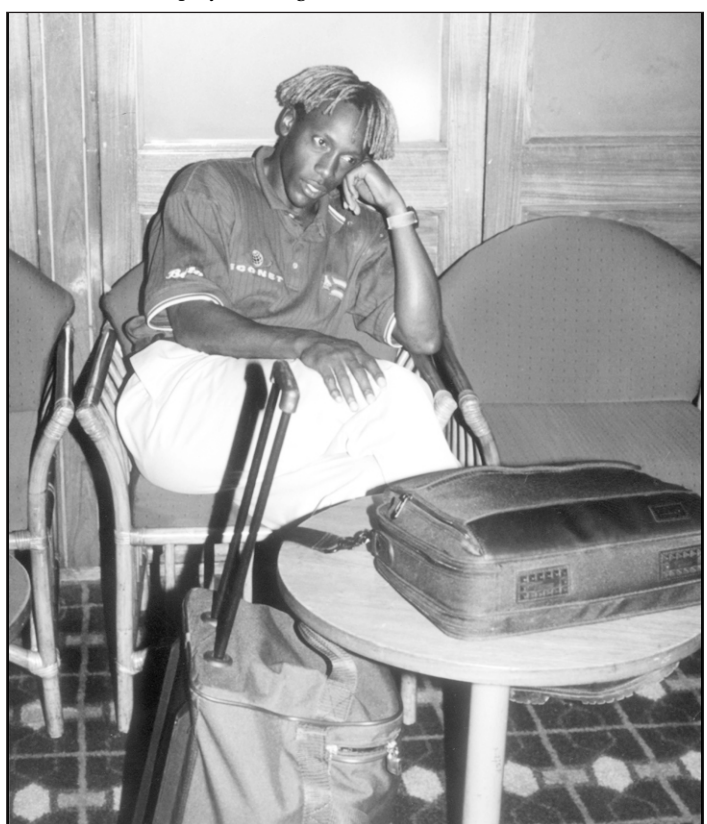
The former Australia cricketer and coach said that he saw Bangladesh's World Cup matches in England and their last trip in Zimbabwe on videotapes. Some senior Zimbabwe players also gave

him enough information to help him set up a strategy for Bangladesh, he said.

About his new job, Marsh, who also worked as an advisor to Indian cricket team, said it was a challenge for him to take over the mantle of Zimbabwe cricket.

"It's a good team. Maybe they are not playing good cricket these days. But you have to also consider that their opponents were much stronger," he said.

His charges, who had a complete rest at their hotel room on Monday, are scheduled to have nets at the Bangabandhu National Stadium this morning.



WHAT'S THE MATTER? The flight from Sharjah seems to have got into the system of fast bowler Henry Olonga as the most colourful cricketer in the Zimbabwe team is seen sitting lifelessly at the lounge of the Sonargaon Hotel.

Obituary for BTV talkers

Cricket

LENIN GANI

Just when it seemed the plug had been pulled on the Coca-Cola Series between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe after WorldTel expressed at very short notice its inability to cover the two Tests and three one-dayers, the authorities at Bangladesh Television and Ekushey Television on Sunday were persuaded to jointly provide live telecast of the tour.

The venture, which definitely has saved the Bangladesh Cricket Board the embarrassment of paying a hefty fine to the International Cricket Council, however does not effectively mean two things. Firstly, the viewers are going to be deprived of hearing internationally recognised voices like Tony Greig, Ian Chappell, Ravi Shastri and secondly, it heralds the return of 'expert commentators', the Jafrullah Sharafat and company.

The gentlemen, for whom every shot is a drive, on numerous occasions in the past never missed an opportunity to simply bore poor

viewers literally to death with his 'wise' cracks and an array of clichés and stereotyped expressions.

Surely, one cannot forget Jafrullah's memorable ball-by-ball commentary during the 1997 ICC Trophy final in Kuala Lumpur.

Evidently gripped by the august occasion he could not resist the temptation to describe in his own 'Banglish' style... "Ball chale golo mati kamre sooja simanar baire... char run..." (the ball went to the boundary like a rocket... is perhaps what he tried to convey).

Then a couple of years ago when the West Indies came to Bangladesh, the person in question greeted the cricket connoisseurs of the country with the famous Bengali words: "Now here comes Alistair Campbell (Zimbabwe opener he is actually) to bat for the West Indies" on the opening morning of a three-day match. Several hours later he was told by one of his colleagues that the batsman was none other than Sherwin Campbell did he promptly sought forgiveness for the oversight.

And his weird form stretched into the second day as he described

a player as Wowwell and not Wavell Hinds.

Without sounding one-sided the Rampura-based television centre itself too was found guilty of committing a comedy of errors in that same match.

Attempting to be innovative the BTV producers used several eye-catching captions such as a bold-lettered CONGRATULATION as soon as a batsman reached fifty. We all came to learn that Brian Lara was a 'spine bowler' and not a spin bowler. In fact, the whole show was littered with silly spelling mistakes.

However, the real icing on the cake was the absence of television replays. One can hardly appreciate the game fully without every conceivable camera angle being covered.

If it has been said once it has been mentioned a thousand times commentary is a very serious business. Through here is a word of caution please BTV don't know try to hire somebody like Navjot Singh Sidhu because his gift of the gab is taking this art to the extreme. If that should ever happen then may good commentary rest in peace!

Coca-Cola Series Saad named BD manager

SPORTS REPORTER

National selector Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad has been appointed manager of the Bangladesh team in the Coca-Cola series against Zimbabwe. This was revealed by Bangladesh Cricket Board president Akmal Hossain during a press briefing on Monday.

Saad, a former national team medium-pacer, is also a Board director.

MEN IN WHITE

Meanwhile, the following umpires have been appointed for the two Tests and three one-day internationals:

FIRST TEST (NOV 8 TO 12)

Umpires: Akhteruiddin Shahin (Bangladesh) and Mian Aslam (Pakistan)

TV umpire: Sailab Hossain (Bangladesh)

SECOND TEST (NOV 15 TO 19)

Umpires: Shawkatur Rahman (Bangladesh) and Ashoka de Silva (Sri Lanka).

TV umpire: Jahangir Alam (Bangladesh)

FIRST ODI (NOV 23)

Umpires: Saibal Hossain and Akhteruiddin Shahin (Bangladesh).

SECOND ODI (NOV 25)

Umpires: Jahangir Alam and Shawkatur Rahman (Bangladesh).

TV umpire: Sailab Hossain (Bangladesh)

THIRD ODI (NOV 26)

Umpires: Saibal Hossain and Jahangir Alam (Bangladesh).

TV umpire: Akhteruiddin Shahin (Bangladesh)

Note: Hanumant Singh of India is the match referee.

Joshi jolts A team

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh A were bundled out against hosts Baroda in the three-day match on Monday.

On the second day, discarded Indian left-arm spinner Sunil Joshi sent the visitors packing for 182 in first innings. Baroda made 268 in their first essay.

Joshi took four wickets for 40 runs. He was supported by Patel and Arothe who shared five wickets respectively.

Opener Hannan Sarkar made a fighting 78 off 168 balls. It was studded with seven boundaries and a six while middle-order Mushfiqur Rahman (34) and Hasanuzzaman (25) were the other notable run-getters.

The home side, who enjoyed an 86-run lead, were on 20 for one at stumps in their second innings.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day match between Bangladesh A and Baroda at the TPC ground in Baroda on Monday:

BARODA: First innings (overnight 239 for 3 in 90 overs)			
Parabec Sabbirb Bikash		2	
Salvibwb Mushfiq		21	
Mongiac Mushfiqb Munir		59	
Martinc Hannanb Munir		15	
Arothe Rajinb Munir		0	
Jadhavb Mushfiq		67	
UPatelc Tusharhb Mushfiq		41	
SJoshi not out		31	
VPatelc Sanwarhb Bikash		15	
Chokshilbwb Rafiqe		2	
Pathanlbwb Rafiqe		0	
Extras (b-3, lb-4, nb-8)		15	
Total (all out in 96.5 overs)		268	

Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-39, 3-39, 4-83, 5-152, 6-191, 7-226, 8-265, 9-268

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Bikash	19	3	70	2
Munir	22	7	63	3
Mushfiq	16	6	34	2
Rafiqe	27	8	53	3
Sabir	8.3	1	26	0
Sanwar	4.3	1	10	0

BANGLADESH A: First innings

Hannac Mongiab V Patel	78
Rafiqilb Joshi	10
Tusharc Chokshilb Joshi	0
sanwar c b Joshi	4
Rajinc Mongiab Joshi	4
Mushfiq run out	34
Hasanuzzaman lbwb Arothe	0
Hasanuzzaman c Jadhavb Arothe	25
Rafiqec Salvib V Patel	2
Bikashst Mongiab V Patel	16
Munir not out	0

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More rain and no cricket in Colombo

REPORTER, Colombo

No play was possible on the third and final day of the three-day tour match between Sri Lanka A and West Indies on Monday due to rain.

The second day's play was also washed out. West Indies ended the first day on 334 for seven following a century by skipper Carl Hooper.

West Indies play Sri Lanka in three Tests starting on November 13 before taking part in a one-day triangular event also involving Zimbabwe.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman (3rd from L) speaks at the press conference organised by Bangladesh Cricket Board yesterday. Sitting to his left is WorldTel owner Mark Mascarenhas.

WorldTel holds its ground

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Indian Mark Mascarenhas played a solid defensive shot at a press briefing yesterday by revealing a controversial clause in the WorldTel-BCB deal that has been kept secret up till now.

While countering the criticism for failing to provide live telecast of the Coca-Cola Series between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, the owner of the America-based company categorically said that they were under no legal obligation to show the matches unless they could get an international broadcaster.

"We were eager to fulfil our commitment. But a situation arose last September when Sony Entertainment Television (SET) expressed its reluctance to cover

the series. SET also wanted to renegotiate the deal which was not possible," Mark told a packed audience at the Conference Room of Bangabandhu National Stadium.

"We are paying the Bangladesh Cricket Board what is required according to the agreement. But in keeping with the memorandum of understanding we are not obliged to come and provide international coverage when there is no broadcaster," said the imposing man from Bangalore who flew into the capital a few hours before the briefing.

Mark's disclosure took everybody by surprise excepting influential BCB director Syed Ashraf Huq, who had provided seemingly conflicting statements to a number of newspapers on why WorldTel was not going to cover the two Tests and three one-dayers.

Initially, Ashraf said that it

was because of the Afghanistan crisis that made WorldTel production team unavailable for safety reasons. Besides, no insurance companies were willing to undertake the risk. But a few days later he said it could be the legal battle against SET that led to the WorldTel pullout.

"Yes it was true that some of my camera crew were not happy to come to Bangladesh, and I could have easily sent some replacements," Mark admitted.

Under a five-year MOU signed between BCB and WorldTel in September last year, the Board would receive a minimum guaranteed amount of 11.7 million dollars for covering nine home series.

The WorldTel for their part reportedly sold the exclusive TV rights to Indian satellite network SET for 17 million dollars.

The briefing, also attended by

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Bangladesh cricketers (L-R) Aminul Islam, Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza, Akram Khan, Mohammad Ashraf and skipper Naimur Rahman share a light moment after their practice session at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Pakistan win in style

Cricket

REPORTER, Sharjah

Pakistan overcame late resistance from Sri Lanka to lift the Champions' Trophy limited-overs title with a five-wicket victory in the final here on Sunday.

What was expected to be a one-sided game after Sri Lanka were shot out for 173, suddenly came to life when Pakistan were themselves reduced to 138 for five in the 37th over.

The sixth-wicket pair of Abdur Razaq and Rashid Latif, however,

delighted a sell-out crowd of 22,000 at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium by steering Pakistan home with 38 balls to spare.

Waqaar Younis, celebrating his first tournament win as Pakistan captain, received a crystal trophy sponsored by Khaleej Times, a Dubai-based newspaper group and the winners' cheque of 120,000 dollars.

Sri Lanka, denied a hat-trick of titles at this desert venue, earned 80,000 dollars for their efforts. Zimbabwe, who lost all their four league matches, received 50,000 dollars.

The win was set up by the Pakistani bowlers, who took advantage of Sri Lanka's reckless batting to bowl out their rivals in 44.2 overs.

Tearaway Shoaib Akhtar and Waqaar led the Pakistani assault with three wickets each, while Wasim Akram and Shahid Afridi picked up two each.

The top four Sri Lankan batsmen gifted their wickets by attempting to cut balls outside the off-stump, giving Pakistani wicketkeeper Rashid Latif four catches in the innings.

Pakistan faced similar batting blues even after Afridi and Naveed Latif put on 45 for the first wicket.

Naveed, who hit a century against the same attack on Friday, made 23 when he was caught hitting trying to guide Prabhath Nissanka to third man.

Afridi smashed Muttiah Muralitharan's first ball for a six, but fell four balls later when he holed out to mid-wicket after making 35 off 38 balls.

Yousuf Youhana are also dismissed by Muralitharan, who ended his 10-over quota, conceding just 22 runs.

Left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas returned for his second spell to trap Inzamamul Haq leg-before for 28 and leave Pakistan's fate to the lower order.

Earlier, Russel Arnold top-scored for Sri Lanka with 47 off 51 balls, but the rest of the batsmen had

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Pakistan captain Waqaar Younis (R) and his deputy Inzamamul Haq (C) hold the Khaleej Times Trophy while fast bowler Wasim Akram shows his individual performance award after the final against Sri Lanka in Sharjah on November 4.