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9:30 am
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10:30 am
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Repeat at 8:30 am
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Highlights
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National Sports Report
International Sports News
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Sports News
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Australian domestic cricket
11:00 pm

(November 8)

BTV & ETV

Bangladesh v Zimbabwe
First Test, Day 1
Live at 9:45 am

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Clive Rice

(Former South African cricket captain)

"Chris is an out-and-out batsman and out-and-out strike bowler rolled into one."

On New Zealand cricket star Chris Cairns who will again be playing for English county Nottinghamshire next year.

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3. England won the first ODI against Zimbabwe by
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4. Who won the Hong Kong Open tennis tournament?
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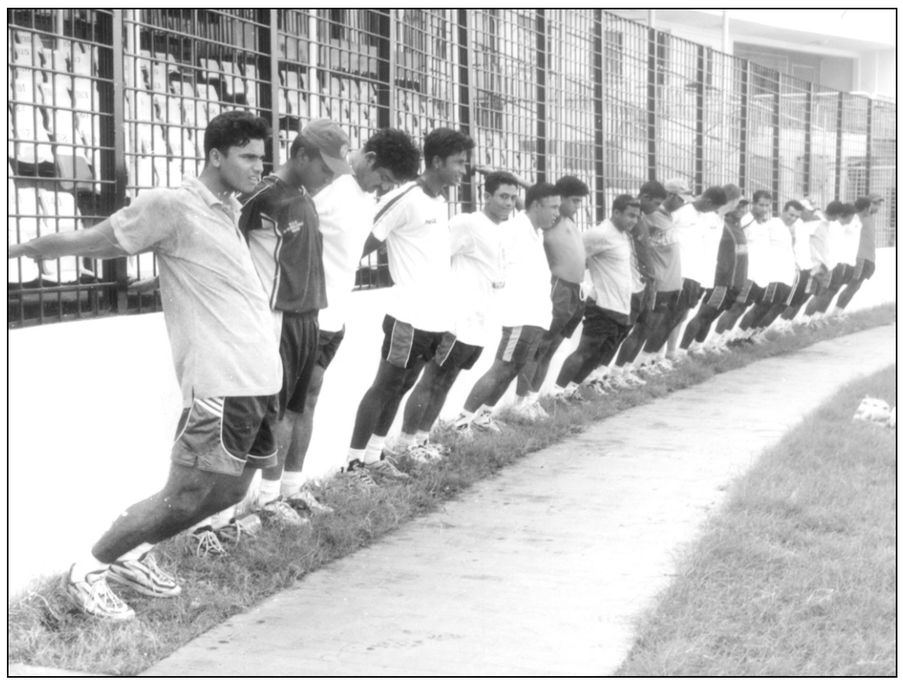

PHOTO: STAR

BACKS ARE NOT AGAINST THE WALL! Bangladesh cricketers warm up prior to their practice session at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday.

All eyes on BNS

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangabandhu National Stadium (BNS) is all set to stage the first Test of the Coca-Cola Series between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe from tomorrow.

Work has been going on round the clock to give finishing touches to the half-century-old stadium before the match starts at 9:45 in the morning.

Bangladesh Television (BTV) and Ekushey Television will telecast the match simultaneously while Bangladesh Betar will provide running commentary of the proceedings.

Although the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) preferred a 9:30 am start to avoid the chance of lost play due to poor light, but match referee Hanumant Singh of India did not agree to the proposal.

Both the teams had nets at the big bowl on Tuesday. Bangladesh spent four hours in the morning while the visitors, who are going into the five-day contest without playing any warm-up matches, practised later on.

The home side has already announced its squad while Zimbabwe are expected to name their team today.

The state-owned BTV, which is responsible for producing all five matches (two Tests and three one-day internationals) got down to business on Tuesday.

An outside broadcast (OB) van has been parked adjacent to the stadium. In all eight cameras will be positioned to provide the best possible coverage during the match.

This was revealed by BCB director and chairman Media Committee (Electronic) Ahmed Sajjadul Alam.

He said besides BTV's six own cameras, it has borrowed two cameras from a private source. WorldTel, however, would be taking care of the third umpire's facilities.

Less than 48 hours before the Test gets underway the rush for tickets was very poor.

"The response was very disappointing. Not many tickets were sold at any of the seven branches of Al Baraka Bank, lamented Board director GS Hasan Tamim while talking to The Daily Star Sport.

The secretary of the Ticket Committee nevertheless felt that sales would pick up on match day with more booths opening at the BNS.

RATE OF DAILY TICKETS

Following are the rate of different daily tickets:

VIP Gallery (Gate No 3)	: Tk 150
International Gallery	: Tk 50
Western Gallery	: Tk 30
Eastern Gallery	: Tk 20

PHOTO: STAR

IT'S MINE: Zimbabwe fast bowlers Henry Olonga (L) and Heath Streak 'quarrel' over the ball during their practice session at the Bangabandhu Stadium yesterday.

PCB's cause for concern

Cricket

AFP, *Karachi*

Fresh from winning the Champions' Trophy in Sharjah, Pakistan is worried the Afghanistan war means it will be starved of international cricket at home.

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) insists the country is safe for Test cricket, but is now fighting mounting pressure for its home series to be played at neutral venues.

"Our people love the game and they must not suffer. We have no doubt at all that the game will never be disturbed," Pakistan Cricket Board director Brigadier Munawar Rana told AFP.

After the September 11 terrorist attacks on Washington and New York, New Zealand cancelled a planned series in Pakistan over security fears. The West Indies and Australia are pushing hard to play their series in Pakistan scheduled next year at a different venue.

The PCB lost about 30 million dollars with the New Zealand cancellation, after India refused to tour Pakistan last year on political grounds and the Asian Test championship also fell through in September.

The fallout of the attacks in the US have left Pakistan with little international cricket since playing in England in May and June. They played one Test against Bangladesh in August and triumphed in the Sharjah tournament where they beat Sri Lanka in the final last Sunday.

They now have a mini-tour of Bangladesh starting next month where they play two Tests and may also play a three-nation series, with India added, if the New Delhi government gives clearance.

"International cricketing conditions in Pakistan are reasonably good with our domestic season in full swing. We always thought and assured New Zealand that their tour could have gone without any trouble and events proved that," said Rana.

"Unfortunately international perception, as very strongly influenced by international media, is not in our control but we still think that international cricket in Pakistan is safe," Rana said.

West Indies are due in Pakistan in late January for three Tests and three one-day internationals. Australia are to tour Pakistan from September next year.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) last month approved neutral venues for countries facing security problems, and West Indies is pushing hard to play Pakistan in Kenya while Australia has offered to host Pakistan instead of touring.

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New worry for England

Cricket

AFP, *London*

England's cricket authorities could face losing more players from their squad for the upcoming cricket tour of India if they fail to satisfy demands made by the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA).

PCA official Tim O'Gorman, who travelled to India last week alongside John Carr, the England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) director of cricket, put together the wish list which included a demand that both a full time security official and a senior ECB official accompany the squad throughout the two-month tour.

England have already had to replace paceman Andy Caddick and spinner Robert Croft after both decided it was too risky to go on the tour with the military action going on against the Taliban in Afghanistan -- any more senior defections would place the tour in doubt as the Indians are loathe to play a second string team.

Gorman included the demands in a report sent to all 16 members of the squad for India and the ECB, who must satisfy the recommendations.

"The ECB still has a lot of work to do," admitted O'Gorman on Monday.

"They must agree in writing to the various matters outlined in the report, and that in their opinion it is safe and that the tour can proceed.

"A senior member of the ECB must accompany the players for the entire duration of the tour and this ECB official must travel on the same planes and stay in the same hotels as the team.

"This provides support of the ECB's risk assessment and secondly, when decisions need to be made, this official can action them straight away without needing to seek committee approval in England which would take up valuable time.

"The PCA also want improved security for the team with either a full-time officer or a team of people employed to both protect the players and investigate hotels in advance of the squad arriving.

"The ECB also need to decide the exact nature of its security team, should it be a single individual or a group which would allow the main

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Axe falls on Akram

SPORTS REPORTER

Selectors yesterday left experienced batsman Akram Khan out of the playing eleven for the first Test against Zimbabwe, starting on October 9.

The former national captain and hero of Bangladesh's many a win was sidelined in favour of sensational teenager Mohammad Ashraful. However, the mild-mannered middle-order batsman is likely to play in the second Test in front of his home crowd in Chittagong.

Also excluded from the list of 14-man squad are young right-arm seamer Mohammad Sharif and off-spinner Fahim Muntasir.

Young express bowler Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza Kowshik and former Bangladesh vice-captain Khaled Mahmud have been given the national caps for the first time.

Fahim would act as the twelfth man.

SQUAD

Javed Omar, Al-Shahriar, Habibul Bashar, Aminul Islam, Mohammad Ashraful, Khaled Mahmud, Naimur Rahman (captain), Khaled Masood, Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza Kowshik, Enamul Hoque and Monjurul Islam.

No ICC inspection as yet

SPORTS REPORTER

With only nine days left before the start of the second Test of the Coca-Cola Series in Chittagong, Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is yet to know when the International Cricket Council (ICC) would arrange an inspection on the MA Aziz Stadium.

Although a Board director last week predicted match referee Hanumant Singh might inspect the stadium if ICC could not send an inspection team, but another director Syed Ashraful Huq said on Tuesday that nothing has been decided as yet.

"Usually ICC sends a match referee for this kind of inspections. But Hanumant has not yet received any instruction from the ICC. Maybe he will do it eventually or ICC would take some other arrangements for the inspection because without their approval we can not hold a Test match in Chittagong," said Ashraful.

He also added that he was not at all worried about the inspection because it was ICC's responsibility and they would do it by any means.

"November 15 is still a little far away. Something would be done before that time," Ashraful said.

Maldives' New Radiant come

BSS, *Dhaka*

Maldivian football league champions New Radiant Club will arrive here today to play their 21st Asian Club Football Championship 2nd leg match against Muktijoddha Sangsad.

New Radiant will play their game against Muktijoddha on November 9 at the Sher-e-Bangla Stadium in Mirpur. The match will start at 6 pm.

New Radiant have lost to Muktijoddha 1-2 in their first leg match in the Maldivian capital of Male on October 23.

Match Referee Alberto Colaso of India and four referees from Pakistan will also arrive in Dhaka today.

If Muktijoddha reach the second round, they will face Korean club Ann Yang.

Hinds coming to Sri Lanka

REUTERS, *Kingston*

Wavell Hinds has been passed fit to join the West Indies tour party to Sri Lanka, the chairman of their selection panel Mike Findlay has confirmed.

The left-handed batsman was called up to replace Shivnarine Chanderpaul, who was ruled out of the tour with a back injury.

Hinds first had to undergo surgery on a broken nose sustained when he was struck by a delivery from former West Indies fast bowler and current member of the West Indies selection committee Joel Garner during a festival in his native Jamaica.

Findlay told the CMCsport radio station that doctors had given Hinds clearance on Saturday and arrangements were being put in place for him to travel as soon as possible.

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

Ctg ready for action

Cricket

ABDULLAH-AL-MAHMUD, *Ctg*

Chittagong has completed all preparations for hosting the second Test and the first ODI of the Coca-Cola Series between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe.

The five-day match in Chittagong starts from November 15 at the renovated MA Aziz Stadium, which is still awaiting the ICC (International Cricket Council) recognition to become the second Test venue of the international newcomers.

Selim Abedin Chowdhury, a Board director and representative of the port city organisers, formally announced yesterday that Chittagong is ready to host international matches as well as to face the ICC inspection on its venue.

Selim, who is also the general secretary of the Chittagong Divisional Sports Association (CDSA), is co-ordinating works between Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) and organisers Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha (CJKS) for smooth holding of the first ever international matches here.

While talking to a group of pressmen at his CDSA office, Selim said that they are not sure yet when and who will conduct the inspection.

He said that these matches hold immense significance for Chittagonians as the MA Aziz Stadium would emerge as the first Test venue outside the capital by hosting Zimbabwe. That is why the preparation of venue and upgrading of facility arrangements were done with due sincerity and care, he added.

"International standard has been maintained everywhere while renovating the stadium," Selim said. "We do not afford to hear any complaint. We have taken it as a challenge as Chittagonians are known for their hospitality and love for sports."

Selim also claimed that the wicket here would be a sporting one, maybe livelier than Dhaka wicket. Both bowlers and batsmen would love to play on this wicket, and the outfield would be very fast, he said.

Of the newly laid three pitches, number one strip from east would be used for the ODI match while the limited-overs friendly match and Test would be played on number two and three wicket respectively.

Besides, four other practice pitches with movable nets have also been laid. A 36'X28' manual scoreboard is erected to meet ICC requirement. The players' dressing rooms would also offer all sorts of international standard facility.

The two newly constructed three-storied towers would be occupied by media people and equipment. The tower at Ispahani end (previously known as Hellipad end) will house camera stands, TV Box, commentary box, match referee and third umpire while the other one at the Pedrollo end (previously known as circuit house end) will accommodate print media box with required telecommunication and hot line facilities.

The state-run BTV will be in charge of production and both BTV and ETV will telecast the matches live.

Pollock crushes India

Cricket

AFP, *Bloemfontein*

South African captain Shaun Pollock sent India crashing to a nine-wicket defeat Tuesday on the fourth day of the first Test.

Pollock took six for 56 as India slid to 237 all out in their second knock, losing their last six wickets for 49 runs.

South Africa needed only 54 to get off to a winning start in the three-match series. Herschelle Gibbs was out for a single, lbw to leg-spinner Anil Kumble but Gary Kirsten and Jacques Kallis took South Africa to an easy win.

Pollock took key wickets at the start of both the first and second sessions of the day, then ripped out three tail-end batsmen as he took 10 wickets in a match for the first time in his 59-Test career.

He took four for 91 in the first innings and had match figures of ten for 147.

India's troubles started early. Resuming on 96 for one, they made a brisk start to the day with Shiv Das hitting two boundaries off the first over from Kallis. Venkatsai Laxman thrashed Pollock past backward point for four but two balls later he fended a lifting ball to Kallis at second slip.

Kallis was taken off and Mornantau Hayward struck with his first delivery when Das flashed at a wide, short ball and edged a catch to wicketkeeper Mark Boucher.

Das made 62 off 96 balls with 13 fours. India had lost two wickets to the first 13 balls of the day.

Star batsman Sachin Tendulkar and Indian captain Saurav Ganguly put on 46 in what shaped as a crucial partnership. Tendulkar, who twice needed treatment after being struck on the right forefinger by the first ball he faced from Pollock, scored 15 before edging a drive against Kallis to Herschelle Gibbs at backward point.

It was Kallis' 100th Test wicket. The South African all-rounder became the first South African and eighth player of all time to score 3,000 runs and take 100 wickets in Tests. He joined Ian Botham and Tony Greig of England, Kapil Dev and Ravi Shastri of India, Gary Sobers of the West Indies, Imran Khan of Pakistan and Richard Hadlee of New Zealand.

Ganguly was dismissed for 30 in the last over before lunch when a ball from Makhaya Ntini lifted sharply and flew off his glove to Boucher.

Before he was out, Ganguly took a heavy blow above his right knee from a ball by fast bowler Mornantau Hayward. He did not take the field when India went out for the final innings.

India went in to lunch just seven runs ahead with five wickets standing. It could have been worse if Neil McKenzie had held a straightforward chance when Virender Sehwag, on 16, turned Kallis to square leg when India's total was 170 for four.

PHOTO: AFP

South African players gather round Jacques Kallis (C) after the all-rounder claimed the prized wicket of Sachin Tendulkar (not in picture) yesterday. It was also Kallis' 100th wicket in Test cricket.

No spying in changerooms

Cricket

AFP, *Sydney*

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has clarified its position on the use of security cameras set to be introduced in the aftermath of a series of match-fixing scandals that have plagued the game.

The cameras, part of a raft of new procedures designed to clean up cricket, had caused controversy when it was suggested they would be used inside players' dressing rooms.

Australian captain Steve Waugh described the reported move as an invasion of privacy, prompting the ICC to issue a clarification stating that the cameras would stop at the dressing room door.

"Tough new security measures designed to combat cricket corruption will include TV cameras ... but their use will not extend to inside the dressing room itself," an ICC statement said Tuesday.

In addition to the cameras, security guards will be deployed at the entrance to dressing rooms and players' viewing areas, and logs will be kept of players leaving grounds during matches.

Hotel lobbies and access points to team areas will be covered by closed circuit television, telephone calls will be monitored and the names of visitors to team areas of hotels will also be recorded.

Australia's ICC chief executive Malcolm Speed revealed that cameras inside dressing rooms, which could make players feel uneasy about team discussions and celebrations being captured on film, was not part of the plan.

"There has never been any intention of invading the privacy of the dressing room but there is every intention of catching the corrupters who have tarnished cricket's reputation over the past two years," Speed said.

"Corruption has been cricket's toughest challenge and it needs an aggressive approach to make sure the game and its players are adequately protected from it.

"The recent board meeting accepted these proposals and we are now in the process of implementing them as a matter of priority."

The ICC said all Test captains, including Waugh, had been consulted about the new measures with "majority support" coming from all except West Indian Carl Hooper, who had not responded.

Gabba Test tomorrow

Jason vows to deliver

AFP, *Brisbane*

Jason Gillespie has warned New Zealand's top order batsmen he won't repeat his "ordinary" Ashes series in Thursday's opening cricket Test here.

Gillespie has passed 100 Test wickets but he has never played for his country at the Gabba, and he can only remember playing two matches for his state South Australia on the traditionally pace-friendly wicket.

While not certain how the Gabba pitch will play in this week's first of three Tests, Gillespie wants to win back the wicket-taking pace which has made him one of Australia's most successful bowlers.

For all of Gillespie's injuries, no Australian bowler has reached 100 wickets with such few deliveries, and that includes his grumblings about his 19 wickets in this year's Ashes series against England at an average of 34.32.

"I was probably trying too hard to be honest," Gillespie said Tuesday.

"I was pretty disappointed personally. I thought I bowled pretty ordinary. I would come in and bowl a good spell and then an ordinary spell and that's not good enough.

"I didn't bowl a good length consistently enough and I won't let that happen to me."