



## Did U Know?

The fastest 100 for New Zealand in a one-day international match is in 75 balls, shared by Chris Cairns and Craig McMillan.



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Fulham vs Man United  
9:00 pm  
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11:00 pm

### Sportscentre Hindi

Sport News  
11:30 pm

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Australia vs New Zealand  
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Live at 5:57 am  
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Sport News  
Live at 8:00 am  
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Fulham vs Man United  
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Trans World Sport  
Int'l Sports News  
3:00 pm  
Tennis Masters Series, Sydney  
6:00 pm  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
Primera Liga  
Valladolid vs Barcelona  
8:30 pm  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
10:30 pm  
Australia vs New Zealand  
First Test, Day Five  
Highlights at 11:00 pm



Jagmohan Dalmiya  
(Indian cricket chief)

"If they don't have the talent, one can understand they are trying and it's not happening. But they definitely have the talent."

About Indian team's dismal performance overseas.



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  - How many Test centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored?  
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The pitch of the Bangabandhu National Stadium is under covers yesterday. No play was possible on the fourth day of the first Test between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe due to drizzle throughout the day.

## Eager wait at Ctg



ABDULLAH-AL MAHMUD, Ctg

Cricket fever has caught the Chittagonians as Zimbabwe and Bangladesh cricketers would arrive here in the night today.

Organisers CJKS (Chittagong Jila Krira Sangstha) as well as fans are eagerly waiting to celebrate the historic occasion when the port city would play host to international cricket matches for the first time.

The second Test and the first one-day match of the Coca-Cola Series will be played at the MA Aziz Stadium, which was recognised as the world's 82nd Test venue by the ICC (International Cricket Council) only on November 8.

The nearly half-century-old Chittagong stadium (1952), which has been brought up to international standard recently, is now all prepared to host the Test and ODI match that would start on November 15 and 23 respectively. A limited-overs benefit match is also scheduled to be held here on

November 21.

The CJKS at a press briefing at its gymnasium on Saturday informed the press in detail about its preparation and arrangements for smooth holding of the matches.

The organisers however expressed its concern over the eight-hour general strike called by the 11-party and the Hindu-Boudhwa-Kristan Oikya Parisad on the opening day of the Test match here. The organisers appealed to call off the hartal or an exemption at least.

The CJKS could garner Taka 59.28 lakh from sponsors, local clubs and the BCB (on loan) so far. It is expecting to raise Taka 19.50 lakh more from sponsors and Taka 35 lakh from ticket sale. They are hopeful about raising Taka 1.14 crore in total. It has spent Taka 97.42 lakh for renovation and preparation purposes.

CJKS president and Deputy Commissioner of Chittagong Abdus Salam Khan read out the statement at the briefing where CJKS general secretary Shahed Asgar Chowdhury, vice-president

Dostogir Chowdhury, Advocate Shaheen Aftabur Reza also spoke.

CJKS meanwhile made some changes in the rate of tickets that was announced earlier. Tickets go on sale today at the AB Bank here. CJKS joint secretary Shaheen said the response to the ticket sale was pretty encouraging. All five hundred seats at the players' gallery have already been booked by the Chittagong Club for Taka 3.5 lakh, he said.

### TEST TICKETS

East Gallery	Tk 200
West Gallery	Tk 300
International Gallery	Tk 400
Pavilion	Tk 1000

### ONE-DAY TICKETS

East Gallery	Tk 100
West Gallery	Tk 100
International Gallery	Tk 200
Pavilion	Tk 1000

### BENEFIT MATCH TICKETS

East Gallery	Tk 50
West Gallery	Tk 50
International Gallery	Tk 100
Pavilion	Tk 500

## Fifth win for U-19

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh under-19 team extended their winning streak to five in Australia when they beat West Torrens Club by seven wickets at the Henley High School ground in Adelaide on Sunday.

Opener Aftab Ahmed scored a brilliant fifty as Bangladesh under-19, chasing the home side's 162 in 50 overs, reached the summit in 34.3 overs with seven wickets in hand.

Aftab scored 86 off 82 balls with the help of two sixes and eleven boundaries. Aftab apart, middle-order batsman Kamrul Islam chipped in with an unbeaten 42 off 68 balls.

Earlier, electing to bat first, Torrens Club were shot out for a meagre total with right-arm seamer Shafaq Al-Zabir taking three for 24. Reeves top scored with 30.

Al-Zabir's new-ball partner Ashique and Murad Khan bagged two wickets each.

### SCORES IN BRIEF

West Torrens Club: 162 all out in 50 overs (Reeves 30, Howell 29, Rey 26; Shafaq 3/24, Ashique 2/18, Murad 2/26).

Bangladesh under-19: 163 for 3 in 34.3 overs (Aftab 86, Kamrul 42 no, Nafees 16)

Result: Bangladesh under-19 won by seven wickets

## Nitol-Tata soccer

UNB, Dhaka

Satkira PK Union Club reached the zonal semifinal of the Nitol-Tata Second National Football League eliminating Jhenidha Shantinagar SC by 5-3 in the tie-breaker in a Khulna Divisional match in Jessore yesterday.

The match was locked in 2-2 during the regulation time.

PK Union will play the semifinal Friday against the winners of Khulna Abahani KC and Ummochan Club, who will meet today.

Besides, BNS Sporting and Reuters Sporting Club moved into the zonal quarterfinals of the meet eliminating their respective rivals at two separate venues yesterday.

In Gopalganj, BNS Sporting of

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## SERIES SNIPPETS



HASAN MASOOD

Learning is a continuous process. And to young batsman Mohammad Ashraf, it is the only thing that he can do when he is not playing cricket.

On the washed-out fourth day, when most of his senior teammates were roaming around the ground and having light moments, Ashraf, the Test cricket's youngest centurion, was seen having an exclusive coaching lesson from his

on zero in the second innings, hung on to every word and then assured his teacher to follow those tips when the match resumes.

Later, the 17-year-old right-hander was seen learning some finer points on leg spin bowling from Hanumant Singh, a former India cricketer and the match referee for the series.

### ZIM GAGGED

The dressing room of the Zimbabweans looked like a big aquarium through the glasses on Sunday when there was no play for

### HANUMANT

With cricketers kept out of action, match referee Hanumant Singh became the busiest man on the day at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

The Mumbai-based 62-year-old, taking off his tie and jacket, was in the field from the morning, keeping the groundsmen on their toes to dry up the outfield.

"My job today is to keep the ground in such a condition so that we can resume play in the shortest possible time after the rain stops," said Singh while talking to this correspondent.

But his efforts went up in smoke as the drizzle continued to fall down, forcing him to call off the day's play eventually, at 2:30 pm.

### DETERMINED JAVED

Opener Javed Omar is already busy on planning how to negotiate the Zimbabwe bowling in the second Test in Chittagong. The right-hander, who scored 3 and 32 in the first Test, has set his target for the next match.

Talking to a group of reporters on Sunday, Javed said that he is confident of doing better in Chittagong if not luck betrays him.

Javed, who missed Bangladesh's inaugural Test match against India last November, have so far played five Test matches and scored two fifties (62 and 85\*) against Zimbabwe in Bulawayo last April.

### TIMEOUT

The rover scouts enjoyed an unexpected time-out from their usual duties at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Sunday. Most of the scouts, who man the gates of the big bowl, gathered at the Club House (west) enclosure and passed a happy time singing chorus.

### TREVOR LOST IN HIS WORLD

Bangladesh coach Trevor Chappell seemed to be a man from different planet yesterday. When everybody at the stadium was busy discussing about weather and cricket, the 51-year-old Australian bachelor took a long dip in another world with his laptop.

The youngest of three Chappell brothers, Trevor remained glued to his computer monitor throughout the day and hardly bothered to look around the ground where hundred of people were working hard to deal with the wet ground.

## Rare draw looms at Gabba



AFP, Brisbane

After a run of 23 results over two years Australia are heading for their first draw with bad weather yet again ruining the first cricket Test against New Zealand at the Gabba here Sunday.

Just over 50 overs of play were possible on the fourth day when a series of electrical storms lashed the ground in mid-afternoon, forcing umpires to abandon play at 4:00 pm (0600 GMT) with Monday's final day remaining.

Australia, who have won 20 and lost three of their previous 23 Tests, last had a draw against Sri Lanka in Colombo in September 1999.

But this Brisbane Test has been sabotaged by the elements and Australia face the near impossible task of capturing 15 New Zealand wickets on Monday to force a result.

There will be an extra hour of cricket on the final day to part make up for the lost time through rain interruptions, but in the four hours of play Sunday the Kiwis were digging in after a loss of four wickets pre-lunch.

The Kiwis had advanced to 186 for five in their first innings in reply to Australia's 486 for nine declared when the storms hit at 2:00 pm (0400 GMT).

Express bowler Brett Lee said the first 10 overs of Monday's play was crucial if Australia were to force a result.

New Zealand were 100 runs behind the follow-on with five wickets in hand, but Lee, who looked to have recaptured his bowling rhythm Sunday after a disappointing Ashes tour of England in July-August, was optimistic.

"I think we're a good chance," said Lee. "The first 10 overs are crucial, we're going to have to take some early wickets, but that's going to come from applying the pressure and bowling the right line and length."

"It just comes down to what Glenn (McGrath) does day in, day out."

A victory had looked a possibility in the morning session when the Kiwis were reduced to 55 for four with Jason Gillespie taking three wickets, among them a first-ball dismissal of New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming.

The New Zealanders went to lunch at 115 for four as Nathan Astle and Craig McMillan resisted the Australian bowlers and began blossoming in the middle session.

Pugnacious McMillan, who triggered an Australian tumble of first innings wickets with a spell of 3-7 on Thursday, clouted Shane Warne over mid-wicket for six and hammered four fours in his knock

of 45.

McMillan shared in a 92-run partnership for the fifth wicket before he edged a high-bouncing Lee delivery to Warne at first slip.

Nathan Astle posted his 13th Test half-century and was unbeaten on 51 with Chris Cairns not out 25 at the onset of the storms.

After only a total of 47.4 overs were possible on the last two rain-hit days, the Kiwis lost four wickets in an extended morning session.

At one stage, Gillespie was on a hat trick after removing Mark Richardson (26) and Fleming (0) with successive deliveries, only for Astle to see off the hat trick.

Gillespie struck with the fourth ball of his opening over of the day having Matthew Bell caught at third slip by Ricky Ponting for six.

Ponting produced a magnificent flying two-handed catch in the gully to dismiss Mathew (Mathew) Sinclair for three off Lee's first loosening delivery.

Astle on 24 was dropped about 19 minutes before lunch by Damien Martyn at deep mid-on off Warne.

It was Martyn's second dropped catch of the morning having spilled a straight-forward two-handed chance from Sinclair in the gully off Glenn McGrath.

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(Clockwise from top-left) Zimbabwe fast bowler Heath Streak leaves the stadium after yesterday's play was called off. Workers wipe away water from a part of the pitch-cover. Former national wicketkeeper Nasir Ahmed (2nd from L) shows (L-R) Monjurul Islam, Javed Omar and Enamul Haque how to play the game on computer. The practically empty hospitality boxes and the stands at the big bowl.

## Pakistan triumph in HK



AFP/AP, Hong Kong

Pakistan great Wasim Akram said he was "addicted to winning" after leading Pakistan to victory at the 250,000-US-dollar Hong Kong International Sixes on Sunday.

Pakistan defeated South Africa by 11 runs in a tense finale to the two-day event where Akram's outstanding display with both bat and ball earned him the player-of-the-tournament award.

It was Pakistan's third win here. They also won in 1997 and in its inaugural year in 1992.

Pakistan elected to bat and notched up 98 for three in their allotted five overs, with Akram hitting 23 while youngster Imran Nazir blazed away for a breezy 30.

Shahid Afridi chipped in with 16 and Azhar Mahmood made 13.

Steve Elworthy and Loots Bosman began soundly as South Africa reached 40 for no loss after two overs. But Akram put the brakes on the run chase, conceding only 10 runs in the third over signalling the end for the Proteas.

Captain Jonty Rhodes dropped himself allowing 20-year-old Bosman to have a go. "He was striking the ball better than me," said Rhodes.

Bosman kept the faith his captain had in him smashing 31. But it was not enough to save them from defeat.

"I get a high from winning. I'm addicted to it as there is no alternative to winning," Wasim said.

"The buzz will keep me going for another two days. It doesn't matter

what tournament it is, winning is all that matters."

"It has been a great two weeks for us. Last week we won in Sharjah, beating Sri Lanka in the final and now here in Hong Kong. We have a very good set of youngsters coming through and they have proved it in the past fortnight," the fast bowler added.

The Pakistan team in Hong Kong included Mahmood, Nazir, Afridi, Shoaib Malik and skipper Rashid Latif who sat out the last day's play after he came down with flu. The Pakistanis, who defended their title here, earned a winners' purse of 80,000 dollars.

"I hope our successes in the past fortnight will have lifted the spirits of our countrymen back home. There is so much trouble happening around them that I hope the cricket will have been a welcome

distraction," Wasim said.

"We will be going back home now where we will take a one month break. In January we will play two Tests against Bangladesh and then hopefully host the West Indies in February. I hope they come as we need to play cricket," he added.

Pakistan booked their berth in the final by defeating Sri Lanka by 34 runs in the semifinal while South Africa earned their place with a four wicket win over a Matthew Maynard-led England team.

Sri Lanka defeated England by 14 runs to finish third in the tournament. The Lankans defended a total of 62, restricting England to 48 for five.