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Australian star cricketers Dean Jones, Mark Waugh and Terry Alderman have made appearances on the TV game shows like 'Sale of the Century', 'Family Feud' and 'The Main Event'.



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Anna Kournikova

(Russian tennis star)
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- South Africa defeated India in the first test at Bloemfontein by:
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- Bangladesh will play 2003 WC cricket's opening match with whom?
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Bangladesh cricketers heading for the hotel after the first Test was abandoned as a draw.

SERIES SNIPPETS

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD

Thanks to the organisers Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), Travis Friend is going to achieve a new world record of sorts.

The Zimbabwe paceman is probably going to be the first cricketer in the world who would receive his man-of-the-match award in a venue where he did not played the match.

Friend, who took five wickets for 31 runs and scored 81 runs as number nine batsman in the first innings, was yesterday adjudged as the man for the US dollar 2,000 purse. BCB director Syed Ashraf Hsu was the match adjudicator of the drawn Test, two days of which were rained out.

But to the utter surprise of the Zimbabwe team as well as cricket buffs, the Board revealed that there would be no prize giving ceremony in Dhaka. Friend will have to wait for a week, until the second Test in Chittagong ends, possibly on November 19, to get this award.

NO CHANGE IN FOURTEEN

The selectors made no change in the fourteen-man Bangladesh squad for the second Test against Zimbabwe. Weather permitting, the match is scheduled to begin at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on November 15.

Talking to the press after the first Test was rained out on Monday, chief selector Maimul Haq said that they are sticking with the

same team because they felt it would not be wise to go for changes on the basis of three-day's performance.

"We did not get enough time to assess their performance during this match. That is why we thought it would be unfair to exclude somebody in favour of a new guy," said Maimul.

He however confirmed that there would be changes in the one-day squad.

"We will include more youngsters in the one-day squad," added

Mainul

CONTRASTING MOOD

Although there was no stopping of rain, Zimbabwe cricketers arrived at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on the scheduled time, hoping against hope that they would get to play for a session at least and seal the victory eventually.

On the contrary, Bangladesh cricketers relaxed at their hotel rooms and only came back to the venue after the match was called off to get their gears in the luggage van.

The van left for Chittagong in the afternoon while the team left by GMG airlines in the night.

RAIN-AFFECTED

Owners of different hospitality boxes at the Bangabandhu National Stadium appear to be huge losers in the ongoing Coca-Cola Series as two days from their seven-day allotment were rained out already.

An AC box cost Tk 20,000 for seven days, five days for a Test and two days for two limited-over matches, and a non-AC box was sold at Tk 15,000.

As the inclement weather contin-

ues to persist, the rest of the seven days for the VIP spectators are at stake now. The second and third one-day internationals will be held on November 25 and 27 respectively.

ROUFUL RECOVERING

Veteran sports journalist Rouful Hassan is recovering from the stroke he suffered in the early hours on Saturday.

The special correspondent of the Bangladesh Observer is now being treated at the city's Shamorita Hospital.

The 51-year-old covered the match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Friday.

Nitol-Tata soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Khelawar Kallayan Samity of Dinajpur defeated Probaho Sangsad of Naogaon 3-2 in the second Nitol-Tata Football League at the district stadium yesterday.

Sohel scored twice and Jamil one for the winners while Enamul and Hafiz netted one each for the losers.

Reuter Sporting Club of Gaibandha will take on Abahani Krira Chakra of Rajshahi today at the same venue.

MSC reception

BSS, Dhaka

Mohammedan Sporting Club accorded a reception to the ministers and members of parliament related to sports at its pavilion on Monday.

Among those who were accorded reception included Minister for Industries M K Anwar, Minister for Housing and Public Works Mirza Abbas, Minister for Jute Major (rtd) Hafizuddin Ahmed Bir Bikram, State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman, State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources A K M Mosharraf Hossain, State Minister for Commerce M Barkatullah and State Minister for Education Ehsanul Haque.

Members of parliament Jonyal Abedin Faruk, Mosharraf Hossain, Nurul Amin Talukder, Whip Alhaj Javed Ali Chowdhury, MAH Selim, Abul Hossain Khan, Dildar Hossain Selim, S A Sultan, M A Gafur Bhuiyan and Shah Nurul Kabir were also present on the occasion.

Mohammedan president M Mosaddek Ali chaired the function while general secretary Lokman Hossain Bhuiyan delivered the welcome address.

The reception was followed by a cultural function.

Swimming camp

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Women Sports Federation (BWSF) has organized a swimming training programme for the girls and women of the different age groups.

The training begins of November 15 at the Sultana Kamal Women Sports Complex at Dhanmondi.

Intending candidates have been requested to contact with the BWSF office for detailed information.

No practice for India

AFP, East London

India's final warm-up match before the second Test against South Africa was abandoned here Monday without a ball bowled.

The decision was taken on the third day of a scheduled four-day match against South Africa A when more rain fell on an already saturated outfield. There was no play on the first two days.

The second Test starts in Port Elizabeth Friday. South Africa won the first Test in the three-match series by nine wickets in Bloemfontein last Tuesday.

The abandonment of Monday's match meant that both of India's first-class matches outside the Tests failed to take place.

No play was possible in a scheduled three-day match against a Board President's XI in Chatsworth, near Durban, before the first Test, also because of a wet outfield.

East London's Buffalo Park is due to stage three matches during the 2003 World Cup, including a Super Six stage match.

Ali Bacher, executive director of World Cup 2003, said 2.3 million rands (some 238,000 dollars) had been allocated to improve the drainage of 11 fields, including Buffalo Park, which are to host World Cup matches.

"I guarantee what happened at Buffalo Park will not happen again," said Bacher, who said a mechanised "super sopper" would be available at each World Cup venue to mop up surface water.

Proteas call up rookie opener

REUTERS, Cape Town

Uncapped opening batsman Jacques Rudolph has been added to the South Africa squad for the second Test against India in Port Elizabeth.

The 20-year-old, who opens the batting for Northern Titans province, has been in a rich vein of form this season and had already been tipped to tour Australia next month.

He scored three hundreds in four matches in South Africa's domestic first-class competition as well as another century against the touring Indians in the opening match of their tour, a non-first class fixture against a Nicky Oppenheimer XI.

Rudolph's call-up to the 12-man squad was welcomed by his provincial coach, Dave Nosworthy.

Drawn Test promised a lot

Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

Australia hung on for a dramatic draw as gallant New Zealand came within 10 runs of a famous victory in the first cricket Test at the Gabba here Monday.

The tense finish was contrived after a series of bold declarations by the rival captains, which set New Zealand with the task of scoring 284 runs to win off 57 overs.

The Gabba Test had looked consigned to a humdrum draw after 10 hours' play had been lost through rain throughout the previous three days.

Yet in a gripping finish, as 11 wickets fell for 459 throughout the long day, the Kiwis looked set to pull off an extraordinary victory -- what would have been only their second against their trans-Tasman rivals in eight years.

But pressure of Australian bowling and fielding and the vital dismissal of bazoooka-hitting Chris Cairns in the second-last over enabled Waugh's team to hang on for a draw in the first of the three-match series.

New Zealand had visions of their first Test win over Australia since their five wicket triumph in Auckland in 1993.

But their plucky challenge just came up short in a tribute to both progressive-thinking captains.

It was also a declaration by stand-in captain Adam Gilchrist setting England 315 runs which

beat Australia in the fourth Headingley Test on the final day last August by six wickets.

Heading into the final hour of play, New Zealand required 97 runs off 15 overs and were on course for a memorable win.

Shane Warne struck for Australia getting Nathan Astle on 49 to spoon a catch to Jason



BRETT LEE...m-o-m

Gillespie at mid-off ending a valuable 100-run partnership with skipper Stephen Fleming in 82 minutes.

Astle made way for the explosive hitting of Cairns with 13 overs remaining and 93 runs to win as Waugh stacked the boundary ropes with fieldsmen.

Waugh resorted to his two premier bowlers, Warne and Glenn McGrath, to strangle the scoring rate.

The floodlights were switched

on as Fleming reached his half-century, his 30th in Tests, off 65 balls.

A pivotal moment came when Fleming was run out for 57 by a whisker after a Steve Waugh direct throw leaving the Kiwis 69 short of victory with eight overs left.

Cairns straight-hit Warne into the top deck of the grandstand for six to push him to 17 to reactivate New Zealand's run rate.

But Cairns had a life minutes later when he was dropped by a diving Steve Waugh when on 19 off McGrath.

Cairns and McMillan took 14 off McGrath's 16th over to take their team to within 38 runs of winning with four overs left.

Cairns smashed Warne in the next over for another meaty six putting pressure back on to the Australians.

McMillan clouted Warne for his second six bringing up the pair's 50-run partnership in 23 withering minutes and 22 runs from triumph.

McGrath stemmed the run flow in his 19th over leaving the equation: 20 runs to win off the final two overs.

Brett Lee came on for the penultimate over and dismissed Cairns, who hit an easy catch to Ricky Ponting just a few metres inside the boundary rope to be out for 43 off 38 balls.

That left the gutsy Kiwis with a near impossible task and they needed 13 runs off the last four balls.

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Match referee Hanuman Singh trying to fix his umbrella before he stepped on to the ground for an inspection of the pitch at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Courageous captains

Cricket

AFP, Brisbane

Amid displeasure from traditionalists, rival captains Steve Waugh and Stephen Fleming defended their tactical declarations that produced a dramatic finish to the first cricket Test here Monday.

A tense finish was contrived after bold declarations, which left New Zealand with the task of scoring 284 runs to win off 57 overs.

Yet those fortunate enough to be in the small crowd at the Gabba ground saw 11 wickets fall for 459 runs throughout the long day.

"You're here to entertain and enjoy yourself and you're trying to win a Test match if you can," Waugh

said. "I don't see any point playing out a dull draw."

Waugh said Australia would not have deserved to lose the Test after their sporting declaration, adding he would not change his attacking tactics in future.

Waugh said: "I'm happy we got a draw out of a tough match. We worked hard in the last 10 overs, we were desperate and we deserved to get a draw."

"Realistically, I thought we were the only team with a chance of winning today but the way they batted they gave themselves a chance and it was good for cricket."

Fleming set things in motion by declaring his team's first innings at lunch upon passing the follow-on mark of 286.

That left the New Zealanders 199 runs behind Australia with 59 overs left including 15 in the last hour.

Waugh accepted Fleming's challenge and declared his team's second innings at 84 for two -- 283 runs ahead with a minimum of 57 overs to play.

It was Fleming's approach that made the thrilling conclusion possible and he was unapologetic afterwards about contriving the dramatic finish.

"It was a good challenge. The Australians might have handed back their advantage from the first few days but I'm convinced that's the way cricket's got to go to be entertaining," Fleming said.

"It was a good challenge. It was a lot of runs to score but you don't hand Test matches away. To score that many runs we had to earn them and would have deserved the win."

"We wanted to win it anyway we could and Steve Waugh plays the same way."

"It's not about the old traditions, it's about breaking new moulds. I'm convinced it's the way Test cricket has to go entertainment-wise."

Waugh pointed to the dismissal of power-hitting Chris Cairns which swung the game back to Australia.

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CARL HOOPER



SANATH JAYASURIYA

"There is no substitute for match practice, but it is not the time to be worried about being underprepared."

This wind-swept southern coastal town has been a happy hunting ground for both Muralitharan and Sri Lanka. The spinner tied India's batsmen in knots here in August, taking eight wickets to lead his team to victory.

Sri Lanka have won four Tests, drawn one and lost one at the Galle international stadium, which traditionally favours spinners.

With key paceman Dilhara Fernando ruled out of the match due to back injury, Sri Lanka have put faith in their slow bowlers, including left-armers Niroshan Bandaratillake and off-spinner Thilan Samaraweera.

The West Indies expect Hooper and Lara to strike early form and show the youngsters how to effectively deal with the spinners.

The West Indies bowling, however, appears short of experience and match-practice. Fast bowlers Reon King, Pedro Collins, Colin

their first Test series win over the opposition in 16 years.

TEAMS

SRI LANKA (from): Sanath Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu, Mahela Jayawardene, Russel Arnold, Kumar Sangakkara, Hashan Tillakaratne, Michael Vandort, Thilan Samaraweera, Suresh Perera, Muttiah Muralitharan, Niroshan Bandaratillake, Ruchira Perera, Chaminda Vaas, Charitha Buddhika, Nuwan Zoysa.

WEST INDIES (from): Carl Hooper (captain), Ridley Jacobs, Chris Gayle, Daren Ganga, Brian Lara, Wavell Hinds, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Marlon Samuels, Leon Garrick, Neil McGarrell, Dinanath Ramnarine, Colin Stuart, Mervyn Dillon, Marlon Black, Reon King, Pedro Collins.

SCHEDULE

Nov 13-17: First Test, Galle
Nov 21-25: Second Test, Kandy
Nov 29 Nov-Dec 03: Third Test, Colombo

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