



Did U Know?

With a convict's haircut and a huge moustache, former Australian fast bowler Merv Hughes was the most recognisable and imposing player in world cricket. Hughes, who took 212 wickets in 54 Test matches, also guest-starred in the Channel 9 drama "Flying Doctors".



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English Premier Football League
Leicester City vs Man United
9:30 am

India vs South Africa
Second Test, Day Three
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English Premier Football League
Chelsea vs Everton
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Lleyton Hewitt

(Australian tennis star)
"It's an unbelievable feeling. For me to do it at age 20 and to do it in Australia... you just couldn't have written a better script."
After becoming world No. 1.



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- South Africa defeated India in the first test at Bloemfontein by...
140-run 7-wkt 9-wkt
- How many Test centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored?
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- Bangladesh will play 2003 WC cricket's opening match Name the opponent?
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MR CONSISTENT: Habibul Bashar tucks one round the corner during his maiden century against Zimbabwe on the third day of the Coca-Cola second Test at the MA Aziz Stadium in Chittagong on Saturday.

A dream comes true

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD, from Chittagong

Habibul Bashar had a dream to score a Test hundred. And finally the stylish right-hander translated his dream into reality when he scored 108 in the first innings of the second Test against Zimbabwe at the MA Aziz Stadium on Saturday.

The crowd rose to their feet when the 29-year-old reached the magical three-figure mark before the tea break, stealing a single off Henry Olonga. He struck 15 fours in his 209-ball innings.

Bashar, who scored five fifties in his previous 12 innings with a top-score of 76 against the same opponents in Harare last April, once again found Chittagong as a perfect stage to reach another landmark.

Two years ago Bashar hammered back-to-back centuries including a superlative 143 against the visiting England A team.

A batsman, who loves to dominate any bowling attack, Bashar not only became the third century-maker in Bangladesh cricket history, but also the first player to cross five hundred Test runs.

He eventually finished on 530 before being bowled by occasional left-arm spinner Grant Flower. Bashar now raised his Test average to 44.17 in 13 innings, which puts him right among the elite in the world.

But the mild-mannered cricketer from Kushlia was still not satisfied at the end of the day. Despite Bashar's brilliant hundred, the home team failed to avoid follow-on.

"I said before the match that I was determined to make a big score. But quite frankly I am not very happy because of the state of my team. It is pointless scoring a century and later find the team struggling," said Bashar after Bangladesh were bowled out for 251 chasing a massive Zimbabwe total of 542 for seven declared.

"I do not play for personal glory. If the team as a whole does not perform well then personal achievements become meaningless. We should have avoided the follow-on," he said.

"Chittagong has always been a lucky ground for me since my school days. I performed well whenever I came here."

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Heath Streak 19 6 32 2
Henry Olonga 12 0 40 1
Douglas Marillier 15 6 39 2
Gary Brent 17 9 30 1
Grant Flower 15.3 3 41 4
Trevor Gripper 1 1 0 0

BANGLADESH: Second innings (following on) R B 4 6
Javed Omar not out 2 36 0 0
Al Shahrir not out 11 24 2 0
Extras: (lb-1, w-1) 2
Total: (For no loss in 10 overs, 40 mins) 15

To bat: Habibul Bashar, Aminul Islam, Akram Khan, Mohammad Ashraf, Naimur Rahman, Khaled Masood, Enamul Haque, Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza, Mohammad Sharif.

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Gary Brent 5 1 13 0
Grant Flower 1 1 0 0

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

TV Umpire: Jahangir Alam (Bangladesh).
Match Referee: Hanumant Singh (India).
Toss: Bangladesh.

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BANGLADESH: First innings (overnight 57-1) R B 4 6
Javed Omar c Andy Flower b Heath Streak 8 14 1 0
Al Shahrir lbw b Henry Olonga 29 85 3 0
Habibul Bashar b Grant Flower 108 209 15 0
Aminul Islam c and b Douglas Marillier 21 56 2 0
Akram Khan lbw b Douglas Marillier 6 17 0 0
Mohammad Ashraf c Dion Ebrahim b Grant Flower 33 105 6 0
Naimur Rahman lbw b Heath Streak 5 18 0 0
Khaled Masood b Grant Flower 8 20 1 0
Enamul Haque not out 12 29 0 1
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Titas take solo lead GM Zia loses

SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Titas Club took the solo lead in the Mercantile Bank First Division Chess League with maximum eight points at the end of the second round at the NSC Chess Room on Saturday.

The holders blanked Dhaka University Chess Club 4-0 in this round.

The country's first Grand Master Niaz Murshed, Saifuddin Lavlu, Syed Ruhul Kabir and Arman Monir won their boards for the champions.

However, runners-up Bangladesh Biman, with recently crowned Grand Master Ziaur Rahman in their ranks, shared points with Bangladesh Ansars.

In fact, Zia of Biman was the surprise loser on the day. His conqueror was Khandaker Aminul Islam of Ansars. Abu Sufian Shakil defeated another Biman stalwart Enamul Hossain Rajib.

Refaat Bin Sattar however kept the national airlines team airborne winning against Shawkat Hossain Pallab. Abdullah-Al-Rakib evened the scores defeating Sheikh Nasir Ahmed.

In other results, Sonali Bank Sports and Recreation Club beat Anirban Chess School by 3.5-0.5

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SERIES SNIPPETS

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER, from Chittagong

Chief selector Mainul Haq confirmed yesterday that he would announce the team for New Zealand tour here on Monday.

Bangladesh will leave the country for their second overseas series on November 30 to play in two Tests and same number of First Class matches.

Talking to The Daily Start Sport at the MA Aziz Stadium yesterday, Mainul said that they would finalise the squad after seeing performance of the present side in the ongoing Test match against Zimbabwe.

"It's only the third day. Let us wait for another couple of days," he said.

When asked whether the issue of appointing a new captain would be taken into consideration, Mainul said it was the responsibility of the Board, not the selectors.

Namiur Rahman has been made captain till the Zimbabwe tour. BCB director Syed Ashraf Huq meanwhile said they would think about it after getting the list of 15 cricketers from the selectors on Monday.

AKRAMAGONY

Akram Khan broke the heart of Chittagonians when he was out for

six in the first innings of the second Test against Zimbabwe yesterday.

Playing in front of his home crowd, the former national captain failed miserably to respond to his recall to the Test fold.

The big man was very rusty with

the second innings to get a ticket for the New Zealand tour next month.

STRANG IN CTG

Leg-spinner Paul Strang joined the Zimbabwe team here yesterday as a replacement for Brian Murphy, the Zimbabwe skipper who flew back home with a hairline injury on his left wrist after the first Test in Dhaka.

A veteran of 94 one-day matches, Strang is expected to play in three-match ODI series, starting on November 23. In his 24 Test matches, the leggie also took 70 wickets including a career best eight for 109 at an average of 36.02.

Strang is however in and out of the team for the last couple of years.

MINHAZ & CO

The Chittagong Divisional Sports Association today named a 16-man squad for a practice one-day match against visiting Zimbabwe.

The match will be held at the MA Aziz Stadium on November 21.

Squad: Minhazul Abedin (captain), Golam Mortuza (wicketkeeper), Ehsanul Haque, Azam Iqbal, Akram Khan, Mohammad Ashraf, Sanwar Hossain, Anis Hakim, Enamul Haque, Mohammad Sharif, Shafiqun Ahmed, Mohammad Tariq, Sumon Barua, Masum Dowla, Suja Irfan and Sabir Khan.

Officials: Syed Abul Bashar (manager), Sultan Abedin (coach) and Nurul Abedin (trainer).

his footwork and was plumed in front of his wicket against the bowling of off-spinner Douglas Marillier.

This is for the second time in a row, Akram disappointed his home fans. In 1999, Akram was included into the Bangladesh team against the desire of the then coach Eddie Barlow and got a second-ball duck against England A in Chittagong.

Akram, who played many crucial knocks for his country in the past, must get himself among the runs in

BFF Goal-bound

Football

SPORTS REPORTER

The Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) stands a good chance to qualify for the FIFA 'Goal Project'. AFC vice-president Monial Fernando expressed the view during a press briefing at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday.

"I'm very satisfied after what I have seen and will strongly recommend that the BFF receive the project grant," said the Sri Lankan prior to his departure for Colombo.

Fernando, who is also the regional 'Goal Project' development officer, came here on Thursday to assess if Bangladesh were eligible for a piece of the million-dollar grant.

The recipient can expect to collect 400,000 dollars in the first installment. The issue of BFF's winning the grant would be discussed at the next meeting of FIFA's development committee in Zurich in February.

Before receiving the lucrative grant, national associations are required to show that they possess a lease on a land, which the BFF after much deliberation finally chose a site adjacent to the Arambagh Club.

Earlier, the BFF wanted to remain housed in the big bowl. "I have inspected three different locations and they are alright. Now the BFF should immediately send the necessary documents," said Fernando who was accompanied by his wife.

"The NSC is expected to hand over the land lease within one or two days," said BFF treasurer Shamimuzzaman adding that the Arambagh location measures one bigha.

The game's governing body floated the idea of 'Goal Project' in 1998 to assist the growth of its national associations as well as to develop the game at grass-root level. The project aims to provide financial support so that national associations can function from a fixed address.

"I am optimistic that all seven South Asian nations will enjoy the benefits of the project," stated the former Sri Lankan football boss.

Although the project ends in February next year, but Monial said that the current scheme would continue under the youth development programme.

During his three-day stay Fernando also visited the Bangladesh Krira Shiksha Protisthan (BKSP) in Savar and the Mirpur Sher-e-Bangla Stadium.

"The facilities at the BKSP were fantastic. But I'm disappointed seeing the badly managed Mirpur Stadium.

"If I'm not mistaken, the SAFF Games will be staged at Mirpur Stadium early next year. And frankly, I find that surprising since nothing looks in order," observed Fernando.

"Also Bangladesh lacks an adequate number of qualified coaches, referees and youth development officers," said the middle-aged Lankan, whose last visit in Dhaka was in 1993 during the SAFF Games.

On his final day here Fernando called on State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman.

India in Pollock problem

Cricket

REUTERS, Port Elizabeth

Shaun Pollock struck three times in 20 deliveries, removing Rahul Dravid and Sachin Tendulkar on the way as India ran into trouble on the second day of the second Test.

The South African captain and strike bowler took three for 13 in a seven-over opening burst as India, responding to South Africa's first innings 362 built around Herschelle Gibbs' 196, stumbled to 63 for four at tea.

The home side had earlier been dismissed just after lunch, Gibbs' fine innings almost matched by India's veteran paceman Javagal Srinath, who took six for 76.

Gibbs was at the crease for seven-and-a-half hours, facing 353 balls and hitting 25 fours and a six.

South Africa, put in, had resumed on 237 for five and Srinath claimed his fourth wicket of the innings in the fifth over when Pollock lifted a drive to Harbhajan Singh at cover point to be dismissed for three.

India squandered a simple chance to dismiss Mark Boucher for 31 two balls before the morning drinks break when Rahul Dravid, at slip, grassed a looping catch from a top-edged sweep. Off-spinner Harbhajan was the aggrieved bowler.

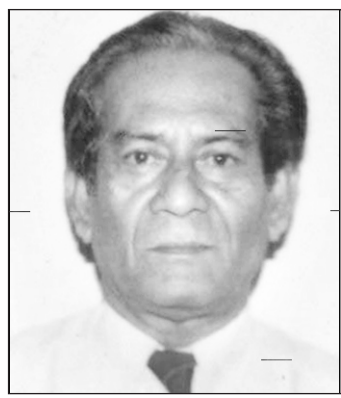
Indian captain Sourav Ganguly brought occasional bowler Tendulkar into the attack 25 minutes

Putu Bhai passes away

SPORTS REPORTER, from Ctg

Noted sports organiser Abu Taher, better known as Putu Bhai, died of cardiac failure at his Firingi Bazar residence in Chittagong late in the Friday night. The former general secretary of the Chittagong

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Tribute to Rouful Hassan

The final click at Lord's

DR NIZAMUDDIN AHMED

In what sounded almost like an order, rather characteristic of him, Rouful asked me to take his photograph. He was in a buoyant mood, as we decided on the appropriate background. We were up on the Old Press Box at Lord's covering the inaugural match of the 1999 World Cup. At that precise moment we were watching the proceedings on television in the adjacent media room that also served tea, coffee and an array of biscuits. After getting the best seats in the stadium journalists often opt for that kind of home luxury.

"Give me a copy of the photograph, uh!" was his way of putting a request (if you could call it that) to a colleague of two-and-a-half decades, as we discussed cricket, our prospects, and the looming Test

status, although it was England playing Sri Lanka. We surely had more than one cup of tea.

Easy to meet that one once we get back home, I thought. Handing over a photo shouldn't be of any bother. Back in Dhaka I got the roll processed and Rouful's picture, as many of the others, came out well.

For several weeks I kept it upright on my working table at home to remind me that I had to give it to him. Somehow it did not happen. I decided to carry it in my bag lest an opportunity should spring up when I am moving about in town. I must go to the B.S.J.A one of these days and give him the photo. He will flip over when he sees it. Maybe I will even get a big whack on my shoulder accompanied by his throaty laughter.

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ROUFUL HASSAN ... at Lord's