



**Did U Know?**  
Table tennis players are not allowed to wear white colour shirts in official competition.



**Navjot Singh Sidhu**  
(Television commentator)  
"He is not a match referee, but an executioner."  
About Mike Denness after he banned Sachin Tendulkar.



**ESPN**  
India vs South Africa  
Second Test, Day Five  
Highlights at 3:00 pm  
UEFA Champions League  
Arsenal vs Deportivo La Coruna  
4:00 pm &  
Real Madrid vs Sparta Prague  
6:30 pm  
**Sportscare Hindi**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:30 pm  
World Cup Soccer Mix  
9:00 pm  
Western Union World Football  
10:00 pm  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
10:30 pm  
Sportscare Hindi  
Sport News  
11:30 pm

**STAR Sports**  
Australia vs New Zealand  
Second Test, Day One  
Live at 5:57 am  
Sportsline Today  
Sport News  
8:00 am  
English Premier Football League  
Chelsea vs Liverpool  
1:30 pm  
**Sportsline Tonight**  
Sport News  
Live at 8:00 pm  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
8:30 pm  
Australia vs New Zealand  
Second Test, day One  
Highlights at 9:30 pm  
Sportsline Tonight  
Sport News  
10:30 pm  
Harsha Online  
Cricket Talk Show  
11:00 pm



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Nov 23, 2001 and draw  
shortly afterwards

1. Who won the man-of-the-match award in the Sharjah Champions trophy final? Wasim Waqar	Wasim	Vaas
2. Who clinched the Munich WTA Tour singles title? Hingis Davenport	Hingis	Davenport
3. South Africa defeated India in the first test at Bloemfontein by 140-run 7-wkt 9-wkt	140-run	7-wkt 9-wkt
4. How many Test centuries has Sachin Tendulkar scored? 30	30	22
5. Bangladesh will play 2003 WC cricket's opening match against whom? UAE Kenya Canada	UAE	Kenya Canada
Class	Roll No.	
School Address		
Phone: (If any)		

## Uneasy win for Zim

**Cricket**

**ABDULLAH-AL-MAHMUD, Ctg**

Zimbabwe scored an unconvincing victory ahead of the Coca-Cola one-day series when the visitors squeezed past Chittagong Division by 13 runs in a limited-overs practice match at the MA Aziz Stadium here yesterday.

Fresh after their eight-wicket victory in the second Test on Monday, the visitors scored only 162 runs and the local selection replied with 149.

Although Zimbabwe were without Grant Flower and injured pace bowler Heath Streak, their meagre total fell short of the expectation from their still strong batting line-up that included premier batsman Andy Flower and captain Stuart Carlisle.

Carlisle won the toss and decided to bat on an apparently difficult wicket.

But it was the home team bowlers who exploited the conditions against their mighty opponents.

Young paceman Tareq made early inroads by removing opener Trevor Gripper and Andy Flower cheaply.

Tareq struck with the fifth ball of the innings when he had Trevor Gripper caught by wicketkeeper Golam Mortuza for two.

But the right-arm medium pacer would relish his next wicket when he clean bowled Andy Flower for four.

Carlisle stayed at the wicket for a while to make 21. The tourists were at one stage reeling at 49 for five.

However, they recovered with Ervine and Mariller putting on 79 runs for the sixth wicket.

Man-of-the-match Ervine scored a gutsy 56 off 66 balls. He hit four boundaries and a six. Mariller was also impressive with a 54-ball 40 that included a couple of fours and a six.

Occasional bowler Ehsanul Haq mopped up the lower order with a haul of three for 26.

The local selection led by former national captain Minhazul Abedin failed to get their innings off to a good start.

They lost four wickets for 30 runs against a hostile Travis Friend, who took the first three wickets.

A fine 59 by Masum kept the

home side in a hunt but he ran out of partners and was eventually out in the last over. He struck seven boundaries.

Minhaz disappointed the home crowd. He made 12 before offering a simple return catch to leg-spinner Paul Strang, who has replaced injured Zimbabwe captain Brian

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the limited-overs exhibition match between Zimbabwe and Chittagong Division at the MA Aziz Stadium on Wednesday.

**ZIMBABWE**

Ebrahim run out	1
Gripper c Murtaza b Tareq	2
Carlisle c Sharif b Sabbir	21
A Flower b Tareq	4
Wishart b Shafuddin	11
Marillier c Masum b Ehsanul	40
Ervine c Masum b Ehsanul	56
Nkala b Ehsanul	4
P Strang run out	8
Friend c Murtaza b Sharif	2
Olonga run out	1
Extras: (b-4, lb-3, nb-1, w-1)	9
Total: (all out in 45.3 overs)	162

Fall of wickets: 1/2, 2/23, 3/29, 4/42, 5/49, 6/125, 7/141, 8/153, 9/157

**BOWLER**

	O	M	R	W
Sharif	9	2	14	1
Tareq	8	0	33	2
Shafuddin	7	2	18	1
Sabbir	10	1	45	1
Sanwar	6	0	20	0

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**CHITTAGONG DIVISION**

Hakim c A Flower b Friend	0
Azam c A Flower b Friend	10

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Murphy for the three-match one-day series.

Ervine's all-round show, in which he scored a half-century, took two wickets and fielded brilliantly, earned him a man-of-the-match award worth Taka 10 thousand.

Zimbabwe will enjoy a break before the first ODI starts at the same venue on Friday.



**A GRAND CLASH: Country's two Grand Masters Ziaur Rahman (L) of Biman and Niaz Murshed of Titas Club during their sixth round engagement of the Mercantile Bank First Division Chess League on Wednesday.**

## Clash of GMs Zia tames Murshed

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh Biman crossed a major hurdle in their quest for the top tag when the national flag carriers humbled holders Titas Club in the sixth round of the Mercantile Bank First Division Chess League on Wednesday.

The clash of two titans at the Bangladesh Chess Federation auditorium turned into a lop-sided affair when Biman romped to a 4-0 victory. With this win, Biman raised their collection to 21, 4.5 points more than their nearest rivals Sonali Bank and Kamalapur Samaj Kalyan and Kirra Sangha.

Ziaur Rahman set the course of a convincing victory when he defeated Niaz Murshed in the battle of Grand Masters.

Refaat-bin Sattar, Abdullah-al-Rakib and Enamul Hossain Rajib also won their respective boards.

The defeat meant Titas slipped to the third position with 16 points.

Sonali Bank and Kamalapur SKKS jointly occupied the second position, netting 16.5 points each.

The Bankers thrashed Crescent Club 4-0 while Kamalapur edged Nakhalpara Jubo Kalyan Sangha by 2.5-1.5 points.

Bangladesh Ansars drew with Farashganj Sporting Club.

In other results, Leonine Chess Club blanked Bangsal Progoti Samaj Kalyan Sangha 4-0 and Narayanganj District Chess Players Association defeated Anirban Chess School 2.5-1.5.

While Dhaka University Chess Club and Mohakhali Prodig Sangha scored an identical 3-1 win against Anu Memorial Club and Dhaka Daba Ghar respectively.

## Shoab evades trouble

**REUTERS, Islamabad**

Fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar has escaped disciplinary action over a clash with Sri Lanka's Mahela Jayawardene during the Sharjah Champions' Trophy final, a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) official said.

A member of the PCB disciplinary committee, which met in Lahore on Monday to discuss the incident said no action would be taken against Akhtar.

Akhtar exchanged words with Jayawardene during the game on November 4, won by Pakistan by five wickets, after the batsman hit his first ball for a six.

When Shoaib dismissed him in the same over, Wasim Akram had to step in to defuse the situation.

"Basically we considered the fact that the match referee in Sharjah, Dennis Lindsay, did not even reprimand him and later Akhtar also publicly apologised to Sri Lanka batsman Mahela Jayawardene for causing him any hurt in the heat of the moment," the committee member said.

The panel's decision, which has yet to be announced officially by the board, clears up one of the clouds hanging over the bowler's career.

He has been reported for a suspect bowling action twice this year, the first time during a one day match in New Zealand in March and again during the Sharjah tournament.

A repeat in the next few months could see him facing a 12-month ban.

Akhtar was banned from the game in November 1999 after he was reported for throwing in the third test against Australia in Perth.

He returned to the side a month later after the International Cricket Council (ICC) reversed the decision.

The ICC has told Shoaib must work on his bowling action with former West Indian fast bowler Michael Holding, who will submit a report by February.

The PCB is challenging the decision, saying medical experts have already ruled that Shoaib has an unusually flexible arm which gives the impression of an irregular bowling action.

The Pakistani bowler, nicknamed the "Rawpindi Express", has been vying for the title of the world's fastest bowler in recent seasons with Australian Brett Lee.

## Second defeat for U-19 cricketers

**BSS, Dhaka**

Bangladesh Under-19 side suffered their second defeat in a one-day match in Adelaide yesterday.

They lost to Tasmania Eleven by six wickets.

Winning the toss Bangladesh batted first and managed only 63 runs in 25.5 overs.

Gazi, the only batsman who reached double figure, scored 19. In reply, Tasmania reached the target losing four wickets in 16.1 overs.

## BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

# Of performances, selection & assorted food for thought

**Cricket**

**SHAKIL KASEM**

One would have thought, that the post-mortem of the recently concluded Bangladesh-Zimbabwe Test series, would have at the very least addressed the obvious; to wit, whether or not Bangladesh had done anything of note, to dispel the question marks that have hung over the Test status accorded to it.

Instead, media hype and hoopla have centred around selection issues, with selectors coming under fire, and not players, who had to put it mildly, underperformed at every level of the game.

Rain saved Bangladesh from an ignominy that seemed to be Bangladesh's by right, in the first Test. A comical and predictably suicidal decision by the Bangladesh skipper to field after winning the toss at Chittagong, ensured Zimbabwe would be handed the series on a platter. Yet, one would be hasty in writing off Bangladesh's efforts in the field; the players are up against the big boys of international cricket, and it will take more than their fair

share of knocks and bruises to come to terms with life at this level of the game. What is important for all concerned is to make certain that the team, its management and the countless legions of cricket fans in Bangladesh are made to see the facts as they now exist.

It is unfortunate that the media has taken upon itself to be overly critical of the selectorial decisions that have been taken with regard to the team, and the exclusion of the present captain from future matches.

A selector's job is a thankless one, made all the more difficult because armchair critics always feel that only they can choose the ideal team. Under the circumstances, given the present crop of players, the selectors have done a commendable job, taking bold, as well as innovative decisions, at times. But at the end of the day, the selectors do not go out in the middle to score runs or get wickets. This is where the players, the captain even more so, have to stand up and be counted, and perform! If you do not, you perish. It is a simple, yet cruel fact of a cricketer's life.

Sadly, no amount of media sympathy can change this scenario. Gone are the days when a Bangladesh cricketer was paid Tk 25 a day for his trouble of taking the field wearing the Bangladesh cap. At Tk 60,000 a month should make one more accountable for his performance than at any time in our cricket's history.

The media needs to play a constructive role at this very critical juncture of our nation's cricketing efforts. It was therefore unfortunate to learn from the Daily Star which attributed the chief selector quotes to Bengali dailies, that the present skipper has no future as a bowler, and that he was just rolling his arm over.

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## R'rine keeps SL in check

**Cricket**

**AFP, Kandy**

Leg-spinner Dinanath Ramnarine prevented Sri Lanka from feasting on a depleted West Indian attack with a triple strike in the second cricket Test here on Wednesday.

Ramnarine finished with 3-54 as the hosts groped to 193-5 when rain

stopped play at tea on an eventful opening day at the Asgiriya Stadium here.

Hashan Tillakaratne was unbeaten on 60 and Thilan Samaraweera was on four.

The tourists were indebted to the 26-year-old Ramnarine for putting the hosts under pressure despite losing the services of pacemen Mervyn Dillon and Colin Stuart early in the day.



**Sri Lankan Hashan Tillekeratne is about to execute a square-cut during the opening day's play of the second Test against West Indies at Kandy on Wednesday.**

## Beat us if you can: Waugh

**Cricket**

**AFP, Hobart**

Steve Waugh has challenged New Zealand to beat his world champion Australian team over five days in the second cricket Test which gets underway here Thursday.

Australia, who held on for a dramatic draw against the gallant Kiwis in last week's first Brisbane Test, want to see how New Zealand measure up against them without a contrived finish.

The thrilling denouement only came about after bold last-day declarations by Waugh and Stephen Fleming.



**Australia's Justin Langer tests the Bellerive Oval wicket in Hobart during a practice session yesterday. Australia and New Zealand meet in the second Test here from Thursday.**

which set New Zealand with the task of scoring 284 runs to win off 57 overs.

Waugh Wednesday reminded the Kiwis that almost winning a rain-marred Test match through declarations was far different than outplaying his champion team over five days.

"We had two days of rain in Brisbane and realistically if it wasn't for the rain, New Zealand would have been chasing four or five hundred in the last innings on a turning track and I would have backed our bowlers to win that," he said.

"I think we had the better of the game but New Zealand came back well on the last day." It was Australia's first draw in 24 Tests. They've won 20 and lost three of their previous 23 Tests and last had a draw in September 1999, against Sri Lanka in Colombo.

Waugh won't be so forgiving this time and as long as rain does not intervene again he is expected to go for a comprehensive win over New Zealand with only the Perth Test left, starting November 30.

Fleming took some heart from his team's fighting performance on the final day of the Brisbane Test. The New Zealand skipper wants the Kiwis to earn their position of dominance rather than have it handed to them through sporting declarations.

"We're a pretty cocky bunch," Fleming said Wednesday. "If we can ruffle some feathers, which I think we've done a little bit, our development (as a side) will be a lot quicker."

"We did that the other day (in Brisbane) -- we saw Steve Waugh under pressure and I liked it." "The only thing that nags me is we don't want to do it through declarations, we want to do it through playing well."

"The greatest thing for me is to set up an opportunity to win on the fifth day having played good cricket over the first four days."

"We haven't put that together yet and that's an exciting prospect for us."

But New Zealand's task has been made considerably more difficult with injuries that have forced two of their fast bowlers, Dion Nash (stomach) and Shayne O'Connor (knee), home since the first Test.

Their places are expected to go to inexperienced pacemen Daryl Tuffey and Chris Martin.

That will increase the burden on spearhead Chris Cairns and left-arm spinner Daniel Vettori.

The Australians have named a

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**A protester plays the role of English match referee Mike Denness (R) while a young boy plays Indian cricketing idol Sachin Tendulkar during a demonstration in Calcutta on Wednesday.**