



Did U Know?

South Africa and England played the longest cricket Test match in recorded history. The match in Durban went on for 10 days in 1939.



Talk Turkey



Javed Miandad

(Pakistani cricket great)
"If England can keep India's batsmen quiet, frustration and pressure will produce wickets from nowhere. Let the Indian batsmen make the mistakes."

While giving the Englishmen some tips on how they can come out winners during their current tour.



What to Watch

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6:30 am
India vs South Africa
Third Test, Day Two
Highlights at 8:30 am
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
9:30 am
ATP Tennis Show
11:00 am
English Premier Football League
Tottenham Hotspur vs West Ham
12:00 pm
India vs South Africa
Third Test, Day Three
Preview
Live at 2:00 pm
India vs South Africa
Third Test, Day Two
Live at 2:30 pm
English Premier Football League
Sunderland vs Liverpool
11:30 pm
- STAR Sports**
- Australia vs New Zealand
Second Test, Day Four
Live at 5:57 am
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Cricket Programming
Super Selector
12:00 am (Monday)
Primera Liga
Deportivo vs Mallorca
Live at 1:00 am (Monday)



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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 hosts?
UAE Kenya Canada

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Crowd response poor



SPORTS REPORTER

After a low turnout in the first Test in Dhaka, the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) feels that both the back-to-back limited-overs matches of the Coca-Cola Series between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe will draw a reasonably good crowd.

"The sale of tickets for both the day-night matches has gone very well. But our hopes for a full house has not been met yet," said secretary of the ticket and seating committee GS Hassan to the Daily Star Sport on Saturday. "I believe, it is because of holy Ramadan ticket sales are not up to our expectations."

He said that gallery tickets were still available at the stadium booths.

The first Test on November 8 attracted only between six to eight thousand spectators at the 36,000-

capacity big bowl.

It is certainly disheartening to note that Dhaka failed to live up to its reputation as a cricketing hub. Earlier, any international tournaments guaranteed maximum gate receipts.

A possible cause for the lack of

a couple of Zimbabwe players like the Flower brothers -- Andy and Grant, none of the tourists do have star appeal.

Besides, performance of the national team of late has not been inspiring. The Test babes have yet to put up a decent show in seven Tests. Their only draw came by default in the rain-affected Dhaka Test.

Also the cricketers have not been scoring runs consistently in either version of the game.

The trend is likely to continue after the comments of grounds committee secretary Alam Chowdhury.

"It will not be a batting paradise as we have seen in the past. There will be some grass on the wicket so it will assist the bowlers. But the batsman with the ability to play square off the wicket can still score freely," said Alam, adding that the outfield will be fantastic.

He also disclosed that the day-night affair would be played on the same pitch used during the Test match.

response is perhaps that Bangladesh are playing Zimbabwe and not India or Pakistan. Except for

Proteas going strong



AFF, Centurion

Gary Kirsten steered South Africa to a strong position on the second day of their unofficial Test against India at Centurion Park Saturday.

Kirsten made 84 not out as South Africa reached 184 for two at tea in reply to India's 232.

Kirsten and in-form Herschelle Gibbs put on 135 for the first wicket in 35 overs as South Africa made a brisk start to their innings.

Gibbs, who made centuries in both the official Tests between the two countries, made 59 off 111 balls with 10 fours before he skied an attempted pull off Javagal Srinath to fine leg.

South African debutant Jacques Rudolph, 20, survived a confident lbw appeal from off-spinner Harbhajan Singh off the first ball he faced but the left-hander then batted impressively as he made 21 off 38 balls with four fours.

Rudolph's innings ended unluckily when he was run out after Kirsten called for a risky second run to midwicket. Substitute Ajit Agarkar swooped with an athletic pick-up and threw in to the bowler's end where Rudolph was well short.

Kirsten was in fluent form as he scored his 84 runs off 150 balls with 12 fours and a straight six when he used his feet and danced down the wicket to Harbhajan.

Earlier, it took South Africa 28 minutes to finish off the Indian innings after the tourists resumed at 221 for eight.

Ashish Nehra was caught at first slip by Nicky Boje off Momantau Hayward for four. Javagal Srinath,

who retired hurt Friday afternoon after being hit on the left hand by Hayward, did not resume his innings.

But Srinath opened the bowling for India with strapping on the hand. The match is being played as an unofficial international after the International Cricket Council withdrew its sanction because both teams rejected the appointed match referee, Mike Denness of England.

The boards of both countries vowed to seek to have the match reinstated as an official Test but South African captain Shaun Pollock said after Friday's play he did not support this move because he said the match lacked the intensity of a full Test.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at tea on the second day of the unofficial Test match

CENTURION PARK SATURDAY:				
INDIA: First innings (overnight 221-8)				
Das c Gibbs b Hayward	46			
Williams lbw b Klusener	5			
Dravid lbw b Ntini	5			
Tendulkar c Boucher b Kallis	27			
Laxman c Kirsten b Kallis	14			
Dasgupta c Rudolph b Hayward	36			
Kumble b Hayward	27			
Harbhajan run out (Ntini)	29			
Srinath retired hurt	8			
Prasad not out	11			
Nehra c Boje b Hayward	4			
Extras: (b-1, lb-12, nb-7)	20			
Total: (For 9 wickets in 97.4 overs) 232				
Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-49, 3-90, 4-100, 5-107, 6-158, 7-197, 8-221, 9-232				
Bowler				
Pollock	20	11	21	0
Hayward	28.4	8	74	4
Ntini	17	3	78	1
Klusener	12	6	11	1
Kallis	13	7	15	2
Boje	7	2	20	0
SOUTH AFRICA: First innings				
Gibbs c Harbhajan b Srinath	59			
Kirsten not out	84			
Rudolph run out (sub Agarkar)	21			
Kallis not out	6			
Extras: (lb-2, nb-10, w-2)	14			
Total: (For 2 wickets in 51 overs) 184				
To bat: N McKenzie, L Klusener, M Boucher, S Pollock, N Boje, M Ntini, M Hayward				
Bowler				
Srinath	12	2	45	1
Nehra	12	2	42	0
Prasad	7	0	37	0
Harbhajan	13	5	35	0
Kumble	7	1	23	0
Match referee: Denis Lindsay (South Africa).				
Umpires: Rudi Koertzen and Dave Orchard (both South Africans).				

KIRSTEN...leading the way between India and South Africa at

Murali, Vaas destroy WI



AFF, Kandy

Sri Lankan off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan and left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas shared eight wickets to put the West Indies under pressure in the second cricket Test here on Saturday.

The West Indies collapsed to 191 in reply to their rivals' 288 on the fourth day.

Sri Lankan openers Sanath Jayasuriya (55) and Marvan Atapattu (58 not out) then pressed home the advantage given by their bowlers to help their team reach 128-1 at close, a lead of 225 runs.

Skipper Jayasuriya struck eight boundaries in his half-century and Atapattu five as they put on 89 for the opening wicket.

Brian Lara alone defied an incisive Sri Lankan spin-pace combination to score 75 as six batsmen failed to open their account in the first innings.

Muralitharan wrecked the middle order to finish with 4-55, while Vaas made short work of the tail-enders to bag 4-57 as the tourists lost their last five wickets for 24 runs.

The Sri Lankan pair, however, failed to put the pressure on an in-form Lara despite striking at the regular intervals.

The left-handed batsman, who scored a century in the first Test last week, batted confidently to smash two sixes and eight fours in his 154-ball knock, but received no support from the other end.

Lara was the last man out, trapped leg-before by Muralitharan an hour before the tea interval.

Muralitharan had put the West Indies in trouble with a triple strike in the morning session. He took his first wicket in the day's ninth over when he bowled Ramnaresh Sarwan for 17 after the tourists had resumed at 39-1.

Four overs later, left-arm seamer Nuwan Zoysa bowled opener Chris Gayle with an in-swing.

Gayle added 19 to his overnight score of 25 before becoming Zoysa's second victim of the innings.

Skipper Carl Hooper and Lara raised hopes of a fight-back with their 54-run stand for the fourth wicket, but Muralitharan struck again.

The spinner trapped the West Indian

Ramnarine lbw b Vaas				
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Collins lbw b Vaas	0			
Stuart not out	0			
Extras: (lb-4, nb-4)	8			
Total: (All out in 66.4 overs)	191			
Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-51, 3-72, 4-126, 5-126, 6-167, 7-173, 8-173, 9-181				
Bowler				
Vaas	22	8	57	4
Zoysa	13	3	34	2
M'tharan	23.4	5	55	4
B'tilleke	4	0	25	0
S'weera	4	1	16	0
SRI LANKA: Second innings				
Atapattu not out	58			
Jayasuriya c Gayle b Ramnarine	55			
Sangakkara not out	10			
Extras: (b-3, lb-2)	5			
Total: (For 1 wicket in 47 overs)	128			
Fall of wicket: 1-89				
Bowler				
Dillon	6	2	14	0
Collins	7	0	21	0
Ramnarine	13	0	51	1
Stuart	8	1	20	0
Hooper	13	4	17	0
Umpires: John Hampshire (England) and MG Silva (Sri Lanka).				



Sri Lankans gather to celebrate the fall of Brian Lara's (not in picture) wicket on the fourth day of the second Test against West Indies at Kandy on Saturday.



Bangladesh cricketers exercise at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Saturday. They take on Zimbabwe in the second game of the three-match one-day international series at this venue today.

Wasim ducks fixing inquiry

REUTERS, Islamabad

Former Pakistan captain Wasim Akram failed to appear at the Lahore High Court on Saturday for a judicial inquiry investigating alleged match-fixing by Pakistan cricketers at the 1999 World Cup.

"Wasim and a Karachi-based journalist were to appear before the commission and record their statements and also to be examined, but they didn't show up," Kazim Ali Malik, registrar of the inquiry commission, told this news agency from Lahore.

The inquiry, ordered by the Pakistan government to investigate allegations that two matches at the 1999 World Cup in Britain involving Pakistan were fixed, has scheduled its next hearing for December 1.

Pakistan lost those matches to Bangladesh and India.

"We will issue fresh summons to Wasim and the journalist for the December 1st hearing. Even if for some reason they could not appear before the commission, they should have informed us in advance about this situation," Malik said.

Malik said the commission had also not received any response from former South African cricket head Bacher, who is the executive director for the 2003 World Cup.

"We have sent a letter to Dr Bacher asking him to come and share with the commission any information he has on the suspicions he has raised on the World Cup matches," Malik said.

Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Padma Garden Cricket School and Jagrata Sangha won their respective matches of the seventh Bishreshtha Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup cricket tournament at the local stadium yesterday.

In the first match, Padma defeated Friends Ideal Cricket School by nine wickets.

Batting first Friends scored 119 runs in the stipulated 23 overs.

In reply, Padma reached the target conceding one wicket in 21.2 overs.

In other match of the day, Jagrata earned a seven-wicket victory over Seroil Colony.

Winning the toss Seroil batted first and made 110 for seven in 20 overs.

In reply, Jagrata reached the target losing three wickets.

Office Hockey League from today

UNB, Dhaka

The Metropolitan Office Hockey League begins today at the Maulana Bhasani National Stadium.

Bangladesh Air Force will take on Bangladesh Navy in the opening fixture that starts at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Six teams are taking part in this year's league. Top two finishers will meet in the final on December 8.

Zia fears for cricket

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan's cricket chief warned on Friday that the sport would become a "joke" if the Mike Denness debacle was not swiftly resolved.

"Cricket is becoming a joke unless something is done quickly to set things right," Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Lieutenant-General Tauqir Zia told this news agency.

The United Cricket Board (UCB) of South Africa defied the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Thursday and replaced Denness, referee for Friday's third match with India, after he handed Sachin Tendulkar a fine and a one-match ban for ball tampering in the drawn second Test.

The ICC responded by stripping the third game between the two teams of official Test status.

Zia said: "We are distressed by the present crisis in world cricket but

and consistency for all member countries and players."

Zia does not expect the crisis to cause a split in the ICC and the formation of a breakaway Asian cricket bloc.

"I don't think this is going to happen. The present crisis is bad for the image of the game. But it is time the ICC also looked into the reasons for such a situation developing in the first place," Zia said.

"The ICC and its officials do not have uniformity in implementing rules and regulations. I don't want to complain. But it is a fact that these have not been enforced with uniformity for all players."

"There have been several incidents where match referees or umpires have interpreted or enforced rules and sanctions differently for different players and teams."

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TAUQIR ZIA