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Seven players compete in a water polo team.



TALK TURKEY



Steve Waugh
(Australia cricket captain)
"He's as good a quick bowler as I've ever seen, as long as he stays on the park the sky's the limit for that guy, he's a great bowler."
About Jason Gillespie.



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India vs South Africa
Third Test, Day Four
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Third Test, Day Five
Preview
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India vs South Africa
Third Test, Day Five
Live at 2:30 pm
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 10:30 pm

STAR Sports
Sportsline Today
Sport News
7:30 am
Trans World Sport
Int'l Sports News
8:30 am
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Super Selector
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English Premier Football League
Highlights at 7:00 pm
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
Primera Liga
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Sportsline Tonight
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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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SERIES SNIPPETS



HASAN MASOOD

Al-Shahriar finally started to pacify his critics by delivering goods at the top of the order that he is ready now to open Bangladesh innings on permanent basis.

The job of a specialist opener was thrust upon the talented middle-order batsman when selectors deemed regular opener Mehrab Hossain unfit to represent Bangladesh against Zimbabwe for his uncontrolled lifestyle and unconvincing form.

Despite criticism selectors stood by the 23-year-old Al-Shahriar, whose consistency often came into question but not the talent, and it seemed in the end that their gamble paid back.

After four matches including two Tests, Al-Shahriar got his first fifty as an opener when he scored 59 off 94 balls against Zimbabwe yesterday.

It was his second fifty in 10 one-day international matches. His 62 not out against West Indies at the same venue a couple of years back is still his career best.

ZIM'S DHAKA DAYS PROLONGED

A change in flight schedule has forced Zimbabwe to stay in Dhaka for another three days.

Although their tour ended last night with a clean sweep in the Coca-Cola one-day series, the visitors will have to wait until Thursday to hop in their Emirates flight to Colombo.

Incidentally, the third ODI was scheduled for today. But the date was brought forward following a request from the touring side, who wanted to go to Sri Lanka a few days before and get accustomed before their Test and one-day series begins there.

But fate conspired against them. They are destined to be in Dhaka and take rest only!

FICKLE FORTUNE

The mood of the spectators fluctuated quite abruptly yesterday.

The half-packed Bangabandhu National Stadium wore a festive mood when Bangladesh put up hundred runs without losing any wicket.

A selector was so pumped up that he went down in the field and unconsciously started jumping up

and down in response to any good shot by the Bangladesh openers.

But the whole atmosphere changed drastically as the hosts lost six wickets in eleven overs with the addition of 54 runs.

The selector had suddenly gone missing and a portion of the crowd was hurling insults at the players' non-stop march towards the pavilion.

TREVOR TORMENTED

Coach Trevor Chappell looked totally dejected when Bangladesh were all out for 215 runs despite a solid start.

The youngest of the three Chappell brothers blamed his middle-order for the poor show, adding acridly that he expected more responsible batting from them.

"It's poor batting. They made silly mistakes and got out on a wicket which offers nothing but runs," said a demoralised Chappell during the break.

He dares that his middle-order batsmen lacked concentration and just threw their wickets away.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN
Bangladesh's Al Shahriar lofts one towards mid-on during his knock of 59 against Zimbabwe in the Coca-Cola third and final one-day international at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Monday.

BCCI going to pick Sehwaig

AFP, New Delhi

India's cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya on Monday raised the stakes in his revolt against the sport's world governing body by refusing to drop banned Test star Virender Sehwaig.

Dalmiya said Sehwaig, serving a one-match suspension by the International Cricket Council (ICC), will not be omitted from the Indian squad for the first Test against England at Mohali on December 3.

"As far as we are concerned, Sehwaig is eligible to play the first Test," Dalmiya told a press conference after an emergency meeting of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) here.

"He has served his one-match ban by not playing the ongoing Test against South Africa at Centurion."

"The BCCI regards this match as official since it is a five-day match played by the national teams of both countries under the supervision of ICC-recognised umpires."

If Sehwaig is played in the Mohali Test, there is a danger that England may withdraw from the tour under instructions from the ICC.

The ICC has ruled that Sehwaig is not eligible to play in Mohali since the Centurion match has not been granted official status.

India's selectors will name the squad for the first Test on Wednesday in Jaipur, where the English tourists begin a three-day match against India A from Tuesday.

The 23-year-old Sehwaig, playing in his second Test, was banned for a match for excessive appealing.

Runs for all but hosts



LENIN GANI

Congratulations to Zimbabwe on winning the Coca-Cola one-day series. The southern African nation made a clean sweep (3-0) after recording a 7-wicket victory under lights in the final match at the Bangabandhu National Stadium yesterday.

Dhaka once again proved to be a batsman's haven and on numerous occasions the Bangabandhu Stadium has seen teams going past the 300-run mark. Apart from Zimbabwe other countries who have done so are:

Pakistan made a mammoth 320 against Bangladesh in last year's Asia Cup, the epic run-fest between arch-rivals India and Pakistan in the Silver Jubilee Cup in January, 1998

and India's 310 for six scored against Australia in the first ICC Knockout Tournament held in 1998. That match was memorable for Mohammad Azharuddin as the former Indian skipper was making his 300th one-day appearance.

Zimbabwe's total of 309 for six (however the total was reduced to 304 because they were penalised by 5 runs for creating obstacles on the fielding side) on November 25 ranks sixth in the 300-plus runs list on this ground. Also they are the only Test-playing team to have achieved the feat thrice here.

There is more joy for the Zimbabweans as they also hold the record of scoring the highest total here their 325 against Kenya in the Meril Cup final on March 27, 1999.

In that competition they also went past three hundred runs after making 310-6 against the home side a week before the final.

However, while the statistics

above show that teams were having a run feast the case with their opponents were not the same. In particular the match between Bangladesh and Pakistan, which the former would try to forget for two reasons.

When the Pakistanis proved their bats to be very wide, the hosts could manage only 87 all out in 34.2 overs. Regrettably, it was Bangladesh's lowest one-day total so far, let alone the margin of defeat (233 runs). It puts them second behind India on the all-time list of suffering biggest margin of run defeats.

For the record India hold the dubious distinction by going down to Sri Lanka by 245 runs at Sharjah last year.

THOSE EPIC INNINGS

Total	Teams	Date
325-6 (50 overs)	Zim v Ken	27/03/1999
320-3 (50 overs)	Pak v B'desh	02/06/2000
316-7 (47.5 overs)	Ind v Pak	18/01/1998
310-6 (50 overs)	Zim v B'desh	21/3/1999
307-8 (50 overs)	Ind v Aus	28/10/1998
304-6 (50 overs)	Zim v B'desh	25/11/2001

BANGLADESH-ZIMBABWE SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the third match of the Coca-Cola one-day international series between Bangladesh and Zimbabwe at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in Dhaka on Monday:

BANGLADESH:	R	B	4	6
Javed Omar b Paul Strang	54	77	6	0
Al Shahriar c Paul Strang b Grant Flower	59	97	6	0
Mohammad Ashraf b Douglas Marillier	16	14	2	0
Habibul Bashir b Douglas Marillier	5	9	0	0
Sanwar Hossain c Stuart Carlisle b Heath Streak	6	11	0	0
Khaled Mahmud c Stuart Carlisle b Heath Streak	9	15	1	0
Khaled Mahmud c Andy Flower b Heath Streak	0	2	0	0
Enamul Haque run out (Craig Wishart)	13	21	2	0
Fahim Muntasir c and b Grant Flower	0	3	0	0
Mohammad Sharif not out	10	22	0	0
Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza run out	18	21	1	0
Extras: (b-2, lb-11, w-9, nb-3)	25			
Total: (All out in 48.1 overs)	215			

Fall of wickets: 1-103 (Omar), 2-132 (Ashraf), 3-143 (Bashir), 4-156 (Al Shahriar), 5-157 (Sanwar), 6-157 (Mashud), 7-176 (Mahmud), 8-176 (Muntasir), 9-186 (Enamul), 10-215 (Bin-Mortuza)

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Heath Streak	9.1	0	26	3
Travis Friend	8	1	36	0
Henry Olonga	4	0	19	0
Sean Ervine	5	0	28	0
Douglas Marillier	9	0	40	2
Paul Strang	3	0	20	1
Grant Flower	10	1	33	2
ZIMBABWE:	R	B	4	6
Grant Flower c Sanwar Hossain b Enamul Haque	40	5	1	
Dion Ebrahim c Habibul Bashir b Enamul Haque	84	130	11	0
Stuart Carlisle not out	55	92	6	0
Andy Flower run out (Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza)	15	29	0	0

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PCB declares Akhtar clean

REUTERS, Karachi

A panel of experts appointed by the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has found nothing wrong with the action of fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar.

"The PCB bowling advisory group have seen the footage and given us verbal feedback. We will send the footage tomorrow to the University of Western Australia," PCB director Brigadier Munawwar Rana said on Monday.

Shoaib, who is currently playing club cricket in Sydney, had to have his bowling action reviewed on the instructions of the International Cricket Council (ICC) after he was reported for a suspect action in a recent one-day tournament in Sharjah.

Rana said former Pakistan bowlers Iqbal Sikander, Ejaz Fakih and Mohsin Kamal, along with the PCB's panel of doctors, had viewed the Sharjah footage and would submit a written report soon.

He said the bowling advisors had found nothing wrong with Akhtar's action.

"We have also asked the biomechanics experts at the Perth university to view the footage and send us back a report on his action as quickly as possible," said Rana.

"The basic purpose behind sending the footage to Australia is to get a fresh technical evaluation of his action."

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PHOTO: STAR
Zimbabwe leg-spinner Paul Strang is elated after bowling Bangladesh opener Javed Omar.



PHOTO: STAR
BOWLED: Mohammad Ashraf's balls are sent flying by Douglas Marillier.

India look to rain



AFP, Centurion

India's chances of salvaging a draw in the unofficial Test against South Africa were boosted by a solid opening stand and rain on the fourth day at the Supersport Park here on Monday.

India, who trailed by 334 runs on the first innings, were 118 for two when rain brought an early end to the day's play.

Rain had driven the players from the field earlier and only 11 overs were bowled between lunch and tea. During the tea break a heavy storm drenched the field and made further play impossible.

Shiv Sunder Das and Connor Williams put on 92 for the first wicket

after South African captain Shaun Pollock declared at his team's overnight total of 566 for eight. Pollock was unbeaten on 113.

In hazy, overcast conditions, South Africa's fast bowlers would have expected to make early inroads but the inexperienced opening pair batted soundly.

The left-handed Williams, who has not played in a Test match, made 42 before he was caught at second slip off Lance Klusener in the 31st over, immediately after hitting the shot of the morning, a handsome cover-drive for four.

He then got a short ball which he tried to force off the back foot, edging it to Jacques Kallis.

The South African bowlers were unable to get much life out of a pitch which flattened out after the first day when India struggled after being sent in.

Makhaya Ntini and Morantau Hayward however, both managed to produce several good deliveries.

Pollock took the only wicket of the afternoon when he bowled Das for 48. Pollock switched to bowling off a short run and immediately deceived Das, who played a hurried shot and edged the ball into his stumps.

Williams batted for 117 minutes and faced 82 balls, hitting seven fours, while Das batted for 173 minutes, faced 145 balls and also hit seven boundaries.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at close of play on the fourth day of the unofficial Test match between India and South Africa at the Supersport Park in Centurion on Monday:

INDIA: First innings 232 (S Das 46, D Dasgupta 36, Harbhajan S 29; M Hayward 4-74, J Kallis 2-15)

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