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- English Premier Football League Highlights at 8:30 pm
- Australia vs New Zealand Third Test, Day Five Highlights at 10:30 pm
- Champions Trophy, Sharjah Second ODI Highlights at 11:00 pm

## TALK TURKEY



### Trevor Chappell

(Bangladesh cricket coach)  
"If we can play five days of a Test match and not get beaten then that would be a moral victory for us."  
After reaching New Zealand for a two-Test series.

## Ashrafal, Kowshik to miss Pak series?

**Cricket**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) included young Test caps Mohammad Ashrafal and Mashrafi-bin-Mortuza in its list of 20 probables for the World Youth Cup, starting in New Zealand from January 19.

But nothing at the moment looks certain regarding the fate of the two talented cricketers, who are now in New Zealand with the senior team on a two-Test tour.

A revisit down under for Ashrafal and Kowshik will however depend on the three-man national selection panel headed by Mainul Huq. If the selectors decide to pick them for the World Youth Championship, then both will certainly miss the home series against Pakistan at the beginning of the year.

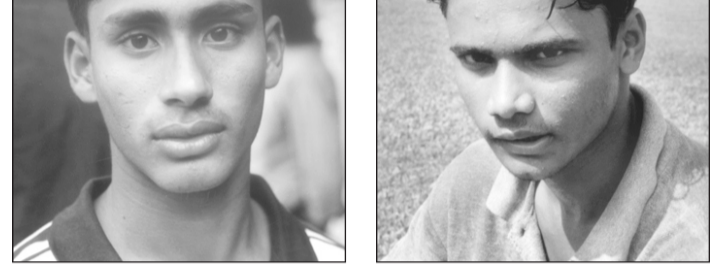
Ashrafal shot into the limelight by becoming the youngest ever Test centurion on debut. He scored 114 against Sri Lanka last September in the Asian Test Championship.

Right-arm fast bowler Kowshik grabbed the headlines during

Bangladesh's home series against Zimbabwe last month. The tearaway from Narail captured highest eight wickets in the two-Test series.

Although the final 15-man Bangladesh Under-19 squad would be announced after the Eid vacation, but the selectors are faced with a tricky choice at the moment.

Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad, who is the age-group chief selector, is strongly



**MOHAMMAD ASHRAFAL** in favour of putting the youngsters in the junior team.  
**MASHRAFI-BIN-MORTUZA** spared from the home series against Sri Lanka.  
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## No first-class opener for BD

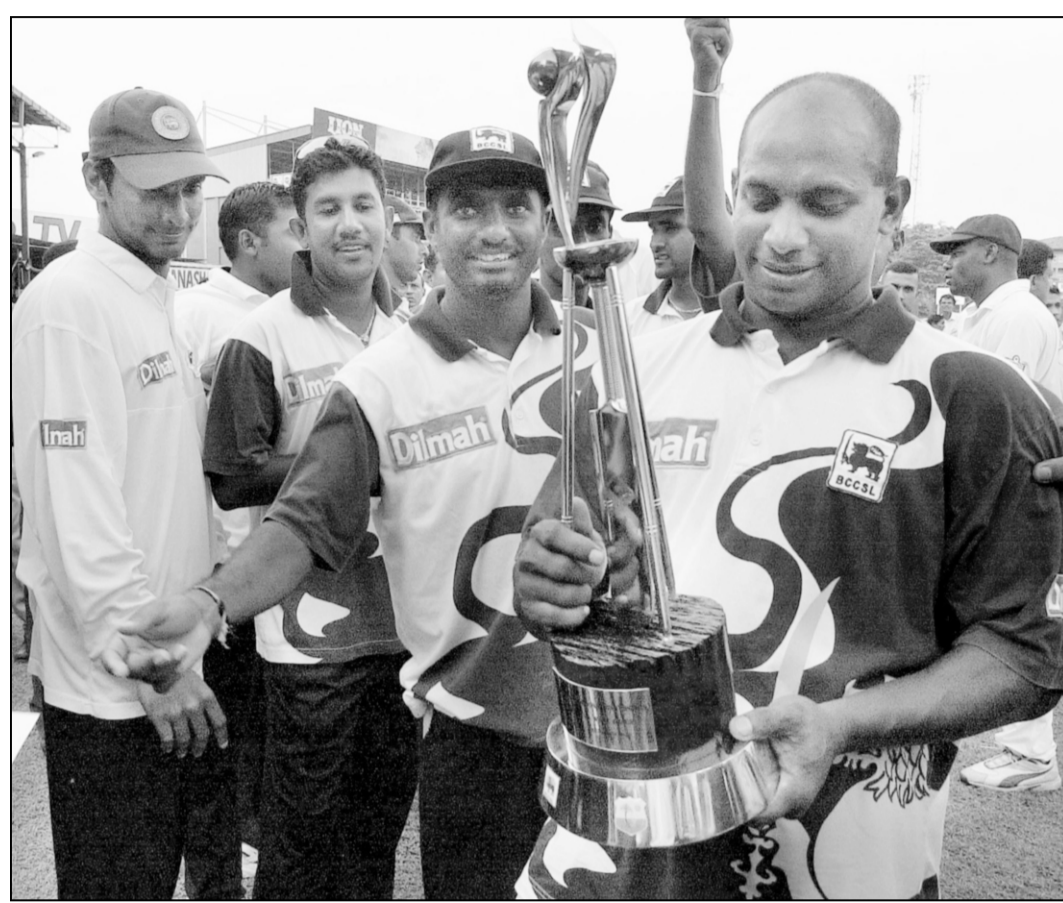
**SPORTS REPORTER**

The New Zealand Cricket selectors on Friday named the District Association team that will play Bangladesh in a three-day match at Victoria Park, Wanganui on December 7.

A 14-member Bangladesh team, led by Khaled Mashud, reached Auckland on Sunday.

The tourists, who play two Tests, will stay there until December 5 and then to travel to Wanganui on Thursday.

The team is: Peter McGlashan (captain, Hawkes Bay), Tim Anderson (Nelson), Simon Andrews (Hamilton), Peter Fulton (Canterbury Country), Jaden Hatwell (Hamilton), Peter Ingram (Manawatu), Harley James (Canterbury Country), Taria Robin (Hawkes Bay), Grant Robinson (Hamilton), Neil Rushton (North Otago), Greg Todd (Wairarapa), Scott Baldwin (12th man, Wanganui) and Ross Dykes (manager).



A VERY SPECIAL ONE: Sri Lanka captain Sanath Jayasuriya admires the Test-series trophy after his side defeated the West Indies in the third and final match in Colombo on Monday. It was the Lankans' first ever clean-sweep in their 19 years at the games' top flight.

## Govt wants 100 2002 WC tickets

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The government has demanded more than hundred out of the 290 World Cup tickets allocated for the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF).

The excessive demand by the government for tickets of the 2002 World Cup to be jointly hosted by South Korea and Japan, has now put the BFF in an awkward position.

Since it will be the first time football's biggest event will be staged in Asia, so this has created a lot of interest among followers in Bangladesh.

Sadly, only a few would be able to get the elusive tickets, which are in high demand following the draw ceremony conducted in the South Korean city of Pusan on Saturday.

According to the breakdown, the organisers provided the BFF with 40 tickets for two semifinals, the third-place playoff and the June 30 grand finale.

For the 48 first round matches, 200 tickets were offered to the BFF while the number of tickets is only 50 for the 12 second round games.

## Asghar attends his office

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Newly appointed Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar had his first working day at the Board's management office in City's Gulshan area on Monday.

BCB directors Syed Ashrafal Huq and Jalal Yunus welcomed Asghar, a BNP lawmaker, at the office in the afternoon.

The bespectacled sports organiser, who was appointed BCB boss last week in place of interim president Akmal Hossain, then had a close door meeting with Ashrafal and Jalal.

They mostly discussed on Pakistan's tour of Bangladesh next month and Bangladesh's participation in the under-19 World Cup in New Zealand.

"It was just his first day in the office," said Ashrafal.

He also revealed that they were yet to know the fate of the proposed tri-nation tournament involving India and Pakistan as the Board is yet to get any green signal from the Indian government.

## Harbhajan hits England

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Mohali**

Harbhajan Singh wrecked England with a five-wicket haul to put hosts India in command after the opening day of the first cricket Test here on Monday.

The young off-spinner grabbed five wickets for six runs as England lost their last eight batsman for 66 to be shot out for 238 in the post-tea session at the Mohali Stadium.

India made 24-1 in reply by stumps, losing Shiv Das, who was bowled by Mark Butcher for two offering no stroke to a ball that dipped in sharply.

Wicketkeeper Deep Dasgupta, opening the batting again as he had done on the recent South African tour, was unbeaten on 19.

Nightwatchman Anil Kumble was on one.

England looked set to scoff at India's decision to field first on a greenish wicket when half-centuries from Marcus Trescothick and skipper Nasser Hussain lifted them to 172-2.

Hussain played a captain's knock of 85 and Trescothick hit 66 during a second-wicket stand of 125 after Mark Butcher had fallen to the fourth ball of the day.

But England's inexperienced batsman showed their vulnerability against high-quality spin in a dramatic final session in which they lost six wickets for 14 runs.

Harbhajan, nicknamed the "turbano" -- a play of words on his headgear -- after taking 32 wickets against world champions Australia earlier this year, began England's destruction in the third over after tea.

The 21-year-old had Mark Ramprakash snapped up at silly point by Shiv Das for 17 and then forced Andrew Flintoff (18) to mistime a drive to Anil Kumble at point.

In his next over, Harbhajan trapped debutant James Foster leg-before and Kumble removed Craig White to reduce England from 224-4 to 229-8.

Harbhajan claimed Richard Dawson and Matthew Hoggard off

successive deliveries to terminate the innings and leave Venkatsai Laxman with four catches.

There was no indication of the unexpected collapse after England had survived the first-over dismissal of Mark Butcher to post 107-1 by lunch.

England smashed 21 boundaries in the morning session, seven of them by Trescothick against the wayward Kumble.

Tinu Yohannan, one of the three debutant seamers fielded by the hosts, struck with his fourth delivery when he forced Butcher to edge a waist-high catch to Laxman at



England opener Marcus Trescothick responds to the crowd after he reached half-century against India on the opening day of the first Test at Mohali on Monday. Captain Nasser Hussain (L) also scored a majestic 85.

## Fascinating final day

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Perth**

The series-deciding third cricket Test is poised for a classic finish on the final day Tuesday after New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming set Australia a victory target of 440 runs at a rate of just over four runs an over.

Fleming delayed his second innings declaration until late on the fourth day Monday, leaving Australia to weather 17 overs to stumps.

In that time, the home country -- unofficial world Test champions -- made good progress, scoring at almost the required rate, but losing two key wickets.

At stumps they were 69 for two wickets, still needing 371 to win from a minimum of 90 overs.

cutting ball from veteran speedster Chris Cairns.

Opener Matthew Hayden finished not out on 31 together with Mark Waugh, who held fast in the 18 minutes to the close, to remain unbeaten on eight.

Australia will have to break the world record for the most successful fourth innings chase to win the match.

The previous best fourth innings by a winning team in the 124 years of Test cricket was the 406 for four wickets by India against the West Indies in Trinidad in the 1975-76 series.

While Fleming showed no charity in delaying his second innings closure until the Black Caps were 256 for nine wickets, he was obviously taking into account the excellent condition of the pitch and the capacity of the Australian batting line-up, regarded as the best in the world.

outcome they are seeking three days after the arrival of Shaun Pollock's South Africans, with whom they lock horns for the unofficial world Test title in less than two weeks.

Vettori, New Zealand's champion left-arm spinner who grabbed six first innings wickets, threatens to be a thorn in Australia's side.

The 22-year-old did not figure among the wicket-takers Monday, but baffled the batsmen with his cunning finger spin into the "Freemantle Doctor" -- the south-westerly breeze so named because of its cooling qualities on hot days.

As New Zealand moved towards their declaration, Test newcomer Lou Vincent starred again with a lightning half-century.

Vincent followed up his history-making first innings century with a brutal 54 from as many balls in 88 minutes as the Black Caps forged to a lead of 271 runs by lunch.

## Rajshahi sports

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**

Mathpukur M S Club and Dishery Sangha won their respective matches of the Bir Sreshthya Shaheed Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti cricket tournament at the railway playground yesterday.

In the first match of the day, Mathpukur defeated Golden Star Sporting Club by six wickets.

Winning the toss, Golden Star batted first and were all out for 109 runs in 22.3 overs.

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 162

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- 1. Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Bangladesh and Zimbabwe one-day internationals?

117 109

- 2. Who became Inter-Continental Cup champs?  
Boca Juniors, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich.

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- 3. How many runs did Habibul Bashar score in the first innings of the second Test against Zimbabwe?

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## Lara can't stop the wash

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Colombo**

The West Indies, however, yet again proved to be a one-batsman team as none could stay at the crease for long after Lara's dismissal just before lunch.

The tourists' hopes of saving the match receded when left-arm seamer Nuwan Zoysa bowled Lara with an inswinging yorker for his only success of the innings.

Lara, 76 overnight, was involved in a 141-run stand for the third wicket with Ramnaresh Sarwan.

Vaas broke the partnership when he had Sarwan caught by

deliveries, trapping Dinanath Ramnarine, Pedro Collins and Marlon Black leg-before.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Final scorecard of the third and final Test between Sri Lanka and the West Indies at the Sinhalese Sports Club ground on Monday:

**WEST INDIES:** First Innings 390 (B Lara 221, R Sarwan 69, C Hooper 56; C Vaas 7-120)

**SRI LANKA:** First Innings 627-9 declared (H Tillakaratne 204 not out, T Samaraweera 87, S Jayasuriya 85, K Sangakkara 55; P Collins 3-156)

**WEST INDIES:** Second Innings (overnight 145-2)  
Ganga lbw b Vaas 10  
Gayle c Jayawardene b Vaas 0  
Sarwan c Sangakkara b Vaas 66  
Lara b Zoysa 130  
Hooper st Sangakkara b M'tharan 9  
Samuels c J'wardene b M'tharan 0  
Jacobs not out 31  
Dillon c sub (Chandana) b Vaas 8  
Ramnarine lbw b Vaas 0  
Collins lbw b Vaas 0  
Black lbw b Vaas 0  
Extras: (b-4, lb-1, nb-3) 8  
Total: (All out in 82 overs) 262

**Bowler** O M R W  
Vaas 25 3 71 7  
Zoysa 11 1 45 1  
M'tharan 36 5 116 2  
S'weera 8 2 23 0  
B'tilleke 2 0 2 0

**SRI LANKA:** Second Innings  
Atapattu not out 19  
Jayasuriya not out 8  
Total: (For no loss in 5.3 overs) 27

**Bowler** O M R W  
Dillon 3 0 12 0  
Collins 2.3 0 15 0  
**Result: Sri Lanka won by 10 wickets, clinch series 3-0.**  
**Man-of-the-match: Chaminda Vaas and Brian Lara.**  
**Man-of-the-series: Brian Lara.**  
**Umpires: Russel Tiffin (Zimbabwe) and Asoka de Silva (Sri Lanka).**

## Buchanan's admission

**Cricket**  
**REUTERS, Perth**

World number one team Australia have their backs to the wall and little chance of winning the third and final Test and the series against New Zealand, Australia coach John Buchanan said.

Australia will resume the fifth and final day on Tuesday at 69 for two after New Zealand set the home side 440 to win, which would be a world record in Tests if they achieved it.

"Probably the prospects of us winning the game are somewhat diminished now," Buchanan said.

"However, it's important that we just get into our stride."  
"We certainly have our backs to the wall, which we're not used to, that presents a challenge in itself."  
"That's a challenge that we need to meet."

partnership first-up for the morning," Buchanan said.

Australia lost opener Justin Langer for a duck and Ricky Ponting for 26. Matthew Hayden will resume on 31 with Mark Waugh on eight.

Australia need another 371 runs to win from a minimum of 90 overs.

New Zealand have not beaten Australia in a Test series for 16

this year before losing the second and third Tests in India in March to lose the series 2-1.

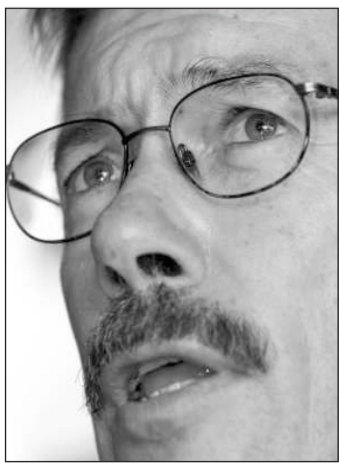
Australia responded by beating England 4-1 in their seventh successive Ashes series victory.

## K'chhari cricket

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagachhari**

Nabin Sports Eleven and Masterpara Kriya Chakra won their respective matches of the Victory Day cricket tournament at the Khagachhari Govt High School ground yesterday.

In the first match of the day, Nabin Sports Eleven defeated APBN School by 41 runs.



**JOHN BUCHANAN**

years and Australia have not lost a Test series at home for nine.

Australia captain Steve Waugh's side, the 1999 World Cup champions, scored a world record 16 consecutive Test victories earlier