

The fastest official speed ever reached on a bicycle 245.08 km/h. The world record was set by American John Howard in 1985





"He has won us so many games and I can see him doing that for many, many games more. About Anil Kumble after the



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1.	Who won the man-of-the-series award in the Bangladesh and Z i m b a b w e o n e - d a y internationals?
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	Ebrahim
2.	Who became Inter-Continental

Cup champs? Boca Juniors Real Madrid Bayer

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

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tury, of which three have been in

James flays BD attack

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

New Zealand District Association Eleven made a watchful start against touring Bangladesh as they garnered 232 for three on the opening day of a three-day practice match at the Victoria Park in Wanganui, New Zealand, yesterday.

Electing to bat, the home side suffered a big blow when their opener Grant Robinson (1) left the field shocked and bloodied after being struck in the face from a top edge while trying to hook young speedster Mashrafi-bin-Mortuza Kowshik in the ninth over of the day District Association were on five for no loss at that time.

Robinson was rushed to Wanganui Hospital for a preliminary examination that revealed a broken eye socket among other peripheral damage and was then transferred to Palmerston North Hospital, some 60km away from Wanganui, for urgent surgery, according to Internet

But Harley James, coming in following the Robinson injury, scored a brilliant 117 to lay a solid foundation for his team

Together with opener Peter Ingram (31), the right-hander produced 71 runs for the first wicket before sharing a 127-run third wicket stand with his captain Peter

James hammered a six and eight

Cricket

here Friday.

REUTERS/AFP, undated

The International Cricket Council

(ICC) is considering instituting

football's card system to discipline

players, according to news reports

Speed is working on a card system

to avert a repeat of the recent crisis

in the Test series between India and

South Africa, according to a report in

Association (ACA) included the card

system in a proposal it submitted to

the Australian Cricket Board (ACB)

would receive a white warning card

for low level breaches, a yellow card

signalling a two-hour send off and

red card for the worst behaviour,

Demerit points were also pro-

posed, in which a player who accu-

mulated too many points over a 12-

month period would serve an auto-

Acting captain Mark Boucher

stepped in with a swashbuckling

century to save South Africa on the

opening day of the first major game

of the Proteas' Australian tour at the

Boucher, the side's

wicketkeeper, celebrated his 25th

birthday four days late by smashing

his way to a century off 106 balls in

just over two hours, hitting 16

boundaries against state side

his highest score in first-class

cricket, before being dismissed just

assault guided the Proteas to a

comfortable first innings total of 367

after he had won the toss, chose to

bat and saw his side slump to 197

He finished with 134 (21 fours),

The right-hander's vicious

Australian pace bowler Brett Lee

send-off for the match.

matic suspension.

Cricket

WACA here Friday.

Western Australia.

before stumps.

AFP, Perth

Under the card system players

last May, the newspaper reported.

The Australian Cricketers'

ICC chief executive Malcolm

boundaries in his over five-hour stay at the crease before he was trapped leg before by left-arm spinner **Enamul Hoque**

After James's departure with the scoreboard on 212 in the 89th over, the home side safely played out the remaining 11 overs of the day adding only 20 runs.

McGlashan was not out on 59 off

170 balls that included three fours. For Bangladesh, 17-year-old legspinner Mohammad Ashraful bagged two wickets for 49 runs from his 13 overs on a slow and flat wicket. And his veteran mate Enamul, bowling 28 overs, conceded only 59 runs for his single

"I guess the pace of the wicket was pretty similar to what we're used to," said Bangladesh coach Trevor Chappell to the local media after the

"It was pretty slow and there was a bit of moisture around in the ground from a fair bit of rain in recent

"There was a bit of movement in the wicket early in the day but we didn't make the batsmen play enough at that stage. The bowling wasn't too great but it wasn't that bad either. We didn't bowl a lot of rubbish and we stuck pretty well to the plan of keeping the ball up and making the batsmen play but we didn't look like taking a lot of wickets.

"I was reasonably happy with the way the bowlers stuck at it but we can perform a lot better than that. I'm

Cards on the cards?

the ICC code of conduct.

"We want to try to get used to these conditions as soon as possible. That was the first day and we need to keep improving every day from

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard on the first day of the three-day practice match between Bangladesh and New Zealand District Association Eleven at the Victoria Park in Wanganui Friday:

NZ DA XI: First innings P Ingram c & b Ashraful GG Robinson retired hurt HTG James Ibw b Enamul 117 PG Fulton c K Mahmud b Ashraful 3 PD McGlashan not out GR Todd not out Extras: (lb-4, w-2, nb-1)

Total: (for 3 wkts in 100 overs) 232 To Bat: JG Hatwell, NW Rushton TR Anderson, SL Andrews, TP

Fall of wickets: 1-77, 2-85, 3-212 **M R W** 4 17 0 Bowler Mashrafi 45 Moniurul K Mahmud 33 Enamul 49 Ashraful

Bangladeshis team: Mashud, Habibul Bashar, Aminul Islam, Javed Omar, Mohammad Ashraful, Al Shahriar, Enamul Haque, Monjuraul Islam, Khaled Mahmud, Mashrafi-bin-Mortuza and Sanwar Hossain

Umpires: BF Bowden and DM

points system for minor breaches

and white, yellow and red cards, but

would not include a card to dismiss

players from the field as suggested

in Australia media reports on Friday.

spinner, said there was a perception

May, a former Australia off-

Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Raishahi Challenger Cricket Club and Al-Rashid Cricket Academy (A) won their respective matches of the Bir Sreshtha Shaheed Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti cricket tournament at the Railway playground vesterday.

In the first match of the day, Challenger defeated Bijoy Ekadosh Jubo Sangha by seven wickets.

Winning the toss, Bijoy Ekadosh hatted first and went all out collecting 109 runs in 16.4 overs.

In reply, Challenger reached the target (109) losing three wickets in

In the second match of the day, Al-Rashid beat 23 No. Ward Commissioner Eleven by 13 runs. Al-Rashid won the toss and batted

first and collected 114 runs for all. In reply, 23 No Ward Commissioner Eleven were all out for

M' singh cricket

UNB, Mymensingh

Al-Helal AC beat Mukul Fouz (Lal Dal) by 123 runs in the district Premier Cricket League that began at the Circuit House ground yester-

Winning the toss, Al Helal decided to bat first and collected 247 runs for 8 wickets in 32 overs.

Monirul scored the highest 109 runs while Lincoln 48 for the winners. Pronab captured four wickets giving away 49 runs while Baduri three for 36 runs.

In reply, Mukul Fouz were all out for 124 runs in the stipulated 32

Mitul and Pronab collected 24 runs each. Pappu took two wickets conceding 5 runs while Zakir two wickets for 27 runs.

Australia's Pak tour hopes rise

AFP, Sydney

Australia's chances of touring Pakistan next year have improved with news that the country is safe to play international cricket again. Pakistan Cricket Board boss

General Tauqir Zia has given the green light to a series against the West Indies, who have agreed to tour in February. Pakistan's international sched-

ule has been hit for six since the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States and the subsequent US response on neighbouring Afghanistan.

New Zealand cancelled their tour of September, saying they feared for the safety of their players, while a Pakistani suggestion for a short one-day series against Sri Lanka failed to materialise.

Neutral venues in Bangladesh. the United Arab Emirates and Morocco had been suggested as venues for Australia's series next September, but the West Indies' sixweek trip are expected to reveal SEE PAGE 15

Lara, Pollock number one

REUTERS, London

West Indies left-hander Brian Lara, who made 688 runs in the recent three-match series against Sri Lanka, has dislodged Zimbabwe's Andy Flower from the number one spot on the world Test batting rat-

The Trinidadian, who produced scores of 221 and 130 in the third Test in Colombo, moves ahead of Flower in the standings by seven

South Africa paceman Shaun Pollock replaces Australia's Glenn McGrath at the top of the bowling rankings, edging ahead by just three

points with a total of 909. McGrath failed to shine with the ball in his side's recent drawn Test series against New Zealand, taking only five wickets at an expensive

average of 65.40. Leading ratings sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers and issued on Friday:

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BLara	905		
AFlower	898		
STendulkar	876		
Inzamamul Haq	818		
M Jayawardene	818		
S Waugh	816		
A Gilchrist	796		
J Kallis	776		
R Dravid	771		
H Gibbs	723		
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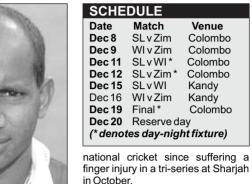
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SL tri-series from today

Cricket

Sri Lanka have recalled all-rounder Suresh Perera in their one-day squad for the triangular series starting here on Saturday.

The hosts will meet Zimbabwe in the opening match of the tournament that also involves the West



SANATH JAYASURIYA

Perera, reported for a suspect bowling action by West Indian umpire Steve Bucknor in August, was selected after being cleared by the Sri Lankan cricket board. Left-arm fast bowler Nuwan

Zoysa regained his berth in the onesquad after an impressive performance in the recent Test series against the West Indies.

The hosts have also included legspinner Upul Chandana to boost their chances on slow turning wick-

Sri Lanka, however, will miss the services of strike bowler Dilhara Fernando and wicketkeeper Romesh Kaluwitharna.

Fernando was ruled out with a stress fracture of the back, while Kaluwitharna had been out of inter-

Venue

Colombo

Colombo

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Colombo

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Match

SL v Zim

WI v Zim

SLvWI

SL v Zim'

SLvWI

Final*

Sri Lanka lost the Sharjah final,

but start favourites here following

their maiden clean sweep in Test

cricket against Carl Hooper's West

Zimbabwe, who blanked

Bangladesh 3-0 in one-dayers in

November, have been struggling on

their current tour. They have lost

both of their one-day practice games

against Sri Lanka A and Board President's team **TEAMS**

ZIMBABWE (from): Stuart Carlisle (captain), Heath Streak Andrew Flower, Grant Flower, Dion Ebrahim, Trevor Gripper, Craig Wishart, Douglas Marillier, Mluleki Nkala. Travis Friend, Gary Brent, Henry

Olonga, Sean Ervine, Tatendra Taibu SRI LANKA (from): Sanath



STUART CARLISLE

Jayasuriya (captain), Marvan Atapattu. Avishka Gunawardene Jayawardene, Russel Arnold, Kumar Sangakkara, Chamara Silva, Suresh Perera Kumar Dharmasena, Upul Chandana, Chaminda Vaas, Muttiah Muralitharan, Charitha Buddika, Nuwan Zoysa, Prabath Nissanka.

Fielding to blame

Cricket

REUTERS/AFP, undated

England skipper Nasser Hussain on Thursday said sloppy fielding was one of the main reasons for his team's defeat in the opening cricket Test against India here.

"I think we fielded very poorly," he said after his squad's 10-wicket

and captain Sourav Ganguly made 86 and 47, respectively, to help India gain a vital 231-run lead.

Hussain said his batsmen would also have to raise their performance against Indian spinners in the remaining two Tests at Ahmedabad and Bangalore so as to keep the series alive.

"We should have scored 350 in the first innings and that looked a possibility with (Graham) Thorpe

adding he was confident his team would put up a better show in the next two matches. "We have done that in the past in Pakistan and Sri Lanka," he said, referring to his team's Test series

"We have to learn (how to bat

against spinners) on this tour, and learn very fast," Hussain said,

victories against these countries. But Ganguly said his team was aiming for a clean sweep after

winning the first Test in four days.
"A 3-0 verdict is a possibility," he said. "Our spinners are doing very well and I am hopeful of winning the next two Tests.

Meanwhile, Indian newspapers have praised their national cricket team's emphatic victory at Mohali which followed successive series defeats for India overseas.

headline "Back on home territory, India spin a win," while The Hindu daily said "England surrenders meekly."

The Times of India carried the

Several newspapers carried front-page pictures of Kumble and

Harbhajan "Kumble is back to king-size," said a headline in the Times of India in celebration of the bowler's successful comeback after being sidelined for a year with a shoulder

But the Indian media also highlighted the stark difference between their national cricket team's dominance at home and

relative failure abroad. India, who lost a Test series in South Africa last month, have not won a series away from home for eight years. Their last victory outside the sub-continent was in 1986

against England. The Indian Express pointed out, though, that the England squad in India are without their top pace bowlers Darren Gough and Andrew Caddick, as well as batsman-

wicketkeeper Alec Stewart. "In a nutshell, this is a secondstring England side which would find the going tough even in our domestic league," the newspaper

Ex-Indians write off Eng

and me in the middle on the first

Hussain was the top-scorer in

the first innings with 85 and Thorpe

in the second with 62 as their team

twice faltered against the Indian

Leg-spinner Anil Kumble and

off-spinner Harbhaian Singh trou-

bled England the most, sharing 15

PHOTO: INTERNET

Cricket

Mohali on December 6.

costly mistakes '

defeat in the opening match of a three-Test series. "Letting off

batsmen like Rahul Dravid, Sourav

Ganguly and Deep Dasgupta were

and one stumping in the match they

Dasgupta went on to score his

maiden Test century, while Dravid

lost with more than a day to spare.

England missed four catches

Wicketkeeper-batsman

AFP, New Delhi

England will have to considerably lift their performance in the remaining two Tests against India to avoid a clean sweep, former Indian cricket-

by 10 wickets at Mohali, batting, bowling and fielding much below par to give India a big advantage in the three-match series "If England do not improve dramatically, we could witness a repeat of the 1993 series at home,

when England were swept away 3-0," said former Indian captain He said England's batsmen seemed to have no clue about tackling Indian spinners in the first

positive in their methods nor solid in "Unless the English batsmen pick themselves up, this could be

fighting every inch of the way, and

when one of the teams is unable to make a match of it, the game in terms of a contest falls apart 'The match reiterated the fact

very different king of battle.' England were undone by India's

spin twins, Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh, managing just 238 and 235 on a pitch that was flat and full of runs. Leg-spinner Kumble, adjudged

man of the match, and off-spinner Harbhajan never allowed the English batsmen to settle down as they shared 15 wickets to script an easy Indian victory.

Former all-rounder Ravi Shastri said England had squandered an opportunity at Mohali because they would not get such a good pitch in the next two Tests at Ahmedabad nd Bangalore

reasonably well by Indian standards, and the failure to restrict India to 350 or thereabouts suggests there is a lot of hard work ahead for England," Shastri said.

this tour. From here onwards, things

in the next two matches, considering their batting failure against the Indian spinners at Mohali. Former Test off-spinner Erapalli Prasanna, however, was not carried

Shastri added that England

needed an extra specialist batsman

away by the win, saying the script would have been different had India played South Africa at the same "The overwhelming victory is more due to the England team's incompetence rather than the

competence of our guys. This is the weakest England bowling I have ever seen," said Prasanna. Indian cricket chief Jagmohan Dalmiya, meanwhile, said he would meet coach John Wright and physiotherapist Andrew Leipus on

Saturday to review the team's dismal show in South Africa. India lost both the triangular oneday tournament and Test series on

their recent tour of South Africa. "It is not a witch-hunt," Dalmiya said. "We just want to know what the

frankly. I will also meet the Indian skipper and other members of the

while cycling in the slipstream of a specially



Sourav Ganguly (India cricket captain)

ESPN English Premier Football League

Middlesbrough vs Liverpool Live at 8:50 pm

Futbol Mundial



The Haily Star Win attractive prizes Competition closes at 8 pm Dec 14, 2001 and draw

shortly afterwards

for six wickets. At stumps, Western Australia were two without loss after facing one over "It's nice scoring runs when you

are captain," Boucher said. "Captaincy aside, it's always good to get off to a nice start. When I went out there, the wicket was getting a bit easier than it had been earlier, but when the second new ball came along it got a bit tricky

"I work hard on my batting now, because there is no room for just a olain wicketkeeper nowadays. "Having a wicketkeeper in the side is a big bonus -- as Adam

Gilchrist has shown for Australia." Boucher, taking over the reins from skipper Shaun Pollock -- who elected not to play in order to give other players maximum opportunity to press for Test selection -thumped his sixth first-class cen-

Batting at number seven, he

(4,200 US) for his send-off of New Zealand tail-ender Shane Bond in the third Test in Perth this week.

was the last player penalised under

Lee was fined 8,250 dollars

threatened to create a rift in world

ICC president Malcolm Gray said player behaviour would be a priority at the board meeting in March. Meanwhile, ACA president Tim May said on Friday that a card system for code of conduct

plinary system. "I believe the ICC have already discussed a proposal similar to this,"

Lee's fine follows the drama-

The two cricketing powers played an unofficial third 'Test' in Centurion after standing down match referee Mike Denness following his punish-

charged, some don't. Some get let

"At the moment some guys get off, some don't."

charged series between India and within Test cricket that the rules were South Africa last month which

ment of six Indian players.

cal heat out of world cricket's disci-

tive is to reduce inconsistencies.

May told Reuters. "The main objec-

breaches would help take the politipraise for the way they played the

not applied consistently. "I think it's a perception. Cricket is played in different cultures," May said. "The behavioural standards may differ (in Australia) from what is expected in the sub-continent or in

the West Indies.

"The more subjectivity you give to a code of conduct the greater perception of some rules for some and some for others "Everyone would know what the

rules are and where suspensions would apply. It would take a lot of the heat out of the political tensions. "I think you will find players' behaviour will improve significantly,"

May said Australia had won

game as they crushed England 4-1

in this year's Ashes series and this had been a result of hard work. "The Brett Lee incident was a

The four-tiered system proposed one-off," May said. by the ACA would include a demerit Mark butchers WA

ning seventh-wicket stand of 78 in 54 minutes with Steve Elworthy (29 He then dominated a partnership of 84 in 80 minutes with Claude

salvaged the innings during a light-

Boucher was dropped at 67 and again when he was on 129. The only top-order batsman to hit his straps was 20-year-old lefthander Jacques Rudolph, who made a sparkling 74-ball 59 with 10 sizzling boundaries. He was helped

Rudolph's stylish exhibition may

have been enough for him to retain

Henderson (24).

by a "life" on three.

series."

Port Elizabeth.

the number three position for the first Test against Australia starting in Adelaide next Friday.

Boucher said: "Jacques is a young, confident player who has scored a lot of runs back home, so it is good to see him carrying his confidence and form into the Test

Rudolph made his senior international debut for South Africa against India at Centurion Park last month, but the match was denied Test status by the International Cricket Council because ICC match referee, Mike Denness, of England, was barred from the ground. This followed Denness' decision

to discipline six Indians found guilty

of breaching the players' code of

conduct in the previous match in

Senior batsmen Gary Kirsten (31), Jacques Kallis (21) and Lance Klusener (eight) were all removed early in the day by fast-medium bowler Stuart Karppinen, in only his second first-class appearance. Karppinen, 28. made the most of his rare opportunity in top company,

also trapping Boucher and snatch-

ina 4-110. One-Test fast bowler Matt Nicholson was also on target, grabbing 5-68. **SCOREBOARD** Scoreboard at stumps on the opening day of the four-day match between Western Australia and South Africa at the WACA Ground

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

Kirsten c Katich b Karppinen 31

Gibbs c Campbell b Nicholson Rudolph c Campbell b Nicholson59 Kallis c Campbell b Karppinen 21 McKenzie b Swan Klusener b Karppinen Boucher c Katich b Karppinen 134 Elworthy c North b Nicholson Henderson c Campbell b Nicholson Ntini c North b Nicholson Extras: (b-4, lb-10, w-2)

367

125, 5-149, 6-197, 7-275, 8-359, 9-Bowler M R W Nicholson 20.3 5 68 6 110 4 Karppinen **SEE PAGE 15**

Ormond@Surrey

England fast-medium bowler James

Ormond has signed a three-year

AFP, London

Leicestershire.

Fall of wickets: 1-16, 2-46, 3-125, 4-

Total: (All out in 86.3 overs)

contract with Surrey, the county's chief executive Paul Sheldon con-Ormond, 24, currently on tour in India where he picked up his second Test wicket in England's defeat in Mohali, joins the Benson et Hedges Cup holders after seven years at

Ormond took 225 wickets at an

average of 25.67 in first-class cricket

for Leicestershire and 101 wickets at

22.57 in limited overs cricket. Sheldon said: "This is a tremendous signing for the club and will give us the strength in depth to challenge for all four major competitions next Surrey failed to make it three

county championship crowns in three

seasons when Yorkshire finished top

of the table this summer

England captain Nasser Hussain (L) and opener Marcus Trescothick stand

dejectedly during the presentation ceremony after the end of the first Test in

day," he said.

spinners.

ers said on Friday. Nasser Hussain's Englishmen on Thursday lost the opening Test

Krishnamachari Srikkanth. Test because they were neither

one of the most disappointing series in recent times." said Srikkanth. "Cricket is all about two sides

that Indians are kings at home, with the batsmen breathing easy and the spinners weaving their web. It is a

"To make less than 250 in each innings on a wicket that played

"In many ways, this was the most sporting wicket England will get on

team.

problems are and discuss them



