



## Did U Know?

Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly's ancestral home is in Barisal, Bangladesh.



**Gabriel Batistuta**  
(Ace Argentine striker)  
"I was very happy when I heard he scored because Ronaldo is football."



**ESPN**  
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2. Who became Inter-Continental Cup champion?	Boca Juniors	Real Madrid	Bayern Munich
3. How many runs did Habibul Bashar score in the first innings of the second Test against Zimbabwe?	117	109	
4. Which number Test venue is the M.A. Aziz Stadium?	73rd	66th	82nd
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## Pabna soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna  
Al-Helal Club outplayed Amtola 8-0 in the Radhuni Second Division Football League at the local stadium yesterday.  
Salim scored four goals, Siddique two, Sultan and Bimol netted one each for the winners.

## Horne lesson for Bangladesh



SPORTS REPORTER

A mammoth 265-run third wicket stand between Matt Horne (178) and Aaron Barnes (95) left touring Bangladesh staring at the possibility of an innings defeat in their four day match against Auckland at the Outer Oval of Eden Park in Auckland on Thursday.

The home side, resuming the day on 79 for two in reply to Bangladesh's paltry first innings of 120 after play began an hour late for rain, batted for more than six hours (89 overs) and reached 404 for five at stumps—a lead of 284 runs.

Horne, the discarded right handed Test opener who was undefeated on 34 on Wednesday, punished the Bangladeshi bowlers for most of the days and hammered a dazzling 178 with four sixes and 23 boundaries in his 372-minute innings while Barnes, who began with his overnight score of 18, scored 95 off 183 balls in 292 minutes with a dozen of fours and a six to build up the huge partnership that took away any slim chance for the tourists to come back in the match.

The stand was broken on 301 when Barnes was badly run out by a direct throw from Sanwar Hossain five runs shorts of what could have been a deserving century.

After Barnes' departure, Horne also lost his concentration and returned to the dressing room being trapped leg before by right arm medium pacer Mohammad Sharif.

Sharif then bowled Mills on 18, the last wicket Auckland lost on the home side.

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HORNE...178

Two middle orders Nick Horsley and captain Walker were unbeaten on 57 and 13 at the close of the second day's play.

For Bangladesh, it was a tough day out at the field which saw only three wickets falling in three sessions.

Mohammad Sharif was the lone successful bowler taking two for 116.

Both Sharif and left arm seamer

Monjurul Islam looked quite efficient with the new ball, but they could not carry all the burden.

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**SCOREBOARD**  
Scoreboard on the second day of the four-day match between Bangladesh and Auckland at the Outer oval of Eden Park, Auckland, on Thursday:

**BANGLADESH:** First innings 120 in 61.2 overs (K Mashud 30 n.o., Al-Shahriar 25, Sanwar 18, Sharif 11, Drum 4/32, Adams 3/16, Canning 2/31)

**AUCKLAND:** First innings (Overnight 79 for 2)  
Richardson c K Mashud b Monjurul 4  
Horne lbw b Sharif 178  
Vincent lbw b Monjurul 15  
Barnes run out 95  
Mills b Sharif 19  
Horsley not out 57  
Walker not out 13  
Extras: (b-9, lb-8, w-2, nb-4) 23  
Total: (for 5 wks in 115 overs) 404  
Fall of wickets: 1-4, 2-36, 3-301, 4-318, 5-349.

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul	31	8	82	2
Sharif	32	6	116	2
K Mahmud	22	4	77	0
Enamul	26	7	89	0
Ashrafal	3	0	23	0
Aminul	1	1	0	0

## 1st Test against BD Unchanged Black Caps

AP, Wellington

New Zealand has named an unchanged team from the one that nearly upset Australia in a two-Test series for the first cricket Test against Bangladesh beginning Tuesday in Hamilton.

No 3 batsman Mathew Sinclair fought off a challenge from Matthew Horne while the pace bowling trio were retained despite a bid from Auckland's Chris Drum, who will be 12th man.

New Zealand's consistent top-order batting concerns and constant injuries to bowlers have meant for the past 15 series comprising 39 Tests no team has remained unchanged.

Not since New Zealand's 2-0 clean sweep of Sri Lanka in Dunedin and Hamilton in March 1997 has the same 11 backed up in the next Test.

Auckland's Lou Vincent, despite scoring 15 at No 3 against Bangladesh in a tour match Wednesday, was retained as an opener after his success on debut in Perth. Vincent stroked his way to 104 and 54 which ensured him of at least a home season of five Tests against Bangladesh and England.

Selectors retained the pace trio of Chris Cairns, Shane Bond and Chris Martin, and Perth man-of-the-match Daniel Vettori.

### SQUAD

Stephen Fleming (captain), Mark Richardson, Lou Vincent, Mathew Sinclair, Nathan Astle, Craig McMillan, Chris Cairns, Adam Parore, Daniel Vettori, Shane Bond, Chris Martin. 12th man: Chris Drum.

## WST officials leave unsatisfied

SPORTS REPORTER

Two World Sports Television (WST) officials Tom Smith and David Tally spent a busy day in Dhaka when they held meetings with Bangladesh Television and Ekushey Television personnel in connection with the live telecast of the forthcoming third South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) to be held at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur from January 26.

According to Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) member Fazlur Rahman Babul, who accompanied the WST officials working for the Singapore based company famous for producing television footages on football, Smith and Tally did not find either channel fully equipped to telecast the matches live via satellite.

BTV, the state run television body, has required number of cameras and outdoor broadcast (OB) vans but does not have the SNG (Satellite News Gathering) through which signal is transmitted to satellite.

On the other hand, Ekushey Television has only the SNG but doesn't have sufficient cameras and OB vans.

Babul also informed that the officials, who returned to Singapore last night, will now send financial and commercial proposals to both the companies in order to go for a joint venture.

If that does not materialise, WST is likely to bring their own equipment for the production.

## Rajshahi cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Golden Sunshine Club and Rajshahi Sporting Club won their respective matches of the seventh Bir Sreshtha Shaheed Captain Mohiuddin Jahangir Smriti Gold Cup cricket tournament at the Railway playground yesterday.

In the first match of the day, Golden Sunshine beat Mahfuj Smriti Sangha by 10 wickets.

Winning the toss, Golden Sunshine invited Mahfuj Smriti to bat first and they made 55 in 15.1 overs before being all out.

In reply, Golden Sunshine reached the target in 7.3 overs for no loss.

In the other match of the day, Rajshahi Sporting Club defeated Sagarpara Sporting Club by 29 runs.

Rajshahi Sporting collected 125 runs for eight wickets in the allotted 23 overs while taking strike first after winning the toss.

In reply, Sagarpara scored 96 runs for eight wickets in the stipulated 23 overs.

## 'Tour will go on'

AFP/REUTERS, Ahmedabad

England's current tour of India will continue despite an attack on the Indian parliament by suspected militants, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said Thursday.

"The security around the England team is already tight and is reviewed every day," said BCCI secretary in charge of the tour, N. Srinivasan.

## Giles beguiles India



AFP, Ahmedabad

Ashley Giles helped England survive a Sachin Tendulkar blitz with a five-wicket haul on the third day of the second cricket Test against India here on Thursday.

Left-arm spinner Giles finished with a career-best 5-67 as India were dismissed for 291 in reply to England's 407.

The tourists were 15 for no loss in

their second innings for an overall lead of 131, with Marcus Trescothick (10) and Mark Butcher (five) at the crease.

Tendulkar slammed a masterful 103 for his 27th Test century to help India avoid a follow-on after the hosts had been reduced to 93-4 in the morning session.

Giles, however, plotted an Indian collapse after Tendulkar's dismissal, taking his second five-wicket haul in a Test innings.

The Warwickshire spinner was well supported by seamers Matthew

Hoggard and Andrew Flintoff, who shared four wickets to keep pressure on Tendulkar's teammates.

India were in danger of following on as they needed 115 more runs with six wickets in hand, but Tendulkar came to his team's rescue with a vigorous counter-attack against defensive, disciplined England bowling.

He joins Australians Steve Waugh and Allan Border who also have 27 Test hundreds to their credit. Only Australian Don Bradman (29) and Indian Sunil Gavaskar (34) are ahead of him.

The master batsman dominated a 118-run stand for the fifth wicket with Venkatesh Laxman, who returned to form with 75.

Tendulkar struck one six off off-spinner Richard Dawson over long-on and 12 fours in his 197-ball knock, much to the delight of nearly 20,000 spectators at the Motera Stadium.

Tendulkar fell attacking, driving Hoggard to Nasser Hussain at mid-on just before tea. Thereafter, India kept losing wickets at regular intervals against an accurate Giles.

Laxman was the lone batsman to stay at the crease as India surrendered their last six wickets for 80 runs, including three in successive overs of Giles.

The middle-order batsman initially struggled, but grew in confidence with each shot as he flicked and drove on the way to a half-century.

Virender Sehwag, returning to the squad after serving a one-match ban, played a one-day innings in a Test match as he smashed one six off Dawson and two fours in his 34-ball 20.

India, however, needed somebody to give Laxman company, but found none as Giles kept striking in quick succession.

Runs were hard to come by in the first session against England's run-containing bowling, but Tendulkar batted impressively in the afternoon and exploded with a flurry of wristy strokes.

He reached his hundred with a pulled boundary off Hoggard as India scored 94 in two hours. In contrast, the first session had produced

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England left-arm spinner Ashley Giles (R) is congratulated by wicketkeeper James Foster after picking up career-best five wickets in the second Test against India yesterday.

## Typically Sachin



REUTERS, Ahmedabad

A modest Sachin Tendulkar said on Thursday his 27th Test hundred in the second Test against England had come almost by chance.

Tendulkar, who revived the Indian innings with a 118-run fifth wicket stand with Vangipurappu Laxman, said: "We basically wanted to get as close as possible to the target. In trying to do that I got a hundred."

"Scoring a hundred is always a great feeling. Today it was under slightly different circumstances. We had a lost a few early wickets and they had set a big target for us."

Tendulkar, 28, struck 103 before England bowled the hosts out for 291 in reply to their first innings 407 all out to take command on the third day.

He joined Australia's Steve Waugh and Allan Border as joint third in the list of Test centuries, after compatriot Sunil Gavaskar's 34 and Australian Don Bradman's 29.

The former skipper said he was disappointed there had been no other meaningful partnerships, forcing India to concede a 116-run first innings lead and putting them under pressure to retain their 1-0 lead in the three-test series.

"It is a bit of a disappointment we made only 291. Except for my partnership with Laxman, we didn't have



TENDULKAR...27th Test ton

### CENTURION CLUB

AFP, Ahmedabad

List of Test cricket's leading century-makers following Sachin Tendulkar's 27th hundred in the second Test against England here on Thursday:

- 34 - Sunil Gavaskar (India)
- 29 - Don Bradman (Australia)
- 27 - Sachin Tendulkar (India)
- 27 - Steve Waugh (Australia)
- 27 - Allan Border (Australia)
- 26 - Gary Sobers (West Indies)
- 24 - Greg Chappell (Australia)
- 24 - Vivian Richards (West Indies)

any big partnerships. "Partnerships are so important in this game. Even England were 180 for five, but managed to put together a big partnership. That's where we lacked."

Tendulkar said he felt his fellow batsmen would have been better off had they shown more patience.

"Every day and every innings you are not going to get the ball where you want. Sometimes the opposition works on your patience," he said.

"At times you can allow them to get away with it. Some other times you have to take calculated risks and make them bowl somewhere else."

Tendulkar praised England left-arm spinner Ashley Giles, whose five-wicket haul triggered India's late order collapse.

"He is a very experienced campaigner. He has played a lot of seasons of cricket and is a good bowler, they are all good bowlers. He proved that today."

"Whatever has happened at Mohali is behind us. We have to leave that behind and look to the cricket ahead of us."

Tendulkar, who cut loose after lunch, said it had not been deliberate.

"Those shots I played were not pre-planned as such. I picked up the line and length early and just backed myself," he said.

## Inseparable twins



AFP, Adelaide

Australian cricket institutions Steve and Mark Waugh will play their 100th Test together against South

Africa at Adelaide Oval Friday. It will be Steve's 143rd Test appearance and Mark's 120th his 99th in a row.

Sentimentality has not been one of the Waugh's trademarks in their glittering careers, but skipper Steve admitted to surprise Thursday

when informed of the impending landmark.

"It's very surprising," Steve said. Until told of the figure, he would have guessed they'd played 60 or 70 Tests together.

"Time does fly it's a nice achievement. We don't want to get too carried away about it at the moment but later on when we retire and look back on it, it will be significant."

"It's nice for the family, for mum and dad - all the sacrifices they made with us growing up."

While 36-year-old twins, the brothers are not publicly close something Steve attributed to a fierce rivalry as they grew up. They have two younger brothers, Dean and Danny.

Steve and Mark Waugh have put on eight century-plus Test stands including a memorable 231 in the fourth Test against the West Indies

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South African cricket captain Shaun Pollock practices his catching skills ahead of the first Test against Australia in Adelaide on December 13.