

The first one-day international was held between England and Australia at Melbourne in 1971. Actually the first four days of a Test match had been rained out, so on the final day the first ever one-day international was organized. Australia won the match.



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Rain rules at Hamilton

"It would still be counted. It is a

tossed takes it to another level," he

Cricket "The other thing is we can use the lights here, so there is still a lot of time left in the match," he said. Snedden further revealed that

said

SPORTS REPORTER from his point of view the abandonment of the Test, should it occur. Rain washed out the first two days would not affect the status of the of the first Test between touring match for consideration for the ICC Bangladesh and New Zealand that Test Championship. was scheduled to start at the Westpac Trust Prak in Hamilton on scheduled Test. The fact they have

Tuesday And according to internet reports, there was prospect of more rain on the third day on Thursday. If that happens Bangladesh might get their first Test draw abroad as prospects of a result is fading fast with the amount of time being lost to inclement weather. A draw would also give the tourists their first points in the World Test Championship.

The only notable thing on the second day was the toss which was won by Bangladesh captain Khaled Mashud and he immediately invited the home side to bat.

But rain started before the players could take the and continued for the whole day. Play was eventually called off for

the second successive day by the umpires Tony Hill of New Zealand and David Orchard of South Africa. Meanwhile, New Zealand Cricket's chief executive Martin Snedden said the Black Caps were still determind to win the match even if three days of cricket was

possible Snedden also said there had been no discussion about calling the Test off after the first two days have been lost to rain. "Actually, I talked with Stephen

Fleming [NZ captain] about the situation and as far as he was concerned there were 14 hours of play left and he was prepared to back himself to try to secure a victory," Snedden said.

However, Snedden did add that if the third and fourth days were washed out then something else might be looked at for the fifth and final day.

Js lift Lankans



AFP, Colombo

Skipper Sanath Jayasuriya and Hooper's arrival met with instant success when he held a return catch Mahela Jayawardene slammed half-centuries to help Sri Lanka to get rid of Gunawardene in his first each 253-8 against the West Indies over

With the loss of the first day's play any follow-on target the team batting second may have to face is reduced to within 150 runs of the side batting first.

Because the hours of play will be extended if play was to start at 11.30am and continue through until the scheduled finish on Saturday evening, 315 overs minimum, representing 105 overs a day, would be available to contest the match



PHOTO: INTERNET JUST LIKE HOME ! A disappointed Bangladeshi expatriate fan looks at the flooded ground at Hamilton on December 19.

National Cricket League from

Dec 23 SPORTS REPORTER

The third National Cricket League AFP, Bangalore begins in three different venues of the country from December 26. England batsman Michael Vaughan

However, despite protests from various quarters, the fixture revealed on by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) on Wednesday, confirmed that defending champions Biman and Dhaka Metropolis, have been axed from the only first class competition of the country. Only six divisional teams will feature in the league this time around. In the first phase of four-day

matches. Chittagong, who won the inaugural championship in 1998-99 and runners up last season, will take on Dhaka division in their home fixture at the MA Aziz Stadium in the port city while Sylhet will host Rajshahi.

The other match will be held between Khulna and Barisal at the Shamsul Huda Stadium in Jessore. The same sides will play a

limited overs match game the day after the four-dayer.

sponsor the league. The second round of the league

Chittagong will host Rajshahi in Comilla, Barisal will meet Dhaka at their home ground while Khulna will travel to Sylhet.

18 picked for nat'l sports award

The government yesterday decided to award 18 distinguished sports personalities with National Sports Award-2001 for their contribution in their respective fields on the occasion of the Victory Day.

The nominees are : Alhaj Zahirul Rochi -- table tennis: Mohammed Abdul Jalil -- kabadi: Abul Muveed

Eng suddenly lose way

Cricket

was given out for handling the ball to

spark India's fightback on a dra-

matic opening day of the third and

final cricket Test here on

umpire Avi Jayaprakash saw

England collapse from a promising

206-3 to 219-6 before bad light

ended play four overs early with the

unbeaten on 30 and James Foster

was on 14, the pair having added 36

valuable runs for the seventh

first innings total when Hussain's 43

and half-centuries from Vaughan

and Mark Ramprakash lifted them to

Jayaprakash first ruled against

206-3 an hour after tea.

At stumps, Craig White was

Two stunning decisions by Indian

Wednesday.

tourists on 255-6.

wicket.

Vaughan (64) for handling the ball --Trescothick edged an outswinger to only the seventh batsman in Test Venkatsai Laxman at second slip history to fall in that manner -- and after making eight. then gave Ramprakash out caught at slip for 58. to add 47 for the second wicket

Off-spinner Sarandeep Singh, a when India earned a lucky break last-minute inclusion in the Indian team in place of seamer Tinu Yohannan, had a hand in both dismissals and also removed Andrew Flintoff for no score.

Vaughan mistimed a sweep of beat Dravid's throw to the wicket-Sarandeep and, as the ball keeper. appeared to drop between his pads, he saw wicketkeeper Deep score when he was caught behind Dasgupta lurking nearby and off Srinath in the third over after pushed the ball away with his lunch. hands SCOREBOARD

A mild appeal from Sarandeep Scoreboard at stumps on the openwas upheld by Jayaprakash to the ing day of the third and final cricket utter shock of the Yorkshire bats-Test between India and England at man, who found his third Test halfthe Chinnaswamy Stadium on century end abruptly. Wednesday

Dark overhead clouds that Vaughan is the second forced play to be held under flood-Englishman after Graham Gooch to lights throughout the day failed to be dismissed for handling the ball. inspire leg-spinner Anil Kumble, The others given out similarly were William Endean (South Africa), Andrew Hilditch and Steve Waugh (Australia), Mohsin Khan (Pakistan) and Desmond Haynes (West Indies)

Having got rid of Vaughan, Sarandeep dismissed Flintoff four balls later to a catch by Sachin Tendulkar at mid-wicket.

Two overs later, Sarandeep won another decision from Jayaprakash even though television replays showed the ball go off Ramprakash's pad to Rahul Dravid the series 1-1, appeared set for a big at first slip.

Vaughan and Ramprakash came together after England were tottering at 93-3 soon after lunch. Javagal Srinath struck the first

blow in his fourth over when Marcus

World Player of the Year awards **Figo FIFA's choice**

added.

him the first Portuguese player to lift the award since it was created in 1991

"Portuguese football has made fantastic progress in the last few years and I am happy to say that there are a lot of very good young players still coming through," he

"I am very proud of that for my



Perez pledged to purchase Figo from Barcelona, for a then world record fee of 56 million dollars as part of his election campaign before he became president of Madrid in the summer of 2000.

Mark Butcher and Hussain dug in

Butcher (27) darted out for a

Hussain looked set for a big

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sharp single after driving Harbhajan

Singh to the cover region, but was

turned back by Hussain and failed to

against the run of play.

ENGLAND: First innings

Vaughan handled the ball

Extras: (b-5, lb-3, nb-3)

4-206, 5-206, 6-219

Trescothick c Laxman b Srinath 8

Hussain c Dasgupta b Srinath 43

Ramprakash c Dravid b Sarandeep

Flintoff c Tendulkar b Sarandeep 0

Total: (For 6 wkts in 86 overs) 255

Fall of wickets: 1-21, 2-68, 3-93

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Umpires: Asoka de Silva (Sri

Lanka) and Avi Jayaprakash (India).

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Butcher run out

White not out

Foster not out

Bowler

Srinath

Ganguly

Kumble

Harbhajan

Sarandeep

Tendulkar

The move was very unpopular with the Barcelona fans and caused uproar in Spanish soccer for some time Beckham, resplendent in a pin-



accepted his award for second place with dignity. "It is just an honour to be stand-

Bayern Munich and Germany, on 65

and Liverpool and England striker

Owen was later named

Italian Paolo di Canio of West

He won the award for catching

European Footballer of the Year by

Ham United collected the Fair Play

Award after a delayed arrival follow-

the ball instead of trying to score in

order to allow the injured Everton

goalkeeper to be treated during

an English premier league match

at Goodison Park a year ago this

"It is something to play with great

"Football is about more than just

Michael Owen on 61.

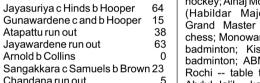
week

France Football magazine.

ing a train journey from Milan.

striped black suit with a satin collar,

a striped black shirt and dark tie



who was stranded on 299 Test wickets on his home turf at the Chinnaswamy Stadium. Kumble, cheered on by some Ispahani Mirzapur Tea will 20,000 fans when he came on to bowl in the 15th over of the day, went wicketless for 22 overs which will be held from January 2 to 6. cost 59 runs. The end result could not have

delighted England captain Nasser Hussain after he won an important toss and elected to bat on a newlylaid wicket that kept low. The tourists, hoping to square

BSS. Dhaka

Football Haq (Zahir), Kabir Ahmed, Mohammed Kaykobad --football; Shaikh Daulat Zaman, Omar Khaled Rumi -- cricket; Altaf Hossain, Rawshan Akhter Chhobi, **REUTERS**, Zurich Mohammad Shah Alam -- athletics; Luis Figo of Real Madrid has been Pratap Shankar Hazra, Hossain crowned FIFA's World Player of the Imam Chowdhury (Santa) --Year after narrowly out-scoring hockey; Alhaj Mohammed Solaiman Manchester United's David (Habildar Major) -- swimming; Beckham in a poll of national team Grand Master Ziaur Rahman -chess; Monowar UI Alam (Babul) -coaches. badminton: Kismat UI Hakim -badminton: ABM Mossadigul Hag here and accept this trophy," said Figo. the 29-year-old Portuguese



Ashley Giles (England spinner)

"He (Tendulkar) is a class act. He has all the time in the game. He is the kind of player who picks his moments. There are not too many batsmen of his calibre. It is a pleasure to play against him. He is an awesome cricketer ' On Sachin Tendulkar.

Aussies into the lead WHIZZ KID **COMPETITION 162** Cricket Tick the Correct Answers Post to The Daily Star **REUTERS**, Adelaide Win attractive prizes Shane Warne spun Australia to a crushing 246-run victory in the first Competition closes at 8 pm Dec 21, 2001 and draw Test as South Africa collapsed to 128 all out at the Adelaide Oval on shortly afterwards Tuesday. 1. Who won the man-of-the-series the fifth and final day to finish with award in the Bangladesh and eight wickets in the match and give Zimbabwe one-day Australia a 1-0 lead in the threeinternationals? match series Al-Shahriar H Bashar Ebrahim the South African top order to finish Who became Inter-Continenta with three for 13 while his fellow Cup champs? pacemen Jason Gillespie and Brett Boca Juniors Real Madrid Bave ee each collected two scalps. Munich 3. How many runs did Habibu able 375 for victory, resumed at 17 Bashar score in the first innings for two but were unable to salvage a of the second Test against draw as the last eight wickets tum-Zimbabwe bled for 111 runs on a deteriorating pitch 117 109 108 before tea with South Africa's total of 4. Which humber Test venue is the 128 their second lowest against MAAziz Stadium? Australia since they were readmitted 66th 73rd to world cricket in 1992. 82nd double figures with Jacques Kallis the only batsman to show any real resistance, surviving almost four hours to finish unbeaten on 65. Class. Roll No. through when he dismissed Boeta School Address Dippenaar and Neil McKenzie for ducks in the fifth over of the day to reduce the tourists to 21 for four. Phone: (If any)

in the day-night triangular cricket series final here on Wednesday.

Jayasuriya struck one six and nine fours in his 85-ball 64 as Sri Lanka raced to 50 in nine overs after winning the toss and electing to bat on a slow pitch.

Jayawardene, a consistent rungetter, then scored a 65-ball 63 with the help of five boundaries before becoming one of three run-out victims in the last four overs while going for quick runs.

West Indies captain Carl Hooper was the most impressive bowler, containing runs with his tidy off-spin to finish with 2-32 off 10 overs. Hooper brought himself into the action in the ninth over after fast bowlers Pedro Collins and Corev Collymore proved expensive in their opening spells.

Warne captured three for 57 on

Glenn McGrath ripped through

South Africa, chasing an improb-

The match was over six minutes

Only three South Africans made

McGrath made the initial break-

The lanky paceman removed

The West Indies captain also dismissed Jayasuriya, who added 61 for the second wicket with Marvan Atapattu before mistiming a pull to mid-on where Ryan Hinds

Gunawardene (15).

held a diving catch. Atapattu, first of the four run-outs in the innings, scored 38 with the

Indian pacemen in the initial overs,

hitting Collymore for a six over point

and then a four off successive

deliveries. He put on 53 off 56 balls

for the opening wicket with Avishka

help of four boundaries. Hooper, however, lacked support from the other end as Darryl Brown also failed to check runs, conceding 72 in 10 overs.

Jayawardene went for his shots from the beginning, sharing a 58-run stand for the fifth wicket with wicketkeeper Kumar Sangakkara

SCOREBOARD

at first slip. He then sent McKenzie

on his way two balls later when he

was controversially given out lbw by

Indian umpire Srinivas

Venkataraghavan raised his finger.

Gillespie struck twice in five deliver-

for a duck after gloving a catch

behind to Adam Gilchrist in

Warne, who dismissed stubborn

opener Gary Kirsten with the last ball

of the day on Monday, took his

second wicket of the innings when

he dismissed Proteas captain

Shaun Pollock for one to leave the

tourists teetering at 73 for seven at

Venkataraghavan.

of saving the game.

Gillespie's next over.

match award.

stumps.

Scoreboard of the Sri Lankan innings in the day-night triangular cricket series final against the West Indies at the Premadasa Stadium in Jayasuriya punished the West

Dharmasena not out 13 Muralitharan not out Extras: (lb-5, w-15, nb-4) 24 Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 253 Fall of wickets: 1-53, 2-114, 3-154, 4-155, 5-213, 6-229, 7-232, 8-232

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Colombo on Wednesday:

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WEST INDIES: Carl Hooper, Daren Ganga, Chris Gayle, Ramnaresh Sarwan, Marlon Samuels, Ridley Jacobs, Corey Collymore, Pedro Collins, Ricardo Powell, Darryl Brown, Ryan Hinds.

Umpires: Peter Manuel and T Wijewardene (both Sri Lankans).

Owen Europe's finest

Dippenaar when he found the edge and Warne held a difficult, low catch **REUTERS**, Paris

> Liverpool and England striker Michael Owen has been named European Footballer of the Year by the French magazine France Football

McKenzie, who top scored with Owen, who turned 22 last week, 87 in South Africa's first innings 374, became the first English player to briefly stood his ground, shaking his win the prestigious award since head in disbelief as Kevin Keegan in 1979.

The Australians had already He is also the first Liverpool given up on their half-hearted player to take the prize. Keegan appeal and television replays later played for the English club but won showed the ball was going over the the award in both 1978 and 1979 when he played for Hamburg SV in Lance Klusener and Kallis added Germany. 33 for the fifth wicket before

Owen who helped England to qualify top of their group for the 2002 ies to destroy South Africa's hopes World Cup finals scoring a hat-trick in a 5-1 thrashing of Germany in Klusener was caught by Warne Munich, got 176 points ahead of at first slip for 18 from the fifth ball of Spaniard Raul of Real Madrid, who the pace bowler's sixth over and wicketkeeper Mark Boucher went was second on 140 points.

Bayern Munich goalkeeper Oliver Kahn, an inspiration as Bayern won the European Cup in May, was third on 114 points.

Manchester United midfielder David Beckham came in fourth on 102 points ahead of Italy's Francesco Totti and Portugal's Luis Figo, who were fifth and sixth respectively

Two other English footballers The leg spinner claimed his apart from Keegan and Owen have eighth wicket of the game when he got rid of Claude Henderson for won the award -- Stanley Matthews in 1956 and Bobby Charlton in 1966, three in the first over after lunch and went on to receive the man of the the year England won the World Cup

Chowdhury -- organiser and Hosne Ara Khan -- organiser.

No Lara for six weeks

REUTERS, Colombo

West Indies batsman Brian Lara will be out of action for at least six weeks because of a hairline fracture in his left elbow, team manager Ricky Skerritt has said

"Last night (Monday), we had Brian Lara looked at by another orthopaedic surgeon here in Colombo at a private clinic, since Lara's fingers had been tingling and seemed somewhat swollen." Skerritt told Reuters by telephone.

"This was a second opinion that we had planned to have all along anyway. After more X-rays, and subsequent examination, it has now been diagnosed that there is definitely a hairline fracture at the elbow joint, which had been dislocated out of position when the collision occurred.

Dhaka XI off to Kolkata SPORTS REPORTER

A 23-member Dhaka Eleven football team left the capital last night for Kolkata, West Bengal, to play two exhibition matches at the invitation of Indian Football Association (IFA), the state football body of West

The team, led by former national striker Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib, will take on IFA Eleven in their first match at the Hawrah Stadium on Friday. The second match will be played at the

Haldia Stadium on the folllwing day. Prince Plaza, a Project of Prince Real State Limited, is sponsoring

Officials: Atiqur Rahman (team leader), Abu Hasan Chowdhury Prince (manager), Abul Hossain (coach), Alamgir Hasan (aasistan coach), Ridwan Hasan Chowdhury (official) and Sumon (ball boy).

'But this is an award not just to me, but to my team, my team mates at my club and with my country. I think it is a great reward for all the players around me in all the world

international forward.

"It is a privilege for me to stand

"I am proud to be here with these great players and I thank my team mates, my family, my friends and my wife.'

Figo, runner-up last year behind Frenchman Zinedine Zidane. scored a total of 250 points to beat United midfielder Beckham, on 238. into second place.

But the England captain, who was runner-up in 1999, gathered more votes for first place than any of his rivals -- 30 against Figo's 27.

Figo won, however, because he had 35 coaches' votes for second place compared to 23 for Beckham. Another Real Madrid player

Raul. the Spanish international striker, was third.

Figo was presented with his award by the FIFA president Sepp Blatter and the former Liberian international striker George Weah, who won the award in 1995.

Figo's victory in the voting made

Raul gathered a total of 96 points to squeeze out his Madrid team mate Zidane, who was fourth on 94 and Barcelona's Brazilian striker Rivaldo, on 92. Manchester United's Juan Sebastian Veron, of Argentina, was sixth on 71, ahead of Oliver Kahn of

LUIS FIGO

country.

As he battled past a throng of reporters and admirers after the gala in a crowded television studio in central Zurich, Figo was congratulated by his Real Madrid club president Florentino Perez and general manager Jorge Valdano.

"To have two players here in this group is wonderful," said Valdano.

"And to have Zinedine Zidane at home watching is even better! This is a great honour for Real Madrid, I think

two or three points," said the Italian. Frenchman Zidane, the Real Madrid midfielder, won the award in loyalty and honesty. 1998 and 2000 while at Juventus.

> England, who lost the first Test in Mohali by 10 wickets, had hoped to prove their critics wrong with a victory at the start of the day.

But Das and Dasgupta held firm to ensure there was no early damage to take the hosts to lunch at 92 without loss, handling both pace and spin with maturity.

The diminutive Das was run out and off-spinner Richard Dawson had a stubborn Dasgupta caught in the close cordon five runs later to reduce India to 124 for two.

But Sachin Tendulkar (26) and Rahul Dravid, 26 not out, dug in for almost 90 minutes to add 44 runs and maintain Indian calm after they had taken tea at 140 for two.

Dawson had Tendulkar caught at forward short leg failing to keep down his off-break, but there were very few overs left and skipper Saurav Ganguly (16 not out) joined Dravid until play ended.

With the host batsmen showing no inclination to attack the big target, England's inexperienced bowling attack found few openings.

But Nasser Hussain's side can go into the final Bangalore Test starting on Wednesday with their heads held high, having proved gloomy predictions of a 3-0 whitewash wrong.

Bengal

the Dhala Eleven for the trip.

SQUAD

Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib (captain), Bijan Barua, Govinda, Pappu, Masood Rana, Bakhtiar, Hanif Prodhan, Monju, Himu, Dulal Shaha, Igbal Hossain, Zakir Hossain, Shakil, Mizanur Rahman Don, Rakib Hossain, Prodeep Barua.

REUTERS, Ahmedabad

the series.

the three-Test series. Openers Shiv Sundar Das (58) innings when play closed.



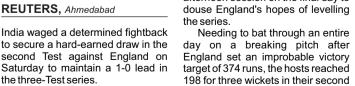
Players and officials of Dhaka Eleven football team who left for Kolkata vesterday.



Cricket and Deep Dasgupta (60) struck patient half centuries in a 119-run

India waged a determined fightback to secure a hard-earned draw in the

partnership until midway through the afternoon session on the final day to



India keep 'em at bay