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In the recent Test against Sri Lanka, Brian Lara of West Indies became the fifth batsman to score a double century (221) and a century (130) in a Test match. The gifted left-hander also became the second highest run-getter in a three-Test series with 688 after Graham Gooch's 752 against India.



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(Indian cricket legend)
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On touring England team.

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3. How many wickets did Chaminda Vaas take in a one-day match to set a new world record?	Seven	Eight	Nine
4. In how many Test did Anil Kumble take 300 wickets?	88	6676	
5. Who won the Sri Lanka tri-series?	West Indies	Sri Lanka	Zimbabwe

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Cairns carnage

Cricket
AFP/REUTERS, Hamilton

New Zealand pace bowler Chris Cairns snatched seven wickets as the home team beat Bangladesh by an innings and 52 runs in the first Test here Saturday.

Cairns took 5-7 Saturday morning to end with figures of 7-53 off 18.2 overs as Bangladesh were bowled out for 108 following on in their second innings.

It took the New Zealand bowlers just 45 minutes to wrap up the Test on the final day after the first two days were lost to rain. The match lasted just 181.4 overs.

Bangladesh resumed on 90 for four Saturday under sunny skies but lasted just 13 overs as Cairns ripped into the Bangladesh batsmen.

Their big hope Mohammad Al Sahariar lasted just one ball when Cairns enticed an edge to wicketkeeper Adam Parore off the seventh ball of the day. Opener Al Sahariar faced 103 balls for his 53.

Then in Cairns' third over of the day he had captain Khaled Mashud caught at first slip by Stephen Fleming for six, and next ball Khaled Mahmud was snatched up by Matthew Sinclair at second slip.

It left the tourists 98 for seven after 30 minutes play, and Cairns and Shane Bond quickly wrapped up the tail.

Cairns' best bowling figures were on the same ground two years ago when he took seven for 27 against the West Indies.

His efforts here, in his 53rd Test, were the 12th time he had taken five wickets or more in an innings.

It wasn't enough though to secure him the man-of-the-match award that went to opener Mark Richardson for his 143 in the first innings.

The result was Bangladesh's fourth Test loss in their eighth Test and to rub salt into their wounds match referee Barry Jarman of Australia fined them five per cent of their match fee for slow over rates.

Cairns had a serious knee operation earlier this year and did not bowl

a ball in anger until the tour of Australia in November.

He appeared to struggle at times in Australia but did pick up a five-wicket haul in the first Test in Brisbane.

"I thought I'd be able to bowl just the same after the operation but it was plain that I couldn't," said Cairns.

"I lost my rhythm and things just weren't right but today things seemed to click and it was a great feeling."

New Zealand captain Stephen Fleming said the pivotal wicket was that of Aminul Islam for a duck.



CAIRNS ...7/53

He was deceived by Cairns' slower ball and played back expecting it to bounce, but it kept low and bowled him.

"Once he got that slower ball working, I knew he was back to his best," Fleming said.

Fleming had some complimentary things to say about the approach, particularly their positive approach, but Bangladesh coach Trevor Chappell was not quite so generous.

"They were bloody pathetic," said the Australian. "They just surrendered. They had no guts and it's bloody heart-breaking."

"Our aim was to get to 300, which was going to be difficult, or at least make them bat again."

"But they got out to balls they didn't need to play. We batted reasonably well in the first innings but today it was dreadful."

The second Test starts in Wellington on Wednesday, with New Zealand confirming Saturday that batsman Nathan Astle would miss the match with a fractured bone in his right hand suffered while batting here.

Auckland opener Matthew Horne will replace him in the only change to the side.

Astle suffered the injury while batting on Thursday and didn't take the field Friday. X-rays confirmed the fracture Saturday morning.

The injury however isn't expected to affect his chances of making the New Zealand side for the one-day tri-series against Australia and South Africa in Australia in the New Year.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the final day of the first Test between New Zealand and Bangladesh at WestpacTrust Park on Saturday:

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 365 (Richardson 143, McMillan 106; Masrafe 3-100, Sharif 3-114)

BANGLADESH: First innings 205 (Bashar 61; S. Bond 4-47)

BANGLADESH: Second innings (90-4 over/night)

Javed lbw b Martin	15
Al Sahariar c Parore b Cairns	53
Bashar c Parore b Cairns	1
Aminul b Cairns	0
Ashraf c sub (Drum) b Bond	6
Sarwar b Bond	12
Mashud c Fleming b Cairns	6
Mahmud c Sinclair b Cairns	0
Sharif not out	4
Masrafe c Vincent b Cairns	2
Monjurul c Fleming b Cairns	1
Extras (lb-4, nb-4)	8
Total (All out in 46.2 overs)	108

Fall of wickets: 1-39, 2-42, 3-42, 4-68, 5-95, 6-98, 7-98, 8-104, 9-107

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Cairns	18.2	2	53	7
Bond	15	4	28	2
Martin	4	1	6	1
Vettori	9	4	17	0

New Zealand won by an innings and 52 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Mark Richardson
Second Test: December 26 (Wellington)

BCB to cut costs!

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The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) has decided to slash operating costs by revoking the allowances entitled to its directors as one of a number of drastic steps.

Among the measures include terminating the contracts of two of the four Sri Lankan coaches and axing three out of six divisional development officers.

Besides, the Board is seriously thinking of shutting down the Anti-Corruption Unit.

Furthermore, selectors will be asked to render voluntary services. The Board, faced by monetary crisis due to a decline in international and domestic sponsorship, is even contemplating to reduce the sixteen players already on the payroll.

The austerity procedures were discussed at the Board's meeting on Friday.



Managing director of Ispahani Tea Limited Mirza Salman Ispahani addressing a news conference yesterday in connection with the Third National Cricket League that begins on December 26.

League Ispahani-powered

Cricket
SPORTS REPORTER

The third National Cricket League begins on December 26 on a low-key profile.

There will also be no star attraction when the country's premium event commences at six different venues across the country. The lone first-class competition would miss the leading cricketers due to international commitments of different national selections for the next couple of months.

Besides, the controversial omission of defending champions Bangladesh Biman and Dhaka Metropolis also took off most of the shins from an event that offered an exciting battle last year.

Chittagong will host Dhaka in the opening match of the six-team meet that also includes Rajshahi, Barisal, Sylhet and Khulna.

Unlike last year, the competition will be played over a single leg. Each team will play home and away matches and the side finishing with the highest number of points will be declared winners.

Each match will consist of a four-day game followed by a limited-overs fixture. The points system will

be guided by the ICC rules.

The matches will be held at Rajshahi, Rangpur, Jessore, Faridpur, Mymensingh, Sylhet and Comilla.

Although organisers Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) attributed the reason for the axing of Biman and Dhaka Metropolis as an effort to curtail the expenditure, the budget for holding the meet was more than that of last year.

"We have earmarked Taka 1.21 crore to successfully hold the meet," said secretary of the tournament committee Ehtasamul Alam at a press briefing yesterday. The expenditure was 1.20 crore last year.

He however defended his position by claiming that the Board is paying more to the cricketers than last year.

Besides, the six participating divisional teams will receive Taka two lakh as appearance fee this year. It was Taka one lakh last year.

But the rise of players' allowance is only 100 taka and that too at the expense of 40 cricketers, who would not be playing because of the elimination of Biman and Dhaka Metropolis.

The only inspiring aspect of the tournament is that it has finally gotten a sponsor in Ispahani

Limited. The reputed tea manufacturer is paying Taka 30 lakh to the Board for the title rights.

"It is our first venture at the national level in cricket. If the sales promotion of our product increases we might think of a longer term contract," said Mirza Salman Ispahani, the managing director of Ispahani Tea Limited.

Besides, there will be bigger cash awards on offer for individual and team performances.

The champions will collect Taka four lakh and the runners-up will receive half of that amount.

Also the winners of the one-day competition will be richer by Taka two lakh. While the runners-up will get Taka one lakh.

Dhaka XI hold IFA

BSS, Dhaka

Dhaka Eleven drew 1-1 with Indian Football Association (IFA) District Eleven in their second exhibition match at Haldia in West Bengal yesterday.

IFA took the lead in the 20th minute and the visitors equalised when Monju headed home in the 60th minute.

Eng rue weather

Cricket
REUTERS/AFP, Bangalore

Pacemen Matthew Hoggard and Andrew Flintoff wiped out India's tail to give England a 98-run first innings lead on the rain-hit fourth day of the third and final Test on Saturday.

India were bowled out for 238 in reply to England's 336, after resuming at 218 for seven wickets with play starting only late into the afternoon because of rain and a wet outfield.

England then reached 33 for no loss from 7.1 overs in their second innings, for an overall lead of 131, when steady drizzle stopped play midway through the final session.

Opens Mark Butcher, 23 not out from 25 balls, and fellow left-hander Marcus Trescothick, on nine not out, were both looking to score quickly to aid England's quest for a series-levelling win.

Butcher drove paceman Javagal Srinath through mid-off and played him off his pads to square leg for two boundaries while Trescothick was content to play a supporting role.

India only managed to add 20 more runs to their overnight score as Hoggard and Flintoff picked up one wicket each and Michael Vaughan produced a run out to end the innings.

England's hopes of wrapping up the Indian innings seemed to come unstuck when overnight batsmen Anil Kumble and Harbhajan Singh were both dropped playing unconvincingly against pace.

Kumble edged Hoggard past slips for a four and Hoggard dropped Harbhajan's awkward pull against Flintoff at backward square leg.

But Flintoff had Kumble edging to Trescothick at second slip for 14 runs off the very next ball.

Hoggard then forced Harbhajan (8) to edge an attempted shot towards mid-wicket for skipper Nasser Hussain to complete the catch diving forward at mid-off to make it 235 for nine.

Three runs later, Sarandeep Singh was run out going for a single after pushing Hoggard to the covers, Vaughan swooping on the ball and throwing down the wicket at the non-striker's end.

Hoggard finished with four for 80 while Flintoff returned figures of four

for 50.

Play only started at 2.15 pm local time (0845 GMT), 90 minutes past the scheduled start of the post-lunch session after overnight rain and morning drizzle had left the outfield wet.

The umpires allowed play to start after their third inspection, under overcast conditions with the stadium floodlights switched on.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the fourth day of the third and final cricket Test between India and England at the Chinnaswamy Stadium on Saturday:

ENGLAND: First innings 336 (Hussain 43, Vaughan 64, Ramprakash 58, White 39, Foster 48; Srinath 4-73, Sarandeep 3-54)

INDIA: First innings (overnight 218-7)

Das b Flintoff	28
Dagupta c Trescothick b Flintoff	0
Laxman b Flintoff	12
Tendulkar st Foster b Giles	90
Dravid c Foster b Hoggard	3
Ganguly c Butcher b Hoggard	0
Sehwag c Foster b Hoggard	0

66
Kumble c Trescothick b Flintoff 14
Harbhajan c Hussain b Hoggard 8
Sarandeep run out 4

Srinath not out 4
Extras (b-4, lb-4, nb-3) 11
Total: (All out in 94.3 overs) 238

Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-22, 3-88, 4-121, 5-121, 6-173, 7-218, 8-228, 9-235

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Hoggard	24.3	7	80	4
Flintoff	28	9	50	4
Giles	34	18	74	1
White	8	2	26	0

ENGLAND: Second innings
Butcher not out 23
Trescothick not out 9
Extras (b-1) 1
Total (For no loss in 7.1 overs) 33

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Srinath	4	0	19	0
Ganguly	3	0	12	0
Harbhajan	0.1	0	1	0

Umpires: Asoka De Silva (Sri) and Jayaprakash (Ind)
Match referee: Denis Lindsay (Rsa)



England bowlers Andrew Flintoff (L) and Matthew Hoggard who shared eight wickets in India's first innings total of 238 in Bangalore yesterday.

Tight security for BD-Pak series

BSS, Dhaka

Security will be beefed up during Bangladesh-Pakistan cricket series to be held next month, officials said here yesterday.

An inter-ministerial meeting yesterday discussed in detail the security measures to be taken up in view of the latest developments along the India-Pakistan border. The meeting was held in the Ministry of Youth and Sports with State Minister Fazlur Rahman in the chair.

The meeting also reviewed the preparations to host the series in Dhaka and Chittagong.

The meeting was attended by President of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) M Ali Asghar, MP, Secretary of the Ministry M Nurul Huda, Director General of Bangladesh Television (BTV) Nazmul Alam Siddiqi, Director General of BKSP Brigadier General Ahsan Habib, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunication MAMubarak.

Pakistan arrive in the capital on January 2 to play two Tests and three one-day internationals.

Kalabagan's new body

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Shafiqul Alam and Saleh Ahmed have been elected president and general secretary of Kalabagan Krira Chakra.

The 51-member strong body for the year 2002-3 was formed on December 14, after the club's annual general meeting.

The executive committee consists of 11 vice-presidents, two joint-secretaries, a treasurer, eight different secretaries and 27 members.

Gripper, Carlisle find form

AFP, Colombo

Zimbabwean opener Trevor Gripper warmed up for next week's first Test against Sri Lanka with an impressive century in a tour match here on Friday.

He was well supported by Stuart Carlisle, who slammed 98 as the tourists reached 319-6 at stumps on the opening day of a three-day game against the Sri Lankan team.

Gripper, who was involved in a 186-run stand for the second wicket with Carlisle, retired after scoring 101 for his third first-class century in 29 games.

Carlisle and Gripper enjoyed batting against a mediocre home team's attack in the only warm-up game before the first Test, which starts at Colombo on December 27.

England receives fourth Champions League place

AFP, London

Four English Premiership clubs will take part in next season's Champions League competition, European football's governing body UEFA said on Friday.

The recent success of Premiership clubs in Europe -- which includes Manchester United lifting the Champions' League trophy in 1999, and Liverpool winning the UEFA Cup last season -- has catapulted England above Germany in the latest rankings.

SA assume control

Cricket
AFP, Sydney

Herschelle Gibbs made merry, cracking 16 boundaries in a breezy knock, before falling to the leg-spin menace of Stuart MacGill as South Africa built a big lead over New South Wales in their tour match at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) Saturday.

Opener Gibbs made an effortless 75 off 84 balls before he was trapped lbw by Shane Warne's Test under-study MacGill.

At stumps on the third day of the four-day match, South Africa were 112 for one -- an overall lead of 225.

Gary Kirsten was 34 and Jacques Rudolph was on two. MacGill had 1-27 off nine overs.

MacGill will want to at least cause some trouble for the Proteas on Sunday's final day ahead of a possible rematch here in the third Test.

MacGill, after taking 5-132 in the first innings, has a strong chance of joining Warne in a twin leg-spin attack in the third Test if the SCG pitch looks like it will turn.

NSW's former Test batsman Michael Bevan put aside personal aspirations in an effort to force a result out of the match.

Bevan was on 183 not out when he declared the NSW innings at 385 for six -- a deficit of 113 after the Proteas made 498 in their first innings.

The 31-year-old played his 18th Test in his only bat against South

Africa. Since then he has scored a mountain of runs, most of them on the SCG.

In his 50th first-class game at this ground, Bevan brought up his 22nd century here, smashing 97 runs off 82 balls in the session between lunch and tea.

Asked if he still entertained hopes of a Test recall, Bevan said: "Yes, of course. But obviously the Australian side are playing pretty well at the moment and when they're doing well there's not that many opportunities."

"So you have to say to yourself, score plenty of runs, enjoy yourself and see what happens."

For veteran South African pace bowler Allan Donald, the day's bowling figures didn't look good but he was happy with his performance.

Donald's bowling faded as the pitch flattened out and he finished with 0-64.

After taking 1-100 in the other tour match against Western Australia, Donald now has a tour average of 164.00.

He is using this match to build up his rhythm, form and confidence as he seeks a recall for the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne.

"I was happy with what I achieved," Donald said. "I felt my old self again -- I was hitting the right lengths and the timing felt good."

Whether he did enough to sway the selectors remained to be seen. More likely to do some damage would be Steve Elworthy, who took 3-57 and moved the ball around.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard after the third day of the

four-day cricket match between New South Wales and South Africa at the Sydney Cricket Ground Saturday:

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings 498 (Gibbs 145, Dippenaar 115; MacGill 5-132)