

The term, 'It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye' is from Ancient Rome. The only rule during wrestling matches was 'no eye gouging.' Everything else was allowed, but the only way to be disqualified was to poke someone's eye



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Shoaib Akhtar

(Pakistan fast bowler) "I can learn a lot from Michael Holding, but he can't modify my action and he can't modify my

After ICC appointed the former West Indies fast bowler to help him out after the latest spell of controversy over his action.



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Bangladesh|Zimbabwe|WestIndies 3. How many wickets did Chaminda Vaas take in a oneday match to set a new world

record? Seven | Eight | Nine

4. In how many Test did Ani Kumble take 300 wickets?

88 5. Who won the Sri Lanka triseries?

West Indies | Sri Lanka Zimbabwe

only write what you see. It wasn't as straightforward as what it appeared. Class..... Roll No..... "From my point of view it was School Address Phone: (If any)

disappointing because there was a different side of the story that I'd love English match referee Mike Denness was similarly prevented

Chittagong hit back

Cricket

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two brilliant half-centuries from Minhazul Abedin and Azam Iqbal powered Chittagong to salvage some pride a day after their shocking defeat in the four-day competition when they registered a 34-run victory over Dhaka in the limitedovers game at MA Aziz Stadium vesterday.

The home side, who conceded a 24-run defeat on Saturday, piled up a huge 262 for six in 50 overs, with Minhazul scoring a dazzling unbeaten 65 and opener Azam making a composed 53.

Dhaka, in their chase were bowled out for 228 in 48.2 overs despite a superlative 72 by veteran opener Jahangir and an unbeaten 36 from Halim Shah.

The victory enabled Chittagona to collect two points against Dhaka's six in the opening match of the Ispahani Third National Cricket

League involving six teams. Former national captain Minhaz, who has been the backbone of the port city batting for over a decade, entertained the home crowd with a 63-ball innings that yielded five boundaries

Chittagong got off to a solid start after skipper Akram Khan won the toss and decided to bat first. Azam and Anisul Hakim put on 73 runs. Riding on a good opening, the middle-orders steered the hosts to the coast with a run rate of

Anisul fell seven runs short of a fine half-century, offering an easy catch behind the wicket of the bowling of Saiful.

Azam completed his fifty with eight fours off 58 balls. The righthander was caught at square leg after mistiming an attempted drive off Mehrab.

One-down Ehsanul shrugged off a disappointing show in the four-day match, scoring 31 and taking two wickets.

Akram Khan scored a guick-fire 44 off 42 balls. The big Chittagonian hammered five boundaries.

The visitors started the chase positively with Mehrab Hossain and Jahangir Alam taking the Chittagong attack to the sword.

But some superb fielding brought an abrupt end to both the menacingly poised batsmen. Mehrub, on 44, was undone by an accurate throw from Taria. While Jahangir, the top-scorer in the match, was run out by a direct throw of

Akram Khan. Jahangir hammered eight boundaries.

Halim Shah fought a lost battle

Cricket

AFP, Sydney

on Friday

with an unbeaten 36 off 46 balls. Chittagong Metropolitan police Commissioner Shahidullah Khan gave away the prizes to the winners. Minhaz was adjudged man-of-the-match in the limitedovers contest

Young paceman of Chittagong Tarig Aziz was the man-of- the-

Australian skipper Steve Waudh

has called for a revamp of cricket's

code of conduct procedures after

being prevented from giving his side

Waugh was fined 5.500 dollars

(2,300 US) by International Cricket

Council (ICC) match referee Ranjan

Madugalle for dissent when he

stayed at the crease despite being

given out for 90 in the second Test

against South Africa in Melbourne

The 144-Test campaigner said

after Australia's nine-wicket win

Saturday that he was prevented

from commenting on the penalty but

felt the local media had given him a

harsh trial, saying he'd been "cruci-

Waugh believes a change in the

"I think they need to have a look

"The whole system probably

needs to be looked at. At this stage there's no comeback -- on a lot of

occasions there's probably no

reason to have any comeback

"But I'd have liked to put my point

"I'm disappointed I can't say

"It was a misunderstanding from

anything -- I'd love to have my say in

my point of view. I read the papers

and I wasn't overly pleased with

what I read -- I thought it was a little

bit unfair but you guys (media) can

fied" in the newspapers.

at it," Waugh said Sunday.

across -- I just have to cop it.

the matter," Waugh said.

procedure is needed.

of the story in a dissent charge.

match in the four-day match for a 5wicket haul in both innings.

SCOREBOARD Scoreboard of the limited-overs



MINHAZUI ... m-o-m

match of the Ispahani Third National Cricket League between Chittagong and Dhaka:

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| CHITTAGONG | |
| Anisul c Sajjad b Saiful | 43 |
| Azam Mosaddek b Mehrab | 53 |
| Ehsanul Ibw b Naimur | 31 |
| Minhazul not out | 65 |
| Akram c Halim b Bikash | 44 |
| Sabbir run out | 2 |
| Masum c Sajjad b Saiful | 3 |
| Tariq not out | 1 |
| Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-2, w-13) | 20 |
| Total: (For 6 wickets in 50 | overs |
| | |

Fall of wickets: 1/71, 2/126, 3/143, 4/237, 5/244, 6/261 М Bowler 0 Saiful Islam 10 0 39 10 0 33 Neeyamur 0 46 Mehrab 0 Naimur 8 Mosaddek 6 0 46 0 Rashedul 0

Rashedul c Ehsanul b Debabrato 4 Mehrab run out Jahangir run out Sajjad c Akram b Ehsanul Naimurc&b Ehsanul Neeyamur c Mortuza b Suja 20 Halim not out Sajjad Kadir run out Bikash c & b Debabrato Saiful c Masum b Debatrato Mosaddek run out Extras: (lb-3, nb-2, w-12) Total: (All out in 48.2 overs) Fall of wickets: 1/26, 2/76, 3/108, 4/116 5/147 6/183 7/191 8/201

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| 9/211 | | | | |
| Bowler | 0 | M | R | W |
| Tariq | 9.2 | 0 | 14 | C |
| Debabrato | 10 | 0 | 51 | 3 |
| Ehsanul | 10 | 0 | 57 | 2 |
| Suja | 10 | 1 | 53 | 1 |
| Sabbir | 9 | 0 | 24 | C |
| Result: Ch | ittagong | W | on by | 34 |
| runs | | | | |
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Lifeline for Akram

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Akram Khan gets the chance to prove his critics wrong when he was named on Sunday as Bangladesh A captain for a three-day match against Pakistan starting January 5 at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) ground.



AKRAM KHAN

The former Bangladesh captain who led from the front in 1997 ICC Trophy, was dropped after the home series against Zimbabwe last month. Akram, 33, was axed because of a string of poor scores during that series

from commenting on his decision to

hand out suspended bans to six

Indian players, including one for

ball-tampering against leading

batsman and national hero Sachin

Tendulkar, in last month's series

to give players a right of appeal,

whether there should be a code of

conduct for referees, and whether

referees should be allowed to

explain their decisions to the media.

next meeting of the ICC manage-

ment committee meeting in March.

field when given out by Australian

All this will be discussed at the

Waugh was slow to leave the

The ICC are considering whether

against South Africa.

Revise the code'

The big Chittagonian scored only 169 runs in 10 innings and has failed to make a half-century in five Tests.

seen by selectors as throwing the Test squad.

Nafees Igbal, all-rounder Mushfigur Rahman and veteran left-arm squad.

ten wickets against Dhaka in the Talha Jubayer earned a call-up.

former national cricketers Dipu Rai Chowdhury and Golam Faruk Suru respectively. The players have been asked to

SQUAD

Akram Khan (captain), Mehrab Hossain, Hannan Sarkar, Tushar Imran, Nafees Iqbal, Akram Khan, Hasanuzzaman, Mushfigur Rahman, Anwar Hossain (wicketkeeper), Enamul Hoque, Fahim Muntasir, Tareq Aziz Khan, Talha Jubayer, Anwar Hossain Munir and Mohammad Alamgir.

umpire Darrell Hair and as a result

was fined 50 per cent of his match

In handing down his penalty

Madugalle, the ICC's top match

official, said there was no malice in

responsibilities as a premier Test

captain to "present the game in a

career he has been penalised for

match fee, which was suspended for three months after being found

guilty of dissent in a tri-series one-

OFF YOU GO: Australia captain Steve Waugh stands his ground despite being given out by umpire Darrell Hair dur-

ing the second Test against South Africa at Melbourne Cricket Ground on Friday.

But he reminded Waugh of his

It's the second time in Waugh's

He was fined 30 per cent of his

fee by Madugalle for dissent

Waugh's actions.

good light"

However, the move must be

Akram another lifeline to return to Discarded national opener Mehrab Hossain, Under-19 captain

spinner Enamul Hoque are the other notable inclusions in the 14-man Also, young Chittagong mediumpacer Tareq Aziz Khan who grabbed

inaugural National League match and Under-19 right-arm seamer The team will be coached by

report to the Board's Bangabandhu

Nat'l cricketers due tomorrow

SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh cricket team returns home tomorrow night after its twomatch Test series against New

The tourists lost both Tests in Hamilton and Wellington by an nnings in less than three days.

Bangladesh's next assignment is against Pakistan who are scheduled to arrive here on Wednesday.

During their four-week tour, Waqar Younis' men will play two Tests and three one-day internationals in Chittagong and Dhaka.

BFF ready to 'do or die'

SPORTS REPORTER

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President of Bangladesh Football Federation SA Sultan said yesterday that his committee would leave no stone unturned to overcome the 'unwanted' situation arising out of the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) threat to ban the BFF if the elected body of Harun-ur-Rashid was not reinstated by

"This is a difficult situation. We are communicating at different levels to get things in order. And I am hopeful of changing AFC's stance,' said Sultan a day after the AFC general secretary Peter Velappan issued an ultimatum to BFF for the restoration the elected committee or face the consequences.

"I have already explained our position to the AFC general secretary. Let's wait and see whether things will improve within the next few days," said Sultan adding that he was prepared to travel all the way to AFC headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

When reminded about the deadline the AFC specified in a letter to BFF executive secretary Shankar Shikder on December 27, Sultan believed that it was only meant to act as threat.

"God forbid, if the AFC does carry out the sanction, it will still take some time before FIFA enforces the ban. In that case we will have to hold an election," admitted the BFF president whom the regional body refuses to recognize.

But the immediate problem Sultan faces now is how he will go about holding the SAFF Championship scheduled to begin in Dhaka from January 26. "Sri Lanka has already informed

of its inability to participate because of the current situation. I have already discussed the matter with the SAFF secretary (Sirajul Islam) and he will let us know about the fate hin the next couple o days," said Sultan.

Pabna soccer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Madhpur Krira Chakra outplayed the local stadium yesterday.

for the winners.

Amtola Club 3-0 in the Radhuni Second Division Football League at Farid netted twice and Ujjal one

day match against India in Colombo

call over a wide ball.

umpire's decision.

On that occasion he disputed a

Waugh's reluctance to leave did

not go down well with his critics,

particularly after he said earlier this

season that his side would lead the

way in world cricket in accepting the

from last year to accept every decision," Waugh said last month.

out, then bad luck. If you're given not

out when it's out, then it's your good

luck. But you accept all decisions."

"We made a conscious effort

"If you're given out when it's not

AFP, Sydney

Australia

The South Africans, thrashed by nine wickets in the second Melbourne Test Saturday following their humiliating 246-run hiding in Adelaide, have only a couple of days to come up with the right answers for Wednesday's start of

Pollock, burdened with the worries of South African cricket on and off the field, admitted in the wake of the four-day loss at the Melbourne Cricket Ground that a remedy was not immediately appar-"I don't know, you tell me," was

Pollock's response when asked how his Proteas could redress the problems they have encountered against Steve Waugh's well-drilled Australians in the billed world championship of cricket.

say after his world second-ranked team went down with only Jacques Kallis showing fighting spirit with his "We had high hopes when we

team," Pollock said after the Melbourne defeat. "It was billed as the the champi-

South African teams have been accused of being too obsessed with beating Australia and the indications are that their steely focus had prevented the team from relaxing and

a split in the camp but Pollock denied there was any disharmony. However, he admitted his side

PHOTO: INTERNET

was struggling to cope with the losses after winning 11 and drawing one of its past 12 series

Trevor & co only beginners

Cricket

REUTERS, Auckland

Bangladesh coach Trevor Chappell said his fledgling Test side needed more than just the two warm-up matches they had before going into the two-Test series against New Zealand, which ended on Saturday with a pair of heavy defeats.

Speaking on the eve of Bangladesh's departure for home. Chappell said it was no-one's fault the New Zealand tour schedule was so tight, but his team still needed more time.

"We were playing Zimbabwe the week before we came and New Zealand were playing Australia at the same time." Chappell said.

"It didn't help that our first game was ruined by rain. We really needed that match to get into the conditions. As it was we were a bit under-done by the time we played Auckland and got a thrashing.

The tourists lost the first Test by an innings and 193 runs. Bangladesh now face Pakistan in a home series, when Chappell said he hoped some of the lessons

learned in New Zealand would be put into practice on the flatter pitches of Dhaka and Chittagong. Chappell picked fast bowler Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza Kowshik as

the great improver on tour, saying

he bowled well, fielded well and

batted with vigour when his side was almost down and out in the final Test in Wellington on Saturday.

He hit 29 in a 49-run ninth wicket

partnership with his captain Khaled



TREVOR CHAPPELL

"He is a damn good all-round cricketer and has the right attitude," Chappell said. "His footwork is a bit dodgy at the batting crease, but once he gets in he can be a very effective batsman.

Sanwar Hossain was another player with a bright future, said Chappell. "He made his debut and scored 45 and hung around in the other innings he had. He seemed to have the ability to cope with the fast bowlers and the bouncy pitches better than most.'

Another to cope well, according

man Mohammad Ashraful. "He didn't score many runs, but he looked OK until he did something silly. He'll be around for a long time yet and continue to improve.'

Chappell is nine months through a two-year contract, with an option

for a further two years. "I intend to see my contract out, but whether the Bangladesh Cricket Board want me to stay I do not

"Beyond that I don't know. would certainly love to be around when Bangladesh wins their first

But according to leading Bangladesh newspaper The Daily Star, Bangladesh Cricket Board president Ali Asghar did not mince words on December 28 when he said he wanted to evaluate the Australian's contract when the team

returned. "His job was to improve the standard of the team, and in my view, he has completely failed to do

Asghar also suggested that the Board might be looking for a West

Indian for the job. "We actually do not need a Pakistani or Indian for this job. A West Indian can very well motivate the boys because their weather and conditions are similar to what we

have here "he said Bangladesh were coached by legendary West Indian opening batsman Gordon Greenidge from 1997 until the 1999 World Cup

Asghar opts to wait

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Situation at the Bangladesh Cricket Board has cooled down as quickly as it got hot.

Sunday's meeting of the Board shared a view about national coach Trevor Chappell that was opposite to its president Ali Asqhar.

The newly appointed cricket boss said only on Friday that he was actively thinking about changing the coach because of the poor performance of his charges in the recent months. He also revealed that his performance would be seriously discussed in the BCB's Sunday's meeting.

But the bespectacled BCB boss, after the meeting last evening, said that it would be decided after the return of the team.

Moreover, everybody thought that

"We did not have much time today. We had some more important issues to discuss about.

we should talk with the team first before we go for any changes," said Asghar, who was absent for more than an hour because of his some other engagements.

Asghar however said that there

but he did not mention anything in particular about the coach. "Today we were mostly busy

would be some changes in the team



ALI ASGHAR

Bangladesh," he added. Asghar also said that the

Bangladesh squad for the first Test against Pakistan starting in Dhaka on January 9 would be named after the three-day match between Pakistan and Bangladesh Ateam. Apart from the home series

against Pakistan, the meeting also took some important decisions in connection with the Premier, First and Second Division Leagues in

The meeting cancelled the controversial Board's decision to withhold the relegation of two First Division teams. Lalmatia Club and Indira Road Krira Chakra, who escaped the relegation, at the courtesy of an

influential Board member, last

season despite finishing at the

bottom of the table, would now have to play in the Second Division this The meeting also decide hold the inter-club cricketers' trans-

season, starting next February. fer for all Premier, First and Second Division simultaneously from

February 10.

Puzzled Pollock

Cricket

Bemused South African captain Shaun Pollock is at a loss to know what tactics and team can prevent a 3-0 Test series whitewash against

the final Sydney Test.

Pollock had few positive things to

came to Australia (but) at the end of day we've been beaten by a better

onship of Test cricket and we've definitely been disappointing -- and maybe putting too much pressure on ourselves has caused it.

enjoying itself. There have been suggestions of

"In sport there are a lot of ups and downs and you take quite a few knocks but we haven't taken that many in the recent past." he said. There may be a surprise call-up



SHAUN POLLOCK

for left-arm spinner Nicky Boje for the final Test.

Boje missed the start of the tour with injury but was due here this week for the one-day series. Pollock hinted he could be con-

sidered for the Test as well. "Maybe Nicky Boje might be out time," Pollock said Sunday. "It was always the case that as soon as he was fit and ready he was going to

Pollock's captaincy has been criticised on tour as lacking imagination and by his own admission there many ideas you come up with, you come up against a better side. He also admitted Australia was a more skilful side, with very few of the South Africans stacking up one-on-

one with their opponents.

was some truth to that analysis

"As much as we came up with

"As captain, you try to lead your

ideas their tactics were better

side in the best way. The tactics are

the ones you think will win you the

game but sometimes no matter how

equipped for Australian conditions.

than ours," he said. "We were inferior in all parts of the game. Our fielding hasn't been as good as theirs, they batted really well and their bowling has been better than ours as well. Pollock's own bowling has been down on his usual high standards

"Their skills have been better

but despite the fact Adelaide and Melbourne offered contrasting pitches, he blamed the conditions, saying "the wickets haven't been conducive to my type of bowling". The one saving grace for South Africa is that it can still take over as

the return series in February-March back home, in which case all will be forgiven by its fans. The Test Championship is something in the back of our minds.' said Pollock. "If we play good cricket and win that series we'll be classed

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the No.1 side in the world if it wins

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come over."

South African star batsman Jacques Kallis became only the fourth player fall exactly on 99 in a Test match this year.

Kallis stumbled as he set off on a second run to complete his second successive century at the Melbourne Cricket Ground against the mighty

as champions.

Australians on Saturday He became the first South African to earn the distinction for 40 years Earlier it happened to Trevor Leslie Goddard playing against England at The Oval in 19960

Following is a list of batsmen who got out on ninety-nine during the vear 2001: Galle 2001/02

Jayawardene run out West Indies AUS Perth Warne caught New Zealand ENG caught India Ahmedabad SA Melbourne Australia run out

Trescothick **Kallis**