



## Did U Know?

John Augustine Snow had something of a rarity among fast bowlers. Fiery on the field and often at odds with authority, off the field the England of 60's and 70's was more tranquil and not just a reader of poetry, but a writer of it! In the early 1970s he published two volumes called *Contrasts*, and *Moments and Thoughts*.



## What to Watch

- SET Max**  
Sri Lanka vs Zimbabwe  
Second Test, Day Three  
Live at 9:30 am
- ESPN**  
English Premier Football League  
West Ham United vs Liverpool  
8:00 am  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
3:30 pm  
English Premier Football League  
Derby County vs Leeds United  
8:00 pm  
&  
Blackburn Rovers vs Ipswich Town  
10:00 pm
- STAR Sports**  
Cricket Programming  
Super Selector  
1:00 pm  
World Cup Soccer Mix  
2:00 pm  
**Primera Liga**  
Zaragoza vs Barcelona  
Live at 2:30 am (Monday)



## Talk Turkey



**Sourav Ganguly**  
(Indian cricket captain)  
"There should be some aggression on the cricket field. Our behaviour was the best in South Africa."

## Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 164

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Jan 18, 2002 and draw shortly afterwards

1. What was Jacques Kallis' score in the MCG Test?	100	90	99
2. Michael Owen scored his 100th club goal against	Bolton	Fulham	Chelsea
3. Which football club won the Argentine Championship?	Racing	Boca	River
4. How many double century stands did Hayden and Langer have?	5	43	
5. How many batsmen have played in 100 consecutive Tests?	3	4	5

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## Premier Kabadi

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Bangladesh Army cruised into the final of the Premier Division Kabadi League defeating Bangladesh Police 63-48 at the Kabadi ground yesterday.  
Police led the first half 29-28.  
Bangladesh Army will meet Bangladesh Rifles in the final.



**TIMBER:** Pakistan opener Taufiq Umar's off-stump is sent on a walk by Bangladesh A paceman Talha Jubair during the opening day's play of the three-day tour match at the BKSP on Saturday.

## Pakistan Y-powered

**Cricket**  
**HASAN MASOOD, back from Savar**

Younis Khan and Yousuf Youhana hammered unbeaten hundreds to help Pakistan take control of their tour opener against Bangladesh A at the BKSP ground yesterday, the first day of the three-day match.  
The visitors dominated the proceedings as they scored runs with consummate ease, with one-downer Younis deciding to retire after he reached 112. Pakistan declared their innings at 312 for three soon after a classy Youhana reached his century (101), 40 minutes after the tea break.

The home team cautiously played out the remaining 16 overs of the day to score 39 for no loss.

Bangladesh A captain Akram Khan won the toss and decided to take the advantage of early morning moisture on the flat pitch, but except his young tearaway Talha Zubayer, none of his five-man bowling armoury could vindicate the decision.

The tall right-arter gave an encouraging morning for the fielding side, taking two wickets in his successive overs.

In his fifth over, the under-19 bowler deceived opener Shadab Kabir to play a good-length delivery and edge straight to wicketkeeper Anwar Hossain for 11.

Talha then took around ten thousand raucous crowd on their feet when, in the next over, he sent the off-stump of Taufeeq Umar flying, leaving Pakistan on 36 for two even before the first drink break.  
But the A team's hope to get

some more wickets in the first session came to an end when Inzamamul Haq joined Younis Khan and slowly began the repair works.  
The duo shared a 92-run third wicket partnership before Inzamam was trapped leg before by left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque while he was on 52.

Youhana then joined Younis Khan and plundered 143 runs before tea.  
Younis reached his fifty off 87 balls and then took another 60 balls to complete his century. The right-hander did not return after the tea break. Youhana, in company of all-rounder Abdur Razzak, resumed the

innings only to complete his hundred.  
The Lahore-based right-hander laced his innings with 11 fours off 115 balls.  
"Our batsmen played well in the match," Pakistan skipper Waqar Younis told reporters. "We declared our innings at 312 for three after tea to allow Bangladesh A to bat in a bid to finish their innings as early as possible."  
However, a team looked focussed not to lose any wicket with fast bowlers Waqar Younis and Shoaib Akhter operating with full



Pakistan's Younis Khan sweeps on way to scoring a strokefilled 112 before retiring hurt on Saturday.

## Brawny win for Dhaka

**ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League**

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Dhaka picked up their second successive win in the Ispahani National Cricket League when they defeated hosts Barisal by an innings and four runs yesterday.

Barisal were agonisingly close to making the visitors bat again on the fourth and final day when they could only manage to add 127 runs to their overnight score of 68 for three.

Dhaka declared their first innings on 465 for seven on the second day. Barisal made 266 in their first innings, but still had to follow on.

On the final day, the hosts needed 131 runs to avoid an innings defeat. But apart from a fighting 59 from Mukul, the rest of the batting

offered little or no resistance.  
The victory consolidated Dhaka's position at the top of the six-team League with 12 points, two more than former champions Chittagong. The capital team however still can end the second game with two more points if they win the regulation limited-overs game today.

**SCOREBOARD**  
Final scorecard of the Ispahani Third National Cricket League match between Dhaka and Barisal at Barisal Stadium on Saturday:

**DHAKA:** First innings 465 for 7 dec. (Mazharul 171, Halim 161; Shahnewaz 2/73, Sayem 2/59, Biplob 2/75)

**BARISAL:** First innings 266 all out (Kiron 51, Mofizul 47, Towhid 38, Mukul 39; Naimur 5/76, Mosaddek 3/75)  
**BARISAL:** Second innings (Over-night 68 for 3)  
Mofizul c Naimur b Bikash 8

A Kamal lbw b Bikash	10
Monir c & b Mosaddek	28
Kiron c Sadek b Bikash	18
Shahnewaz b Mazharul	8
Towhid c Sajjad b Bikash	0
Awlad lbw b Mosaddek	24
Mukul c Mazharul b Naimur	59
Minor b Bikash	16
Shaheen lbw b Naimur	10
Sayem not out	2
Extras: (b-1, lb-4, nb-7)	12
Total: (All out in 55.3 overs)	195
Fall of wickets: 1/15, 2/22, 3/67, 68, 5/68, 6/100, 7/148, 8/148, 9/175	
<b>BOWLER</b>	<b>O M R W</b>
Bikash	23 4 88 5
Neeyamur	6 2 16 0
Mosaddek	8 0 39 2
Naimur	17.3 6 45 2
Mazharul	1 0 2 1
<b>Result: Dhaka won by an innings and 4 runs</b>	

## Sanath places SL on top

**Muralitharan misses it**

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Kandy**

Sanath Jayasuriya smashed a robust 139 to put Sri Lanka on top after a near-perfect show by Muttiah Muralitharan in the second Test against Zimbabwe here on Saturday.

Skipper Jayasuriya's ninth Test century enabled the hosts to post 334-4 at stumps on the second day in reply to the tourists' 236 after Muralitharan had fallen one wicket short of realising his dream of a

perfect 10-wicket haul.  
The Sri Lankan captain, who had made 92 in the opening Test, was not the only batsman to dominate the Zimbabwean attack as Mahela Jayawardene (56) and Kumar Sangakkara (42) also played aggressively.

Russel Arnold was batting on 44 and Hashan Tillakaratne on 35 as the Sri Lankan batting flourished throughout the day, with the runs coming at a brisk pace. The hosts made 111 in the first session and 122 in the next.

Jayasuriya led the run-sneeze, adding 71 for the second wicket with Sangakkara, 120 for the next with Jayawardene and 71 for the fourth with Arnold.

He struck one six over long-on off paceman Henry Olonga and 17 fours before sweeping left-arm spinner Grant Flower to Trevor Gripper at short mid-wicket in the last session.

The day would be remembered as much for Jayasuriya's hundred as for off-spinner Muralitharan's near-miss. Muralitharan came close to

## AFC offers olive branch

**Football**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has apparently took back its horns and offered an olive branch to the Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) instead.

The regional body on Saturday asked the BFF to hold a fresh election by February 8 and make sure that the ousted executive committee of Harunur Rashid is allowed to function properly during this period.

The AFC on December 27 threatened to ban the BFF if it fails to reinstate the elected body of Harun by January 5.  
The BFF-AFC collision could be averted when BFF president SA Sultan and Harun sent a joint petition on January 3 claiming that the dispute has been resolved. In that petition, addressed to AFC general secretary Peter Velappan, it was also stated that the BFF would comply with the AFC and FIFA statute.

Although everything looked normal at the BFF office, but the members of the elected body are yet to resume their works.

The BFF office is still occupied by the members of the ad-hoc committee, which the government appointed after dissolving the elected body on December 23.

Meanwhile, the secretary of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF), Sirajul Islam, said that the latest development would remove the obstacles to hold the SAFF Championship in Dhaka on January 26.

"The SAFF tournament is on. What I need now is a letter from the BFF about the agreement they have reached with the AFC," said Sirajul.

The SAFF secretary added that he was expecting the team list from the seven nations by January 7.

In another development, the BFF will send the national team to Thailand to play three exhibition matches against different local teams as part of its preparation for the regional football show.

## Gavin mystery

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
Gavin Benfield has left the Bangladesh Cricket Board in the lurch.

The two-year contract of the South African trainer, who initially joined national team as a physio-therapist in October 1999, has expired.

But before Gavin returned home in November, the Board offered him a new contract with a revised salary.  
For the past two years, Gavin was enjoying a job worth 3,500 dollars. But it was learnt that the new deal would far less than the existing figure.

## Ctg clinch full points

**SPORTS REPORTER**

Chittagong guaranteed themselves maximum points in their match against Rajshahi when the port city outfit followed up their innings victory in the four-day with a 23-run win in the abridged version at the Comilla Stadium on Saturday.

The hosts scored a fighting 214 before being all out with four balls to spare in the 50-over contest.

Young opener Faisal laid the foundation with a fine 70. The right-hander clubbed ten fours and six in his 75-ball knock.  
Minhazul Abedin chipped in with 30 and Masum produced a vital

## Navana's move

**UNB/BSS, Dhaka**  
Grand Master Ziaur Rahman has been appointed Manager, Public Relations, in leading business house Navana Group.

Chairman of Navana Group Shafiqul Islam Kamal yesterday handed over the appointment letter to Zia at a function in the presence of State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman.

Zia will be drawing Taka 20,000 a month.  
The State Minister thanked Navana Group for the offer Zia who recently became the country's second Grand Master after Niaz Murshed.

The appointment was arranged at the directive of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

## Festivity at BKSP

**SPORTS REPORTER**

The tiny ground at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) turned into a virtual cricket fare as fans in their hundreds on Saturday gathered there to watch the first day's play of the three-day match between Bangladesh A and Pakistan.

People from three surrounding districts - Dhaka, Gazipur and Manikganj - began to throng the ground from early in the morning and no place was left empty in the meadow rounding the playground after less than an hour the game began.

Around 150 policemen, deployed to maintain discipline off the field, looked totally helpless as the crowd continued to grow in numbers until the last hour of the game. No fees were charged for entry. Yet, no untoward happening took place.

But things may not remain the same for those cricket-lovers as Police authority said that they wouldn't be able to provide with adequate number of personnel from Sunday. In that case, the BKSP authority are left with no option other than restricting the crowd

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## Fast bowlers are naturals

**Cricket**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

Fast bowlers are never produced. They are born, asserted Sikandar Bakht.

"Take the example of Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis or Shoaib Akhtar. They are naturally talented," this is the way the former Pakistani pacer defined the art of fast bowling.

He said that Pakistan has got a smooth flow of fast bowlers and none are the product academy. May be they have been inspired by their idols or that nature took its course.

"I don't know why India could not produce genuine fast bowlers. What I do know is that India produces a lot of Miss Universes and Miss Worlds these days. May be it is their speciality," Sikandar-joked.

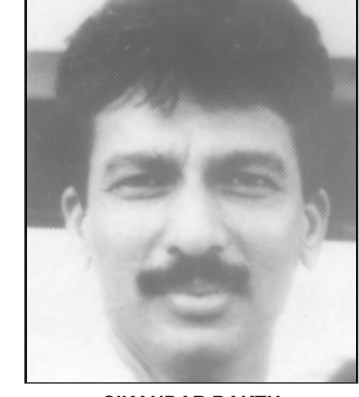
"A fast bowler is born and in the course of time he can always improve with other's help," said the Karachi-based cricketer.

Sikandar said there was a thin line between Shoaib Akhtar and Wasim Akram. Shoaib is fast but Wasim is a craftsman.

"But Glenn McGrath is a mixture of both," observed the 70s bowler.

The former Pakistan pacer chose Akram is the world's best bowler.

"Akram's in-swingers are unparalleled. He is a kind of a bowler whom every batsman has to pay a lot of respect. That's why I always rate him ahead of even Imran Khan and Dennis Lillee," he said.  
"A coach cannot teach anything new to Wasim (Akram), Waqar (Younis) or Inzamam. They have already proved that they are the



**SIKANDAR BAKHT**

best in their fields. So, our job is to keep them match fit and gain the maximum from them," he added.

Sikandar, who was Imran's partner in 1970, wants to be associated with cricket in any capacity even as a TV commentator.

"It's a different kind of job after I played the game but that is what I enjoy most," said Sikandar.

## BCB seeks to profit

**Cricket**  
**SPORTS REPORTER**

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) is looking forward to a lucrative bargain by hosting the West Indies-Pakistan series later this month.

Although the BCB is being tight-lipped since receiving Pakistan's offer to host the three Test and three one-day matches, it was learnt that the Board is also trying to hold a tri-nation series involving Bangladesh.

Besides, the Board is also trying to get some more revenue from the series other than just the gate money as reportedly proposed by the PCB.

It was also learnt that the negotiations were going on whether to end the series before Eid-ul-Azha or to continue up to the first week of March.

"We are going through the finer points of the memorandum of understanding (MOU). It's almost confirmed that the West Indies are coming here," a BCB director said on condition of anonymity.

But when Syed Ashrafu Huq, the most influential BCB director, was contacted he even declined to say anything.

"I cannot tell you anything unless the deal is finalised. It's rather not wise to disclose anything unless an agreement has been reached," said Ashrafu.

He, however, said that it would take another few days to get things organised.

If everything goes accordingly, West Indies, who had earlier refused to play Pakistan in Pakistan citing security concerns, will arrive in Dhaka on January 26.

## Proteas Aussie-washed

**Cricket**  
**AFP, Sydney**

Australia thumped South Africa by 10 wickets to complete a comprehensive series whitewash for the first time in 70 years in the third cricket Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground Saturday.

Australia, leading by a massive 400 runs on the first innings, dismissed the Proteas for 452 and then rustled up the 53 runs without loss for victory inside four days.

That followed Australia's crushing 246-run win in Adelaide and nine-wicket triumph in the Boxing Day Melbourne Test.

Australia last swept a Test series against South Africa when Bill Woodfull's team won 5-0 in 1931-32 here.

Australia's openers Justin Langer (126) and Matt Hayden (105) were announced as joint winners of the man-of-the-match award, with Hayden taking the man-of-the-series award after scoring three centuries in the three Tests.

Steve Waugh donated Australia's winnings of 51,000 dollars (26,000 US) to the bushfire appeal in the ravaged state of New South Wales. The Australian Cricket Board announced it would match that dollar amount to the fire appeal.

But the South Africans, so much the second best team to Steve Waugh's Australians throughout this series, can thank 80-Test veteran opening batsman Gary Kirsten for avoiding the humiliation of an innings defeat with a defiant seven-hour, 17-minute vigil at the crease.

Kirsten, who posted the highest score by a South African at the SCG with 153, was out 45 minutes before tea to give the toiling Australian bowlers the wicket they dearly wanted.

The 34-year-old left-hander equalled the record for the most Test centuries for South Africa with his 14th Test hundred to join Darryl Cullinan and went on to better Jim Zulch's 150 here in 1911.

While Kirsten was there, the Proteas had an outside chance of putting up a testing fourth innings

target for Australia to chase on a deteriorating wicket, but leg-spinner Stuart MacGill got the big breakthrough when he bowled him off a bottom edge.

Kirsten was at the crease for 437 minutes and hit 19 boundaries off 359 balls.

Shaun Pollock put on some last-wicket fireworks, clouting Glenn McGrath for 13 in one over and smacking MacGill into the Members' Stand for six.

Pollock hit Warne for six over Brett Lee, guarding the long-on boundary rope, and then crashed a boundary off the next ball through extra cover.

But South Africa's near nine-hour innings came to an end with Allan Donald top-edging Warne to Lee to be out for two, leaving Pollock unbeaten on 61 off 83 balls with five boundaries and two sixes.

The leg-spinners finished with the majority of the wickets in the Test. MacGill finished with 7-174 and Warne came away with 6-179. Warne now has 430 Test wickets, just one behind third-placed New

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Grand Master Ziaur Rahman (C) receives the appointment letter from Shafiqul Islam Kamal (3rd from L), chairman of Navana Group, at the Ministry of Youth and Sports yesterday. State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman (3rd from L) was present during the occasion.