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Five Olympic Games have been cancelled so far due to war. The 1916 Summer Games were cancelled due to World War I. The 1940 and 1944 Summer and Winter Olympics were called off during World War II.



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Second Test, Day Four
Live at 9:30 am

ESPN
English Premier Football League
Derby County vs Leeds United
11:00 pm

Blackburn Rovers vs Ipswich Town
6:30 pm

Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm

World Cup Soccer Mix
9:00 pm

English Premier Football League
Everton vs Man United
9:00 pm

STAR Sports
Sportsline Today
Sport News
Live at 7:30 am

Asia Sport Show
Int'l Sports News
9:30 am

Futbol Mundial
11:00 am

English Premier Football League
West Ham United vs Liverpool
1:00 pm

Cricket Programming
Super Selector
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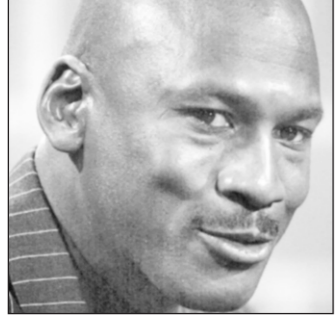
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8:30 pm

Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
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Michael Jordan
(American basketball legend)
"We're trying to claw our way out of the basement."
After scoring 30,000 points in the NBA.

Star WHIZZ KID COMPETITION 164

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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 stand to Hayden and Langer have?	5	43	
5. How many batsmen have played in 100 consecutive Tests?	3	4	5

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Danish bug baffles A

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD

Leg-spinner Danish Kaneria continued his happy hunting against Bangladeshis as Pakistan skilted the hosts' A team out for 210 on the second day of their three-day tour match at the BKSP ground yesterday.

Kaneria, who came to prominence with a bag full of Bangladesh wickets -- 6/42 and 6/52 -- in an Asian Test Championship match in Multan last August, threw the second string side batsmen into a flat spin to take seven wickets for 53 runs.

The Bangladesh A innings caved in meekly immediately after tea despite they reached hundred for the loss of only one wicket.

Pakistan closed on 57-0 with Taufiq Umar on 35 and Shadab Kabir on 21 for an overall lead of 159.

Bangladesh, 38 overnight, had a watchful morning scoring another 32 runs until Waqar broke the opening stand by having Hannan Sarkar caught behind with a quicker delivery.

Hannan hung around for over two hours to score 30 with the help of four boundaries.

The Pakistan captain struck again after the lunch break. This time his victim was topscorer Mehrab Hossain with 57. In a bid to regain his place in the senior team, the right-hander batted confidently before he mistimed an attempted pull, only to be caught at square leg by Shadab Kabir.

Mehrab, out of the national team for three months, stayed at the crease about three hours to entertain the crowd with five boundaries and a six. He belted off-spinner Saqlain Mushtaq in successive balls for a six and a four.

Soon after Mehrab's departure on 110, the Bangladesh A middle-order just collapsed on a benign batting pitch, with Danish tightening noose around their neck.

Nafees Iqbal (29) edged to Waqar at the first slip while Tushar Imran (6) pulled Kaneria straight into the hands of Shoaib Akhtar at backward square leg.

Skkiper Akram (2) perished soon sending a skier at mid-on while

that was a genuine batting wicket," said the 22-year-old Karachi-based leggie after the day's play.

"My main weapons are flipper and goggle. Today, I mostly tried those and got the reward. I don't want to blame Bangladesh A batsmen because they look quite confident against leg-spinners. It was my hard work that gave me the wickets," Kaneria said adding that he still do not know whether Sunday's performance would be enough for him to be in the playing eleven in the Dhaka Test starting on January 9.

Kaneria has played three Tests so far.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard on the second day of the three-day match between Bangladesh A and Pakistan at the BKSP ground on Sunday:

PAKISTAN: First innings 312 for 3 in 73 overs (Younis Khan 112 retired, Youhana 101 no, Inzamam 52, Talha 2/56)

BANGLADESH A: First innings (overnight 38 for no loss in 16 overs) Hannan c Latif b Waqar 30 Mehrab c Kabir b Waqar 57 Nafees c Waqar b Kaneria 29



DANISH KANERIA...7 for 53

(18) managed to avoid the follow-on but the home team face a stiff task to avoid a defeat today.

"It's a good wicket to bowl. I would rate this pitch better than Multan where I got 12 wickets against Bangladesh because



Enamul Hoque seems disappointed after missing one.

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Inzamam's tour in doubt

SPORTS REPORTER

Pakistan may miss the services of their most accomplished batsman and vice-captain Inzamam-ul Haq for the coming Test series against Bangladesh due to family reasons.

Inzamam, who is in Dhaka with the touring Pakistan side, was in extreme personal distress yesterday on receiving the news that his father has suffered a serious cardiac arrest back home and has been hospitalised.

An understandably concerned Inzamam was given the clearance from the team management to fly off to Pakistan to see his ailing father and is set to leave Dhaka this morning along with his wife and son.

However, sources close to the Pakistan team said that Inzamam could still postpone his departure following some reassuring news by phone that his 80-year-old dad was in stable condition and was improving.

The master batsman was due to make a final decision after making contact with his family members on telephone late last night.

Mashud stays skipper Asghar's 'meet the players' programme today

SPORTS REPORTER

Khaled Mashud will remain as Bangladesh captain in the home series against Pakistan this month.

This was revealed by Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) president Ali Asghar on Sunday.

Talking to The Daily Star Sport at the BKSP, Asghar also informed that he would meet the Bangladesh cricket team which toured New Zealand last month, this afternoon to discuss the country's poor performance in the recent series' against Zimbabwe and New Zealand.

"I want to listen straight from the players' own mouths about their problems. Hopefully they will open up to me, so that I can understand what is wrong exactly."

"I will then talk to the manager and the coach to know their versions so that I can take proper measures to improve the performance of the team," said Asghar.

Asghar said he was worried at the deteriorating standard of the Test squad.

"You see, we are providing them with what ever they need despite our limited resources. But what we are getting in return is absolutely disappointing. I want to stop this downward trend and see to it that they play much better in the future," said Asghar.

When asked whether this was the first step in assessing the performance of Australian coach

Trevor Chappell, Asghar replied that he was going to take his before taking a final decision on the youngest of the three Chappell brothers.

Asghar also informed that the team for the first Test would be announced today in the evening.

Taposh destroys Khulna

SPORTS REPORTER

Young paceman Taposh Baishya bowled Sylhet to a 49-run victory over Khulna in the one-day match of the National Cricket League on Sunday.

The right-arm seamer picked up four wickets with the new ball as Khulna, chasing the hosts' 195/7 in 50 overs, ended up with 146 for nine. His opening burst saw Khulna reeling at 44 for six. But a gritty 56 from Biplob salvaged the visitors' innings.

Taposh, who played for Mohammedan Sporting Club in the Premier League last year, finished with 4/16. He was later adjudged man of the match.

Earlier, brothers Nasirul Alam and Rajin Saleh combined for a decisive 92-run fourth wicket stand for Sylhet. Nasir scored a patient 51 off 90 balls that included three boundaries while the younger brother Rajin made 37.

The victory opened Sylhet's account with two points. The result was a solace for the hosts after they drew the four-day encounter on Saturday where Khulna earned two points by virtue of taking a first-innings lead.

SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the limited-over match of the Ispahani National Cricket League between Sylhet and Khulna at the Sylhet Stadium on Sunday.

SYLHET:	Parvez c Biplob b Tushar	23
	Imtiaz c & b Paltu	26
	Hadi c AKamal b Rana	19
	Nasirul c Sajjad b Rana	51
	Rajin c Sajjad b Jamal	37
	Tushar c & b Jamal	6
	Aloke not out	5

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THE FUTURE INZAMAM! Inzamamul Haq junior trying to prove his worth as a cricketer (!) at the verandah of the cricket pavilion on Sunday.

BCB waits in the wings Mashrafee to miss Test series

Cricket

SPORTS REPORTER

Pakistan is still trying to persuade the West Indies to play on their home soil even if recent developments suggest that Bangladesh may be asked to host the series between the two teams.

West Indies were scheduled to tour Pakistan later this month, however the West Indies Cricket Board a few days ago, declined to send the team to feature in three Tests and three one-day internationals citing security fears.

Yet, the WICB expressed its willingness to play Pakistan on a neutral venue. And so Pakistan proposed Dhaka as an alternative venue.

But on Sunday, BCB director Syed Ashraful Huq clarified that Pakistan was still keen on playing the series in their backyard. If they fail, only then would Bangladesh or Sharjah be considered.

"All the Test-playing countries were committed to helping Pakistan. Similarly, we said that Pakistan is always welcome to play in Bangladesh."

"It is obvious that PCB will try their best to change WICB's view on letting the team go to Pakistan," said Ashraful while talking to The Daily Star Sport at the BKSP on Sunday.

"Pakistan asked BCB whether it was ready to host the series in Bangladesh and we responded positively."

"These are the latest developments," he explained.

"I also agree that the PCB was aware of West Indies not coming to Pakistan. But that does not mean that they have stopped their initiatives. They are still trying and hopefully a concrete result will come out soon," he said adding that it might take another week before things are finalised.

Mashrafee to miss Test series

SPORTS REPORTER

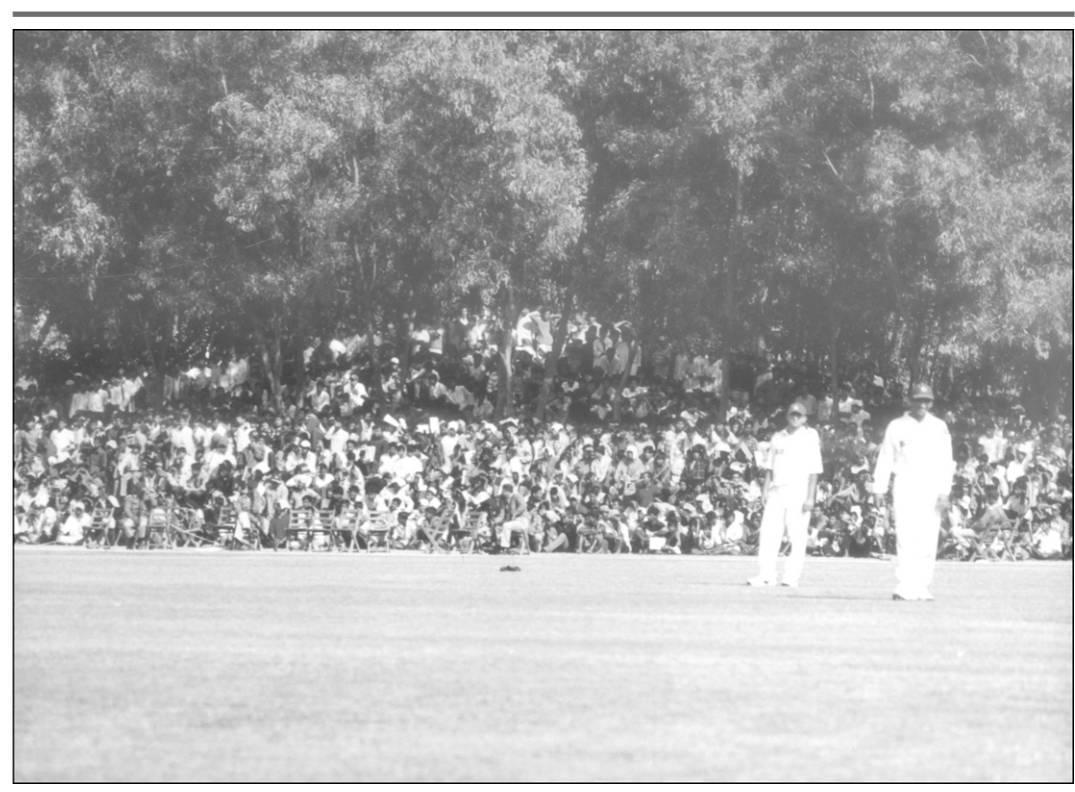
Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza is still complaining of back pains and looks almost certain of playing no part in the Coca-Cola Test series against Pakistan starting this week.

The young fast bowler was supposed to undergo a fitness test yesterday, but it was reported that the 19-year-old Narail sensation was asked to take rest instead.

Mashrafee told The Daily Star Sport later in evening that he was still feeling a pain.

"I think the injury will require some time to heal. I went to the team physio (John Gloster) yesterday," he said adding that he might see a doctor on Monday.

The right-arm quick tore a back muscle during Bangladesh's tour of New Zealand last month.



A SIGHT TO BEHOLD! Cricket enthusiasts in large numbers enjoy the second day's proceedings of the tour match between Bangladesh A and Pakistan at BKSP yesterday.

Lanka dictate terms

Cricket

AFP, Kandy

Muttiah Muralitharan on Sunday added a cubit and more to his stature when he became the first bowler in Test cricket to bag 10 or more wickets in a match 10 times.

The talented Sri Lankan achieved this feat in the second Test against Zimbabwe here, taking one wicket in the second innings after having grabbed nine in the first to surpass New Zealander Richard Hadlee.

Zimbabwe were struggling to avoid defeat as they reached 68-3 at stumps on the third day after conceding a 269-run lead, with Gavin Rennie (26) and Andy Flower (six) at the crease.

Left-arm seamer Chaminda Vaas turned in a superb all-round performance to enhance his team's chances of wrapping up the three-Test series following the hosts' victory by an innings and 166 runs in the first match at Colombo.

He scored an unbeaten 72 for his sixth half-century to help Sri Lanka post 505 in reply to the tourists' 236 and then rattled Zimbabwe with two quick wickets in the last session.

Vaas bowled Hamilton Masakadza with his first delivery and then dismissed skipper Stuart

Carlise (nine) in his fourth over.

He had also given a good account of himself as a batsman, adding 111 for the eighth wicket with Buddika Fernando (45) after the tourists had grabbed three wickets in the morning session.

Vaas hit seven fours in his second successive half-century against Zimbabwe, having made a career-best 74 not out at Colombo.

Buddika, batting for the first time in his three Tests, struck six boundaries before being caught pulling by

Travis Friend at deep mid-wicket to give part-time leg-spinner Masakadza his maiden Test wicket.

Zimbabwe, however, did not have to struggle for their first success as seamer Heath Streak trapped Hashan Tillakaratne leg-before in the second over. He could add two to his overnight score of 35 after the hosts had resumed at 334-4.

Fast bowler Friend then removed Thilan Samaraweera, who had averaged 140.66 in his previous six Tests. This time, however, he could make only 17 before being caught down the leg-side by wicketkeeper Andy Flower.

Russel Arnold continued to bat steadily and completed his eighth Test half-century early in the day. He alone produced some attacking shots, hitting five boundaries in the opening hour.

Arnold, 44 overnight, struck nine fours in his 157-ball 71 before being caught by Craig Wishart in the slips off left-arm spinner Grant Flower, who shared six wickets with Streak.

SCOREBOARD
Scoreboard at stumps on the third day of the second cricket Test between Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe at the Asgiriya Stadium on Sunday:

ZIMBABWE: First innings 236 (G

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Big win for BKSP UNB, Dhaka

BKSP made a good start in the Asian School Cricket Championship crushing Nepal in their opening match in Ludhiana, Punjab yesterday.

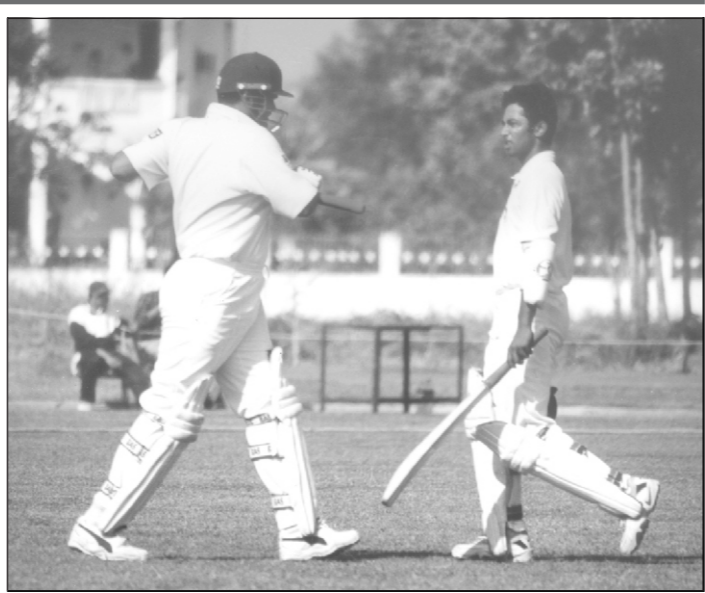
Nepal made paltry 92 runs for all. Asif picked up five wickets for only seven while the BKSP, who represent Bangladesh, reached the target of 93 for one.

Tanveer scored 36 while Nadif 34 for the BKSP.

Premier kabadi BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Police finished third in the seventh Premier Division Kabadi League defeating Bangladesh Fire Service and Civil Defence 82-29 in the third place deciding match at the Kabadi ground yesterday.

The winners earned six lonas and dominated the first half 39-15.



EXIT THE NEPHEW, ENTER THE UNCLE: Nafees Iqbal (R) is making his way for Akram Khan after his dismissal on the second day of the three-day tour match at the BKSP on Sunday.

PHOTO: STAR