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The archery team of Barcelona lit up the cauldron with a flaming arrow in the Olympic Games in 1992.



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English Premier Football League
Blackburn Rovers vs Ipswich Town
3:00 pm
Serie A
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Football Focus
7:30 pm
Sportscentre Hindi
Sport News
Live at 8:30 pm
English Premier Football League
Aston Villa vs Southampton
9:30 pm

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Sportsline Today
Sport News
7:30 am
Harsha Online
Cricket Talk Show
8:30 am
Cricket Programming
Super Selector
9:30 am
Trans World Sport
Int'l Sports News
10:30 am
English Premier Football League
Chelsea vs Southampton
1:00 pm
Gillette World Sports Special
Int'l Sports News
4:30 pm
Sportsline Tonight
Sport News
Live at 8:00 pm
Australia Tri Series
Pakistan vs Australia
First ODI
Highlights at 8:30 pm
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Pakistan vs India
Second ODI
Highlights at 9:30 pm

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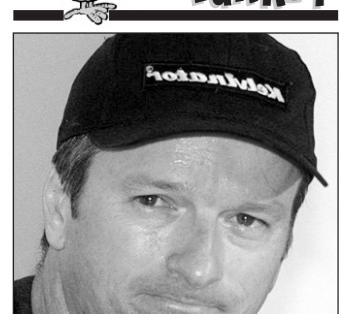
- What was Jacques Kallis' score in the MCG Test? 100 90 99
- Michael Owen scored his 100th club goal against Bolton Fulham Chelsea
- Which football club won the Argentine Championship? Racing Boca River
- How many double century stand do Hayden and Langer have? 5 43
- How many batsmen have played in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

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Steve Waugh

(Australian cricket captain)
"I was always confident in my ability to do the job, it obviously helps when you've got match-winners in the side but there's been a lot of hard work put in to get to this stage."

On Australia's strength



Pakistan opener Shadab Kabir follows through on a square-cut during the third day's play of the three-day tour match against Bangladesh A at the BSKP yesterday.

Mehrab back

Squad for Pak series announced



SPORTS REPORTER

Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) announced on Monday a 14-man squad for the Coca-Cola Test series against touring Pakistan.

Opening batsman Mehrab Hossain is the only notable inclusion in an otherwise predictable 14 for the series starting on January 9. The right-hander was recalled after scoring an impressive half-century in the three-day match against the visitors that ended at the BSKP yesterday.

24-year-old Mehrab last played for the national team in the Asian Test Championship in August-September last year.

The selectors were forced to drop two players from the team that returned from New Zealand in December.

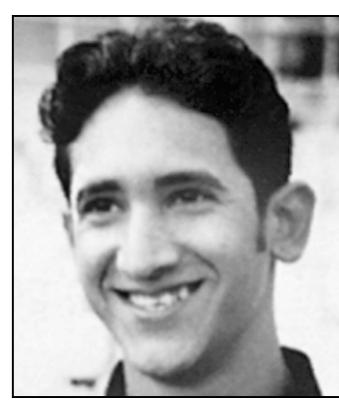
The country's fastest bowler Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza was not considered by the selection panel of chief selector Mainul Huq because of an injury.

The 19-year-old from Narail, who had made a sensational start to his international career, is still complaining of back problems that first surfaced during the series against the New Zealand Black Caps.

Batsman Tushar Imran was also omitted to make way for Mehrab. However, the young right-hander may consider himself rather unlucky,

as he did not feature in a single match despite being a part of the tour party. Tushar is the first Bangladeshi to score a double hundred on foreign soil.

One debatable point in the selection must be that of paceman



MEHRAB HOSSAIN

Hasil Hossain. The 24-year-old's performance has been very disappointing since being recalled in the national set-up during the one-day series against Zimbabwe in November.

The selectors stuck to their traditional pattern of having two pacers backed up by as many spinners.

Hasil will be the stand-by seamer while the combination of Monjurul Islam and Mohammad

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Pakistan practise well

Tour opener ended in a draw



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Pakistan took their three-day match against Bangladesh A for batting practice as their tour opener ended in a dull draw at the BSKP ground in Savar yesterday.



Pakistan captain Waqar Younis is out, lbw to Enamul Hoque, yet he finds something funny about it.

in the first innings.

"It was a good practice for us. We batted all right and bowled well. So we are now ready for the Test match," said Pakistan captain Waqar Younis after the match.

"As I said this three-day match was for practice and not to win or lose. We were looking for practice and to give everyone a bit of bat and bowl also. That's why we lingered on a little bit."

The first Test starts at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Wednesday.

In reply to the impossible target, the home side were on 53 for three in 19 overs before umpires called off the match 15 minutes before the scheduled time.

Pakistan lost their first wicket in the sixth over of the day when Taufiq Omar was trapped leg before by Chittagong seamer Tareq Aziz Khan on 36.

One-down Rashid Latif retired on 29 after pulling his hamstring.

Then came the highest 79-run third wicket partnership between opener Shadab Kabir and all-rounder Abdur Razzaq.

Left-arm spinner Enamul Hoque broke the stand bowling Razzaq out for 41. Left-hander Shadab lost his cool at the nervous nineties and returned to the pavilion offering a simple catch to substitute fielder Mohammad Alamgir. Shadab

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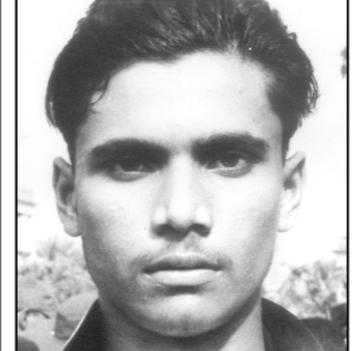
World Youth Cup Mash, Ash included



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MASHRAFEE-BIN-MORTUZA

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"I know Mashrafee is injured but depending on how quickly he recovers, he could travel later on. Our first match is on January 20," said chief age-group selector Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad at the BSKP yesterday afternoon.

"Although the team is scheduled to leave on January 11th, we will still wait until the last minute," he added.

The team includes three additional pacers in Talha Zubayer, Shafiq Al-Zabir and Ashiqur Rahman.

All-rounders Wasseluddin and Aftab Ahmed are capable of filling the seamers' role. Ali Arman and Murad Khan will be in charge of the spin department.

The team's main batsmen are Gazi Salauddin, Shariful Islam, Nafees, Shafiqul Alam, Ashraful respectively.

Four players have been kept on stand-by. They are Sheikh Russell, Kamrul Islam, Arif Hossain and Kafi Khan.

Penciled in Group A along with South Africa, India and Canada for the first round of the 16-nation meeting, Bangladesh face the Proteas in their opening match at the Colin Maiden Park in Auckland on January 20.

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