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Al Oerter was the first athlete to win gold medals in the same event in 4 consecutive Olympics. He won gold medals in the discus throw in every Olympics starting from 1956 to 1968. He was also the first to fling the discus beyond the 200 feet mark in 1964. Oerter in fact achieved this despite carrying an injury.



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TALK TURKEY



Michael Owen
(England super striker)
"I'm still light years away from my best and there are still a lot of steps to climb to become the best with Liverpool and with England."
After being named European Footballer of the Year.

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

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Yousuf Youhana of Pakistan is run out.

Focus will be on Murali

REUTERS, Colombo
Sri Lanka off-spinner Muttiah Muralitharan is set to become the youngest, and the quickest, bowler to take 400 wickets in the third and final test against Zimbabwe starting on Saturday.
Muralitharan, who has taken 21 wickets in the two tests against Zimbabwe for 203 runs at an average of 9.66, will begin the Galle test with 395 wickets from 71 matches.
While he dislocated a finger attempting to take a diving catch in the second test at Kandy, Sri Lanka coach Dav Whatmore said there was no doubt he would play.
"Murali would even bowl on one leg to play in a test. You can't keep him out of the action for long," he said.
Only six bowlers in the 125-year history of test cricket have achieved 400 wickets with New Zealand fast bowler Richard Hadlee the first, and quickest, to the mark in 1990.
Hadlee was playing his 80th test.
Australian leg-spinner Shane Warne was the last and the youngest, capturing his 400th against England at The Oval in August 2001, at 31 and in his 92nd test.
Currently, he is the only spinner to achieve this feat.
The rest of the 400-club are all

BANGLADESH-PAKISTAN SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard at stumps on the second day of the Coca-Cola first Test between Bangladesh and Pakistan at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday:

BANGLADESH: First innings 160 all out in 53.2 overs (Habibul Bashar 53, Mohammad Ashraful 27, Aminul Islam; Waqar Younis 6-55, Danish Kaneria 2-36, Abdur Razaq 2-42)

PAKISTAN: First innings (overnight 126-3)

	R	M	B	4	6
Taufeeq Umar lbw b Mohammad Sharif	53	114	104	9	0
Shadab Kabir b Enamul Hoque	55	83	61	10	0
Younis Khan c Khaled Mashud b Enamul Hoque	7	6	0	0	0
Yousuf Youhana run out (Mehrab Hossain)	72	170	133	11	0
Saqain Mushtaq lbw b Enamul Hoque	9	76	48	0	0
Abdur Razaq not out	114	314	216	14	3
Rashid Latif c Al Shahrir b Mohammad Sharif	199	162	10	2	
Inzamamul Haq not out	22	44	29	3	1
Extras: (lb-12, w-2, nb-3)	17				
Total: (For 6 wickets in 126 overs)	436				
Fall of wickets: 1-100 (Kabir), 2-100 (Younis), 3-116 (Umar), 4-162 (Saqain), 5-221 (Youhana), 6-396 (Latif)					
To bat: Waqar Younis, Danish Kaneria, Wasim Akram					

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Monjurul Islam	26	4	82	0
Mohammad Sharif	28	7	86	2
Fahim Muntasir	32	6	109	0
Enamul Hoque	39	9	134	3
Mohammad Ashraful	1	0	13	0

Umpires: Akhtaruddin (Bangladesh) and John Hampshire (England).
TV Umpire: Mesbahuddin Ahmed (Bangladesh).
Match Referee: Brian Hastings (New Zealand).
Toss: Pakistan.

1st Pak-WI Test starts Jan 31

SADA NEWS, Islamabad
The first Test between Pakistan and the West Indies at Sharjah will begin on the 31st of January.
The series was shifted to a neutral venue after the West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) showed concerns over the security of its players due to tensions at the border between Pakistan and India.
ITINERARY
Jan 31-Feb 4: First Test
Feb 7-11: Second Test
Feb 13: First ODI
Feb 15: Second ODI
Feb 17: Third ODI

Sharjah keen to host ICC KO

SADA NEWS, Karachi
The Cricketers' Benefit Fund Series (CBFS), organisers of cricket in Sharjah, Thursday offered the International Cricket Council (ICC) to host the Knockout Cup later this year.
"We are ready to host the tournament in Sharjah as we have all the facilities and crowd attraction to host it," CBFS chief Abdurrehman Bukhatir said in Sharjah. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) withdrew its bid Tuesday to host the ICC Knockout after they were refused a tax exemption by the government.
Sri Lanka and Australia remain the frontrunners as hosts of the event but problems in Sri Lanka may elevate Sharjah's chances.
The Gulf venue is also hosting Pakistan's home series against the West Indies after the latter declined to play in Pakistan because of security concerns over Pakistan's border tensions with India and the ongoing war in Afghanistan.
Sharjah has hosted a world record of 181 one-day internationals since 1984.

Aussies prepare for WC?

Tri-series down under from today

AFP, Melbourne
Symonds and fast bowler Andy Bichel have been overlooked for the opening match, but are all likely to be included for the second game, against South Africa, also at the MCG, Sunday.
Fiery paceman Brad Williams will make his Australian debut Friday as part of a three-pronged pace attack with proven Test performers Glenn McGrath and Brett Lee, while regular one-day pairing Mark Waugh and Adam Gilchrist have been reunited at the top of the order.
New Zealand, keen to upset their trans-Tasman cousins after giving them a fright or two in last year's drawn Test series, were to name their side later.
Waugh added: "Our juggling policy means players will have a rest at some stage and that possibly will include me somewhere down the track as well."
"We believe we have got 14 players good enough to play for Australia and whichever 11 we put on the park are not going to be weaker than the previous one or the next one."
"Everyone will get opportunities and I think that's good for our cricket. It keeps us on edge and it means that when we get to the World Cup we won't just have 11 players who know what to do, we'll have 14, 15 or 16 players who can step in, fill a role and do the job without being concerned about how they're going to do."
For the first time, bonus points will be up for grabs in the tri-series, rewarding sides who have a net run-rate 1.25 runs higher than their opponent's.
New Zealand skipper Stephen Fleming was confident his team would take the form that earned them a share of the honours in the recent three-Test series against Australia into the one-dayers, while

SERIES CHIPS

Cricket

HASAN MASOOD

With Bangladesh playing school level cricket against Pakistan, the loyal band of Dhaka crowd began to thin at the Bangabandhu National Stadium sending chills down the spine of the organisers Bangladesh Cricket Board.

COLD COULD NOT SLOW DOWN INZY

Inzamamul Haq became the second Pakistan cricketer to fall ill or feel unwell after Wasim Akram. On the second day of the match, Inzamam initially did not go to bat after coming down with cold.
"He is having a sore throat," said Pakistan captain Waqar Younis before the start of day's play.
Fast bowler Wasim, who also had a bout of cold at the start of the tour, suffered a hamstring injury on the first day.
"You don't need Inzamam. The tail-enders are good enough to negotiate the Bangladesh bowling," quipped a former Bangladesh captain.
Inzamam eventually came in to bat at number eight, perhaps the lowest position he has ever batted at, after Rashid Latif was out on 94 in the last hour of the match. The portly batsman scored an unbeaten 22 off 29 balls with the help of a six and three fours.
Seeing him in action an onlooker asked, "Was he at all sick?"

MASHRAFEENOT GOING TONZ

Mashrafe-bin-Mortuza has been ruled out of the squad for the Under-19 World Cup to be held in New Zealand from January 19.
The young tearaway was included in the 14-man squad on January 7, but chief age-group selector Tanjeeb Ahsan Saad confirmed on Thursday that the right-arm seamer would not be going to New Zealand.

The 18-year-old speedster from Narail tore a small muscle at his back during Bangladesh's second Test against New Zealand at Wellington.
Mashrafee has been advised to take three-week's rest by a local doctor after having his back scanned.
Saad also informed that SK Russell from reserve would replace Mashrafee in the youth team, which is scheduled to fly off to New Zealand today.

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Naimur in thick of things

ISPAHANI MIRZAPORE TEA 3rd National Cricket League

SPORTS REPORTER

Naimur Rahman propelled leaders Dhaka to take a substantial first innings lead against visitors Sylhet in their Ispahani third National Cricket League encounter at the Mymensingh Stadium on Thursday.
On the second day, the discarded national captain hammered 55 as Dhaka, resuming the day on 78 for three, scored 308 in their first innings, a lead of 161 runs.
One-down Sajjad Ahmed scored 68 while lower-order Sajjad Kadir chipped in with a run-a-ball 53.
The visitors after scoring just 147 in the first innings, were on 101 for four in their second innings at stumps.
Naimur, whose off-spinners in the first innings grabbed four wickets, was again successful with two for 29.
Rajshahi-Barisal
Away in Barisal, centuries from Mushfiqur Rahman (115) and Nuruzzaman (109), helped Rajshahi scored 370 for eight in reply to home side's 110 in the first innings.
Chittagong-Khulna
In the third match of the round, hosts Khulna scored 233 for nine replying to Chittagong's first innings of 167 at the Jessore Stadium.
Raju Parvez scored highest 71 followed by Tushar Imran who added 66.
SCORECARDS
Scoreboards on the second day of the three Ispahani third National Cricket League matches played at different venues across the country on Thursday:

DHAKA: First innings (overnight 78-3)

Janhangir b Nayeem	1
Rashedul c Rajin b Taposh	8
Sajjad c Tanna b Nayeem	68
Haim b Nayeem	8
Naimur c Imron b Nayeem	55
Mazharul c Nasirul b Mistu	43
Neeayamur lbw b Nayeem	0
Sajjad Kadir c Parvez b Nayeem	54
Rafique b Nayeem	33
Mosaddek c Mistu b Tanna	3
Bikash not out	6
Extras: (b-11, lb-5, nb-6, w-7)	29
Total: (All out in 81.2 overs)	308



CHITTAGONG v KHULNA

Venue: Jessore Stadium
CHITTAGONG: First innings 167 all out in 77 overs (Minhazul 48, Akram 37 Jamaluddin 5-32)
KHULNA: First innings (overnight 20-1)
Sajjadul c Sabbir b Tareq 0
Salim lbw b Shafiuddin 14
Raju st Mortuza b sabbir 71
Tushar lbw b Sabbir 66
Hasanuzzaman c Masum b Suja 1
Asadullah c Faisal b Shafiuddin 35
Jamaluddin c Mortuza b Shafiuddin 7
Sohel c sub b Sabbir 0
Manzarul batting 7
Al-Amin b Shafiuddin 3
Ahmed batting 9
Extras: (b-5, lb-5, nb-9, w-1) 20
Total: (For 9 wickets in 101 overs) 233
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-27, 3-138, 4-139, 5-177, 6-179, 7-209, 8-210, 9-224

BARISAL v RAJSHAHI

BARISAL: First innings 110 all out in 54.5 overs (Shafayet 24; Imran 5-35)
RAJSHAHI: First innings (overnight 120-1)
Rafiqul c Tinku b Shahnewaz 2
Mustadir b Shahnewaz 51
Nuruzzaman c Tinku b Masud 109
Anisur lbw b Kamal 20
Mushfiq c Tinku b Sayem 115
Rajel lbw b Hannan 14
Mustakim st Tinku b Arif 7

RAJSHAHI...all-round show

Bowler	O	M	R	W
Tareq	22	8	44	1
Shafiuddin	21	5	56	4
Suja	33	10	64	1
Sabbir	24	6	59	3
Faisal	1	1	0	0

Dhaka v Sylhet

SYLHET: First innings 147 all out in 55.5 overs (Parvez 59, Naimur 4-32, Rafique 4-37)



Pakistan's Rashid Latif is about to sweep during his strokeful innings of 94 against Bangladesh on the second day of the first Test at the Bangabandhu National Stadium on Thursday.